

Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,
Aras an Chontae,
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6ú Meán Fómhair, 2016

Fógra Cruinnithe

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 13ú Meán Fómhair 2016, 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

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Municipal District of Donegal

Office of Meetings Administrator,
County House,
Lifford.

6^h September, 2016

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 13th September 2016, 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

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 12th July, 2016.
2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 2nd August 2016.
3. Update Reports from Council Services:
 - 3.1 Housing & Corporate Services
 - 3.2 Roads / Transportation
 - 3.3 Planning & Economic Development
 - 3.4 Community, Enterprise and Cultural Services
 - 3.5 Environment Services
4. Correspondence received – Request for a Deputation from Friends of Rossnowlagh Beach Committee
5. Date of Next Meeting/Workshop –
 - Budget Workshop at 10.00 a.m. on Friday the 7th October 2016.
 - Next Meeting at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday the 11th October 2016

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT
11.30 A. M. ON TUESDAY THE 12TH JULY 2016 IN THE PETER KENNEDY
CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

MDD/088/16 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr Barry O'Neill
Cllr Noel Jordan
Cllr Tom Conaghan
Cllr John Campbell
Cllr Niamh Kennedy

MDD/089/16 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community & Enterprise
Mr. Killian Smith, Executive Planner
Ms. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

MDD/090/16 APOLOGIES

Cllr Sean McEniff

MDD/091/16 VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Members passed a vote of sympathy in respect of the following recent death;-

The late Mrs. Mary McCafferty, Main Street, Ballintra mother-in-law of Mrs. Eileen McCafferty, Roads Office, Donegal PSC.

MDD/092/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 10TH MAY, 2016

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Conaghan the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10th May 2016 were confirmed.

MDD/093/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 10TH MAY, 2016

On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Jordan the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 10th May 2016 were confirmed.

MDD/094/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING (AGM) OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 1ST JUNE, 2016

On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Jordan the Minutes of the Meeting (AGM) of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 1st June 2016 were confirmed.

MDD/095/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 29TH JUNE, 2016

On the proposal of Cllr Jordan, seconded by Cllr Conaghan the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 29th June 2016 were confirmed.

MDD/096/16 HOUSING CORPORATE AND CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT

Corporate Services

Members noted as per e-mail issued that the Planning Workshop that was due to be held had been postponed. Members agreed that it now be held on 13th September 2016 at 10.00 am (same day as the next meeting).

Housing Services

Progress reports on Grants, Loans, Casual Vacancies, and Social Housing Support Programme

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies, Housing Assistance Payments and Social Housing Support Programme as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. B McBrearty.

Casual Vacancies

In relation to Casual Vacancies, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that in relation to 6 Erne Street, Ballyshannon she may be recommending to Members that this property be disposed of depending on costs to bring it back into stock in terms of value for money. She advised she would revert to Members in relation to this matter at the next meeting in September.

In relation to No. 60 St Benildus Avenue, Ballyshannon Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that a letter had issued to the person who submitted the highest offer to purchase to see if they are still

interested in purchasing this property prior to proceeding to Section 183. An update will be provided to the next meeting.

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy as to why there is a delay in keys being handed over for Casual Vacancies, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members where a sole tenant is deceased, the Council would normally allow up to the months mind for the next of kin to hand over the keys.

Funding for Vacant Units

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that funding has been approved to bring Vacant Units back into stock and that these works would be carried out over the next few months except in areas where there is no demand.

Loans

Ms. McBrearty informed Members that one loan application had been received to-date this year which is currently being considered.

Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme

In relation to the new Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme, Ms. B McBrearty presented the update report circulated with the Agenda.

Social Housing Support Programme

Ms. B McBrearty presented the update report on the Social Housing Support Programme as circulated with the agenda and also provided the following updates since the report had issued.

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members the Council had received Stage 2 (Design Stage) approval for 10 units in Killybegs which will be constructed on the large green area at Emerald Drive. She informed Members that the new houses would be positioned in such a way as to not encroach on the main part of the green area which the houses in Emerald Drive enjoy and that a garden would be constructed in this area.

In relation to house purchases, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members the Council is looking at further house purchases in Donegal Town, it being the area of greatest need in the District. She also informed Members that the Council is not seeking to purchase houses in Ballyshannon as there are 22 Units to be delivered through CALF. She also submitted that it is becoming increasingly difficult to purchase properties with the change in the market.

Cllr Jordan submitted that the Council should be seeking to purchase properties/land in the smaller villages in the District, which could rejuvenate the Villages and that this was a matter he raised at Corporate Policy Group. In response to same Ms. B McBrearty advised while she supported what was being suggested, the Council is obliged to seek to provide housing in the areas of greatest need. She further advised once the Council expresses interest in

purchasing a property, there is a reluctance to sell on the part of the sellers or else the properties become more expensive. She submitted that this has happened in the past and the Council had to withdraw interest.

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill as to why Ballyshannon was not included on the 'land call' for the Council, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that there is sufficient vacant housing supply in Ballyshannon through leasing and also the 22 units due to be provided through the Voluntary Housing Body.

Housing Assistance Payments (HAP)

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that the HAP report is as was circulated, and noted that in total there have been 1107 processed in the County to-date with some 112 tenancies being closed by applicants either being re-housed in Social Housing or by moving away.

HAP Inspections

Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that the HAP Inspections report is as circulated with the Agenda and advised that largely the issues arising are Fire Blankets and Ventilation. She also informed Members that the Council is issuing '*Right on the Site*' leaflets to Landlords entering the HAP Scheme to bring to their attention relevant matters in relation to properties.

Other Housing Matters

Road at back of Cluain Barron

Cllr O'Neill referred to the road at the back of Cluain Barron which has fallen into disrepair and which is not on the Roads Schedule and requested that an inter-Directorate approach could be taken to address the matter. Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that there is no funding provided to Housing to repair roads. Cllr O'Neill emphasised the urgent need for works to be carried out on this road in the interests of safety.

Elderly Independent Living Scheme in Ballyshannon (ErneDale Heights)

In response to a request for an update on the Elderly Independent Living Scheme in Ballyshannon from Cllr O'Neill, Ms. B McBrearty informed Members that all of the tenants in the effected houses have been re-housed except for one who will be moving shortly. She informed Members that there is an anticipated 18 months for the completion of the project and some of the occupants will return thereafter to the houses. She also advised that Cluid Housing is carrying out this project.

MDD/097/16 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT

2016 Roads Programme

Mr. M Sweeney presented the update reports circulated with the Agenda on the 2016 Road Works Programme including,

- Regional Road Surface Dressing,
- Local Road Surface Dressing,
- 2016 Regional and Local Road Improvements,
- Severe Weather Repair Works,
- Severe Weather Preventative Works
- Low Cost Safety Measures – To Be Announced
- NRA – HD 15 Works

He also informed Members in relation to Severe Weather Repair Works, this MD had received an additional allocation of €70,000.00, which he had allocated to works in Dunkineely, Killybegs and Clontyseer, details of which he advised he would provide to the next meeting.

In relation to Roads Programme (Surface dressing) he informed Members with the wet weather, progress had been slow on the works but that the programme would be completed.

Middle Reservation on Mountcharles Bypass

In response to a suggestion from Cllr Jordan that the National Roads Authority 'stone' the middle reservation on the Mountcharles Bypass, so as to avoid having to repeatedly cut the grass on same, in the interests of safety and costs reduction, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members he would follow this up with the National Roads Office and revert to Members at a later date.

Requested lighting at Clyhore

In response to a request for an update on his previous request for lighting to provided at Clyhore, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that Road design is working on the design of the junction and that they have the 'light design' complete and what remains is to source funding for this project which is currently being investigated with Roads Headquarters.

Belleek to Ballyshannon – Grass Cutting

In response to a request from Cllr O'Neill for the grass to be cut on the Belleek to Ballyshannon road in the interests of Road Safety, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that he would follow up on same as a matter of urgency.

Grass Cutting in Ballyshannon

In response to a request from Cllr O'Neill for the grass to be cut at the Mall Park, Mall Quay and Fair Green in Ballyshannon on a regular basis, Mr. M Sweeney undertook to review the grass cutting

contracts with a view to ensuring that these areas are cut on a regular basis.

Mall Area Junction, Ballyshannon

In response to a request from Cllr O'Neill on behalf of the North Mall Residents Association, for the Junction at the Playground and Allingham Avenue to be 'marked' Mr. M Sweeney informed Members this will be addressed subject to there being the required 6m for a centre line.

Footpaths

Cllr O'Neill requested an update in relation to footpaths in the MD submitting that this is an area of importance for the Council given the need for investment in same. He stated it may require setting aside some of the Roads Budget to deal with same. In response to the request, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that he had not received a notification of an allocation for footpaths for 2016 yet and would follow up to check if there is to be an allocation this year. He further advised if no allocation is forthcoming, it would be limited as to what can be done in 2016.

Cllr Kennedy also submitted there is an urgent need for attention to the footpaths on the Main Street in Killybegs.

Junction at Brady's Garage, Dunkineely

In response to a request from Cllr Kennedy for works to be carried out to the surface on the Junction at Brady's Garage, Dunkineely and also in respect of vision lines at the junction and further the road towards Castlemurray to be lined and grass cut, Mr. M Sweeney undertook to investigate same and to revert to Members.

Roadway at St Cummins Hill, Killybegs.

In response to a request from Cllr Kennedy for the road surface to be repaired on the roadway at St. Cummins Hill, Killybegs, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that this matter can be dealt with through the Roads Programme 2017 Killybegs Streets allocation.

Road into Killybegs on Left Hand Side

In response to a request from Cllr Kennedy for hedges and grass on the left hand side of road into Killybegs from Donegal Town to be cut as it is very overgrown, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that the Gateway Workers would be attending to such works in the near future.

Local Improvement Schemes

Cllr Kennedy referred to the old Local Improvement Scheme and submitted that more and more representations are being received by Members seeking the re-introduction of same and requested that the Council seek this from the Department of Transport. In response to the request Mr. M Sweeney acknowledging the demand for LIS's informed Members he would bring this to the attention of Roads

Headquarters. However he submitted that it is open to Members to introduce this locally, but without a source of funding, same would have to come out of existing Roads Allocations.

MDD/098/16 PLANNING CONTROL REPORT

Members noted the update reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. Killian Smith on the following matters:

- Statistics
- Appeals
- Significant Cases (incl. Transboundary applications)
- Other cases (Part 8's etc.)

Mr. Smith also informed Members that the decision of Donegal County Council to grant planning permission for the construction of a Fish Processing Plant in Killybegs had been upheld in recent days by An Board Pleanala.

A number of queries were dealt with as follows;-

Quarries

Cllr O'Neill made a lengthy submission in relation to quarries and in particular raised the following concerns;-

- Is there a register of quarries in the County
- If a quarry is disused for a period does it require planning permission to re-open
- Is the planning enforcement section following up on unauthorised quarries and in particular in the Cashelard Area

Cllr O'Neill also referred to the quarries in the Ballintra Area that are well operated.

In response to the concerns raised, Mr. K Smith informed Members that there is a Register of Quarries held in Planning Section in Lifford. In relation to the abandonment of quarries that subsequently re-open, Mr. Smith advised that there is a lot of case law in relation to this and the test is if the intention was to re-open the quarry at a later stage, it may not require planning permission.

In respect of the specific query in relation to the Cashelard Area, Mr. K Smith informed Members he was precluded from commenting on a live enforcement case.

Derelict Sites

Cllr O'Neill made a lengthy submission in relation to Derelict Sites and in particular in Ballyshannon and Bundoran and also in relation to signage entering these towns all of which are negatively impacting on the appearances of the towns. He queried if there is a Derelict Sites Register and also what measures the Council can take

to deal with derelict properties at least to make them more presentable. He also referred to a property where works were stopped and submitted the Council should be encouraging improvements to properties. He submitted a review of all such properties in the Municipal District should be carried out and any actions required are included in the Local Area Plans. He made particular reference to the old Millstone Hotel Site in Ballyshannon.

In response Mr. K Smith informed Members that he would bring the comments back to Headquarters to clarify the section of the Council dealing with Derelict sites, as the Planning Authority's role would be largely through policy and zoning, as measures to encourage developments to eliminate dereliction. He also submitted that under the Urban Re-Generation Act 2015 the Planning Authority can impose a levy on a disused site and there is a detailed procedure required to follow this course of action but that this is a matter which would be outside of his remit.

In relation to signage, Mr. K Smith informed Members that the Roads Section follows up on unauthorised signs within the boundaries of the public roads and planning would deal with enforcement of signs outside of the roadways.

In summary, Mr. K Smith informed Members he would bring the comments back to Planning Headquarters for review and for follow up with Members at a later date.

MDD/099/16 COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Members noted the Activity Report circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. B McLaughlin in relation to the following activities:

1. Donegal Youth Council
2. Bundoran Tourism Office Update
3. European Policy and Funding Unit (EU Unit)
4. Donegal Walks and Trails
5. Donegal Town – Development HUB/Donegal Atlantic Seafood Trail Project
6. Killybegs Playspace
7. Donegal Gathering Website and Facebook
8. Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2016

Mr. McLaughlin also briefed Members in relation to Donegal Tourism activities.

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

Members complimented the Section on the great works being carried out by them.

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding the surface in the Playground in Ballyshannon, Mr. B McLaughlin informed Members the playing equipment in the playground in Ballyshannon had been repaired / serviced and that he would for the playground surface to be checked at an early date.

Cllr Kennedy welcomed the progress on the Killybegs playground adding that it is a great testament to the Community and to all concerned.

MDD/100/16 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT

Members welcomed Mr. Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer to the meeting. She presented the report circulated to Members dealing with the following updates:

- Bring Banks
- Bin Your Gum When You're Done!
- New Regional Cleaner Communities Campaign
- Recycle Your Household Batteries for LauraLynn
- WEE Collection Days
- Donegal Bathing Water Quality
- Beach Wheelchair
- Beach Lifeguards
- Facility Access
- Enforcement Figures 2016

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

Bring Banks – Recycling Areas

In response to a request from Cllr O'Neill for the Council to consider the provision of additional bottle banks in Ballyshannon including an additional location at e.g., the Council owned property at the Rock, Ms. S Bogan informed Members she would explore options for same and revert to Members at a later date.

In response to a request for more enforcement at the Bottle Banks at the Donegal Public Services Centre where there are issues with empty boxes and other litter being left at the site, Ms. S Bogan informed Members she would bring this to the attention of the Litter Enforcement Section including the need to raise the awareness of fines.

WEE Collections

In response to a query from Cllr Kennedy as to why there is no WEE Collection date for Killybegs, Ms. S Bogan informed Members she would investigate same and revert to Members.

Posters

In response to a request from Cllr Kennedy for an update on progress since she raised the issue of Circus Companies who erect posters on poles and who fail to take them down after the events are

over, noting that a repeat of this has happened recently, Ms. S Bogan informed that Members Enforcement Action has been taken by the Litter Section and that this matter will be followed up.

MDD/101/16 NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL TO THE CORPORATE POLICY GROUP (CPG)

Ms. B McBrearty referred to the discussion at the previous meeting of the District in relation to representation from this Municipal District on the Corporate Policy Group and informed Members the matter had been put on the Agenda for today's meeting to finalise.

Following a short discussion, on the proposal of Cllr Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Campbell it was agreed that as Cathaoirleach, Cllr Kennedy would be the nominee from the Municipal District of Donegal to the Corporate Policy Group for the forthcoming year.

It was further agreed that the nominee to the CPG for the remaining years of this Council, would be the Cathaoirleach of the District.

MDD/102/16 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST TO PRIORITISE FINTRA BRIDGE ON LIST OF PRIORITIES FOR MAJOR FUNDING

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

"That Fintra Bridge, be considered 1st on the list of priorities put forward from the Donegal Municipal District for major funding from any available source".

Members were advised;-

"There is no fund in place for this type of project at this time. The Council did however secure funding for two other major bridges in the County but only after the Minister had approved funding for the projects following political & local representations. Should funding become available for bridge replacement works, we will be seeking the Members agreement on the submission prior to submitting an application".

Cllr Campbell submitted that contacts have been made with East Antrim Council and SEUPB who are looking at projects for funding that could match Fintra Bridge and that any avenue for funding same should be pursued.

Cllr Conaghan referred to a previous discussion where the Tirconnell Bridge had been agreed as the first priority for this Municipal District. He submitted that a lot of work has been ongoing to try to seek funding for both bridges and referred to the urgency of Tirconnell Bridge given that it is closed to heavy traffic although

lorries are still crossing same and the dangers this involves. He submitted that although he is also supportive of Fintra Bridge, he submitted that Members needed to work together to get both Bridges completed.

Cllr Kennedy submitted that there are 1200 signatures on a petition requesting a new bridge at Fintra and agreed that Members needed to work together to secure funding for both bridges. She confirmed that as a collective, a meeting is being sought through the Director of Roads and Transportation with the Minister for Transport Mr. Shane Ross TD., to seek to advance both bridges.

MDD/103/16 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST TO ADD MEENANEARY ROAD TO WINTER GRITTING PROGRAMME

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

" I am asking that this Municipal District seek to add the Meenaneary Road in Carrick to the road gritting programme as I feel it's a necessity due to Errigal Eisc Factory and the volume of traffic"

Members were advised;-

"This section of road between Carrick and Meenaneary is a local road and measures 5.7km long and links the R230 with the R263. In addition to this request the Members on a County wide basis have sought the inclusion of an additional 177km of road to be gritted over and above 930km of road already included in the Winter Maintenance gritting routes within the County and as previously discussed at the Winter maintenance review workshop held on 1st February 2016 the inclusion of additional routes is not possible to accommodate without the provision of additional plant. The management of winter maintenance routes is dealt with in HQ and we will refer your request to the Roads Office in Lifford for their attention."

Cllr Jordan in speaking to his motion submitted that Errigal Eisc is the biggest employer in the area and that the winter time is their busy period and felt it was unacceptable that the factories had to grit the roads themselves during this period. He felt that the response to the motion wasn't adequate.

Cllr Kennedy in supporting the motion felt it was important and therefore she was supporting same.

Cllr Campbell submitted that the Members in this District have been responsible in their winter maintenance requests and is supportive of the motion.

Mr. M Sweeney advised he would forward the request to Headquarters adding that it is difficult to add in a road with the current winter maintenance routes already at full capacity without the provision of additional plant and also the budgetary implications this would have.

MDD/104/16 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST PRIOTITISE CASSAN SOUND ROAD AT ST. JOHN'S POINT FOR TAKEOVER

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

“That this Municipal District prioritise the road at St John's Point Dunkineely known as Cassan Sound for the Council to takeover this road as it fits the criteria for the takeover of roads policy.” ”.

Members were advised;-

“The Council will consider this request in line with the Take -Over of Roads Policy recently adopted by the Council”.

Cllr Kennedy submitted that this road is suitable for takeover noting that the Coastal Rescue use this road to bring boats to the Pier to launch and that this would be the best way to solve any issues with the road. Cllr Campbell also expressed his support for the motion.

MDD/105/16 REQUEST FOR A DEPUTATION FROM BUNDORAN SURF INDUSTRY

Members noted the correspondence circulated with the Agenda from the Bundoran Surf Industry seeking to send a Deputation to the October 2016 meeting of the District in relation to Access to Tullan Strand in Bundoran.

On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Jordan it was agreed to accept the Deputation to the October 2016 meeting of the District.

MEMBERS NOTED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:-

MDD/106/16 Gateway Workers for Killybegs Tidy Towns Committee

The following question was submitted by Cllr Kennedy;-

“Where are the three gateway workers which were offered to and applied for Killybegs Tidy Towns Committee?”

Cllr Kennedy was informed that:-

“Following discussions with our Human Resources Department my understanding is that interviews are being scheduled in mid August for candidates for the Gateway scheme.”

MDD/107/16 TIMEFRAME FOR REMOVAL OF LARGE ROAD SIGNS UNDER NDP 2009 to 2013

The following question was submitted by Cllr Kennedy;-

“The large roadside signs which were erected years ago under the National Development Plan 2009 to 2013, At what point Can These Be removed? What is the time frame?”-

Cllr Kennedy was informed that:-

“These signs can be removed a specified time after the relevant project has been completed and the Service responsible for the project will know best when they can be removed. Details of specific signs should be referred to the relevant Service.”

MDD/108/16 Date of next meeting

Members agreed the next Municipal District meeting would be held on Tuesday the 13th September 2016 commencing at 11.30 am as per Standing Orders. It was also agreed that there would be a Planning Workshop commencing at 10.00 am on the same day (immediately prior to the MD meeting.)

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach
Municipal District of Donegal**

Minutes of Municipal District of Donegal Workshop held on 2nd August 2016 at 10.00 a. m. in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal PSC.

Members present:

Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cathaoirleach

Cllr John Campbell

Cllr Noel Jordan

Cllr Sean McEniff

Cllr Barry O Neill

Officials in Attendance:

Mr. Garry Martin, Director of Emergency Services

Mr. Joseph Mc Taggart, Chief Fire Officer, Donegal Fire Service

Mr. Tony Brogan, Housing Assessment Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

Apologies:

Cllr Tom Conaghan

Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal

Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation

Minutes

Fire Service issues in the Municipal District of Donegal.

The Cathoirléach opened the workshop and welcomed Mr. Garry Martin, Director of Emergency Services and Mr. Joseph Mc Taggart Chief Fire Officer to the workshop.

Mr. Garry Martin circulated a map and presented an overview of the Fire Brigade Areas within Co Donegal. The service is made up of fifteen mainland Retained Fire Brigades and two offshore Island Volunteer Fire Brigades. Donegal has a unique position within the Republic of Ireland in that Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service provide response into defined parts of the County. The five Fire Stations in the Donegal Municipal District were identified and Mr Martin introduced Mr. Joseph McTaggart, Chief Fire Officer, Donegal Fire Services.

Mr. Joseph Mc Taggart made a detailed presentation in relation to the Fire Service and in particular to the levels of service provided in the Donegal Municipal District including the turnouts and incidents recorded for each station in the previous three years. He outlined the poor physical conditions of both Ballyshannon and Bundoran Fire Station, both of which having reached an age and state of repair where investment to remediate or upgrade was not economically viable. A detailed description of each station was provided by Mr. Mc Taggart outlining the physical deficiencies and the short term measures taken to address some of the shortfalls.

The roof in Bundoran Fire Station is leaking and the estimate for remedial work is €10,000. Mr. Mc Taggart confirmed that a draft proposal previously put forward for a Station at Finner was not suitable due to the fact that there is not a population base in the vicinity from which firefighters could be drawn having regard to the residence and place of work restrictions. He confirmed that twelve of the fifteen Fire Stations had been replaced and that a Fire Station Priority List had been submitted to the Department in January 2016 for three Stations. An equal rating (one) was given to Bundoran and Ballyshannon with a rating (three) to Glencolmcille. Mr. Mc Taggart outlined that it was his view that current arrangements with seven personnel in Bundoran and eight in Ballyshannon is adequate on a short term basis having regard to the specific measures that have been put in place He advised that consultants are to be appointed to carry out a review to determine a preferred option or options and the collection of data to assist in this had already commenced.

Cathaoirleach Niamh Kennedy thanked Mr. G Martin and Mr. J Mc Taggart and a number of comments/queries were dealt with as follows:-

Cllr McEniff submitted that a commitment had previously been made for two stations and queried why this had not been implemented. He submitted it was essential that a Fire Station be retained in both Bundoran and Ballyshannon due to the large geographical area covered.

Cllr Jordan thanked Mr. Martin and Mr. Mc Taggart for the presentations. He submitted that he had concerns with the delay in filling of vacancies for both stations and how the number of firefighters available at any given time could be affected due to illness etc. He also outlined his commitment to two Fire Stations and indicated the figures clearly show that requirement.

In response to the comments, Mr. Mc Taggart stated he was satisfied that the number of personnel in place was adequate in the short term having regard to the specific measures that have been put in place. The collection of data was ongoing and this information would be provided to the independent consultants.

Cllr Campbell queried if Members had any real input into the provision of Fire Services and queried if this was an Executive Function. He queried the length of time it would take for a new station or stations to be provided and suggested it could be two or three years due to design, planning , construction and other considerations and asked what arrangement had been put in place to ensure adequate cover.

In response to the comments raised, Mr. Martin informed the members that he was of the view that the Department would support new facilities for South Donegal but that it would need to be based on factual evidence. He believed it would be wrong to second guess the outcome of the independent review which would examine the data collected and provide options based on this. He advised that the Council had never in the past and was not presently in a position to fund fire service building programme from its own resources. The speed of delivery would be dependant on support from The National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management and he indicated that he was optimistic in this regard.

In response to Cllr Campbell's query in relation to cover provided, Mr. J Taggart advised that appropriate resources would be mobilised as required.

Cllr O'Neill made a length submission and confirmed that he did not support the appointment of independent consultants. He advised that he had met with senior figures in the Department two years ago and had been told that under no circumstances would two Fire Stations be built 3 miles apart. He further submitted that the information/data collection which had already been done in 2006 could be submitted instead of the current data collected, that Ballyshannon and Bundoran had been overlooked and that there was a clear requirement for two Fire Stations. He submitted that the closure of either Fire Station would have negative impact locally and on cross border relationships. He submitted that the public are concerned about possible closures and advised that any independent report would be rejected. Money may be better spent on repairs to the roof of the Fire Station in Bundoran. He asked that the Council write to the Department and convey the views of the Members that two Fire Stations be retained.

In response Mr. Martin informed Members that he acknowledged the clear desire of Members for the retention of two Fire Stations but suggested that evidence needs to be presented to support this argument. The Council want to ensure that the service is fit for purpose and confirmed that the Council haven't accepted any outcome, including the building of one Fire Station. The independent consultants report will be based on evidence, risk assessment and best practice and the feedback from Members and Firefighters will be considered as part of that. An independent report would be an objective view as opposed to an internal report that could be seen as biased or unbalanced. He indicated that in his view the data collected in 2006 would be seen as out of date and it would be unreasonable to rely on data that was ten years old and did not take into account activity or developments during that period.

Following further discussion in relation to the issue of two stations versus one station and concerns regarding recruitment of personnel Mr. Mc Taggart advised that it was important that the consultants carry out an independent review that would stand up to scrutiny. He further confirmed that that the Fire Service would shortly be advertising for a firefighter position in Ballyshannon and it was intended to continue to advertise as necessary.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the staff for their attendance.

This concluded the business of the Workshop.

**Area Manager,
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Cathaoirleach,
Municipal District of Donegal**

Municipal District of Donegal

Housing/Corporate Update as at 5th September 2016

Casual Vacancies as at the 5th September 2016

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Repairs Completed
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)	Possession Order Granted 25/6/15
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Repossessed on 28/04/2010	Sale Offered
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013	LTV Fund
6 Erne Street	BALLYSHANNON	2	16 January 2016	Consider Sale
33 Lawne Park	BALLYSHANNON	3	10th August 2016	Works Required
73 Slieve League Avenue	CARRICK	3	16-Jun-2015	No need
81 Slieve League Avenue	CARRICK	1	14-Jun-2016	Works Required
21 O'Cleirigh Avenue	DONEGAL	3	22-Sep-2015	LTV Fund
423 O'Maolchonaire Ave	DONEGAL	1	5-Sep-2016	Works Required
201 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	3	27-Jun-2014	LTV Fund
224 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	1	30-Dec-2015	No need
226 Castleview	DUNKINEELY	1	14/12/2015 (Tenant Deceased)	No need
3 St Mary's Close	Dunkineely	2	Tenant deceased on 15/7/2016	Awaiting Keys
SI Cottage at Stragar North	KILLYBEGS	2	17th Aug 2012	LTV Fund
96 Emerald Drive	KILLYBEGS	2	30th April 2016	Works ongoing
SI Lough Head	Killybegs	3	10 August 2016	Major Refurb Required
2 Bircog Cottages	Pettigo	1	4th March 2016	Works ongoing
29 Termon Villas	PETTIGO	3	30 March 2015	No immediate demand

Position at 5th September 2016

HOUSING
GRANTS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2015	12	6	4	0	2
HO	2016	30	19	6	0	5

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO.	REFERRED TO OT	REFERRED TO ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2015	36	11	14	0	0	0	11
HD	2016	23	4	10	1	0	0	8

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2015	1	0	1	0	0
HM	2016	3	1	2	0	0

HOUSING
LOANS

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	Undecided
Housing Loans	2016	2	0	0	2
Tenant Purchase Loans	2016	0	0	0	0
Reconstruction Loans	2016	0	0	0	0

Tenant
Purchase
Applications
2016

No. of Applications Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
11	2	6	3	0	0

SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Position at 5th September 2016

Scheme	2 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	Total	Status			
	apts (own door)	2 storey	2 storey	2 storey	bungalow		Design	Planning	Tender	Under Con
Building Programme 2015 - 2017								Planning Approved		
Donegal Town	8	8	6	2		24	24	01/07/2016		
Purchases 2016										
Killybegs*			2			2		1 complete and 1 with Solicitors		
Carrick*				1		1		awaiting keys		
Donegal Town*										
Bundoran		2	2			4		With Solicitors		
CAS 2015/2016								Being built in conjunction with Donegal Town		
2 Com Group Homes*					2	2	2			
1 Com Group Home*								Donegal Town		

Other Supply

Proposals for provision of 25 no. units in Donegal Town and 22 no. units in Ballyshannon have been supported by Council

One in Donegal Town, CALF being prepared for Ballyshannon

HAP Tenancies	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	144
Letterkenny	486
Glenties	110
Stranorlar	163
Inishowen	206
Sub Total	1109
Tenancies Closed	142

HAP Inspections carried out at 5th September 2016	
Total	325

Overall Total	1251
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**Donegal Municipal District
2016 Roadworks Programme
Status Report - 13th September 2016**

Surface Dressing 2016

Regional Road Surface Dressing

No	Road No.	Road Name and /or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Area (sq.m)	Estimated cost (€)	Status	Percentage complete
1	R-263-9	Carrick Bogagh	Killybegs	400	3000	€16,500	Completed	
2	R-262-3	Glenlee - Supers corner	Killybegs	814	5291	€29,005	Completed	
3	R-263-4/5	Kitty Kellys - Largy	Killybegs	400	2400	€13,200	Completed	
4	R262/3	Drumbeagh Ballybrollaghan	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€12,416	Completed	100%
5	R231-1	Rossnowlagh Rd	Ballyshannon	900	5400	€29,584	Completed	100%
6	R232-3	Pettigoe Rd	Laghey	1050	7350	€39,436	Completed	100%

Total Budget €140,141

Local Road Surface Dressing

No	Road No.	Road Name and /or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Area (sq.m)	Estimated cost (€)	Status	Percentage complete
1	L-5035-1	Straid - Garveross	Killybegs	700	2240	€10,080	Completed	100%
2	L-5065-2	Drim - Cloghan	Killybegs	700	2240	€10,080	Completed	

3	L-1035-2	Curreen - Glencolmcille	Killybegs	600	1920	€8,640	Completed	
4	L-1245-2	Fintra	Killybegs	850	3187.5	€14,344	Completed	
5	L-5365-1	Ballyara Upper	Killybegs	700	2100	€9,450	Completed	
6	L-5475 & L-1345	Carricknagore - Harbour Lights	Killybegs	250	1250	€5,625	Completed	
7	L-1335-1	Carricknagore - 5Pts Jnc	Killybegs	700	2,450	€11,025	Completed	
8	L-5465-2	Aghayeevoge (Glashey)	Killybegs	340	1,530	€6,885	Completed	
9	L-1325/1	Commons (Dohertys Rd) Patching	Killybegs	250	938	€4,219	Completed	
10	L-12151	Tawney Cottages (Patching)	Killybegs	350	1312.5	€5,906	Completed	
11	L-5565	Gilbertstown	Killybegs	800	2400	€9,478	Completed	
12	L-6135-1	Bartaws - Drumgorman Barr	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€14,700	Completed	
13	L-1825-3	Ogherbeg - Lackrom	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€14,700	Completed	
14	L-1915-1	Drumgornan - Killymard Chapel	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€14,700	Completed	
15	L-1855-1	Ballyweal - Ballyboyle	Dunkineely	1000	4000	€15,770	Completed	
16	L-6395-2	Eddrim Glebe - Dromore	Dunkineely	1000	3500	€14,700	Completed	
17	L-1815-6	Ardbane - Meenaguise	Dunkineely	1100	3850	€16,170	Completed	
18	L-6325-2/1	Meenaguise - Disert	Dunkineely	1100	3850	€16,170	Completed	100%
19	L 2225-6	Belault-Rushen	Ballyshannon	2000	6400	€25,600	Completed	
20	L 2365-2	Carricknahorna	Ballyshannon	1600	5120	€20,275	Completed	
21	L 7775-1	Tullyhorkey-Behey	Ballyshannon	2200	7040	€28,000	Completed	
22	L 24851	Balure Lane	Ballyshannon	1000	3300	€13,200	Completed	
23	L 79151	Ardfarna	Ballyshannon	1500	4800	€19,200	Completed	100%
24	L6765-2	Cully/Copany	Laghey	1200	4800	€21,600.00	Completed	100%

25	L1835-3	Corabber	Laghey	1000	4500	€20,250.00	Completed
26	L6945-1	Raw Hill	Laghey	500	1750	€7,875.00	Completed
27	L2185-2	Rath	Laghey	1000	5000	€22,489.00	Completed
28	L7065-1	Carrickbreeney	Laghey	600	2100	€9,450.00	Completed
29	L22652	Carn	Laghey	1000	3500	€15,600.00	Completed
30	LS6915-2	Lisnapaste - Shannagh	Laghey	1000	3500	€17,225.25	Completed

**Total
Budget €423,407**

Total Number of RM	
Jobs	36
Number of jobs	
completed	36
Percentage completed	100.00%

2016 Regional and Local Road Improvement Works

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (14)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	R-262-1	Drumbeagh - Ballybrollaghan	Dunkineely	C & O R	€68,177	Completed	95%
2	L-1445-2	Ballybodonnell	Dunkineely	O R	€36,750	Completed	
3	L-5875-1	R-262 - Dibbin School	Dunkineely	O R	€46,200	Completed	
4	L-1815-4/5	Letterbarra - Drumboarty	Dunkineely	O R	€40,450	Completed	
5	L-1855-2	Drumark	Dunkineely	C & O R	€50,150	Completed	
6	L-6375-1	Dromore Upper - Eddrim Glebe	Dunkineely	O R	€49,500	Completed	
7	L-6395-1	Eddrim Glebe	Dunkineely	O R	€35,000	Completed	
8	L-6495-1	Altilow - Heney's	Dunkineely	O R	€29,000	Completed	
9	L-1615-1	Tullycumber - Lettermore	Dunkineely	O R	€38,500	Completed	
10	L-6425-1	Drumboarty	Dunkineely	O R	€44,000	Completed	
11	L-18451	Revlín (GAA Pitch - Bank Walk)	Dunkineely	O R	€30,000	Completed	
12	L-1875-3	Station Road (Pipe Drain & Widen)	Dunkineely	O R	€12,000		

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (15)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	R-263 & L	Killybegs Streets (Various locations)	Killybegs	C	€70,000	Completed	92%
2	R-263-7	Bavin - Kilcar	Killybegs	C & O R	€33,600	Completed	
3	R-230-6	Meenaneary - Croweigher	Killybegs	O R	€64,400	Completed	
4	R-263-3	Supers Corner	Killybegs	C & O R	€14,400		
5	R-263-5	Largymore (Patch)	Killybegs	C & O R	€5,000	Completed	
6	L-5435-1	Roshine School - Drimanoo	Killybegs	O R	€48,000	Completed	
7	L-1315-3	Bungosteen - Stragar	Killybegs	O R	€72,000	Completed	

8	L-1085-2	Carrick - Teelin	Killybegs	C & O R	€30,800	Completed
9	L-10451	Ummerawirrinan	Killybegs	O R	€28,800	Completed
10	L-5195-2	Derrylaghan - Kilbeg	Killybegs	O R	€51,200	Completed
11	L-1195-1	Line Road Kilcar	Killybegs	C & O R	€28,160	Completed
12	L-1265-4	Roshine Road	Killybegs	C & O R	€15,311	Completed
13	L-1255-1	Letter - Meenyhooghan	Killybegs	O R	€38,196	Completed

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (16)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	LP2425-1	Ballyshannon Streets	Ballyshannon	C	€80,000		91%
2	R231-1	Rossnowlagh RD	Ballyshannon	C & O R	€60,000	Completed	
3	LP7245-1	Ballymagoarty Irish	Ballyshannon	C & O R	€15,000	Completed	
4	LP2365-1	Cavangarden	Ballyshannon	C	€65,873	Completed	
5	LS7335-1	Glaskerragh	Ballyshannon	O R	€40,000	Completed	
6	LS7295-1	Big Park	Ballyshannon	O R	€42,240	Completed	
7	LS7265-2	Glasbolie	Ballyshannon	O R	€64,800	Completed	
8	LS7235-1	Ballymagoarty Scotch	Ballyshannon	O R	€39,600	Completed	
9	LS7385-1	Ballinacarrick (old dump rd)	Ballyshannon	C	€35,000	Completed	
10	LP2375-1	Roshin Lough RD-Cashelard	Ballyshannon	O R	€30,000	Completed	
11	L7285-1	Ballyhalla	Ballyshannon	O R	€30,000	Completed	

No	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area (17)	Own Resources / Contractor	Budget	Status	Percentage Complete
1	LT20855	Donegal Streets	Laghey	C	€80,000		91%
2	R232-9	Pettigo Rd	Laghey	C & O R	€85,000	Completed	
3	LT22652	Carn	Laghey	O R	€61,600	Completed	

4	LP1972 -2	Tawnawilly	Laghey	O R	€77,000	Completed
5	LS6585-1	Clarcam	Laghey	O R	€21,000	Completed
6	LS6565-1	Birchill	Laghey	O R	€35,000	Completed
7	LT68152	Druminardagh (Givens)	Laghey	O R	€25,200	Completed
8	LT18352	Goladoo	Laghey	O R	€60,000	Completed
9	LS6915-1	Listnapaste/Shannagh	Laghey	O R	€40,000	Completed
10	LP 1945-2	Lough Eske Demense (Patches)	Laghey	C	€42,557	Completed
11	LT20751	Tullygallon	Laghey	O R	€25,000	Completed

€2,034,464.00 **Total
Budget**

Total Number of RI Jobs	47
Number of jobs completed	43
Percentage completed	91.49%

Donegal Municipal District

Severe Weather Repairs Works

No	Road Number	RSS Area	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Proposed Works (Description)	Cost	Status
1	L-5945-1	Dunkineely	Creevins, Mountcharles.	Creevins bridge replacement.	€ 60,000.00	Nearing completion
2	L-1855-1	Dunkineely	Summerhill Donegal Town.	Installation of rock armour to the support a short section of the road that has been undermined by wave action.	€ 5,000.00	
3	L-6095-1	Dunkineely	Drumbeigh, Frosses	Repair damage to existing road surface.	€ 2,000.00	Completede
4	L-2525-1	Ballyshannon	Ardfarn, Ballyshannon.	Repair of flood damage to the Four Masters Bridge.	€200,000.00	Nearing completion
5	L-7865-1	Ballyshannon	Ardfarn, Ballyshannon.	Road restoration works.	€ 62,000.00	
6	LS-7075-1	Ballyshannon	Drumholme.	Immediate pothole repair followed by road restoration later in the year	€ 15,000.00	Completed
7	LP-2325-1	Ballyshannon	Ballymagroarty Scotch, Ballintra.	Immediate pothole repair followed by road restoration later in the year. Culvert in roadway needs to be upsized to cater for flooding.	€ 48,000.00	Completed
8	LP-23151	Ballyshannon	Coolmore, Rossnowlagh.	Installation of rock armour to repair landslide along road verge.	€ 3,000.00	Completed
9	Footway	Laghey	Bank Walk, Drumrooske, Donegal Town.	Repair of landslide along public footway. Piling required to retain slippage.	€ 26,000.00	Completed
10	L-2165-1	Laghey	Murvagh Upper.	Ongoing pothole repair followed by road restoration works later in the year.	€ 20,000.00	
11	LP-2135-2	Laghey	Drumbristan Glebe, Murvagh.	Patch & surface dress	€ 6,000.00	
12	L6845-1	Laghey	Carrick Lane, Laghey.	Full width road restoration rewquired aswell as increasing the size of teh roadside drainage.	€ 45,000.00	

13	L-8045-1	Laghey	Drumnawark, Pettigo.	Immediate pothole repairs has been completed, additional culverts & road restoration works required later in the year.	€ 25,000.00	Completed
14	R-232-2	Laghey	Lough Derg Road, Pettigo.	Installation of rock armour to the support a short section of the road verge that has been undermined by the nearby Ominey river.	€ 15,000.00	

Total Budget Allocation €532,000.00

Donegal Municipal District

Severe Weather Preventative Works

No	Road Number	RSS Area	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Proposed Works (Description)	Cost	Status
1	L-7775-2	Ballyshannon	Parkhill, Ballyshannon	Installation of new drainage network to address flooding.	€ 20,000.00	
2	R231-4 & LS-7175	Ballyshannon	Rossnowlagh Road and Ardeelan Lower junction.	Repairs to existing culvert.	€ 3,612.00	
3	R-232-9	Laghey	Mulnagoad, Pettigo. (Bannus Lough)	Culvert replacement.	€ 20,000.00	Started
4	LT-65351	Laghey	Clarden Drive, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town	Installation of new drainage network and the reinstatement of road surface damaged due to the flooding.	€ 30,000.00	Started
5	LP-2195-2	Laghey	Rafoarty (Ballintra - Laghey Road)	Installation of new drainage network to address flooding.	€ 25,000.00	

Total Budget Allocation € 98,612.00

Donegal Municipal District

Severe Weather Repairs Works - Tranche 2

No	Road Number	RSS Area	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Proposed Works (Description)	Cost	Status
1	L6575-1	14	Summerhill Donegal Town.	Raise road level & resurface.	€15,000.00	
2	L-60451-1	14	Drimagira	Rise road level by 0.75m & resurface	€10,000.00	
3	LP 1125/2	15	Meenaneary	Culvert replacement	€ 25,000.00	
4	LP 1025/3	15	Meenaveen	Culvert replacement		
5	LS 5065/1	15	Farrenmcbride	Culvert replacement		
6	I-7965-1	16	Clontyseer, Co. Donegal	Repair damaged section of road following flooding	€ 20,000.00	

Total Budget Allocation €70,000.00

Donegal Municipal District

LOW COST REMEDIAL WORKS

Programme of works yet to be announced

Low cost safety measures						
Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status
15	Killybegs	SAFETY IMP 2016 R-263 DONEGAL ROAD, KILLYBEGS	R263	€20,000.00	B070103-Low Cost Remedial Measures Non National (DOT)	Works to start in September.

NRA - HD 28 Works - Management of Skid Resistance						
Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status

NRA - HD 15 Works - Network Safety Ranking						
Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget	Description of works	Status

Area				(€)		

Donegal Municipal District

Development Contribution Scheme Funded Capital Improvement Works 2016

Programme of works

Footpath upgrade works					
Engineering Area	Location	Road No	Description	Budget	Budget per Engineering Area
14	Mountcharles	L-1895-1	Upgrade works to the footpath between main Street Mountcharles to the carpark adjacent to the church on Station Road.	€15,500.00	€15,500.00
15	Killybegs	R263-2	Upgrad works to footpath at Main Street Killybegs	€10,000.00	€15,500.00
		L-12751	Upgrade works to footpath at Housing Estate at St Cummins Hill, Killybegs.	€5,500.00	
16	Ballyshannon	R-963-1	Upgrade works to footpath and hardshoulder along the Beleek Road in Ballyshannon	€15,500.00	€15,500.00
17	Donegal Town	L-20855-0	Upgrade works to footpaths at Ardeskin Heights in Donegal Town	€15,500.00	€15,500.00
					€62,000.00

<p>Community, Enterprise & Planning Services</p> <p>Planning Services Report</p>
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Donegal Municipal District Meeting – 13th September 2016

Content:

- 1. Summary of planning applications for each District**
- 2. Appeals (Received & Decisions Notified).**
- 3. Significant Cases (incl. Transboundary applications)**
- 4. Other case types [Part 8's etc]**

Summary of planning applications for each Municipal District (2016)

	Period	Apps Recd	Granted	Refused	Deferred	Decisions < 2 months	Invalid
Donegal	01/01/16-31/7/2016	249	158	29	59	113	53
Glenties	01/01/16-31/7/2016	205	132	43	69	92	37
Inishowen	01/01/16-31/7/2016	279	164	29	66	126	48
Letterkenny	01/01/16-31/7/2016	247	154	18	51	127	41
Stranorlar	01/01/16-31/7/2016	158	94	16	30	68	26
County Totals		1138	702	135	275	526	205

Appeals Received (25/06/2016 – 26/08/2016) – 11 in total – 4 in Donegal Municipal District

Decision Notified (25/06/2016 – 26/08/2016) – 10 in total – 2 in Donegal Municipal District

Appeals Received (25/06/2016 – 26/08/2016)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA RECD DATE
16/50473	Clogheravaddy Wind Farm Limited	P	08/06/2016	R	A ten year permission for 2.3km of three phase underground electrical cables laid in ducts with communications cable, draw pits, jointing bays and associated works. the underground cable will connect the permitted clogheravaddy wind farm to the national grid at ESB Binbane Substation Clogheravaddy & Meenacahan Donegal P .O.	08/07/2016
16/50535	Droighlann Shliabh Cuideachta Ghniomhaiochta Ainmnithe	P	28/07/2016	C	Construction of a new distillery complex to consist of the following:- (1) A new whiskey distillery facility with visitor centre and associated offices, laboratory, staff & ancillary facilities. (2) External esb sub station. (3) External cooling tower. (4) A new vehicular entrance with associated filter lane off the main county road, with internal access roads and internal footpaths, car and bus parking areas. (5) Cooling and surface water retention ponds within the site area. (6) Fire retention pond. (7) A commercial barrel store and provide a filling room with bottling area. (8) A new sewage treatment plant with associated percolation areas.	23/08/2016

					(9) Erection of road side signage and associated signage to the factory buildings. (10) Construction of a helicopter pad. (11) Change of use of existing old farm buildings to commercial use with elevational amendments and construction of extensions and annexed roof areas to the old farm buildings to provide for a gin/ poitín distillery and gin/poitín museum, together with all associated site development & landscaping works Carrick Lower Carrick	
16/50827	Rosie Cromie	P	28/07/2016	R	Construction of a detached two storey dwelling house, a separate boiler house and all associated site works Rossnowlagh Upper or Crock Rossnowlagh	22/08/2016
26/50868	Karen Mallon	P	04/08/2016	R	Construction of one detached dwellinghouse with use of attic space in the form of a wall plate dormer (one and a half storey building) and also for a separate small boiler/store building (single storey) and all associated site works Crockahany or Rossnowlagh Upper Rossnowlagh Donegal P O	22/08/2016

Decision Notified (25/06/2016 – 26/08/2016)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA DEC. DATE	DECISION
14/50993	Biomarine Ingredients Ireland Ltd	P	16/02/2016	C	(1) Site works including reduced level excavations to provide suitable levels for the building, vehicular access & circulation, car parking & yard. the excavation work may necessitate rock breaking using a controlled blasting technique in conjunction with mechanical rock breaking activity. (2) Construction of a new fish processing facility with associated offices, laboratories, plant, equipment, cold storage, product storage, staff changing & rest rooms. the facility will process up to 50,000 tonnes of fish per annum producing high end proteins, oils and calcium for despatch as food ingredients. construction work will include a detached 30m high cylindrical drier building, chimney stack and other associated items of plant & equipment outside the main building envelope. An Environmental Impact Statement and a Natura Impact Statement have been submitted with the application. The application relates	06/07/2016	Conditional

					to a development which is for an activity requiring an industrial emissions licence under class 7.8 (a) (i) of the new first schedule to the EPA Act as amended at Stoney Hill Industrial Park Killybegs Donegal PO		
15/51173	Sinbad Marine Services Limited	P	13/04/2016	C	Construction of approximately 303 sq.m. of office accommodation at first floor level with approximately 303 sq.m of storage and workshop at ground level. The development will have approximately 424 sq.m. of open car parking at first floor complete with access ramp and approximately 424 sq.m. of covered car parking at ground floor level. all existing underground services on site shall be extended to the new development. The proposed development will be accessed from the new access roadway, adjacent to the public car park, within killybegs harbour, permitted under planning application ref. 10/20458. the development will include site reduction of approximately 8m, formation of approximately 4.0m high grassed berm with landscaping along western site boundary and associated site works at Glebe Td Killybegs Donegal PO	26/08/2016	Refused

Transboundary Applications

Ref.No:	N.I. Ref.No:	Date Rec'd	App./Contact	Type	Description / Location	Case Officer	Status
TB 12/03	J/2011/0082/F	08/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Further Environmental Information and Revised Plans	Amendment to Windfarm at Crighshane & Crighdenis, Killeter, Castledearg.	P Kelly	Active
TB 13/04	C/2013/0248/F	08/11/2013	D.O.E. N.I.-	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Windy Hill	P Kelly	Active
TB 14/01	J/2013/0287/F	07/01/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Meenamullan near Killeter	P Kelly	Active
TB14/03	J/2014/0124/LCB	28/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Consultation	Installation of Street Lighting ballards at Clady Bridge (Listed Building), Urney Road, Clady	P Kelly	Active
TB14/04	J/2011/0433/0	17/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Addendum to Environmental Statement & Information	Major mixed use cross border development	P Kelly	Active
TB15/01	J/2014/0624/F	10/02/2015	D.O.E. N.I.	Initial Consultation	Wind Turbine at 290m S.W. of 30 Creevagh Road, Co. Derry	P Kelly	Active
TB15/02	A/2015/0049/F	10/202/2015	D.O.E. N.I.	Initial Consultation	Wind Turbine with a hub height on lands 108m N.W. of 18 Killea Road, Derry.	P Kelly	Active
TB15/03	LA11/2015/0066/F49/F	05/05/2015	Derry City & Strabane District Council	Initial Consultation	erection of a single wind turbine - 30m hub height with 17.3m blades, associated access and 2 no. electricity cabinets on lands 250m N.W. of 9 Elagh Road, Derry	P Kelly	

TB15/04	J/2013/0187/F Appeal Ref.No: 2014/A0180	08/09/2015	P.A.C.	Appeal Procedures	Extension to of consented Seagronan Windfarm Ltd	P Kelly	Active
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Part 8- Donegal Municipal District - None Active at 26/08/2016

M.D.	Ref.No:	Location	Section	Received	Status

**Community, Enterprise & Planning Directorate
Community & Development Division**



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

Municipal District of Donegal

13th September 2016

Community & Development Division

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

Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	European Policy and Funding Unit (EU unit)
Project Description/Activity	Work programme Update Quarter 2 & 3 2016 The EU unit, working with all directorates of Donegal County Council, seeks to proactively target external funding opportunities, influence policy and identify EU networks of benefit to the Council.
Budget (if applicable)	Individual project budgets are set out below where available
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 - inclusive of current status	The EU unit continued to advance a number of projects in quarter 2 and 3 of 2016, including: <u>Interreg VA Cross Border programme</u> Donegal County Council as lead or project partner is currently involved in four bids to the Interreg VA programme. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><u>The CAMBER (The Centre for Advanced Marine and Bio-Energy Research) project</u> (Total value: €14mn) Donegal County Council is a project partner in a bid for funding under the Research and Innovation measure of Interreg VA. The lead partner is CASE (Centre for Advanced Sustainable Energy), located at Queen's University Belfast. QUB were notified that the Stage 1 bid was successful and the project partners have now been invited to submit a Stage 2 detailed Business Case, with a closing date of early September. This project is a collaboration with Queen's University Belfast, Letterkenny Institute of Technology, University of Highlands and Islands, Ulster University, and the Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute. If successful the project will advance industry led PHD research in renewable energy:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marine renewable energy• Bio-energy<u>Co-Innovate Project</u> (Total value: €23mn) The aim of the Co-Innovate project is to enhance the innovation capacity of SMEs. The LEO (Local Enterprise Offices) of local authorities including Donegal County Council will be delivering on the first three elements of the five stage interventions, which aim to increase the level of research and innovation within the 12 counties. The overall target is over 1,400 SMEs engaging in the project over five years. The lead partner is Inter-trade Ireland. A decision is awaited on the application.<u>The CatchmentCARE project</u> (Total value: €15mn) Donegal County Council is lead partner in a bid for funding under the freshwater quality Environment measure of Interreg VA. The project partners are Loughs Agency, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Ulster University, Agri-food and Biosciences Institute, Armagh City,

Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and Geological Survey NI/Geological Survey Ireland. The aim of the project is to improve freshwater quality in cross-border river basins in the Finn, Arney (link to Lough Erne) and Blackwater catchments. A decision on this bid is expected in early September.

4. **NorthWest Greenways project** (Total value: €18mn)

The NWGN project aims to create a cross border network of new greenways and cycle networks to reduce car journeys. The three routes included in the bid, and as set out in the Interreg VA operational programme are:

- Derry via Pennyburn and Bridgend crossing to Buncrana/Letterkenny
- Muff village to Derry via Muff Border crossing and Culmore
- Strabane to Lifford via Lifford Bridge

The lead partner is Derry & Strabane District Council with project partners Donegal County Council, Sustrans and Transport NI. A decision on this bid is expected in October.

Interreg VB Atlantic Area programme

The first call under this programme closed on 31st May 2016. Donegal County Council is lead or project partner in 5 projects under this programme.

1. **EUROVELO 1 Project**

Working with Mayo and Sligo County Councils, Donegal County Council is a partner in a bid for Eurovelo 1 (Atlantic on Bike), which seeks to create a necklace of cycling routes from Portugal to Norway.

2. **Tides of Time Project**

The Tides of Time project seeks to create a new European network and voyage of maritime history and heritage. Led by ERNACT and with partners including Donegal County Council, Inishowen Development Partnership (associate), and EU partners, this project will develop new tourism products and services focused on our unique maritime history, along the coastline of County Donegal.

3. **Trailgazers Project**

The Trailgazers project seeks to assess the economic impact and return from investment in walks and trails infrastructure across Europe. Led by Donegal County Council (Local Enterprise Office – Research and Policy Unit) and working with cross border and EU partners, this project builds on Spaceial NW and will use new digital mapping tools and techniques to capture trails and walking route usage across the transnational region.

4. **CAPITEN Project**

Donegal County Council is a project partner in project Capiten which seeks to develop centres of excellence across Europe in the water and marine based leisure sports sector.

5. **ReCONET 2020 Project**

The aim of the ReCONET 2020 project is to reconnect Natura 2000 Networks through river restoration measures in the Atlantic region.

A decision on the Stage 1 bids is expected in September with successful applicants invited to submit Stage 2 detailed funding

	<p>applications by November. All funded projects will run for the period 2017-2020.</p> <p><u>Enterprise Ireland Marine Campus Incubation Centres</u></p> <p>Enterprise Ireland opened a competitive Call to Third-Level Institutions for Expressions of Interest for the establishment of a Marine (including maritime) Campus Incubation Centre. Applicant institutions should have a strong track record in research, industry collaborations and infrastructure in marine sectors. Letterkenny Institute of Technology working with partners including Donegal County Council submitted a bid to this call with a stage 1 closing date of 30th June.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period</p>	<p>The timelines in respect of each programme are set out below.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interreg VA Cross Border programme</u></p> <p>1. <u>The CAMBER (The Centre for Advanced Marine and Bio-Energy Research) project</u></p> <p>Completion of the Stage 2 business case application by 5th September. Project proposed start date June 2017</p> <p>2. <u>Co-Innovate Project</u></p> <p>Final decision expected from SEUPB on the project in September. Project proposed start date Quarter 3 2016</p> <p>3. <u>The CatchmentCARE project</u></p> <p>Final decision expected from SEUPB by 5th September. Project proposed start date October 2016</p> <p>4. <u>NorthWest Greenways project</u></p> <p>Final decision expected from SEUPB by October 2016 Project proposed start date Quarter 4 2016 / Q1 2017</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Interreg VB Atlantic Area programme</u></p> <p>The Atlantic Area programme involves a two stage application process. The stage 1 programme selection committee will meet on September 7th 2016 and a decision will be made on the successful applicants who will be invited to submit a detailed application form to Stage 2. The closing date for stage 2 applications is 4th November 2016.</p> <p><u>Enterprise Ireland Marine Campus Incubation Centres</u></p> <p>Successful applicants from the Stage 1 expression of interest will be invited to submit a full application with a decision expected in late September.</p> <p><u>EU bulletin newsletter</u></p> <p>The latest issue of the EU unit newsletter was published in July 2016. The next issue will be published in October 2016. The bulletin provides all details on all funded projects and applications being made.</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Maria Ferguson maria.ferguson@donegalcoco.ie Trevor Scanlon trevorscanlon@donegalcoco.ie Roisin Mc Bride roisinm@donegalcoco.ie Roisin Kelly rkelly@donegalcoco.ie</p> <p>Tel: 074 91 53900</p> <p>The EU bulletin newsletter is produced on a quarterly basis and is available at www.donegalcoco.ie</p>



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

Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update September 2016

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 2 - inclusive of current status	<p>A number of applications / expressions of interest were lodged to the Dept under the Recreation Funding 2015 to initiate some proposed walks and improve some existing ones. The scheme has now reopened and the department received updated applications for 2016.</p> <p>The EOIs submitted include: Sli Cholmcille (Bealacht na Gaeltachta) which will allow for the development of routes along the main walk in Glencholmcille including at Kilcar and Ardara.</p> <p>Counters have been checked at Sliabh Liag on 17th June 2016 and show activity is high and increasing year on year with the main car park reading 74,000 vehicles from July 2015 to June 2016. New readings will be collected in September.</p> <p>We were also successful in an EU funded project called Hiking Europe where the Four routes of Bealacht na Gaeltachta and the three Island walks will be marketed along with routes in Catalonia in Spain, Italy and Croatia to support rural tourism in areas of low density population. Work has commenced on this and a data base is being compiled of all the available attractions and assets of the area along Sli Cholmcille route. The route is being mapped to reflect the up to date information required and there will be a community consultation in the area to gather further information. The other partners on this project have huge data bases of membership and will be hugely beneficial to the area from a tourism connection point of view.</p> <p>A meeting was held on Friday 28th April 2016 with the RSS Supervisors from Udaras na Gaeltachta to finalise an order for signs and materials to complete the walks and allow for an inspection from National Trails Office. This material has now been delivered to the area and works to be complete in advance of the trail inspections to be carried out in September 2016.</p> <p>Other proposed projects include: The upgrading of the existing walks and trails to an acceptable standard to meet the requirements of the National Trails Office.</p> <p>Further exploration of the Ballyshannon / Belleek trail and the decision to make an application to Funder, access to famine graveyard Ballyshannon, Creevey walks, Pettigoe and scoping out proposed</p>

	<p>walks in the Kilcar area where DFI funding has been secured to do some mapped walks in the vicinity of Kilcar.</p> <p>Ongoing consultation with agencies including National Parks & Wildlife Services, Udaras na Gaeltachta, Donegal Tourism and Donegal Local Development Company.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 3 reporting period</p>	<p>An application has been submitted to Interreg VA for funding for Greenway development under the Sustainable Transport measure in conjunction with Derry / Strabane Council however criteria dictates that it must be cross-border therefore initial funding will be for works commencing at the border with Derry.</p> <p>A meeting is to take place with Funders about the feasibility of the Ballyshannon Belleek cross border trail.</p> <p>Work will continue on the Hiking Europe project with the preparation of mapping and marketing. A consultation meeting was held in Oideas Gael Glencholmcille on 23rd August 2016 and a data base of assets along the Sli Cholmcille is being developed.</p> <p>Third quarter readings of the counters will be done in September 2016</p> <p>Proposed projects will be assessed for LEADER and PEACE IV funding.</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Francis Conaghan (Paths & trails Development Officer) 087 2371219 fconaghan@donegaltrailsoffice.com</p>



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: ALL

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Youth Council
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Youth Councillors have been completing their work on their Internet Safety animation project which they are launching at their celebration even on September 3rd</p> <p>The Youth Council completed a Youth Exchange project in July with the Nordland Youth Council in Norway. The group travelled to Bodo in Nordland for a weeklong visit where they got to learn more about youth participation structures in Nordland and visited a range of different youth projects connected to their work.</p> <p>The group have been linking with Jigsaw Youth Advisory Panel to complete a new Mental Health awareness video to be launched on World Mental Health week in October.</p> <p>The group met with new Mayor of Donegal County Council Terence Slowey at their county meeting on Friday 24th July</p> <p>A number of Youth Councillors helped out at the Party in the Park which took place on August 24th</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Completion of Celebration event Sept 3rd</p> <p>Elections for the new Youth Council begin in September with an election deadline set for October 21st</p> <p>The Agenda Day for Donegal Youth Council 2016-2018 takes place on November 9th where young people vote on issues they feel DYC should focus on over their 2 year term</p> <p>Comhairle na nOg National Showcase event takes place in Croke Park on November 27th</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	Martin Keeney - 0876806676



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
Project Description	Promotional Activities – July/August 2016
Current Activities	<p><u>Information Panels at Fairy Bridges/Wishing Chair Bundoran</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design process complete, installation of panels due in the coming weeks• TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence received for Fairy Bridges – Fairy Bridges currently #2 Thing To Do in Bundoran on TripAdvisor• New website www.fairybridgesandwishingchair.com created - to be launched officially once the panels are ready <p><u>Recruitment of new members of Discover Bundoran Tourism Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continuous invoicing of members for membership fees. Ongoing attempts to recruit new members. <p><u>Discover Bundoran brochure distribution</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last few brochures remaining and will be distributed locally where required. <p><u>Marketing of Bundoran</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marketing plan for 2016 continues to be implemented.• Photos and materials being gathered for 2017 brochure.• Promotion of remainder of the year to include events and Christmas/New Year• Marketing and promotional plan for 2017 starting to be formulated <p><u>Events for 2016</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistance to Connect Mental Health event in Ballyshannon in October• Halloween Pumpkin Carving Event to take place during mid term break• Working on Donegal Tourism stand for Connect 16 Event in Dublin. <p><u>Discover Bundoran website and social media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing management of www.discoverbundoran.com and social media channels• Ongoing updating of website with news blogs, photo galleries and event/gig guide listings.• Website performing well – Most visitors searching for events/gigs/things to do.• Over 8100 followers on the Discover Bundoran facebook page which is steadily growing by the week.


	<p><u>Marketing of Bundoran Waterworld</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Season at Waterworld almost at an end for 2016.• Numbers have increased year on year.• Planning starting for 2017 marketing plan• Waterworld currently #1 Thing to Do in Bundoran on TripAdvisor. <p><u>Management and Staffing of Bundoran Tourist Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office has been open seven days a week all summer• Visitor numbers to office steadily increasing.• Short survey with visitors being completed daily. Results being compiled.
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Shane Smyth – shane@discoverbundoran.com 087 3737817</p>



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update – August 2016

Activity / Project Title	Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2016
Project Description/Activity	<p>The key objective of the Fund is to provide support to local and community event organisers and activities / projects that will harness diaspora links for the benefit of local and community tourism. This is a three-way project partnership between IPB, Fáilte Ireland and DCC. The Fund is being administered by Donegal County Council.</p> <p>This is the third and final year of this Initiative.</p>
Budget (if applicable)	€34,561.50
Progress to date within the last two months -inclusive of current status	<p>Regular emails are circulated to Community Groups to remind organisers about the submission deadline of their paperwork.</p> <p>Funded Community Groups must submit their claims within 60 days of the event taking place, after which payments cannot be guaranteed.</p> <p>Events taking place in September/October are asked to submit necessary documentation by the end of November 2016.</p> <p>Current status (as per end of August) – 56 no. approved events, 31 no. events have taken place; 8 no. claims have been processed; 6 no. claims in progress.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	General progress of the project. Outstanding claims.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Iga Lawne, Tourism Community Support Officer, Donegal Tourism Ltd E: iga@countydonegaltourism.com / T: 074-972 4475</p> <p> www.govisitdonegal.com</p>



General Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Activity

Activity / Project Title	Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
Project Description/Activity	The Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Plan covers a range of locations, activities and projects.
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 2 - inclusive of current status	<p>WILDSEA Europe</p> <p>The new WILDSEA Europe website has now been launched at www.wildsea.eu. Businesses who deliver wildlife watching experiences along the coast of Donegal are welcome to visit the website and register their business. Initially this project focused on the Malin Head area this project has now been extended all along the coast of Donegal as there is huge potential in this sector.</p> <p>A WILDSEA Europe information session took place in Carndonagh PSC in March 2016 where local stakeholders in the sector had the opportunity to find out more about the project. The feedback from the WILDSEA Europe Information Session was very positive in relation to the project with the majority of businesses going on to register their listing on www.wildsea.eu</p> <p>The project partners also attended a capacity building session in May 2016 at Carndonagh PSC and were delighted to meet with local providers and also enjoyed a tour of Malin Head and Inishtrahull Island with thanks to Emmett Johnston from the National Parks & Wildlife Association. During this tour, a lot of filming was carried out as a new video promoting the WILDSEA Europe project will be launched in early July.</p> <p>A new Wildsea Europe map has been produced and printed for distribution at promotional events.</p> <p>Businesses registered as part of WILDSEA Europe who are listed on the website will be promoted across Europe to a large target audience via promotional events, online marketing and collaboration with other EU project networks. This project continues to progress successfully towards a common goal of increasing ocean literacy through responsible tourism.</p>

The Project is a European, public-private cooperation effort that is supported by the COSME programme of the European Union through the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME).

A new **Facebook page** has been set up for Wildsea Europe at <https://www.facebook.com/wildseaeurope> New promotional materials have been developed including two pull up stands, promotional maps and stickers for distribution at promotional events.

A new **YouTube channel** for Wildsea Europe has been developed with three new videos to promote the project. Two videos are aimed at consumers covering experiences and the destinations. The trade video is aimed at tourism providers encouraging them to sign up and get involved in the network. YouTube channel link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCajSxRDfzevTQxBNO8eP3A>

Northern England Boat Show

Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council (Donegal Tourism Ltd and Visit Derry) attended the Northern England Boat Show in Liverpool on 3rd – 5th June 2016. This was a collaborative approach to marketing with both sharing a stand promoting Donegal and Derry-Londonderry collectively.

The Northern Boat Show is a festival of boating at the heart of the International Mersey River Festival. This three-day boat show will showcase world class sailing boats, power boats and marine products and services, all set against the spectacular backdrop of Liverpool's waterfront.

200,000 visitors attended the Northern England Boat Show from UK and European markets. A comprehensive PR and marketing campaign will promoted The Northern Boat Show to a targeted audience of boat buyers and boat owners as well as the huge visitor audience descending on the Waterfront. Our Donegal-Derry stand was included in this PR campaign.

SeaFest 2016

SeaFest is an annual, broad based celebration focused on raising public awareness of marine matters and developments in the marine sector. More than **60,000 visitors** flocked to SeaFest from June 30th to July 3rd 2016 where Donegal Tourism Ltd had a promotional stand distributing information about County Donegal. SeaFest is Ireland's national maritime festival with an action-packed marine themed programme centred on Galway Harbour.

Over 60,000 people attended the event over the course of the weekend. This was made up of a variety of people, the majority European from target markets such as the UK, Ireland and other European countries including France, Spain and Germany. There were also a high volume of visitors from the USA who come to

Europe for 2-3 week holidays touring both Ireland, the UK and in many cases on to mainland Europe for a once in a lifetime holiday experience.

Galway is a very popular tourism destination on the Wild Atlantic Way and as a result the SeaFest event attracted a wide ranging audience of both domestic and overseas visitors who were on holiday in Ireland at that time, with July being the height of the tourist season in Ireland. As a result our promotional activity reached both domestic and overseas target market audiences very successfully. Feedback from visitors to the stand was very positive with many people stating that they had already been to Donegal or were planning to visit in the future. The Donegal brochure and map was a big hit with visitors to this event.

Marine Tourism Seminar

On Friday 8th July Donegal County Council in association with Donegal Tourism Ltd hosted a marine tourism themed seminar with over **75 attendees**. The seminar included keynote speakers from the marine sector and was attended by businesses from across Donegal who engage in marine tourism activities. This seminar was funded by Donegal County Council, MalinWaters and with support provided by the Marine Institute and funded under the Marine Research Sub-programme by the Irish Government.

Topics presented on the day included EU and other funding opportunities for tourism providers, a case study of a local marine tourism business, a guest speaker from Scotland who presented on the Scottish marine tourism strategy 'Awakening the Giant', a presentation on e-tourism strategies and the future of online marketing, the Clean Coast Strategy from An Taisce and much more. A Q&A session took place at the end of the day offering attendees the opportunity to discuss marine tourism topics with the expert panel of speakers.

Marine Sector Newsletter

The first newsletter aimed at the marine tourism sector has been sent out to over 190 contacts on the marine tourism sector database. This e-newsletter contains digital tips, funding information and other useful news relevant to the sector.

Numerous promotions have been carried out in the Cruise Business Review publication both online and offline promoting Donegal as a 'Cruise Destination of Excellence on the Wild Atlantic Way'.

FEDETON

FEDETON (The EU Federation of Nautical Tourism Destinations) held their **General Assembly Meeting** in Donegal Town hosted by Donegal County Council and Donegal Tourism Ltd and attended by the FEDETON President, Mr. Bernard Faucon. The General Assembly meeting took place on 7th July 2016 with

delegates attending from France, Spain, Italy, Croatia and a number of other EU countries.

Donegal Cathaoirleach Cllr. Terence Slowey welcomed the delegates to Donegal. This was an opportunity to showcase County Donegal to FEDETON and promote the county as a marine tourism destination of excellence. This event also provided a platform to discuss potential future EU marine tourism projects and collaborations with important and influential networks such as FEDETON. Delegates enjoyed a tour of Donegal's marine tourism assets including St. John's Point, Killybegs, Sliabh Liag, Glencolmcille and other hidden gems of our county.

CEDRA – Donegal's Atlantic Coastal Trail

The launch of the Donegal Atlantic Coastal Trail project took place in Killybegs in June 2016. Work continues on the project to develop 'Donegal Atlantic Coastal Trail'. This funding comes from the Department of Food, Agriculture and Marine and seeks to develop a tourism trail focused on seafood and marine leisure activities along the coast of Donegal including the islands to compliment the Wild Atlantic Way and the work done on Go Visit Donegal. This project is a partnership between Donegal County Council and Údarás na Gaeltachta.

The Tourism College LYIT will roll out a bespoke training course for those in the food and marine leisure sector starting in Autumn 2016. This course will be delivered by LYIT in Killybegs and covers areas such as marketing your business on the WAW, digital and offline, seafood preparation, creating packages, selling online and much more. This project will also cover a range of complimentary online and offline marketing activities to promote the trail that will be linked in with the current Donegal Tourism websites such as Govisitdonegal.com and Malinwaters.com


Fanad Lighthouse

Donegal Tourism Ltd has delivered a new online booking engine for Fanad Lighthouse website and this has been delivering bookings since the lighthouse opened so that online accommodation bookings can be facilitated. The Fanad Lighthouse website is performing well with over 19k visits to the new website to date. [Facebook.com/fanadlighthouse](https://www.facebook.com/fanadlighthouse) and has over 3259 likes. @fanadlighthouse on Twitter has 609 followers.

Sliabh Liag

The Sliabh Liag Experience Facebook page is growing from strength to strength with over 4,997 likes on the page. The Facebook page is www.facebook.com/sliabhliagexperience The website www.sliabhliag.com is also performing well. Sliabh Liag has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence on TripAdvisor. @visitsliabhliag on Twitter has 171 followers

	<p>All Ireland Rowing Championships 2016 Preparations for the All Ireland Rowing Championships 2016 and Donegal Bay Maritime Festival are continuing. Donegal County Council and Donegal Tourism Ltd have provided assistance in development of promotional materials, organisation of the events, publicity, marketing support, training and the development of the website: www.donegalbayrowingclub.com</p> <p>Tides of Time Project Partners are finalised and the application process is ongoing. This project has been submitted to the Atlantic Area Programme for stage one assessment. Results are not expected to be announced until September 2016. If successful another stage of application is necessary. There are 425 projects competing for this funding.</p> <p>This project proposal incorporates both education and tourism in the development of a marine touring route of locations where marine events of historic significance took place such as the Spanish Armada, World Wars etc. Donegal has a huge amount of shipwrecks. This project seeks to educate, to conserve and enhance locations of historic importance and to promote the coast a location of marine heritage and history. The final list of partners will be identified in the coming weeks.</p> <p>CAPITEN Donegal County Council is working with the council in Brittany on CAPITEN project (formerly named NEA 3) as an Atlantic Area project. Partners are finalised and the application process is ongoing. This project has been submitted to the Atlantic Area Programme for stage one assessment. Results are not expected to be announced until September 2016. If successful another stage of application is necessary. There are 425 projects competing for this funding.</p> <p>Donegal County Council has specified the areas of interest to them as part of this project that would provide the best benefits for Donegal. The project is based on the development of three centres of excellence including tourism, waste and seaside sports, industry & trade services and pleasure boating, ports development. The project seeks to develop a 'Destination Atlantic' to promote marine tourism activities on the Atlantic coastlines.</p> <p>Gaeltacht Tourism Donegal Tourism Ltd has been working with the tourism sector in the Gaeltacht to help develop tourism in this region. A tourism event took place in the Gaeltacht where a presentation was made to the tourism sector outlining how Donegal Tourism Ltd can help promote the region and advice on the development of a Gaeltacht brand and website.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter</p>	<p>WILDSEA Europe Project The Wildsea Europe YouTube channel will go live along with a</p>

<p>3-4 reporting period</p>	<p>marketing campaign to promote the channel and the website.</p> <p>Wildsea Europe Project Workshop A Wildsea Europe project workshop will take place in November including all partners and stakeholders to discuss the future plans for the project. The date and venue have yet to be agreed.</p> <p>Dive 2016 Donegal Tourism Ltd will promote marine tourism activities at the Dive 2016 promotional trade show in Birmingham, UK in October.</p> <p>MalinWaters Partner Meeting A meeting of the MalinWaters partnership will be held in Q4 to discuss plans for 2017 and possible collaboration with Wildsea Europe's network and other organisations.</p> <p>MalinWaters Marketing Plan The MalinWaters Marketing Plan for 2017 will be developed in collaboration with partners in Q4.</p> <p>Scotland Boat Show MalinWaters partners are currently discussing plans for a collaborative attendance at a promotional stand in the Scotland Boat Show. This event takes place in October 2016.</p> <p>Fanad Lighthouse Developments Donegal Tourism Ltd continues to provide support and maintenance for the www.fanadlighthouse.com website.</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Joy Harron Marine Marketing Development Officer Donegal Tourism Ltd Donegal Public Service Centre Drumlonagher Donegal Town Co. Donegal</p>  <p>Tel: + 353 (74) 9724431 Mobile: +353 (87) 0619360 E-mail: info@malinwaters.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/malinwaters Twitter: www.twitter.com/sailmalinwaters LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/joyharron</p>

MalinWaters Activity

Activity / Project Title	MalinWaters
Project Description/Activity	<p>The MalinWaters project is funded by 12 partners following the completion of EU funding. Membership of the MalinWaters project consortium is reviewed on an annual basis. This project aims to develop marine tourism within the shared maritime regions of North West Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland.</p>
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 2 - inclusive of current status	<p>MalinWaters Map Reprint A new and updated MalinWaters map has been printed including new additions of Bunagee and Killybegs sailing facilities.</p> <p>Marine Blast App The Marine Blast App continues to list marine facilities in Donegal. This app is free to download and is hugely popular with the sailing community. It is available for iPhone and will soon be available on Android.</p> <p>London Boat Show Promotion with Sail Scotland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of MalinWaters logo and web url as part of plasma screen display London International Boat Show • Distribution of MalinWaters promotional materials • Potential OTS of 90,000 key consumers across 10 day show <p>MalinWaters.com Website Statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37.02% increase in traffic to MalinWaters.com in Q1 • 43.61% increase in traffic to MalinWaters.com in Q2 • 49.62% of traffic from mobile visitors • UK, France and Sweden top 3 visiting countries • Followed by Ireland, Finland, USA and Denmark • Organic search, Google Ad Words, referral sites and social media top traffic sources <p>Scottish Diver Magazine Adverts and an editorial have been placed in Jan/Feb and March/April edition of Scottish Diver magazine to highlight our excellent diving opportunities here in Donegal in particular shipwrecks off Malin Head. This is a specialist magazine aimed at diving enthusiasts.</p> <p>Scottish Paddler Magazine Adverts have been placed in the Scottish Paddler Magazine to promote kayaking in the MalinWaters. This agreement covers ads up to March 2017.</p> <p>Google Ad Words Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaign ran from May – June 2016 • Highly segmented targeting • CTR has increased by 24% to 0.56%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 994,695 Ad Impressions • Average CPC has decreased by 17% €0.19. • Display and Text Google Ads • Multi-Lingual Ads • Over 6k visits to website <p>MalinWaters Video Production</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YouTube Advertising Campaign completed • 38,623 Ad Impressions • Over 18,686 views to date. <p>MalinWaters Website Development and Content Updates Continued functionality updates have taken place. The News section on the website has been updated with fresh regular content. There is a new section on the website covering ferry transport in the MalinWaters regions.</p> <p>Facebook Paid Advertising Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paid Advertising Campaign completed • Apr – July 2016 • 29,448 reach and 744 likes • 2928 video views • Facebook ‘Likes’ increased to over 9k • Twitter ‘Followers’ increased to over 851 from 425 <p>Take Off Magazine MalinWaters has advertised with Go Visit Donegal in a joint promotion in the Donegal Airport ‘Take Off’ magazine.</p> <p>Sail Scotland Campaign Continued work with Sail Scotland is ongoing including display advertising, web content, social media and e-mail marketing.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 3-4 reporting period</p>	<p>Partnership Agreement 2017 A formal partnership agreement for 2017 will be developed and distributed to partners for approval.</p> <p>MalinWaters Meeting A meeting will be held in Q4 to discuss plans for 2017 and where the current marketing activity for 2016 will be presented to partners.</p> <p>MalinWaters Three new MalinWaters videos are in production and will go live in Q4 along with additional YouTube advertising campaigns to promote them.</p> <p>Scotland Boat Show Partners are in discussion with regards to attendance at the Scotland Boat Show in October 2016.</p>

	<p>Marketing Plan The MalinWaters Marketing Plan for 2017 must be agreed by partners. The marketing plan contains a detailed digital marketing strategy which will see the deployment of the latest digital tactics to increase MalinWaters brand awareness and increase business for tourism partners in the regions. This plan will be developed in Q4 2016.</p> <p>Website Content Updates Website content updating is ongoing. More itineraries to include Bunagee have been planned. Content updates include areas such as the events section, itineraries, the blog etc. Details of marinas, activity providers etc. also need to be updated.</p> <p>E-mail Marketing E-mail Marketing is ongoing with a MalinWaters dedicated e-mail sent out to over 700 subscribers in which County Donegal is promoted along with the partner regions. 3rd party e-mail campaigns with specialist companies such as Time Inc are also planned.</p> <p>Strategic Events Q4 Largs Viking Festival in Scotland and Crana Fest in Bunrana, Donegal will take place in Q4 of 2016 and will be supported by MalinWaters with the MalinWaters brand featured in marketing activities associated with these events.</p>
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**Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall**
Donegal County Council

DONEGAL Municipal District

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Pride of Place 2016
Project Description/Activity	<p>The purpose of the Pride of Place competition is to acknowledge the fantastic work being done by communities to create viable, vibrant and visible communities. It is also about giving local authorities an opportunity to participate in the heart of their communities because it is recognised that, in addition to providing essential services, local authorities have a responsibility to build communities.</p> <p>There are three categories in the competition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Population specific2. Age Friendly, Community Enterprise, Communities Reaching Out3. Housing Estates, Islands & Coastal Communities, Urban Neighbourhoods
Budget (if applicable)	€5000
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>5 Community Initiatives Partaking in 2016 Pride of Place competition:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ballyshannon Regeneration Group2. Ionad N Pádraig, Dobhar3. LYFS Letterkenny4. Good Morning Service Bunrana5. Glan agus Glas, Falcarragh <p>Adjudication taking place in Co Donegal from 6th Sept to 8th Sept 2016.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	Award ceremony taking place in the Waterfront, Belfast on 26 th November 2016
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Caitlín Uí Choicláin U:074 9194275 / 087908488 R:caitlin.uichoiclainn@donegalcoco.ie



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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: September 2016

Activity / Project Title	KILLYBEGS PLAYSPACE
Project Description/Activity	1. Renovation Works at Killybegs Playspace
Budget (if applicable)	€6,400 incl VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>1. Works consists of:</p> <p><u>Embankment Slide with Fencing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Strip off existing grass and reinforcing mesh on front slop at sides of slideLay 40mm bound rubber mulch between existing timber edges on front face of slope.Lay 40mm bound rubber mulch in existing wood bark areaErect fencing at top of slopeStrip off existing grass and reinforcing mesh along side of slope (below fencing) and lay fresh turf grass in vertical strips. <p><u>Embankment Slide with Steps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Strip off existing grass and reinforcing mesh on both sides of slideLay 40mm bound rubber mulch 1m either side of slide between existing timber edges <p><u>Relocate Spinner:</u></p> <p><u>Install New Swing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Install new swing with 1no. flat seat and 1 no cradle seat, timber swing with metal cross beam and metal ground footing. <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Works tendered on 6th April 2016 with closing date of 29th April, 2016.Tender awarded to Murphy Playground Services Ltd.Works commenced week commencing 27th June, 2016 and due to be complete by 15th July, 2016.Works complete
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	* Works Complete
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



**Comhairle Contae
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Municipal District: Donegal

Activity / Project Update: September 2016

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUNDS
Project Description/Activity	Annual Maintenance of Playgrounds 2015/2016 2. Glencolmcille 3. St John Bosco, Donegal Town 4. Mall Park, Ballyshannon & Outdoor Fitness Equipment 5. Kilcar
Budget (if applicable)	€19,974
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of broken equipment• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings , shackles, etc.• Fitting of new 'Smoking Cessation' signs• Fitting of new 'Rules' signs <u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rospa Inspections and identification of necessary repairs have been carried out.• Tenders assessed December 2015• Annual Maintenance Tender awarded to Murphy Playground Services Ltd.• Works are almost complete
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintenance works due for completion mid September 2016.
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ENVIRONMENT REPORT JULY/AUGUST, 2016

1. WEEE collections

Donegal County Council together with WEEE Ireland organised 7 free collection days of electrical goods throughout the County. A total of 40 tonnes of electrical goods were collected for recycling.



Carrigart WEEE Collection

2. Waste Awareness at Festivals

Clonmany Agricultural Show 2nd August 2016

Donegal County Council has been working with the Clonmany Agricultural Show committee on the first steps towards the "Greening" of the show. Litter control was identified as a priority together with improved waste segregation. Two large recycling stations were set up on the site for public and exhibitors use and all traders were informed on the morning about the new system. Show volunteers and Clonmany Tidy Towns and Council staff helped with monitoring the recycling stations and the litter control which made a very positive impact. Donegal County Council also had a Waste Information Stand which was busy throughout the day.



Waste Information Stand



Bin it Better Game

"A Taste of Donegal" Food Festival 26th - 28th August

Donegal County Council had a very successful Waste Information Stand at this event. I also delivered a Masterclass on Food Waste Prevention and Home Composting alongside Mike Holden from the National Stop Food Waste campaign on Friday evening with was well attended. With approximately 28,000 attending the Food Festival, it was an excellent platform to spread the food waste prevention and composting message.



A Taste of Donegal Waste Information Stand

3. Upcycle Challenge 2016

The three Waste Management Regions are promoting the Upcycle Challenge competition 2016, the competition is open to all! The closing date is 30th September. Promotional poster enclosed.

4. Battery Recycling Campaign

There has been a good response from Tidy Towns groups for the Battery Recycling Campaign that will run during the month of September. 18 groups have agreed to participate and are being supplied with all the necessary equipment etc. Local Tidy Towns groups will be promoting the campaign in their locality. Every battery that is collected for recycling goes towards a monetary donation for the LauraLynn@HOME service that is provided by LauraLynn, Irelands Children's Hospice.

5. FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection October 2016

Dates for the FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collections have been arranged in association with Bryson Recycling as follows;

Sat. 1st October

9am -12 noon Milford Recycling Centre

2pm-5pm Stranorlar Recycling Centre

Sat. 8th October

9am -12 noon Carndonagh Recycling Centre

2pm-5pm Letterkenny Recycling Centre

Sat. 15th October

9am -12 noon Dungloe Recycling Centre

2pm-5pm Laghey Recycling Centre

Cleaning Agents including bleaches, Waste Medicines, Batteries, Antifreeze, Herbicides (weed killers), Pesticides, Adhesives, Old Paints, (No empty paint tins please), Paint stripper/thinner, Aerosols, Inks, Waste Oil from households will be accepted. Please note that all containers, bottles, etc, must be labelled and materials clearly identifiable.

Staff from Bryson Recycling will be available on site to accept any non-hazardous waste at a cost of €4 per standard black bag and sorted recyclable materials for €4 per car load.

An advertising campaign will begin using the range of media platforms in the lead up to each collection.

Coastal Report

Beach Awards

A review is nearing completion to identify the potential to increase the number of Blue Flag Beach awards in the County. Considerations include; access, parking, water safety, water quality and Health and Safety issues.

Beach Maintenance

Dooley Beach car park had a major upgrade with drainage, fencing and surfacing completed with support from the private landowner. Access improvements were also completed, restricting access to the beach to one point which is much more visitor friendly. Dune degradation has long been an issue and concern at this designated National Heritage Area (NHA) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC).





Bathing Water Quality

The 21 Designated Bathing Waters around the coast are now entered in to their prescribed sampling programme, pre-approved with the EPA and agreed by An Taisce. This is undertaken by our Laboratory staff who collect, analyse, record and report the waters sampled. Over 300 individual water samples will be collected and analysed to meet the Bathing Water Requirements. The results are reported to both the EPA and the general public via website (www.splash.ie) and on the beach notice boards. The sampling season

starts on June 1st and ends on September 15th. The Maximum interval between Blue Flag samples allowable is 17 days. The Maximum interval between designated bathing waters samples is 31 days. Sampling must take place no more than 4 days after the date specified in the Monitoring calendar to the EPA. Adhering to these intense, very prescriptive, programme conditions requires dedicated commitment from our County Laboratory Technician and support team.

Marble Hill

Due to the increase in beach visitors it may be necessary to introduce zonation to ensure bather safety. This zonation can allow surf schools and body boarders to enjoy this Blue Flag Beach without compromising safety of bathers. This proposal will be developed in association with all relevant stakeholders.

Car parking has become a critical issue at Marble Hill and is being addressed. A consultant has been appointed to assess the potential impact of reclaiming the road which has become overgrown by vegetation. This has been requested by the NPWS who are concerned for the roadside designated dune system, a Special Area of Conservation.

Public Conveniences

Rathmullan

Architects in relation to the new Public Conveniences in Rathmullan have been appointed at the end of July. The appointed architects are making good progress in relation to preparing the tender documents and It is hoped that it will go out for tender at the end of October/ beginning of November, 2016.

Enforcement Figures 2016.

Total number of environment complaints for the year to date 856 of which 89% (761 complaints) were for waste and litter.

Total number of Fixed Penalty Notices served under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 is 89 of which 38 have been paid to date and 8 of the total were served on persons with NI addresses.

ENDA MONAGHAN(DONEGAL)

From: zia mc clean [ziamcclean@hotmail.com]
Sent: 12 August 2016 19:57
To: ENDA MONAGHAN(DONEGAL)
Subject: Friends Of Rossnowlagh Committee

Hi Enda

How are you?

I am emailing in relation to our phone conversation two weeks ago regarding the Friends of Rossnowlagh Beach Committee. We set up the committee in June of this year, the members are representative of local residents, local business people, day trippers and holiday makers. Even though Rossnowlagh Beach is the most visited Tourist Attraction in the North West, we believe it has suffered in recent years from lack of investment in basic infrastructure.

We are hoping to arrange a meeting with local councillors in October.

The aim of the group is to work together with the local authorities to improve the overall Rossnowlagh Area. The beach has so much to offer and we want to promote it in a positive manner.

On the 15th of June we met with over 30 people in Rossnowlagh to find out the needs in the area and we would like to present this to the councillors in October, to see if we could work together on a action plan for 2017. Many of the solutions raised come at a low or neutral cost to the Council.

Please see below example of some of the key issues raised:

- Lack of toilet and bin facilities
- Inadequate road signage
- Promoting the car free zone and the car park which is located behind it, also extending the period the car free zone is in operation.
- Lengthening the area the buoys are placed on beach
- Speed ramps in busy centre of the resort
- Dog waste bins
- Wheelchair parking spaces

Zia Mc Clean

Committee Secretary

5th September 2016

**Ms. Zia McClean,
Friends of Rossnowlagh Committee
Via E-Mail**

**Re: Request for Deputation from Friends of Rossnowlagh
Committee**

Dear Ms. McClean,

I refer to your e-mail dated the 12th August 2016, on behalf of the above group, and to our subsequent telephone conversation, in relation to your request that a deputation attend a meeting of the **Municipal District of Donegal in October 2016**.

The procedure that I am required to follow upon receipt of such requests is to put this request to the Members at their next meeting. I confirm that I will put this request to the Members at their next meeting, which will take place on the 13th September 2016 and advise you of their response.

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.

I will contact you after the meeting in September 2016.

Yours sincerely,

**Bridie McBrearty,
Area Manager
Municipal District of Donegal**