

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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30ú Lúnusa 2023

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 05ú Meán Fómhair 2023,
ag 2.00 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



**Una Cresswell
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
30th August 2023

NOTICE OF MEETING

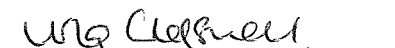
A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 05th September 2023
at 2.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.

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



**Una Cresswell
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 28th June 2023
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the June Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 28th June 2023
3. Planning
4. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
5. Environment
6. Roads & Transportation
7. Community Development
8. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
9. Correspondence

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE
28th June 2023 in CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllrs Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Terry Crossan, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin Mc Dermott, Johnny Mc Guinness and Jack Murray.

Apologies

Cllr Albert Doherty

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Bryan Cannon, A/Director of Service, Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell, A/ Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads & Transportation, Dolores Lafferty, A/Senior Staff Officer, Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Shaun Doherty, Executive Architect, Housing Capital.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Paul Canning opened the meeting pending the election of the new Cathaoirleach. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that it was a great honour to have been Cathaoirleach for the Municipal District of Inishowen for the last year. He acknowledged his fellow councilors particularly the Leas-Chathaoirleach., Cllr Rena Donaghey for their help and support. He also thanked his family for their continued support throughout the year. He acknowledged the media for their reporting and coverage of items in the Municipal District meetings. He also thanked Una Creswell and all the staff in Carndonagh Public Services Centre, for the help throughout the year.

Cllr Paul Canning went on to summarise his year as Cathaoirleach. He outlined the tragic loss of Private Seán Rooney who died while on a peace keeping mission in Lebanon. He also thanked the Fire Service in their response to the Creeslough tragedy.

Other events included:

- Laurentic Commemoration
- Launch of Virtual reality experience at Fort Dunree and at the Maritime Museum, Greencastle
- Opening of Newtowncunningham Health Centre
- The official opening of Swan Park
- Launch of Buncrana Town Plan
- Bench in Malin Head in memory of Johnny & Gertie Fox
- Irish Legends Golf Tour, Rosapenna
- Tip O Neill Award
- K Fest, Killea
- Launch of ASPIRE in Inishowen Gateway
- Drumboe Wreath Ceremony
- Pink Ladies Cancer Conference – Inishowen Gateway Hotel
- St Patricks Day parade – Buncrana
- Minister Jack Chambers visit to Naomh Colmcille CLG, Newtowncunningham

Cllr Canning also referred to many other meetings and events that he had attended and represented.

the Inishowen Municipal District throughout the year.

The members collectively expressed their gratitude to Cllr Canning and commended him on his fairness as Cathaoirleach. and that the Inishowen Municipal District was an example to the other Municipal District areas in Donegal of working collaboratively together. They highlighted the support and knowledge that Cllr Canning had given them throughout the year.

1. Election of the Cathaoirleach

Cllr Canning invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. Cllr Terry Crossan was proposed by Cllr Jack Murray and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott. Accordingly, Cllr Terry Crossan was elected Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2023 to 2024.

Cllr Terry Crossan thanked Cllr Paul Canning as outgoing chair for his role. Cllr Crossan stated that he was honoured to be elected as Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District. He thanked the members of the Inishowen Municipal District and hoped that they would continue to work as a team for the people of Inishowen. He acknowledged the ongoing support from the staff of Donegal County Council and hoped that this would continue. Cllr Crossan also acknowledged the help and support given to him by the late Cllr Bernard McGuinness. Finally, he thanked his family for their ongoing support.

2. Election of the Leas-Chathaoirleach

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the office of the Leas-Chathaoirleach. Cllr Jack Murray was proposed by Cllr Terry Crossan and was seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey. Accordingly, Cllr Jack Murray was then declared Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2023-2024.

The Members all thanked out-going chair Cllr Paul Canning for his work throughout the year and congratulated Cllr Terry Crossan and Cllr Jack Murray on their appointment in the roles of Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Una Cresswell, A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, congratulated the new Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach on behalf of the staff. She also expressed her thanks to the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas-Cathaoirleach. Bryan Cannon, Michael McFadden, and Killian Smith agreed with these comments.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified: _____

Cathaoirleach: _____

Date: _____

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE 2023 AT 3.30pm IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present:

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

Apologies

Cllr Albert Doherty

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, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer (online), Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development (online), Breid Neely (online), Senior Staff Officer, Information Systems.

The meeting was opened by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Terry Crossan who welcomed all to the meeting.

23.31 Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 22nd May 2023.

On the proposal of Cllr Nicholas Crossan and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 22nd May 2023 were adopted.

23.32 PLANNING

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

23.32.01 Tús Nua Project

Following a request from Cllr Albert Doherty at previous Municipal District Meeting, Killian Smith advised members that collaboration between all stakeholders had taken place and negotiations were ongoing.

23.32.02 Planning Service

Cllr Paul Canning congratulated the Planning team within Donegal County Council for the positive engagement between agents, applicants and planners. Cllr Martin Farren and Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with these comments.

23.32.03 Casual Trading

Cllr Nicholas Crossan referred to the delay in progressing the review of Casual Trading due to other pressing work commitments within the Central Planning Unit. He requested that the review is progressed as soon as possible. Killian Smith agreed to relay this request to the Senior Planner.

23.32.04 Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

The Taking in Charge team, as detailed in the Planning Report for the Inishowen Municipal District meeting, presented four estates, as listed below in the Inishowen Municipal District to Members and sought approval to complete the Taking in Charge process.

- 1 Cornmill Avenue, Buncrana
- 2 Ard na Greine, Buncrana

The Planning Authority is satisfied that there is a need for a Public Right of Way over the estate roads and sought approval from Members to make an order to create these Rights of Way in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act.

Approval was sought from Members, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act to declare the roads within these estates to be public roads and thereby complete the Taking in Charge of the estates.

Cornmill Avenue, Buncrana

On the proposal of Cllr Nicholas Crossan seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey it was resolved that the Council make 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, Buncrana as set out in the maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Cllr Nicholas Crossan seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate Cornmill Avenue, Buncrana to be a public road and note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services

infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.

Ard na Greine, Buncrana

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey seconded by Cllr Nicholas Crossan it was resolved that the Council make 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 Ard na Greine, Buncrana as set out in the maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

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23.33 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

- Buncrana Town & Village Renewal Project.
- Merville playground completed.
- Barrack Hill Town Park – project work completed.

23.33.01 Workshops Proposed

It was agreed the following workshops, would provisionally take place on 12th July 2023 at 10am -

- Rural Investment Programme
- Regeneration and Development Teamwork Programme

23.33.02 Croí Cónaithe

Cllr Rena Donaghey raised concerns in relation to the delivery of the Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant. She outlined the benefits of the scheme and the requirement for increased staff to administer this scheme. Cllr Terry Crossan agreed with these comments.

23.33.03 Movice Play Park

Cllr Martin Farren thanked Fiona Doherty for the work that was carried out on the Movice play park and stated that this was a great resource for the area.

23.33.04 Grianán of Aileach

Cllr Jack Murray stated that Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn received confirmation of a meeting between the OPW and Donegal County Council to discuss the development of Grianán of Aileach. Cllr Paul Canning requested that all stakeholders be included in this meeting.

23.33.05 Malin Head Visitor Management Plan

Cllr Martin McDermott requested a workshop be organised to discuss the progression of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan.

23.33.06 LEADER Programme 2023-2027

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that a letter be issued to Minister Humphreys (Minister for Rural and Community Development) requesting that the burden on smaller community groups applying for funding for Leader Projects be reduced from 25% to 10%. He stated the smaller rural community groups will be excluded from applying for funding under the LEADER Programme as they often do not have the means to raise the match funding of 25% and therefore will not be in a position to apply for funding under the LEADER Programme.

23.34 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Breid Neely, Senior Staff Officer, Information Systems, presented the report, and it was taken as read.

23.34.01 Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme 2023

Following on from the Minor Tourism & Related Works Grant Scheme workshop held on 28th June the members discussed the community applications and Council applications in detail and the following funding was agreed:

Community Applications

Group Name & Project Title	Funding Agreed
Hideaway Glamping- Hideaway Glamping	€4,000
Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Committee -Signage for Eco Tourism	€6,000
Movice Tidy Towns - Bath Green Enhancement works	€20,000
Malin Head Community Association - Proposed Cyclists rest, Moss edge, Knockglass	€20,000

Council Applications

Group Name & Project Title	Funding Agreed
ROADS -Wall repairs at Straid, Clonmany, County Donegal	€10,400
ROADS -Dedicated Bus parking at An Grianan	€20,000
ROADS- Buncrana Shorefront Signage	€14,700
WATER & ENVIRONMENT - Buncrana beach and environs mobility equipment	€4,900
Total Funding Allocated	€100,000

The funding for both community groups and council services were formally proposed by Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey.

23.34.02 Festivals

Cllr Nicholas Crossan asked how festival groups could engage with Donegal County Council.

23.34.03 Ambulance Service – Buncrana Base

Cllr Rena Donaghey welcomed the temporary ambulance base in Buncrana.

23.34.04 Emergency Services

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested clarification around ‘letter of release’ in relation to staff in emergency services. He sought assurance that this would not hinder promotional or further job opportunities for part-time Retained Fire Fighters within Donegal County Council. Brid Neeley agreed to follow up.

23.35 ENVIRONMENT

Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, presented the report and it was taken as read. He highlighted the half price bulky goods event which will take place in Carndonagh, Milford, Stranorlar recycling centres from 26th June to 08th July.

23.35.01 Updates from Previous Meeting

In relation to queries raised by members at the previous MD meeting, Matthew Byrne outlined the following responses.

- **Seagulls** Appropriate signage will be erected at Lisfannon, Buncrana advising public not to feed the seagulls.
- **Swan Park** – Matter will be followed up with Dog Warden Supervisor.

- **Dog Fouling Bins** – Donegal County Council can provide assistance to community groups if they wish to provide dog fouling bins.
- **Defective Concrete Blocks** – It was noted that currently there is not a site in relation to the disposal of defective concrete blocks.
- **Public Bins** – Bin opening designed so public cannot use them for general household waste and birds cannot scavenge food from them.

23.35.02 Flood Relief - Burnfoot

Cllr Paul Canning queried if a temporary embankment could be put in place at the opposite side of the river in Burnfoot. Cllr Jack Murray Seconded this proposal. Cllr Jack Murray stated that Deputy Pádraig MacLochlainn received confirmation that Minister Patrick O'Donovan would be willing to meet with the Inishowen elected members to provide an update with regards to progress on the proposed flood relief scheme in Burnfoot. He asked that correspondence issue to Minister O'Donovan to follow up on this commitment.

23.35.03 Beach Access

Cllr Martin McDermott raised concerns in relation to access at Leenan and Lagg beaches. He requested that Donegal County Council contact OPW in relation to erosion in the Inishowen area.

23.35.04 Litter Bins

Nicholas Crossan appealed to public not to leave their rubbish on top of bins as this was causing an issue with birds and general litter. He stressed that this was not a reflection on the good work that is carried out by the Environment Section. Cllr Martin Farren concurred with these comments. Cllr Jonny McGuinness suggested that a public campaign would be beneficial in encouraging the public to take rubbish home particularly when using beaches. Matthew Byrne highlighted previous successful campaigns where Donegal County Council encouraged the public to 'leave no trace' on our beaches and take their waste with them or dispose of in a responsible manner. He referred to a successful campaign which took place at Marble Hill Beach where there were no bins and no litter problem.

23.35.05 Swan Park

Matthew Byrne advised the elected members that he had referred the issues raised at the previous Inishowen Municipal District Meeting to the dog warden. Cllr Rena stated that while she welcomed input from the dog warden, she was concerned with the provision of appropriate signage advising public to keep their dog on a lead.

23.35.06 Ned's Point

Cllr Jack Murray & Cllr Rena requested a follow up on the requirement for a handrail at Ned's Point.

23.35.07 Lifeguards

Cllr Martin Farren thanked Matthew Byrne for the recruitment of beach lifeguards for the Inishowen area. Cllr Johnny McGuinness also welcomed the provision of beach lifeguards and asked if this service could be extended over a longer period as other blue flag beaches in the county have full time lifeguards.

23.35.08 Culdaff Beach

Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested an update regarding signage that is to be provided directing camper van traffic to the larger carpark at Culdaff Beach. He stated that the water supply was not connected and sought an update on why this had not happened. He also highlighted the lack of litter bins at the carpark.

23.35.09 Community Clean up

Cllr Terry Crossan thanked Brian McBrearty, Waster Enforcement Officer and Pearse McGrory, Litter Warden on their assistance with the huge community cleanup which took place on 23rd to 25th June at Muff, Iskaheen, Quigleys Point, Drung and Redcastle. Cllr Terry Crossan stated that would not have happened without the assistance and cooperation of Donegal County Council.

23.35.10 Lagacurry Beach – Isle of Doagh

Cllr Terry Crossan followed up on a previous request that 'no swimming signs' be erected at Lagacurry Beach at Isle of Doagh. He stated that this is an extremely dangerous area and not suitable for swimming due to the dangerous undercurrents and rip tides.

23.35.11 Lisfannon Beach

Cllr Rena Donaghey queried if lifeguards, bins, and toilet facilities could be put in place at Lisfannon Beach over the summer period.

23.35.12 Pier - Bunrana

Cllr Nicholas Crossan raised concerns about members of the public swimming at the pier in Bunrana. He asked that signage be put in place warning people that the pier is unsuitable for swimming. Cllr Rena Donaghey highlighted her concerns following the recent good weather and the issues that arose at the pier in Bunrana. Traffic embarking and disembarking off the ferry service was blocked at times by parked cars and sunbathers. Members of An Garda Siochana attended the area on numerous occasions, but the issue persisted. There were also

issues with smashed bottles and Buncrana Tidy Towns cleaned the area on several occasions. She requested that signage be put in place advising public that drinking in the area is prohibited.

23.36 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

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

The members were provided with an update on the following –

- 30% of the Restoration Improvement Programme 2023 is complete.
- 75% of the Surface Dressing Programme is complete.
- Work has commenced at Coyle's/Beggars Bridge.
- National Primary Road N13 – Work to be complete by 07th August 2023.
- Merville Road Marking – Work Complete.
- Maginn Avenue – Works to complete shortly.

23.36.01 Footbridge Culdaff

Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested an update regarding the provision of the footbridge in Culdaff. Michael McFadden advised that this was a NTA project and consultants were appointed for this project. He agreed to follow up and update members at the next Inishowen Municipal District meeting.

23.36.02 Road Maintenance

Cllr Martin McDermott acknowledged the great work that was carried out by the Roads team in Inishowen. He raised concerns that smaller jobs/maintenance were sometimes overlooked given the large workload that the roads team had to carry out. Michael McFadden noted the comments and advised that he would look at ways to improve this.

Cllr Paul Canning also thanked the Roads team for the work that is carried out in Inishowen. He requested that some maintenance work be carried out on Main Street, Newtowncunningham.

Cllr Terry Crossan also acknowledged the great work that was carried out by the Roads team and praised the team for the work that was carried out at Main Street, Muff.

23.36.03 Footpath – Malin

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that the footpath in Malin be completed by the end of 2023. Michael McFadden advised that this work was currently part of the works programme, and it was hoped that works will progress on this.

23.36.04 Francistown Junction

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to Francistown Junction as discussed at previous meetings. He asked that this matter be followed up and progressed and a solution would be found. Michael McFadden advised members that all options will be explored in trying to find a solution to this ongoing issue.

23.36.05 Glentogher

Cllr Martin McDermott welcomed the work that is currently ongoing on the Glentogher Road and queried if there were any further work planned for this stretch of road. He referred to previous funding that was allocated for this road following the flooding incident in August 2017 and if this funding was still available. Michael McFadden outlined the funding sources that were used in relation to the ongoing work.

23.36.06 Footbridge at Binion

Cllr Martin McDermott updated the meeting in relation to the ongoing issue with the footbridge at Binion, Clonmany. He referred to periods of high tides when public cannot use the bridge as the area becomes flooded. He described a recent incident where members of the public were stranded and unable to use the bridge and requested that the bridge be extended to alleviate the issue as a matter of urgency. Michael McFadden agreed to investigate and discuss further with Cllr Martin McDermott.

23.36.07 Shore Walk, Moville

Cllr Martin Farren requested that maintenance work be carried out along the shore walk at Glenburnie Beach as there are two slabs that require attention. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

23.36.08 Battery Brae, Greencastle

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update regarding the wall at Battery Brae. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up.

23.36.09 Ballynally Lane, Merville

Cllr Martin Farren followed up on previous issues raised in relation to Ballynally Lane, Merville. Michael McFadden advised that this is a NTA funded project and is hopeful that this would be progressed.

23.36.10 Merville-Derry Road

Cllr Martin Farren reiterated his request from previous meetings that the extension of cat's eyes from Muff to Merville be progressed. Michael McFadden advised members that these works would normally be carried out as part of a contract as it can be done more efficiently at that stage. Cllr Martin Farren queried if funding could be sourced to carry out this work due to the large volume of traffic. Cllr Terry Crossan supported this request.

23.36.11 Roads - Bunrana

Cllr Nicholas Crossan acknowledged the huge work that was carried out by the Inishowen Roads team and in particular the maintenance of the road sweeping service over the summer period.

23.37 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

23.37.01 Vacant Council Dwelling

Cllr Nicholas Crossan queried a vacant property at Skeoge Cottages, Bridgend. Una Cresswell advised members that work was ongoing.

23.37.02 Croí Cónaithe

Cllr Johnny McGuinness queried an update on the Vacant Property Refurbishment grant – Croí Cónaithe. Una Cresswell agreed to follow up with relevant personnel.

23.37.03 Deputation from Barrack Hill Town Park

John Duffy, Project Officer, Inishowen Rivers Trust together with committee members Odelle Ward and Jenny O'Donnell gave a presentation to members on behalf of the Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Committee. Odelle Ward outlined the Barrack Hill Town Park amenities and the vision of for the future development of the Barrack Hill Wetlands.

Odelle Ward highlighted the many benefits of the proposed development and stated that this plan would enhance the biodiversity in the area. It is hoped that the active travel path will

benefit any new and existing housing development in the area. It is also hoped that the area will become a biodiversity education center for the students of Inishowen.

John Duffy outlined the concept of the development of wetlands at Barrack Hill and advised the elected members that it was an excellent opportunity to preserve and improve water quality, implement sustainable urban drainage systems, improve biodiversity through habitat creation, alleviate flood risk, add to the local amenity space. John Duffy then went through the development of the wetlands system and the proposed wetland site.

Jenny O'Donnell outlined the many benefits for the proposed 5k recreational trail. She referred to a recent community survey regarding a proposed cycleway in Carndonagh, which found 90% of people found that roads in Carndonagh were unsafe for both cyclists and pedestrians. She also highlighted the commitment by the government to reduce carbon emissions by 2030 by 51% under the National Sustainable Mobility Policy. She also outlined the many benefits for the proposed outdoor recreational area for teenagers. The community survey also highlighted the need for more facilities for children aged ten years and up. There is currently nothing available for this age group and an outdoor space for teenagers would be hugely beneficial.

Cllr Terry Crossan thanked the group for their presentation and advised that the elected members would do their utmost to help promote project. He referred to the Late Cllr Bernard McGuinness and the ongoing support that he had given to the Barrack Hill Town Park in the past.

Cllr Martin McDermott welcomed the proposed development and acknowledged the great work that was done by the committee over the last number of years. He stated that the proposed work would benefit the area greatly and will bring the Barrack Hill Town Park to another level. He outlined the need for the group to be kept informed on any future housing development. He also outlined the issues with flooding in the area and any work that can be done to alleviate this issue would be welcome.

Cllr Paul Canning referred to the integrated constructed wetland system that was constructed in Glaslough in North Monaghan and suggested that the group could possibly learn from the experience of this wetland. He suggested that the Environment section may also be able to offer help and support on the construction of wetlands.

Cllr Martin Farren also welcomed the development of the Barrack Hill Town Park and would be beneficial for the area. He offered his support to the group going forward.

Cllr Johnny McGuinness outlined his support for this project and outlined the support that his late father, Bernard McGuinness had for the Barrack Hill Town Park.

Cllr Jack Murray and Cllr Rena Donaghey also offered their full support for this project and the many benefits that this will have for the area.

Bryan Cannon, A/Director of Service Roads & Transportation, requested that a copy of the presentation be shared with the relevant services within Donegal County Council. He complimented the group on the broad vision of the project and forward thinking.

23.38 Other Business

Cllr Rena Donaghey, Cllr Martin McDermott and Cllr Johnny McGuinness raised the ongoing issue with water supply in Urris and Clonmany. Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that correspondence be issued to Irish Water in this regard. Cllr Martin McDermott advised the members that discussions are ongoing with Irish Water in trying to find solutions to the ongoing problems.

23.39 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the Date of the next meeting to be held on 05th September at 2.00pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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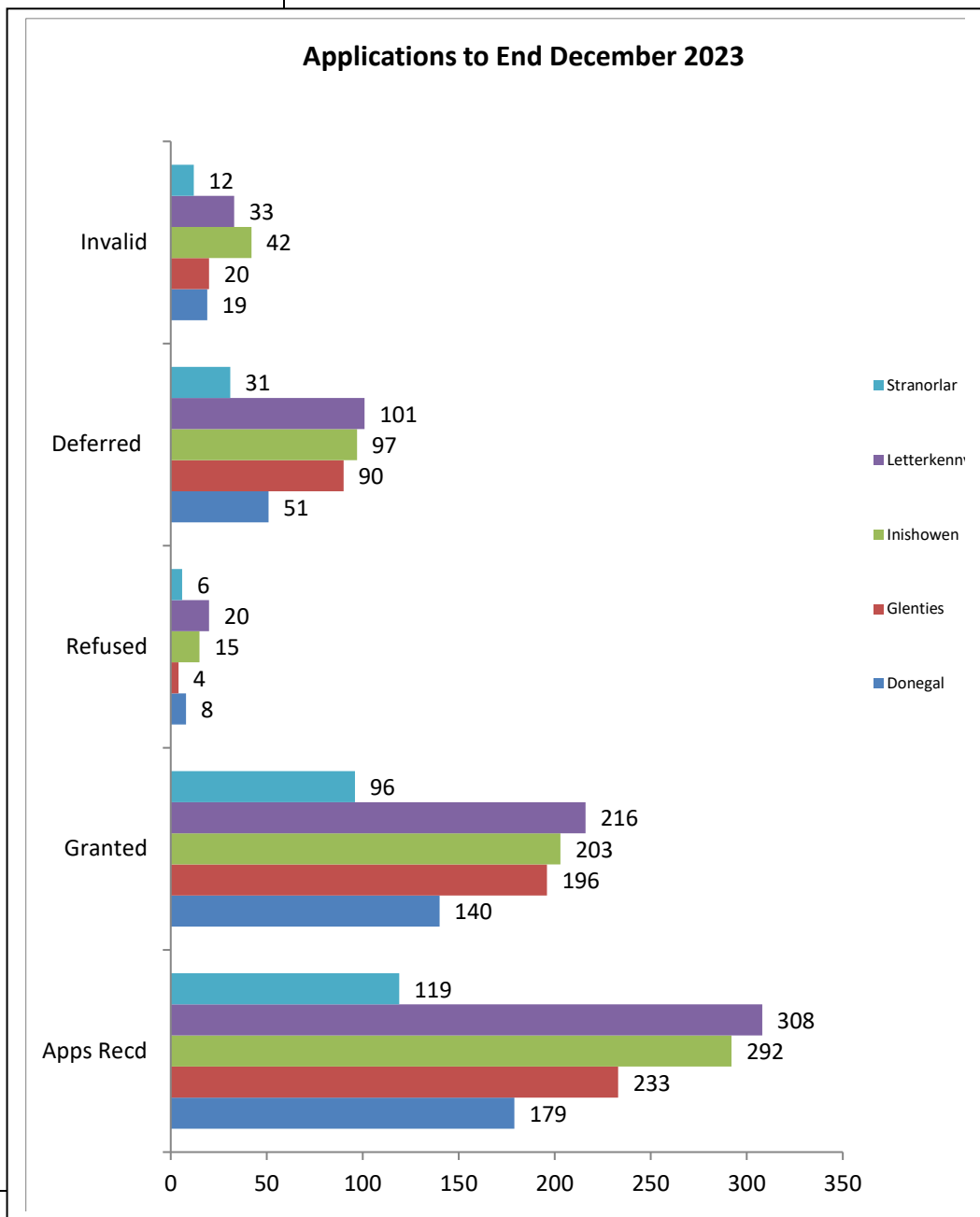
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Area Manager

Date: _____

Inishowen MD Meeting
5th September 2023

Item	Update
1 Development Applications	
(1) Statistics	Inishowen MD Totals Year to End July 2023
	Applications received 292
	Granted 203
	Refused 15
	Deferred 97
	Invalid 42



2	Enforcement		
		Inishowen MD	To end of July 2023
		New Cases	8
		Closed Cases	4
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	305
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2023:</u> 7th September, 2023 21st September, 2023 5th October, 2023 19th October, 2023</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planning-clinics/</p>	
4	Casual Trading		
5	Regeneration Report	See Appendix A	
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge	See Appendix B	
7	Central Planning Unit		
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit		
9	Conservation Report		
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning Service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes 	



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Appendix A



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Project Ireland
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Regeneration & Development Team Community Development & Planning Services

Report to September (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. A workshop was held with Members on July 13th to update them 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 1st 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 6th of 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 Q3 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 29th April 2022. The submitted project had a total project value of €7,949,868.

On 10th 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 6th 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 10th May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18th 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 27th 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 DRCDC for Decision Gate 2 Pre-Tender Approval on Monday 20th March, 2023. Decision Gate 2 approval was subsequently received on 3rd 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 17th 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 10th 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 24th November 2022. Submissions or observations were required to be made in writing on or before 4:30pm on Wednesday 18th 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 13th 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 Humphreys 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 14th 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 16th February and concluding on Thursday 9th 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 14th 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 22nd 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 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 5th of May 2023. This Report has directly informed the Draft Milford Town Centre First Plan which was published for public consultation from the 10th of July to the 4th of August 2023. A drop in event was held on the 26th July 2023 in the Milford PSC with 64 attendees and 42 submissions were made via completed survey forms, comments sheet and email. It is planned to hold a workshop with the Members of the Letterkenny – Milford MD week beginning the 4th September 2023 to present the proposed Milford TCF Plan which has taken onboard the submissions made.

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 4th May, 2023 and Thursday 25th May, 2023 and included the following events:

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

These events were extremely well attended, with over 180 persons attending the drop in event in Massinass Hall. Following examination of the feedback received, a Draft Village Plan and community regeneration project was prepared and a second public consultation event was held on the 22nd June in Creeslough where both draft plans were presented. This event was very well attended also and following a period of further examination of the feedback, the proposed Creeslough Community Regeneration Project Part 8 was published on the 24th July 2023 with submissions to be made before 4.30 pm on Friday 8th September 2023. The proposal is available for viewing at the following link - [Donegal County Council \(donegalcoco.ie\)](http://Donegal County Council (donegalcoco.ie)) It is planned to bring the Part 8 application to the September 2023 Plenary meeting of the Council for consideration.

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 .

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 8th 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. Negotiation on compensation continues in parallel. Acquisition by agreement of remaining property at 29 and 31 Port Road to enable Phase 2 completed on 2nd August 2023 and both properties are also now in the possession of Council.

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.

DHLGH approval to proceed with tendering processes and acquisitions was secured on 7th March 2023 following approval of the Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy. 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.

Sub-project	Nature of DHLGH approval/ Project activity
Sub-project A: Market Square element	<p>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"> ▪ The project has been handed over to the Capital Projects Delivery Unit (CPDU) for



	<p>progression of detailed design with feed-in from the Regeneration and Development Team. A follow up handover meeting is to be scheduled between both teams for September 2023. Further updates will be provided by CPDU.</p>
<p>Sub-Project A: Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p>	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshed valuations received as regards several market valuations to inform potential acquisitions by agreement. • A number of offers have been made and are under consideration by landowners. • Structural Engineering Report completed to inform 1 no. acquisition involving a building. • Clarifications sought on a number of properties in relation to land ownership. • Tender package for Valuation Services closed on 21st July 2023. Final arrangements for the appointment of the successful valuer are currently being made. • High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9th June 2023. • Next step: Consideration of requirements and timeline for publication of CPO by year end. <p>Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design & site supervision) 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"> ▪ Draft tender for architect-led team under preparation and review for opening of procurement process as soon as possible.
<p>Sub-project B: Renewal at Lower Main Street</p>	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required. The following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refreshed valuations received as regards several market valuations to inform potential acquisitions by agreement.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of offers have been made and are under consideration by landowners. • Offer accepted in principle for acquisition of 2 no. properties at Lower Main Street. The Business Case therefore been completed and Council solicitors have been instructed to proceed with legal and conveyancing processes. • Structural Engineering Reports completed to inform 4 no. acquisitions involving buildings. • Clarifications sought on a number of properties in relation to land ownership. • Tender package for Valuation Services closed on 21st July 2023. Final arrangements for the appointment of the successful valuer are currently being made. • High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9th June 2023. • Next step: Consideration of requirements and timeline for publication of CPO(s) before year end.
<p>Sub-project C: Revival of the Courthouse</p>	<p>Proceed to procurement of consultancy services to prepare ‘Product identification/Visitor Experience Plan.’</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"> ▪ Tender package for Creative Consultancy Services opened on 22nd June 2023 in respect of ‘Revival at the Courthouse’ for the preparation of a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. ▪ Deadline for receipt of tenders was 21st July 2023. Two submissions were received. The Evaluation Team met on 31st July and 3rd August and are scheduled to meet again on 12th September. Thereafter an appointment will be made.
<p>Sub-project D: Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p>	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required.</p> <p>This project will be led through the next stage by the Regeneration and Development Team. The</p>



	<p>following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formal engagement with landowner commenced by means of a meeting on 18th May 2023. • Tender package for Valuation Services closed on 21st July 2023. Final arrangements for the appointment of the successful valuer are currently being made. • High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9th June 2023. • A meeting with NTA and representatives of the Councils Roads, Planning, Regeneration and Community Development Teams took place on 10th July 2023 in relation to transportation in Letterkenny inclusive of the Regional Transport Hub project. As regards the Regional Transport Hub, a funding commitment was secured from NTA to enable the engagement of consultancy services to move the project forward to the next level as regards scale, scope, further engagement with transport providers and operational requirements. Draft tender package is being prepared in this regard for internal review initially followed by NTA feed-in prior to opening of a procurement process.
<p>Sub-Project E; Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p>	<p>Proceed acquisition processes for land required 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 and in this regard, it is noted that in-house resources are severely under pressure across both URDF and RRDF work programmes. Notwithstanding, the following actions have been commenced/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formal engagement with a number of landowners commenced and commitment given to further re-engage with particular landowners in September 2023. ▪ Tender package for Valuation Services in relation to the Cultural Corridor element closed on 21st July 2023 and an appointment is currently being made. Activation of acquisition steps in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse

	<p>Road) is dependent on progress on the Part 8 to inform the extent of lands required and previous commentary of capacity of in-house resources refers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High level legal appraisal with Councils solicitor completed on 9th June 2023.
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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 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 is well advanced. The Regeneration Team now provide support and input into the detailed design process which is led by Community Development wherein a procurement process for construction contractor closed for tender submissions on 16th August 2023. Further updates are being provided by Community Development.

2.4 Letterkenny Cultural Corridor

Part 8 proposed development for the ‘Cultural Corridor’ section of LK Green Connect is progressing and is at an advanced state of readiness. The target for publication of the Part 8 is September 2023 leading to consideration of Chief Executives Report on the Part 8 consultation at the November 2023 Council meeting. The team continue to work towards these target dates whilst balancing some additional negotiations with landowners that have arisen. Any adjustment in publication timeline will be communicated directly to Members.

2.5 2nd 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 the completed Phase 1 to Pearse Road.

Due to pressures across the wider work programme of the Regeneration Team, only limited progress has been made with a fresh application of resources targeted for September 2023. Given the early stage in the design process, the timeline for publication of the Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and, as referenced, is subject to capacity of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes. The preferred scenario is to publish a Part 8 by year end 2023. Workshops at MD level will be arranged as this project develops.

In parallel with design work, it is proposed to make further contact with landowners.

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 Q of 2024 at the earliest 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

On the 11th July 2023, Minister O'Brien announced an allocation of €4m under URDF Call 3 for Donegal County Council in relation to Letterkenny Regional Centre. 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 funding agreement has been completed and returned to DHLGH and a further return is to be completed for return to DHLGH by a deadline of 25th August 2023. A further workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD will be required as regards next steps, resources and timeline.

2.9 Other

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas in Letterkenny, engage with key stakeholders on a rolling basis and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across several other activities.

3.0 CROI CONAITHE VACANT PROPERTY REFURBISHMENT GRANT SCHEME

The Council administers the Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The grant schemes, which came into operation in July 2022, provides grants to property owners to refurbish properties that have been vacant for two years or more for use as their principle private residence or to be made available for rent. The level of grant funding available is €50,000 or

€70,000 if the property is derelict. The grants are increased by 20% for off-shore island properties. To date, the Council have processed 302 applications with 87 approved and 16 rejected on the basis that they do not meet the scheme criteria mainly relating to the proposed works or that the property has not been vacant for two years or more and built on or before 2007. The balance of applications is either awaiting further information from the applicant or at first technical inspection stage. There are two applicants who have completed the works and these are currently being processed.

4.0 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER ACTIVATION FUND**

In April 2023, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage launched the CPO Activation Programme for the activation of vacant and derelict properties. The main steps of the programme include:

Step 1: Identification of vacant and derelict properties

Step 2: Identification of and engagement with owners.

Step 3: Communication regarding the various schemes and measures in place to support bringing the property back into use, and

Step 4: Where owners of vacant and derelict properties cannot be identified or where they are unwilling to engage, use of available legislative powers to compulsory purchase or acquire such properties. The acquired properties may subsequently be used for social housing, made available for sale on the open market or used for other purposes.

The Council are currently undertaking Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey is being undertaken in the following towns, which includes town identified at the workshops held with Elected Members in July 2023. The surveys will be rolled out to other towns over the coming months:

Municipal District	Towns		
Letterkenny-Milford MD	Ramelton	Carrigart, Manorcunningham	Rathmullan, Milford
Donegal MD	Donegal Town	Ballyshannon	Bundoran, Dunkineely
Glenties MD	Dungloe	Ardara	Faclarragh
Inishowen MD	Carndonagh	Buncrana	Moville, Malin
Lifford-Stranorlar MD	Ballybofey- Stranorlar	Lifford	Raphoe

To date, 1,545 properties have been surveyed with 678 confirmed as vacant and 48 as derelict. The next step is for our team to identify and engage with the property owners to make them aware of the supports available to bring the vacant property back into productive use. The Members will be kept up to date as we progress through the work programme.

Regeneration & Development Team
September 2023

Appendix B

Municipal District of Inishowen September 2023

**Building Control & Taking in Charge
Community Development & Planning Services**

REPORT

1. Building Control Activity
 - a. Commencement Notices
 - b. Disability Access Certificates
2. Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

Building Control Activity

a. Commencement Notices

In 2022, 556 Commencement notices were submitted, representing 429 new buildings and 127 building alterations or extensions. This compares with 565 Commencement notices in 2021 representing 634 new builds and 138 building alterations or extensions.

The number of "Opt-out" Commencement Notices submitted in 2022 was 312, more than 56% of the overall total submitted. So far in 2023, the Opt-Out Commencement Notice represents 54% of the notices submitted.

As reported previously, this consistent level of submission of these type of Commencement Notices remains a concern. Where these types of Commencement Notices are being used the owners have declared themselves to be competent to ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations and are therefore taking on ALL the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Regulations.

Annual figures:

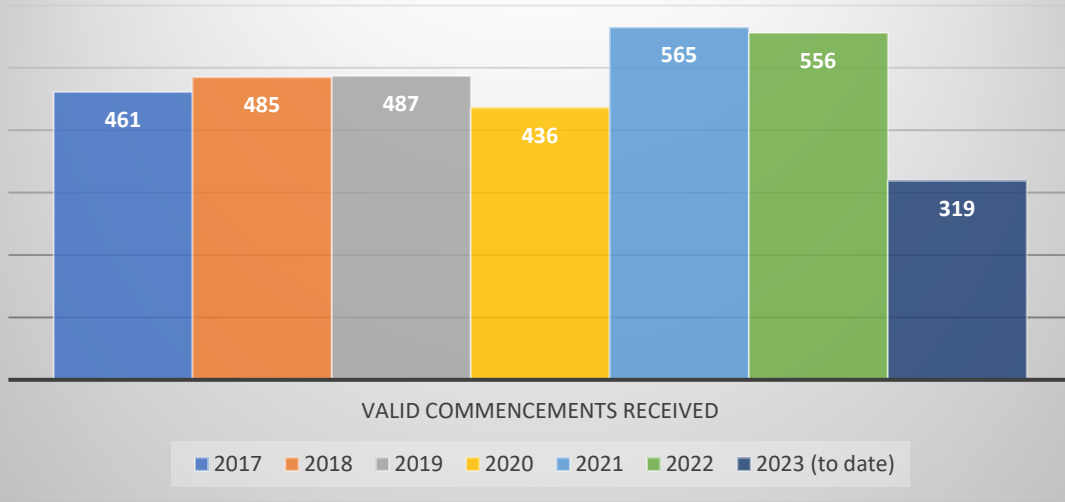
Up to the end of July, there have been 319 Commencement Notices submitted in 2023, representing 281 new build projects and 91 building alterations or extensions. This is down from 355 CNs in the same period in 2022 representing 318 new build projects.

As stated above, in 2022 there were 556 Commencement Notices received. These represented 658 building projects of which there were 531 new units. 120 of these were classified as "multi-unit developments." To date in 2023 there have been one commencement notice for a multi-unit development of 16 houses.

As a comparison, in 2021 there were 565 Commencement Notices received representing 772 building projects and 634 new units, in 2020 there were 436 Commencement Notices representing 642 building projects and 510 new units and in 2019, there were 478 Commencement Notices, representing 620 building projects, while in 2018 there were 483 valid Commencement Notices, representing 608 new build units.



Valid Commencement Notices



Types of Commencement Notices:

- i) Commencement Notice with Compliance Documentation:* An Assigned Certifier is appointed to oversee the construction and to ensure that there is compliance with the Building Regulations.
- ii) Commencement Notice with Opt Out:* This can be used for single dwellings only. The owner is given the option to “opt out” from the Certification Process. They are still legally obliged to comply with the Building Regulations. For this type of commencement notice, an assigned certifier is not appointed, and the owner must sign a declaration to ensure that the building is constructed in accordance with the relevant Building Regulations.

It needs to be stressed here that if this option is chosen, then the Owner is declaring that they are “Competent” and will ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations. These are still subject to spot check inspections and must provide compliance documentation upon request.

- iii) Commencement Notice without Compliance Documentation:* This is referred to as a Short Commencement Notice and requires minimal documentation. It cannot be used for:
- The construction of a new dwelling house.
 - An extension to a dwelling involving a total floor area greater than 40m².
 - Any works that require a fire certificate
- iv) 7 Day Notice:* This type of notice is used, where a fire certificate has been applied for but has not yet been granted.

2023- Jan 1st to July 31st				
Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations/Extensions	Multi Dwelling
CN with Documentation	97	109	38	1 no. 16 unit
7 day notice	26	14	12	0
CN without Documentation	29	17	15	0
CN with Opt Out	167	141	26	0
Total	319	281	91	

b. Disability Access Certificates (DAC):

A Disability Access Certificate (DAC) is a Certificate issued by the Building Control Authority and states that the works or building to which the application relates will, if constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted, comply with the requirements of Part M of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations 1997 - 2011.

Except for houses and certain agricultural buildings, a DAC is generally required for all new buildings, including apartments and flats. A certificate is also required for material changes of use and certain alterations and extensions to buildings.

A building **may not** be opened, operated, or occupied or permitted to do so unless a DAC has been granted or pending determination of an appeals process.

The Building Control Authority is obliged to determine all DAC applications within 8 weeks of receipt unless an extension of time is agreed with the applicant.

The Building Control Department received 87 DAC applications in 2022. This compares with 99 in 2021, 58 applications in 2020 and 53 in 2019.

So far in 2023, up until the end of July, there have been 62 DAC application compared with 36 applications in the same period in 2022.





Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.

The Taking in Charge team is today presenting the following estates in the Municipal District to Members seeking approval to complete the Taking in Charge process:

- Four Acres, Buncrana

It should be noted that while significant works have been carried out in these estates to bring them to a satisfactory level of completion, issues of concern which remain have been highlighted by the Area Roads staff and these are brought to Members attention in the Draft Resolutions for consideration.

Where it is proposed to Declare a Road to be a Public Road under Section 11 of the Roads Act, Members are obliged, under subsection (1)(b)(ii) to consider the financial implications for the authority of the proposed declaration.

However, in the case of a development which has not been completed satisfactorily and an application for takeover has been received and the Planning Authority has not commenced enforcement proceedings within the appropriate period, subsection (1)(b)(ii) of section 11 of the Roads Act shall be disregarded.



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

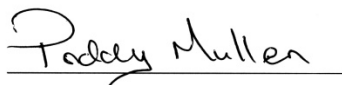
The Planning Authority for the Inishowen Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Four Acres,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

Furthermore, the Planning Authority for the Inishowen Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads within the housing estate **Four Acres, Buncrana** over which a public right-of-way will now exist, as shown on the attached map, are hereby declared to be a public road.

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.

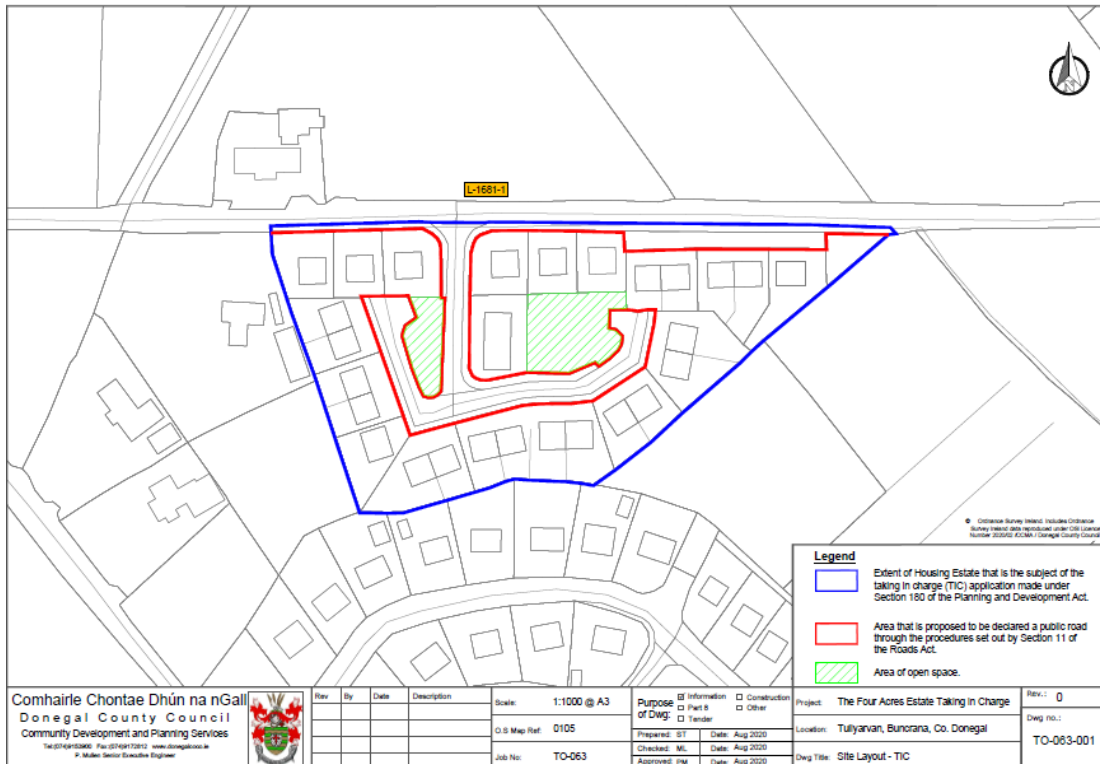
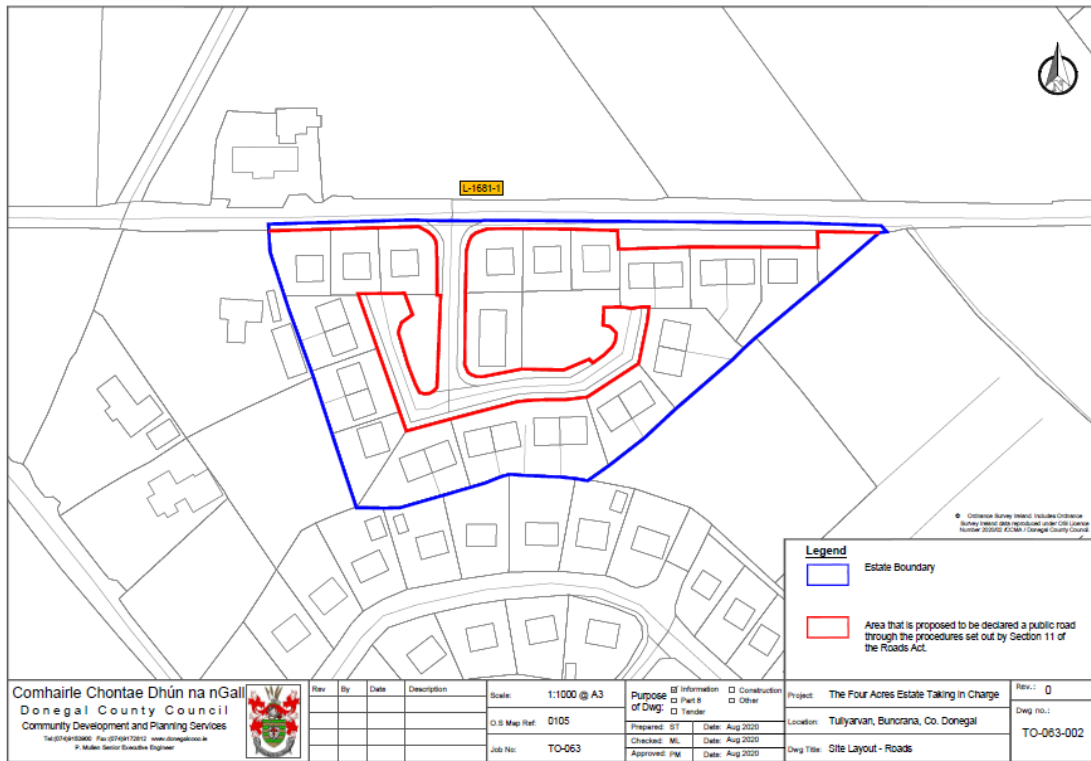
Section 11 of the Roads Act requires that the financial implications of the declaration as a public road be considered. The financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.



Paddy Mullen
Senior Executive Engineer
Community & Planning Services

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make 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 **Four Acres, Buncrana** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an order** in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate **Four Acres, Buncrana** to be a public road and **note** the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.





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CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: Sept 2023

Activity / Project Title	Tús Nua Project
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">• Alteration of the former Leprechaun Bar to create a new through access and public amenities including a changing places facility,• Restoration, alteration and extension of a former Department Store and associated outbuildings to the rear providing for:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. a new Digital Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) and co-working Hub (CoLabora), office space,ii. a Social Space for Young People and Teenagersiii. a community Kitchen,iv. Communal storage, andv. A public realm courtyard with sensory garden.• Creation of a new Pedestrian Street and public realm park between Pound Street/Bank Place and the Supervalu Retail Complex,• The restoration and alteration of a stone outbuilding to a Creative Makers Hub for creative and craft industries;• New demountable canopy feature(s) in the existing Diamond area civic space;• New public realm improvements on Back Lane connecting the Diamond to the Town Car Park and Bridge Street;• 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.
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



Activity / Project Title	Fort Dunree
Project Description/Activity	<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"> 1. Works to improve existing High Fort 2. Provision of an iconic inclined elevator to the High Fort 3. Works to improve High Guns installation 4. Provision of improved distribution roads & parking 5. Upgraded and new walkways and watchtower works 6. Lighthouse conservation works 7. Military Museum & Night Skies space 8. Stabilise, repair or remove existing billet buildings 9. Provide new public spaces and facilities.
Budget	€12.5m

<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p>	<p>The Integrated Design Team (IDT) has completed Stage 2a (Developed Design) and submitted a report detailing the design development along with a full suite of documents for a planning submission.</p> <p>We are currently in the process of lodging a Part 8 planning application.</p> <p>The IDT will now be progressing the detailed design and developing the construction tender documentation.</p> <p>The Visitor Experience & 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="639 943 1501 1205"> <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>18/08/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design</td> <td>18/08/2023</td> <td>15/04/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 3 – Tender Action</td> <td>18/08/2023</td> <td>27/08/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 4 - Construction</td> <td>28/08/2024</td> <td>16/03/2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 5 - Handover</td> <td>17/03/2026</td> <td>21/08/2027</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	18/08/2023	Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design	18/08/2023	15/04/2024	Stage 3 – Tender Action	18/08/2023	27/08/2024	Stage 4 - Construction	28/08/2024	16/03/2026	Stage 5 - Handover	17/03/2026	21/08/2027
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<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>Continue detailed design and tender action.</p> <p>Obtain Part 8 planning consent</p>																					
<p>Contact Person(s)</p>	<p>Patrick Brennan, Project Manager</p> <p>Shane Sweeney, A/ Senior Executive Engineer</p> <p>Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer</p>																					



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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Inishowen Municipal District Report September 2023

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1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Countywide	<p>Property Solutions: The team is progressing a number of 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>#LoveDonegal 2023: #LoveDonegal day 2023 takes place on September 14th, 2023. #LoveDonegal provides the opportunity to promote Donegal and it’s wonderful offering to the widest possible audience and the Donegal diaspora play a hugely important role in this. Spreading the word in relation to opportunities and quality of life in Donegal is one of the main aims for this campaign. Ultimately, organisers want more people to visit, invest and relocate to Donegal for and experience the spectacular quality of life on offer.</p> <p>Details on the #LoveDonegal campaign and how to get involved are available on Donegal.ie/LoveDonegal</p> <p>Remote Working: The 2023 Remote Working Holiday campaign is in collaboration with Donegal Hubs Forum and Healthy Ireland’s initiative ‘Civic Dollars’ encouraging social inclusion, mental and physical wellbeing, and supporting local businesses.</p>

The focus of the Working Holiday campaign is on promoting the wide network of Digital Hubs across the county and showcasing the unique offering Donegal has for a work-life balance without compromise. Details of the campaign are available at: <https://donegal.ie/workhold>

Relocation Marketing Campaign: 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 65 relocation enquiries.

This campaign has been shortlisted in the twentieth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2023 for “Promoting Economic Development”.

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	12,834	4,825 (+52)
Twitter	5.1k	2,940 (+42)
Instagram	1,756	3,974(+48)
Facebook	2,880	1,933 (+8)
Donegal.ie	3.8K Web Users (4 weeks 22 July – 19 August)	

11 News Items Published.

Shared Island: Work continuing for 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. Work is underway by the appointed consultants for the Scoping/Feasibility Study and Business Case/Economic Appraisal

(Stratagem Partners) for completion in September 2023. A high-profile conference is also planned for Autumn 2023.

Innovation Plaza to develop cross-border food innovation campuses in Ballyshannon and Irvinestown in partnership with Fermanagh and Omagh District Council (FODC). Key stakeholder consultation, site appraisal and benchmarking are currently being progressed by the appointed consultants. The completed Feasibility Study, Economic Appraisal/Business Case is on track for delivery in October 2023.

Regenerative Tourism Project is a proposal to develop a cross border slow tourism destination which preserves and showcases the region's rich, social, cultural and natural heritage while enabling tourism enterprise clusters to grow and prosper. *The preferred option emerging is to develop key recreational hubs at the Knader Forest and Castle Caldwell and to link them physically, promotionally and thematically with regional visitor hubs in Belleek and Ballyshannon, through a shared use trail network to develop a connected, serviced destination for the region.*

Community Trails emerging in Option 2 include:

- *Monellan Wood-Trusk Lough-Killeter, connecting to Lifford Castlefinn & proposed Barnesmore Greenway*
- *Castle Archdale & Lisnarick Trail*
- *Creevy Shore Walk with links to include old Co-Op Coastal Walk*
- *Big Dog Forest & connections with Lough Navar*
- *Pettigo Looped Trails & connections to Lough Derg Pilgrim Path*
- *Glenee Forest, Killybegs*
- *Ballybofey/Stranorlar connections using Drumboe Woods, etc.*

The completed Feasibility Study, Economic Appraisal/Business Case is on track for delivery in October 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. Work is underway by the appointed consultants for the Scoping Study, Business Case/Economic Appraisal and Design Toolkit (Outdoor Recreation NI) for completion in September 2023. A wider stakeholder engagement event on 22 June 2023 will be followed by

	<p>local engagement along the proposed route as well as cross-border animation.</p> <p>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 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collaborative NWCR Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Irish Embassy Event in London - 4th December 2023. ○ Golden Bridges, USA - November 2023 ● 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. ● Irelandnw.com Website: An audit and revamp of the NWCR website is in progress to reflect the new marketing and branding collateral. ● Communications: The EDU continues 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. <p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: 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>Concierge Service: The Concierge Service provides support to those interested in doing business in Donegal. The EDU team is planning a social media campaign to promote it over the coming months. The contact email for this service is economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie</p>
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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Tourism Unit
Countywide	<p data-bbox="456 438 1065 470">Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal</p> <p data-bbox="456 506 813 537"><u>GoVisitDonegal.com Website</u></p> <p data-bbox="456 573 1338 646">In the last 28 days the website received 38K users – 37K new users and 1K returning visitors.</p> <p data-bbox="456 682 1382 756">Festivals and Events proved be the most popular page in the last 28 days with over 20k visits to the section.</p> <p data-bbox="456 791 574 823">Facebook</p> <p data-bbox="456 833 1386 907">Facebook reach increased by 402.9% and Instagram reach increased by 25.1%. This was due to a variety of campaigns on the platform.</p> <p data-bbox="456 959 581 991">Instagram</p> <p data-bbox="456 1001 1308 1033">Across Instagram, there was an increase of 326 new followers (up 23%).</p> <p data-bbox="456 1085 563 1117">LinkedIn</p> <p data-bbox="456 1127 1349 1201">In the last month, there was an increase in page views, with a rise of 155%. LinkedIn saw an increase of 37 new followers.</p> <p data-bbox="456 1253 548 1285">Twitter</p> <p data-bbox="456 1295 1344 1369">Twitter insights show an increase of 8.2K impressions (up +166%) from the previous 90 days.</p> <p data-bbox="456 1421 540 1453">TikTok</p> <p data-bbox="456 1505 1403 1694">A new TikTok account has been established for the GoVisitDonegal brand. Since launching in July, we have made consistent progress on this platform. We have uploaded five videos, and each have had relatively strong views to date. This work will continue to drive reach, brand awareness and driving people to the website.</p>

Donegal Airport & Go Visit Donegal Campaign 2023

A digital campaign was launched in conjunction with Donegal Airport to raise awareness of the flight service from Glasgow to Donegal, to promote accessibility and increase traffic on the route, value for money and car hire at the airport.

The advertisement ran on Facebook/Instagram and on Google Ads – Display Ads

Duration: 15 June – 31 July 2023

Goal: Click through traffic to www.donegalairport.ie

Target Audience: Scotland, particularly Glasgow and Edinburgh and Donegal

Results:

Click links: 3,450k Reach: 105.3k

Leave no Trace Campaign

Go Visit Donegal launched a responsible tourism campaign to raise awareness of the importance of exploring the outdoors responsibly with the focus on asking people to leave no trace of their visit and protect Donegal's stunning countryside.

This work is supported by a dedicated page on govisidonegal.com website, providing simple advice to visitors. The campaign reinforced the importance that as visitors, we should be aware of the consequences of our visits on our stunning landscapes, wildlife and communities.

Duration: 20 days – 21st to 10th August 2023

Goal: raise awareness of leave no trace

Target audience: ROI, NI

Results:

Reach: 64,651 Total clicks: 1,076

Marketing Updates

Ireland West Airport

Ireland West Airport is enjoying a record-breaking year for passenger traffic in 2023. Recently released figures show that a record 367,000 passengers passed through the airport during the period January to June 2023, making it the busiest six-month period in the airports 38-year history.

The Tourism Unit is working with Ireland West Airport marketing team to update branding and imagery on all digital screens and billboards within the airport and ensure that Donegal has maximum exposure within the airport.

Brochures & Promotional Merchandise

For the summer season, Donegal Tourism produced 6,000 A5 brochures in July and 3,000 A4 double sided leaflets. Brochures along with maps were distributed to all tourist offices, hotels, airports and promotional events.

Spirit of Ireland Magazine

Donegal Tourism will be advertising in the next edition of the Spirit of Ireland Magazine. The March issue will be distributed in New York City on St Patrick's Day. Spirit of Ireland is the official magazine of Nacta that brings visitors to Ireland to the value of 3.6 million annually. In addition, Tourism Ireland works very closely with the North American Celtic Trade association and attends the four major Irish Shows. Nacta uses the magazine as a travel brochure promoting Ireland.

Golf Cluster Meeting

Donegal County Council Tourism Unit continues to support golf providers and is organising a meeting which will take place on Wednesday, 27th September 2023 in Cruit Island Golf Club. We have invited all golf providers in the county to attend this meeting with a view to working collaboratively to promote Donegal as a world class golf destination.

Donegal Tourism - Associate Members Committee

The Associate Members Committee of Donegal Tourism CLG provides a forum that enables its members to share views, opinions and insights and to provide a connection between members and the Board of Directors.

The committee is made up of members nominated and voted by members of the company with a poll taking every two years.

In April 2023, the process for nomination of members onto the committee commenced. Each member was assigned a business category and was nominated to vote on the membership of the committee.

The Associate Members Committee election process was completed in July and the names of the new committee members have been emailed to all members. The first meeting of this new committee is scheduled for September 13th. The main item on the agenda of this meeting will be the election of three committee members onto the Board of Directors.

Chicago/Milwaukee 2023

Donegal Tourism recently completed a successful trade mission to the USA which saw representatives positively engage with tour operators in Chicago and participation in the world's largest Irish festival.

The schedule included a B2B event in Chicago, with an interactive presentation showcasing the very best Donegal has to offer to the key American decision-makers in attendance.

This event proved to be an excellent opportunity to meet, do business with and present to tour operators from the Chicago area— ensuring Donegal is top of mind for scheduling itineraries for their clients.

The team then moved to the Milwaukee to host an area in the travel section. Milwaukee Irish Fest is North America's largest celebration of Celtic music and culture, showcasing more than 100 entertainment acts on 17 stages.

Irish Fest promotes all aspects of Irish, Irish American and Celtic Cultures and attracted an audience of over 100,000 attendees.

The festival also provided an opportunity for staff to engage with several prominent visitors to the festival including the Mayor of Milwaukee, Cavalier Johnson and Ireland's Minister of State at the *Department of Justice and Equality*, James Browne, in addition to Tourism Ireland USA and Aer Lingus and other counties.

Laurentic Forum

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

Big O – Marketing Agency

Donegal Tourism have appointed a marketing agency called Big O to create a campaign that is aligned with our product offering for the shoulder season. Donegal Tourism in conjunction with the trade hosted a fam trip in June to sample for the agency what the county has to offer. Ongoing meetings and plans are in place in advance of the delivery of a campaign later in the year.

Tides Project

Donegal County Council Tides Project have appointed a Marketing/PR Campaign agency to promote the three pilot VR sites and to launch the two new models of the Saldanha, which were delivered to the two sites in July.

The objective of the marketing campaign is to achieve the following objectives:

- Create targeted marketing opportunities, to raise project/brand awareness for Donegal and keep the proposition ‘top of mind’ when considering a maritime destination.
- Build on the marketing assets (VR Experiences and 3D Models) and promote this offering.
- Highlight the unique experience that can be offered in these historic locations – Fanad, Greencastle and Fort Dunree and surrounding areas through social media, new photography, blogs and video.

TOURBO Project

The Tourism Unit has successfully commenced an Interreg Europe consortium, led by Seville Chamber of Commerce to deliver the TOURBO project, which will boost the transition pathway of MSMEs (Micro Small & Medium Size Enterprises) in tourism with green and digital transformation known as the ‘Twin Transition’.

The project includes an analysis of the tourism sector in terms of green and digital skills/capabilities, training for MSME’s, pilot actions such as new technology trials and knowledge/expertise collaboration.

Social Media

<https://www.interregeurope.eu/tourbo>

<https://www.facebook.com/InterregTOURBO>

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/tourbo-interreg-europe-190758280/>

<https://www.instagram.com/interregeutourbo/>

Progress to August:

1. The initial meeting took place in Seville in June with seven European Partners
2. The first financial report is due at the beginning of September.
3. Donegal stakeholders have been selected.
4. The Tourism Unit is working on a communications plan for 2023, which will incorporate a series of surveys, meetings with stakeholders, and a press release to promote the project to tourism businesses.

Donegal 550

The Tourism team is sitting on the steering group focused on celebrating Donegal Town 550 in 2024. A logo has now been agreed and available for circulation to all groups, individuals and associations and a press release will be circulated in the next few weeks by Donegal Chamber inviting groups to participate.

Minor Tourism Update

Workshops with the members from each MD has been completed and the minor tourism allocations were adopted at MD meetings for Donegal; Glenties; Inishowen and Letterkenny. The Lifford MD is scheduled to take place in September.

All applicants were notified in relation to their application.

Festivals and Event workshop

A festival and events workshop are planned for October.

This workshop will cover topics such as:

Programming

Budgeting

Sponsorship

Operations

Marketing & Promotion

Cross Selling

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1.3: Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
Countywide	<p>PEACE Plus</p> <p>The SFU is exploring opportunities in relation to PEACE Plus, which has 6 themes and 22 investment areas. The SFU is currently working with Alpha Innovation on a potential concept note focused on the Innovation Challenge Fund under PEACE Plus.</p> <p>A PEACE Plus roadshow hosted by SEUPB is planned for September 2023, with a workshop taking place on 22nd September in Donegal Town at The Central Hotel. More information and registration can be found at www.seupb.eu/latest/events</p> <p>Assembly of European Regions Engagement</p> <p>The AER Summer Academy 2022 held here in Donegal co-hosted by Donegal County Council and Udarás na Gaeltachta has been awarded the prestigious European Citizen's Prize for Ireland. The Award Ceremony will take place at the European Parliament in Brussels, on Tuesday 7 November. The European Citizens’ Prize goes to projects “organised by people or organisations that encourage mutual understanding and closer integration between people in the EU, cross-border cooperation that builds a stronger European spirit, and EU values and fundamental rights.”</p>

	<p>An SFU representative attended the AER General Assembly in June 2023 and gave a verbal update to the Assembly in relation to our Donegal Remote Working Strategy for Business.</p> <p>Donegal County Council has joined the AER Green Hydrogen Working Group to explore EU project opportunities in renewable energy.</p> <p>The YOUTHopia project concludes in September 2023 with a workshop to be hosted in Letterkenny for young journalists with an interest in EU affairs.</p> <p>Atlantic Stakeholders Platform Conference 2023</p> <p>The Atlantic Stakeholders Platform Conference 2023 and the CPMR Atlantic Strategy Committee meeting will take place in Porto on 18th October 2023. This event will focus on the sustainable development of the Blue Economy and the implementation of the Atlantic Action Plan 2.0. Irish Government Minister Charlie McConalogue, Minister of Agriculture, Food and the Marine will be in attendance.</p> <p>Project Partnership & Development</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>Other areas of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EU Funding Programme Reviews ● Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners ● Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc. ● Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions ● Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Joy Browne - Acting Senior Staff Officer Mobile: +353 (87) 0619360 E-mail: joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie</p>

1.4: Donegal Diaspora Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
Countywide	<p>Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2023</p> <p>The award ceremony will take place on Saturday, 16th September 2023 at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. A press release issued on 04 July announced the 2023 awardees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Caroline McLaughlin2. John T Fries3. Prof. William C Campbell <p>All other elements of the award ceremony progressing. Tickets on sale via Eventbrite since 10 July 2023.</p> <p>Press Release: https://donegal.ie/news/2023/july/three-distinguished-honourees-announced-for-tip-oneill-irish-diaspora-award#:~:text=It%20is%20my%20honour%20to,Irish%20Diaspora%20Award%20Committee%20Cllr.</p> <p>Eventbrite Link: https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/tip-oneill-irish-diaspora-awards-2022-tickets-388571416567</p> <p>Donegal Connect 2023 / 2024</p> <p>Donegal Connect will take place from 14th - 17th September with a strong focus on Innovation & Diaspora Engagement. A funding application for the Global Irish Festival Series 2024 is due for submission on 25th August with a decision expected within two weeks.</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Website / Social Media</p> <p>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 23/08/2023 are as follows:</i></p>

	<p>LinkedIn – 1,244 (up 33) connections</p> <p>X (formerly Twitter) – 4,026 (down 14) followers</p> <p>Facebook – 5,638 (up 18) followers</p> <p>Instagram – 324 (up 21) followers</p> <p>London Events</p> <p>A contingent from Donegal County Council will attend the London Irish Vintage Club Day event on September 3rd.</p> <p>The Diaspora Officer is also working with the London Irish Centre to organise a Donegal-themed ‘In Conversation with’ event. Originally scheduled to occur on September 4th this has been moved back until Oct. / Nov due to LIC commitments. Further updates to follow and final date TBC.</p> <p>Scottish Diaspora</p> <p>A meeting of the wider Scottish Diaspora group held online on 26th June. Heritage Officer for Donegal County Council Joseph Gallagher presented on the Donegal Emigrant Working lives in Scotland project.</p> <p>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>
Contact Person	<p>Eoin Leonard - Diaspora Officer</p> <p>Mobile: +353 (87) 360 5678</p> <p>E-mail: eleonard@donegalcoco.ie</p>

- **2 Division: Donegal Local Enterprise Office**

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
Role and Remit	<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 - localenterprise.ie/donegal Contact number: 074-9160735</p>
Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of August 2023 Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Aid (M1) – Business Expansion & Priming (Start Up) • 36 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid. • Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €481,020.80 • Next EVAC meeting will take place on 13th September 2023. • Trading Online Vouchers – 42 Businesses approved support to trade online with a value of €93,687.12. • Mentoring YTD – 180 Businesses have received this support. • Training – 1,038 Business attendees at 71 Events YTD. • The next Start Your Own Business (SYOB) online programme is commencing on 5th September and is already fully booked with 28 participants registered. Another SYOB programme, and the final one for 2023, is commencing on 3rd October, 2023, and spaces for this can be booked at Start Your Own Business Programme (Virtual Delivery - Evening) October 2023 - Local Enterprise Office - Donegal • Next Business Information Session scheduled 25th August @ 10am

- Lunch & Learn for Accountants to hear about LEO supports for their business clients will be held on Friday 25th August at 12 noon.
- National Women's Enterprise Day – “Empowering Business Together” is taking place on 19th October 2023 in Solis Lough Eske Hotel. This event aims to inspire, motivate and empower women across the country in running their own businesses.
- LEO Donegal and Creative Coast Donegal are organising the “Meet the Makers” event, taking place on October 20th at Lough Eske Castle. “Meet the Makers” offers Donegal designers and manufacturers in the consumer products sector valuable opportunities to present their unique products and will allow Donegal’s innovative brands to connect with national and international buyers. LEO Donegal is currently receiving expressions of interest from Donegal based craft businesses to exhibit at the upcoming event.
- Creeslough Small Business Humanitarian Scheme. The Local Enterprise Office assisted the Red Cross in the administration of the Scheme. A total of €173,475 has been approved under Scheme A and Scheme B. Under Scheme A, €109,940 was awarded to 25 businesses ranging in value from €840 to €5,000. 6 of these businesses were awarded additional funding of €63,535 under Scheme B, ranging in value from €2,894 to €15,000. All applications under the Scheme have now been assessed.
- The Pre-Accelerator programme AMBITION, developed by Local Enterprise Office Donegal to encourage more female entrepreneurs has been shortlisted in the twentieth annual Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards 2023. AMBITION is one of two projects shortlisted for Donegal County Council:
 - AMBITION in Diversity & Inclusion by the Donegal Local Enterprise Office
 - #MoveToDonegal Relocation Campaign by the Economic Development Unit

Upcoming Events/Programmes:

Scale-X

A third Scale-X North West programme will commence on Wednesday September 6th and involve participants from Donegal and Leitrim.

The 11-week Accelerator Programme, aimed at start-up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth, will run until the end of November. 11 entrepreneurs across a diverse group of businesses, sectors and backgrounds have been selected to take part in the programme. At the final event, each business will present their business pitch idea to a judging panel.

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.

15 businesses have been recently selected to participate in the fourth programme for Donegal's early-stage female entrepreneurs. Businesses will attend twelve half-day workshops and the programme will run from September 2023 to December 2023.

Student Enterprise 2023/2024

Registration is now open for the 2023/2024 Student Enterprise Programme – Ireland's biggest and most successful programme for young entrepreneurs where 25,000 second level students join up across the country and take up the challenge every year. Donegal schools, with the help of the LEO Donegal, will be looking to follow in the footsteps of last year's finalists and book a place at the National Final, which will be held in the Mullingar Park Hotel on 9th May 2024 in the hope that they can take home the prestigious 'Student Enterprise of the Year' title.

Lunch & Learn with LEO Donegal

On Friday August 25th all registered accountants in Donegal have been invited to attend a Lunch & Learn event where the LEO Team will advise attendees of the range of LEO supports available to both them and their

clients. The activity will help to drive further awareness and word of mouth referrals for LEO services to Donegal micro businesses and SMEs.

Business Information Session

The next in-person Business Information Session will take place on Friday August 25th in the Local Enterprise Office, Donegal. Participants interested in starting and/or growing their business from Donegal are encouraged to attend.

Future in-person sessions will incorporate guest speakers and networking opportunities in a range of venues across the county for the remainder of 2023.

National Women's Enterprise Day

National Women's Enterprise Day strives to empower even more women to set up their own businesses and to increase national recognition of the essential role played by Ireland's female entrepreneurs.

This event will consist of a variety of developmental support actions, including inspiring speakers, shared experience, group discussion, information provision, and exhibition of state supports for enterprise.

We are delighted to bring together a range of female speakers to celebrate National Women's Enterprise Day on 19th October in Lough Eske Castle Hotel.

Host & MC for the day is Radio & TV Broadcaster, All Ireland Winning Captain, and Mindset Expert, Anna Geary. The keynote speaker is former dragon, successful businesswoman, magazine publisher, television personality and broadcaster, Nora Casey. There will also be a panel discussion with a number of female entrepreneurs from the North West including Áine Faughnan of Dromod Boxy, Isobel Sangha of Donegal Natural Soap and Helen Mulholland of Lough Gill Distillery

IMMERSE

LEO Donegal was successful in securing funding of €68,000 from Creative Ireland 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 (WDC). The project will focus on the Content Creation Sector.

The first IMMERSE workshop, taking place on August 30th, 2023, will showcase how creative businesses are already generating revenues from immersive technologies and will offer attendees hands-on state-of-the-art experience of this technology.

MEET THE MAKERS

LEO Donegal and Creative Coast Donegal are organising the “Meet the Makers” event, taking place on October 20th at Lough Eske Castle. “Meet the Makers” offers Donegal designers and manufacturers in the consumer products sector valuable opportunities to present their unique products and will allow Donegal’s innovative brands to connect with national and international buyers. LEO Donegal is currently receiving expressions of interest from Donegal based craft businesses to exhibit at the upcoming event.

FOOD COAST

Thinking of Starting Your Own Food Business – half day workshop on 30th August 2023

Food Starter Programme – 4 x half day workshops over 2 weeks, starting on 18th September 2023.

SuperValu Food Academy – one Donegal food producer will progress – Aoibhin O’Dea of Cacai Aoibhin from Bunbeg.

Food Coast Donegal is collaborating with Enterprise Causeway, Northern Ireland on a 2-day exchange in September & October which will see food producers from each region engage in a cross-border visit exchange to collaborate and learn from each other.

Donegal Engineering Network

30th Aug 2023 - Visit to Welditz, Carndonagh with members of Engenuity Midlands Engineering Network.

1st September 2023 - GEMX Industry 4.0 Showcase @ NWRC Springtown, Derry.

7-10 November 2023 visit to BLECH Expo, Stuttgart, Germany.

All bookings for upcoming events and training can be made on

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/>

Ongoing Programmes:

Digital Start

YTD – 32 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 Business

YTD – 14 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support.

This FREE programme, which has recently been re-branded to Green for Business, helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green consultant worth up to €2,500 and showing them how small changes can have a big impact on their company.

Energy Efficiency Grant

YTD – 2 applicants. 1 receiving this support.

The recently launched Energy Efficiency Grant supports the investment in technologies and equipment identified in a Green for Business Report, Green Start Report or a SEAI Energy Audit with 50% of eligible costs up to a maximum grant of €5,000. An integrated marketing campaign took place in July and August across Donegal radio, press and digital media highlighting the support to businesses in the county. On foot of the campaign, applications have been received for both Green for Business and the Energy Efficiency Grant.

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 – 16 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:

- Following on from the recent successful launch of the Food Coast Strategy 2023-2026, key stakeholders and agencies will meet to agree next steps and the initial implementation of the strategy.
- Donegal lamb promotion was successfully launched in April and continued throughout the summer months.
- There have been more successful collaborations for Food Coast Donegal members. Wild Fuschia Bakehouse, Kombucha Ni Dalaigh and Coco Milis, met at the Food Market Course, organised by Food Coast Donegal to Philadelphia last February. Donegal Wild Atlantic Flavours very successfully launched their first workshop at Concreggan Mill in July and Home Grown in Donegal Food Market in Dunfanaghy.
- ATU Higher Diploma in Food Business & Product Innovation Level 8 programme - LEO Donegal and Food Coast Donegal has sponsored four food businesses from the county to participate.
- Upcoming courses: -
- Thinking of Starting Your Own Food Business – half day workshop on 30th August 2023
- Food Starter Programme – 4 x half day workshops over 2 weeks, starting on 18th September 2023.
- SuperValu Food Academy – one Donegal food producer will progress –Aoibhin O’Dea of Cacai Aoibhin from Bunbeg.
- Food Coast Donegal is collaborating with Enterprise Causeway, Northern Ireland on a 2-day exchange in September & October which will see food producers from each region collaborate and learn from each other.

Creative Coast Donegal

Creative Coast Donegal’s aim is to support the building of a strong creative and digital economy in Donegal. There are currently 204 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network.

Earlier this year, LEO Donegal was successful in securing funding from Creative Ireland 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 (WDC). The project will focus on the Content Creation Sector. Funding of €68,000 was awarded and

responsibility has been assigned to the Western Development Commission to handle project operations.

The first IMMERSE workshop, taking place on August 30th, 2023, will showcase how creative businesses are already generating revenues from immersive technologies and will offer attendees hands-on state-of-the-art experience of this technology.

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

LEO Donegal and Creative Coast Donegal are organising the “Meet the Makers” event, taking place on October 20th at Lough Eske Castle. “Meet the Makers” offers Donegal designers and manufacturers in the consumer products sector valuable opportunities to present their unique products and will allow Donegal’s innovative brands to connect with national and international buyers. LEO Donegal is currently receiving expressions of interest from Donegal based craft businesses to exhibit at the upcoming event.

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 organised for the Autumn including the following: -

- 30th Aug 2023 - Visit to Welditz, Carndonagh with members of Engenuity Midlands Engineering Network.
- 1st September 2023 - GEMX Industry 4.0 Showcase @ NWRC Springtown, Derry.
- 7-10 November 2023 visit to BLECH Expo, Stuttgart, Germany.

Monthly workshops are facilitated with the topics selected by the Engineers. Recent topics covered included HR and ISO certification. A range of events have been taking place this year including visits to Kirchoff-Automotive in Letterkenny and Inishowen Engineering. Following the summer break, we will reconvene on the 13th September and the workshop will focus on Energy Cost Savings/Sustainability.

Export Development

In line with our commitment to fostering economic growth and empowering local businesses, LEO Donegal is committed to the development of export-related initiatives.

LEO Donegal has organised two comprehensive Export Information Sessions tailored to both new and existing exporters taking place in September. These sessions will aim to equip participants with the necessary knowledge, tools, and insights to navigate the complexities of international trade successfully.

Additionally, LEO Donegal is developing an Export Development Programme scheduled for later this year. This program is designed to provide participants with a structured framework for enhancing their export capabilities, fostering global market access, and ultimately contributing to the economic strength of Donegal. Through these initiatives, we remain dedicated to empowering the Donegal small business community and positioning them for success on the global stage.

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.

	<p>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.</p> <p><u>Donegal Stories:</u> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/</p>
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- **3 Division: Emergency Services - Fire Services**

Project / Activity Report

Activity	Number of: (June) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	104		408	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	142		505	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	11		41	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown June 2023</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	99	42	67	28
Northern Ireland Fire Service	4	7	3	6
Sub Total	103	49	70	34

Total	152	104
Fire Prevention		
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	21	97
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	31	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	58	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	16	109
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	7
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	5	17
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	13	78
Fire Safety Complaints received:	3	20
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	13
During Performance Inspections carried out:	1 ²	1
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	54 ³	54

1. Current data only available up to end of June 2023.

2. During Performance Inspection carried out at Sea Sessions Festival, Bundoran, on 16th June 2023.

3. As part of its community fire safety programme, Donegal Fire Service delivers the Primary Schools Programme (PSP) each year to 3rd year classes in the County's primary schools. The programme was delivered in person to 54 schools in May 2023.



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – September ‘23

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>‘Keep Donegal Beautiful’ – Holidaymaker Campaign</p>
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p>The ‘Keep Donegal Beautiful’ campaign, in collaboration with the Tourism Section, received over 1 million social media impressions during Summer 2022, was relaunched again for 2023.</p> <p>The campaign targets holidaymakers & visitors to the county encouraging them to play their part in keeping Donegal beautiful with helpful tips on managing their waste & signposting them in the right direction.</p> <div data-bbox="493 980 1349 1829" data-label="Image"> </div>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Summer Greenpiece 2023

Activity / Project Title

Project Description/ Activity

The annual summer Greenpiece was published in the local papers at the beginning of August. This year's piece covered the key information on recycling centres, water safety & beaches – highlighting our county's numerous blue flag awards & ever-growing number of beach wheelchairs.

Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall
Donegal County Council

mywaste
Ireland's guide to waste

Summer Greenpiece

Have a wonderful time in Donegal!

Play your part in Keeping Donegal Beautiful

Plan ahead.

- Talk to your accommodation provider about local waste services.
- Use local recycling centres for waste & recycling services.
- Recycle glass & cans at local bring banks.

Reduce waste.

- Reduce food waste by planning ahead.
- Use reusable items where possible.
- Avoid single-use items.

Leave it as you expect to find it!
Never leave waste or litter behind on your visit. Bin it or bring it home!

Water Safety

When going to the beach:

- Choose beaches with lifeguards.
- Swim between the flags.
- Please leave inflatable at home.
- Know where your children are at all times.
- What you bring on to the beach, take off the beach when you go home.

LEAVE NO TRACE!

NO RED/YELLOW FLAG, NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY.
To stay safe at the beach, always remember F.L.A.G.S.

ALWAYS SWIM BETWEEN THE FLAGS!

www.watersafety.ie/safetyzone/

LIFEGUARDS

(Lifeguards will be in place until August 31st from 12:00pm - 6:30pm on beaches at:

- Murrough / Fintra / Portnoo/Narin Carrickfinn / Killohealy / Marble Hill
- Downings / Portsalon / Rathmullan / Cullagh & Stroove and at Rosswagh & Bundoran beaches. 11am - 7pm

From September Lifeguards will be on duty weekends until 17th Sept.

www.watersafety.ie/lifeguards/

F Find the red and yellow flags and swim between them. Always swim where there is a lifeguard on patrol, and stay inside the area marked by the red and yellow flags. Never swim where a sign says not to, or when the red flag is flying.

L Look at the safety signs. Always read and obey the safety signs - they will help you to avoid potential dangers on the beach, and to identify the safest areas for swimming.

A Ask a lifeguard for advice. If in doubt, it's always best to play it safe and ask the experts.

G Get a friend to swim with you. Make sure there are other people around, because you never know when help might be needed.

S Stick your hand in the air and shout for help if you get into difficulty. If you see someone else in difficulty:

- ALWAYS call a LIFEGUARD - Or if you can't see one
- CALL 999 / 112 & ask for the COASTGUARD

Donegal Recycling Centres

A wide range of items are collected for recycling and we also accept garden and household waste

Recycling Free of Charge

- Glass
- Cans
- Aerosols
- Textiles
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Batteries
- Car batteries

Recycling Charge Applies

- Paper
- Cardboard
- Small appliances
- Large appliances
- Tins & tins
- Mobile phones
- Scrap metal
- Sewing machines
- Gas bottles
- Paint
- Cartons
- Polystyrene
- Commercial appliances
- Rigid plastic
- Soft plastic
- Cooking oil
- Garden waste
- Food waste
- Engine oil
- Tyres

Household waste €5 per bag (Household waste will be accepted in 60 litre bags weighing no more than 10 kg)

Bulky Items

- Small items of furniture - €15
- Large items of furniture - €25
- Motors - €15
- 415 litre, 425 litre, 430 litre bins
- Carpet - €25 minimum
- Spa - €20 minimum
- All other items - €9.50/kg

Payment can be made by card or cash at each site

For opening hours visit www.brysonrecycling.org or www.donegalcoco.ie

Donegal Secures 14 Blue Flag & 4 Green Flag Coast Awards

Donegal has the second highest tally of Blue Flag beaches in the country. 12 beaches and 2 marinas received Blue Flags. These international awards recognise excellent bathing water quality and promote sound environmental management of beaches, marinas and inland bathing waters around the world.

DONEGAL'S BLUE FLAG BEACHES:

- Bundoran
- Rosswagh
- Murvagh
- Fintra
- Portnoo/Narin
- Carrickfinn
- Killohealy
- Marblehill
- Downings
- Portsalon
- Cullagh
- Stroove
- Marinas at Greencastle & Rathmullan

BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

13 beaches in Donegal are currently wheelchair accessible including Bundoran, Cullagh, Downings, Fintra, Lady's Bay, Lisfannon, Murvagh, Naran Portnoo, Port Arthur, Portnabagh, Rathmullan, Rosswagh and Stroove.

Donegal County Council has beach wheelchairs available for use as follows:


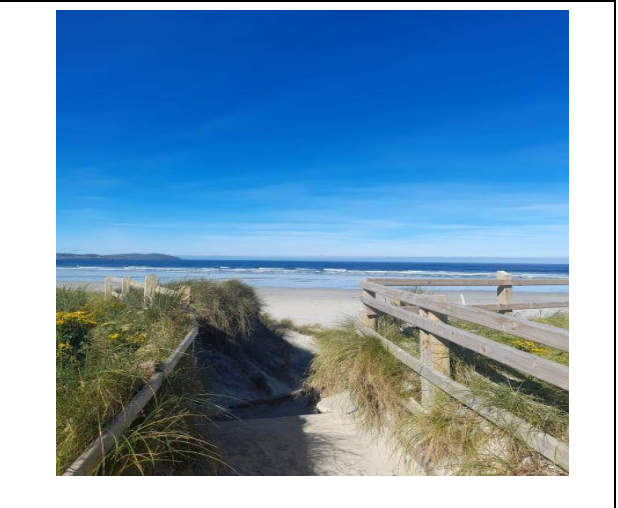
- Rathmullan** Rathmullan Beach in association with Rathmullan Sailing & Watersports School. Contact: 087 2314332.
- Downings** Downings Beach in association with Downings Tidy Towns. Contact: 087 6152351.
- Carrickfinn** Contact: Donegal Airport at 074 95 48284
- Marblehill** Contact: Sandhouse Hotel at 074 91 36137
- Rosswagh** Contact: Sandhouse Hotel and Marine Spa. Tel: +353 (0) 71 9651777
- Narin** Contact: Mary Nicholson at 074 9545216
- Fintra** Contact: Kevin Kilmurray 087 2362607
- Portsalon** Contact: 087 258 1160
- Cullagh** Contact: 087 279 7479
- Bundoran** The Bundoran beach wheelchair can be booked by contacting The Spud Hut Bundoran on Facebook.

Contact Person

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COUNTY LABORATORY

Activity / Project Title	Public Service Announcements (PSA's) – Water Quality
Description/ Activity	<p>“Donegal County Council would like to advise farmers of some key messages about water quality at this time of year. Check that all silage effluent is collected in a properly sealed storage tank, and not entering waters. Before spreading slurry, Farmers & contractors should pay particular attention to the weather forecast & ground conditions to avoid applying it to land which is waterlogged, flooded, likely to flood or if rain is forecast within 48 hours. Remember slurry and fertilisers lost by overland flow to waters is a loss of vital nutrients for your crops”.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>
Contact Person	<p>Joe Ferry joe.ferry@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	Bathing Waters 2023 season	
Description/ Activity	<p>The Council’s Central Lab monitoring results have confirmed excellent water quality for the 2023 Bathing Season to date, despite the unsettled weather of the past 2 months.</p> <p>Forecasted heavy rainfall events have led to the posting of <i>Prior Warning Notices</i> at certain bathing waters to protect bathers & forewarn of a potential drop in water quality.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <p data-bbox="289 1801 902 1864"><i>Figure 1. Turbulent Day Sampling Killahoey</i></p> <p data-bbox="906 1801 1520 1864"><i>Figure 2. Brighter Side of Life - Dooley Beach</i></p> </div> <p>Monitoring results are posted on noticeboards and on beaches.ie, until the bathing season formally ends on the 15th September.</p>	
Contact	<p>Bernadette Gault, BernadetteGault@donegalcoco.ie</p>	

BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 11 – September 2023

Progress Summary

RPS have now submitted the Draft Final Report for Stage I of the scheme to the Steering Group. Following review and addressing of final queries the Stage I documents will be made available on the project website. This will conclude Stage I of the scheme.

Responses to queries raised at the Burnfoot Public Information Day held in November 2022 have been uploaded to the project website.

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 is as per the May briefing note with the addition of one element - it is proposed that the earthen embankment at the bottom of Monreagh Park, adjacent to the Burnfoot River is removed as part of the scheme.

RPS have assessed the potential consenting routes for progression of the scheme and have made a recommendation to the Steering Group. This will facilitate the progression of the scheme to Stage II (Planning).

The Ground Investigation to support the outline (Planning) design of the scheme is largely complete. RPS have reviewed the draft deliverables and are liaising with Northwest Geotech to get these finalised.

The draft environmental assessment of the Preferred Scheme is complete. The draft EIAR chapters are currently being reviewed by the project Steering Group. The draft Natura Impact Statement Report was issued to DCC on 5th May 2023.

Invasive species treatment is ongoing throughout August with the first treatment for Japanese Knotweed completed in August and a second treatment scheduled for September. This is the 3rd year of treatment at Burnfoot.

Archaeological test trenching and underwater archaeological surveys are being procured by RPS. Following a meeting with National Monument Service (NMS) on 9th August 2023 further assessments of the impact of the scheme on the archaeological heritage related to Burnfoot Bridge have been requested. RPS and the Steering Group are progressing these as a matter of urgency.

Next Steps

Stage I of the Project will conclude shortly with the finalisation of reporting, including the supporting Environmental Impact Assessment Report and Natura Impact Statement for the Preferred Scheme and the uploading of all Stage I documentation to the project website. RPS have commenced Stage II of the Project where permission will be sought from the relevant Planning Authority. Tasks which are ongoing to support this are the identification of further surveys required, assessment of landowner impacts and the preparation of planning documents.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Completion of Environmental Impact Assessment Report – September 2023
- Completion of Final Stage I Report – August 2023
- Preparation of draft documents for Planning Submission – December 2023

There has been a 5 week extension to the programme for Burnfoot due to extension of the Environmental Assessment tasks due to increased scale and complexity of the Preferred Option.

BUNCRANA FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME – BRIEFING NOTE NO. 09

1. PROGRESS SUMMARY

1.1 Hydrology and Hydraulics:

The project team are currently updating the hydrology and the revised Hydrology Report will be issued to the Steering Group by the end of August. The project team will incorporate the updated hydrology output into the hydraulic model once complete. The Hydraulic Modelling Report will follow.

The baseline outputs from the hydraulic model 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.

1.2 Environmental Assessments:

The Wintering Birds Survey Report has been issued.

The remaining environmental surveys, including noise & vibration, air quality and landscape & visual, 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.

1.3 Natural Water Retention Measures:

Natural Water Retention Measures (NWRM) Reporting is ongoing. Work previously carried out by Inishowen Rivers Trust on the Crana catchment will be considered during the preparation of the report.

1.4 Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications

1.4.1 Project Website

The project website is being updated on an ongoing basis. The June 2023 Newsletter has been uploaded since the last Briefing Note in May 2023.

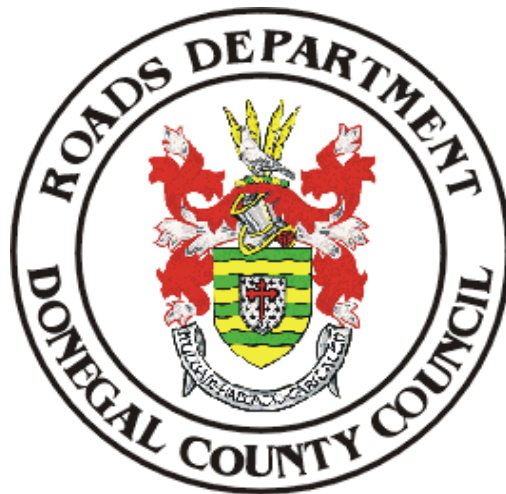
1.5 Contracts

This is the second year of a three-year contract to complete targeted IAS treatment with treatment to continue next year. The first part of the targeted invasive alien species (IAS) treatment for 2023 (year 2) is complete at locations where there is a potential interface with the flood relief scheme. The second part of the treatment this year is due to take place in September 2023.

2. NEXT STEPS

- **Hydrology:** Submission of the final hydrology report.
- **Hydraulic Modelling:** Incorporate revised hydrology into hydraulic model and complete baseline modelling.
- **Environmental Assessment:** Continue with specialist surveys.
- **Invasive Species Treatment Contract:** Complete second 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



Inishowen Municipal District

05th September 2023

1. Circular RW 10/2023 - Additional funding under Restoration Improvement Prog.

As per my email of 05th July 2023, Members were advised that additional funding of €22.5 million was made available to Local Authorities this year through Restoration Improvement (RI) Grants. Inishowen MD received € 366,092.00 for the RI Grant allocation, which represented an increase of +7.57%. The members indicated agreement to allocate this increase within the adopted 2023 RI programme as follows.

RSS Area	Jobs	Increase per job
Newtowncunningham	1N Birdstown	€ 68,853.00
Buncrana	1B Ballyliffin	€ 40,952.00
	1B Railway Road	€ 33,019.00
	1B Porters Rd to Meenaory	€ 30,000.00
Moville	R238-50 Muff Street	€ 87,959
Carndonagh	R240-3 The Mullins Carn	€ 105,309

As per my email of 22nd August 2023, the Department of Transport again allocated additional funding, of which, Inishowen MD received € 162,944.00 for the RI Grant allocation, which represented an increase of 3 %. The members indicated agreement to allocate this increase within the adopted 2023 RI programme as follows.

RSS Area	Jobs	Increase per job
Newtowncunningham	1N L-1991 -2 Grannian to Aileach App	€30,646.00
Buncrana	Porters Rd to Meenaory	€ 41,279.00
	1B Aghilly Road	€ 4,997.00
Moville	IM Moville Street	€ 19,575.00
	IM Kilderry lane	€ 19,575.00
Carndonagh	IC Birney Brea	€ 46,872.00

2. 2023 Local Improvement Scheme (Tranche 2)

On 28th July 2023, I advised Members that Tranche 2 of the 2023 Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) was announced. Tranche 2 funding for Donegal amounted to € 1,050,000.00 which realised an allocation of € 126,413.00 for Inishowen MD.

As per our last LIS workshop, the Local Improvement Scheme list was finalised in accordance with the adopted LIS Selection process. As agreed, Buncrana and Newtowncunningham allocations had been combined in tranche 1 in the understanding that Newtowncunningham RSS area would also benefit from Buncrana's allocation under tranche 2. Based on the Tranche 2 allocation, the following schemes were agreed by the members and have subsequently been notified by Roads Central.

Carn RSS				€ 56,321.04	
Ref_No	Date_Recd	FIRSTNAME	SURNAME	No_Applicants	Road_Length_m
170025	05/09/2017	Oliver	Ruddy	5	200
190204	12/02/2019	Philomena	Ruddy	4	350

Moville RSS				€ 24,671.77	
Ref_No	Date_Recd	FIRSTNAME	SURNAME	No_Applicants	Road_Length_m
220032	22/04/2022	Delilah	Cuddihy	8	340

Newtown + Buncrana RSS				€ 45,420.20	
Ref_No	Date_Recd	FIRSTNAME	SURNAME	No_Applicants	Road_Length_m
171256	08/09/2017	Patrick	Arbuckle	3	360

3. Non-National Roads funding announcements included:

Donegal County Council has received Gateway approval from the NTA to progress the Newtowncunningham Main Street Active Travel Project to Construction. The construction budget for the project is €450,000.

In addition, Donegal County Council has received Gateway approval to progress the Newtowncunningham Safe Routes to School Active Travel Project to Construction. The construction budget for the project is €200,000.

Works have started on these projects immediately in order to coordinate with the carriageway resurfacing contract which is part of the adopted 2023 restoration improvement programme valued at € 280,000.

Maintenance Programme 2023

RSS	Engineer	Job Code	Road Name	Budget	Expenditure	Balance	Notes
Moville	Inish North	1B304001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 170,239.00	€ 105,433.28	€ 64,805.72	
Moville	Inish North	1B404002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 315,376.00	€ 207,754.43	€ 107,621.57	
Moville	Inish North	1B404009	Works Overheads	€ 100,397.00	€ 113,961.54	-€ 13,564.54	
Moville Total				€586,012.00	€427,149.25	€158,862.75	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B303001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 203,820.00	€ 111,267.14	€ 92,552.86	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B403002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 377,580.00	€ 269,496.57	€ 108,083.43	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B303010	Works Overheads	€ 109,524.00	€ 81,757.32	€ 27,766.68	
Carndonagh Total				€690,924.00	€462,521.03	€228,402.97	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B306001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 191,981.00	€ 87,610.36	€ 104,370.64	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B406002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 355,661.00	€ 277,630.63	€ 78,030.37	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B306012	Works Overheads	€ 136,904.00	€ 86,133.98	€ 50,770.02	
Buncrana Rural Total				€684,546.00	€451,374.97	€233,171.03	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B402004	Own Resources Non-National Roads Buncrana Urban	275,143.00	119,607.79	€ 155,535.21	
Buncrana Urban Total				€275,143.00	€119,607.79	€155,535.21	
Newtown	Inish South	1B305001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 133,258.00	€ 76,653.89	€ 56,604.11	
Newtown	Inish South	1B405002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 246,869.00	€ 228,820.02	€ 18,048.98	
Newtown	Inish South	1B305013	Works Overheads	€ 91,270.00	€ 70,645.91	€ 20,624.09	
Newtown Total				€471,397.00	€376,119.82	€95,277.18	
Grand Total				€ 2,708,022.00			

Maintenance Operations 2023

Operation	Band	Moville RSS Amount		Carn RSS Amount		Buncrana RSS Amount		Newtown RSS Amount	
		Moville RSS %		Carn RSS %		Buncrana RSS %		Newtown RSS %	
Drainage (B300)	40% - 50%	€218,527	45%	€261,630	45%	€246,439	45%	€171,057	45%
Road Surface Repairs (B553)	35% - 45%	€194,246	40%	€232,560	40%	€219,057	40%	€152,051	40%
Verge Maintenance (B586)	0% - 10%	€24,281	5%	€29,070	5%	€27,382	5%	€19,006	5%
Sign Maintenance (B780)	0% - 5%	€12,140	3%	€14,535	3%	€13,691	3%	€9,503	3%
Bridge Maintenance (B782)	0% - 5%	€12,140	3%	€14,535	3%	€13,691	3%	€9,503	3%
Emergeny RTC (B550)	0% - 5%	€0	0%	€0	0%	€0	0%	€0	0%
Street Cleaning (B556)	0% - 15%	€24,281	5%	€29,070	5%	€27,382	5%	€19,006	5%
		€485,615	100%	€581,400	100%	€547,642	100%	€380,127	100%

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	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1371-2	Cooks Hill	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L6041-2	Moneydarragh (Ph 2)	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	
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	
Moville Total						12,570			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R 242-2	Lagg Road	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
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	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L-1011-2-3	Port Ronan X/Ardmalin	SD	1,640	Complete	Complete	
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	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5361-1	Stoneys Culdaff	SD	650	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L12116	Gortnamara	SD	650	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1391-4	Lough Inn	SD	1,850	2023	2023	Sep-23
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5021-1	Port Ronan	SD	400	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh Total						17,590			
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	Complete	Complete	
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	Complete	Complete	
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	
Buncrana Rural Total						12,760			
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	
Newtown Total						8,650			
IMD TOTAL						51,570			

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 a designated SPA area, an environmental assessment may be required before any works can commence.
Moville Total						1,400			
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.
Buncrana Total						200			
						1,600			

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	Sept / Oct 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.	Complete	Complete	Sept / Oct 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	Sept / Oct 23
Moville	Inish North	Coastguard Ctgs + Thompsons R238-41	100m of 300mm dia + gully + MH to prevent flooding.	2023	2023	Sept / Oct 23
Moville Total						
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	Sept / Oct 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	Sept / Oct 23
Carndonagh	Inish North	2 No Rd X on R240 (Napoleons+Planting)	400mm dia road crossings+ MH reqd at two separate locations	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Culoort LS5081-1	Sheuch cleaning and repair banking at Marie Stephens	2023	2023	Sept / Oct 23
Carndonagh	Inish North	Ourt Gleneely R244-6	125m of 400mm dia + 2 MH's + 3 Gullies along road edge.	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Galwilly Rd Crossing LS5721-1	20m of 600mm dia crossing reqd to prevent flooding onto R240	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Top of Black Mtn LP1041-1	400m of 300mm dia pipe +10 gullies + 1 MH	2023	2023	Sept / Oct 23
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Shandurm/Umyrcan R238	200 metre of 450 mm pipes ,No4 Gullies and No Manhole @ €172.41 per metre	2023	2023	Sept / Oct 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	Sept / Oct 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	
Buncrana Total						
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	Sept / Oct 23
Newtown	Inish South	Drumbarnet Gladonagh L5064-1	Replace Bridge/culvert with a 1.2m pipe and bulid new parapet walls	2023	2023	Sept / Oct 23
Newtown	Inish South	Dunmore Carrigans R236	120m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes	2023	2023	Sept / Oct 23
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

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	Design ONLY to be completed by Road Design,2023	
Moville	Inish North	L	Various	O'Gara Villas and St Finnians 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	Legal Issues 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	
Moville Total											
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	Complete	Complete	(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	Complete	Complete	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	Complete	Complete	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	
Carndonagh Total							1,100				
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	CPO Process necessary to aquire lands for footpaths, consultants appointed to progress	
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	Started April 2023	
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				
Buncrana Total							2,805				
Newtown	Inish South			Newtowncunnigham Main Street		Main Street and Safe routes to School funding approved	1500	2023	2023	Works start Monday 28th August 2023	
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Killea Village		General Patch and Repair works	100	2023	2023	Additonal patching still required	
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Bridgend - Footpaths at Bonemanie		General Patch and Repair works	100	2023	2023	Additonal patching still required	
Newtown	Inish South			Pound Cottages Burt		General Patch and Repair works	50	2023	2023	paths in very poor condition. Overlay required.	
Newtown Total											
Grand Total											

 Active Travel

 IPB

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
Moville Total						910			
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) Action tactile paving to be installed at crossings
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	
Carndonagh Total						2,420			
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 footpaths	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 existing footpath	500	Complete	Complete	Ralumac thin surfacing - to be contracted
Buncrana Total						3,301			
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 footpaths and placement of new Bitmac footpaths 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 Castlefordard	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	
Newtown Total						1,400			
Grand Total									

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	50% complete Infills required (to be funded by Clr T Crossan Members lighting) subject to final
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.
Moville Total						
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	Complete	Complete	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 CHECK Price
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
Carndonagh Total						
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.
Buncrana Total						
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
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

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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
Moville Total						
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	
Carndonagh Total						
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
Buncrana Total						
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.
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

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Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting 5th September 2023

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2. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
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4. Playground Maintenance
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11. 2021 Clár funding - Outdoor Gym at Bath Green Merville
12. 2021 Clár funding – Upgrading existing parking facilities servicing the sports playing fields at Desertegney
13. Merville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
14. 2022 Town and Village Renewal funding – Barrack Hill Town Park Multi-functional accessible sheltered structure for all the community
15. Healthy Donegal County
16. Sláintecare, Healthy Communities
17. PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027



Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: September 2023

Activity / Project Title	Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
Activity / Project Description	<u>Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.</u> 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
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte 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.• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design.• 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.• There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8th May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9th May McGrorys Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14th May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village hall on the 15th May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings.• Donegal Council remains committed, in partnership with Failte Ireland and with the support of the local community, to deliver on the ambitious objectives within the draft Malin Head Visitor Management Plan.• 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.• To proceed with this, the Council must acquire the necessary lands upon which the development is to proceed.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>September update for Malin Head</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• Work is ongoing with the appointed consultants to prepare the necessary planning documentation for submission to An Bord Pleanála.
Contact Person	James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923



Activity / Project Update: September 2023

Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities/Conservation Plan
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Historical background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place on Tuesday 7th 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. • 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. • In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan. • 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 18th November, 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan. • A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021. • This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument. • 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 • The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body. • 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 • 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. • 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. <p>A positive response was received from OPW to Fáilte Ireland with suggested dates for a meeting to follow.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 2023 update</u></p> <p>The Area Roads Manager and Development Officer met with Fáilte Ireland & the OPW with the objective to improve the visitor experience at the site. An agreed niti</p>
Contact Person	Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 3678954



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: SEPTEMBER 2023

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23
Project Description/Activity	List of Playgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culdaff Playground• Merville Playground• Buncrana Festival Park Playground• Clós Phádraig Playground• Barrack Hill Playground• Cill Bhríde MUGA• Ballyliffin Playground• Manorcunningham Playground• Killea Playground
Budget (if applicable)	€6,444.79 incl. VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark phase 1 is completed.• Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified appointed.• The Annual ROSPA inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds was completed in November 2022.• 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.• 2023 Playground maintenance contractor appointed.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>September 2023</u> 2023 Maintenance work programme is ongoing. <u>Ballyliffin Playground Refurbishment Phase 2</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designs have been prepared to replace several items of playground equipment at the Ballyliffin playground which are approaching the end of their serviceable life. Works have been tendered and a contractor has been identified to undertake the works. Pre-contract meeting held with the contractor.• Contractor to confirm proposed works programme. Expected works to be undertaken in Q4 2023/Q1 2024 with the playground being closed for possibly 4/5 weeks.• Local fund raising is currently ongoing by the community to purchase and install a wheelchair accessible swing into the Festival playground in Buncrana. Donegal Co Co engineering staff are working with the group regarding the appropriate equipment.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



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Activity / Project Update September 2023

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Project Description/Activity	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
Budget (if applicable)	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i> 1 st April 2021 – 31 st December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs €953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	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 st 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>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	All funding awarded to the Donegal LAG under the Transitional LEADER programme and EURI programme has been allocated but LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground regarding any potential underspend or de committals. 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 have completed the draft LEADER Local Development Strategy which was submitted on 14th July 2023. The Council will now await any potential feedback on the draft strategy before final sign off on the LDS>
Contact person	Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update: September 2023 - Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	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.
Budget (if applicable)	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<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"> • 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. • The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4th December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers. • 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. • The 'Notice to Treat' was issued in December, 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus. • It is intended that the 'Notice to Enter' will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education & Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc. • Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 2023</u></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"> • The CPO is concluded. • 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. • The Department of Education and Skills have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the school Campus design.
Contact person	Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, 087 178 8623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



September Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update No.4 June 2023

Activity / Project Title	2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal
Project Description/Activity	€100,000 funding allocation €11,500 Match funding by Donegal County Council Budget for Capital works €75,500 Budget for consultancy work €36,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• The preparation of a Strategy and Action Plan for Newtowncunningham and Environs to inform the strategic sustainable development of the village and setting.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting per</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have issued a Request for Quotations for Consultancy Services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Newtowncunningham & Environs.• This work will inform the capital element relating to the Outdoor Space.• 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• 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• A successful community engagement 'Drop In' event took place on the 9th February from 2pm to 8pm. The appointed consultants are working to produce a draft document.• Following the public engagement event. GM Consultants are working on a draft document incorporating submissions and observations• The Community are considering options for The Multi-functional Pod• 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 14th June at the Columban Hall.

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>September 2023 update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There were no tenders received from the e-tenders procurement process.• The capital project has been readvertised again on e-tenders.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer – Pod Enquires Claire McCallan, Architect in the community – Action Plan enquires.



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Activity / Project Update No.4 September 2023

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



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Activity / Project Update No.4

September 2023

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



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Activity / Project Update September 2023

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



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Activity / Project Update September 2023

Activity / Project Title	2022 Movice Clár funded project
File:	Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25 th February, 2022 Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and Movice Tidy Towns
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor Gym & Calisthenics Stations• 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.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <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">• 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.• Tenders have issued on e-tenders inviting contractors to submit a tender for the Clár funded project and the Town and Village Renewal project.• One contractor will be tasked with delivering both projects.• The deadline for receipt of tenders is the end of this month.• 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.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>September 2023 update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Outdoor Gym is complete• The Green Carpark is 95% completed and will be finished by the end of this month.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update September 2023

Activity / Project Title	Desertegney Youth Club and Dunree Football Club
Project Description/Activity	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
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€55,000, match funding of €2,500 from Donegal County Council and Desertegney Youth Club and Dunree Football Club.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Initial meeting took place with the community group. The 'Letter of Offer' will issue this month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A provisional 'Letter of Offer' has issued to the group.• The group have commenced the tendering process under the guidance of the Executive Engineer.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This Project is 95% complete and is due to be completed in the next 4 weeks .
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: September 2023

Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	2022 Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Carndonagh An Accessible sheltered outdoor structure/ space for all the community cited within Barrack Hill Town Park
Project Description/Activity	See above
Budget (if applicable)	€121,230
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Preliminary meeting has taken place with the group to scope out the deliverables.• The Department issued the 'Letter of Funding Offer' in March.• A recent meeting has now taken place finalising the desired design and details of the project.• The Department issued the letter of funding offer to Donegal County Council in March 2023• 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.• Tender documents will then be prepared and advertised on e-tenders.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>September 2023 update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Project is at Design Stage.• The Plan is to have Tender Documents completed by end of Q4 2023• Contractor on site Q1 2024
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer & Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update September 2023

Activity / Project Title	Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
File:	€200,000
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade and Enhancement of a portion of Moville shore walk
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>September 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Project is at Design Stage establishing the scope.• The Plan is to have Tender Documents completed by end of Q4 2023 and Contractor on site Q1 2023
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	

Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, Fiona Doherty
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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update

September 2023

Programme	Healthy Ireland Fund
Project Description/Activity	<p>Healthy Ireland</p> <p>The objective of the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025 is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities living in Ireland through the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025.</p>
Budget	€198,122.42 Round 4 Funding
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Healthy Ireland Round 4</p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.</p> <p>Balor Theatre Summer Academy Programme</p>  <p>One of the target groups identified as a key priority in the Healthy Donegal Public Consultation Survey was Adolescents and Young People, with suggested activities to impact on Lifestyle and Behaviour and Health and Wellbeing including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “more activities which are fun with the emphasis on participation that that aren’t necessarily sport focussed” • “more activities in areas that actively promote a healthier life-style and social engagement” • “activities that reduce screen-time” <p>Healthy Donegal in conjunction with Balor Developmental Community Arts and through the Healthy Ireland Fund invited adolescents and young people to join the Balor Theatre Summer Academy Programme. The programme consisted of rehearsals in June and July and resulted in a musical production taking place</p>

from 1st - 6th August. The purpose of this programme was to bring young people, artists and educators together through drama, art and music to promote positive mental health, decrease the sense of isolation and provide positive role models.

Role-playing activities enable adolescents to learn and practice social and decision-making skills and makes it possible to present situations in a non-threatening way. The impact of drama can also go beyond the stage, stimulating discussion and serving as a means of distributing information to the wider community. In promoting participation-focussed activities, like the Balor Theatre Summer Academy Programme, Donegal County Council is helping empower adolescents and young people to develop interpersonal skills to communicate, build relationships and interact with others, which are significant contributors to their health and overall wellbeing.

Letterkenny Pride Festival

To empower, support and promote sustainable, inclusive, and prosperous communities, is a key objective of Donegal County Council. We were proud to support the Letterkenny Pride event on 19th August, which works towards building healthy, inclusive communities.



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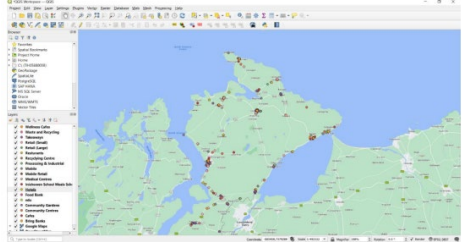
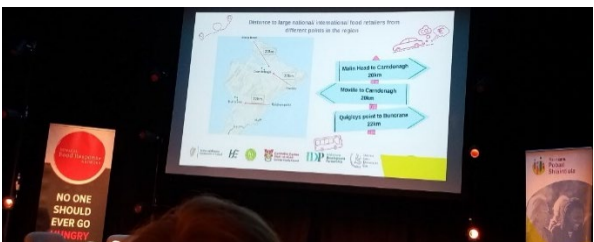







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Programme	Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme 2022/2023 update	
<p>Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHCP) is an interagency plan to improve health and wellbeing of designated communities across the country. The Department of Health, Donegal County Council and the Local Community Development Committee have agreed to work in partnership with a range of stakeholders to coordinate interventions that address the social determinants of health which are the conditions in which we are born, live, grow, work and age in. The programme takes a place-based approach to tackling health inequalities with a focus on the determinants of health. Two areas were selected in Donegal: Inishowen & North West Donegal including a section of An Gaeltacht, the islands as part of 3 year pilot commencing May 2022. Clodagh Murray was appointed as Sláintecare Local Development Officer for Inishowen.</p>		
<p>The Programme was officially launched in the Illies Community Centre in 25th November 2022</p>		
		
<p>At the launch of Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme in Illies Community Centre, Buncrana, Co. Donegal. Seated front from left, Shauna McClenaghan IDP, Cara O'Neill Head of Service Health and Wellbeing HSE, Minister Frank Feighan, TD, Minister of State for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy and Cllr Rena Donaghey Leas Caothaoirleach Inishowen Municipal District. Standing from left Clodagh Murray, Local Sláintecare Officer Inishowen Donegal County Council, Dermot Monaghan Chief Officer CHO CDLMS HSE, Cllr Niamh Kennedy Caothaoirleach LCDC, Liam Ward Deputy CE Donegal County Council and Anne Marie Crosse, Sláintecare Healthy Communities Co Ordinator HSE.</p>		
	Tip O Neill Walking Trail Extension	SHCP Budget Allocated: €44,667.93 DCC own resources: €492.67 Total: €45,160.60
Project Description	Tip O Neill Walking Trail Extension and resurfacing of the Tip O Neil Hiking Trail in Buncrana environs. The project included the procurement All Terrain wheelchairs so that the trail and surrounding areas can be enjoyed by people with mobility issues. The project was developed in conjunction with a local community group: Northwest Community Development Association and the Sliabh Sneacht Centre	
Status Update	Resurfacing works complete by the Roads Directorate. 2 x All Terrain Wheelchairs procured and insitu; 1 at Sliabh Sneacht Centre and 1 is located at The Angling Centre in Buncrana.	
		
Next Step	It is envisaged the project shall be launched as part of Tip O Neill Disapora Awards in September 2023	

Seed Funding 2022	Sláintecare Healthy Communities have provided €75,000 seed fund for use on placed based approach was provided to Donegal County Council to support health and wellbeing project in 2022. Following an expression of interest and LCDC and DOH approval, the following initiatives were allocated funding.		
Group	Initiative	Amount	
Clonmany Youth and Community Resource Centre	Community Garden	€24,500	
	<p>The aim of this project is to create a safe space for members of Clonmany community and members of the residential centre in St Colmcille Residential Centre to come together along with their families and share this safe space growing and planting and learning from one another. This project also helps with mental health issues allowing individuals and participants the space to connect with nature and be involved in something physical and enjoyable and social.</p>		
			
Status Update	Completed by the community	Next Step:	Launch
Group	Initiative	Amount	
Donegal Sports Partnership	Woodlands for Wellbeing	€8,330	
	<p>Woodlands for Wellbeing is a 12-week walking programme in Bunrana was based on the Woodlands for Health model which aims to promote positive mental wellbeing in the outdoors, specifically targeting those who have or have had mental ill-health and/or are struggling with day-to-day life. This was coordinated and managed by Donegal Sports Partnership. Partners included the HSE - Community Mental Health Teams, Family Resource Centres (FRCs), Mental Health Ireland, social prescribers and local community representatives and organisations.</p>		
			
Status update	12 week programme in Bunrana is complete. The initiative has sustained, and participants are now taking part in a 6 week follow on walking programme, continuing to meet after for refreshments and are supported by Donegal Sports Partnership (walk leader/venue costs).		
Group	Initiative	Amount	
Inishowen Development Partnership	Inishowen Food Mapping	€4,000	
	<p>IDP identified the need for Inishowen wide 'Food Mapping' under the Sláintecare Community Food and Nutrition Plans and ensure that supports, services, provisions, programmes, etc are mapped across the peninsula. Funding was sought to procure and contract a GIS Mapping Consultant to carry out this work.</p>		
Status update	<p>Complete – Information was used to showcase distance at Food Inequality Forum in May 2023 in Letterkenny</p>		
			
Next Steps	Enable the sharing of information		

Group	Initiative	Amount
Inishowen Development Company	Portable Kitchens	€3000
	Funding was sought by Inishowen Development Partnership through an expression of interest process for the purchase of portable kitchen kits to support the delivery of the Healthy Food Made Easy in locations across the Sláintecare Healthy Communities in Inishowen.	
Status update	<p>Complete:</p> <p>With this investment in 6 portable kitchens IDP offered 12 HFME Programmes across 12 communities with 114 participants engaged and 107 completing the programmes. In addition, the mobile kitchens have been used for gatherings and events e.g. Celebration of Old Christmas with our Ukrainian Community</p>	
Group	Initiative	Amount
Donegal Food Response Network	Develop DFRN website with ability to donate and improve branding.	Inishowen SHC - €2000 NW Gaeltacht - €2000 Healthy Ireland - €2125
	The initiative was a two-part project – the first being to develop a designated website for the Donegal Food Response Network. The project also engaged the services of a marketing / PR personnel who developed a brand / logo for the DFRN and designed a countywide campaign to: Increase donations / support to the community & voluntary organisations & raise awareness of food poverty	
Status Update	Complete: Website Live: https://donegalfoodresponse.ie/ and used as Dept of Healthy national showcase. As of June 2023, The collective social media following of the DFRN members is over 52,000	
Group	Initiative	Amount
Greencastle Community Centre	Growing Wild	€11,000
	Growing Wild was an after-school project for children aged between 5 - 12years. The project focused on the positive impact that horticulture, outdoor activities and ecotherapy can have on a child's mental health and wellbeing. With a range of fun and informative activities, the project incorporated sustainability, mindfulness, healthy eating and creativity into every session.	
Status Update	<p>The Programme is now complete.</p> <p>All participants of the project were given the tools and knowhow to continue their learning, in their community, individually.</p>	
Group	Initiative	Amount
Carrowmenagh Community Centre	Social Club to alleviate rural isolation, health checks and talks on health-related topics. Subsidised exercise classes for low income/ unemployed/lone parents/carers	€6720
	<p>Programme is ongoing until Quarter 4 2023</p> <p>12-15 people are attending social club regularly with 25 members in total. Tai chi / line dancing classes are attracting a range of participants from 23-76. Wrap around services such as social prescribing, healthy food made easy programmes are also being delivered.</p>	
		
Group	Initiative	Amount
Culdaff Development Association	Provision of polytunnel	€2,150
	Provision and installation of a polytunnel to promote sustainability and healthy eating.	
Status Update	All works complete and polytunnel operational.	
		
Group	Initiative	Amount
	Golden Lunches	€1,500

The Exchange Buncrana	The Exchange provide Golden Lunches on a weekly basis to senior citizens to Improve social and cultural participation; build capacity & increase positive mental health. The Exchange was required to register with the HSE Environmental Services as a Food “business” significant improvements to the facilities and equipment to meet the highest possible standards of food hygiene by procuring kitchen equipment for H&S.	
Status Update	<p>All works complete and wrap arounds services are offered eg Community Garda, social prescribing to approx. 20-25</p> 	
Spraoi agus Spórt	<p>Initiative</p> <p>Resources for service users</p> <p>Resource for young families, children, young people, and adults that are inclusive of disability and/or autism. Procure Jump and Play Island for the therapy setting environment.</p>	<p>Amount</p> <p>€3,300</p>
Status Update	Item procured.	
Next Step	Assemble and enable services users to benefit.	
Group	Initiative	Amount
Trailblazers / DCC	<p>Accessibility Enhancement Works – Inch Wildfowl Reserve Trail</p> <p>Implement actions identified at Accessibility Audit in 2022. Regrading of steep sections near Aileach football pitch and addition of rest stops. Installation of braille signage, improve accessibility at information boards at trailhead car parks. Painting of fence to provide visual contract for visually impaired. The actions undertaken through the project has enabled the Inch Wildfowl Reserve & 8km Loop Trail to be designated as an Accessible Trail – Challenging Access</p>	<p>€8,500</p>
Status Update	<p>Works complete</p> 	
Contact Person	<p>Clodagh Murray Inishowen Sláintecare Healthy Communities Local Development Officer</p> <p>cmurray@donegalcoco.ie or 087 3654106</p>	

Seed Funding 2023 75,000	Sláintecare Healthy Communities have been provided €75,000 seed fund to be used on placed based initiatives to support health and wellbeing Inishowen in 2023. Following on from 2022 expression of interest, food equity forum, the LCDC and DOH approval, the following projects were allocated funding: Projects are at initiation stage with the exception of Civic Dollars which had been launched. A further update shall be provided in due course.	
Initiative	Community Group	Amount Euro
Civic Dollars	County wide Community reward programme to encourage physical activity. Group's involved in Inishowen are as follows: iCare / Bunrana youth group / The Exchange / Fort Dunree 	5,000
Health & Wellbeing Programme Rural Men	Inishowen Development Partnership / Donegal Sports Partnership / Irish Farmers Association	10,000
Growing Healthy Communities Project	GIY - Grow Your Own, Deis schools in Inishowen Grow your own combines food education, health and wellbeing. The aim is to have an initial focus with schools - equipping children with valuable skills and nurturing their well-being.	26,000
Mens shed	Clonmany Community Centre. Develop men's shed	29,000
Active Play	Community based organisation (working with children to increase participation in physical activity for children through developing the capacity and skills of 'Play Leaders' within communities.	5,000
Contact Person	Clodagh Murray Inishowen Sláintecare Healthy Communities Local Development Officer (LDO) Email: cmurray@donegalcoco.ie	



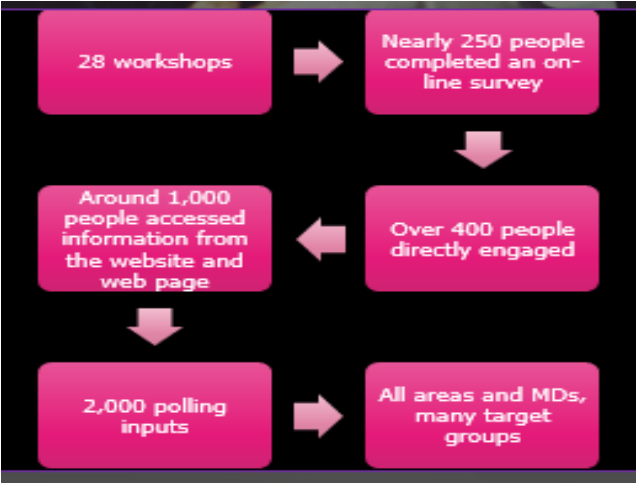
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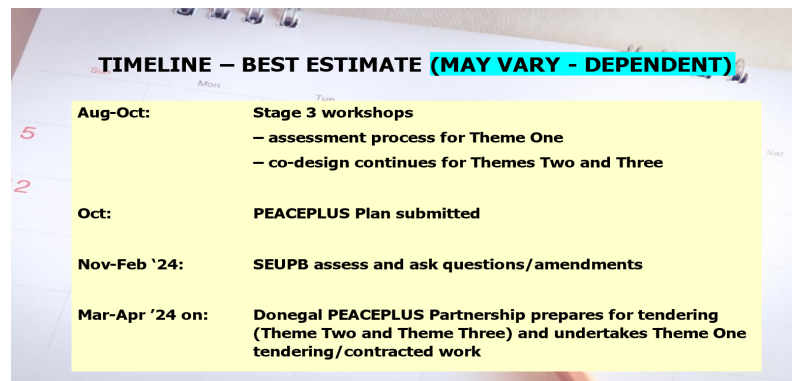
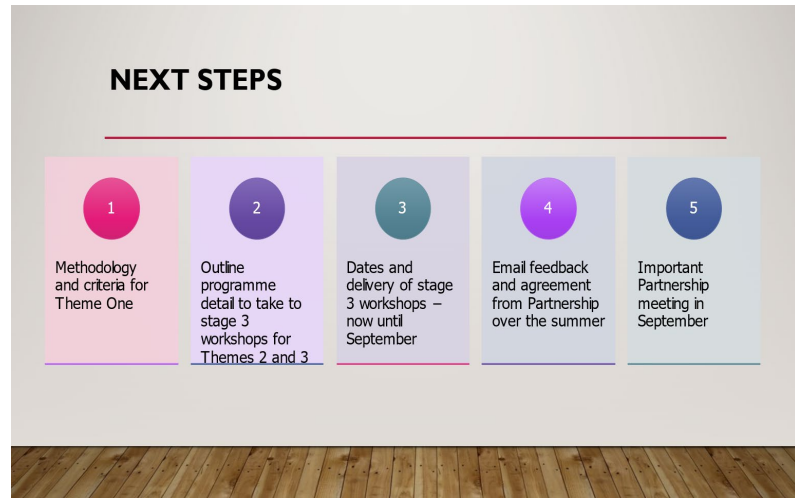
Activity / Project Update

Aug 2023

Activity / Project Title	PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027
File:	
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County has an indicative allocation from the PEACEPLUS programme of €7.6m. The SEUPB has indicated three important themes, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Local community regeneration and transformation, including changing how people use their local area, lasting improvements, prioritising the most marginalised and vulnerable, reflecting shared heritage, and how potential capital investment can facilitate sustained cross community interaction and make a lasting contribution to peacebuilding.2. Thriving and peaceful communities including cross community collaboration, positive change in communities, high levels of wellbeing, and lasting contributions to peace building.3. Celebrating cultures and diversity including increasing understanding and respect for all cultural identities, involving minority communities, involving those with issues arising from the conflict, and support to the most marginalised. <p>PEACEPLUS Call</p> <p>The SEUPB opened for submission of PEACEPLUS Plans on 14th June meaning the PEACEPLUS Plan must be submitted by 14th December 2023. SEUPB may, once submitted, take around four months to assess it. On this timeline it may be spring/early summer 2024 before the Partnership can move forward to tender for Programmes under themes 2 and 3 , and commence the capital works programme under theme 1.</p>

<p>Budget</p>	<p>Under Theme 1 Investment Area 1.1 Co-designed Local Community PEACEPLUS Action Plans have been allocated €110m, Donegal County Council has been awarded an indicative allocation of €7,635,396.:</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p>	<p>Public Consultation (Stage 1 Consultation) throughout the Electoral Areas was carried out during February to April, with (Stage 2 Consultation) carried out throughout May & June 2023.</p>  <p>To satisfy all criteria for a Co-designed consultation Process, DCC engaged with communities & key Stakeholders as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced a Indicative Report & Analysis of Stage 1 Engagement Process • Held a series of Stage 2 consultation workshops across all the municipal areas May- June 2023. • Social media promotion of events as a mechanism for people to feed into the process. • Organisations and individuals who engaged with our Stage 1 series of workshops, and others who have not previously engaged had an opportunity to input into the development process by submitting a Concept Form. The form will help the PEACEPLUS Partnership to create a longlist of concept ideas that might fit with the funding opportunity under PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1. <p>Overall, 82 concept forms were submitted by 19th June 2023.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>July-Sept: Partnership approves approach, administration, to develop programmes.</p> <p>Aug -Sep: Applications for theme one, to be submitted by 11th September 2023. Stage 3 workshops will continue to engage with stakeholders to further develop programmes under themes 2 &3 with communities, to the stage of being Peace Plan ready by month ending October 2023</p>

Nov -Dec : Peace Plan submitted – assessed by SEUPB – Partnership will tender if approved – spring 2024 or later.



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HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

05th September 2023

Corporate Services

- Consider date for Workshops
 - Housing Capital
 - Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
 - Roads

- Consider Disposal of Lands

Housing Service

- Progress Reports

Report & Recommendation

Proposal to Dispose of Land at Ardmore, Muff to Anne McLaughlin, Firdale, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal – Ref: M2QPGW - Plots 1b & 1d

Background: Donegal County Council (DCC) acquired land in the 1960's from the McLaughlin family for the purposes of widening/realigning the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point. Part of the land acquired was not occupied by DCC and was continuously farmed by the McLaughlin family as part of their overall landholding.

Donegal County Council now propose to construct a Greenway alongside the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point and in order to do so now need:

- To temporarily acquire land owned and registered to Anne McLaughlin to facilitate construction of the greenway scheme,
- To acquire Anne McLaughlin's beneficial interests in lands registered to DCC but occupied and farmed by Anne McLaughlin,
- To dispose of lands registered to DCC that are not required for the greenway scheme and are occupied and farmed by Anne McLaughlin.

Proposal: Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of 2no. plots of land comprising of 0.1735 hectares and 0.2166 hectares respectively at Ardmore, Muff to Anne McLaughlin, Firdale, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal.

DCC appointed independent valuer Avison Young who have recommended the sum of €1,500.00 for disposal of the lands on the basis that the McLaughlin family had uninterrupted and exclusive possession of the lands. This amount has been factored into the overall compensation amount for both permanent and temporary acquisitions required for the greenway meaning that once the compensation amount has been paid to Anne McLaughlin on the closing of the sale to the Council, the said sum of €1,500.00 will be treated as having been paid for plot 1b & 1d.

The plots comprising 0.1735 hectares and 0.2166 hectares respectively proposed for disposal are edged red and lettered "1b" and "1d" on the attached Land Registry compliant maps and form part of the lands registered under Folio DL81637F, Property No.1, Plan 11.

Recommendation: It is hereby recommended that: -


1. The plots of land (1b and 1d) at Ardmore, Muff be disposed to Anne McLaughlin as part of the overall land agreement that incorporates the payment of €1,500.00.
2. The disposal is to proceed subject to the approval of the Members of the Council under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.
3. The Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary documentation to effect the disposal when same is received.

Recommended by: 

Senior Executive Engineer

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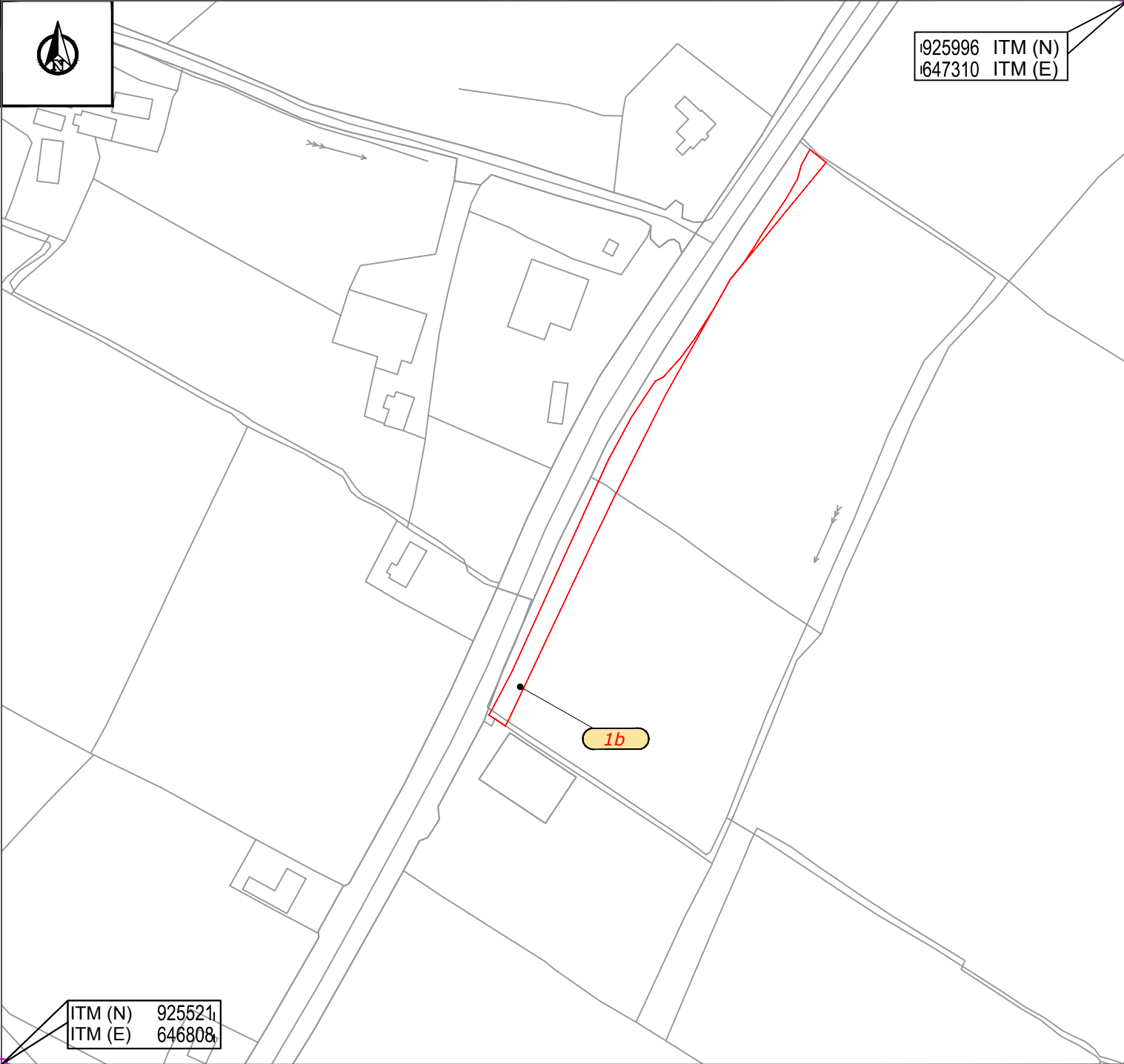
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Endorsed by: 

**Senior Engineer
Roads & Transportation Services**

29/08/2023

Date



Landowner: Donegal County Council
 Townland : Ardmore
 Plot Shown : Edged Red
 Folio No: DL81637F
 Total Area to be disposed of: (0.1735 Ha.)
(0.42873 acres)

Plot Ref.	Description	Area Ha.	Area acres
1b	Field	0.1735	0.42873

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Landowner: Donegal County Council
 Townland : Ardmore
 Plot Shown : Edged Red
 Folio No: DL81637F
 Total Area to be disposed of: (0.2166 Ha.)
(0.53523 acres)

Plot Ref.	Description	Area Ha.	Area acres
1d	Field	0.2166	0.53523

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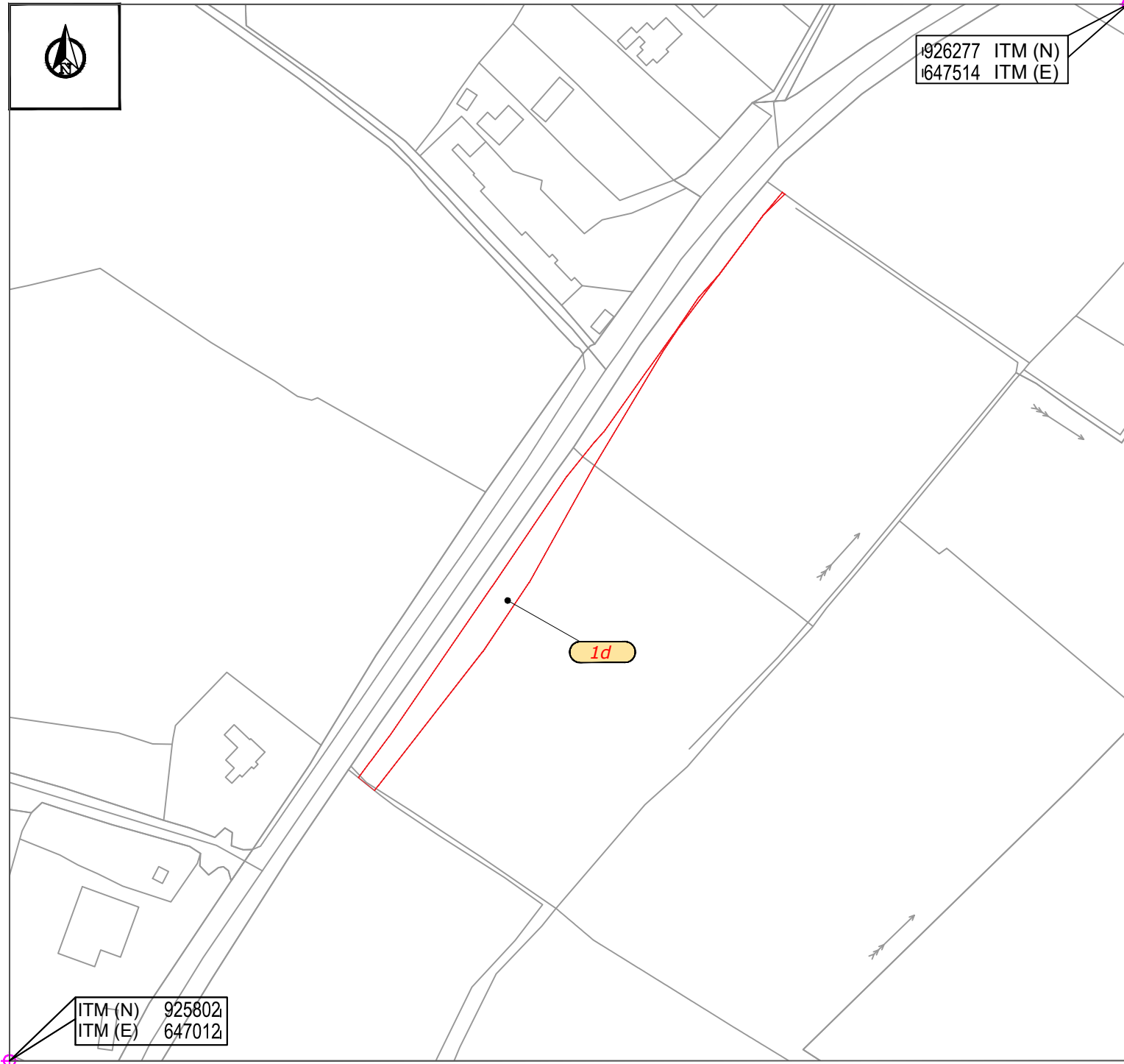
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Report & Recommendation

Proposal to Dispose of Land at Ardmore, Muff to David Donaghy, St Anthony's, Muff, Co. Donegal – Ref: M2QPGW - Plot 2b

Background: Donegal County Council (DCC) acquired land in the 1960's from the Donaghy family for the purposes of widening/realigning the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point. Part of the land acquired was not occupied by DCC and was continuously farmed by the Donaghy family as part of their overall landholding.

Donegal County Council now propose to construct a Greenway alongside the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point and in order to do so now need:

- To temporarily acquire land owned and registered to David Donaghy to facilitate construction of the greenway scheme,
- To acquire David Donaghy's beneficial interests in lands registered to DCC but occupied and farmed by David Donaghy,
- To dispose of lands registered to DCC that are not required for the greenway scheme and are occupied and farmed by David Donaghy.

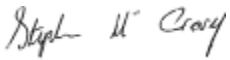
Proposal: Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of a plot of land comprising of 0.0791 hectares at Ardmore, Muff to David Donaghy, St Anthony's, Muff, Co. Donegal.

DCC appointed independent valuer Avison Young who have recommended the sum of €500.00 for disposal of the lands on the basis that the Donaghy family had uninterrupted and exclusive possession of the lands. This amount has been factored into the overall compensation amount for both permanent and temporary acquisitions required for the greenway meaning that once the compensation amount has been paid to David Donaghy on the closing of the sale to the Council, the said sum of €500.00 will be treated as having been paid for plot 2b.


The plot comprising 0.0791 hectares proposed for disposal is edged red and lettered "2b" on the attached Land Registry compliant map and form part of the lands registered under Folio DL81617F, Property No.1, Plan 6.

Recommendation: It is hereby recommended that: -

1. The plot of land (Plot 2b) at Ardmore, Muff be disposed of to David Donaghy as part of the overall land agreement that incorporates the payment of €500.
2. The disposal is to proceed subject to the approval of the Members of the Council under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.
3. The Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary documentation to effect the disposal when same is received.

Recommended by:  28/08/23

Senior Executive Engineer **Date**

Endorsed by:  29/08/23

Senior Engineer **Date**
Roads & Transportation Services



926453 ITM (N)
647672 ITM (E)

Landowner: Donegal County Council
 Townland : Ardmore
 Plot Shown : Edged Red
 Folio No: DL81617F
 Total Area to be disposed of: (0.0791 Ha.) (0.19546 acres)

Plot Ref.	Description	Area Ha.	Area acres
2a	Field	0.0791	0.19546

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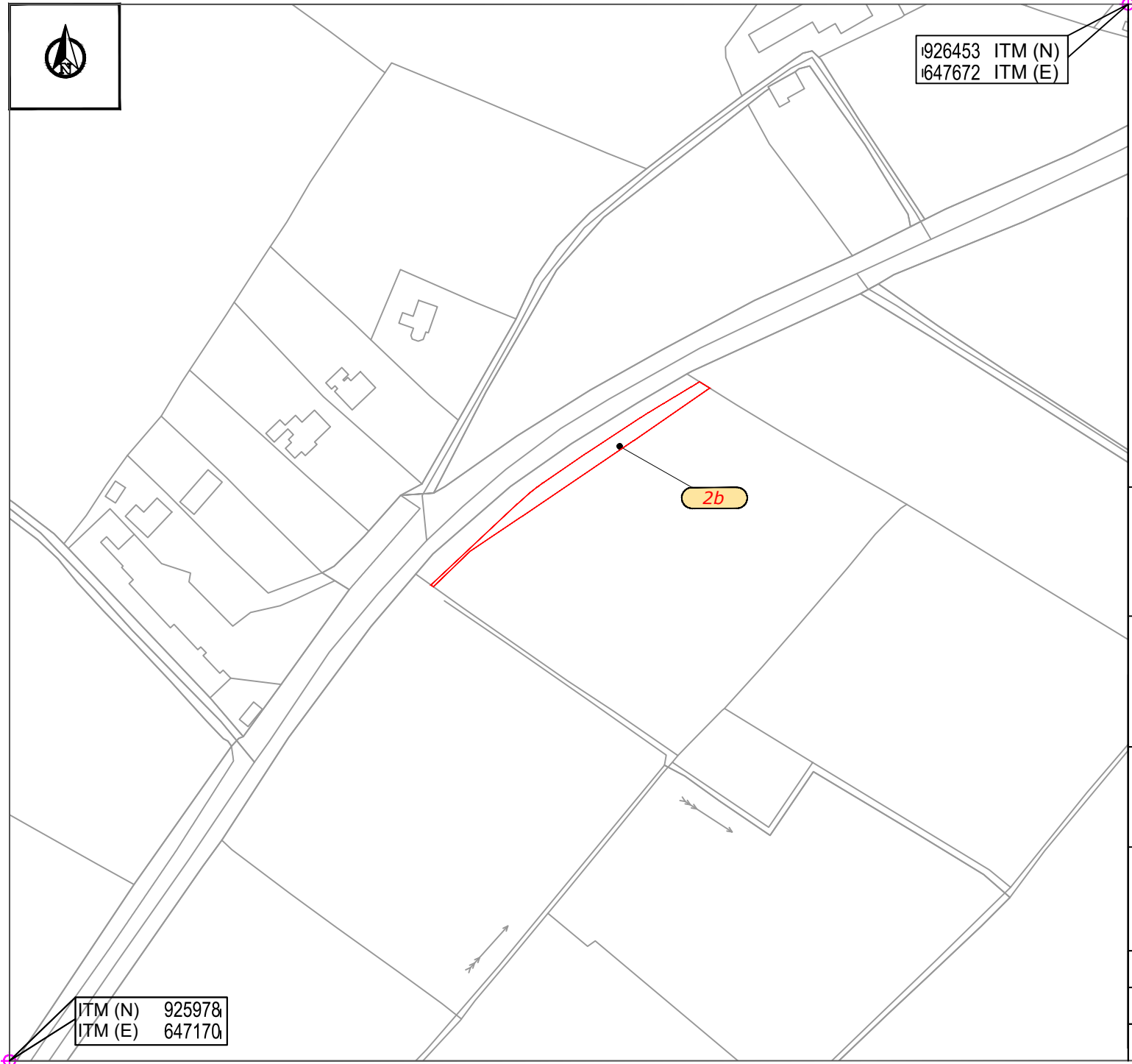


Project:
 Muff to Quigley's Point Greenway

Title:
 Land Map / Rural Place Map
 Land Disposal to DL80968F

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ITM (N) 925978
 ITM (E) 647170



Report & Recommendation

Proposal to Dispose of Land at Ardmore, Muff to David Gibson, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal – Ref: M2QPGW - Plot 3d

Background: Donegal County Council (DCC) acquired land in the 1960's from the Gibson family for the purposes of widening/realigning the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point. Part of the land acquired was not occupied by DCC and was continuously farmed by the Gibson family as part of their overall landholding.

Donegal County Council now propose to construct a Greenway alongside the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point and in order to do so now need:

- To permanently acquire land owned and registered to David Gibson,
- To temporarily acquire land owned and registered to David Gibson to facilitate construction of the greenway scheme,
- To acquire David Gibson's beneficial interests in lands registered to DCC but occupied and farmed by David Gibson
- To dispose of lands registered to DCC that are not required for the greenway scheme and are occupied and farmed by David Gibson.

Proposal: Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of a plot of land comprising of 0.0077 hectares at Ardmore, Muff to David Gibson, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal.

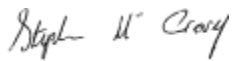
DCC appointed independent valuer Avison Young who have recommended the sum of €200.00 for disposal of the lands on the basis that the Gibson family had uninterrupted and exclusive possession of the lands. This amount has been factored into the overall compensation amount for both permanent and temporary acquisitions required for the greenway meaning that once the compensation amount has been paid to David Gibson on the closing of the sale to the Council, the said sum of €200.00 will be treated as having been paid for plot 3d.

The plot comprising 0.0077 hectares proposed for disposal is edged red and lettered "3d" on the attached Land Registry compliant map and form part of the lands registered under Folio DL81677F, Property No.1, Plan 22.

Recommendation: It is hereby recommended that: -

1. The plot of land (Plot 3d) at Ardmore, Muff be disposed of to David Gibson as part of the overall land agreement that incorporates the payment of €200.
2. The disposal is to proceed subject to the approval of the Members of the Council under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.
3. The Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary documentation to effect the disposal when same is received.

Recommended by:



29/08/2023

Senior Executive Engineer

Date

Endorsed by:



29/08/2023

Senior Engineer
Roads & Transportation Services

Date



926591 ITM (N)
647861 ITM (E)

Landowner: Donegal County Council
 Townland : Ardmore
 Plot Shown : Edged Red
 Folio No: DL81677F
 Total Area to be disposed of: (0.0077 Ha.)
(0.01903 acres)

Plot Ref.	Description	Area Ha.	Area acres
3d	Field	0.0077	0.01903

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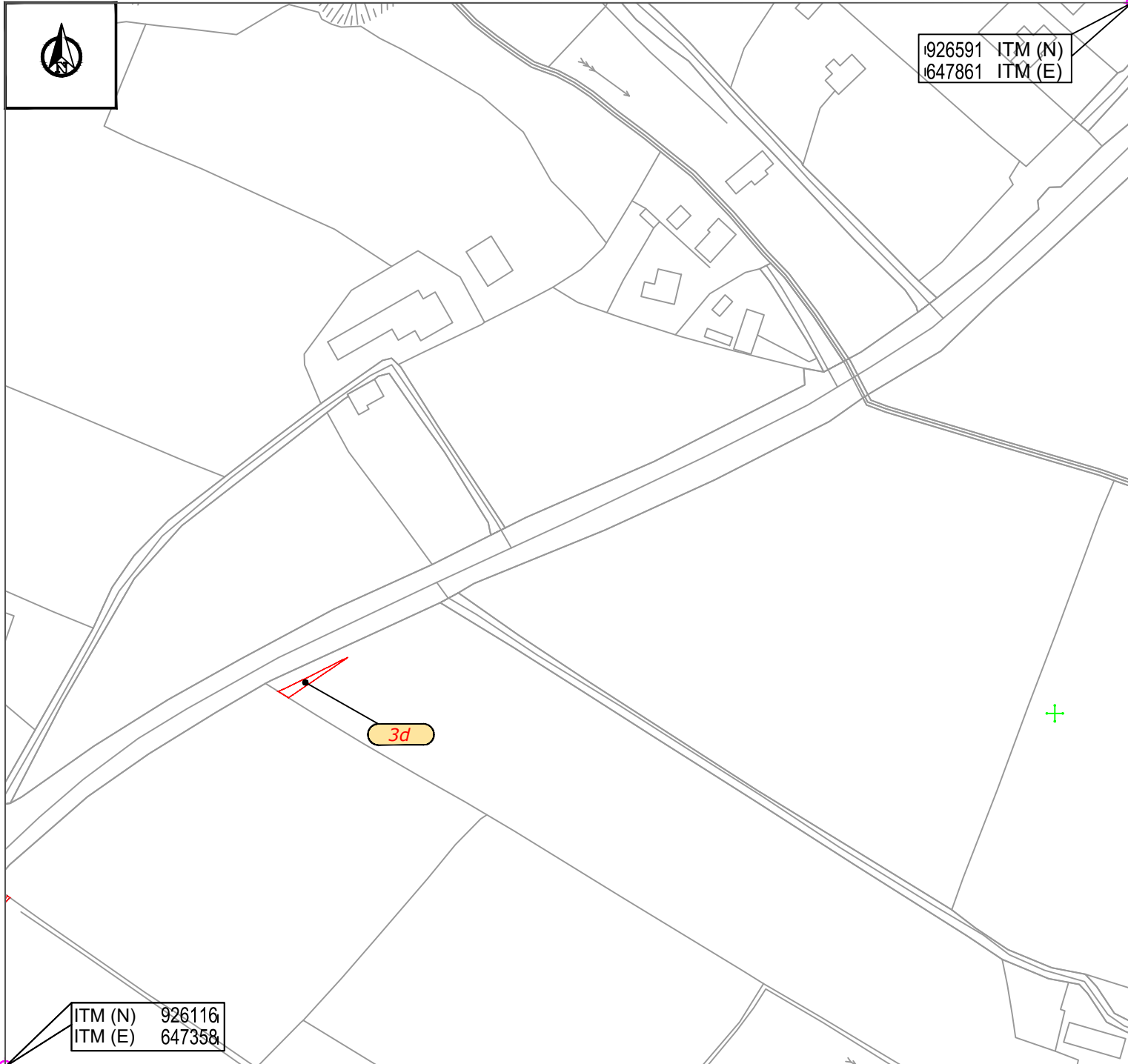
Project:
 Muff to Quigley's Point Greenway

Title:
 Land Map / Rural Place Map
 Land Disposal to DL11534

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 ITM (E) 647358

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Report & Recommendation

Proposal to Dispose of Land at Drumskillan, Muff, Co. Donegal to Chris Huey & Jill Huey, 7 Cottage Park, Eglington, Co. Derry BT47 3YR – Ref: M2QPGW - Plot 4e & 4f

Background: Donegal County Council (DCC) acquired land in the 1960's from the Huey family for the purposes of widening/realigning the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point. Part of the land acquired was not occupied by DCC and was continuously farmed by the Huey family as part of their overall landholding.

Donegal County Council now propose to construct a Greenway alongside the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point and in order to do so now need:

- To permanently acquire land owned and registered to Chris Huey and Jill Huey,
- To temporarily acquire land owned and registered to Chris Huey and Jill Huey to facilitate construction of the greenway scheme,
- To acquire Chris Huey and Jill Huey's beneficial interests in lands registered to DCC but occupied and farmed by Chris Huey and Jill Huey,
- To dispose of lands registered to DCC that are not required for the greenway scheme and are occupied and farmed by Chris Huey and Jill Huey.

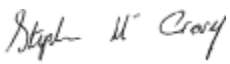
Proposal: Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of two plots of land comprising of 0.0039 hectares and 0.0098 hectares respectively at Drumskillan, Muff, Co. Donegal to Chris Huey & Jill Huey, 7 Cottage Park, Eglington, Co. Derry BT47 3YR.

DCC appointed independent valuer Avison Young who have recommended the sum of €300.00 for disposal of the lands on the basis that the Huey family had uninterrupted and exclusive possession of the lands. This amount has been factored into the overall compensation amount for both permanent and temporary acquisitions required for the greenway meaning that once the compensation amount has been paid to Chris Huey and Jill Huey on the closing of the sale to the Council, the said sum of €300.00 will be treated as having been paid for plot 4e & 4f.

The plots comprising 0.0039 hectares and 0.0098 hectares proposed for disposal are edged red and lettered "4e" & "4f" on the attached Land Registry compliant map and form part of the lands registered under Folio DL81619F, Property No.1, Plan 34.

Recommendation: It is hereby recommended that: -

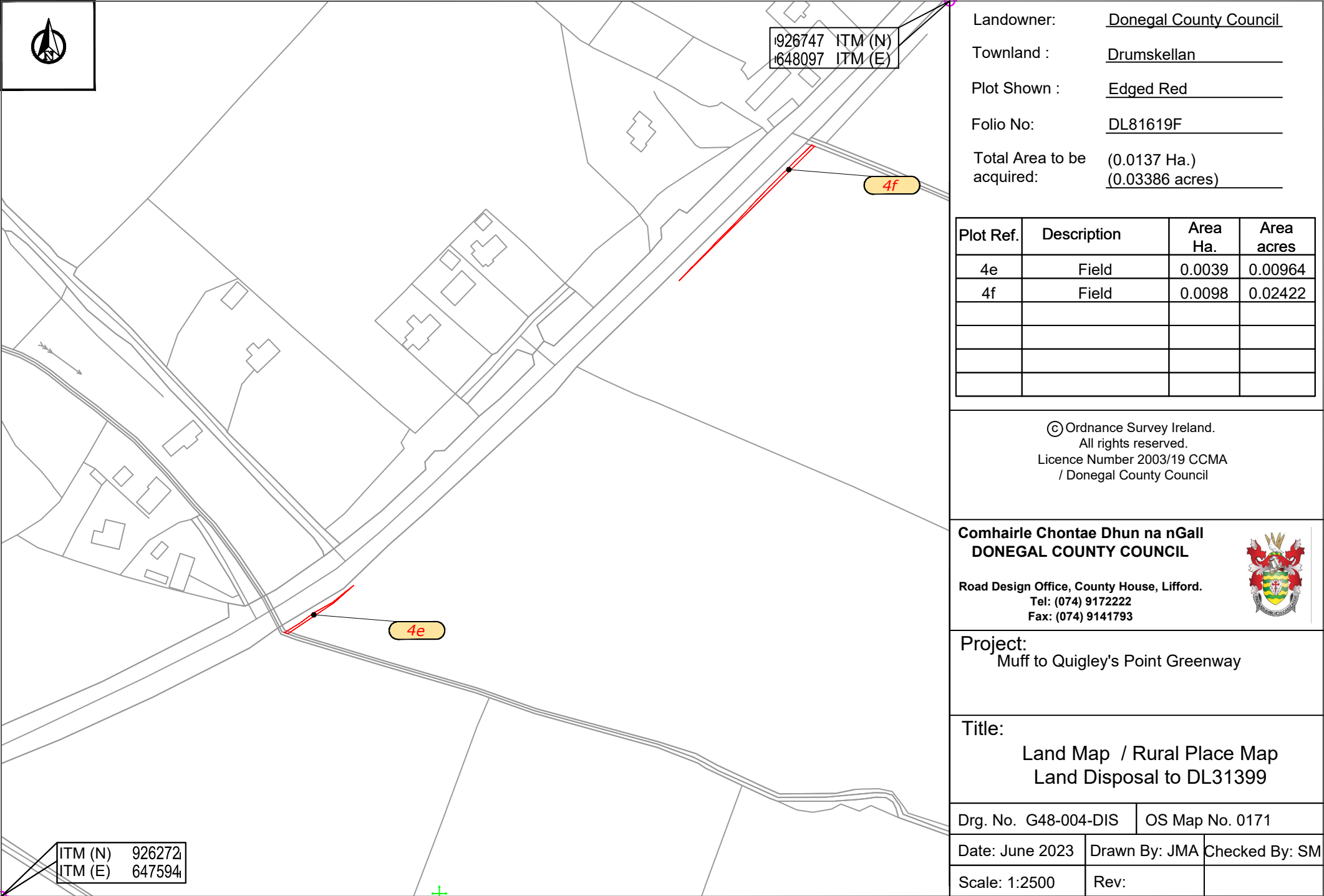
1. The plots of land (Plots 4e & 4f) at Drumskillan, Muff be disposed of to Chris Huey & Jill Huey as part of the overall land agreement that incorporates the payment of €300.
2. The disposal is to proceed subject to the approval of the Members of the Council under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.
3. The Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary documentation to effect the disposal when same is received.

Recommended by:  28/08/23

Senior Executive Engineer **Date**

Endorsed by:  29/08/23

Senior Engineer **Date**
Roads & Transportation Services



926747 ITM (N)
648097 ITM (E)

Landowner: Donegal County Council
 Townland : Drumskellan
 Plot Shown : Edged Red
 Folio No: DL81619F
 Total Area to be acquired: (0.0137 Ha.)
(0.03386 acres)

Plot Ref.	Description	Area Ha.	Area acres
4e	Field	0.0039	0.00964
4f	Field	0.0098	0.02422

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Project:
 Muff to Quigley's Point Greenway

Title:
 Land Map / Rural Place Map
 Land Disposal to DL31399

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 ITM (E) 647594

Report & Recommendation

Proposal to Dispose of Land at Three Trees, Quigleys Point to Thomas McNally, Mullanbouy House, Three Trees, Quigleys Point, Co. Donegal – Ref: M2QPGW - Plot 16e

Background: Donegal County Council (DCC) acquired land in the 1960's from the McNally family for the purposes of widening/realigning the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point. Part of the land acquired was not occupied by DCC and was continuously farmed by the McNally family as part of their overall landholding.

Donegal County Council now propose to construct a Greenway alongside the R238 between Muff and Quigleys Point and in order to do so now need:

- To permanently acquire land owned and registered to Thomas McNally,
- To temporarily acquire land owned and registered to Thomas McNally to facilitate construction of the greenway scheme,
- To acquire Thomas McNally's beneficial interests in lands registered to DCC but occupied and farmed by Thomas McNally,
- To dispose of lands registered to DCC that are not required for the greenway scheme and are occupied and farmed by Thomas McNally.

Proposal: Donegal County Council proposes to dispose of a plot of land comprising of 0.0382 hectares at Three Trees, Quigleys Point to Thomas McNally, Mullanbouy House, Three Trees, Quigleys Point, Co. Donegal.

DCC appointed independent valuer Avison Young who have recommended the sum of €250.00 for disposal of the lands on the basis that the McNally family had uninterrupted and exclusive possession of the lands. This amount has been factored into the overall compensation amount for both permanent and temporary acquisitions required for the greenway meaning that once the compensation amount has been paid to Thomas McNally on the closing of the sale to the Council, the said sum of €250.00 will be treated as having been paid for plot 16e.

The plot comprising 0.0382 hectares proposed for disposal is edged red and lettered "16e" on the attached Land Registry compliant map and forms part of the lands registered under Folio DL79478F, Property No.1, Plan 50.

Recommendation: It is hereby recommended that: -

1. The plot of land (Plot 16e) at Three Trees, Quigleys Point be disposed of to Thomas McNally as part of the overall land agreement that incorporates the payment of €250.
2. The disposal is to proceed subject to the approval of the Members of the Council under Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.
3. The Seal of the Council be affixed to the necessary documentation to effect the disposal when same is received.

Recommended by:

Stephen W. Cray

28/08/23

Senior Executive Engineer

Date

Endorsed by:

Citodhna Campbell

29/08/23

Senior Engineer
Roads & Transportation Services

Date



929342 ITM (N)
650456 ITM (E)

Landowner: Donegal County Council
 Townland : Three Trees
 Plot Shown : Edged Red
 Folio No: DL79478F
 Total Area to be disposed of: (0.0382 Ha.)
(0.09439 acres)

Plot Ref.	Description	Area Ha.	Area acres
16e	Field	0.0382	0.09439

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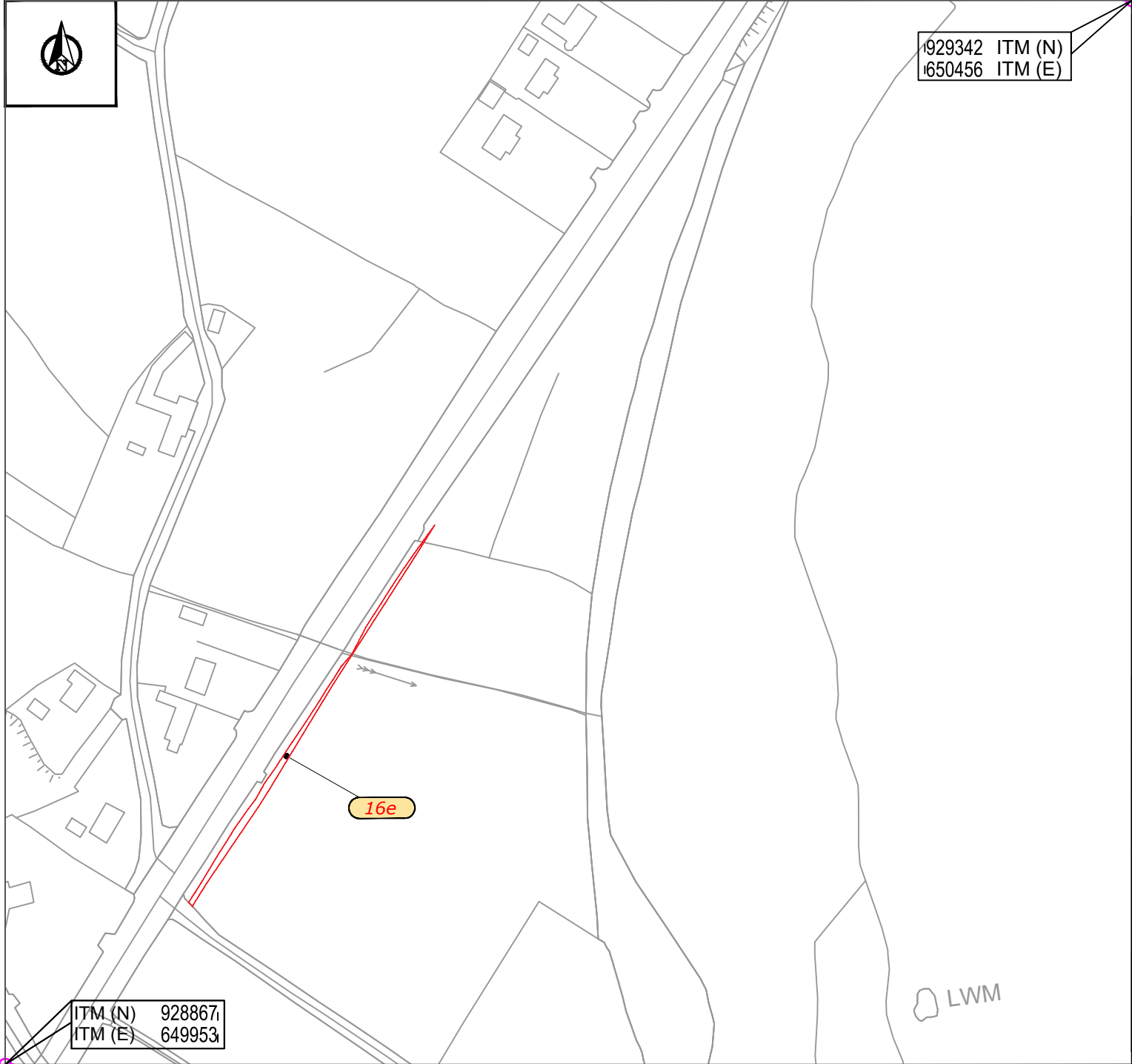


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Project:
 Muff to Quigley's Point Greenway

Title:
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 Land Disposal to DL20335

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Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 05 th September 2023	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	6
Properties being refurbished	7
Properties to be refurbished	7

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
16	8	8

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Moville	Apex	13	7	6
Carndonagh	Apex	1	1	Pending
Carndonagh	SVP	3	1	Pending
Clonmany	SVP	6	1	1
Buncrana	SVP	4	2	2

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List at 22 nd May 2023	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	630
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	426
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	42
Net Social Housing Waiting List	162

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms - September 2023

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	6	3	1	0	0	10
	Bridgend	0	15	5	1	0	0	21
	Buncrana	15	151	79	14	1	1	261
	Burnfoot	0	12	2	1	0	0	15
	Burt	0	4	4	0	0	0	8
	Carndonagh	9	70	35	6	0	0	120
	Carrigans	2	5	5	1	0	0	13
	Clonmany	1	8	10	1	0	0	20
	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	6	19	11	1	0	0	37
	Muff	0	16	9	0	0	0	25
	Newtowncunningham	6	31	5	0	1	0	43
Redcastle	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	
Total		40	368	191	28	2	1	630

Housing Grants Report at 28th August 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	68	58	0	9	1	0
2023	53	33	0	7	5	8

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	27	18	0	4	0	5

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	126	114	6	6	0	0
2023	125	85	5	10	0	25

**Housing Capital Update Report
Inishowen Municipal District Meeting
September 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
Construction Stage		
The Meadows, Buncrana	<p>The contractor is progressing well with roofing, windows, doors, and external rendering complete. First fix of mechanical and electrical services nearing completion.</p> <p>The project is within programme with a projected completion date in March 2024. A recent site photograph is attached at Photo 1 below.</p>	1
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	<p>Contractor has been appointed and works commenced on site in August 2023.</p> <p>The project has a 16-month contract with a programmed completion of December 2024.</p>	16
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Rockytown, Buncrana (Phase 2)	<p>Detailed design and preparation of tender drawings including architectural, civil/structural, and mechanical/electrical packages are underway.</p> <p>Archaeological testing report is now complete.</p> <p>Ground investigation contract due to commence on site in September 2023. QS and Assigned Certifier/ Design Certifier tenders have been returned and are currently being assessed.</p> <p>Department approval will be sought upon completion of the detailed design package and in advance of tendering the construction contract.</p>	54

Barrick Hill, Carndonagh	Project progressing as Design & Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, archaeological testing complete, Flood Risk Assessment is underway. Procurement of Architect Lead Design Team (ALDT) at an advanced stage. Quantity Surveyor has been appointed and the Assigned Certifier tender is to be returned 5 th September 2023	21
Gleneely	Project progressing as Design & Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, initial investigations – Flood Risk Assessment, Site Suitability, and ground investigations underway. Procurement of Architect Lead Design Team (ALDT) at an advanced stage. Assigned Certifier tender to be returned Sept 5 th , while and Quantity Surveyor recommendation is being assessed.	10
Malin	Project progressing as Design & Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, Initial Ground Investigations underway. Procurement of Architect Lead Design Team (ADLT) at an advanced stage. Assigned Certifier tender to be returned Sept 5 th , while and Quantity Surveyor recommendation is being assessed.	9
Total		111



Photo 1 - The Meadows, Buncrana (August 2023)

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 made an increased and final offer to the Developer for the acquisition of the units, however the Council now understands that the Developer is in discussions with an Approved Housing Body with regard the development.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers regarding the additional valid proposal for Merville. 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 two offers accepted (subject to contract) for lands in Merville (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.



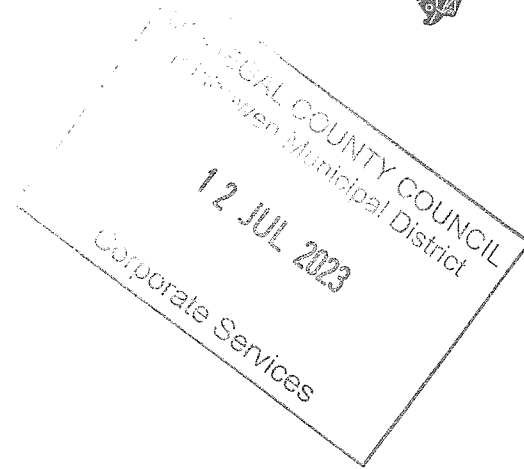
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Public Service Centre,
Malin Road,
Carndonagh,
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11th July 2023

Dear Ms. Cresswell,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your further correspondence regarding the Flood Relief Schemes in the Inishowen Municipal District area.

I have requested an urgent update on the matter and will issue you with a response as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Garret Nolan
Private Secretary

