

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

Oifig Riarthóir na
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Leifear
8 Meán Fómhair 2015

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 15 Meán Fómhair 2015, **ag 1.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

Lynda McGavigan

p.p. **Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
8th September 2015

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 15th September 2015 **at 1.00 p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely

Lynda McGavigan

for Liam Ward

Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 21st July 2015
2. Environment
3. Planning & Economic Development
4. Housing & Corporate Services
5. Community, Enterprise & Cultural Services
6. Roads & Transportation

1.15 p.m. Presentation by Annette McNelis on "Environment the Musical"

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBER, CARNDONAGH PSC
ON THE 21st JULY 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllrs Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin Mc Dermott, Bernard Mc Guinness, and John Ryan.

Apologies

Cllr Jack Murray

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr John G. Mc Laughlin, Mr Eunan Quinn, Ms Lynda Mc Gavigan, Ms Aideen Doherty, Mr Seamus Hopkins, Mr Eamonn Mahon, Mr Dearn Mc Clintock and Ms Marie Mulhern.

As members of the "Save Linsfort Beach" group were in public attendance at the meeting, on the proposal of Cllr Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Crossan it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to discuss the issue.

Cllr Crossan advised that the people in Linsfort are not against the oyster farm, the application was in a south Donegal paper and there are questions that the group would like answered. It was proposed that the Council write to the Department of Marine seeking to have their questions answered. Cllr Donaghey concurred with Cllr Crossan and advised that there are Oyster farms in Newtown and Inch with no complaints. An oyster farm on a beautiful popular sandy beach is not the best use of the resource. Donegal prides itself on its Blue Flag beaches and this oyster farm is along the wild Atlantic way. Cllr Donaghey contacted the Department of Marine and was advised to contact Donegal County Council but as the oyster farm is below the high water mark then is not a matter for the Council.

Cllr Doherty advised that he raised the matter on the 30th June 2015 at the Planning SPC and suggested that it be sent back to Minister Kelly, Department of Environment, Community and Local Government as Donegal County Council has had no notification of the oyster farm.

Cllr Donaghey advised that the locals are disappointed that they did not get an opportunity to put forward submissions. People in the area were not aware of the application for a licence for the oyster farm, although it was on display in the Garda station.

Cllr Ryan advised that he spoke to Denis Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, who advised that for a planning application external advice would be sought.

Cllr Mc Guinness advised that it is not the Council's remit to grant this type of licence.

**15/38 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
09TH JUNE 2015**

On the proposal of Cllr Nicholas Crossan, seconded by Cllr Paul Canning, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 09th June 2015 were agreed.

**15/39 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON 09TH JUNE 2015**

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Albert Doherty, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on the 09th June 2015 were agreed.

15/40 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

40.01 Update Report

Seamus Hopkins presented the update report on the roadwork's programme.

40.02 Footpaths, Main Street, Buncrana

Work was undertaken on 4 channels and the impact of this work is being reviewed prior to addressing the other channels. Area roads are to review the design of these channels prior to continuing further works on Main Street, Buncrana.

40.03 Traffic Calming at Umricam

Area roads are preparing a relining layout for this location, this is to be agreed with Road Design section.

40.04 Flooding problem at Millbrae/Ballyloskey

An additional gully connected to the main drain is to be installed at this location. The action will be considered in the context of the 2016 works programme.

40.05 Barrier at Boys school, Carndonagh

The damaged barrier has been removed and it will be replaced.

40.06 Flooding on the Glentogher road, Carndonagh

Drainage works are ongoing at this location, however there are water table issues along the road at this location.

40.07 Maintenance at the Castle, Greencastle

The Castle is privately owned and the Council do not have any responsibility.

40.08 Lights at the Girl's School, Carndonagh.

A meeting has taken place with Road Design, area road staff, elected members, school principal and members of the board of management to discuss the issue. The provision of a public footpath opposite the Wesley Hall on Bridge Street should be prioritised once funding has been identified.

40.09 Turning lane at the 19th Hole, Bridgend

An onsite meeting was arranged with Cllr Ryan and area roads staff. It is envisaged that improvements at this junction will take place as part of a number of planned redevelopments at this location.

40.10 Watery Lane, Burnfoot

Area roads staff met with Cllr Ryan to discuss the requirements at this location. Improvements at this location have been included in the roads area footpath programme. Improvements could be delivered on a phased basis subject to funding.

40.11 Cycle Path at Manorcunningham

A request will be forwarded to roads central to consider including the hard shoulder on the N13 as part of any future cycle path funding application. Local groups can be consulted on the matter.

40.12 Entrance to Glencrow Health Centre, Merville

A request will be sent to Road Design to examine the provision of yellow lines at this location taking into consideration the proposed relining of the nearby junction.

40.13 Station road junction, Carndonagh

It is intended to provide a pedestrian railing at this location to move pedestrians further away from the junction and thereby improve vision lines. Temporary bollards are also to be provided when the railing is installed. Cllr Doherty advised that yellow lines are not a final solution to the issue at the junction.

40.14 Ballyliffen to Altashane junction

The work is complete.

40.15 Crossings in Carndonagh

It is intended to remove the cobbles at the bus stop crossing and replace with coloured asphalt.

40.16 Carpenters Corner, Inishowen

Improvements will be carried out at this location as part of 2015 programme.

40.17 Additional lights at Malin/ Malin Bridge

This work has been tendered and discussions are ongoing with the proposed contractor.

40.18 Upgrading of roads to National Primary

The upgrading of the road from Muff to Greencastle, Quigley's Point to Carndonagh and Bridgend to Bunrana to National Primary roads has to be approved by the Minister and proper justification would be required. A county wide application would have to be sent to the Minister.

40.19 Greenways and old railway lines

Contact has been made with Sustrans, who have been appointed to prepare a Greenway strategy for the county by the North West Regional Cross border

group strategy. Area roads are also liaising with the "Wee Greenway" initiative group that are promoting an Inishowen Greenway based on the old railway network within the peninsula.

40.20 Lights for Malin/Malin Bridge

Lights for under the bridge have been tendered. It is intended to provide additional streetlights at this location as part of the 2015 programme.

40.21 Lights at Main Street, Merville

Cllr Farren was advised that Airtricity have been instructed to carry out the works.

40.22 Provision of bins at the Green, Merville

Cllr Farren was advised that bins have been purchased.

40.23 Road near Dillion Garage, Manor

Cllr Ryan was advised that the issue had been forwarded to the National Roads Office.

Cllr Farren enquired as follows

1. The provision of cat's eyes between Muff and Merville
2. Provision of cheverons at Carrickarory pier, Merville
3. Provision of a yellow box at Bath Terrace lane, Merville

Cllr Mc Guinness enquired as follows

1. Concern about the safety of large groups of cyclists using the roads

Cllr Canning enquired as follows

1. Funding for flash flooding
2. If the road safety issue at Magherabeg School could be investigated while the school is closed
3. Ramps in Manor and Newtown
4. Inspection of the bollards at Main Street, Newtown

Cllr Crossan

1. Provision of reflective bands on the footpath at The Harbour, Ludden, Buncrana

Cllr Doherty enquired as follows

1. Road number for the road at Gortaran, Clonmany
2. Ramps for Donagh Park, Carndonagh
3. Is Donagh Park on the list for estate take over
4. Footpath provision at Bridge Street, Carndonagh
5. Safety signage at Kearney's Corner
6. Resurfacing of the car park at Leenankeel, Urris

Cllr Farren

1. Provision of a footpath at Battery Brae, Greencastle

15/41 Planning

41.01 Updated report on Planning

Eunan Quinn presented the Planning report.

41.02 Unfinished Housing Developments & Site Resolution Fund

An extensive amount of work is involved in the process of taking over estates but there are quite a few estates ready to be presented to the members for approval. It is the intention to take over Elm Park, Buncrana, however substantial works are required.

The funding secured for Cois na hAbhainn, Malin will be spent and the council is continuing to pursue the bank in relation to Monreagh, Burnfoot.

Cllr Canning stated as there is a slow process of taking over unfinished estates, the estates are going further back as they are not being maintained. The small estates in Burnfoot need to be taken over by the Council for Irish Water to take them over, while we have the leverage with the water coming from the Pollen Dam.

Cllr Farren requested an update on Rosebank Court, Merville.

Cllr Doherty enquired if Millbrae Meadows, Carndonagh was on the list for takeover.

41.03 Staffing issue in Planning

Cllr Canning advised that there is a skeleton staff in Planning and expressed his concern. Cllr Ryan also expressed his concern in relation to the staffing issue.

Cllr Mc Guinness suggested that one dedicated member of staff be assigned to Planning in the PSC and a planner to be assigned for a half day a week. Eunan Quinn advised that the practical reality is that there is a statutory obligation to fulfill and that takes priority by default.

15.42 Environment

41.01 Updated report on Environment

Dearn Mc Clintock presented the Environment section report, including the following

- Recycling
- Awareness
- Legislation
- Blue Flag Beaches
- Green Coast Beaches
- Water Quality
- Lifeguards and Beach Infrastructure
- Septic Tanks
- Enforcement

42.02 Householder Pay by Weight Regulations

Cllr Canning expressed his concern that there may be an increase in fly tipping with the introduction of the householder pay by weight regulations.

Dearn Mc Clintock advised that the pay by weight legislation should be seen as an opportunity to reward those who recycle and reducing what is being sent to landfill.

42.03 Green Coast Beaches

Cllr Doherty advised that there are no green coast beaches in Inishowen. There is a cost involved with Blue Flag beaches.

42.04 Septic Tanks

Cllr Doherty enquired about the grant for registered septic tanks.

42.05 Litter Fine Enforcement

Dearn Mc Clintock advised that the purpose of issuing the fines is to change behavior and not to generate revenue.

42.06 Recycling Centre's

Cllr Donaghey was advised that a new bring bank will be located at Clarke Oil's, just outside Buncrana.

15.43 Community, Development & Enterprise

43.01 Update Report

Aideen presented the update report to the members.

43.02 Donegal Diaspora Project

An agreement to twin with St Charles, Missouri, was signed by Carndonagh Community School in April 2011. The Mayor of St Charles, Sally A. Faith, has extended an invitation to the elected members to travel to Missouri in May next year, 2016. It is intended that a Sister Cities group be established in the Municipality led by Carndonagh Community School. Members are being sought to join the group.

43.03 2016 Commemorative Grant Scheme

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is 4.00pm on Friday 24th July 2015.

43.04 Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative

A budget of €32,223 is available to provide support to local and community event organisers and activities that will harness Diaspora links for local and community tourism.

43.05 Donegal Gathering and Facebook

Donegal gathering statistics show continuous increase of visits to the website in 2015, compared to 2014.

43.06 Summer Reading Programmes

Summer reading programmes are underway in libraries across the county, the programmes started in July and will run to the end of August.

43.07 27th Annual Earagail Arts Festival

Festival highlights in Inishowen include a literary weekend in Malin Village, featuring highly successful and emerging new Irish writing talent.

43.08 1st Lughnasa International Friel Festival

A new festival exploring, celebrating and responding to the work of Brian Friel will be taking place in Donegal, Derry and Belfast from the 20th to the 31st August 2015.

43.09 "A Donegal Photo Album" Exhibition

"A Donegal Photo Album" opens in the Donegal County Museum on the 10th July 2015. The exhibition presents an insight into the life of musician Mairéad Ní Mhaoinaigh.

43.10 National Heritage Week

National heritage week takes place from Saturday 22nd August to Sunday 30th August 2015.

43.11' County Donegal in 1916' Heritage information Pack

The heritage education pack will be composed of an illustrated booklet addressing the material heritage related to key selected themes.

43.12 Donegal Youth Council

Donegal Youth Council launched their Shake Up Sports initiative in the Finn Valley Centre in Stranorlar recently. The group are also working on a major Party in the Park "Lets go Mental" event on the 26th August 2015, which will promote positive mental health messages throughout the day with music and other fun activities.

43.13 EU unit update Bulletin

Project T.I.D.A.L has been successful in getting through the first round and progressed to stage 2 of the process, with a final decision in December 2015.

43.13 Ferry

On proposal of Cllr Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Crossan it was agreed to fund €20,000 from the Strategic Development fund for the ferry crossing between Buncrana and Rathmullan.

43.14 Chain for the Mayor

Cllr Crossan proposed that a chain be sought for the position of Chairperson of the Municipal District of Inishowen, this was seconded by Cllr Donaghey.

43.15 Malin Waters

Cllr Doherty enquired as to who is going to look after operations after the works are complete.

15.44 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

CORPORATE SERVICES

44.01 Request for Duputisation from Annette Mc Nelis

On proposal of Cllr Ryan and seconded by Cllr Crossan it was agreed to receive a deputisation from Annette Mc Nelis.

44.02 National Driver Licence Service (NDLS)

Cllr Doherty requested an update.

HOUSING

44.03 Update Report on Housing

Lynda McGavigan presented the Housing Update Report to the members.

44.04 Housing Programme 2015

Approval has been received for an extension to the scheme in Newtown and also the provision of 2 rural dwellings in Manor.

44.05 Purchasing of Houses

The Housing Agency has purchased a number of properties on behalf of the Council, these include one in Muff and one in Buncrana.

44.06 Tenant Purchase Scheme

Cllr Ryan was advised that there was no further details on the new tenant purchase scheme.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN MEETING

15TH SEPTEMBER 2015

ENVIRONMENT

AGENDA

- 1. ENVIRONMENT UPDATE FOR THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**



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DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT SECTION

SEPTEMBER 2015 REPORT TO MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS.

National Littering Pollution Monitoring System Report, 2014.

This annual report is commissioned by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and collates the data returned by 57 local authorities in 2014. The report identifies the levels of national and local litter, the main constituents of litter pollution and the causes of that litter.

The scoring system is divided into 5 categories, which breaks down as follows:-
Nationally unpolluted 12%, slightly polluted 64%, moderately polluted 20%, significantly polluted 3% and gross polluted 0.3%.

For Donegal in 2014 this was reported as unpolluted 12% , slightly polluted 66%, moderately polluted 21%, significantly polluted 0% and grossly polluted 0%.

Nationally the main constituents of litter were identified as cigarette litter 54%, food related 16%, packaging 12%, sweet related 7% and paper items 5%.

In Donegal the survey reported that cigarettes litter was 33%, food 9%, packaging 31%, sweet related 15% and paper 8%

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRIMARY WASTE MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION

A new legislative framework to give effect to previously flagged commitments around the management of household waste and new enforcement measures relating to producer responsibility by amending the Waste Management Act 1996 through the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2015 have been introduced. The new legislation commences on 31 August 2015. A summary of the main provisions is set out below:

- Although the provisions of the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2015 commence on 31 August 2015, the vast majority of the provisions – including the mandatory requirement for collectors and facilities accepting

household waste to charge on a pay by weight basis and the issuing of fixed payment notices for specified collector offences – will not impact operationally for waste enforcement authorities until 1 July, 2016;

- Many provisions will not be effective until such time as waste collection permits have been either reviewed or granted under the new legislation and for other provisions, until new collection and facility authorisation Regulations are in place;
- It is the intention that such Regulations will be signed in early 2016 following a consultation process which it is intended will conclude before the end of 2015;
- The key immediate impact for local authority enforcement is the introduction of fixed payment notices for specific Producer Responsibility initiative offences from 31 August, 2015;

Fixed payment notices (FPNs) for breaches of a waste collection permit will only apply to permits granted or reviewed under the amended Act. It is intended that all household waste collection permits will be granted under the new legislation containing specific conditions which will apply from 1 July, 2016. Therefore, FPNs will in practical terms apply to all household waste collection permits from 1 July, 2016. The above mentioned Regulations will also provide a template for such an FPN. Requirements around charging on a pay by weight basis for collecting and accepting household waste will also require Regulations and as previously signalled, will also apply from 1 July, 2016.

The legislation also amends the Waste Management Act 1996 to provide for the introduction of a range of fixed payment notices, ranging from €100 to €2,000 in respect of specified offences under regulations concerning Producer Responsibility Initiatives (PRIs). These come into effect from 31 August 2015. The measures are being introduced following extensive discussions with industry representative organisations, the EPA and local authorities through a range of well-established national monitoring groups and represent an alternative enforcement tool which will be a more flexible means of addressing low-level non-compliance thereby facilitating greater levels of enforcement and increased compliance overall.

Bring Banks Summer 2015 Campaign

The Council has endeavoured to ensure that the County's beaches, picnic areas and bring bank sites are kept clear of litter and fly tipping. In general the Council believes that it has managed to ensure that these amenity areas have been managed in a manner that ensures Donegal remains as unspoiled as possible.

The volume of material collected at the 72 Bring Bank sites increases an average by 25 tonnes per week (100 tonnes from 75 tonnes) during the peak season. This is focused on approximately 8% of the sites.

Enforcement.

The number of Environmental Complaints received by Donegal County Council for the year to date are 696, of which 590 is for waste and litter, representing nearly 85% of the total complaints.

The number of Litter Pollution Act 1997 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) served for the year to date is 101.

The number of FPN paid for the year to date is 38.

The number of FPN served on person outside the jurisdiction for the year to date is 13.

Currently the number of prosecutions before the courts for unpaid FPN is 7, with 4 successful prosecutions for the year to date. There are a number of other files under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 being prepared for the attention of the Councils Solicitors and possible prosecution.

Summer Bathing Season/Water Safety

The 2015 bathing season was quieter than in previous years. However, despite the disappointing weather, some 236,866 visitors were recorded across our 14 Lifeguarded beaches. The 45 seasonal Lifeguards patrolling the 13 Blue Flag Beaches along with Rathmullan beach supervised over 67, 000 swimmers and prevented over 3,000 incidents. There were three helicopter evacuations of casualties from these beaches, overseen by the lifeguards. Due to their skill and training, all casualties were subsequently released from hospital and made full recoveries.

Month	Rescue	Craft Rescue	1st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accidents Prevented	Swimmers	Visitors
June	0	0	11	3	3000	1050	6,201	20,500
July	0	0	57	8	3348	1189	27,379	87,619
Aug	1	3	89	3	3388	1176	34256	128,747
TOTAL	1	3	157	14	9736	3415	67,836	236,866

Donegal County Council continues to improve water safety signage, awareness campaigns and infrastructure development around the coastline. The annual figures per county in 2014 and 2013 is summarised below.

	Number of Drownings	
	2014	2013
Donegal	6	8
Countrywide	114	123

Donegal County Council is developing an awareness campaign around our coastline in association with The Samaritans at our ringbuoy locations. By working together

we may help to reduce the number of tragic incidents that occur at our National waterways.

Beach Access

Donegal County Council improved beach infrastructure to allow them be enjoyed by visitors of all abilities. Previously Rosstown was the only beach promoted as being wheelchair accessible. We have now improved the situation to claim ten beaches as being wheelchair accessible. These comprise of; three Designated Bathing Waters, six Blue Flag and one Green Coast beach being wheelchair accessible. We hope to improve this further with some works in Murvagh, Shrove and Lisfannon before the year end.

Beach Maintenance

The Council has endeavoured to ensure that all beaches are kept as clean as possible throughout the bathing season. This has involved a 7 day week cleaning programme by the Mobile Litter Units, as well as routine patrolling by the Beach Lifeguards and Litter Wardens. Additional waste disposal and recycling facilities are provided on certain beaches, as required. This continues to be supported by Local Community involvement which has enabled the high standards to be maintained.

There have been a number of strandings of dead and alive whales/dolphins in addition to other farm animals being washed in. These were dealt with promptly as soon as the required permissions and licences were granted.

Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

15th September 2015

Corporate Services

1. Municipal District Budget Workshop

Housing Report

1. Progress Reports
 - a. Grants
 - b. Loans
 - c. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Programme 2015

Inishowen Electoral Area

Housing Grants Report at 31st August 2015

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2013	31	10	15	0	6
2014	36	22	5	0	9
2015	40	8	3	10	19

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2013	2	1	0	0	1
2014	4	2	1	0	1
2015	2	0	0	0	2

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2013	18	13	4	0	1
2014	21	12	7	1	1
2015	15	10	0	0	5

Inishowen Electoral Area

Housing Loan Report at 31st August 2015

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED / CANCELLED	UNDECIDED
Standard Loans	2013	0	0	0	1
	2014	5	0	4	1
	2015	0	0	0	0

Casual Vacancy Report – 31st August 2015

DWELLING	BED	VACANT FROM	DETAILS
31 Burwood, Buncrana LTL	3	May 2015	Offered & accepted
22 Four Acres, Buncrana	4	May 2015	Offered & accepted
8 Allendale, Buncrana	3	May 2015	Offered & accepted
10 Bonemaine, Bridgend	2	February 2015	Offered & accepted
2 Bonemaine, Bridgend	2	March 2015	Offered & accepted
13 Summer Hill, Buncrana	4	May 2015	Offered & accepted
16 Radharc na Trá Breige, Malin	2	March 2015	Reoffered
12 Radharc na Trá Breige, Malin	2	May 2015	Reoffered
29 Hawthorn Hill, Newtoncunningham	3	June 2015	To be repaired
12 The Meadows, Buncrana	4	July 2015	To be repaired
489 Colehill, Newton	3	July 2015	To be repaired
32 Bun na Mine, Bridgend	2	July 2015	To be repaired
48 Cloncool Park, Buncrana	4	July 2015	To be repaired
18 Sliabh Sneachta, Buncrana	2	July 2015	To be repaired
42B Dun na nIarlaí, Buncrana	2	August 2015	To be repaired

Stock Movement Report

Municipal District of Inishowen	Total Stock	Offers of accommodation made from 1 st Jan–31 st August 2015	Tenancies created from 1 st Jan–31 st August 2015	Tenancies terminated from 1 st Jan–31 st August 2015	Current Vacancies
	1051	47	29	22	7



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

Municipal District of Inishowen

15th September 2015

Community, Development & Enterprise

REPORT

- Tip O' Neill
- Pride of Place
- Marine Tourism Update
- Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2015
- Donegal Gathering Update
- Library Update
 - Read Your Mind Project
- Heritage Office Update
 - New County Donegal Heritage Plan
 - County Donegal 'Heritage Week' Event Guide
 - 'County Donegal in 1916' Heritage Education Pack
 - 'Learning Through The Landscape' Continuing Professional Development Course for Primary Teachers



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update	
Activity / Project Title	Donegal Diaspora Project
Project Description/Activity	Tip O'Neill Weekend 25 th September 2015
Progress to date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The weekend will start with a presentation of prizes to school children for their participation in the Tip O'Neill competition. This will take place in Dumfries school at 1pm on Friday.• The Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Award Recipient this year is Loretta Brennan Glucksman and the award proceedings will begin at 7pm on Friday 25th at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel.• On Saturday 26th The Tip O'Neill Diaspora Lecture by Professor Ronan Fanning "<i>The Anglo American Alliance and the Irish question, The Role of Tip O'Neill</i>" will take place at the Slieve Snacht Center at Dumfries at 11am. <p>This year's award will be presented by Jimmy Deenihan T.D Minister for Diaspora Affairs to Loretta Brennan Glucksman. Ms Brennan Glucksman has been involved in philanthropic endeavours for more than two decades, focusing on education, the arts, health care and peace initiatives in both the United States and Ireland, a passion she shared with her late husband Lew Glucksman. They lived in Cobh, Co Cork for approximately fifteen years. The Glucksmans made many unforgettable contributions to Ireland and to the Irish-American community and Loretta continues to persevere as a strong advocate of increasing awareness and interest in Irish Culture and History throughout the U.S. and Ireland. She has served on many Irish National Boards and continues to sit on various Irish University Boards and organisations. Loretta is the Chairman Emeritus of The American Ireland Fund (AIF), where she served as its Chairman for 18 years before stepping down in December 2013. During that time, the AIF exceeded its goal of raising \$100 million under the Promising Ireland Campaign and reset the target to \$200 million.</p> <p>A champion of the people, Ms Glucksman is a person with a very large heart who has remained true to the traditional Irish values that were instilled in her from both her parents. Her grandparents were both Irish and her grandfather was David Brennan who hailed from Greencastle, Co Donegal and her grandmother was Alice Murray.</p>
Contact Person	aideen.doherty@donegalcoco.ie 074 937 3718



Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	IPB Pride of Place 2015
Project Description/Activity	IPB Pride of Place National Adjudication Co Donegal 23 rd Aug – 26 th Aug
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DCC Social Inclusion Week June 2015: Six Pride of Place 2015 were awarded with a framed Pride of Place Donegal Certificate and a grant of €250.00 each in recognition for their outstanding Community Work• The Pride of Place IPB initiatives were advised by DCC Coordinator on preparation for the adjudication• The IPB National Adjudication took place from 24rd Aug – 26th Aug 2015 by Declan Nelson (Monaghan) & Eddie Sheehy (Wicklow). Those adjudicated were:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Killybegs Community Council• Sliabh Sneacht Centre, Drumfries• Coiste Pobail Ghort a'Choice• The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy <p>The adjudicators were pleased with the high standard of all the initiatives</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	The National IPB Pride of Place Awards will take place in Ennis, Co Clare on 14 th November 2015.
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General Maritime Activity

Activity / Project Title	Marine Tourism Marketing & Development
Project Description/Activity	The Marine Tourism Marketing & Development Plan covers a range of locations, activities and projects.
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 2 -inclusive of current status	<p>Sliabh Liag Branding and Website Development New branding has been developed for Sliabh Liag including a logo, letterheads, business cards etc. The new website www.sliabhliag.com is now live and a new Facebook page has been set up at www.facebook.com/sliabhliagexperience A number of promotional materials have been developed including a brochure, flyer, nomadic stand, pop-ups and online banners that will be used in the future promotion of Sliabh Liag when the new Visitors Centre opens.</p> <p>Fanad Lighthouse A new website and Facebook page have been developed for Fanad Lighthouse and include a booking engine for the accommodation section using Super Control software for self-catering systems. The website can be viewed at www.fanadlighthouse.com The booking engine will go live when the official launch of the accommodation and website takes place in the Autumn of 2015.</p> <p>Tides of Time Project A list of over 15 interested partners in this project has been compiled. The proposed Atlantic Area Programme project called 'Tides of Time' is in circulation to potential partners around Europe including Sail West partners. Expressions of interest have been received and the EU Unit are working to determine the best project partners to form consortium. This project focuses on developing an educational marine touring route of locations where marine events of historic significance took place such as the Spanish Armada, World Wars etc. Donegal has a huge amount of shipwrecks. This project seeks to educate, to conserve and enhance locations of historic importance and to promote the coast a location of marine heritage and history. The call for applications takes place in Q4 2015.</p> <p>NEA 3 Project Donegal County Council is working with the council in Brittany on NEA 3 an Atlantic Area project. Applications will be submitted for consideration in Q4 of this year. Donegal County Council has specified the areas of interest to them as part of this project that would provide the best benefits for Donegal. The project is based on the development of three centres of excellence including tourism, waste and seaside sports, industry & trade services and pleasure boating, ports development. The project seeks to develop a</p>

<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 3 reporting period</p>	<p>‘Destination Atlantic’ to promote marine tourism activities on the Atlantic coastlines. Donegal County Council has made suggestions as to a new name for the project as requested by Brittany County Council.</p> <p>Sea Europe Project The EASME EU funded Sea Europe project was launched in July 2015 in Barcelona. The project seeks to develop a touring route, research and conservation of an EU wide marine wildlife and biodiversity trail. Malin Head will be the pilot area for this project due to its rich wildlife and biodiversity, including the basking shark and dolphin population. The Sea Europe delegation will be coming to Donegal from 7th – 9th October 2015 for a meeting hosted by Donegal County Council. This meeting will co-inside with our Wild Atlantic Way Tourism Conference and a tour of Malin Head. Check out #wildseaeurope on Twitter for more details, a website and Facebook page will be coming soon.</p> <p>Arranmore Island Website A new website for Arranmore Island is currently in development with the addition of a blog and mobile responsive design.</p> <p>Fanad Lighthouse Developments A launch event has been planned for Fanad Lighthouse when it is ready to open; the date has to be confirmed. The website will continue to be developed in the coming weeks. The booking engine will go live once the launch has happened and the accommodation officially opens. An e-mail marketing campaign will be set up to target all customers who expressed interest in the lighthouse letting them know they can now book online.</p> <p>Poll an tSnamh A potential marine themed project for the old swimming pool in Rannafast is under early stage consideration with a consultant having been employed to carry out a feasibility study in the area and develop plans. The Natura Impact Statement will be part of the feasibility study which is due for completion at the end of September.</p>
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Sail West Activity

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>‘Sail West’ project promoting the MalinWaters brand.</p>
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<p>The Sail West project aims to develop marine tourism within the shared maritime regions of North West Ireland, Northern Ireland and Western Scotland. The project is funded by the EU INTERREG IVA programme. Led by DCC the project commenced in 2010 and good progress was made in the initial 3 years.</p> <p>The Marketing Plan for 2015 has been approved by SEUPB and will continue promotions into 2015. The Marine Marketing Development Officer has been employed by Donegal Tourism Ltd to continue to develop marine themed opportunities and promote the MalinWaters brand.</p>

Budget	€86,500.00 SEUPB funding. Match funding currently at €95,399.00
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 1-3 -inclusive of current status	<p>Marine Blast App The marinas, pontoons and coastal attractions of Donegal have now been listed on the popular Marine Blast app for iPhones. The app previously only featured the UK and Scotland but now lists Donegal and Sligo, plus Northern Ireland as part of the MalinWaters, Sail West project. This app is free to download and is hugely popular with the sailing community. It will soon be available on Android.</p> <p>MalinWaters.com Website Statistics Q2 Google Analytics statistics have revealed a significant increase in traffic to MalinWaters.com since the new CMS and mobile functionality went live. The website has seen a 210.38% increase in mobile visitors since the website is now mobile friendly. Overall traffic increased by 83.04%, which is 34,910 vs 19,072 visits with a significant increase in organic search. Page Views increased by 48.57%.</p> <p>Yachting Life Advert An advert was placed in the September/October 2015 issue of Yachting Life magazine. This issue was chosen as it is distributed at two major sailing events – The Scotland Boat Show and The Southampton Boat Show with an additional 20,000 copies circulated on top of the regular print quantities for this purpose.</p> <p>Marketing Plan Planned marketing activity detailed in the MalinWaters marketing plan for Q2 of 2015 has been completed. The marketing plan contains a detailed digital marketing strategy which will see the deployment of the latest digital tactics to increase MalinWaters brand awareness and increase business for tourism partners in the regions.</p> <p>MalinWaters Video Production The new MalinWaters video is now live on YouTube and has had over 409 views so far. The link to the video is https://youtu.be/tqsYexmDGJk</p> <p>MalinWaters Website Development Functionality updates have now been completed on MalinWaters.com, new completely mobile friendly CMS system installed, updates to backend CMS for SEO and future proofing complete. Front end design remains the same, functionality on the backend of the website has been revamped and future proofed.</p> <p>Facebook Paid Advertising Campaign Several paid Facebook advertising campaigns have been completed with a selection of promotional banners used in conjunction with Facebook news feed advertising to reach a specific target audience. Facebook adverts in French and German languages have been launched to target markets in the local language. The Facebook page</p>

now has over 6.3k likes and continues to grow.

Sail Scotland Campaign

MalinWaters banners are now live on SailScotland.co.uk. There are also several new blog posts dedicated to promoting MalinWaters now published on SailScotland.co.uk. These blog posts have been shared on Sail Scotland's Facebook and Twitter pages with a combined reach of over 30k of a targeted marine tourism audience.

Welcome Anchorages 2015

Copies of Welcome Anchorages 2015 are in the process of being distributed to tourist offices and marinas across County Donegal.

MalinWaters Map Reprint

The new map has been printed and is being distributed at promotional events, marinas and harbours throughout the MalinWaters regions.

Chelsea Magazine Company Ltd

The display advertising campaign including MPU and leaderboard banners went live on 2nd February across three prominent websites -- - Classic Boat, Sailing Today and Yachts and Yachting with a combined audience of over 67k web, 49k e-mail subscribers and 142k social media followers. This campaign highlights Donegal as a sailing and marine tourism destination to a wide audience in the UK market. The campaign also incorporates an e-mail marketing element with MalinWaters newsletters being distributed across the network. This campaign was completed in March 2015.

Sailing Today Campaign

A MalinWaters advert featured in Sailing Today. MalinWaters was advertised in the digital flipbook version and print version of the publication. An extensive banner campaign over partner websites has been completed. Over 60k reaches online. This campaign was completed in March 2015.

Google Ad Words Campaign

The Google Ad Words campaign completed at the end of March 2015 and drove over **10k** visits to MalinWaters.com. So far there have been **519** clicks (traffic) to the website from ads on the Google Search Engine Results Page (SERP), and **4,616** clicks to the website from text and banners ads on the Google Display Network (GDN), so a total of **5,135** times. Malin Water ads have been seen a total of **1,201,040** times (Impressions) on the search and display networks combined. Click-through rate (CTR) on search ads is **1.27%**, and **0.40%** on display ads. Average cost per click (CPC) on search ads is **€0.57**, which is 43% lower than originally forecasted. Average position of search ads on the SERP is high at **2.2**, and display ads are in position **1** on the GDN.

MalinWaters Design Creatives and Video Production

A professional suite of over 20 banner adverts, Facebook covers and YouTube/Twitter background imagery have been designed to promote MalinWaters and represent each region equally. These can be found across social media channels and are being used in

<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 3 reporting period</p>	<p>campaigns such as the Chelsea Magazine Campaign detailed above.</p> <p>E-mail Marketing E-mail Marketing is ongoing with a fortnightly MalinWaters dedicated e-mail sent out to over 700 subscribers in which County Donegal is promoted along with the partner regions. The subscribe tab that has been added to the MalinWaters Facebook page continues to gather additional subscriptions via social media.</p> <p>Time Inc E-mail Campaign Time Inc 3rd Party e-mail campaign completed with 7 emails sent, 3 solus varieties, over 162k reach. The e-mails were sent to Practical Boat Owner, Yachting Monthly, Yachting World, Motorboat and Yachting, YBW.com.</p> <p>Branded Merchandise A selection of branded merchandise for promoting MalinWaters at strategic festivals and events has been produced and delivered. It will be used at various promotional events throughout 2015.</p> <p>Marketing Plan 2016 The Marketing Plan for 2016 is in development with new campaigns planned for the coming year. Partners have been encouraged to contribute to this plan and make suggestions for campaigns in their particular regions.</p> <p>Website Content Updates The website has now been updated in terms of functionality. The next phase is to update the content. This includes areas such as the events section, itineraries, the blog etc. Details of marinas, activity providers etc. also need to be updated. This work will commence in Q3.</p> <p>Q3 Project Targets Continued promotion of MalinWaters as a marine tourism destination to niche target markets.</p> <p>World Boat Angling Championships The World Boat Angling Championships will take place in Bundoran and Mullaghmore in September 2015 and MalinWaters will provide sponsorship and other support such as digital marketing. 22 teams of 5-8 anglers from all over the world are set to take part in this week long event.</p> <p>Social Media Continued updating and development of the social media channels.</p> <p>E-mail Marketing In Q3 we will continue the MalinWaters e-mail marketing campaign with regular newsletters sent out to subscribers.</p> <p>Sail West Partnership Continuation</p>
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Contact Person

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Sail West partners have agreed to continue support the MalinWaters.com marketing by contributing financially in order to keep the project going for 2016. Partners wish to keep the consortium together for the purposes of joint marketing activity and future opportunities to work towards additional EU funding applications and projects.

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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update, 25th August 2015

Activity / Project Title	Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2015
Project Description/Activity	The key objective of the Fund is to provide support to local and community event organisers and activities / projects that will harness diaspora links for the benefit of local and community tourism. The Fund is being administered by Donegal county council.
Budget (if applicable)	€ 32,223.00
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	Funding draw-down process is ongoing. 51 Events have already taken place throughout the county.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Progress on submissions of Post Event Reports
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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update, 25th August 2015

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Gathering website and Facebook www.donealgathering.com
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Gathering is a key initiative of the Donegal Diaspora project bringing together young and old, from near and far, for a truly unique experience. The Donegal Gathering calendar is packed with amazing exhibitions, fun festivals, cracking concerts and sporting events taking place in Donegal.
Progress to date within the last two months -inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal Gathering website</p> <p>Donegal Gathering statistics show continuous increase of visits to the website in 2015 compare to last year.</p> <p>Total website views since January 2015: 107,856 Total Visitors since January 2015: 54,102 <i>(website views in the first 6 months of 2015 have exceeded total website views of 2014)</i></p> <p>Monthly traffic in 2014 & 2015 was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July: - 2014: 12,670 / 21,820 <i>(up 72%)</i> • August: - 2014: 8,018 / approx. 18,000 <i>(up approx. 124%)</i> <p>Donegal Gathering Facebook Page</p> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <p>No of Likes: 2,500 Post Total Reach Jul & Aug 2015: 100,178 Post reach by people who like our Page Jul & Aug: 49,614</p> <p>A busy weekly schedule promoting local events is in place.</p> <p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website stats update for Q3 2015
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	<i>Read Your Mind</i> Project
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* -inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal County Library is delighted to announce our new <i>Read your Mind</i> project will be launched by Tony Bates, clinical psychologist and Founding Director of Headstrong, in the Central Library, Letterkenny on Tuesday the 15th of September at 2pm.</p> <p>In supporting young people’s mental health, Donegal County library and Jigsaw Donegal, supported by the HSE and The National Office for Suicide Prevention, have collated a catalogue of books on mental health topics to meet the needs of young people aged 12 to 25 years. Topics such as stress management, anxiety, depression, loneliness, eating disorders and addiction are included in the collection.</p> <p>Young people, their parents and friends can access and borrow titles from the <i>Read Your Mind</i> collection through our network of libraries and Taobh Tíre centres across County Donegal. Many of the titles will also be available to access online through the library website www.donegallibrary.ie as an e-book.</p>
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Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Wainfest Arts and Book Festival for Children
Project Description/Activity	<p>This festival is developed by the Cultural Services Division of Donegal County Council and is aimed at children age 4 years to 8 years. This is the 19th year of the festival and the programme has been greatly expanded this year to meet demand from schools and families. The aim of the festival is to instil a love of reading, books and the arts in children.</p> <p>The festival will run from the 10th to the 17th of October and will include over 100 events libraries across the County, the Regional Cultural Centre and the County Museum.</p> <p>This year the festival has been expanded to include family events in addition to the very successful primary schools programme. One highlight of the family programme is the Family Fun Day in Letterkenny on the 17th of October where the Library Service has partnered with local businesses to bring an array of children's events across the town with the aim of making Letterkenny a hive of activity on the day in the hope of helping the local economy and highlighting the festival to those outside the schools system.</p>
<p>Budget</p> <p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* -inclusive of current status</p> <p>Project Targets for the next reporting period</p>	<p>€11,000</p> <p>Programme finalised and gone to designers for completion of brochure. Publicity prepared.</p> <p>Festival will be launched on the 24th of September at 7.00pm in Glenveagh Castle by Children's Laureate and author Eoin Colfer. Invitations will issue to members in the coming weeks.</p>
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Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	New County Donegal Heritage Plan
Activity Description	<p>The County Donegal Heritage Office and the County Donegal Heritage Forum in partnership with The Heritage Council is in the process of preparing the new, five-year County Donegal Heritage Plan. The aim of the Heritage Plan is to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation of the rich and diverse heritage of our county; to promote its conservation, enhancement and enjoyment; and to sustainably harness the economic, social and cultural benefits of heritage for current and future generations. The objectives of the Heritage Plan are to: (i) increase knowledge and awareness, and promote appreciation and enjoyment of County Donegal's heritage to reinforce our sense of place and identity, (ii) promote and encourage best practice in the conservation and management of our heritage, (iii) encourage partnership, networking and active engagement with our heritage, (iv) promote heritage education, training, tourism and outreach activities, and (v) collect data on heritage, inform decision-making and promote economic, cultural and social development. The County Donegal Heritage Forum prepares and submits an annual application to The Heritage Council for matching funding for the implementation of Heritage Plan actions. The plan will also be implemented through other functions undertaken by Donegal County Council, including its culture, community and economic development functions. Over the lifetime of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (2007-2013), it is estimated that Donegal County Council, The Heritage Council and other County Donegal Heritage Forum partners have invested at least €750,000 in the implementation of County Donegal Heritage Plan actions.</p>
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	The County Donegal Heritage Forum finalised the County Donegal Heritage Plan (2014-2019) and it was adopted unanimously by the elected members of Donegal County Council at their meeting on July 27, 2015.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Design of the new County Donegal Heritage Plan.
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: - ALL

Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	County Donegal 'Heritage Week' Event Guide
Activity Description	National Heritage Week took place from Saturday, August 22 until Sunday, August 30, 2015. National Heritage Week is coordinated by The Heritage Council & Local Authority Heritage Officers with support from the Department of Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht and Fáilte Ireland. 'Heritage Week' is an opportunity to raise awareness of, and engender pride in, the cultural, built and natural heritage of County Donegal. There were over 110 'Heritage Week' events taking place in County Donegal including heritage open days, guided walks, fieldtrips, exhibitions, conferences, illustrated talks, historical re-enactments, birds of prey displays, whale watching, garden tours, traditional skills demonstrations, craft fairs, skills training, launch events, film screenings, storytelling, traditional music and children's activities. The County Donegal Heritage Office compiled the free, pocket-size County Donegal 'Heritage Week' Event Guide based on information submitted to the National Heritage Week website at www.heritageweek.ie
Budget (if applicable)	€1,800
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	The County Donegal 'Heritage Week' Event Guide was compiled by the County Donegal Heritage Office and launched by Dr. Lochlann McGill, President of the Donegal Historical Society, in the County Museum on Tuesday, August 11. Unprecedented demand for event guide despite 5,000 copies printed.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	N/A
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Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	'County Donegal in 1916' Heritage Education Pack
Activity Description	<p>The 'County Donegal in 1916' Heritage Education Pack is a collaborative effort between the Donegal County Archives, Donegal County Museum, County Donegal Heritage Office and Donegal County Library Service. The heritage education pack will be composed of an illustrated booklet and 15-18 facsimile documents contained within a designed folder that address the material heritage related to key selected themes. The heritage education pack will be aimed at teachers, students and a general audience and 5,000 copies will be produced. The aims of this Heritage Plan action are to: (i) raise awareness of society and culture in County Donegal in 1916, (ii) set national events (such as the Easter Rising) and international events (such as the First World War, the Battle of the Somme and the Battle of Jutland) in the context of their effects on society in County Donegal, (iii) recognise the role that key individuals from County Donegal played in national/international events in 1916 and (iv) communicate the material culture of County Donegal in 1916 through key documents and artefacts. The production of the heritage education pack is an action of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 3.4).</p>
Budget (if applicable)	€11,334
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	Meetings and on-going research by Donegal County Archives, Donegal County Museum, County Donegal Heritage Office and Donegal County Library Service.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Finalisation of content by Donegal County Archives, Donegal County Museum, County Donegal Heritage Office and Donegal County Library Service. Design and printing of heritage education pack.
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Activity / Project Update

Activity Title	'Learning Through The Landscape' Continuing Professional Development Course for Primary Teachers
Activity Description	The Donegal Education Centre, National Parks & Wildlife Service, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Nature North West and the County Donegal Heritage Office organised a 'Learning Through The Landscape' Continuing Professional Development Course for Primary Teachers in Glenveagh National Park from Monday, July 6 until Friday, July 10, 2015. Themes addressed related to the primary curriculum and included reading the landscape and habitats (such as rivers and bogs) as well as transferable skills such as using maps, surveying, fieldwork and GIS. Course was sanctioned by the Department of Education & Skills and was fully subscribed (25 primary teachers). As part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 4.16), the County Donegal Heritage Office secured the participation of ecologist, author and broadcaster Éanna Ní Lamhna who delivered a training day on bogs as habitats and contributed towards the provision of teaching materials.
Budget (if applicable)	€1,000
Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status	Course took place in Glenveagh National Park from Monday, July 6 until Friday, July 10, 2015.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	N/A
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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN
MEETING

15TH SEPTEMBER 2015

ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

AGENDA

**2. ROADS PROGRAMME UPDATE FOR THE
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**3. FOLLOW UPS FROM THE 21ST JULY 2015
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MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

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Tuesday 13th October 2015

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