

**Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Leifear.

3ú Aibreán, 2018

**Fógra Cruinnithe**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Dún na nGall ar siúl **De Máirt 10ú Aibreán, 2018, ag 11.30 r.n. in Ionad Serbhísí Pobail, Bhaile Dhún na nGall.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS DÚN NA nGALL

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

Seosamh O'Piopla  
p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe

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**Municipal District of Donegal**

Office of Meetings Administrator,  
County House,  
Lifford.

3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2018

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

The next Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal will be held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, at 11.30 a.m. in the Donegal Public Services Centre.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL

Dear Councillor,

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

Yours sincerely,

for Joe Peoples  
Meetings Administrator

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## AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.
2. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.
3. Consideration of Minutes of Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.
4. **Update Reports from Council Services:**
  - 4.1 Housing & Corporate Services
  - 4.2 Roads / Transportation
  - 4.3 Planning & Economic Development
  - 4.4 Community and Development
  - 4.5 Environment Services
5. **Date of Next Meeting**
  - MD Meeting at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD AT 11.30 A. M. ON TUESDAY THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 IN THE PETER KENNEDY CHAMBER, DONEGAL PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, DONEGAL**

**MDD/031/18 MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaoirleach  
Cllr John Campbell  
Cllr Niamh Kennedy  
Cllr Barry O'Neill

**MDD/032/18 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Roads/Transportation  
Ms. Cliodhna Campbell, Senior Engineer, Roads/Transportation  
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community & Development  
Ms. Ciara Condon, Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development  
Ms. Fiona Kelly, Staff Officer, Environment  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**MDD/033/18 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Michéal Naughton  
Cllr Noel Jordan  
Mr. Garry Martin, Director Designate, Municipal District of Donegal

**MDD/034/18 VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

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

**The late Mrs. Mary Byrne**, Doonan, Donegal Town. (Mother of Angela Gallagher, Water Section, Donegal PSC)

**The late Mr. Brian McNeely**, Frosses, (Father of Bernard McNeely, Housing, Donegal PSC)

**The late Mr. Jimmy McGurran**, Church Road, Bundoran (Father of Evelyn Sharpe (Finance) and Father in Law of Noel Sharpe (Bundoran Roads))

**MDD/035/18 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018.**

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were confirmed.

**MDD/036/18 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DONEGAL HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018.**

On the proposal of Cllr Campbell, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, the Minutes of the Workshop of the Municipal District of Donegal held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were confirmed.

**MDD/037/18 HOUSING CORPORATE AND CULTURAL SERVICES REPORT**

**Corporate Services**

**Ballyshannon/Bundoran Fire Stations**

Cllr O'Neill asked that the Members be consulted in workshop in relation to the report on Bundoran/Ballyshannon Fire Stations prepared by the Consultants. Members agreed that his item should be included in the DFI workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 if the relevant officials are available to attend.

**National Ambulance Service**

Cllr O'Neill asked that a representative of the National Ambulance Services (HSE) be invited to attend the next meeting of the Municipal District to discuss the ambulance service in south West Donegal. He submitted that it is not acceptable there is an ambulance stationed in Killybegs which has no crew leaving a single ambulance to cover the area from Dunkineely to Glencolmcille. On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Kennedy it was agreed that an invitation issue to the National Ambulance Service for a representative to attend the next MD meeting.

**Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee**

Members discussed a submission made to the Local Electoral Area Boundary Committee but given the period has elapsed, agreed there no further action is required at this time.

**Housing Services**

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

Members noted the update reports on Grants, Loans, and Casual Vacancies, Tenant Purchase Scheme, Housing Assistance Payments, Private Rented Inspections and Social Housing Support Programme, Housing Need in the MD and Leasing & Repair Scheme as circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. B McBrearty. She also updated Members on progress since the reports had been prepared. Ms. B McBrearty also briefed Members on the recent Turnkey advertisement which she hoped would provide appropriate social housing in this MD.

A number of comments/queries were dealt with at the meeting.

## **MDD/038/18 ROADS / TRANSPORTATION SERVICES REPORT**

### **2018 Road Works Programme Status Report**

Members noted the update report on the 2018 Road Works Programme circulated with the Agenda as presented by Mr. M Sweeney.

### **Public Lighting Update**

Members welcomed Ms. Clíodhna Campbell, Senior Engineer, Roads/Transportation to the meeting. Ms. Campbell presented the detailed report on Public Lighting, as circulated with the Agenda in relation to the county wide public lighting network.

A number of comments/queries were dealt with at the meeting.

The following follow up issues were noted;-

In response to a request from Cllr Conaghan that the lighting not working at the roundabouts on Donegal Town Bypass to be repaired, Ms. C Campbell undertook to follow this up with the TII.

In response to a request from Cllr Conaghan for the lights on the Quay in Donegal Town to be repaired, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members he would report this issue.

In response to a request from Cllr O'Neill for the Cavangarden - Cashelard Junction on the Ballyshannon Road to be lighted, Ms. C Campbell undertook to refer this matter to the TII..

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell if 'missing' lights can be reported for repair (i.e., lights not on the system), Ms. C Campbell requested that these should be referred through the Local Roads Office.

### **Follow up issues from previous meeting**

Mr. M Sweeney noted he had forwarded an update on matters raised at the previous meeting via e-mail to Members.

### **Demolish old Fire Station in Donegal Town**

Mr. M Sweeney referred to previous discussion on the demolition of the old Fire Station in Donegal Town for use as additional car parking. He advised that the cost is in the region of €25,000.00 and sought Members agreement to fund this out of Pay & Display monies. On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Kennedy, this was agreed.

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

### **Lennox Bridge**

Cllr O'Neill referred to recent media reports in relation to Lennox Bridge (bordering Co Leitrim and Co Donegal). He submitted that while this MD has prioritised two bridges i.e. Tirconnell and Fintra Bridges, Members are supportive of a new bridge to replace the Lennox Bridge and that this should be examined as a special project in collaboration with Leitrim County Council. He advised that Members would be supportive of a meeting being arranged with Leitrim to agree such a proposal and to bring this to the Minister. Mr. M Sweeney informed Members he would pass the comments on to his counterpart in the Roads Section in Leitrim County Council.

### **The Taste of Donegal Food Festival**

On the proposal of Cllr Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Conaghan it was agreed that the parking area at the Quay be used by the Donegal Food Festival Committee for the period from the 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 to enable the festival to take place.

### **Bridge Strengthening Priority List for 2018**

Mr. M Sweeney referred to the discussion on the Bridge Priority List 2018 at a recent workshop and sought Members approval to proceed with the priority list as presented. On the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Kennedy this was agreed.

### **Increase of Fine for parking in a disabled space**

Cllr Kennedy referred to the increased fine of €150.00 now in place for parking in a disabled space submitting she is in favour of same. She asked if it would be possible to provide signage to draw the public's attention to same and noted other MDs are making this request. Mr. M Sweeney advised he would investigate this matter and revert to Members at a later date.

### **Ballymacaward Road, Ballyshannon**

In response to a request from Cllr O'Neill to bring work on the Ballymacaward road forward to the earlier part of this year on the Roads Programme, Mr. M Sweeney confirmed he would follow up on this matter.

### **Parking Charges Review – Ballyshannon**

In response to a request for an update on the review of parking charges for Ballyshannon, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that he would check with the parking section in Lifford and update Members at the next MD.

### **Pot Hole Repairs**

In response to a request from Cllr O'Neill for a dedicated team to be put in place in this MD for a period of a few weeks to deal with pot hole repairs, Mr. M Sweeney informed Members that pothole repairs

are receiving top priority from the Roads Section along with the winter maintenance programme.

#### **Drainage Grant**

Mr. M Sweeney advised Members that an allocation of €139,410 had been made available to the MD for 2018 to deal with drainage issues. He requested that this matter be discussed at the forthcoming DFI Workshop on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and this was agreed.

### **MDD/039/18 PLANNING CONTROL REPORT**

#### **Planning Statistics**

Ms. Ciara Condon, Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development was in attendance to deal with planning matters. Members noted the planning statistics reports and other update reports as circulated with the Agenda.

#### **Planning Clinics**

Ms. Condon also confirmed the dates for the planning clinics in this MD from now until April, dates as follows;-

- March 28<sup>th</sup>
- April 18<sup>th</sup>

She also advised that dates for later in the year would be set out in due course and would be dependent on the availability of planning staff.

#### **Conservation Grants**

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill in if there was a list of buildings for which grant applications had been submitted, Ms. C Condon informed Members that the applications for conservation grants were made as a result of submission received from members of the public, which were then assessed and put forward by Ms. C Beattie.

#### **Hericoast Stakeholders meeting**

Ms. C Condon also informed Members that the Hericoast Stakeholders meeting has been re-scheduled to take place on the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

### **MDD/040/18 COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

#### **Community & Development Report**

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

1. Donegal Gathering website and Facebook
2. Tourism Sectoral Forum Meeting
3. Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
4. Donegal Town – Development HUB
  - CEDRA Funded – Donegal Atlantic Coastal Trail
  - Communications – Coole Route Project
  - Implementation of the Interpretative Strategy – Sliabh Liag
5. Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
6. Donegal Tourism
7. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
8. Age Friendly

A number of comments/queries were dealt at the meeting.

### **MDD/041/18 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES REPORT**

Ms. Fiona Kelly, Staff Officer, Environment was in attendance to represent the service. Members noted the update report as presented by Ms. Kelly dealing with the following items;-

- Waste Management
  - National Priorities for 2018
  - #Big Donegal Clean Up '18
  - Waste/Litter Enforcement Figures 2018
  - Green Schools
  - Leave No Trace Workshops
- Coastal Management
  - Coastal Issues
- Bundoran Seashell Unit
- Public Conveniences – Risk Assessments
- Bundoran Public Conveniences

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

#### **Tullan Strand**

Cllr O'Neill requested under Environment that a full update be provided on access to Tullan Strand at the next MD Workshop. He made particular reference to recent public comment on the 'no bathing' element of the recommendation and asked if Donegal County Council intended to implement the recommendations of Irish Water Safety Risk Assessment report. Members agreed that Mr. David Friel and Mr. Eamon Boyle be requested to attend the workshop on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to provide a full briefing and update.



### **Clean Ups**

Cllr Kennedy referred to a recent coastal clean up that was undertaken by volunteers last Sunday with support from the Council. She expressed her frustration at the constant littering at bottle banks and on road sides and asked that this matter be given immediate attention. She queried if the Council should provide some method for disposal of cardboard at the bottle bank sites and if supermarkets should provide some means of disposing of plastics. Ms. F Kelly informed Members that this matter has been raised nationally and submitted that the take away industry needs to be taken on board due to the amount of plastics that are being dumped on roadsides e.g. coffee cups etc.

Cllr Conaghan concurred with Cllr Kennedy in that the roadside littering is a major problem and also referred to the ongoing issue of members of the public using the street bins in towns to dispose of domestic waste rather than using the waste collectors service, thus filling up the street bins.

In response to a query from Cllr Campbell in relation to the promotion on the clean ups for 2018, Ms. F Kelly informed Members that the contacts etc. on the Council's website are being updated and there will be as much promotion as possible on the website and on social media to promote the #Big Clean Up 2018 with the Litter Wardens distributing pickers gloves, bags etc.

### **Toilets in Ballyshannon**

Cllr O'Neill referred to a recent motion passed in relation to the public conveniences in Ballyshannon and queried what impact the risk assessments would have on the refurbishment of these toilets. In response Ms. Kelly informed Members that the risk assessments are to ensure that the toilets are safe for public use and that the Environment Section is aware of the motion in relation to Ballyshannon and that she would request Mr. David Friel to update Members on progress at the forthcoming workshop.

### **MDD/042/18 Schedule of Municipal District Works**

Ms. B McBrearty briefed Members in relation to the schedule of Municipal District Works as circulated with the Agenda and a number of comments / queries were dealt with at the meeting.

Following a short discussion on the proposal of Cllr Kennedy seconded by Cllr O'Neill, Members resolved "that the Municipal District of Donegal hereby adopt for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Municipal District meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014."

**MDD/043/18 DISCUSSION ON REQUEST THAT KILLYBEGS IS THE NEXT TOWN IN MD DONEGAL FOR TOWN & VILLAGE RENEWAL**

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

"That Killybegs is the next town in the Donegal MD to obtain funding for main street footpaths and bridge street footpaths and lighting in the Town and village renewal grant or any Rural Regeneration and or heritage grant to help with the regeneration of this tier two town. This main street and bridge street requires cobble footpaths and underground wiring fitting with an Historic town."

Members were advised;-

"The 2017 Town & Village Renewal Scheme required that all applications were initiated by a local committee ( similar to DCL in Dunkineely ) and the maximum grant available for that type of project in 2017 was €100,000. It is expected the 2018 scheme will be similar.

Killybegs will be considered among all the other Towns & Villages throughout County and any 'Expression of Interest' will be assessed against the criteria set by the Department when the Scheme is announced later in the year.

Cllr Kennedy in speaking to her motion submitted she feels that Killybegs needs regeneration in particular in relation to footpaths and over head wires to support the cruise shops and the businesses in the town and given that Bridge Street is one of the oldest residential area in the County.

Cllr O'Neill also spoke in support of the motion.

**MDD/044/18 Date of next meeting.**

Members agreed the next **Municipal District meeting** would be held on **Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 commencing at 11.30 a.m.** as per Standing Orders. Members also agreed there would be a **Workshop** of the Municipal District **at 11.00 am on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

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

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

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

**Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 9.30am.**

**Members Present:**

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaoirleach  
Cllr Niamh Kennedy  
Cllr John Campbell  
Cllr Micháel Naughton  
Cllr Barry O'Neill  
Cllr Noel Jordan

**Officials in Attendance:**

Mr. Garry Martin, Head of Finance & Director of Information Systems and Emergency Services  
Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Paul Christie, Senior Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit  
Ms. Sinead Harkin, Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit  
Mr. Graham Diamond, Executive Planner, Central Planning Unit  
Ms. Corina Higgins, Assistant Planner, Central Planning Unit  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**1. Draft Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plans 2018 – 2024.**

The Planning Staff in attendance presented in detail the Chief Executive's Report to Members on the Draft Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plans 2018 – 2024 in relation to Killybegs, Ballyshannon and Donegal Town. Members noted that any amendments to the Chief Executive Report would have to be proposed, seconded and agreed by Members at the Plenary Council meeting in March 2018. A number of comments / queries were dealt with at the workshop.

**2. 2018 – Bridge Strengthening Priority List – MD of Donegal**

Mr. M Sweeney presented the draft Bridge Strengthening Priority list for the Municipal District of Donegal for 2018. Members confirmed their agreement.

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

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**Area Manager,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

**Minutes of Workshop of Municipal District of Donegal held on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre, Donegal commencing at 11.00 am.**

**Members Present:**

Cllr Tom Conaghan, Cathaoirleach  
Cllr Niamh Kennedy  
Cllr John Campbell  
Cllr Micháel Naughton  
Cllr Barry O'Neill  
Cllr Noel Jordan

**Officials in Attendance:**

Ms. Bridie McBrearty, Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Mark Sweeney, A/Area Manager, Municipal District of Donegal  
Mr. Barney McLaughlin, Administrative Officer, Community & Development  
Ms. Eibhlin McGuinness, Clerical Officer, Community & Development  
Mr. David Friel, Coastal Officer, Environment Section  
Mr. Eamonn Boyle, Executive Engineer, Community & Development  
Mr. Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services

**Apologies**

Mr. Garry Martin, Head of Finance & Director of Information Systems and Emergency Services

**1. Update on Tullan Strand.**

Mr. David Friel, Coastal Officer and Mr. Eamon Boyle were in attendance to provide an update in relation to Tullan Strand. Mr. D Friel circulated and presented a progress report on Tullan Strand. A number of comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop.

**2. Public Conveniences**

Mr. David Friel briefed Members in relation to the recent risk assessments that were carried out on public conveniences in the County and a number of comments/queries were dealt with at the workshop.

**3. Development Fund Initiative 2018**

Mr. B McLaughlin outlined the application process followed for the Development Fund Initiative 2018. Following a lengthy discussion Members agreed the DFI allocation for 2018 noting that it would be brought to the next MD meeting for formal consideration.

**4. 2018 Drainage Grant**

Mr. M Sweeney presented the proposed allocation in the Municipal District of Donegal of the 2018 Grant Allocation in the amount of €139,410.00. Members were advised that this matter would be brought before them at the next Municipal District meeting for consideration.

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

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**Area Manager,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

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**Cathaoirleach,  
Municipal District of Donegal**

# Municipal District of Donegal

## Housing/Corporate Update for 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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

Location of Vacancy	Area	BED	Dwelling Vacated	Repairs Completed	Comment
SI Cottage at Ballinacarrick	BALLINTRA	3	24th March, 2013 (Tenant Deceased)	Appeal not granted	
64 Forge Avenue	Ballintra	3	Tenant Deceased - Feb 2017	Schedule of works being finalised	
60 St Benildus Avenue	BALLYSHANNON	2	Repossessed on 28/04/2010	Case made to Dept for funding	
6 Erne Street	Ballyshannon	2	16th January 2016	Case made to Dept for funding	
30 Cluain Barron	BALLYSHANNON	3	11 October 2013	Works completed	
16 Ernedale Heights	Ballyshannon	3	keys received 15/9/17	Tendered	
32 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	13/07/2017	Referred for inspection	
SI Tullintain	Bruckless	3	06 February 2017	Tender completed	
91 Slieve League Avenue	Carrick	2	06 May 2017	Tendered	
7 Railway Park	Donegal	3	19/06/2017 (keys handed back to office)	Works commenced	
7 O'Cleirigh Avenue	Donegal Town	1	Keys returned to office on 24/07/2017	Schedule of works being finalised	
28 Millrace Crescent	Donegal Town	3	Keys returned to office by post on 28/12/2017	Referred for inspection	
211 Castlview	Dunkineely	3	25/08/2017	Schedule of works being finalised	
216 Castlview	Dunkineely	3	15/12/2017	Schedule of works to be prepared	
SI Legnawley Glebe, Croagh	Inver	2	4th October 2016 (tenant deceased)	Tendered	
4 Pairc Rath an Aonaigh	Laghey	3	Keys returned to office on 22/09/2017	Schedule of works being finalised	
SI Gortward	Mountcharles	3	Tenant Deceased on 20/12/2016	Extension ready for tender	
9 St Patricks Terrace	Pettigo	3	2/2/2017 - tenancy surrendered	No suitable need	
14 Termon Villas	Pettigo	1	Tenant deceased - 13/3/2017	No immediate need	
2 Bircog	Pettigo	1	04/03/2016	Advertised for Choice-based letting	
28 St Cummins Hill	Killybegs	3	15/02/2018	Tendered	
SI Loughhead	Killybegs	3	12/02/2018	Works completed	Tenancy refused 16/03/2018
259 St Josephs Avenue	Donegal	3	13/03/2018	Referred for inspection	
54 St Cummins Hill	Killybegs	1	20/03/2018	Referred for inspection	
11 Lawne Park	Ballyshannon	3	21/12/2017	Schedule of works to be prepared	

Position as at 26th March 2018

**HOUSING GRANTS**

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HO	2017	71	60	10	1	0
HO	2018	13	4	1	0	8

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO.	REF. TO OT	REF. To ENGINEER	PENDING
HD	2017	57	16	21	2	1	0	17
HD	2018	13	0	4	0	2	0	7

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	FURTHER INFO	PENDING
HM	2017	7	1	4	0	2
HM	2018	0	0	0	0	0

**HOUSING LOANS**

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ CANCELLED	Undecided
Housing Loans	2017	1	1	0	0
Housing Loans	2018	4	0	1	3

**Tenant Purchase Applications 2017 - 2018**

Year	No. of Apps Received	Incomplete Returned	Open Applications	Refused/ Not Eligible	Offer letters Issued	Completed
2017	7	0	1	0	6	1
2018	5	0	5	0	0	0



**SOCIAL HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

Position at 25th March 2018										
Scheme	2 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	Total	Status				
	apts (own door)	2 storey	2 storey	2 storey		Design	Planning	Tender	Under Con	Completed
<b>Building Programme 2015 - 2017</b>										
Donegal Town	8	8	6	2	24	24	01/07/2016	Apr-18		
Killybegs	2	3	4		9	9	29/01/2017	Feb-18		
<b>Purchases 2018</b>										
<b>CAS 2016/2017</b>										
2 Com Group Homes					2			Apr-18		
1 Com Group Home							Alternative site being examined			
<b>CALF Approved</b>										
Ernedale Heights Ballyshannon					11		Works ongoing			May-18

<b>HAP Tenancies</b>	
Municipal District	Number
Donegal	192
Letterkenny	656
Glenties	145
Stranorlar	267
Inishowen	392
Sub Total	1652
Tenancies Closed	620
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>2272</b>

**Private Rented Dwellings Inspected at 25th March 2018**

**1502**

Municipal District	0	1	2	3	4	5	Total	
Donegal	Ballintra	0	2	4	1	1	0	<b>8</b>
	Ballyshannon	0	5	49	7	3	0	<b>64</b>
	Bruckless	0	2	4	0	1	0	<b>7</b>
	Bundoran	0	2	40	19	2	0	<b>63</b>
	Carrick	0	0	4	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
	Donegal	1	7	83	30	3	0	<b>124</b>
	Drimarone	0	0	1	1	0	0	<b>2</b>
	Dunkineely	0	1	3	2	0	0	<b>6</b>
	Frosses	0	0	1	2	0	0	<b>3</b>
	Glencolmcille	0	0	2	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
	Inver	0	0	2	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
	Killybegs	0	1	17	1	1	1	<b>21</b>
	Laghey	0	0	7	3	0	0	<b>10</b>
	Mountcharles	0	0	8	4	1	0	<b>13</b>
Pettigo	0	0	2	1	0	0	<b>3</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>332</b>	

## Lease & Repair Scheme Summary

Applications						
MD	Received	No. of Units	Awaiting assessment	Rejected	Progressing	Total
Inishowen	15	18	2	13	0	15
Donegal	9	25	0	9	0	9
Glenties	10	10	1	9	0	10
Letterkenny	17	18	8	9	0	17
Stranorlar	6	20	6	0	0	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>57</b>
Updated 22/03/2018						



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive



29/3/2018.

Ms Bridie McBrearty  
Area Manager  
Municipal District of Donegal.  
Public Services Centre  
Drumlonagher  
Donegal Town  
Co. Donegal

**Re: Invitation to HSE National Ambulance Service to attend a meeting  
10/4/2018 re Ambulance Issues in South West Donegal.**

Dear Ms McBrearty,

I refer to your letter of 20/3/2018 to Director National Ambulance with regard to above. Your correspondence has been passed to me.

As I have already committed to a joint meeting with members of Donegal councillors with Community Health Organisation office and Letterkenny University hospital on the afternoon of the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018. I regret to inform you that I will not be in a position to accept the invitation to the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Paudie O'Riordan  
National Ambulance Services-West Area Operations Manager.

Seirbhís Otharcharr Reigiúnach an Iarthair,  
Ospidéal Naomh Muire, Caislén a' Bharraigh, Co. Mhaigh Eo, Éire

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<b>Donegal Municipal District</b>						
<b>2018 Roadworks Programme</b>						
<b>Status Report - 10th April 2018</b>						

## Donegal Municipal District

### 2018 Regional & Local Road Restoration Maintenance Programme

#### Regional Roads Restoration Maintenance - Budget €147,714

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	R	R-263-16	Malinmore - Malinbeg	Killybegs	S/D	2018	750	5	3,797	€20,883	
2	R	R-230 - 4	Braidge	Killybegs	S/D	2018	590	4	2,655	€14,600	
3	R	R-230-7	Crove	Killybegs	S/D	2018	800	6	4,800	€26,400	
4	R	R262/5	Frosses - Glenties	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	500	6	2,750	€13,088	
5	R	R231-3	Rossnowlagh Rd	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	900	7	6,300	€31,184	
6	R	R233	Lough Derg Rd	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,000	5	5,200	€26,000	Started
7	R	R232	Pettigo Rd	Laghey	S/D	2018	500	6	3,000	€15,559	Started

**Total Amount €147,714**

#### Local Roads Restoration Maintenance - Budget €495,818

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Works Type	Year	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	L	LP -1185-3	Ballymoon	Killybegs	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	
2	LP	LP-1085-1	Cappagh - Rinnakill	Killybegs	S/D	2018	750	4	2,667	€12,000	
3	LS	LP- 1315-3	Stragar	Killybegs	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	
4	LS	LP- 1395	Meenabrock/ Calhame 2 Patches	Killybegs	S/D	2018	850	5	4,442	€19,990	
5	LP	L-5195-1	Cuskry Glebe	Killybegs	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	
6	LS	L-1015-2	Meenacross	Killybegs	S/D	2018	1,000	3	3,000	€13,500	
7	LS	L-1015-4	Stranagartan - Straboy	Killybegs	S/D	2018	800	4	2,800	€12,600	
8	LP	1535 / 3	Drumfinn	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	1,380	3	4,140	€18,630	
9	LP	1435/1	Dunkineely - St Johns Point (Dr Wood	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	870	4	3,480	€15,660	Started
10	LP	1685/2 & 16	Drimarone Chapel - Roes Bridge	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	1,650	4	5,775	€25,900	Started
11	LP	1845/2	Dummies Bridge - Altadoo	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	1,000	5	5,000	€22,500	
12	LS	6445/2	Ballydevitt - Newtown	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	
13	LS	6605/1	Doonan	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	730	4	2,555	€11,498	
14	LP	1875/1	Salthill (Temples)	Dunkineely	S/D	2018	750	4	3,000	€13,000	
15	LS	LS7725-2	Skeegys	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,200	4	4,200	€18,900	
16	LS	LS7835-2	Derrykilliew	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,600	3	4,800	€21,600	
17	LP	P2485-3	Mullins	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,550	4	6,200	€27,900	
18	LS	LS7975-1	Killeen	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,100	4	3,850	€17,325	
19	LS	LS7785-2	Knader-Doobally	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	1,800	3	5,760	€25,920	
20	LS	LS7745-1	Tullymore	Ballyshannon	S/D	2018	800	4	2,800	€12,821	
21	LP	LP2095-3	Copany	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,000	4	4,000	€18,000	Started
22	LS	LS8035-2	Grousehall	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,300	4	4,550	€20,475	Started
23	LS	LS6745-1	Drummenny Middle	Laghey	S/D	2018	600	4	2,100	€9,450	Started
24	LS	LS6795-1	Drumnaowl	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,100	4	3,850	€17,325	Started
25	LP	LP2125-2	Laghey Barr	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,100	4	4,400	€19,800	Started
26	LS	LS7165-2	Lisnapaste	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,000	5	5,000	€22,500	Started
27	LT	LT22655	Crocknacunny	Laghey	S/D	2018	1,000	4	3,500	€15,750	Started
28	LT	LT20851	Clarcarricknagun	Laghey	S/D	2018	600	4	2,400	€10,774	Started

**Total Amount €495,818**

# Donegal Municipal District

## 2018 Agreed Restoration Improvement Programme

**2018**

### Regional Roads

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
7	R	R-262-2	Frosses Village - Gargrim	14 - Dunkineely	600	3,600	€77,000	
1	R	R-263-2	Killybegs Streets (Various locations)	15 - Killybegs			€60,000	Started
2	R	R-263-14	Glencolmcille Streets	15 - Killybegs	500	3,000	€38,000	
3	R	R-263-9	Cuskerly-Bogagh Road (patch)	15 - Killybegs	70	500	€12,500	Started
4	R	R-263-11	Meenaveen Junction (patch)	15 - Killybegs	80	640	€12,000	Started
5	R	R230- 6	Meeaneary	15 - Killybegs	450	2,700	€60,500	Completed
6	R	R363- 4	Kill height, Larghy	15 - Killybegs	300	1,800	€32,018	
8	R	R267-6	Bundoran Rd	16 - Ballyshannon	280	2520	€50,400	
9	R	R267	Ballyshannon Streets	16 - Ballyshannon	500	3000	€80,000	
10	R	R267	Ballyshannon Street Patches	16 - Ballyshannon			€15,000	Completed
11	R	R920-1	Beleek Bridge	16 - Ballyshannon	65	481	€9,620	
12	R	R231	Rosnowlagh RD	16 - Ballyshannon	350	2100	€42,000	
13	R	R267	Bundoran Streets	16 - Ballyshannon			€40,000	
14	R	R232-7	Pettigoe Rd	17 - Laghey	500	4000	€111,580	Started
15	R	R232	Pettigoe Rd Patches	17 - Laghey	500	3000	€80,000	Started
16	R	R267	Donegal Streets	17 - Laghey	75	525	€10,500	
17	LT	TBC	Drumcoagh (I Corrigan)	17 - Laghey	900	3150	€40,948	Startred

**2018**

### Local Roads

No	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Engineering Area	Length (m)	Total Area of work (sq.m)	Estimated Cost (EURO)	Status
1	LP	L-1425-2/3/4	St. John's Point	14 - Dunkineely	160	600	€47,890	Started
2	LP	L-1915-1	Ogherbeg - Gortlosky / Winterhill	14 - Dunkineely	1,000	3,800	€45,600	
3	LP	L-1815-4&5	Ardbane - Drumboarty	14 - Dunkineely	1,200	4,200	€50,000	Started
4	LS	L-6385-1/2	Drumkeelan - Dromore (Mick Griffin)	14 - Dunkineely	1000	3,000	€40,900	Started
5	LS	L-6445-1	Ballydevitt - Newtown	14 - Dunkineely	1,000	3,500	€42,000	Started
6	LP	L-1845-4	Doonan - Ballydevitt Junction	14 - Dunkineely	880	5,456	€80,000	Started
7	LP	L-1625-1	Cranny Road - Bonnyglen	14 - Dunkineely	1,000	3,200	€40,000	Started
8	LS	L-5935-2/3	Mullaboys - Gortaward	14 - Dunkineely	1,000	3,500	€40,000	
9	LP	L-1885-1	Glen Mt Charles - Hall Demense	14 - Dunkineely	800	4,000	€48,000	
10	LS	L-6015/1	Sallows - Disert	14 - Dunkineely	1,200	4,200	€50,000	Started
11	LP	L-1715/1	Letterbarrow C/R - Drimarone chape	14 - Dunkineely	820	3280	€35,000	Started
12	LS	L-6435-1	Tullinagreena - Orbeg (Jn The Farme	14 - Dunkineely	850	4,800	€32,000	Started
13	LP	LP-1025-2	Meenaveen - Malinmore	15 - Killybegs	700	3,500	€65,000	
14	LP	L-1325-1	Commons - Dohertys Road	15 - Killybegs	700	3,150	€50,400	Started
15	LS	L-5325-1	Croaghbeg	15 - Killybegs	675	2,025	€32,400	Started
16	LS	L-5285-1	Ballymoon - Crownrudda	15 - Killybegs	600	1,800	€28,800	
17	LS	L-5185-1	Straleel - Stranakirk	15 - Killybegs	2,000	6,000	€58,000	Started
18	LP	L-1205-1	Fintra Beach Road	15 - Killybegs	300	1,350	€25,000	Started
19	LP	L-1265-4	Roshine Road	15 - Killybegs	300	1,800	€28,800	Started
20	LP	L-1195-1	Line Road Kilcar	15 - Killybegs	200	1,200	€22,000	Started
21	LP	L-1365-4	Tullinteane	15 - Killybegs	500	1,500	€24,000	
22	LS	L-5535-1	Castlereagh	15 - Killybegs	700	2,100	€33,600	Started
23	LP	L-1085-1	Ranakill Teelin	15 - Killybegs	750	2,625	€32,000	
24	LP	L-1315-1	Commons road	15 - Killybegs	1,000	4,500	€40,000	Started
25	LP	LP2515-1	Magheracar	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3000	€42,000	Started
26	LS	LS7515-1	Ardeelan	16 - Ballyshannon	800	2800	€37,800	Started
27	LS	LS7925-1	Ardlam	16 - Ballyshannon	900	2700	€36,450	Started
28	LP	LP2225-1	Ballydermott	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3000	€40,500	
29	LS	LS7725-1	Ballymacaward	16 - Ballyshannon	1500	4500	€69,750	Started
30	LS	LS7475-1	Ballinacarrick	16 - Ballyshannon	800	2400	€33,600	Started
31	LP	LP2385-1	Creivy	16 - Ballyshannon	800	3200	€41,600	
32	LP	L2555-1	The Battery	16 - Ballyshannon	220	880	€17,600	
33	LS	LS7245-1	Glasbolie	16 - Ballyshannon	1300	4290	€60,060	Started
34	LS	LS7445-1	Ballinacarrick Bradlieve	16 - Ballyshannon	1000	3200	€41,847	
35	LP	LP1955-2	Lough Eske Demesne	17 - Laghey	500	2500	€32,500	Started
36	LS	LS6865-1	Raneany East	17 - Laghey	1100	3575	€46,475	Started
37	LT	LT18353	Bensons Hill	17 - Laghey	800	2600	€33,800	Started
38	LS	LS6865-2	Trumman East	17 - Laghey	1000	3500	€45,500	Started
39	LS	LS7325-1	Rath Mt	17 - Laghey	1450	5075	€60,900	Started
40	LS	LS6795-1	Drumnahowl	17 - Laghey	1000	3500	€45,500	Started
41	LT	LT22653	Cam Graveyard	17 - Laghey	800	2800	€36,400	Started
42	LP	LP2265-2	Crocknacunny	17 - Laghey	1300	5200	€67,600	Started
43	LS	L-6695-1	Lurganboy	17 - Laghey	800	5600	€112,000	Started
							<b>€2,665,338</b>	

<b>Donegal Municipal District</b>					
<b>Development Contribution Scheme Funded Capital Improvement Works</b>					
<b>Programme of works</b>					
<b>Proposed works</b>					
<b>Engineering Area</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Road No</b>	<b>Description of works</b>	<b>Budget per Engineering Area</b>	<b>Status</b>
14	Mountcharles	L-2615-1	Footpath repairs in Mountcharles	€11,250.00	Q4 2018
15	Carrick	R-263	Surfacing and ducting works outside the Church in Carrick	€11,250.00	Completed
16	Ballyshannon	R-267	Footpath repair works at West Port Ballyshannon.	€11,250.00	Completed
17	Pettigoe	R-232	Footpath repair works outside the Church in Pettigoe	€11,250.00	Completed
				€45,000.00	



Donegal Municipal District							
2017 Local Improvement Scheme Priority List							
Tranche 2 Funding							
Area	Budget	Priority No	LIS No	Cost Estimate	Total	Local Contribution paid	Status
14	€178,964.09	1	170261	€23,241.50	€171,143.00	No	N/A
		2	170250	€23,874.00		Yes	Started
		3	170264	€23,747.50		Yes	Started
		4	170005	€17,744.50		Yes	Started
		5	170654	€23,598.00		Yes	Started
		6	170184	€49,450.00		Yes	Started
		7	170112	€9,487.50		Not yet requested	
15	€138,851.45	1	170327	€11,854.00	€138,699.00	Yes	Started
		2	170873	€17,250.00		No	N/A
		3	170185	€11,500.00		Yes	Started
		4	170699	€11,270.00		Yes	Started
		5	171041	€40,250.00		Yes	Started
		6	170647	€25,875.00		Yes	Started
		7	170876	€20,700.00		Not yet requested	
16	€52,454.99	1	170899	€11,500.00	€50,876.00	Yes	Started
		2	170897	€15,226.00		Yes	
		3	170204	€20,700.00		Yes	Started
		4	170270	€3,450.00		Not yet requested	
17	€117,252.33	1	170878	€32,099.38	€114,680.31	Yes	Started
		2	170661	€13,652.80		Yes	Started
		3	170411	€54,337.50		Yes	Completed
		4	170656	€14,590.63		Not yet requested	
<b>Total</b>	<b>€487,522.86</b>			<b>Total</b>	<b>€475,398.31</b>		

**Funding to repair flood damage sustained from rainfall event 22nd/ 23rd August 2017**

Local Authority Donegal County Council

**Donegal Municipal District - Flood Damage**

Road Class	Road Number	Municipal District	Engineering Area	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Description of Flood Damage	Description of Proposed Repair Works	Length	Width	Estimated Cost	Engineering Area Totals	Status
Local	L1865-25	Donegal EA	14	Ballydevitt-Haugh	Damage cause to bridge abutment	Bridge repair, Lower the river bed downstream of bridge	5m		€20,000.00	€23,000.00	Contract
Local	L6335	Donegal EA	14	Eglish Bridge	Landslide up stream has closed the mouth of Bridge. Unclear at this stage if damage has been caused to Bridge	Clear blockages & inspect bridge			€3,000.00		Completed
Local	L7195-1	Donegal EA	16	Crookahanny	Road Flooded -Rutted	Wetmix, double surface dress and drainage	700m	3m	€35,000.00	€57,000.00	
Local	L2295-1	Donegal EA	16	Rossnowlough Upper	Road flooded, Surface damage and Potholes	Raise and resurface 2 sections of road. Upgrade drainage	130m	5.5m	€22,000.00		
Local	L-6775-1	Donegal EA	17	Drumlust	50m of road edge collapsed into drain	Place road drainage and crossing	60m		€9,000.00	€92,150.00	Completed
Local	L-18353	Donegal EA	17	Benson Hill	Road Flooded/potholes and rutting	Stone, and surface dress	750m	3.5m	€39,500.00		Started
Local	L-18352	Donegal EA	17	Goladoo	Side of road washed away	Pipe drain and reconstruct road/verge	20m	3.5m	€6,000.00		Completed
Local	L-80652	Donegal EA	17	Lettercran	Road Flooded/potholes and rutting	Stone, and surface dress	300m	3.5m	€15,750.00		Started
Local		Donegal EA	17	Corracrump	Road edge washed away	Drainage along road edge and reinstate verge	300m		€9,000.00		
Local	L-2035-1	Donegal EA	17	Legacurry	Road flooded due to undersized road crossing and surface washed away	Reinstate road stone and surface dress, upsize road crossing	150m	3.5m	€12,900.00		
											€172,150.00

**Donegal Municipal District**

**2018 LOW COST REMEDIAL WORKS**

**Low cost safety measures**

Engineering Area	Location	Site Location	Road No	Budget (€)	Description of works	Status
14	Killybegs	Donegal Road, Killybegs	R263	€30,000.00	Safety Improvement Works outside St Catherines Vocational School	Design stage
16	Ballyshannon	Assaroo Road & Allingham Road	R267 & R926	€30,000.00	Upgrade of pedestrian crossings at the Bridge End roundabout.	Not started

## Donegal Municipal District

### Proposed list of projects to be funded from the 2018 Drainage Grant

County Budget €647,000.00

Donegal MD Budget €139,410.00

Area	% of Budget	Budget	Type of Works	Estimated Cost €	Status
14	23.58%	€32,867.80	LP-1845-4 - Doonan Road Install large diameter drain and road crossing to alleviate flooding problems.	€32,867.80	
			R236-2 - Five Points to Holly Bush. Upgrade existing drainage to alleviate existing flooding issue.	€10,000.00	
			L-1095-2 - Carrick National School - Install new drainage network to address local flooding issue.	€7,000.00	
			L-1045-1 - Sliabh Liag Road - Install new drainage network to address local flooding issue.	€5,000.00	
15	24.58%	€34,260.59	L-1315-2 - Church Road Killybegs - Upgrade existing drainage network to alleviate existing flooding issue	€12,260.59	
16	24.70%	€34,428.44	R231 - Coolmore - Install new drainage network to alleviate existing flooding.	€15,000.00	
			R231 - Ardeelan - Install new drainage network to alleviate existing flooding.	€7,500.00	
			L-7245-1 - Glasbolie - Install new drainage network to alleviate existing flooding.	€11,928.44	
17	27.15%	€37,853.16	L-8035-3 - Grousehall - Install new roadside drain to alleviate existing flooding.	€8,000.00	
			R267 - Temples Corner - Install new culverts to alleviate existing flooding problems	€29,853.16	
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€139,410.00</b>	



**Donegal MD Meeting**  
**10<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

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## Planning Services Report

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<b>3</b>	<b>Notes &amp; Monthly Schedule</b>	<p>Planning Clinics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018</li> </ul>								
<b>4</b>	<b>Central Planning Unit</b>									
	(1) County Development Plan Review Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Further to the Members' Resolution at the adjourned Plenary Council meeting on 13th December, 2017, to publish for public consultation 40 no. material alterations to the Draft CDP, and completion of work on the SEA and AA, the Material Alterations were published for public consultation on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.</li> <li>2. The period for public consultation ran for 4 weeks (ie. from 9th February, 2018 until 8th March, 2018.). A total of 32 no. submissions were received.</li> <li>3. The Chief Executive's report on observations or submissions issued on 3rd April, 2018.</li> <li>4. The Members must complete their consideration of the CE report within 6 weeks (i.e. by 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018). In order to facilitate this process, the following arrangements were agreed at the Plenary Council meeting on 26th January, 2018: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Plenary Workshop at 2pm on Monday 16th April, 2018; and</b></li> <li>b. <b>Special Plenary Council meeting at 10.00am on Wednesday 9th May, 2018.</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol>								
	(2) Local Area Plans	<p><b>Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plan [for An Clochán Liath (Dungloe); Ballybofey-Stranorlar; Ballyshannon; Bridgend; Carndonagh; Donegal Town; and Killybegs</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Draft Plan was published on 24th November, 2017 with the public consultation period running until 24th January, 2018, inclusive of an extra week over and above that originally advertised. It is reasonable to state that the consultation campaign has been effective in that around 1000 no. submissions were received.</li> <li>2. The Chief Executive's Report (CE Report) on the consultation period outcomes was submitted to Members on 23rd February, 2018.</li> </ol>								



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	<p><b>3.</b> Following a round of MD workshops (excluding Letterkenny MD) the Chief Executive's Report was considered at the Plenary Council meeting on 26th March, 2018. At the meeting, it was agreed to proceed to the next stage of the process this being the publication of proposed material alterations, together with a Strategic Environmental Assessment Addendum and Appropriate Assessment Addendum. It is anticipated that the Proposed Material Alterations will be published in late April/early May, 2018.</p> <p><b>4.</b> It is anticipated that the Chief Executive's Report on the Proposed Material Alterations will be considered at the Plenary Council meeting of 23rd July, 2018 with a view to adopting the Plan, with the Plan becoming operative 4 weeks later.</p>
(3) Letterkenny Local Area Plan	Initial preparatory work commenced on the Letterkenny Local Area Plan at the beginning of 2018 and this work is ongoing. A workshop with the Letterkenny Members was held on 23rd March, 2018.
(4) Proposed Additions to Record of Protected Structures	See attached report.
(5) Conservation Grant Schemes	<p>Applications for both the Built Heritage at Risk Scheme and the Structures at Risk Fund grants schemes closed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018.</p> <p><u>Built Heritage at Risk Scheme</u> The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has allocated €50,000 to County Donegal under this scheme. The Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2018 received 16 applications. All have now been assessed with the result that 10 applications have been submitted to the Department for its final adjudication. Confirmation is still awaited as to the outcomes of these applications.</p> <p><u>Structures at Risk Fund</u> The Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht has allocated €50,000 to County Donegal under this scheme. The Structures at Risk Fund 2018 received 9 applications. All have now been assessed with the result that 10 applications have been submitted to the Department for its final adjudication. Confirmation is still awaited as to the outcomes of these applications.</p>



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(6) Hericoast Project	<p>A Stakeholders' meeting was held on 26th March, 2018; it focussed on the data collated to date including that from the WebApp and discussions around key outputs, and also ongoing work with the International project team aligned to the production of a combined (with all the partners) series of report documents. These documents along with other regional outputs will inform the input of heritage management at an EU level, in advance of the European Maritime Day (Bulgaria) and the launch of the 'European Decade of Cultural Heritage' (Brussels) at which the project shall be presented later in 2018. It is of note that the Donegal HERICOAST video and Fanad Lighthouse feature on the landing page of the EU Interreg HERICOAST website; <a href="http://www.interregeurope.eu/hericoast">www.interregeurope.eu/hericoast</a></p> <p>Donegal County Council will be hosting the HERICOAST Workshop and meetings with the International partners from the 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018, and this is an opportunity to showcase the enormity of the coastal heritage asset we have. The 35 European delegates (approximately) will be based at the Shandon Hotel, following requisite procurement rules. The project team are working closely with Norway, the project lead, to agree on a schedule of meetings, events and field trips for the event, and the project team shall update the County Councilors when the detail becomes available.</p>
<p>5 <b>Further Information</b> <i>Click on web links to access information.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly List of applications and decisions: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/</a></li> <li>• Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li> <li>• Planning Webpage: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li> <li>• Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: <a href="http://www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybySURFORRECLOC.asp">www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybySURFORRECLOC.asp</a></li> <li>• File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf">www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</a></li> </ul>

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**Chief Executive Report on Proposed Additions to the  
Record of Protected Structures  
to  
Donegal Municipal District Meeting 10th April 2018**



**Comhairle Contae  
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Donegal County Council



## **Additions to the Record of Protected Structures**

### **1.0 Introduction**

At full Pleanary meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 a strategy for a phased approach to the additions to the Record of Protected Structures was discussed. It was resolved that decisions on additions to the Record of Protected Structures were to be taken at a Municipal District level (as provided for under Section 131A of the Local Government Act, 2001 and Schedule 14A, Part 2).

This is the work programme following on from the Additions in 2017. It consists of a total number of 12 structures which have been proposed by either a Member of the Public or the owner of the structure, to be added to the Record of Protected Structures (RPS), over the past year.

Out of the 12 proposed additions to the Record of Protected Structures it is considered that 1 structure does not have sufficient merit to be added.

There are 4 proposed structures in the Donegal Municipal District consisting of two bridges and two residential properties and these are set out in Appendix 1 of this document. There is a photo and location map together with the NIAH ref number, the name and address, a description of the structure together with the individual rating and importance values of the structure.

### **2.0 Background**

**Table 1: Number of Requested Additions in each of the Municipal Districts**

<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>No. of Proposed Additions</b>
<b>Donegal</b>	4
<b>Inishowen</b>	1
<b>Glenties</b>	3
<b>Letterkenny</b>	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

The table above outlines the number of proposed additions requested over the past year in each of the Municipal Districts. There are four buildings in the Donegal Municipal District. All 4 proposed structures have merit to be added to the RPS.

### **3.0 The Additions Process**

The following table sets out the 7 main steps required under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) to add additions onto the Record of Protected Structure under Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act.

**Table 2: Section 55 Process**

Step	Task	Date
1	Start consultation on proposed additions a) Serve notice on owners and occupiers b) Add in Newspapers	20 <sup>th</sup> April 2018
2	Public display period (11 weeks)	20 <sup>th</sup> April – 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
3	Monitor submissions and observations and submit to the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs	20 <sup>th</sup> April – 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2018
4	Report to Members summarising submissions received during consultation period	September 2018
5	Present to MD Meeting September 2018 for decision to add the proposed addition	September 2018
6	Prepare Managers Order	September 2018
7	Serve final notice to all owners/occupiers that the structure is protected	September 2018



#### 4.0 Next Steps



Members are requested to consider the overarching recommendation at Section 5.0 below.

#### 5.0 Recommendation

That the 4 proposed structures for which the Council is in receipt of requests for the structures to be added to the Record of Protected Structures should be published for the purposes of consultation under Section 55 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 (As amended) as set out below.


**Table 3: Publish for Purposes of Consultation Under Section 55**


No.	NIAH Ref	Type	Name	Location	
1	40845021	House	Brooke Hill	Killybegs Co. Donegal	
2	40909101	Bridge	The Lough Head Bridge	Killybegs Co. Donegal	


3	40909108	Bridge	The Lough Head Bridge	Killybegs Co. Donegal	
4	40852041	House	The Mall Ballyshannon	Ballyshannon	




## Appendix 1

40845021	House		Brooke Hill	Killybegs Co. Donegal	<p>Detached three-bay two-storey house, built c. 1880, having central projecting gable-fronted breakfront/porch projection to the main elevation (south), flanked to either side by single-storey canted bay windows, and having gable-fronted half-dormer openings to front elevation. Two-storey extension to the rear (north). Now unoccupied. Pitched purple slate roof having overhanging eaves with exposed rafters, rendered chimneystacks to gable ends (east and west) having render stringcourses, and cast-iron rainwater goods. Decorative pierced timber bargeboards to dormer openings and central breakfront/porch projection with timber spear finials over gable apexes. Decorative pierced timber bargeboards to gable ends of main body of building. Roughcast rendered walls over projecting smooth rendered plinth course, smooth rendered eaves course and with render block-and-start quoins to the corners of main building and central projection. Smooth render stringcourse to porch projection at first floor level. Smooth rendered panels to canted bays over window openings having recessed quatrefoil motifs; smooth render panels over window openings to gabled half-dormers each having central recessed quatrefoil motif. Square-headed window openings to canted bays having plain render surrounds with keystone detail and having</p>	<p>This well-proportioned and attractive house, of late nineteenth-century appearance, retains much of its early character and form. The canted bays and the half-dormer openings are typical features of many High Victorian and Edwardian middle class houses in Ireland, of which this is a good example. The decorative timber bargeboards to the gables and to the half-dormers are another characteristic High Victorian motif attractive that helps create quite a picturesque composition. The extensive render decoration to the main elevation adds further interest to the main elevation. The regrettable loss of the original fittings to the openings detracts somewhat from its visual appearance but suitable modern could be reinstated. This house was the home of a James Stuart Brooke (1856 - ), a County Monaghan born medical professional who served with the British army in India for periods between c. 1883 and his retirement in 1912, where he achieved the rank of Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel. It is likely that he was the original occupant of this house given its name. Occupying attractive mature wooded grounds to the north-east of Killybegs, this building is an addition to the built heritage of the local area.</p>	Architectural
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					<p>replacement window openings. Square-headed window openings in pointed-arched recesses at first floor level, paired to outer bays, having plain render surrounds and replacement window fittings. Pointed-arched door opening to central breakfront/porch projection having blocked render surround with keystone detail, replacement door and replacement overhead. Set back from road in extensive mature wooded grounds to the north-east of Killybegs town centre. Main gateway to the east of site comprising a pair of ashlar gate piers (on square-plan), gates now missing.</p>		
40909101	Bridge		The Lough Head Bridge	Killybegs Co. Donegal	<p>Single-arch road bridge over Bungostee River, built c. 1860. Round-headed arch having dressed stone voussoirs; squared coursed rubble stone construction to arch barrel with projecting cut stone stringcourses at arch springing point. Squared coursed rubble stone construction to spandrel and parapets. Located at the point where Bungostee River discharges into Killybegs harbour. Earlier bridge adjacent to the north (see 40909108). Bridge now superseded by modern bridge and embankment over Killybegs Harbour to the south. Located to the north-east of Killybegs.</p>	<p>This appealing single-arched road bridge makes a positive contribution to the picturesque landscape at the point where the Bungostee River discharges into Killybegs Harbour. It retains its early form and character. It is robustly-constructed in good quality rubble stone masonry, and its continued survival (although now superseded by a modern bridge to the south) and use stands as testament to the quality of its original construction. The high quality voussoirs to the arch and the projecting string courses to the arch barrel at the arch springing point add additional interest and are clearly the work of skilled masons. This bridge dates to the second half of the nineteenth-century and was probably built by the Grand Jury (the forerunner to the County Council) to provide better access to the important harbour at Killybegs just to the south-west. The refined stonework and form of this bridge contrasts with the more crude</p>	Architectural Technical

						construction of the earlier bridge adjacent to the north (see 40909108), which this bridge was built to replace or supplement. This bridge is an integral element of the built heritage and transport history of the Killybegs area, and is an appealing feature in the local landscape.	
40909108	Bridge		The Lough Head Bridge	Killybegs Co. Donegal	Single-arch road bridge over Bungostee River, built c. 1770. Now out of use and overgrown with vegetation. Round-headed arch having roughly squared rubble stone voussoirs; rubble stone construction to arch barrel. Rubble stone construction to spandrels and parapets. Squared coursed rubble stone construction to spandrels and parapets. Located at the point where Bungostee River discharges into Killybegs harbour. Later bridge adjacent to the south (see 40909101), now superseded by modern bridge and embankment over Killybegs Harbour to the south. Located to the north-east of Killybegs.	This modest single-arch bridge retains its early form and character, and is an interesting feature in the landscape at the point where the Bungostee River discharges into Killybegs Harbour. Although long out of use, it is robustly-constructed in local rubble stone masonry, and its continued survival is testament to the quality of its original construction. This bridge was superseded by a later bridge adjacent to the south (see 40909101), which in turn has been by a modern bridge and embankment further to the south. The rather crude and utilitarian nature of this bridge contrasts with the more refined stonework found at its later neighbour to the south. This bridge originally carried the main road from Donegal Town to the important harbour at Killybegs and is probably of considerable antiquity, perhaps dating to the mid-eighteenth century or maybe even earlier (a road and bridge is indicated somewhere near this point on Moll's map of Ireland dated 1714, and on the Taylor and Skinner Map of the area from 1777 - 1783). This simple bridge is an integral element of the built heritage and transport history of the Killybegs area, and is an appealing feature in the local landscape.	Architectural Technical

40852041	House		The Mall Ballyshannon	<p>Detached three-bay two-storey house, built c. 1910, having full-height canted projections to the outer bays of the main elevation (west) and with two-storey return to rear (east). Hipped natural slate roof having terracotta ridge tiles, terracotta finials over canted bays, central pair of yellow brick chimneystacks having pronounced render cornice coping over and flush stringcourses, profiled cast-iron rainwater goods, and render dentilated eaves cornice. Pitched natural slate roof to rear return having yellow brick chimneystack to the west gable end having pronounced render cornice coping over, render dentilated eaves cornice and cast-iron rainwater goods. Smooth rendered walls over projecting plinth, and having raised render block-and-start quoins to the corners off main block and to rear return. Moulded stringcourse/cornice at first floor level. Square-headed window openings at ground floor level to main block and to rear return having architraved surrounds, stone sills and replacement window openings. Square-headed window openings to main elevation (west) and first floor level having lugged architraved surrounds, stone sills and replacement windows. Continuous sills to canted bays. Scrolled/inverted consoles to base of architraved surround to centre bay, first floor level of main façade. Central basket-arched door opening to main elevation (west) having rendered architrave surround with scrolled keystone, replacement door with</p>	<p>This attractive and well-proportioned Edwardian-style house retains its early form and architectural character. The front elevation of this house is enlivened by the extensive render/stucco decoration, particularly by the architraves to the openings, the pediment to the door, the stringcourse and by the pronounced dentilated eaves cornice. The loss of the original fittings to the openings, although regrettable, fails to detract substantially for its visual appeal. This building occupies a highly appealing site overlooking the estuary of the River Erne, and is an integral element of the built heritage of the local area. The well-crafted gateway to the south adds considerably to the setting, and the streetscape to the west end of the Mall. The site of this house was in formerly in use as a 'coal yard', c. 1900 (Ordnance Survey twenty-five inch map sheet). This house was apparently built by the Swan family (local information). A J. Swan was a Harbour Commissioner for Ballyshannon in 1910 (Ulster Towns Directory), while the house has later the home of a Tom Swan, who ran a fish processing operation from the adjacent warehouse (see 40852039) c. 1940 (Begley 2009).</p>	Architectural
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					<p>glazed surrounds and overlight, and having segmental pediment over. Door accessed by flight of concrete steps flanked to either side by rendered plinth walls that curve outwards from the doorway. Set back from road in mature landscaped grounds to the west end of The Mall, and to the west of Ballyshannon. Single-storey outbuildings to the north-east having rendered walls, corrugated metal roofs, and timber fittings. Gateway to the south comprising moulded cast-iron gate posts supporting decorative wrought-iron gates. Gateway flanked to either side (east and west) by curved sections of squared rubble stone walling (brought to courses) having moulded sandstone coping over</p>		
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**Municipal District of Donegal**

**10<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

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**REPORT**

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**Activity / Project Update – March 2018**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	1. Donegal Gathering Project 2. Donegal East Tourism																								
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>																									
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<b>Progress to date within the last two quarter - inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>1. Donegal Gathering Project</b></p> <p>- continue working on the project – this platform is not only for professional acts but goes right down to the community level providing local festival &amp; events organisers with the opportunity to promote their events free of charge on the <a href="http://www.donegalgathering.com">www.donegalgathering.com</a> website to reach local, national and international audiences.</p> <p>- events (incl. short description, image or a poster) can be submitted via email to: <a href="mailto:igalawne@donegalcoco.ie">igalawne@donegalcoco.ie</a> or via Contact Us section on the website: <a href="https://donegalgathering.com/contact-us-2/">https://donegalgathering.com/contact-us-2/</a></p> <p>Website Views: 727,567 Users: 323,737</p> <p><b>Website Views</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>January 2018</td> <td>8,273 (up 42%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February 2018</td> <td>8,716 (up 39%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March*</td> <td>15,168</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Users</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>January 2018</td> <td>3,701 (up 23%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February 2018</td> <td>3,566 (up 9.5%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March*</td> <td>7,973</td> </tr> </table> <p>*as of March 27th</p> <p><b>Top Views by Country in the last 30 days</b></p> <p>Stats for 30 days ending March 27, 2018 (Summarized)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Country</th> <th>Views</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> Ireland</td> <td>8,240</td> </tr> <tr> <td> United Kingdom</td> <td>5,552</td> </tr> <tr> <td> United States</td> <td>1,289</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Germany</td> <td>275</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Canada</td> <td>223</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>1  8,240</p> <p>Website traffic came from 56 countries worldwide</p>	January 2018	8,273 (up 42%)	February 2018	8,716 (up 39%)	March*	15,168	January 2018	3,701 (up 23%)	February 2018	3,566 (up 9.5%)	March*	7,973	Country	Views	Ireland	8,240	United Kingdom	5,552	United States	1,289	Germany	275	Canada	223
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	<p><b>2. Donegal East Tourism</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For the first time the Group was represented at this year's Holiday World Shows in Belfast and Dublin – new promotional flyer and pull-up banners have been produced for the Group;</li> <li>- The official launch of Donegal East Tourism is planned for early April – details to be confirmed</li> <li>- Website – new website development is in progress; it will be launched during the official project launch in April; website preview is available on: <a href="http://donegaleast.ie/">http://donegaleast.ie/</a></li> <li>- Facebook – the Group has 2 Facebook pages:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Closed Group for Members only – East Donegal Tourism (by invite or request only);</li> <li>2. Donegal East Tourism (366 likes) – consumer page promoting the region to the wider audience: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/DonegalEastTourism/">https://www.facebook.com/DonegalEastTourism/</a></li> </ol> </li> <li>- Membership structure is in place – please contact Leah Fairman – the Group Secretary for more details: <a href="mailto:eastdonegaltourism@gmail.com">eastdonegaltourism@gmail.com</a></li> <li>- Last meeting took place on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Glenmore Fishing Lodge</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next reporting period</b></p>	<p>Donegal Gathering – website stats report at the end of April 2018          Tourism Sectoral Forum – April meeting update</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b>  <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Iga Lawne, Community Tourism Officer          Tourism Unit, Donegal County Council          E: <a href="mailto:igalawne@donegalcoco.ie">igalawne@donegalcoco.ie</a> / T: 074-9724475</p>



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## **Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Activity Report**

*Produced by Joy Harron – Marine Tourism Officer – Donegal County Council*

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	The Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Officer co-ordinates several projects including MalinWaters, Capiten, Cool Route, WAOH (Wildsea Atlantic Ocean Heritage), ISLE tourism project, CEDRA, Wildsea Europe in addition to a number of maritime events and other development activities.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	N/A – Multiple Budgets from Various Projects
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 1 - inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>Marine Tourism Conference</b> A Marine Tourism Conference took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the Shandon Hotel, Dunfanaghy. Hosted by Donegal County Council over 200 people registered for the event which was co-funded by the Marine Institute. Keynote speakers included world adventurer Monty Halls, Naomh McElhatton, digital marketing expert from House of Comms, Thomas Furey from the Marine Institute, Beckey-Finn Britton from Clean Coasts and a local business case study provided by Jim Muldowney. The CE of Donegal County Council and Cathaoirleach gave the opening addresses at this event. The afternoon featured a workshop facilitated by Naomh McElhatton on the development of online marketing strategy for marine tourism businesses. A number of organisations and agencies attended to provide promotional stands with information about their services and supports. There was good representation from cross-border local authorities and other agencies.</p> <p><b>Welcome Anchorages 2018</b> The front cover of Welcome Anchorages 2018 showcases the new marina in Killybegs and there is an editorial piece within the magazine all about the MalinWaters regions including Donegal. This has been distributed to marinas and information centres in the UK and Ireland.</p> <p><b>Wildsea Europe</b> While EU funding for this project has ended, a board meeting took place on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 to discuss the future of the project. It has been decided that the network of partners will</p>

	<p>provide a financial contribution for 2018 to continue the marketing activity for the website and to provide a resource for the continued development of the booking engine that will provide support for SME's on booking management and also work on marketing activities. New partners have now joined the network including Forum Oceano (Portugal), Visit Cornwall, the WCA (World Cetacean Alliance). The WAOH project which has been recently launched is the follow up to Wildsea Europe and will provide more EU funding to further develop the network.</p>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 2 2018 reporting period</b></p>	<p><b>Monty Halls Campaign</b> Following the Marine Tourism Conference the Tourism Unit is working with Monty Halls on a campaign to promote Donegal as a family friendly adventure destination.</p> <p><b>MalinWaters Marketing Activity</b> The funding call for MalinWaters events sponsorship closed on <b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b></p> <p><b>ISLE Tourism Project</b> The ISLE Tourism Project, led by Donegal County Council and partner Udáras na Gaeltachta has been successfully funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine under the CEDRA (Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas) programme. The Tourism Impact Study is being finalised at the moment and will be made public in April 2018. The training course at LYIT is ongoing and will be finished in May 2018. Photos of the islands have been procured and will be used in promotional materials. Signage is in development.</p> <p><b>CAPITEN</b> The EU funded CAPITEN project is now underway. Donegal County Council is responsible for a number of elements including the production of a Marketing Plan and a template of guidelines for event organisers. Terms of reference for the production of the Marketing Plan have been sent out to potential suppliers.</p> <p><b>WAOH Project</b> Donegal County Council is responsible for a number of elements of the WAOH project as follows and will be working on these in coming months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The mapping of the WAOH route will involve the identification of key dive sites in the partner regions. A number of stakeholder engagement workshops across County Donegal for this project.</li> <li>• Development of a Marketing Plan for the route.</li> <li>• A social media/familiarisation trip.</li> <li>• Further development of the Wildsea.eu website.</li> <li>• Information workshops.</li> <li>• Participation at targeted trade shows with opportunities for local SME's to participate.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>MalinWaters</b> A Marketing Plan and budget are in development for MalinWaters. This was pending the responses from partners in relation to membership and funding contribution for MalinWaters in 2018. A meeting of the MalinWaters partnership will be held in April 2018.</p> <p><b>Marine Tourism Newsletter</b> Further updates will be sent out to over 200 marine tourism contacts via the e-mail newsletter.</p> <p><b>Blueway Opportunities</b> The possibility of creating sections of 'Blueway' in Donegal along our coastline is being investigated. Donegal County Council has been liaising with Waterways Ireland in relation to the development of Blueways.</p> <p><b>SeaFest 2018</b> Donegal County Council Tourism Unit will be exhibiting at SeaFest 2018. This is an excellent opportunity to promote Donegal to both the domestic and international market and to encourage visitors to travel to the North West over more commonly travelled routes to the south of Ireland. SeaFest 2017 attracted over 100k visitors and over 800 brochures, maps and other promotional materials were distributed at the event.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p><b>Joy Harron</b> <b>Marine Tourism Officer</b> <b>Donegal County Council</b> <b>Donegal Public Service Centre</b> <b>Drumlonagher</b> <b>Donegal Town</b> <b>Co. Donegal</b></p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="font-size: small;"> <p><b>Comhairle Contae</b> <b>Dhúin na nGall</b> Donegal County Council</p> </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px; font-family: cursive; font-size: 2em; color: black;">Donegal</div> </div> <p><b>Tel:</b> + 353 (74) 9724431 <b>Mobile:</b> +353 (87) 0619360 <b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:joyharron@donegalcoco.ie">joyharron@donegalcoco.ie</a> <b>LinkedIn:</b> <a href="http://www.linkedin.com/in/joyharron">www.linkedin.com/in/joyharron</a></p>



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**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Bundoran Tourism Officer Update
<b>Project Description</b>	Promotional Activities – March 2018
<b>Current Activities</b>	<p><u>Membership of Discover Bundoran Tourism Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing collection of membership fees.</li></ul> <p><u>Discover Bundoran brochure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brochure being distributed to tourist offices, businesses and attractions in the Donegal and wider area.</li></ul> <p><u>Marketing of Bundoran</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marketing and social media vision for 2018 continuing to be implemented.</li><li>• March newsletter sent out mid month.</li><li>• Advertising and promotion for the Fairy Bridges and Wishing Chair – new billboard at Tullaghan.</li><li>• Joint advertising in Johnston Press Group newspapers w/c March 12<sup>th</sup></li><li>• Joint advertising in Belfast Telegraph w/c March 26<sup>th</sup>.</li></ul> <p><u>Other:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working on local trade evening event.</li><li>• Facilitating meeting of Ballyshannon trade.</li><li>• Voice over for Donegal Tourism TV spot.</li></ul> <p><u>Events for 2017/2018</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Successful St Patrick's Day Parade 2018 and live Facebook broadcast.</li><li>• Assisted planning and logistics for Cara Bundoran Challenge.</li><li>• Preparations for Easter Weekend Egg Painting.</li><li>• Assisting planning for Darkness Into Light event in May.</li></ul> <p><u>Discover Bundoran website and social media</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ongoing management of <a href="http://www.discoverbundoran.com">www.discoverbundoran.com</a> and social media channels.</li><li>• Regular posting of content and video on Facebook page. Facebook Live broadcast from the start/finish line of Cara Bundoran Run and also St Patrick's Day parade which has had over 5000 views to date.</li><li>• Regular Friday "What's on" video on Facebook/Twitter continues.</li><li>• Ongoing updating of website with news blogs, photo galleries and event/gig guide listings.</li><li>• Ongoing optimization of site through SEO to reduce bounce rate.</li><li>• Discover Bundoran facebook page and other social media channels continues to grow weekly.</li></ul>



	<p><u>Marketing of Bundoran Waterworld &amp; Bundoran Seaweed Baths</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Marketing plan for 2018 season being implemented and airtime/spots booked.</li><li>• Coordinating copy for TV/Radio/Cinema/Print ads.</li><li>• Finalising radio ad content.</li><li>• Waterworld opens for Season 27<sup>th</sup> on Good Friday at 12 midday.</li></ul> <p><u>Management and Staffing of Bundoran Tourist Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 x TUS employees, 1 x volunteer.</li><li>• Staff training manual written.</li><li>• Office open 7 days per week.</li></ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Shane Smyth – <a href="mailto:shane@discoverbundoran.com">shane@discoverbundoran.com</a> 087 3737817</p>



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**Activity / Project Update Donegal April 2018**

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
<b>Budget</b> (if applicable)	
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 1 - inclusive of current status</b>	<p>Funding has been approved in January under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure scheme Measure 2 for the Ballyshannon Cycle Loops where <b>€17,500</b> will be spent on maps and new signage to bring the two cycle hubs up to the correct standard. This work is now being procured with a contractor expected to be appointed in conjunction with the contract to erect new Euro-velo signage from Donegal Town to Bundoran as part of the <b>Atlantic on Bike project</b> where the Donegal Cycleway will be promoted as part of the Euro-Velo 1 route from the border at Bridgend following the coastal route round to Bundoran. Two spurs have been included from Ballyshannon to Belleek and Donegal Town to Ballybofey. We are proposing to install some bicycle stands in some of the key towns along this route.</p> <p>A training seminar for European Cycle Federation (ECF) inspectors will be held in Letterkenny on week beginning Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.</p> <p>Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure scheme 2017 has funded map boards for <b>Bealach na Gaeltachta €9,600</b> and the extension of the <b>Muirlinn river walk at Glencolmcille €8,000</b>. Work is ongoing at Muirlinn and the new map boards for Sli Cholmcille should be erected by May at Glencolmcille, Ardara and Carrick.</p> <p>We are also finalising the routes for proposed local walks in and around Kilcar with the support of DFI Funds. Materials have since been delivered and works on the erection of the posts and walking signs has commenced.</p> <p>Path Repair works was also carried out at Slieve League And is now completed.</p> <p>A meeting between Fermanagh Omagh District Council and the Trails Office has agreed to seek funding to progress a feasibility study on the proposed Ballyshannon to Beleek trail.</p> <p>The upgrading of the existing walks and trails to an acceptable standard to meet the requirements of the National Trails Office including the two Colmcille loops.</p> <p>Ongoing consultation with agencies including Roinn na Gaeltachta, Udaras na Gaeltachta, National Parks &amp; Wildlife Services, Donegal Tourism and Donegal Local development Committee.</p>

<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 2 reporting period</b>	Completion of the first phase of the Kilcar local walks.  Explore funding options for Ballyshannon to Belleek walk.  Look at the potential for a walk at Killybegs towards Fintra Bridge  Continuation of maintenance programme where damage to the existing routes can be repaired.
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
<b>Budget</b>	€12,913,873 <i>Note: Project costs €9,685,406, administration and animation costs €3,228,467</i>
<b>Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status</b>	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). 76 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending granting LEADER funding to a value of €2.9m. Donegal has the one of the highest approved project spend nationally for the LEADER programme to date.
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2018, with further projects coming forward for approval. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings are also being held in order to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the Development companies continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the LEADER programme.
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**Activity / Project Update: April 2018**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>Annual Maintenance of Playgrounds</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Waterworld, Bundoran</li> <li>2. St. John Bosco, Donegal Town</li> <li>3. Mall Park, Ballyshannon</li> <li>4. Killybegs</li> <li>5. Westend, Bundoran</li> <li>6. Glencolmicille</li> <li>7. Kilcar</li> <li>8. Drumacrin</li> </ol>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€14,245.13 incl. VAT
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment</li> <li>• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards</li> <li>• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings , shackles, etc.</li> <li>• Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified</li> <li>• Tender requests issued on 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 with a closing date of 4.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2017.</li> <li>• Tenders assessed December 2017</li> <li>• Annual Maintenance Tender awarded to Murphy Playground Services Ltd</li> <li>• Contractor currently on site</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All works to be completed by June 2018.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Lifford Tel: 087-1788623 Email:eamonb@donegalcoco.ie</p>



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**Activity / Project Update: April 2018**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>T&amp;V 2017 - Dunkineely</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Commission of L.A. Plan, Health Check and refurbishment of Dunkineely Community Centre
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dunkineely Community Ltd has procured a consultant to manage the project on their behalf and he is currently assessing the condition of the community hall to determine the works required.</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	All works to be completed by 31st December 2018
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2016 T&amp;V - Ballyshannon</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Enhancement of Bridgend Roundabout</li><li>2. Provision of Guidance document for Traditional Shopfronts and Colour Scheme for Ballyshannon Streets.</li></ol>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€76,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs €13,110 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ballyshannon works consists of:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>9. Paving</li><li>10. Kerbing</li><li>11. Street furniture, litter bins, interpretative panels</li><li>12. Pedestrian crossing points – lining and bollards, tactile paving</li><li>13. Landscaping of roundabout and surrounding area</li><li>14. Enhancement of roundabout and approach islands</li></ol></li></ol> <p>Public art centre piece to reflect WAW</p> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deladrus Architects are currently developing the Design Guide &amp; colour palette for Ballyshannon Main Street.</li><li>• Mc Cafferty Contracts have commenced works in Ballyshannon.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Design Guide to be completed by May 2018</li><li>• Construction works due to be completed by May 2018</li></ul>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>T&amp;V 2017 - Kilcar</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	1. Development of a Gaeltacht Digital Hub
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	€42,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs €10,500 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval obtained from Department.</li><li>• Letter of Offer issued to Community Group.</li><li>• Meetings / discussions taking place with Fionntarlann Cill Chartha.</li><li>• Fionntarlann Cill Chartha are finalising the detail of the project and procuring contractors / suppliers to undertake the work.</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	All works due to be completed by 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2018
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**Activity / Project Update: April 2018**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>T&amp;V 2017 - Mountcharles</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	3. Enhancement of the Streetscape.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approval obtained from Department.</li><li>• Letter of Offer Issued to Community Group.</li><li>• Meetings / discussions have taking place with Mountcharles Community.</li><li>• Mountcharles Community Group has procured a consultant to manage the project on their behalf.</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	All works due to be completed by 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2018.
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**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Public Participation Network (PPN)
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Link through which organisations from the community & voluntary sector have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€80,000.00 per annum
<b>Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status</b>	<p>PPN membership now stands at 490 registered organisations with 53 representatives on 22 different committees and structures</p> <p>The PPN secretariat continues to meet on a monthly basis to coordinate the functioning of the PPN in conjunction with the resource worker</p> <p>The third 2018 edition of the Newsletter was circulated to the groups in March and will continue on a monthly basis. An Event template has been forwarded to the groups to complete and return if they want their events to be included in the Newsletter. The PPN delivered a presentation to the LCDC on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 and will deliver another one to the Hericoast Project Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 in Donegal Town.</p> <p>The Second Regional PPN meeting was held by Monaghan PPN in Monaghan Town on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 with the Resource Workers and members of Secretariat from Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim, Roscommon, Longford and Monaghan.</p> <p>The Social Inclusion Workshop 'Intercultural Awareness &amp; Understanding' took place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018 in The Central Library, Letterkenny and the Community &amp; Voluntary Linkage group met in Cara House at 7pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2018.</p> <p>The PPN Secretariat AGM takes place 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. The Environment, Social Inclusion, Fishing &amp; Aquaculture and The Older Person Linkage Groups all have meetings scheduled in April. PPN representatives report back to their nominating body and they are occasions to share information relevant to the group.</p> <p>Representative Training and General Data Protection Regulation Training for Community Groups will take place in April 2018. Dates to be confirmed.</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	<p>PPN Secretariat AGM – 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018</p> <p>Older Persons Linkage Group – 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2018</p> <p>Fishing &amp; Aquaculture Linkage Group Meeting-10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018</p> <p>Social Inclusion Linkage Group Meeting-16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018</p>
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## **CLAR Funding 2018**

The Department of Rural and Community Development have recently announced a funding allocation of €5m under CLAR 2018 which may be of interest to various Community Groups/ Organisations and Schools within the CLAR Areas.

CLAR 2018 funding will provide funding under the following three Measures:

- 1. Measure 1 – Support for Schools/ Community Safety Measures (€2M)**
  - Completed application for the above **Measure 1** Scheme must be e-mailed directly to [eamonb@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:eamonb@donegalcoco.ie) by the closing date of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**PLEASE NOTE: Contacts must be made to contact their Local Roads Area Engineer in advance of submitting Application**

- 2. Measure 2 – Support for Play Areas (including MUGA's)(€2M)**
  - Completed application for the above **Measure 2** Scheme must be e-mailed directly to [eamonb@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:eamonb@donegalcoco.ie) by the closing date of 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- 3. Measure 3 – First Response Support Measure (€1M)**
  - Completed application for the above **Measure 3** Scheme must be submitted directly to the Department at [clar@drd.gov.ie](mailto:clar@drd.gov.ie) by the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**Please also note that only Community Groups/ Organisations and Schools within the designated CLAR Areas only are eligible to apply for this funding**



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ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – APRIL 2018

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	Update - Big Donegal Clean Up 2018
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p><b>Launch:</b> The Big Donegal Clean Up was launched by Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, the Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2018 at the Ballyliffen Golf Club where thousands of visitors are expected in July for the 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open.</p> <p>This campaign sees the Council supporting individuals, groups, businesses and organisations in organising their own clean-ups. The Council provides bags, gloves and litter pickers and arranges for the collection of the rubbish once it has been bagged.</p> <p>To sign up for this year's Big Donegal Clean Up call 074 91 53900 or register online at <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie">www.donegalcoco.ie</a> . You can also register with An Taisce's National Spring Clean campaign by calling (01) 4002219 or online at <a href="http://www.nationalspringclean.org">www.nationalspringclean.org</a>.</p> <p><b>St. Patricks Day Parade:</b> A float was entered into the St. Patricks Day parade in Letterkenny to promote the Big Donegal Clean Up. The Litter Warden and Mobile Litter Unit put a lot of effort into the float and it was very well received by the large crowd in attendance at the parade.</p> <p>The float had a few Environmental Themes including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Dog Fouling Awareness</li><li>2. Promotion of Recycling</li><li>3. Big Donegal Clean up</li></ol> <p>The Letterkenny Parade traditionally attracts large crowds and it was felt it would be a great opportunity to raise the profile of Donegal County Council and its commitment to the public regarding Community Clean Ups.</p>

	
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Dog Fouling Awareness Campaign</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	A dog fouling awareness campaign is being organised by the Litter Wardens to raise awareness of the problems associated with dog fouling. This campaign will be launched in Spring 2018 and will initially involve distribution of leaflets, dog poop scoop bags and dispensers, signage on bins, footpath stencils and speaking to dog owners along popular dog walking routes about their responsibility to clean up after their pets.
<b>Contact Person</b>	Martin Roarty, Litter Warden – Letterkenny <a href="mailto:Martin.Roarty@donegalcoco.ie">Martin.Roarty@donegalcoco.ie</a>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Litter Enforcement Figures 2018</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<b>Jan – March 2018</b> Litter Fixed Penalty Notices Issued: 25 Litter Fixed Penalty Notices Paid: 8
<b>Contact</b>	Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer <a href="mailto:matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie">matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</a>

**COASTAL MANAGMENT**

**Municipal District: All**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>The Clean Coasts Roadshow</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The Clean Coasts Roadshow series in Donegal for 2018 had a successful beginning with a series of free events for coastal communities. These events aim to bring together all those with an interest in protecting their local beaches, seas and marine life and will be a mix of talks and workshops covering topics such as biodiversity, dune systems, marine litter, wildlife, sustainable developments and work by local groups and organisations. Events are taking place in Maghery, Carrigart , Falcarragh and Culdaff.</p> <p>This year includes a special series of Dune Awareness Roadshow stops around Co. Donegal. The Dune Awareness Roadshows will take the shape of practical marram grass planting workshops. This grass is a sand trapping grass naturally found on the coast that can not only help dune systems maintain their positions but reduce blowouts and consolidate areas of loose sands. There will also be discussion on issues affecting out coastline such as marine litter and our use of plastics.</p> <p>There will also be a special Seminar Roadshow on 14th April at the Central Library in Letterkenny. This aims to bring together coastal communities from all around the county to share their experiences as well as have the opportunity to learn more about our coast. Topics will include: marine litter, dune conservation, biodiversity, benefits of interacting with the coastal environment and marine wildlife.</p> <p>The Roadshows schedule is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maghery Dune Awareness Roadshow on Tuesday 20th March at 11 am, meeting at Ionad An Mhachaire;</li> <li>• Carrigart Mini Roadshow Stop on Friday, 23rd March at 8 pm at Carrigart Hotel and will include talks on climate change and the coast;</li> <li>• Falcarragh Dune Awareness Roadshow on Tuesday 27th March at 11am, meeting at Drumnatinney Beach;</li> <li>• Culdaff Dune Awareness Roadshow on Friday 13th April at 12pm, meeting at Culdaff Beach (access at the playground)</li> <li>• Letterkenny Seminar Roadshow, Saturday 14th April at 11am to 1.30pm in the Central Library, Letterkenny.</li> </ul> <p>Admission is free to each of these events but booking is essential. Book your place at <a href="https://donegal-roadshow-2018.eventbrite.ie">https://donegal-roadshow-2018.eventbrite.ie</a> or email <a href="mailto:bfbritton@eeu.antaisce.org">bfbritton@eeu.antaisce.org</a>.</p>
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Volunteers collecting litter on Maghery and planting Marram Grass on 20th March.

CLEAN COASTS PRESENTS



ROADSHOW

## Dune Awareness Roadshow Stop Culdaff Beach, Co Donegal.

Join Clean Coasts and Culdaff Tidy Towns for  
this special Roadshow Stop.

Our dune systems in Donegal are very important for protecting our coastline. Marram grass, a sand trapping grass, can not only help dune systems maintain their positions but reduce blowouts and consolidate areas of loose sands. There will be two aspects to this practical stop:

1. Development of skills for marram grass planting including; when and how to transplant, sources of supply, correct technique and spacing considerations.
2. Understanding our coast: impacts of marine litter, biodiversity, coastal foraging, etc.

### What to Bring

- Appropriate clothing for the weather/practical session and sturdy boots.
- A spade and/or a trowel.
- A large bucket (for collecting grass).

Refreshments will be served afterwards at the WEE Hall

13<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 12 pm, meeting  
at Culdaff Beach (access at the  
playground)

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## **Press release**

### **Donegal's Big Clean Up is launched at Ballyliffin Golf Club**

It looks like Spring has eventually arrived and communities across Donegal are wasting no time to get ready for the Big Donegal Clean Up. Hundreds of volunteers will be taking to the highways and byways around the county in the coming weeks to gather litter from along roadsides and clean up illegal dumps in their areas and Donegal County Council is asking everyone to get involved.

“We were delighted to launch this year’s Big Donegal Clean Up this week at the iconic Ballyliffin Golf Club where thousands of visitors are expected in July for the 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open. Volunteers from both Ballyliffin Tidy Towns and Clonmany Tidy Towns came along to help us launch this year’s initiative and it was an honour to meet these people who keep this beautiful part of the county in tip top shape year in and year out,” says Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council.

Last year’s Big Donegal Clean Up was a great success with hundreds of community groups from all over Donegal taking part and Michael McGarvey Director of Service with Donegal County Council believes that this year is shaping up to be another successful year.

“We already have in the region of 100 groups signed up for the An Taisce National Spring Clean campaign and the Donegal Clean-Up so we are confident that we will achieve similar numbers this year.”

“The interest from communities is brilliant and it will all help in making Donegal litter free and allowing us to put our best foot forward for the forthcoming tourist season. We have noticed an increase in the number of businesses coming forward this year to assist with clean-ups in their local areas and this is very positive”.

Cllr McMonagle believes that Donegal’s greatest asset is the beauty of the county’s landscape and natural environment and unfortunately rubbish and litter can be a major blight on the environment and portrays a very negative message for Donegal.

“I have great admiration for all those individuals and groups across Donegal who take it upon themselves to clean up their own areas. Donegal is a large county and unfortunately the Council cannot keep the county litter free on its own. That’s why the work of these individuals and groups is so important and vital to us”.

This campaign sees the Council supporting individuals, groups, businesses and organisations in organising their own clean-ups. The Council provides bags, gloves and litter pickers and arranges for the collection of the rubbish once it has been bagged.

Michael McGarvey says that every year's there is an increasing number of people taking part in this initiative.

"We are seeing an increase in the number of individuals who are taking it upon themselves to clean up their local area when they are out walking. So we are urging people when they are out walking to bring a bag with them and pick up litter as they find it along their walk. The Council is more than happy to help with gloves, litter pickers and bags and we will also collect the rubbish once it is bagged".

To sign up for this year's Big Donegal Clean Up call 074 91 53900 or visit [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie) . You can also register with An Taisce's National Spring Clean campaign by calling (01) 4002219 or online at [www.nationalspringclean.org](http://www.nationalspringclean.org).



Pictured launching the 2018 Big Donegal Clean Up at Ballyliffin Golf Club are Pearse McCrory, Litter Warden, John Farren, Ballyliffin Golf Club, Cathaoirleach Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and Michael McGarvey, Donegal County Council with members of the Ballyliffin and Clonmany Tidy Towns Committees.