

**Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain**

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22 Meitheamh 2023

**FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Céadaoin 28ú Meitheamh, 2023, **ag 3.00 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**



**Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

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**Municipal District of Inishowen**

Office of Meetings  
Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

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**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**



**Meetings Administrator**

## ***AGENDA***

1. Election of Cathaoirleach.
2. Election of Leas-Chathaoirleach.

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1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023
2. Planning
3. Community Development
4. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
5. Environment
6. Roads & Transportation
7. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
8. Correspondence

## **MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2023 AT 3.00pm IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

### **Councillors Present:**

Cllrs Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin McDermott, Johnny McGuinness, Jack Murray.

### **Officials Present:**

Bryan Cannon, A/Director of Service Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell, A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Dolores Lafferty, A/Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Shaun Doherty, Executive Architect, Housing Capital, Killian Smith, Executive Planner (online), Brian McBrearty, Waste Enforcement Officer, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development (online), Mary McBride, Executive Planner, Economic Development.

The meeting was opened by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Paul Canning who welcomed all to the meeting.

### **23.23 Expression of Sympathy – Minutes Silence**

Cllr Paul Canning requested that a minute's silence take place in memory of Rebecca Brown who was tragically killed in a collision in early hours of Sunday Morning. The members extended their sincere sympathies to the parents, family and friends of Rebecca.

### **23.24 Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023.**

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Nicholas Crossan, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were adopted.

It was noted that Cllr Albert Doherty wished to correct minute 23.22.03. He wished to clarify that he was expressing his concern at the challenges that HAP applicants were facing when trying to source private rented accommodation.

### **23.25 PLANNING**

Killian Smith, Executive Planner, presented the report to the members, and it was taken as read.

#### **23.25.01 Tús Nua Project**

Killian Smith advised members that the tenders for both the Integrated Design Team and the Land Valuation Services have been advertised and tenders have been returned to the CPDU. The Land Valuation Services tender has been assessed and a successful tenderer has been appointed.

The valuer has commenced negotiations with landowners. The Integrated Design Team tender has been assessed and Robin Lee Architecture has been appointed. Works commenced in early March. Cllr Albert Doherty requested assurances that there would be positive engagement with all stakeholders.

## **23.26 ENVIRONMENT**

Brian McBrearty, Waste Enforcement Officer presented the report and it was taken as read.

### **23.26.01 Jet Skis**

Cllr Martin Farren thanked Brian McBrearty for the signage at Glenburnie and Sweet Nellie beach in relation to jet skis (23.20.01).

### **23.26.02 Lifeguards**

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on the recruitment of beach lifeguards for the summer season. Brian McBrearty agreed to follow up and respond directly to Cllr Martin Farren.

### **23.26.03 Dog Fouling**

Cllr Martin Farren and Cllr Albert Doherty requested the requirement/replacement of dog fouling bins in Moville. Cllr Terry Crossan also requested that dog fouling bins be installed at each end of Muff Greenway as a matter of urgency.

### **23.26.04 Lyme Disease Awareness**

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that Donegal County Council highlight the dangers of Lyme Disease with appropriate signage to be put in place across Donegal. Cllr Rena Donaghey concurred with these comments.

### **23.26.05 Clonmany Agriculture Show**

Cllr Albert Doherty advised that Clonmany Agriculture Show will have an event called "Helping Nature Locally" and stated that it would be a great opportunity for Donegal County Council to get involved. Cllr Rena Donaghey agreed with these comments. Brian McBrearty agreed to follow up with relevant personnel.

### **23.26.06 Seagulls**

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested an update in relation to her request for signs to be erected at Lisfannon asking the public not to feed the seagulls

### **23.26.07 Swan Park**

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested an update in relation to her request for signs to be erected at Swan Park advising the public to keep their dogs on a leash. Brian McBrearty agreed to refer this matter to Litter Warden Supervisor.

### **23.26.08 Community Clean-Up**

Cllr Rena Donaghey acknowledged the success of the recent community clean up that took place in Buncrana. She thanked Donegal County Council for their assistance and support that was given during the clean-up.

### **23.27 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Fiona Doherty presented the report, and it was taken as read. The members were provided with an update on the following –

- **Greencastle to Scotland Crossing** - Fiona Doherty advised that this matter was referred to Garry Martin, Director of Economic Development to be considered under the Shared Island Funding.
- **Public Consultation** - Donegal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) will host a number of public consultation events across the county, commencing the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, providing an opportunity for local people to give their input into the Local Economic and Community Plan 2023 -2029. This will take place in Buncrana on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm and in Carndonagh on Thursday 01<sup>st</sup> June at 7pm.

**Ferry Service** - The Lough Foyle ferry service linking Greencastle and Magillan and the Swilly ferry service linking Buncrana and Rathmullan will operate a full service from 01<sup>st</sup> June 2023. Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged the efforts made by Donegal County Council in ensuring the service continues.

#### **23.27.01 Clár Funding Scheme 2023**

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that a letter be issued from Inishowen MD for the urgent extension to the Clár areas in the Inishowen MD. Fiona Doherty advised that there were 10 Clár applications submitted that are currently being assessed.

#### **23.27.02 Barrack Hill**

Cllr Albert Doherty expressed his gratitude to Fiona Doherty and John Deeney in relation to the upgrade of existing facility to include equipment for children with mobility issues. Cllr Albert Doherty welcomed the progress in providing an accessible sheltered outdoor structure/ space for all the community cited within Barrack Hill Town Park. Cllr Martin McDermott concurred with these comments.

### **23.27.03 Grianán of Aileach**

Cllr Paul Canning requested an update in relation to the opening hours at an Grianán of Aileach. Fiona Doherty advised that Failte Ireland have contacted the Office of Public Works in this regard. Cllr Paul Canning requested that the matter be followed up.

### **23.28 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, and Transportation presented the report to the members, and it was taken as read.

#### **Updates from previous Meeting**

- **Ballynally Lane 23.21.02**  
The design is complete and once approved, this work will be scheduled into works programme for Moville.
- **Road Marking 23.21.02**  
Contractor to be in the Inishowen MD area in coming weeks and will coordinate with the Area Engineers to carry out road markings in the relevant areas.
- **Aghilly Road – 23.21.03**  
The patching works that was carried out on this road was temporary. Currently awaiting tender for further works along this road.
- **Ned’s Point – 23.21.04**  
This matter has been referred to Piers and Harbours section for follow-up
- **Malin Head Traffic Management – 23.21.07**  
Signs are ordered and will be erected in summer months.
- **National Primary Road - Bridgend to Manorcunningham – 23.21.08**  
A contractor has been appointed and discussions ongoing around scheduling of works.

#### **23.28.01 Carpark - Glenburnie**

Cllr Martin Farren thanked Michael McFadden and his team for the work that was carried out at the car park at Glenburnie.

#### **23.28.02 Hedges**

Cllr Martin Farren requested that the hedges at Cooks Hill and Shroove need to be trimmed as they are encroaching on the road. Michael McFadden advised that hedge cutting is generally be the responsibility of landowners.



### **23.28.03 Traffic Calming measures**

Cllr Martin Farren expressed his concerns about speeding traffic on the stretch of road from the Greencastle Community Centre in Greencastle towards the crossroads and requested that traffic calming measures could be put in place such as ramps or the presence of a speed van. He also advised of similar issues in the Gulladuff area of Moville. Michael McFadden advised that he had liaised with An Garda Síochána in relation to speed vans. Cllr Nicholas Crossan also requested traffic calming measures be put in place at Cloncool.

### **23.28.04 Handrails**

Cllr Martin Farren requested that a handrail be installed at the walkway behind Greencastle Post Office.

### **23.28.05 Street Sweeping**

Cllr Jack Murray, Cllr Rena Donaghey and Cllr Nicholas Crossan raised concerns in relation to street sweeping in Buncrana and requested that the service to be maintained at a high level. Cllr Nicholas Crossan advised that when the Town Councils were abolished, assurances were given that services would be maintained at a level prior to 2014. He stated that services have decreased since then and has called for services to be reinstated as soon as possible.

### **23.28.06 Grass Cutting**

Cllr Rena Donaghey and Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested that the grass that was cut in Cockhill Park be lifted. She stated that equipment that belonged to Buncrana Town Council went to Lifford in 2014 and asked if this could now be sold and used to purchase a lawn mower for Buncrana. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with Area Engineer.

### **23.28.05 Grove Cottages/Craig Park**

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that tarring and maintenance works be carried out at Grove Cottages, Muff. Cllr Terry Crossan agreed with this and asked that Craig Park, Muff also be included in any potential upgrade works. Michael McFadden noted these comments and agreed to consider under future RI programmes.

### **23.28.06 Irish Water**

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that Irish Water repair the road in Malin Head following works that they carried out over two years ago. He stated that Irish Water had agreed to carry out repairs but to date these works have not happened.

### **23.28.07 Francistown Junction**

Cllr Martin McDermott highlighted an ongoing issue at Francistown, Malin. He raised concerns about the junction and requested that funds be sought to address this issue as soon as possible.

### **23.28.08 Piers & Harbours**

Cllr Martin McDermott and Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested that an application be made for funding for works at Malin Head and Bunagee piers in relation to dredging.

### **23.28.09 Manhole Covers**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan acknowledged the work that carried out on manhole covers in Bunrana and thanked the roads team for these efforts.

### **23.28.10 Road Markings**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested road markings in Maginn Avenue, Bunrana be carried out. Michael McFadden agreed to discuss the matter with the contractor. Cllr Albert Doherty requested that road markings be carried out in Carndonagh town center. He also stated that road markings for the pedestrian crossing at Supervalu were very close to roundabout. Cllr Paul Canning requested that a stop sign and line be put in place beside the Go Garage in Killea.

### **23.28.11 Lisowen Avenue**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan queried the possibility of using part of the green area in Lisowen Avenue to provide much needed car parking space for residents. He requested that an update be provided at the next Inishowen Municipal District meeting.

### **23.28.12 Bridgend Bypass Route**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan raised concerns of the effect the bypass route will have on rate paying business in the Bridgend area. Cllr Paul Canning concurred with these comments.

### **23.28.13 Crossroads Junction, Gleneely**

Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested that signage be erected at the crossroads Junction in Gleneely. Michael McFadden stated that this matter is currently with Road Design.

### **23.28.14 Drumaville Road, Malin**

Cllr Johnny McGuinness raised concerns around increased pedestrians walking on the road between Culdough Manor and Drumaville Crossroads in Malin.

### **23.28.15 Greencastle Harbour**

Cllr Johnny McGuinness advised that residents around Greencastle Harbour raised their concerns over the increased traffic in the area during summer period.

### **23.28.16 Footpath at Muff NS**

Cllr Terry Crossan requested an update on the design of footpath at Muff National School. Michael McFadden advised that there is a consultant appointed and getting a design drawn up.

### **23.28.17 Japanese Knotweed**

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that Donegal County Council investigate an environmentally friendly way of eradicating Japanese Knotweed further.

### **23.28.18 Barrier – Ballyliffin Road Junction**

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that a barrier be put in place at the Junction on Ballyliffin Road towards Corvish. Michael McFadden advised that this would be referred to Road Design.

### **23.28.19 Draft Footpath Provision Programme 2023 Additional Works**

Cllr Albert Doherty welcomed the works that are included under the Footpath Provision Programme for the Carrowreagh Road to Pound Street.

### **23.28.20 Raised Tables**

Cllr Paul Canning acknowledged the raised table that was installed in Carrigans and requested that a raised table also be installed at St Johnston and Bridgend N.S.

## **23.29 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mary McBride, Executive Planner, Economic Development presented the report and it was taken as read. She highlighted the following items from the report –

- Concierge Service: The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports including broadband connectivity.
- Fáilte Ireland Festival Funding - 38 applications were received under the fund.

### **23.29.01 Fire Service**

Cllr Martin McDermott requested a reply on his request for an update on the number of times the Northern Ireland, Fire & Rescue Service were mobilized in Donegal (23.18.01). Mary McBride agreed to follow up on this matter with relevant personnel.

### **23.29.02 Northwest Regional Development Fund (NWRDF) Marketing Campaign**

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that there should be more signage on routes from Derry towards North Inishowen.

### **23.29.03 Remote Working**

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that there are significant issues for people who wish to work remotely due to insufficient broadband in certain areas. Mary McBride agreed to follow up with relevant personnel.

### **23.30 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

Una Cresswell, A/Area Manager, presented the Housing and Corporate report, and it was taken as read.

#### **23.30.01 Annual General Meeting Inishowen Municipal District**

It was agreed by the members agreed to hold the 2023 Inishowen Municipal District Annual General meeting 28<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm.

#### **23.30.02 Deputation Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Committee**

Una Cresswell advised that a request had been received from the Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Committee for a deputation with members. It was agreed by the members that a deputation would take place at the next Inishowen Municipal District meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

#### **23.30.03 Workshops Proposed**

It was agreed the following workshops, would take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 -

- Building Control
- Minor Tourism & Related Works Grant Scheme

#### **23.30.04 Acquisitions**

Cllr Terry Crossan queried the number of houses that were procured in 2022. He queried the time frame in relation to a member of public submitting an expression of interest. Una Cresswell, Acting Area Manager, advised that Donegal County Council are currently looking at all expression of interest request in line with the current acquisition policy and would be in contact with applicants in coming months.

#### **23.30.05 Notice of Termination**

Cllr Albert Doherty asked what effect the removal of the eviction ban had on tenants. Una Cresswell advised that we are engaging closely with tenants that have received a notice of termination and our priority is the prevention of homelessness with and each situation being reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

#### **23.30.06 Specific Instance Housing (SI)**

Cllr Martin McDermott and Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update on the progress of delivering Specific Instance I properties to those qualified on the housing list within the Inishowen MD area. Una Cresswell advised that the current review is at the advance stages and will continue to keep members updated.

**23.30.07 Social Housing Remediation Team**

Cllr Martin McDermott requested a meeting with the Social Housing Remediation Team.

**23.30.08 Defective Concrete Blocks**

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that a letter be sent to Minister Darragh O Brien in relation to the revision to the proposed building condition assessment requirement. Participants in the scheme will be required to provide a certificate of planning and building control before progressing with the scheme. Cllr Johnny McGuinness also raised points in relation to penalty free downsizing of property, transfer of eligibility should a homeowner not be in a position to carry out repairs and VAT in relation to rebuild costs.

**23.30.09 Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan welcomed the progress outlined in the report in relation to Crana Crescent, Bunrana and Rockytown Phase 2. He also acknowledged the councils’ efforts in actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available. Cllr Paul Canning expressed concerns that infrastructure may not be in place in certain areas and therefore land may not be suitable for social housing. He suggested that the different services within Donegal County Council should meet to determine what towns can provide social housing in the future to manage expectations of people currently on the social housing list. Cllr Martin McDermott concurred with these comments.

**23.30.10 Air to Water Heating System – Convent Road, Carndonagh**

Cllr Albert Doherty and Cllr Martin McDermott raised concerns in relation to the installation of the air to water heating system at Convent Road, Carndonagh. They advised that the unit was very large and reduced space within the kitchen. They queried if it was possible to have these units located elsewhere in the property. They also advised that tenants were worried in relation to running costs. Una Cresswell updated members in relation to the benefits of the heating system and advised feedback from tenants was generally positive.

**23.30.11 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the Date of the next meeting to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 3.30pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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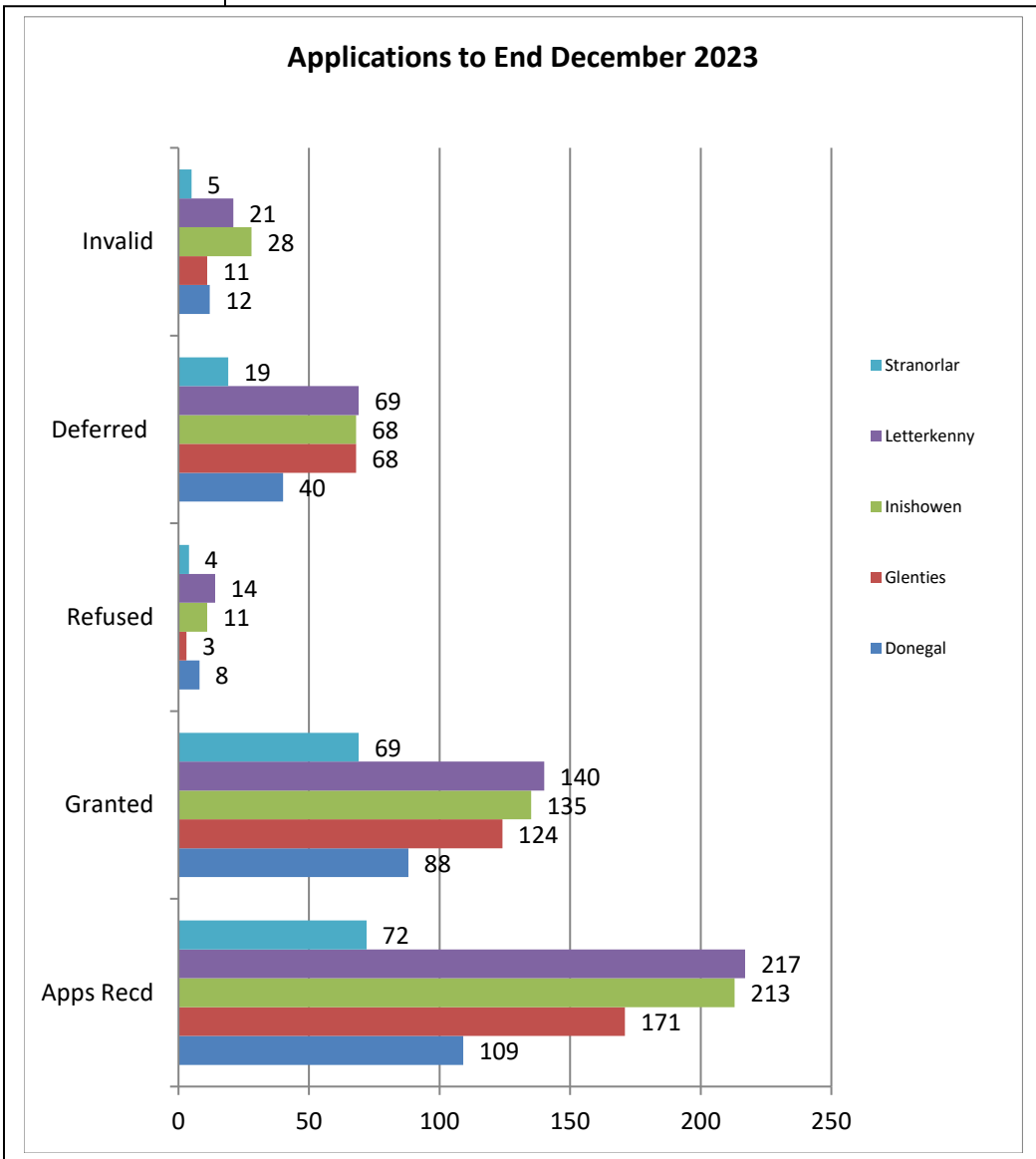
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**Inishowen MD Meeting**  
**28<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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6	<p data-bbox="399 1234 1305 1346"><b>Central Planning Unit</b> Work is progressing on the preparation of the Draft County Development Plan 2024-2030, including Local Draft Town Plans for Bundoran, Buncrana and Ballybofey/Stranorlar.</p> <p data-bbox="399 1379 1305 1447">Ongoing work on the Draft CDP submitted to the Elected Members on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April:</p> <ul data-bbox="399 1458 1305 2004" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="399 1458 1305 1603">• The discussion of proposed amendments to said Draft Plan at the Special Plenary Council Meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, the Plenary Council Meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> of May and at all MD Workshops.</li> <li data-bbox="399 1615 1305 2004">• Once amendments have been agreed in principle by the Members at Council Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June the carrying out of: <ul data-bbox="558 1715 1305 2004" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="558 1715 1305 2004">○ Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment of said amendments including SEA/AA Screening, the making of associated SEA/AA determinations as to whether such assessments are required, and as necessary the preparation of a revised Environmental Report and Natura Impact Report.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>									

		Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and Strategic Water Status Impact Assessment of said amendments including as necessary the preparation of revised reports for same.
7	<b>Casual Trading</b>	<p>Work on progressing Casual Trading was delayed due to other pressing work commitments within CPU such as the RZLT and Draft CDP.</p> <p>Progressing at present and it is anticipated that a future MD workshop will be scheduled to discuss local issues with Members.</p>
8	<b>Further Information</b> <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<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 –  <a href="https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes">https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes</a></li> <li>• File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests:  <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>





**Regeneration & Development Team**  
**Community Development & Planning Services**

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## Appendix A

### Report to June (2023) Municipal District Meetings

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

##### 1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

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

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

**Update:** Acquisition of the key regeneration site in Market Yard was completed by year end 2022. The Team now continues to work towards the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding.

Further to the public consultation period on the draft plans held in October-November 2022, the Team is continuing to engage with key stakeholders in relation to the feedback received. This includes the local Business Chamber, ESB and Bus Éireann. Good progress is being made in this regard and further arrangements will also be made for a further workshop with Members in early July to update on this evolving consultation and design process.

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

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

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

The Detailed Design phase is now completing and it is intended to open a construction tender in June 2023 ahead of a projected commencement on site in early Q4 of 2023. The Team will continue to update and advise Members on progress and key milestones as this project moves towards commencement on site. The process of project handover to the Council’s Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) has also commenced in anticipation of

imminent progression to site. CPDU will manage the construction and handover stage of the project.

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

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €6.3m had been awarded under the Fourth Call for Category 1 Projects of the RRDF for the “Ramelton Re-Imagined” regeneration Project. This represents a full award of the RRDF funding sought. Work is now nearing completion on the Detailed Design and preparation of a Tender Package for this project, together with arrangements for handover to the Capital Project Delivery Unit for onward delivery.

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

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

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award.

The Elected Members of the Inishowen Municipal District were updated on the status of this project at workshop on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023. It is now intended to progress this project to tender in Q2 of 2023 and in this regard the project was submitted to the DRCDD for Decision Gate 2 Pre-Tender Approval on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2023. Decision Gate 2 approval was subsequently received on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2023 and this project is therefore now approved to proceed to tender. Preparations are continuing in this regard.

A sale agreed position has also now been reached in respect of the town centre acquisition interest enabled by this project. The property concerned is the former Garda Barracks at St. Orans Rd, Buncrana. The Council's legal services have now been instructed to close out and complete this acquisition. The property will be redeveloped as an economic development proposition as a part of this project with a forward view towards job creation and inward investment.

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

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

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

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

On 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €6.3m had been awarded under the Fourth Call for Category 1 Projects of the RRDF for the “Ramelton Re-Imagined” regeneration Project. Work will now continue to complete the Detailed Design and preparation of a Tender Package for this project, together with arrangements for handover to the Capital Project Delivery Unit for implementation on site.

#### **1.4 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work**

A formal Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Submissions or observations were required to be made in writing on or before 4:30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023. A Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Council on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 when Members decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

Work will now continue to position the project for application to future calls of the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF) for category 1 (capital) projects. The next stage in project development work concerns the preparation of a Business Case.

The project is a partnership with Rathmullan The Way Forward CLG.

#### **1.5 Milford Town Centre First Plan**

In late 2021 the Department of Rural and Community Development sought nominations for towns to be considered as part of the 1st Phase of the Town Centre Masterplan Initiative. Minister Heather Humphries TD subsequently announced that Milford was successful in securing €100,000 under the call. The Regeneration & Development Team is now leading on the delivery of a Town Centre First Masterplan for the Town.

GM Design Associates Ltd were appointed as the successful consultancy service to deliver the Town Centre First Plan for Milford on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and the project commenced with the first stage of Public Consultation which took place over a period of 3 weeks beginning on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February and concluding on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The first stage consultation process involved a number of targeted workshops, including a project workshop with Elected Members which took place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023, as well as a cross-directorate workshop, a community stakeholder group workshop and workshops with students attending the two local secondary schools. A very successful Public Consultation Event was also held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February which was attended by c.120 no. participants.

The public engagement also centered on the launch of a dedicated project website, facebook page and twitter page, and provided for responses via an online resident's survey, a business survey, a feedback form for individual submissions as well as a kids' page. On the whole there has been a hugely positive response to the public engagement with 227 no. online surveys completed with a further 128 no. survey responses from the secondary school pupils, 355 no. in total. There were also 16 no. comment sheets submitted, 3 no. written submissions and 2 no. email submissions as well as 86 no. kids' responses.

The consultants, GM Design Associates Limited, have now completed the process of collating, recording and interpreting the findings and results of the public and stakeholder engagement together with the conclusions of the baseline analysis of the town centre including the SCOT analysis, and have finalised the Stage 1 Report entitled 'Milford TCF Plan Baseline Profile', which was presented to the Elected Members at a Workshop on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2023. This Report has directly informed the Draft Milford Town Centre First Plan, the preparation of which is now well advanced and is targeted for completion by the end of June 2023, with Public Consultation on the Draft TCF Plan programmed to take place during the month of July 2023. The Draft TCF Plan will be presented to the Elected Members of the Letterkenny-Milford MD at a Workshop in late June to secure endorsement to consult on the Draft Plan.

## **1.6 Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project**

Donegal County Council, the Creeslough Working Group and the Creeslough Community Association supported by Arup launched a public consultation process to prepare a Village Plan and community regeneration project for the Creeslough Community. The first stage of public consultation ran between Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 and included the following events:

- Launch of the project website: <https://creesloughvillageplan.commonplace.is/> on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2023;
- A Senior Citizens Workshop in Creeslough Day Centre from 12noon to 1pm on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2023**;
- A public information event from 2pm to 8pm on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023** in Massinass Hall, Creeslough, and,
- Workshops with National, Gaelscoil and Secondary schools across **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.

These events were extremely well attended, with over 180 persons attending the drop in event in Massinass Hall. Work is continuing to examine the feedback being received and to prepare a Draft Village Plan and community regeneration project for further consultation in towards the end of June 2023.

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

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

This first application secured €1.9m in URDF monies, match funded by €600,000 for three sub-projects. Sub-project A, preparation of Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy is now complete and available at [www.letterkenny2040.ie](http://www.letterkenny2040.ie).

Sub-project B, CPO in respect of the Letterkenny 2040 Strategic Urban Regeneration Site, significantly progressed having served Notices to Treat and Enter in March and April 2023. On 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Donegal County Council took possession of the CPO lands required to enable the delivery of Phase 1 development of the site as regards Alpha/Beta office accommodation and public realm infrastructure. Acquisition by agreement of remaining property on Port Road to enable Phase 2 is on target to be closed out by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

In addition, a Recommendation has been prepared to progress the business case for an Affordable Housing Scheme in respect of the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). As a result, this part of the site will transfer to Housing colleagues with alignment and input from both the Regeneration and Development Team and the Capital Projects Delivery Unit. Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

Please refer to Capital Project Delivery Unit MD reporting for update as regards the public realm sub-project.

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

The Councils successful application to URDF Call 2, entitled ‘Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1): To Re-energize and Connect the Historic Town Centre’ secured a provisional allocation for total project cost of €18.1m (comprising €13.6m URDF support together with match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m). Total project uplift was secured at Decision Gate 1 in relation to Preliminary Business Case to take account of inflation resulting in total project cost of €19.3m (comprising €14.5m URDF support and €4.8m match funding by Donegal County Council). Project costs will remain under review at each stage of project development and as the approval gateways under the Public Spending Code are navigated.

The project will advance five sub-projects to varying stages as follows:

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter
- The re-purposing of the Courthouse
- Strategic land assembly towards:
  - Renewal of Lower Main Street
  - Advancement of a Regional Transport Hub
  - Enhancement of ‘LK Green Connect,’ walking, cycling and parkland infrastructure.

In line with the Public Spending Code, a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy was submitted to DHLGH on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 for review and consideration. DHLGH approval to proceed was secured by letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023. A number of

clarifications were sought on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and as a result, amended correspondence was received on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023. DHLGH advise that each sub- project will now progress on its own timeline including the preparation of individual Final Business Cases prior to appointment of construction contractor.

Accordingly, steps are being taken to proceed with each sub-project as set out in the following table.

**Next steps set out in letter of approval to proceed.**

<b>Sub-project</b>	<b>Nature of DHLGH approval</b>
Sub-project A: Market Square element	<p>1. Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for detailed design and site supervision</p> <p>The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Steps are being taken to complete the handover process of this project to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit for progression of detailed design with feed-in from the Regeneration and Development Team.</li> </ul>
Sub-Project A: Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p><b>1. Proceed acquisition processes for land required. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refreshed valuations received as regards several market valuations to inform potential acquisitions by agreement.</li> <li>• Structural Engineering Report being prepared to inform 1 no. acquisition involving a building.</li> <li>• Clarifications sought on a number of properties in relation to land ownership.</li> <li>• Draft tender for Valuation Services being prepared for open procurement procedure.</li> <li>• Arrangements being made for legal engagement on next steps in context of acquisition pathways including potential for CPO.</li> </ul> <p><b>1. Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design &amp; site supervision)</b></p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage of design and consultancy services by the Regeneration and Development Team with feed-in from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft tender for architect-led team under preparation.</li> </ul>

<p>Sub-project C: Revival of the Courthouse</p>	<p><b>1. Proceed to procurement of consultancy services to prepare ‘Product identification/Visitor Experience Plan.’</b></p> <p>Participation of the Regeneration &amp; Development Team and other Council services in a workshop organized by Letterkenny Tourism on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023. This was a useful engagement and positive connection with key stakeholders in the town.</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team and will involve multiple workshops at MD level. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft tender prepared for Creative Consultancy Services in respect of ‘Revival at the Courthouse’ for the preparation of a Visitor experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse, Letterkenny.</li> <li>▪ Draft tender undergoing peer review.</li> <li>▪ Target date for opening of procurement process is 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023.</li> </ul>
<p>Sub-project D: Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p>	<p><b>1. Proceed acquisition processes for land required.</b></p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Formal engagement with landowner commenced.</li> <li>▪ Draft tender for Valuation Services being prepared for open procurement procedure.</li> <li>• Arrangements being made for legal engagement on next steps in context of acquisition pathways including potential for CPO.</li> </ul>
<p>Sub-Project E; Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p>	<p><b>1. Proceed acquisition processes for land required</b></p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. Progress on acquisition is to some degree dependent on capacity to progress Part 8 for phase 2 of LK Green Connect. Notwithstanding, the following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Formal engagement with a number of landowners commenced.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Draft tender for Valuation Services being prepared for open procurement procedure.</li> <li>• Arrangements being made for legal engagement on next steps in context acquisition pathways including potential for CPO.</li> </ul>
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### 2.3 **‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project, Letterkenny**

‘The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project at the public space to the front of An Grianan Theatre secured Part 8 planning consent at the plenary Council meeting in November 2022. Detailed design of this project has now been enabled in the context of the further development of the concept contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy via the appointment of The Paul Hogarth Company and O’Connor Cronin Sutton Engineers. The Regeneration Team now provide support and input into the detailed design process which is led by Community Development with a target for opening of tender for construction contractor imminently.

### 2.4 **Letterkenny Cultural Corridor**

Design development in respect of a future Part 8 proposed development for the ‘Cultural Corridor’ section of LK Green Connect is progressing and is at an advanced state of readiness. A presentation in this regard was made to Letterkenny MD workshop on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Part 8 is being prepared with the support of Pasparakis Friel Architects appointed to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development Team manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including review of design, specific development of High Road design elements, AA and EIA screening. This project will also provide for a long-term public realm scheme at the front of An Grianan Theatre taking account of ‘The Eat Out’ and for enhancements to the existing pathway and environment adjacent to the Boxing Club. The project also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum) and other stakeholders including Letterkenny Tennis Club, the Boxing Club and a number of landowners. Specifically, design work is currently underway to explore improved access arrangements to the Tennis Club with a further meeting with the Tennis Club scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Target for publication of Part 8 is end of Q2 2023 however this is noted as dependant on ongoing stakeholder engagement.

### 2.5 **2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of LK Green Connect**

Early design work using in-house resources commenced initially in January 2023 on Part 8 proposed development for Phase 2 of LK Green Connect to link walking and cycling infrastructure at Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road. This would, in due course secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. Given the early stage in the design process, the timeline for publication of the Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to capacity of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes. The preferred scenario is to publish a part 8 by Q3 2023. Workshops at MD level will be arranged as this project develops.



## **2.6 Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street**

Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Service have commenced to further explore the potential for a youth/community focused project at Lower Main Street as envisaged within the Design Concepts contained in the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy and relating to a number of Councils acquisition interests under URDF Call 2 successful application. In this regard, a partnership in principle has been agreed. Following progress on relevant land acquisition under the Councils URDF Call 2 project, it is targeted to commence design processes as regards a future capital scheme at this location. Timeline for commencement of design work is likely to be Q3/4 of 2023 and is highly dependent on capacity of in-house resources. Updates will be provided to Members on ongoing basis.

## **2.7 Collaboration with Housing Section of Donegal County Council**

Collaborative working arrangements have been established with the Housing Section of Donegal County Council to explore and develop social/affordable housing schemes on key regeneration sites within the town centre generally and, more specifically at Lower Main Street and at Phase 2 of the Strategic Urban Regeneration Site located between Pearse Road and Ramelton Road. Members will be updated as this work progresses.

## **2.8 URDF Call 3**

Minister O'Brien launched URDF Call 3 on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 alongside the launch of the Governments Vacant Homes Action Plan. URDF Call 3 focusses on enabling Local Authorities to tackle long-term vacancy and dereliction in Letterkenny town centre and on the acceleration of residential development. The programme will provide a rolling fund to Local Authorities to enable acquisition and design and civil works that may be required to de-risk property to make it more attractive for onward sale. A workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD took place on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 to explore the Councils submission which was thereafter submitted to DHLGH on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Members of the team attended a workshop for Local Authorities organized by DHLGH on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 following which all Local Authorities submitted a simple review of the submission made. A summary of the submission and update was provided at the workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and sought in the order of at least €5m to tackle the vacancy/dereliction challenges in Letterkenny. Announcement on allocations now awaited.

## **2.9 Other**

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

**Regeneration & Development Team  
June 2023**

## APPENDIX B



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### Municipal District of Inishowen June 28<sup>th</sup> 2023

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Taking in Charge  
Community Development & Planning Services

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## REPORT

1. Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates
  - a. Cornmill Avenue, Buncrana
  - b. Ard na Greine, Buncrana

*Planning & Development Act (2000 as amended) – Section 207*  
*Roads Act, 1993 – Section 11*  
*Planning and Development Act, (2000 as amended) – Section 180*

The Planning Authority for the Inishowen Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Cornmill Avenue, Ardaravan, Buncrana** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estate.

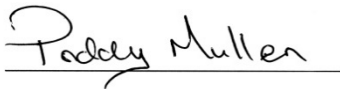
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It is **noted** that consequent on the making of this Order, the Council is required to take in charge any sewers, watermains, or service connections and the public open spaces or car park within

the attendant grounds of the development in accordance with Section 180(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

When water services infrastructure is taken in charge by a planning authority pursuant to section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the water services legislation provides that it will be subsequently transferred to Irish Water by Ministerial Order.

Section 11 of the Roads Act requires that the financial implications of the declaration as a public road be considered. The financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.



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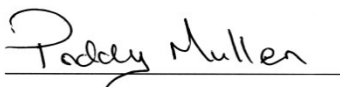
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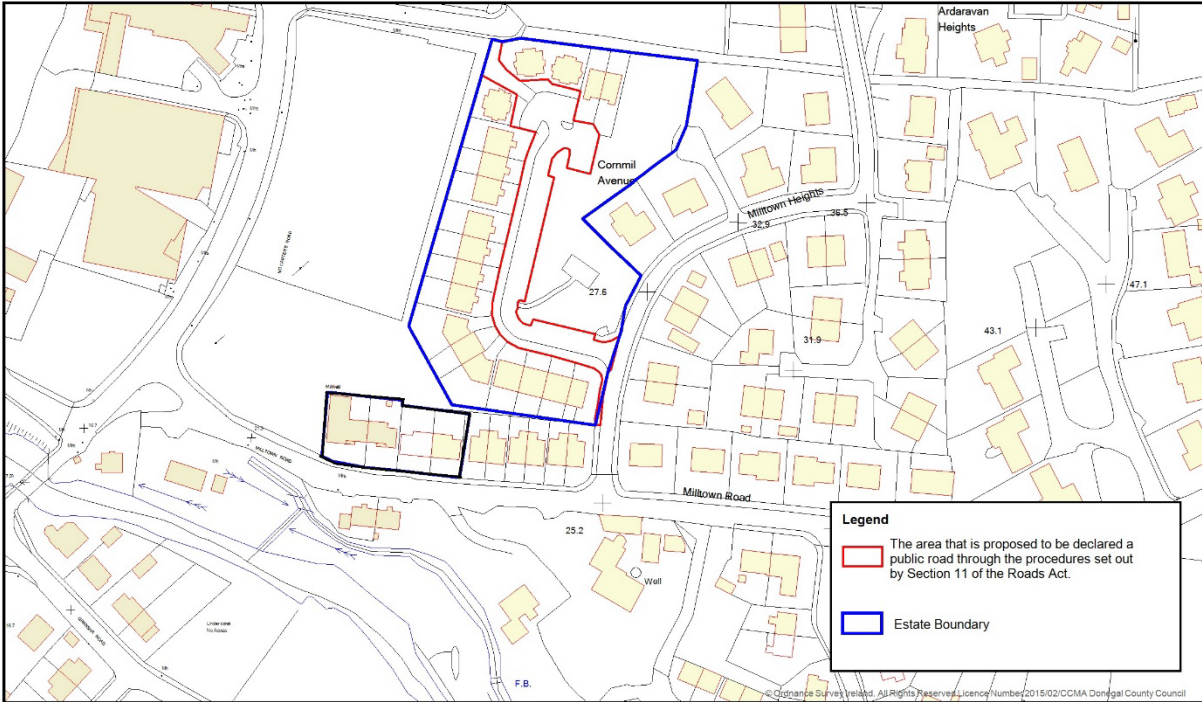


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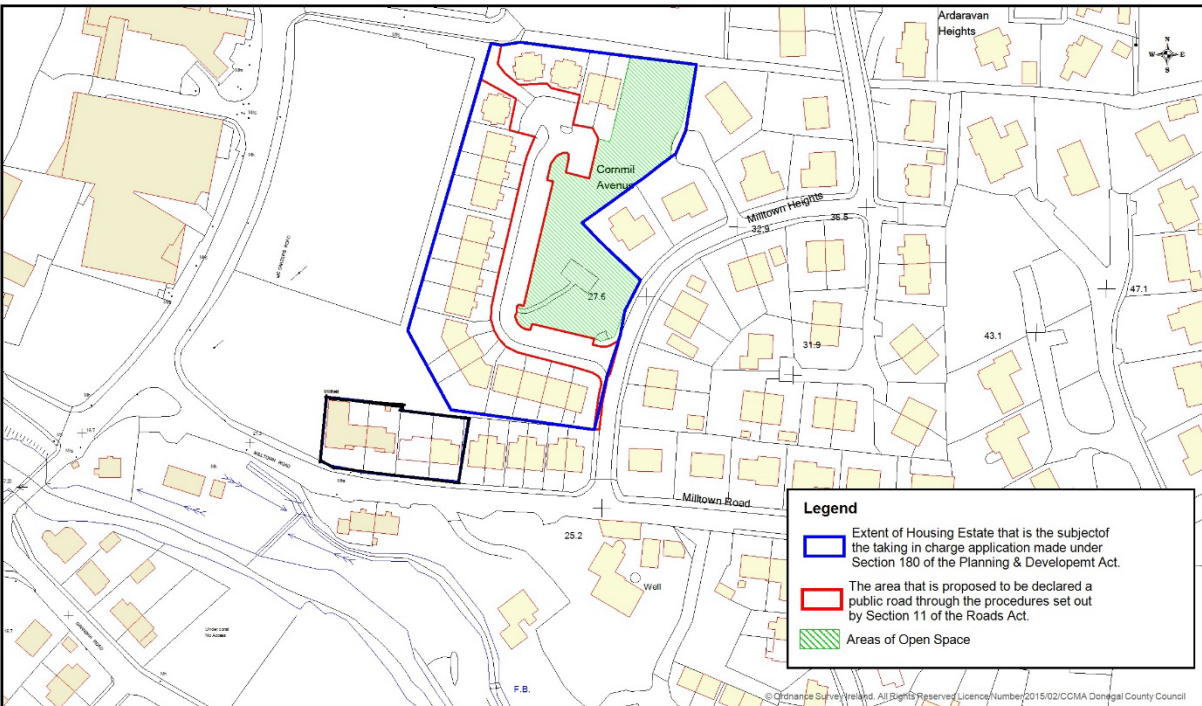
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**Creation of public rights of way under S.207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015**


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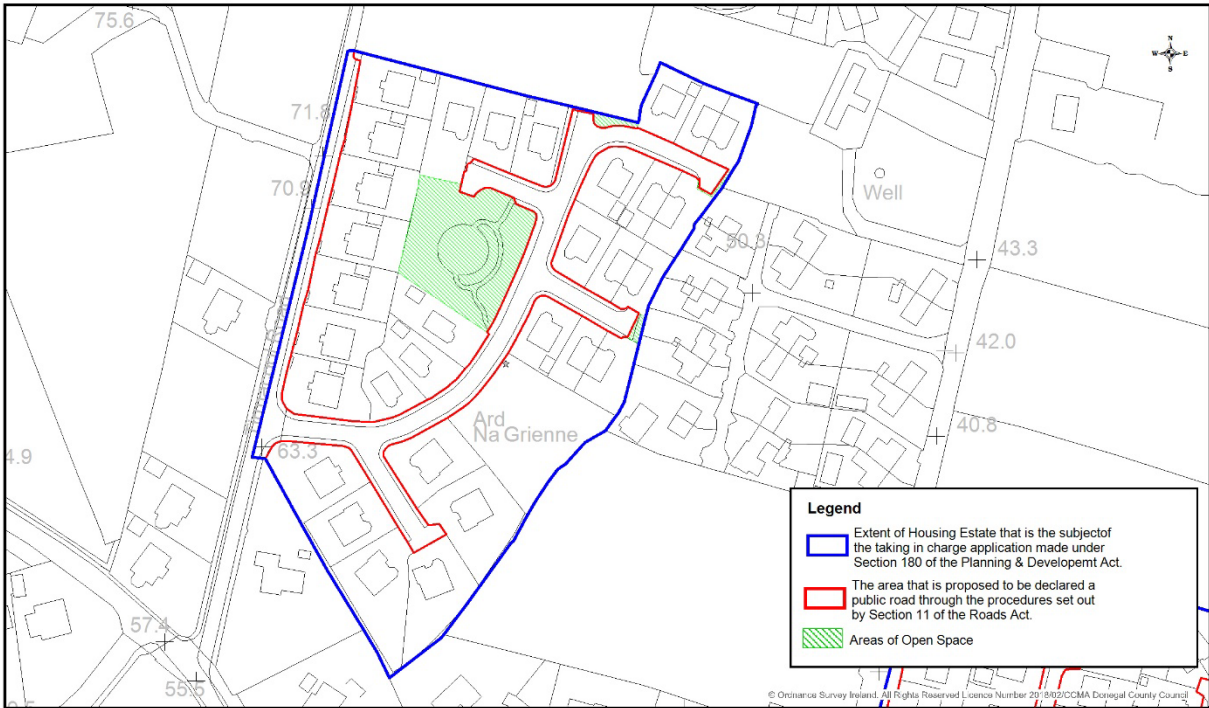
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**Address: ARDARAVAN, BUNCRANA**



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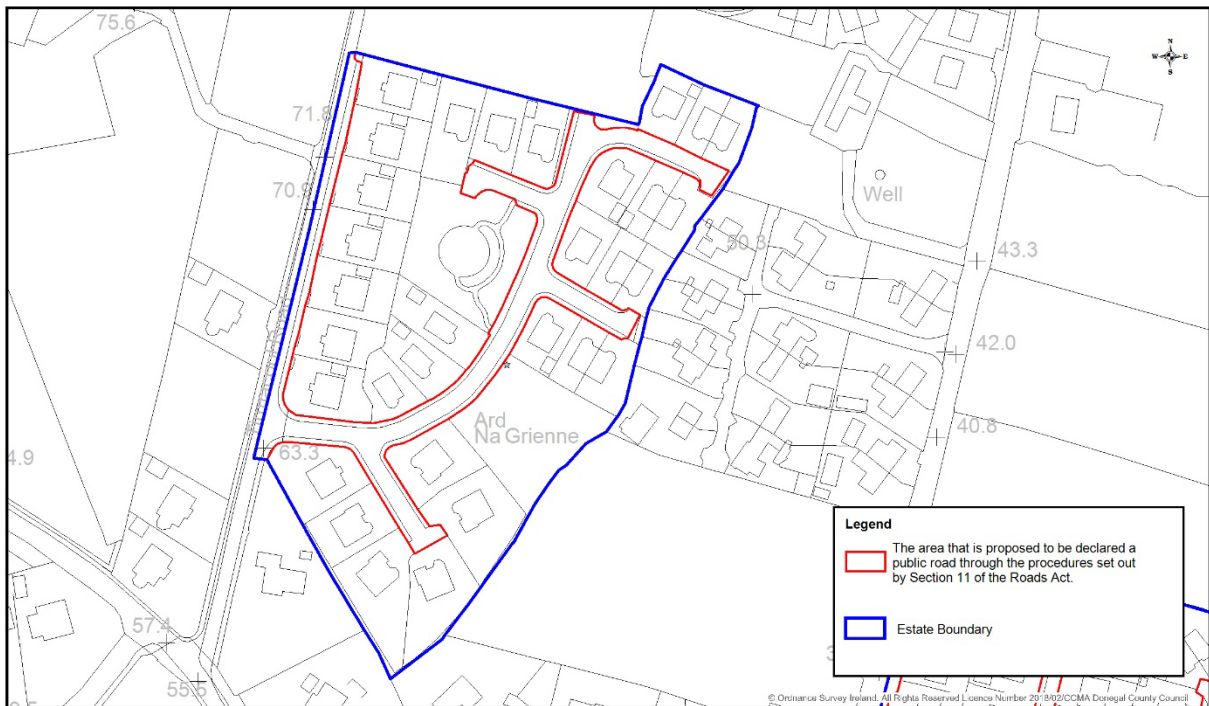
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**Application for taking in charge of Housing Estate**

**Estate Name: ARD NA GRIENNE**

**Address: TULLYARVAN, BUNCRANA**



**Creation of public rights of way under S.207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2018**

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## **CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT**

### Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: June 2023

Activity / Project Title	<b>Tús Nua Project</b>
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Tús Nua Project is a transformative town centre regeneration project in Carndonagh.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alteration of the former Leprechaun Bar to create a new through access and public amenities including a changing places facility,</li><li>• Restoration, alteration and extension of a former Department Store and associated outbuildings to the rear providing for:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. a new Digital Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) and co-working Hub (CoLabora), office space,</li><li>ii. a Social Space for Young People and Teenagers</li><li>iii. a community Kitchen,</li><li>iv. Communal storage, and</li><li>v. A public realm courtyard with sensory garden.</li></ul></li><li>• Creation of a new Pedestrian Street and public realm park between Pound Street/Bank Place and the Supervalu Retail Complex,</li><li>• The restoration and alteration of a stone outbuilding to a Creative Makers Hub for creative and craft industries;</li><li>• New demountable canopy feature(s) in the existing Diamond area civic space;</li><li>• New public realm improvements on Back Lane connecting the Diamond to the Town Car Park and Bridge Street;</li><li>• Acquisition of a town centre site (The Mart) which will enable separate progression of a town centre housing development by the Councils Housing Capital Team at an estimated value of €5-5.5m.</li></ul>
Budget	€ 9.6m
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Tenders for both the Integrated Design Team and the Land Valuation Services have been advertised and tenders have been returned to the CPDU.</p> <p>The Land Valuation Services tender has been assessed and a successful tenderer has been appointed. The valuer has commenced negotiations with landowners.</p>



	The Integrated Design Team tender has been assessed and a successful tenderer has been appointed. Robin Lee Architecture are the IDT and have commenced works in early March.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	It is anticipated that the Land Valuer will have progressed negotiations with landowners, and the Integrated Design Team will have developed the initial design for the scheme.
Contact Person(s)	Ardal McDermott, A/Senior Executive Engineer



<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Fort Dunree</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Ireland's, Capital investment scheme Platform for Growth – A Programme for Tourism Investment, Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions. This will be supported by €3.2 million match funding committed by Donegal County Council providing a total Project value of €12.5 million investment.</p> <p>The transformational tourism project at Fort Dunree is informed by a vision to reimagine the visitor experience at this spectacular Fort and Discovery Point along the Wild Atlantic Way.</p> <p>The project will physically link the 3 unique elements of Fort Dunree: Lough Swilly below the Fort; the Promontory Fort and the 'High Guns' Fort; provide immersive heritage and cultural touch points with a new route that opens up the site, with viewing points via modern interventions such as the proposed Funicular (the only one in Ireland) and interpretive installations, including the development of the Dunree Lighthouse.</p> <p>The proposed Project comprises of the following key components.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Works to improve existing High Fort</li> <li>2. Provision of an iconic inclined elevator to the High Fort</li> <li>3. Works to improve High Guns installation</li> <li>4. Provision of improved distribution roads &amp; parking</li> <li>5. Upgraded and new walkways and watchtower works</li> <li>6. Lighthouse conservation works</li> <li>7. Military Museum &amp; Night Skies space</li> <li>8. Stabilise, repair or remove existing billet buildings</li> <li>9. Provide new public spaces and facilities.</li> </ol>
<b>Budget</b>	€12.5m

<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p>	<p>The Integrated Design Team (IDT) has completed Stage 1 (Preliminary Design) and submitted a report detail their findings from surveys undertaken, review of background information and presentation of design options.</p> <p>Work is now underway developing the design options and design workshops have been held internally to assess options to deliver each of the key elements. A Part 8 planning application will be submitted in Q3 of 2023.</p> <p>The Visitor Experience &amp; Interpretation Consultant are now working on developing the story of Fort Dunree to fit within the construction project. In addition, they are developing the branding strategy for the site.</p> <p>The Quantity Surveyor has been examining costs and engaging with both the IDT and VEIC as the design develops. Initial cost estimates are higher than the funding award and we are engaging further with both Failte Ireland and the IDT to manage costs.</p> <p>The Project Programme has been agreed as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="639 976 1501 1238"> <thead> <tr> <th>Stage</th> <th>Start Date</th> <th>Finish Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Stage 1 – Preliminary Design</td> <td>14/07/2022</td> <td>22/12/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 2 (a) – Developed Design</td> <td>03/01/2023</td> <td>30/05/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design</td> <td>31/05/2023</td> <td>06/09/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 3 – Tender Action</td> <td>21/09/2023</td> <td>23/08/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 4 - Construction</td> <td>26/08/2024</td> <td>12/03/2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 5 - Handover</td> <td>13/03/2026</td> <td>06/04/2026</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Stage	Start Date	Finish Date	Stage 1 – Preliminary Design	14/07/2022	22/12/2022	Stage 2 (a) – Developed Design	03/01/2023	30/05/2022	Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design	31/05/2023	06/09/2023	Stage 3 – Tender Action	21/09/2023	23/08/2024	Stage 4 - Construction	26/08/2024	12/03/2026	Stage 5 - Handover	13/03/2026	06/04/2026
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<p><b>Contact Person(s)</b></p>	<p>Shane Sweeney, A/ Senior Executive Engineer</p> <p>Brendan O’Donnell, Senior Engineer</p>																					

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**Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting –**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

1. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
2. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
3. 2019 Buncrana Town and Village Renewal Scheme
4. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
5. Playground Maintenance
6. Donegal Walks and Trails
7. Buncrana School Campus
8. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. - Moville playground completed
9. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. – Barrack Hill Town Park – Project work completed
10. 2021 Town and Village Renewal – Newtoncunningham
11. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Moville
12. 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee
13. 2021 Clár funding for Killea Community Park – Community Pod
14. 2021 Clár funding - Outdoor Gym at Bath Green Moville
15. 2021 Clár funding – Upgrading existing parking facilities servicing the sports playing fields at Desertegney
16. 2022 Town and Village Renewal funding – Barrack Hill Town Park Multi-functional accessible sheltered structure for all the community



**Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: June 2023**

Activity / Project Title	<b>Malin Head Visitor Management Plan</b>
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	<p><u>Malin Head Access &amp; Amenity Improvement Project.</u>  <b>Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements</b></p>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donegal County Council following consultation with Fáilte Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point.</li> <li>• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design.</li> <li>• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects , a multi-disciplinary team have been appointed to provide a Visitor Management Plan and concept design for Malin Head.</li> <li>• There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9<sup>th</sup> May McGrorys Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings.</li> <li>• <b>Donegal Council remains committed, in partnership with Fáilte Ireland and with the support of the local community, to deliver on the ambitious objectives within the draft Malin Head Visitor Management Plan.</b></li> <li>• <b>Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements.</b></li> <li>• <b>To proceed with this, the Council must acquire the necessary lands upon which the development is to proceed.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><b><u>June update for Malin Head</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council are committed to progressing the Malin Head project in partnership with Fáilte Ireland as described above and are proceeding to acquire the necessary lands for the project.</li> <li>• Work is ongoing with the appointed consultants to prepare the necessary planning documentation for submission to An Bord Pleanála.</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923



**Activity / Project Update: June 2023**

Activity / Project Title	<b>An Grianán of Aileach Fort</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities/Conservation Plan
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Historical background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting took place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and various stakeholders. Mr. Shalvey agreed to initiate the process for a Conservation and Management Plan of the entire site. The timeframe for completion of the plan is early 2018. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Fáilte Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site.</li> <li>• The Office of Public Works have given a commitment to commission a Conservation and Management Plan . This is on the way to being achieved currently and this will set out the options for the future management of the Grianán an Aileach site.</li> <li>• In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan.</li> <li>• Alice Bentley of Blackwood Associate Architects, Claire Cotter, Archaeologist, Jackie Hunt, Ecologist and Michele O’Dea from the Office of Public Works attended a workshop meeting regarding the Conservation and Management report with the Members on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan.</li> <li>• A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021.</li> <li>• This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument.</li> <li>• The OPW have indicated that the list of Actions contained in the plan will guide the way forward for servicing the tourism potential of the site achieved collaboratively with the OPW and other partners and official agencies such as Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland</li> <li>• The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body.</li> <li>• The OPW officials will meet with the Elected Members and relevant Council officials at the site later in the Summer when health restrictions permit to discuss any issues associated with the site and the Conservation and Management plan</li> <li>• A meeting with the Office of Public works and the Elected Members has again been requested regarding the Conservation and Management plan. A response has not yet been received.</li> <li>• A request by the Members to meet with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland regarding enhancing the visitor experience at An Grianan of Aileach was issued. A positive response was received from OPW to Fáilte Ireland with suggested dates for a meeting to follow.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>June 2023 update</u></b></p> <p>The Office of Public Works and Fáilte Ireland intend to provide dates for a meeting as requested the Members.</p>
Contact Person	Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 3678954



**Municipal District: Inishowen**

**Activity / Project Update: Buncrana Tourist Office -June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b> <b>File 622/P&amp;ED/422</b> <b>(8)</b>	<b>2018 Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme</b> <b>Tourist office, Buncrana</b> The development of a new Tourism website. Refurbishment of the tourist office in collaboration with Explore Inishowen (govisitinishowen) Information signage, enhancement of the area around the pier.  <b><u>2020 T&amp;V Accelerated measure 2 funding</u></b> Funding granted for improvement and modifications to the tourist office to allow for safe entry and exit in compliance with Covid-19 regulations. This work to be incorporated into the 2018 T&V Renewal capital work
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	See above
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	€100,000 –2018 T&V - Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources  €39,996 – 2020 T&V Acceleration measure 2 fund
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<b><u>2018 T&amp;V - Phase 1 work completed in November 2019</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The govisitinishowen.ie website completed and delivered</b></li><li>• <b>Information Technology equipment installed</b></li><li>• <b>Branding signage and marketing material completed</b></li></ul> Contact person: Fiona Doherty 0873678954
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<b><u>June 2023 update</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd phase of the project is completed.</li><li>• The Tourist office has re-opened and is functioning</li><li>• The contractor is finalizing some snags.</li></ul>





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**Activity / Project Update: June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>List of Playgrounds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culdaff Playground</li> <li>• Merville Playground</li> <li>• Buncrana Festival Park Playground</li> <li>• Clós Phádraig Playground</li> <li>• Barrack Hill Playground</li> <li>• Cill Bhríde MUGA</li> <li>• Ballyliffin Playground</li> <li>• Manorcunningham Playground</li> <li>• Killea Playground</li> </ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€6,444.79 incl. VAT
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2022 Maintenance/repair plan has been Completed.</li> <li>• The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark is completed.</li> <li>• Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified appointed.</li> <li>• Culdaff Playground</li> <li>• Merville Playground</li> <li>• Buncrana Festival Park Playground</li> <li>• Clós Phádraig Playground</li> <li>• Barrack Hill Playground</li> <li>• Cill Bhríde MUGA</li> <li>• Ballyliffin Playground</li> <li>• Manorcunningham Playground</li> <li>• Killea Playground</li> <li>• The Annual ROSPA inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds was completed in November 2022.</li> <li>• Repairs have been identified and a tender competition has been published to secure a playground maintenance contractor for 2023. Tender submissions are due back in February.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period * Delete irrelevant reporting period</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>June 2023</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tender assessment to appoint a playground maintenance contractor for 2023 has been completed and a Letter of Acceptance issued.</li> <li>• A maintenance contractor has been appointed.</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619





**Activity / Project Update**

**June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Rural Development Programme/LEADER</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs €953,866 for Administration & Animation.
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b>	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 62 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €2,861,598.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2023. LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground however no new projects will be developed as all funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated. Donegal County Council as Lead Financial Partner, in collaboration with our four implementing partners, Donegal Local Development Company, Inishowen Development Partnership, Údarás na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán are currently working together to develop our LEADER strategy which must be submitted no later than 14th July 2023. A Request for Tender for the procurement of consultants to support the development of the strategy has been issued, with a return date of April 14 <sup>th</sup> 2023.
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Ciaran Martin <a href="mailto:cmartin@donegalcoco.ie">cmartin@donegalcoco.ie</a>



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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>June 2023 Donegal Walks and Trails</b>
<b>File:</b>	
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Maintenance, development, and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b>           <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<b>ORIS Projects</b> Northwest Community Development in collaboration with IDP were successful in obtaining funding for the following work in Inishowen. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stragill Bridge and beach access path, Linsfort, Bunrana €29,700</li><li>• Shara gore Multi access wetland trail €29,750</li><li>• Leenan Coastal trail Extension, Urris, Clonmany €29,700</li></ul> Some of the works has been tendered out with a contractor appointed. <b>Inishowen Head</b> There is a need to have the surface improved and the few items on the inspection report addressed. It would be an option to consider this trail as a possible ORIS 2023 project <b>Malin Head/Bamba Pathway/walk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The proposed improvement works will commence when on-going issues are resolved.</li><li>• The Sport Ireland Inspection report is available on request.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<b>June 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The progression of a funding application for repairs to the Inishowen Head registered walk.</li><li>• Exploring walks and trail options for 2023</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) (087)3613811 email <a href="mailto:dconnor@donegalcoco.ie">dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</a>



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**Activity / Project Update: June 2023 - Municipal District: Inishowen**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Buncrana School Campus</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in particular in relation to land acquisition, it has been agreed with the Department of Education and Skills that any further requests for updates or progress reports would be handled directly by the Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus.</li><li>• The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers.</li><li>• Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford.</li><li>• The 'Notice to Treat' was issued in December, 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus.</li><li>• It is intended that the 'Notice to Enter' will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education &amp; Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc.</li><li>• Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land</li></ul>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>June 2023</u></b></p> <p>Donegal County Council are assisting The Department of Education and Skills with the technical elements of the project and this work is on-going.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The CPO is concluded.</li><li>• The process is ongoing with valuers on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills and Donegal County Council. They are currently in negotiations with all parties with an interest in the lands with a view to finalising land compensation costs.</li><li>• The Department of Education and Skills have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the School Campus design.</li></ul>
<b>Contact person</b>	Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, 087 178 8623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



**Activity / Project Update: June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal LCDC Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Enhancement Funding – MOVILLE</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Upgrade and improvement of Playpark on Moville Shoregreen.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	<b>€81,027.08</b>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p>	  <p><b><u>June 2023</u></b> The Refurbished Moville Playground work is completed and the playground has re-opened.</p>
<b>Contact person(s)</b>	John Deeney, Executive Engineer 087 719 7619 Fiona Doherty, Development Officer 087 3678954



**Municipal District: Inishowen**  
**Activity / Project Update: June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal LCDC Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme</b> <b>Enhancement Funding – BARRACK HILL TOWN PARK, CARNDONAGH</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Re-imagining of Barrack Hill Town Park. Upgrade of existing facility to include equipment for children with mobility issues, development of 5k park walk/run/cycle lane, development of a Multi Use Games Area or Synthetic Turf Pitch and installation of an accessible Covered Outdoor Space.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€124,204.19 <b>Barrack Hill Town Park Children’s Playground Refurbished</b> 
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b>  <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	



**Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly\* reporting period**



**Accessible Activity space for all users**

**June 2023**

**The refurbished playground and activity grounds are completed. The Barrack Hill Town Park Playground and Activity grounds are open to the community.**

**Contact person(s)**

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**Municipal District: Inishowen**

**Activity / Project Update No.4 June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<p><b>€100,000 funding allocation</b>          €11,500 Match funding by Donegal County Council          Budget for Capital works €75,500          Budget for consultancy work €36,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision of a centrally located outdoor space for young people to 'hangout/stay' in the centre of the village designed in consultation with the local school/youth community exploring the themes of place and identity.</li> <li>• The preparation of a Strategy and Action Plan for Newtowncunningham and Environs to inform the strategic sustainable development of the village and setting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting per</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have issued a Request for Quotations for Consultancy Services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Newtowncunningham &amp; Environs.</li> <li>• This work will inform the capital element relating to the Outdoor Space.</li> <li>• The Newtoncunningham Focus Group are working with the Council in relation to the procurement and appointment of consultants to produce a Regeneration Strategy, Action Plan and Health check for the village and Environs. It is envisaged that the outcome of this will inform the capital element of the project</li> <li>• The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have appointed a consultant and the Council are working with the group to progress a master plan for Newtoncunningham which will also inform the capital element of the project</li> <li>• A successful community engagement 'Drop In' event took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm to 8pm. The appointed consultants are working to produce a draft document.</li> <li>• Following the public engagement event. GM Consultants are working on a draft document incorporating submissions and observations</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<p><b><u>June 2023 update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community are considering options for The Multi-functional Pod</li> <li>• Stage one of the Regeneration and Strategy Action plan is complete and The Newtoncunningham Focus Group and consultants GM Designs held another community engagement event on the 14<sup>th</sup> June at the Columban Hall.</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer – Pod Enquires          Claire McCallan, Architect in the community – Action Plan enquires</p>



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**Activity / Project Update No.4**

**June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>  <b>File:</b>	<b>2021 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project</b> Funding Allocation of €100,000 from the Department on 25 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022z. Match funding €11,500 by Donegal County Council
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Enhancement of existing Outdoor Recreational Amenities at The Bath Green, Moville</b></li><li>• <b>Health Check and Regeneration Plan for Moville</b></li></ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation for the 2021 Town and Village Renewal scheme on the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. Several meetings have taken place with the community group, Executive Engineer and the Development Officer scoping out and advancing the capital works associated with the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers.</li><li>• Tenders for the capital work will be advertised on e-tenders this month</li><li>• Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers</li><li>• A meeting is taken place with Donegal County Council and members of the group on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October to scope out the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal project and the recently announced Clár funding for the outdoor gym.</li><li>• A meeting took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> October with the community group to agree and finalise the nature of the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal funding and the Clár funding for the provision of an Outdoor Gym</li><li>• Tenders have issued on e-tenders inviting contractors to submit tenders for the Town and Village Renewal project and Clár funded project.</li><li>• One contractor will be selected to provide the work associated with both projects.</li><li>• The deadline for receipt of tenders is 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<b><u>June 2023 Update</u></b> The Contractor, Garden escapes Ltd have been appointed and work is due to commence within the next few weeks with an 8 week delivery deadline.
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer





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**Municipal District: Inishowen**

**Activity / Project Update No.4**

**June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>  <b>File:</b>	<b>Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee</b>  <b>€50,000 for Project Development</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Preparation work for Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff</b></li></ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A meeting took place with the Culdaff Development Association and Donegal County Council's Executive Engineer and Development Officer.</li><li>• The next steps were discussed and the way forward to deliver the project agreed.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<b><u>June 2023 Update</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tenders are been prepared for Appropriate Assesments, and all relevant documentation and reports necessary to deliver the capital works.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



**Municipal District: Inishowen**

**Activity / Project Update      June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2022 Killea Clár funded project</b>
<b>File:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022</li><li>• Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and €2,500 from Killea Tidy Towns</li></ul>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	To install a Community Pod providing a meeting space and ancillary services for the community sited within the Killea Community Park
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation under the 2022 Clár programme.</li><li>• John Deeney, Executive Engineer has met with the committee and provided technical guidance and outlined the pathway forward to advance the project.</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<b>June 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Project is being led by the Killea Tidy Towns community group with guidance and support from the Executive Engineer within Community Development.</b></li><li>• <b>A Provisional letter of offer has been issued to the group.</b></li><li>• <b>The Group are to prepare documents to seek quotations from a contractor to undertake the proposed construction works.</b></li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	John Deeney, Executive Engineer,



**Municipal District: Inishowen**

**Activity / Project Update      June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2022 Movice Clár funded project</b>
<b>File:</b>	Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022 Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and Movice Tidy Towns
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outdoor Gym &amp; Calisthenics Stations</li><li>• The proposal provides for an accessible outdoor gym area including calisthenics stations to support all ages and abilities in an outdoor environment overlooking the sea at The Bath Green Movice.</li></ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation under the 2022 Clár programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Several meetings took place between the Community Development staff and the community group to agree and finalise the nature of the work associated with both projects in Movice.</li><li>• Tenders have issued on e-tenders inviting contractors to submit a tender for the Clár funded project and the Town and Village Renewal project.</li><li>• One contractor will be tasked with delivering both projects.</li><li>• The deadline for receipt of tenders is the end of this month.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<b><u>June 2023 update</u></b> The Contractor, Garden escapes Ltd have been appointed and work is due to commence within the next few weeks with an 8 week delivery deadline.
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



**Municipal District: Inishowen**

**Activity / Project Update      June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Desertegney Youth Club and Dunree Football Club</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>Upgrade the existing car parking facilities servicing the Foroige Youth Club, National School, local amenities, and sports playing fields sited at the centre of the rural settlement of Desertegney in Inishowen</b>
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	€55,000, match funding of €2,500 from Donegal County Council and Desertegney Youth Club and Dunree Football Club.
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	Initial meeting took place with the community group. The 'Letter of Offer' will issue this month.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A provisional 'Letter of Offer' has issued to the group.</li><li>• The group have commenced the tendering process under the guidance of the Executive Engineer.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer



**Municipal District: Inishowen**

**Activity / Project Update: June 2023**

<b>Activity / Project Title File 622/P&amp;ED/422 (8)</b>	<b>2022 Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme, Carndonagh</b>  An Accessible sheltered outdoor structure/ space for all the community cited within Barrack Hill Town Park
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	See above
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€121,230
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Preliminary meeting has taken place with the group to scope out the deliverables.</li><li>• The Department issued the 'Letter of Funding Offer' in March.</li><li>• A recent meeting has now taken place finalising the desired design and details of the project.</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<b><u>June 2023 update</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Department issued the letter of funding offer to Donegal County Council in March 2023</li><li>• The Community Development Officer and Engineers have engaged with the Barrack Hill Town Park Committee and agreed the final design and details with the group.</li><li>• Tender documents will then be prepared and advertised on e-tenders.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer & Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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**Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate**

**Inishowen Municipal District Report June 2023**

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# 1. Division: Economic Development

## 1.1 Economic Development Unit

### Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
<b>Countywide</b>	<p><b>Property Solutions:</b> The team is progressing 13 property solution opportunities across the county. These are queries relating to the purchase of council owned lands for Economic Development purposes.</p> <p>Killybegs Marine Cluster Steering Group – The Economic Development Unit continues to support the development of the Marine Cluster with a view to enhancing business development opportunities for businesses in the sector not just in Killybegs but across the county. Recent activity includes the Innovation Cadet programmes hosted by the Alpha Innovation Team, St Catherines Vocational School and the Cluster to introduce young people to innovation and opportunities in the Marine Sector.</p> <p><b>Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study:</b> DCC are continuing to implement the recommendations of the KPMG study and work with the Internal and External Steering groups on renewed actions in 2023. Renewed promotion of the Campers Code and a targeted marketing campaign for the sector are planned for Summer 2023. New signage is in development. Of the grant scheme, 9 letters of offer have been issued, which will create an additional 140 spaces once projects are delivered. A review of the existing camping service points is in progress.</p> <p><b>Remote Working:</b> The 2023 Remote Working Holiday campaign will be launched in June 2022 in collaboration with Donegal Hubs Forum and Healthy Ireland.</p> <p><b>Relocation Marketing Campaign:</b> A relocation marketing campaign to attract talent nationally and from overseas continues to roll out, supported by two showreel videos and testimonials from those who have relocated, to encourage people to #MoveToDonegal. So far it has reached over 3 million across all social media platforms and received over 60 relocation enquiries.</p>

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

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	25,046	4,748 (+52)
Twitter	24.7k	2,878 (+18)
Instagram	1,704	3,897 (+34)
Facebook	12,786	1,919 (+11)
Donegal.ie	3.5K Web Users (4 weeks 29 April – 28 May)	

10 News Items Published in last month

**Shared Island:** Work continuing on Shared Island funded projects as follows:

**North West RegTech Initiative** is a proposal to develop an all-island national institute in Regulatory Technology in the North West with partners DCSDC, Catalyst and ATU. The appointed consultants for the Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Case/Economic Appraisal (Stratagem Partners) held an inception workshop with project partners on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023 with stakeholder engagement planned for June 2023.

**Innovation Plaza** to develop cross-border food innovation campuses in Ballyshannon and Irvinestown in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (FODC). Tender evaluation to undertake the scoping/feasibility study, options appraisal and business case has taken place. The most economically advantageous tender is being appointed with work expected to commence in June.

**Regenerative Tourism Project** is a proposal to develop a cross border slow tourism destination which preserves and showcases the regions rich, social, cultural and natural heritage while enabling tourism enterprise clusters to grow and prosper. Toposophy have been appointed as lead consultants to undertake the Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Case/Economic



Appraisal. A project inception meeting was held with project partners on 17th May 2023. Stakeholder engagement is planned for June 2023.

**Slí Cholmcille Project** is a proposed 250 km pilgrimage route linking key Colmcille related sites across Donegal and Derry, with the ambition to link across NI to Scotland. DCC is leading feasibility assessment with partners DCSDC and Slí Cholmcille CLG. Outdoor Recreation NI have been appointed as the lead consultants for the Scoping Study, Business Case/Economic Appraisal and Design Toolkit.

**Ambassador Visit:** On 22 May 2023 the **Deputy British Ambassador Ellen Burns** visited Donegal and met with representatives from the Councils Economic Development team, IDA, Enterprise Ireland, Udaras na nGaeltachta and the ATU. She also met with businesses in the Colab in Letterkenny and expressed a desire to support businesses looking to access the UK market.

**Irish Times Feature:** Donegal featured in the **Irish Times Special Report** “Living and Working in” published on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 both in paper print and online.

**In Business Magazine:** Donegal will also be featured in the upcoming “**In Business**” magazine focusing on highlighting key industry, entrepreneurship and innovation in Donegal and the North West City Region.

**Asia Matters:** Donegal County Council is now a member of the ‘**Asia Matters**’ network with the aim of exploring business and investment opportunities in the Asian Market.

**North West City Region:** Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region.

**Inward Investment Strategy:** pitch propositions, factsheets and a marketing plan, a promotional video and the final branding for the North West City Region focusing on key investment sectors will be completed in June. An audit and revamp of the NWCR website is in progress to reflect the new marketing and branding collateral.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Talent Solutions:</b> Abodoo are finalising the talent mapping dashboard for the NWCR, which will be linked to and incorporated as part of the revamp of the website.</li> <li>• <b>Communications:</b> The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities across multiple platforms including irelandnw.com and via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms.</li> </ul> <p>You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms: @NorthWestCityRegionIreland</p> <p><b>Atlantic Economic Corridor:</b> The Donegal County Council is working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives around economic development. The various Councils are currently working with the WDC to develop an AEC Strategy for the seaboard counties that will promote economic development and investment.</p> <p><b>Concierge Service:</b> The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports including broadband connectivity. Please contact the EDU by email on <a href="mailto:economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie">economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p>Daniel Mc Chrystal – <a href="mailto:dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie">dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie</a></p> <p>Joy Browne - <a href="mailto:joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie">joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie</a> (087) 0619360</p>

**1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit**

**Project / Activity Report**

Countywide	<b>Online &amp; social media updates – Go Visit Donegal</b>
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## GoVisitDonegal.com Website













Year to Date Stats - 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023

	YTD 2022	YTD 2023	Change
Page Views	280,789	305,950	Up 8.96%
Users	103,710	109,259	Up 5.35%

Website traffic in the **month of May** was up vs the same period in 2022.

Page views: 78,770 (up 18.44%) / Users: 27,597 (up 15.57%)

**Website views by country:**

May 2023			
Traffic came from <b>109 countries</b> in total			
Country	Users	% Users	
1.  Ireland	13,512	 48.76%	
2.  United Kingdom	9,469	 34.17%	
3.  United States	2,047	 7.39%	
4.  Germany	333	1.20%	
5.  China	275	0.99%	
6.  France	250	0.90%	
7.  Australia	241	0.87%	
8.  Canada	208	0.75%	
9.  Netherlands	168	0.61%	
10. (not set)	137	0.49%	

**May KPIs** – 7,048 goals have been completed on the website to the value of €70,480

### Marketing Updates

#### **Balmoral Show 2023**

From May 10<sup>th</sup> to May 13<sup>th</sup> Donegal Tourism attended this year's Balmoral Show in Lisburn in collaboration with 13 providers from the County who availed of a subsidised stand cost. Each provider had been allocated to attend 2 days out of the 4-day show. Donegal stand was in the EIKON Shopping Village & was very well received by the visitors.

The Show had well over 100k visitors which is back to pre-Covid numbers, and the Organisers are more than happy with that.

Show dates for 2024 will be 15-18<sup>th</sup> May.

**Attending Trade from Donegal:**

Dillon's Hotel	Waterfront Hotel Group
Arranmore Country Fest	Harvey's Point
Abbey & Central Hotel	Inishowen Gateway Hotel
McGrory's Hotel	Sliabh Liag Experience
Station House Hotel	Oakfield Park
Rockhill House	Mallow Mia

**Brochure Distribution to Hotels in the County**

Additional pages have been added to the reprint of our Go Visit Donegal brochure and include Regions in Donegal, as well as Camping & Caravan Pages.

All hotels have been notified in advance and contacted prior to delivery. A Member of the Tourism Unit team is delivering the brochures in person, which offers a good opportunity to speak to the Sales & Marketing Manager in each hotel.

**Milwaukee Promotions 2023**

Plans are underway for Donegal Tourism to attend the Milwaukee Irish Fest 2023; the Stand has been booked and other marketing preparations are ongoing.

Donegal tourism operators have been contacted and asked to submit expression of interest if they are interested in travelling to the US as part of the Donegal Stand

**An online meeting with providers is taking place on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> Jun.**

**Tourism PR**

Grace Shields from a local PR company 'Social Scene PR' has been appointed to carry out PR and social media activities for Donegal Tourism.

Go Visit Donegal social media and website audit is currently being carried out and will help produce a new social media plan for the Go Visit Donegal brand for the months ahead.

### **Sea Sessions Competition 2023**

Go Visit Donegal have teamed up with Sea Sessions Surf & Music Festival to give away festival tickets. The competition runs from Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June. One winner is announced on selected days, 7 winners in total.

This competition is delivered online on Facebook and Instagram, as well as on the website

<https://www.govisitdonegal.com/sea-sessions-competition>

### **Online marketing**

Ongoing work by Tourism Unit managing social media profiles: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn

Management of Festivals & Events and updates of content submitted by festival providers – ongoing, the calendar of events can be viewed on: <https://www.govisitdonegal.com/festivals-and-events>

Regular maintenance and management of the govisitdonegal.com website and the Tourism Hub

### **Project Development**

#### **Progress to date within quarter\* -inclusive of current status**

#### **7.6 million Shared Island Initiative Tourism Funding**

Donegal County Council has welcomed the news of over €7million for Shared Island tourism initiatives from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. The Wild Atlantic Way and Causeway Coastal Route tourism brand collaboration, funded by the Shared Island Initiative, will connect the two routes to ensure visitors are motivated to stay longer and spend more in the area. The project covers parts of Sligo and Donegal on the Wild Atlantic Way, and parts of Derry and Antrim on the Causeway Coast. It will also include the development of discovery points along the route, improving signage and orientation for visitors, as well as cross-border regional destination development to enable promotion of the region. Donegal County Council Tourism Section is awaiting further information from Failte Ireland and Tourism NI and hopes

to be positioned to provide further information on this funding opportunity in the coming weeks.

#### **BigO Workshop and FAM Trip**

Donegal Tourism will host BigO in the county for two days – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> June to host an ideas workshop and FAM Trip in advance of them preparing two Donegal campaigns later in the year.

#### **Laurentic Forum**

Donegal Tourism continues to attend monthly meetings in relation to exploring mutual opportunities.

#### **Age Friendly Beach Nairn**

Donegal Tourism attended a walkability audit in Nairn on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to identify actions to secure Age-Friendly status for the first beach in Ireland.

#### **Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway**

Donegal Tourism have met, and a working group is now formed to organise and market an official opening and to promote the 25km cycleway going forward. The group will meet again in July.

#### **Spirit of Ireland**

Donegal Tourism have just submitted 5 pages for the Spirit of Ireland Magazine. The Spirit of Ireland Magazine targets the North American Tourists. The magazine is the official publication of the North American Celtic Trade Association. Nacta brings visitors to Ireland to the value of 3.6 million annually. Nacta and Tourism Ireland work very closely and attend the four major shows in America. Tourism Ireland also gives content and imagery to the Magazine. The age group we target is 30 years upwards. The magazine is used as a travel brochure by the 2,500 tour operators that specialise in Ireland.

#### **Tides Project**

Donegal County Council attended the final conference of the Tide Project in Sligo on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May, DCC were accompanied by two

	<p>stakeholders – Inishowen Maritime Museum and Inishowen Development Partnership.</p> <p><b>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</b></p> <p>Sign Agreement with Tbox Conference</p> <p>Tides Project ongoing development of two models of the Saldanha ship for display in two locations.</p> <p>New Merchandise Order for Donegal Tourism (festivals)</p> <p><b>Minor Tourism Related Grant Scheme</b></p> <p>Application deadline was Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>. Seventy-four applications were received in total. These applications will be presented to the Members at MD workshops over the coming weeks.</p> <p><b>Festival Funding and Participative events</b></p> <p>Festivals have been selected and were notified of available funding in April. This is ongoing until the end of December.</p>
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### 1.3: Strategic Funding Unit

#### **Project / Activity Report**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Strategic Funding Unit</b> – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the <b>Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</b>
All MD's	<b>PEACE Plus</b>  The SFU will be hosting a Peace Plus webinar in July 2023 to inform members and staff in relation to the 6 themes and 22 investment areas under the Peace Plus programme. The SFU is currently working with Alpha Innovation on a potential concept note focused on the Innovation Challenge Fund under PEACE Plus.

	<p><b>EU50 Event – Europe Day 2023</b></p> <p>The SFU hosted an EU50 Europe Day funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with Europe Direct Letterkenny on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The event was well attended and a great success.</p> <p><b>YOUTHopia Workshop – June 2023</b></p> <p>The YOUTHopia project Future Fair took place on 27<sup>th</sup> April at Oakfield Park in Raphoe and was very successful with over 150 young people registered. The next stage of this project is to host a 4-day workshop, hosted by Donegal ETB in Letterkenny and delivered by international media organisation Café Babel where 15 young people will have the opportunity to attend and gain skills in international media and content development.</p> <p><b>FLAG Board</b></p> <p>The SFU continues represent the Council on the FLAG Board. The call for the Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Scheme is open until August 2023 and projects must be delivered by the end of the year.</p> <p><b>Project Partnership &amp; Development</b></p> <p>The SFU is exploring a number of project opportunities under the Atlantic Area Programme and is liaising with Council staff and other potential partners on project concepts related to air quality, green infrastructure, fishing sector ecosystem innovation and tourism.</p> <p><b>Other areas of work include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Funding Programme Reviews</li> <li>• Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners</li> <li>• Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc.</li> <li>• Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions</li> <li>• Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p><b>Joy Browne - Acting Senior Staff Officer</b></p> <p><b>Mobile:</b> +353 (87) 0619360</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie">joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

**1.4: Donegal Diaspora Unit**



## Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	<p data-bbox="461 338 971 369"><b>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023</b></p> <p data-bbox="461 411 1398 617">The award ceremony will take place on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. Further procurement of additional requirements will commence shortly. The shortlisting process for awardees has been completed. The Tip O’Neill Award committee will meet on June 14<sup>th</sup> to ratify the awardees for 2023.</p> <p data-bbox="461 659 854 690"><b>Donegal Connect 2023 / 2024</b></p> <p data-bbox="461 732 1382 894">Plans for 2023 have already commenced and dates are hoped to be agreed upon, in conjunction with the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards, over the coming weeks. A funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 is also due for submission in the near future</p> <p data-bbox="461 936 1011 968"><b>Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media</b></p> <p data-bbox="461 1010 1398 1171">A communications plan on the use of the Diaspora website and associated Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place with further updates to follow. <i>Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 01/06/2023 are as follows:</i></p> <p data-bbox="461 1213 938 1245">LinkedIn – 1,203 (up 18) connections</p> <p data-bbox="461 1287 898 1318">Twitter – 4,037 (down 1) follower</p> <p data-bbox="461 1360 919 1392">Facebook – 5,619 (up 16) followers</p> <p data-bbox="461 1434 881 1465">Instagram – 299 (up 6) followers</p> <p data-bbox="461 1507 659 1539"><b>London Events</b></p> <p data-bbox="461 1581 1382 1829">A contingent from Donegal County Council will attend the London Irish Vintage Club Day event on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The LIVC was a successful event last year and we hope to build on those existing relations within London to create further ancillary events around the day in 2023. Further events are also being examined with the London Irish Centre and the Irish Embassy, as well as a ‘jobs fair’ led by the IDA.</p>

	<p><b>Scottish Diaspora</b></p> <p>A further meeting of the wider Scottish Diaspora group is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> June. Further engagement with Donegal County Council Ambassador Packie Bonner is ongoing to maximise his role in the context of promoting our Economic Development work within the United Kingdom.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p><b>Eoin Leonard - Diaspora Officer</b></p> <p><b>Mobile:</b> +353 (87) 360 5678</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:eleonard@donegalcoco.ie">eleonard@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

**2. Division: Local Enterprise Office**

**Project / Activity Report**

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

<b>Outline of Work</b>	<p><b>General Overview – Highlights:</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary of May 2023 Outputs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Aid – Business Expansion &amp; Priming (Start Up) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 26 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid.</li> <li>○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €267,231</li> <li>○ Next EVAC meeting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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- Trading Online Vouchers – 26 Businesses approved support to a value of €55,644.62.
- Mentoring YTD – 124 Businesses have received this support
- Training – 717 Business Attendees at 50 Events YTD.
- An in-person Business Information Session took place in the PSC Donegal Town on Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> involving 9 participants.
- The Food Coast Strategy Review has been completed and the new strategy was launched at Castle Grove Country House Hotel, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. 70 people attended the launch.
- The Energy Efficiency Grant was launched in May. It supports investment in green technologies and equipment i.e. 50% of eligible costs or up to a maximum grant of €5,000.
- So far this year, 69 have participated in 4 on-line Start Your Own Business programmes. In addition, a one day SYOB Bootcamp was held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 and was attended by 13 participants.

**Upcoming Programmes:**

**Ambition**

Ambition is an exciting pre-accelerator programme which focuses on female entrepreneurs and promotes the skills and resilience needed to develop globally scalable ventures, attract investment and create jobs.

We are looking for innovative new business ideas amongst Donegal's early-stage female entrepreneurs. Up to twelve businesses will be selected to participate in twelve half-day workshops. These will be chosen based on criteria including: the scale of ambition, the size of the problem to be solved, early market understanding, a clear competitive

advantage, feasible business model and strength and diversity of the team.

Teams must be available to participate on all programme days. At the end of the programme showcase, a Judging Panel comprising leading entrepreneurs, executives and investors, will evaluate progress.

The programme will run from September 2023 to December 2023. An information session on the programme is taking place on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.

#### **AI For Donegal Businesses**

With the growing focus on AI, an introductory session will be held remotely on Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10am to provide insight to the opportunities presented by Artificial Intelligence for Donegal businesses.

Pre-event registration is required, and Elected Members are asked to advise micro-businesses in your MD of this event.

#### **Procurement Training for eTenders**

Training on the new eTenders platform for Donegal businesses is currently in planning with two webinars due to take place in June, to provide practical tips to Donegal businesses on how to successfully operate the new system.

#### **Ongoing Programmes:**

##### **Scale-X Accelerator**

Scale-X is an 11-week Accelerator Programme which is currently underway and is aimed at start-up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth. There are a total of 14 participants in the programme from a diverse range of businesses and sectors. The programme focuses on giving a deep understanding of the metrics that can drive success, the skills to build financial models that stand up to investor scrutiny, and industry engagement and mentorship that give valuable insights to adapt a company's business model to create the perfect fit.

The Programme runs weekly until Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>, when each business will present their final business pitch.

Planning is underway for a new Scale-X programme to run in September.

### **Business Information Session**

An in-person Business Information Session took place in the PSC Donegal Town on Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> involving 9 participants who were interested in starting and/or growing their business from Donegal. Each business, spanning a range of sectors, was advised on the training, consultancy and grant aid supports available.

Three sessions are planned for June, two virtual and one in person taking place on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> in the Inishowen Innovation Centre in Buncrana.

### **Digital Start**

#### ***YTD – 27 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support***

The objective of Digital Start is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

Digital Start provides strategic intervention for businesses to work for FREE with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 to:

- assist them identify where they are on their digital business journey,
- develop a digital adaptation plan based on their identified need,
- implement their digital adaptation plan.

### **Green for Micro**

#### ***YTD – 3 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support***

This is a FREE programme that helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green consultant worth up to €2,500 who will show them small changes that can have a big impact on their company.

The recently launched Energy Efficiency Grant supports the investment in technologies and equipment identified in a Green for Micro Report,

GreenStart Report or a SEAI Energy Audit with 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000.

The aim of the scheme is to reduce the impact of enterprises on the environment thereby increasing the agility and resilience of these businesses.

For more information click on the link below:

[What is the Energy Efficiency Grant? - Local Enterprise Office](#)

### **Lean For Micro**

#### ***YTD – 8 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support***

LEAN provides strategic intervention for businesses to work with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 (Client contribution €200). It is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies.

### ***Food Coast Donegal***

The Food Coast Donegal is an initiative facilitated by the LEO to support, celebrate and grow the Donegal Food Sector.

- 40 certified members.
- Just under 200 network members.

### ***Current activities:***

- The Food Coast Strategy Review has been completed and the new strategy was launched at Castle Grove Country House Hotel, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. As national journalists were in attendance, we also used this as an opportunity to showcase excellent Donegal food and drinks produce.
- Donegal lamb promotion was successfully launched over Easter and will continue over the coming months.

- ATU Higher Diploma in Food Business & Product Innovation Level 8 programme - LEO Donegal and Food Coast Donegal has sponsored three food businesses from the county to participate and feedback is very positive.
- National Food Academy Steering Committee - this year is the 10th anniversary of the programme so please keep an eye out for Donegal producers on your local Super Valu shelves.

### ***Creative Coast Donegal***

Creative Coast Donegal's aim is to support the building of a strong creative and digital economy in Donegal with businesses that are robust, confident, financially viable, and collaboration-friendly, all impacting positively on the local economy in terms of job creation, as well as being pro-active and competitive on an international stage.

There are currently 204 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network. These members are creative business owners throughout Donegal from various sectors within the Creative industry.

LEO Donegal submitted an application to Creative Ireland for funding to deliver the IMMERSE project, a collaboration between Donegal County Council, Eirmersive, Connected Hubs, Regional Enterprise Offices (MidWest/NorthWest/West), CREW, Údarás na Gaeltachta and the Western Development Commission. The project, a multi-agency, pan-regional proposition across the Atlantic Innovation region, will focus on the Content Creation Sector.

Funding of €68,000 was awarded from the Creative Communities Action Fund, and responsibility has been assigned to the Western Development Commission to handle project operations. The Western Development Commission will submit a draft report to LEO Donegal in late November 2023, prior to final submission to Creative Ireland.

The LEO Donegal and external consultants are developing a 3-year action plan for the creative industry in Donegal and expect to have it finalised the coming weeks.

### ***Donegal Engineering Network***

The ambition of the ***Donegal Engineering Network*** is to expand, strengthen and enhance the existing engineering group in Donegal.

A range of Good Practice visits, Exhibition Visits and collaborations with other cluster/network facilitators on reciprocal events are being scheduled.

Donegal Engineering Network hosted a stand at the Manufacturing & Supply Chain Expo, RDS Dublin on the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May. This was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our excellent Donegal Engineering sector.

Monthly workshops are facilitated with the topics selected by the Engineers. Recent topics covered included HR and ISO certification. Earlier this month, we lead a delegation of Engineers on a LEAN good practice visit to Kirchhoff-Automotive in Letterkenny. Next month, we will visit Inishowen Engineering to view their extended facilities.

### **Start You Own Business Programme**

So far this year there have been 4 Start Your Own Business (SYOB) Programmes held on-line. A total of 69 have participated in the 4 programmes, with 15 applicants scheduled to commence the June programme, commencing on 6th June, 2023. A further 2 on-line programmes are taking place this year, in September & October, with potential for a third in November (subject to demand).

A one day SYOB Bootcamp was held in the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, on Saturday 27th May, 2023 and was attended by 13 participants. This was the first in-person SYOB event this year and the attendees received a short intensive course covering the main essentials of the on-line programme. A second Bootcamp is scheduled (subject to numbers) to take place later this year.

### **[Enterprise Europe Network](#)**

The Enterprise Europe Network Ireland helps Irish businesses to innovate and grow internationally and is delivered by a partnership between Enterprise Ireland, Cork Chamber of Commerce, Dublin



Chamber of Commerce with Donegal County Council leading out on behalf of the Local Enterprise Office.

Services offered through the EEN help businesses to grow through tailored support, new business and technology partnerships, commercial opportunities, licensing deals, and partners searches for EU funded R&D. The services are tailored to SMEs but are also available to all other businesses, universities and research centres.

Internationally, the Network is active in more than 60 countries worldwide bringing together 3,000 experts from more than 600 member organisations. EEN is the largest support network for SMEs and combine international business expertise with local knowledge to help you take your innovation into new markets.

Two meet the buyer events will take place later in 2023 with EENginex catering for the engineering sector and Food eirEEN for the food sector. 6 Donegal companies are engaged in EEN services to support them in both sourcing and selling internationally.

Further information is available from Eileen Kelly, Enterprise Europe Network Coordinator [eileen.kelly@leo.donegalcoco.ie](mailto:eileen.kelly@leo.donegalcoco.ie)

#### **Upcoming Activities:**

##### **National Enterprise Awards**

Silver Strand Rope Works Ltd, based in Merville, has been chosen to represent Donegal at the National Enterprise Awards, to be held in the Mansion House in Dublin on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2023.

The company's application to the national competition was submitted in March and the national adjudication took place on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2023, in Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

Other activities taking place in June are as follows:

- Trading Online Voucher Workshop – 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2023
- Business Information Sessions – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June (On-Line) & an in-person event taking place on 30<sup>th</sup> June in the Inishowen Innovation Hub – Buncrana.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Information Session – Ambition - Female Accelerator Programme on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.</li> <li>All bookings can be made here: <a href="https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/">https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/</a></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Donegal Stories:</u></b> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <a href="https://donegalstories.ie/">https://donegalstories.ie/</a></p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p>Brenda Hegarty, Head of Enterprise</p> <p>Local Enterprise Office 074 9160735 <a href="mailto:Brenda.Hegarty@leo.donegalcoco.ie">Brenda.Hegarty@leo.donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

### 3. Division: Emergency Services – Fire Service

Activity	Number of: (April)*		Total for year	
<b><u>Fire Service Operations</u></b>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	77		236	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	94		274	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	9		27	
<b><u>Operational Activity Breakdown April 2023</u></b>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	56	38	34	35

Northern Ireland Fire Service	8	1	7	1
<b>Sub Total</b>	64	39	41	36
<b>Total</b>	103		77	
<b><u>Fire Prevention</u></b>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	16		62	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	23		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	66		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	23		80	
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	1		7	
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0		0	
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	5		9	
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	12		45	
Fire Safety Complaints received:	8		15	
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	1		9	
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0		0	
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0		0	

\* Current data only available up to end of April 2023.












**ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – June '23**

**WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal Green Schools Awards 2023 – ‘Celebrating 25 years of Green Schools’</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The annual Donegal Green Schools Awards was held on the Radisson Blu Hotel in Letterkenny on Tuesday 9th May.</p> <p>A large gathering of pupils and teachers were welcomed to the awards ceremony in what was a great day of celebration. Green Schools is celebrating 25 years of the programme this year with Donegal schools being involved in the programme from the beginning.</p> 

	<p>Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Liam Blaney congratulated all the schools on their wonderful achievements and said, “Over the last 25 years, the Green Schools programme has been instrumental in encouraging &amp; educating our children and young people on the importance of sustainability and protecting our environment. The programme has empowered our young generation to make sustainable choices and take action to protect our planet, and I am heartened to see the impact they have made. Through Green Schools, students have learned about waste reduction, energy &amp; water conservation and biodiversity protection and much more. The practices they have implemented in their schools and communities has reduced their carbon footprint and encouraged others to do the same”.</p> <p>In Donegal there are 176 schools registered with the programme. Donegal County Council play a very important role in the implementation of the programme within the County. “Donegal County Council is committed to the Green Schools programme as the benefits are tremendous not only are we educating our pupils for the future but the positive environmental impacts each school is making cannot be underestimated” said Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Donegal County Council.</p> <p>Green-Schools (known internationally as Eco-Schools) is an environmental education programme and awards scheme developed by FEE (the Foundation for Environmental Education) and co-ordinated in Ireland by the Environmental Education Unit of An Taisce- The National Trust for Ireland.</p> <p><b>Donegal Stats:</b></p> <p>Schools receiving their Green Flag were recognised under the following themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Litter &amp; Waste - 4 schools</li> <li>Water - 4 schools</li> <li>Travel - 4 schools</li> <li>Biodiversity - 4 schools</li> <li>Global Citizenship Litter &amp; Waste - 4 schools</li> <li>Global Citizenship Energy - 6 schools</li> <li>Global Citizenship Marine - 5 schools</li> <li>Global Citizenship Travel - 6 schools</li> <li>Global Citizenship Food &amp; Biodiversity - 3 schools</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p><b>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer</b>  <a href="mailto:sbogan@donegalcoco.ie">sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Food Waste Recycling Week</b> 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023</p>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>National Food Waste Recycling Week</b> <b>June 5th - 11th</b></p> <p><b>FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY</b></p> <p><b>JUNE 6TH</b> Letterkenny Recycling Centre - 10am - 12pm Dungloe Recycling Centre - 2pm - 4pm</p> <p><b>JUNE 7TH</b> Carndonagh Recycling Centre - 10am - 12pm Milford Recycling Centre - 2pm - 4pm</p> <p><b>JUNE 8TH</b> Laghey Recycling Centre - 10:30am - 12:30pm Stranorlar Recycling Centre - 2pm - 4pm</p> <p>Get a <b>FREE</b> food waste starter pack</p>    </div>
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Project Description/ Activity	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Donegal County Council - Two Week Promotion</b></p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">HALF PRICE ON BULKY GOODS</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CARNDONAGH / MILFORD / STRANORLAR RECYCLING CENTRES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>From 26<sup>th</sup> June - 8<sup>th</sup> July</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">In association with Bryson Recycling ONLY DURING SITE OPENING TIMES</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <h3>1/2 PRICE BULKY ITEMS</h3> <p><b>MATTRESSES</b>            Single WAS €15 <b>NOW €7</b>            Double mattress WAS €25 <b>NOW €12</b>            King size mattress WAS €30 <b>NOW €15</b></p> <p><b>SOFA</b>            3 piece suite sofa WAS €70 <b>NOW €35</b> <i>depending on weight may cost more.</i></p> <p><b>CARPET</b>            WAS €25 <b>NOW €12</b> <i>depending on size/weight may cost more.</i></p> <p><b>WOOD</b>            WAS €0.40/kg <b>NOW 0.20/kg</b></p> <p><b>OTHER BULKY WASTE</b>            Charged by weight WAS €0.50/kg <b>NOW €0.25/kg</b>  <b>Other bulky items may include</b> toilets, sinks, shower trays, shower doors, large outdoor toys, tiles, small amounts of rubble etc.</p> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;">          </div> </div> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 20px;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4" style="background-color: #006400; color: white;">OPENING TIMES</th> </tr> <tr> <th></th> <th>Carndonagh</th> <th>Milford</th> <th>Stranorlar</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>Monday</b></td> <td>8.30am - 4.30pm</td> <td>Closed</td> <td>Closed</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Tuesday</b></td> <td>Closed</td> <td>Closed</td> <td>8.30am - 5pm (Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.15pm)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Wednesday</b></td> <td>8.30am - 4.30pm</td> <td>8.30am - 5pm</td> <td>Closed</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Thursday</b></td> <td>Closed</td> <td>Closed</td> <td>8.30am - 5pm (Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.15pm)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Friday</b></td> <td>Closed</td> <td>8.30am - 5pm</td> <td>Closed</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Saturday</b></td> <td>8.30am - 4.30pm</td> <td>8.30am - 2.30pm</td> <td>8.30am - 2.30pm</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <p><b>GUIDELINES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Card Payments are now available at all the Recycling centres.</li> <li>-Peak times are between 11am and 2pm, expect queues.</li> <li>-Bring assistance with you to unload Bulky items.</li> <li>-Campaign will run only during opening times for the 2 week period.</li> </ul> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 20px;">     </div>	OPENING TIMES					Carndonagh	Milford	Stranorlar	<b>Monday</b>	8.30am - 4.30pm	Closed	Closed	<b>Tuesday</b>	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 5pm (Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.15pm)	<b>Wednesday</b>	8.30am - 4.30pm	8.30am - 5pm	Closed	<b>Thursday</b>	Closed	Closed	8.30am - 5pm (Closed for lunch 12.30pm-1.15pm)	<b>Friday</b>	Closed	8.30am - 5pm	Closed	<b>Saturday</b>	8.30am - 4.30pm	8.30am - 2.30pm	8.30am - 2.30pm
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**CLIMATE ACTION**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Local Authority Climate Action Plan</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021, each local authority is required to prepare a local authority Climate Action Plan for its respective administrative area.</p> <p>The plans will be consistent with the most recent approved National Climate Action Plan and National Adaptation Framework and are being developed over the next 12 months.</p> <p>Once adopted by the local councils, each plan will be valid for five years and is subject to update at least every five years. The plans will help local authorities to address, in an integrated way, the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change adaptation and strengthen the alignment between national climate policy and the delivery of effective local climate action.</p> <p>Local engagement and collaboration will play a vital role in the drafting of successful plans, ensuring stakeholders are involved in climate decisions that affect them.</p> <p>Elected Members have been updated at the Climate Action and Environment SPC and will be updated at future MD Meetings.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Seamus Hopkins</b> <a href="mailto:SHopkins@donegalcoco.ie">SHopkins@donegalcoco.ie</a>



## WATER SERVICES

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Signing of Master Cooperation Agreement (MCA) between Donegal County Council and Uisce Éireann</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County Council entered into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) dated the 1st January 2014 with Irish Water under the provisions of Section 31 of the Water Services (No. 2) Act, 2013.</p> <p>The SLA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) detailed the services that Donegal County Council would provide to Irish Water (Uisce Éireann since 1st January 2023) in support of the Water Services Functions;</li> <li>(ii) detailed the relationship between Irish Water and Donegal County Council with respect to such services; and</li> <li>(iii) is due to expire on 1st January 2026.</li> </ul> <p>The Government Policy Paper – “Uisce Éireann – Towards a National, Publicly-owned, Regulated, Water Services Utility” dated 23 February 2021 and the Workplace Relations Commission document “Framework For the Future Delivery of Water Services” dated June 2022 provide for a new agreement to replace the existing SLA. It has been agreed between the Local Authority Sector and Uisce Éireann that the SLA is to be terminated and replaced by this MCA.</p> <p>The purpose of the MCA is to provide for Uisce Éireann to have full accountability for Water Services Functions and for Uisce Éireann to have the necessary Management and Direction of Local Authority Water Services Staff.</p> <p>The MCA is based on the final draft agreed at National level through the Water Services Transition Office on behalf of the Local Authority Sector and Uisce Éireann.</p> <p>All thirty-one local authorities signed the respective MCAs on the 5th May 2023.</p> <p>The Chief Executive, the Director of Water and Environment and the Water Services management team met with Water Services staff on the 3rd May 2023. The options open to staff wishing to remain with Donegal County Council were discussed. We have engaged with Unions and with staff locally over the past few years about these emerging changes and will continue to do so over the coming weeks and months ahead.</p> <p>Further updates will be provided to Elected Members at future MD Meetings.</p>

# BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

## Briefing Note 10 – May 2023

### Progress Summary

RPS have prepared responses to queries raised at the Burnfoot Public Information Day held in November 2022. These have been reviewed by the Steering Group and will be uploaded to the project website in May.

The Preferred Scheme will provide a 1 in 200 year return period Standard of Protection (SoP). A Climate Change Adaptation Plan and a Buildability, Operations & Maintenance Plan have also been developed. Minor alterations have been made to the Preferred Scheme as a result of these plans.

The scheme consists of 400m of flood wall and 890m of embankment along the Burnfoot River, with an average defence height of 1.1m (approximately 3.5 feet) above ground level. These defences will provide direct protection to properties at risk of flooding in Burnfoot.

The R238 bridge will be replaced with a new single span bridge. This will improve the flow of flood waters through Burnfoot and reduce the required height of the defences.

The first 185m of the Office of Public Works' Arterial Drainage embankment downstream of the bridge on the left bank of the Burnfoot River would be removed and a new embankment constructed along the back of the old mart. 510m of embankment would be removed from the right bank of the Skeoge River. These changes to the embankments downstream of Burnfoot will reconnect the river to its historical floodplain in this area and, combined with the replacement bridge, will reduce flood levels in the Burnfoot River through the village as well as reducing the impacts of flooding on wildlife (ground nesting birds) around Inch Lough.

A low earthen embankment with an average height of 0.6m (approximately 2 feet) above ground level would be constructed around three properties adjacent to the Skeoge River in the Slab (west of E+I car park) to provide protection from extreme flood events.

On the Carnashannagh Stream which flows from Scalp Mountain through Burnfoot, a field access culvert located in the upper reaches would be upgraded to a 1.5m diameter culvert with headwall and outlet structures. The culvert crossing under the Monreagh Road (Brae Road), located in the lower reaches, will be upgraded to a 1.2m high x 2.4m wide box culvert.

RPS are currently assessing the potential consenting routes for progression of the scheme and will make a recommendation to the Steering Group. This will facilitate the progression of the scheme to Stage II (Planning). The installation works phase of the Ground Investigation contract to support the outline (Planning) design of the scheme has been completed. RPS are currently liaising with Northwest Geotech on the testing phase of the contract.

Environmental assessment of the Preferred Scheme is ongoing. All main chapters of the EIAR have been drafted and are currently being collated and reviewed by RPS. The draft Natura Impact Statement Report was issued to DCC on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Invasive species treatment is to be undertaken this season in Burnfoot. The Project Ecologist will pay a site visit in late May to establish the success of treatment from last year and identify any additional stands to be treated. Contract documents are under preparation.

Quotations are being sought for archaeological test trenching to be undertaken in Burnfoot. Contact has been made with the NMS.

### Next Steps

Stage I of the Project will conclude in the next few weeks with the completion of reporting, including the supporting Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement for the Preferred Scheme. A

comprehensive Stage I report will include details of all of the technical tasks carried out in support of arriving at the Preferred Scheme. Following approval of Stage I of the Flood Relief Scheme, the Project will move to Stage II Planning, where permission will be sought from the relevant Planning Authority.

### **Projected Key Milestone Dates**

- Completion of Natura Impact Statement – June 2023
- Completion of Environmental Impact Assessment Report – June 2023
- Completion of Final Stage I Report – July 2023
- Ongoing management of invasive species in line with the management plan

There has been a two month extension to the Stage I programme for Burnfoot. This is due to extension of the Environmental Assessment tasks due to increased scale and complexity of the Preferred Option.

# **1. PROGRESS SUMMARY**

## **1.1 Engineering Surveys and Site Investigations:**

**Hydrometric Tidal Survey:** The hydrometric survey from gauges recording tidal levels around Lough Swilly is now complete. The data has been used to predict the coastal water levels for the Buncrana and Ramelton hydraulic models and to assess the impact of wave overtopping.

## **1.2 Hydrology and Hydraulics:**

The project team will issue the revised hydrology report to the Steering Group once modelling has progressed further. The Hydraulic Technical Workshop was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2023. Following review of the calibration results it was decided that the hydrology needs to be updated to match the historic flooding. Hydraulic modelling is progressing before draft baseline outputs are ready for review by the Steering Group.

The baseline outputs will consist of estimates for flooding for a varied of return periods e.g., estimates for the levels and impact of the 1 in 10-year (10% AEP), 1 in 100-year (1% AEP) and 1 in 1000-year (0.1% AEP) floods with present day conditions before mitigation measures are put in place.

## **1.3 Environmental Assessments:**

The Wintering Birds Surveys is complete and reporting is expected in early May.

The Bat Activity Survey Report is complete and has been issued.

The remaining environmental surveys will be carried out as required once flood relief options have been progressed further. These surveys will form a critical part of the planning submission for the preferred option.

## **1.4 Natural Water Retention Measures:**

Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) Reporting is ongoing.

## **1.5 Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications**

### **1.5.1 Project Website**

The project website is being updated on an ongoing basis with a quarterly newsletter to be posted after the issue of this Briefing Note (Newsletter No.8).

## **1.6 Contracts**

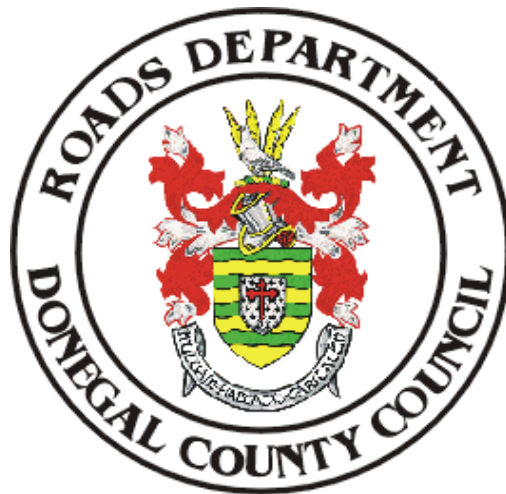
The next targeted invasive alien species (IAS) treatment process will begin in Summer 2023 at locations where there is a potential interface with the flood relief scheme. A site walkover has been arranged with the IAS treatment contractor in advance of the 2023 treatment activities.

## 2. NEXT STEPS

- **Hydrology:** Submission of the final hydrology report.
- **Hydraulic Modelling:** Continuation of hydraulic modelling – calibration stage and baseline scenario runs.
- **Environmental Assessment:** Continue with specialist surveys.
- **Invasive Species Treatment Contract:** Commencement of targeted invasive species treatment for 2023 season.
- **Natural Water Retention Measures:** Complete the assessment of potential for Natural Water Retention Measures in river catchments to alleviate flood risk.

# **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

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**Inishowen Municipal District**

**28th June 2023**

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## Adopted Restoration Maintenance Programme 2023

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1411-2	Crucknanonian	SD	500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7291-1	Archies Road	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6161-1	Mount Scourge	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6311-3	Busmans Clar	SD	850	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6291-1	Tullynavin (Ph 2)	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7741-1+ L7701-1	Calhame	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6534-2	Carrowtrasna	SD	600	2023	2023	Starting 19th June Subject to weather conditions
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1371-2	Cooks Hill	SD	1,500	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6041-2	Moneydarragh (Ph 2)	SD	1,300	2023	2023	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1891-1-2	Iskaheen to Gap	SD	1,220	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R241-4-5	Tardrum Rd	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
<b>Moville Total</b>						<b>12,570</b>			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R 242-2	Lagg Road	SD	1,500	2023	2023	Prepped awaiting contractor
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5661-1	Whinpark	SD	2,300	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1271-2-3	Gorey/Lime Q	SD	2,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5611-1	Trawbrega Strand Rd	SD	1,000	2023	2023	Starting 19th June Subject to weather conditions
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-1011-2-3	Port Ronan X/Ardmalin	SD	1,640	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1281-1	Cashel to Choill	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-5161-2	Coulhons Road	SD	2,300	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L-1331-1	Drumagesson/Tremone	SD	2,300	2023	2023	Starting 19th June Subject to weather conditions
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5361-1	Stoneys Culdaff	SD	650	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L12116	Gortnamara	SD	650	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1391-4	Lough Inn	SD	1,850	2023	2023	Starting 19th June Subject to weather conditions
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5021-1	Port Ronan	SD	400	2023	2023	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						<b>17,590</b>			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7081	McGee Clongash Phase 2	SD	1,700	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7111	Cleenagh to McGee	SD	560	2023	2023	Aug-23
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1851	Inch Road	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1721	Illies Road	SD	1,800	2023	2023	Aug-23
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1741	Ludden Road	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L		Tonduff	SD	750	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-16914	Old Sleadrin Road	SD	700	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1181	Cloontagh to Carn Mountain	SD	1,650	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-6731	Smithys road to O'Donnells	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7091	Ballymagan Hill (Big House)	SD	1,200	Complete	Complete	
<b>Buncrana Rural Total</b>						<b>12,760</b>			
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1971	Moss Road - Callaghans Road	SD	2,150.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1881	Bray Road Burnfoot	SD	1,800.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-8071	McKeagues Road Dundrean	SD	1,400.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	R	R265	5 Road Ends to Burkes	SD	1,300.00	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-7921 & L-7911	Inch Levels Farm Road	SD	2,000.00	Complete	Complete	
<b>Newtown Total</b>						<b>8,650</b>			
<b>IMD TOTAL</b>						<b>51,570</b>			



## Adopted Bridge Strengthening Programme 2023

Area	Engineer	Road Class	Bridge Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
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### 2023 Bridge Strengthening Programme (Discretionary)

Moville	Road Design	LS 6161	2262	Mount Scourge	Strengthening	6	2023	2023	contract
Moville	Road Design	L 13411	2624	Claggan	Strengthening	6	2023	2023	contract

### 2023 DOT Funding Application

Newtown	Road Design	L5064	5064	Drumbarnett	Strengthening	2	2023	2023	Twin span calpper, 1 span failed
Buncrana	Road Design	LS6831/1	245	McCarrons	Strengthening	2	2023	2023	Exposed reinforcement in deck & spalling concrete

### 2023 Specific Improvement Grants

Moville	Area Roads	R240	DLR240-011	Coyles/Beggars Bridge	Widening/realignment	20	2023	2023	Works started June 2023
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## Low Cost Safety Programme 2023

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
B Moyne	Jim McLaughlin	R	R238	Three Trees Tromaty, Quigleys Point	Stage 1A VRS Risk Assessment and Stage 1B detailed VRS design	1400	2023	2023	It is proposed to carry out a Stage 1A VRS Risk Assessment and Stage 1B detailed VRS design to that will consider approx 1.4km section of the R238 along waters edge. As this section of the R238 is located within adesignated SPA area, an environmental assessment may be required before any works can commence.
<b>Moville Total</b>						<b>1,400</b>			
James Gill	Kevin Lake	R/L	R238	R238, L-5411 & L-1151	local road widening to reduce the severity of the bend	200	2023	2023	Proposed to carry out local road widening to reduce the severity of the bend while also providing safe egress for traffic on the L-1151 increasing visibility for all road users.
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						<b>200</b>			
						<b>1,600</b>			

## Adopted Drainage Provision Programme 2023

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Ardmore Muff LP1891-3	120m of 300mm dia plus gullies and MH. Dig out old conc pipes.	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Bolin L1911-2	150m of 600mm dia pipe + MH + 2 Gullies to prevent flooding.	2023	2023	Sep-23
Moville	Inish North	Rd crossing at Keady LT19113	Replace bridge parapet walls,railing and Road. Remove gravel and debree.	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Crawford Square	Flood preven wk. 30m of deep dig 300 dia, 2 MH's, 4 Gullies, 2 Crossings	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Carrowtrasna Hill Rd	110m of 600 and 300mm dia + Rd crossing. To protect Rd.	2023	2023	Sep-23
Moville	Inish North	Crockglass L7161-1 + Breslins	150m of 600mm dia + 2 Mh's + 4G's reqd to protect rd and prevent flooding	2023	2023	Sep-23
Moville	Inish North	Coastguard Ctgs + Thompsons R238-41	100m of 300mm dia + gully + MH to prevent flooding.	2023	2023	Sep-23
<b>Moville Total</b>						
Carndonagh	Inish North	MH Lid Replacement various locations	7 No. MH lids need replacing in Carn general area.	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Foxhole Road Culvert replacement LT57812	Replace 40m of 600mm dia culvert in hill rd to prevent flooding.	2023	2023	Sep-23
Carndonagh	Inish North	R240 at Charlie Devlins+Robert Smyths	50m of 600mm dia road crossing. 2 MH's. 2G's. 150m 600 dia in garden.	2023	2023	Sep-23
Carndonagh	Inish North	2 No Rd X on R240 (Napoleons+Planting)	400mm dia road crossings+ MH reqd at two separate locations	2023	2023	Sep-23
Carndonagh	Inish North	Culoort LS5081-1	Sheuch cleaning and repair banking at Marie Stephens	2023	2023	Sep-23
Carndonagh	Inish North	Ourt Gleneely R244-6	125m of 400mm dia + 2 MH's + 3 Gullies along road edge.	2023	2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Galwilly Rd Crossing LS5721-1	20m of 600mm dia crossing reqd to prevent flooding onto R240	2023	2023	Sep-23
Carndonagh	Inish North	Top of Black Mtn LP1041-1	400m of 300mm dia pipe +10 gullies + 1 MH	2023	2023	Sep-23
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						
Buncrana	Inish South	Shandurm/Umyrcan R238	200 metre of 450 mm pipes ,No4 Gullies and No Manhole @ €172.41 per metre	2023	2023	Aug-23
Buncrana	Inish South	Hill Head Buncrana	120 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per metre	2023	2023	Jul-23
Buncrana	Inish South	Military Road	150 metre of 300mm pipe No 4 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €110 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Crislakeel Burnfoot	60 metre of 300mm pipe @ € 98.00 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Monreagh Burnfoot	No1 New Roadcrossing with 600mm pipe and Manhole	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Inch Road	No1 New Roadcrossing with 300 mm pipe - and Manhole	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Main ILLies road	64 metre of 450mm pipe @ € 163.30 per metre	Complete	Complete	
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						
Newtown	Inish South	Castruse L2111-3	100m of 300mm pipe with 2 gullies	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Glenn Road Newtown L8271-1	120m of 300mm pipe 3 gullies and 1 Manhloe	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Bridgend to Burnfoot Regional R238	5 no. gullies required along this road to prevent surface water on carriage way	2023	2023	Aug-23
Newtown	Inish South	Drumbarnet Gladonagh L5064-1	Replace Bridge/culvert with a 1.2m pipe and bulid new parapet walls	2023	2023	Oct-23
Newtown	Inish South	Dunmore Carrigans R236	120m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes	2023	2023	Jul-23
<b>Newtown Total</b>						
<b>Grand Total</b>						

## Draft Footpath Provision Programme 2023 Additional Works

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Priority	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes	
Moville	Inish North	R+L	L-1341-1/ L-1342-1	Moville (Glencrow /Quay St)		Replacement and New infill footpath to connect Moville Business Park, House Estates, Football Pitch and Health Centre to the Town Centre and Quay Street and the Pier and provide a safe walking route and infill lighting over a 1.2km distance.	860	2021	2023	(160m of replacement FP and 700m of new infill FP and 200m of infill Lighting and 40m of Retaining Wall)	
Moville	Inish North	R+L	L-1891-3 R-238-50	Muff Village		Construct FP to connect Muff Village with the school, chapel, grave yd, football pitches and playpark. Subject to Road Design input	400	2021	2023	<b>Design ONLY</b> to be completed by Road Design,2023	
Moville	Inish North	L	Various	O'Gara Villas and St Finniains Pk	1	Footpath repair continuation of works	200	2022	2023	Works in progress. 50% complete	
Moville	Inish North	R+L	Various	Greencastle	3	Footpath repair	100approx	2021	2023	<b>Legal Issues</b> Wall issue Battery Brea Third Party legal issues to be resolved	
Moville	Inish North	R	R238	Sections at Admiralty House	2	Footpath Repair	200	2023	2023	Connecting works done on LCA scheme done in 2022	
<b>Moville Total</b>											
Carndonagh	Inish North	L/R	R-238-27 R-244-1 L-1231-1	Churchtown/Derry rd		Replacement and New infill footpath to connect up 2 Hospitals, 2 National Schools , 3 house Estates, Carn Community School and Carn Chapel and provide a safe walking route over a 2 km circuit.	800	<b>Complete</b>	<b>Complete</b>	(400m of replacement and 400m of new infill) In progress	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-33	Bocan Culdaff		Construct 200m of footpath to connect the Play School , Community Hall, Chapel, Bocan Stone Circle and Temple of Deen at Bocan with Culdaff Village and provide a safe walking route link.	200	2021	2023	90% complete awaiting lights and bitmac footpath section	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	LP1121	Bunagee Rd Culdaff	4	New Footpath	100	2021	2023	Currently being designed by Road Design Consultant	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R+L	Various	Malin Town	3	Footpath repair	100approx	<b>Complete</b>	<b>Complete</b>	Ongoing	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L	Carrowreagh Road to Pound St	2	Repair of 340m of Footpath & Drainage	340	2023	2023	new works 2023	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R238	Community School to Shopping centre	1	Repair of 290m of 2 metre Footpath & Drainage	290	2023	2023	new works 2023	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>							<b>1,100</b>				
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R-238-4	Rockhead Burnfoot - Phase 1		Provision of 750m of Hard Shoulder including rock armour retention - land aquisition		2018	2023	Land aquisition negotiations concluded awaiting a response	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238 / Main St	Main St Buncrana		Replacement of circa old drainage channels and upgrade of footpaths	800	2022	2023	Second pahse to start in 1st Quarter of 2022	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Ballyliffin Village - Carn Rd		100 meters of footpath within the speedlimits (Phase 1)	100	2021	2023	Requires landowner consent / agreement	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1551-2	Straid Rd / Clonmany Village to GAA Pitch (Phase 1)		250 meters of hardshoulder and accommodation works	250	2021	2022	Requires landowner consent / agreement	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1671-1	Buncrana Slavery Rd		250 meters of new footpath and accommodation works	250	2022	2023	<b>CPO Process necessary to aquire lands for footpaths, consultants appointed to progress</b>	
Buncrana	Inish South		N/A	Buncrana Urban Footpaths repairs / Claim issues		Various locations in Buncrana and the locations identified by IPB ( 10 NO)	1	2021	2023	10 locations to be identified by IPB - Additional Locations to be identified by Walkability Audit ONGOING	
Buncrana	Inish South	L		Clonmany Village		1.5m wide footpath resurfaced	600	2023	2023	<b>Started April 2023</b>	
Buncrana	Inish South			Railway road Buncrana		2.1 metre Footpath Resurfaced	370	2023	2023		
Buncrana	Inish South			Gransha Road Buncrana		Replace footpath	100	2023	2023		
Buncrana	Inish South			Willow Grove Pt 1		Replace footpath	130	2023	2023		
Buncrana	Inish South			Willow Grove Pt 2		Replace footpath	54	2023	2023		
Buncrana	Inish South			Ludden Road		resurface footpath	150				
<b>Buncrana Total</b>							<b>2,805</b>				
Newtown	Inish South			Newtowncunnigham Main Street		Minor Junction Improvements	50	2023	2023	Advance works t	
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Killea Village		General Patch and Repair works	100	2023	2023	Additional patching still required	
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Bridgend - Footpaths at Bonemanie		General Patch and Repair works	100	2023	2023	Additional patching still required	
Newtown	Inish South			Pound Cottages Burt		General Patch and Repair works	50	2023	2023	paths in very poor condition. Overlay required.	
<b>Newtown Total</b>											
<b>Grand Total</b>											

Active Travel

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**Completed Footpath Programme to date**

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	R	Various	Ard Foyle/Bath Tce/Ballynally	Footpath repair	500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-238-42	Community College Phase II	Provision of 150m of footpath	150	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-241-1	Main street Moville/Rd to Greencastle	Footpath repair	60	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-238-50	Muff Main street	New footpath at St Mary's Hall	200	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	LP1901	Muff to Grove at Border	Footpath repair and surface	120	Complete	Complete	Ongoing - 3 lights required. Pots are installed, Order confirmed with Suppliers. Awaiting lights
Moville	Inish North	R+L	Various	Moville	Footpath repair	100approx	Complete	Complete	Pedestrian lights area complete
<b>Moville Total</b>						<b>910</b>			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-35	Gleneely Main street Ph I	New footpath from Crossroads to school	225	Complete	Complete	Final overlay to one section (100m)
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-1041-2	Carpenter's Corner Phase II	Extension of footpath	50	Complete	Complete	Specific Development Charge - in cooperation with development group.
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-12713	Bridge St	Provision of 50m of footpath	50	Complete	Complete	Contractor works complete, accommodation works for landowner
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-28	Malin Rd	Replacement and New infill footpath to connect Malin Rd with the commercial centre of the town and Schools and Church and Hospitals.	600	Complete	Complete	(200m of replacement and 500m of new infill) <b>Action tactile paving to be installed at crossings</b>
Carndonagh	Inish North		No Number	Ard Colgan old housing est	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-240	At Grave Yd Wall	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238	Ard Colgan new housing est	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	LP1131	Middle Lane Culdaff	Footpath resurface and repair	170	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R+L	Various	Carndonagh	Footpath repair/slabs/paving Town Ctr	120approx	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-240-1	Malin St Carndonagh	Repair of 100m of footpath & drainage		Complete	Complete	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						<b>2,420</b>			
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Westbrooke / Cockhill Road	100m of New Surfacing to footpath	100	Complete	Complete	Location of Public Liability Claims (x2) from Westbrooke along Cockhill Road
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1036-0	Millfield Heights	Replacement of surface on concrete Footpaths on Millfield brae	200	Complete	Complete	Ralumac surface with Concrete pathing beforehand
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Fahan Village	Replacement of surface on Bitmac Footpaths through Village		Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Lisfannon - Tank Road Safety Improvements	Provision of new footpaths and crossing facilities	200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana - At Victoria Bridge (McKenna's Shop)	Provision widened footpaths	200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana - Cockhill Road crossing	Pedestrian Safety Improvements	200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Ballyliffin Village	Repairs to existing footpaths within the speedlimits	100	Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238-6/7	Fahan Village (Phase 2)	150 meters of resurfacing of footpath within the speedlimits	150	Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-5156-0	Buncrana Swilly rd and Buncrana Pier Area	250 meters of repairs and replacement to foopaths	250	Complete	Complete	Patch and remove concrete and overlay with Ralumac - Contracted
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana Road to North West Golf Links	Patch and Resurface exsiting footpath	500	Complete	Complete	Ralumac thin surfacing - to be contracted
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						<b>3,301</b>			
Newtown	Inish South	R	R-239-5	Sappagh Phase II	Provision of 400m of hard shoulder	400	Complete	Complete	100m to complete 2018 - Continue with Hard shoulder works - works commenced
Newtown	Inish South	L	Various	Colehill Housing estate Newtown	Removal of old Concrete foopaths and placement of new Bitmac foopaths with kerbing	1000	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	R+L	R-237-1 L-2031-1	Killea Village PHASE I	50 metres of footpath from the middle of the village	50	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2141-2	Rushfield Rd Carrigans Village (L-2141-2 / R236)	Completion of the Rushfield road Footpath with tactile crossing to serve and link Coxtown National School with 4 housing estates ( 60 units) and IMD Rushfield Rd Carrigans Village (L-2141-2 / R236) Carrigan's Main Street - local	70	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2051-1	Newtown village towards Castleforward	250 meters Construction of New Footpath	250	Complete	Complete	250 meters of new footpath and accommodation works
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Carrigans Village	General Patch and Repair works	100	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L		Newtown Linnk from N13 to Colehill	100m of New footpath and road widening	100	Complete	Complete	
<b>Newtown Total</b>						<b>1,400</b>			
<b>Grand Total</b>									

## Draft Lighting Provision Programme 2023 Additional Works

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Battery Brae Greencastle (Fort)	Connection of existing lights and provision of 2 additional lights	2018	2023	Meeting with PL supplier to agree civil works.
Moville	Inish North	Moville (Glencrow /Quay St)	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2023	(160m of replacement FP and 700m of new infill FP and 200m of infill Lighting and 40m of Retaining Wall)
Moville	Inish North	Muff Village & Racecourse road	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2023	Infills required (to be funded by Clr T Crossan Members lighting) subject to final Design Racecou
Moville	Inish North	Redcastle	Provision of additional lights & civils	2021	2023	3No pots & ducting installed
Moville	Inish North	Moville	Repair to decorative lighting COLUMNS	2021	2022	PL supplier to repair Meeting to arranged in site.
<b>Moville Total</b>						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Churchtown/Derry rd	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2022	5 no Lights New
Carndonagh	Inish North	Bocan Culdaff	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2022	4 Lights as part of NTA Design awaiting enervo design
Carndonagh	Inish North	Carrick Brea (Back road walk route)	Provision of 2 additional lights & civils	2021	2023	2 Lights
Carndonagh	Inish North	Malin Bridge Lights	Repairs and Replacements to Deck and Arch	Complete	Complete	Deck lighting to be repaired <b>CHECK Price</b>
Carndonagh	Inish North	Culdaff Green Lights	Repair / Replace uplighters			estimates only awaiting enervo action
Carndonagh	Inish North	New FP Black Mtn Rd Malin	Provision of 7 additional lights & civils	17th January	2023	Pots and ducting installed to meet Enervio
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Village	Provision of 4 new lights to existing poles on R238 into Clonmany	2021	2023	4 New lights from speed limit in / Awaiting quote from Airtricity
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Castle Park Junction	Provision of 2 new lights for pedesatrian safety	2021	2023	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Village	Provision of 1 light on Access Rd to Community Center	2021	2023	Airtricity to install light
Buncrana	Inish South	Linsfort / Desertegney School	Provision of 4 upgraded lights at Desertegney school / Chapel and supply of 1 new light	2021	2023	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Tooban - Dispensary Junction with R238	Provision of 2 no 8 meter columns for Road / Junction safety	2021	2023	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Replacement and Upgrade of 3 no Pedestrian Crossing Lights	Pedestrian crossing along R238 Cockhill Road	2021	2023	Meeting with PL supplier to agree civil works.
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						
Newtown	Inish South	19th Hole footpath	Provision of 2 additional lights on existing wooden poles	2018	2023	Planning application pending
Newtown	Inish South	Killea Village PHASE I	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2022	2023	to be done with footpaths
Newtown	Inish South	Burnfoot village / Slab Rd Junction	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (St Johnston side Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	Newtown Link from N13 to Colehill	Provision of 5 - 6m lights	Complete	Complete	awaiting switching
Newtown	Inish South	Bridgge End Bonniemaie	Provision of 1light (Clr Jack Murray)	2023	2023	Members Allocation
Newtown	Inish South	Railway Road	Provision of 1light (Clr Jack Murray)	2023	2023	Members Allocation
<b>Newtown Total</b>						
<b>Grand Total</b>						

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## Completed Lighting Programme

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Moville	Repair to decorative lighting	Complete	Complete	Complete but under review
<b>Moville Total</b>						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Gleneely	Provision of 6 additional lights	Complete	Complete	Wearing course to be installed on footpath
Carndonagh	Inish North	Barrack Hill and Decorative Tn Ctr	Problem with low level and decorative lighting	Complete	Complete	Barrack Hill complete
Carndonagh	Inish North	Malin Rd	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Bocan Chapel Jn/Carpark	Provision of 1 additional lights & civils	Complete	Complete	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Ludden Junction	Provision of 4 additional lights	Complete	Complete	Airtricity design for 300m requested
Buncrana	Inish South	Ballyliffen to Clonmany	Assistance for Clonmany TT and Ballyliffen TT with Provision of 15 lights	Complete	Complete	TT assisting with costs
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Car Park Shore Front	Replacement of 4 x 10m lights	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Pier Car Park	Replacement of 2 x 10m lights (columns x 2)	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana St Marys Rd Car Park	Provision of upgrade Lighting to St Marys Car Park	Complete	Complete	Anti - social issue with Library and Car Park - more lighting needed
Buncrana	Inish South	Lisfannon - Tank Road Safety Improvements	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana - At Victoria Bridge (McKenna's Shop)	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	Awaiting ESB / Airtiricity to activate lights
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana - Cockhill Road crossing	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	Awaiting ESB / Airtiricity to activate lights
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Rooskey Rd	Provision of 1 new light before bridge on the Rooskey Rd	Complete	Complete	1 New light to be erected from a previous agreement -Awaiting quote from Airtricity
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Town Clock	Repair of streetlight	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Walkers Lane - Pedestrian Access	Provision of New lighting to the Pedestrian Arch walkers lane Buncrana	Complete	Complete	Awaiting ESB / Airtiricity to activate lights
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						
Newtown	Inish South	Burt Graveyard - along side N13	Provision of 2 - 6M additional lights	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Low Cost Safety	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete - Airtricity to install
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (Derry Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Burnfoot village / Slab Rd Junction	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (St Johnston side Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	N13 to Bonmenaine / Bridgend school (Phase 1)		Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Newtown Linnk from N13 to Colehill	Provision of 5 - 6m lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
<b>Newtown Total</b>						
<b>Grand Total</b>						

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# **HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

## **Municipal District of Inishowen**

**28<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

### **Housing Service**

- Progress Reports



Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	5
Properties being refurbished	8
Properties to be refurbished	8

### Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2023	Offers refused from 01/01/2023	Tenancies created from 01/01/2023
11	6	5

### Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Moville	Apex	10	5	4
Carndonagh	SVP	3	1	Pending
Clonmany	SVP	6	1	Pending
Buncrana	SVP	4	2	2

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List at 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	627
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	428
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	41
Net Social Housing Waiting List	158

## Gross Need - by approved bedrooms June 2023

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	5	2	1	0	0	8
	Bridgend	0	15	6	1	0	0	22
	Buncrana	15	152	78	13	1	1	260
	Burnfoot	0	12	3	1	0	0	16
	Burt	0	4	4	0	0	0	8
	Carndonagh	9	67	34	6	0	0	116
	Carrigans	2	5	5	1	0	0	13
	Clonmany	1	10	10	1	0	0	22
	Culdaff	0	7	2	0	0	0	9
	Fahan	1	3	2	0	0	0	6
	Gleneely	0	4	4	0	0	0	8
	Glengad	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
	Greencastle	0	8	1	1	0	0	10
	Inch	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Killea	0	2	2	1	0	0	5
	Malin	0	2	7	0	0	0	9
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Moville	5	19	10	2	0	0	36
	Muff	0	15	9	0	0	0	24
	Newtowncunningham	6	32	6	0	1	0	45
Redcastle	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	
<b>Total</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>627</b>

## Housing Grants Report at 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2021	50	35	1	9	5	0
2022	69	58	0	9	1	1
2023	40	14	0	4	4	18

### Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2021	50	36	0	13	1	0
2022	42	28	1	12	1	0
2023	20	12	0	2	0	6

### Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2021	114	93	10	11	0	0
2022	125	113	6	6	0	0
2023	95	46	4	7	2	36

**Housing Capital Update Report  
Inishowen Municipal District Meeting  
June 2023**

**1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes**

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following social housing developments within the Inishowen Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
<b>Construction Stage</b>		
The Meadows, Buncrana	Construction commenced on site in April. The project is due for completion in March 2024.	1
<b>Detailed Design / Tender Stage</b>		
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	The Letter of Intent was issued to the most economically advantageous contractor. The Council are continuing to engage directly with the contractor to progress mandatory contract requirements. Final approval has been granted by the Department.  Anticipated start date on site July 2023.	16
<b>Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)</b>		
Rockytown, Buncrana (Phase 2)	Disabled Accessible Certificate and Fire Certificates have been approved. Archaeologist commenced investigation work 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2023. Tender returns have been received for ground investigation contract which is anticipated to commence in July. Mechanical and Electrical Consultant has been appointed, QS and Assigned Certifier/ Design Certifier tenders have been returned and are currently being assessed. The detailed design package is currently being prepared in consultation with external consultants.  As a consequence of new flood risk maps recently produced, the site layout has been amended take into consideration any identified flood risk with the result of amending the maximum no. of units to 54.  Department approval will be sought upon completion of the detailed design package.	54
<b>Total</b>		<b>94</b>

## **2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition**

Donegal County Council's turnkey acquisition process is continuing throughout the county. This competitive dialogue procurement process will result in a major capital investment in social housing, with the initial projects in the county now complete.

In relation to the potential turnkey acquisition at Carndonagh, the Council has made an increased offer to the Developer for the acquisition of the units, which remains subject to contract and final departmental approval.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers with regard to the additional valid proposal for Moville. Members will be fully informed of this proposal upon receipt of Irish Water requirements and final departmental approval.

## **3. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes**

The Council is planning to develop further projects on existing landbank in various locations throughout the MD. Preliminary designs are underway for a number of these sites and are informed by the pertaining approved social housing need at local level.

In parallel with the construction and turnkey programmes outlined above, the Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes, in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available / shortfall. In addition to the current expression of interest advertisement on the Councils' website for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing, the Council is also separately identifying parcels of land with social housing potential in areas of need.

A number of suitable land parcels have been identified in towns and villages across the Inishowen MD and engagement / negotiations are ongoing directly with multiple landowners / agents, to acquire these lands.

The Council has currently 2 offers accepted (subject to contract) for lands in Moville (potential for 30 housing units) and Newtowncunningham (potential for 20 housing units).

Going forward, the land team will continue to identify further land parcels across the MD and work with the Council's local service team to assess their suitability for new social housing.

# DCB Scheme Update Inishowen Municipal District as at 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023

<b>STAGE 1 - CONFIRMATION OF ELIGIBILITY</b>		
	<b>No. of Applications</b>	<b>1285</b>
DECIDED - Approved or pending approval	843	65%
With Applicant	126	10%
UNDECIDED - With or expected to go to Housing Agency.	246	19%
UNDECIDED - With DCC for assessment	70	6%
	<b>1285</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>STAGE 2 - GRANT APPROVAL</b>		
	<b>No. of Applications</b>	<b>156</b>
DECIDED - Approved or pending approval	94	60%
With Applicant	22	14%
UNDECIDED - With DCC for assessment	40	26%
	<b>156</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>STAGE 3 - ON-SITE</b>		
Completed	36	
On site	39	
	<b>75</b>	

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15th June 2023

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Dear Ms. Cresswell ,

I would like to acknowledge your recent correspondence dated 13/06/2023 to Charlie McConalogue T.D., Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding Inishowen Municipal District Meeting .

I will bring your correspondence to the Minister's attention as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Walsh, JohnThomas  
Minister's Office