

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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10ú Eanáir 2024

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 16ú Eanáir 2024, **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
10th January 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 16th January 2024 **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 December Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 05th December 2023
2. Planning
3. Roads & Transportation
4. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
5. Environment
6. Community Development
7. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
8. Correspondence

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 05th
December 2023 AT 2.00pm IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

Councillors Present:

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

Officials Present:

Bryan Cannon, 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, Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner, Joe Ferry, Senior Executive Chemist, Daniel McChrystal, Senior Enterprise Development Officer, Economic Development.

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

23.55 Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Budget 2024 Meeting held on 23rd October 2023

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Budget Meeting held on 23rd October 2023 were agreed.

23.56 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 17th October 2023

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 17th October 2023 were agreed.

23.57 PLANNING

Killian Smith, Executive Planner presented the planning report to members, and it was taken as read. Killian Smith advised the members that he was moving on to a different role and introduced Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner for Inishowen as his replacement.

The members thanked Killian Smith for his help and support during his time as Executive Planner for the Inishowen Municipal District and welcomed Ryan Nolan into the role.

23.57.01 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 three estates, as listed below in the Inishowen Municipal District to Members and sought approval to complete the Taking in Charge process.

- 1 Millers Way, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh
- 2 Gerard's Way, Malin Road, Carndonagh
- 3 Ardaravan Heights, Ardaravan, Bunrana

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.

Millers Way, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh

On the proposal of Cllr Albert Doherty seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott 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 Millers Way, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh 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 Albert Doherty seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott 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 Millers Way, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh 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.

Gerard's Way, Malin Road, Carndonagh

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Ardaravan Heights, Ardaravan, Buncrana

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23.57.02 Commencement Notices

Cllr Paul Canning expressed his concerns in relation to the percentage of commencement notices with the opt out declarations selected that were submitted in 2023. He raised concerns in relation to the difficulties that may arise with compliance documentation.

23.57.03 Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme

Cllr Paul Canning stated that if an estate was not taken over due to issues with a treatment plant, this should not stand in the way of households obtaining a Certificate of Compliance with planning Permission to apply for the Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme. Cllr Martin McDermott advised that if house type remains the same, this should have no implication. Killian Smith agreed to follow up. Cllr Jack Murray also raised concerns that an archeology report was requested where a household was downsizing under the Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme.

23.58 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Daniel McChrystal, Senior Economic Development Officer, presented the report, and it was taken as read. He highlighted the following items from the report –

- The 2023 #BuyDonegal campaign was launched on Monday, 20 November 2023 and will run until 22 December 2023.
- North West City Region - Irish Embassy Event in London was hosted by Ambassador Martin Frazer on 04th December 2023.
- Donegal County Council Agriculture Committee held a meeting on 01st December 2023 where the Minister for Agriculture was in attendance.
- Living Green was the overall winners at the Donegal Enterprise Awards held on Friday 01st December 2023.
- Lonely Planet announced Donegal as the fourth best region to visit.
- Diaspora – Donegal themed event for London Irish will be held in the London Irish centre on 08th February 2024. There are also plans to hold an event in Scotland to promote the Donegal tweed and wool industry -details to be confirmed.

23.58.01 Relocation Marketing Campaign

Cllr Albert Doherty raised concerns around housing availability in relation to the Relocation Marketing Campaign.

23.58.02 Donegal Tourism

Cllr Albert Doherty requested support be given to all tourism ventures in Inishowen and asked that car parking facilities be provided in proximity to the Wild Alpaca Way tourist attraction, Malin Head. The members concurred with these comments.

Cllr Albert Doherty asked that the minutes be circulated following a meeting on 22nd November 2023 in relation to Donegal Tourism. Daniel McChrystal agreed to follow up. Cllr Johnny McGuinness also asked that members be kept up to date regarding tourism in Inishowen. Cllr McGuinness raised concerns around lack of accommodation in Inishowen and outlined the importance of day trippers for the tourism sector.

Cllr Martin McDermott requested a more collaborative approach be taken with Donegal Tourism and Go Visit Inishowen. He raised concerns around how Inishowen was promoted compared to the rest of the County and that only one tour operator travels to Malin Head. He requested that Donegal Tourism look at the entire county as he stated that Inishowen is left seriously behind in the promotion of the area. He also highlighted concerns that businesses in Inishowen will be unable to sustain another poor summer season.

Daniel McChrystal advised members that a Concierge Service was recently launched to work with tour operators to promote less known facilities around the County.

23.58.03 Christmas Market – Swan Park

Cllr Jack Murray, Cllr Nicholas Crossan and Cllr Rena Donaghey thanked Barry Doherty and his team for organising the Christmas market at Swan Park on 29th November to 03rd December. Cllr Jack Murray proposed that the Council engage with all stakeholders to put a plan in place to build on the success of the event this year. Cllr Rena Donaghey seconded this proposal. Daniel McChrystal agreed to follow up. Cllr Jack Murray also requested that lighting be available at the park during the Christmas market going forward.

23.58.03 North West City Region

Cllr Paul Canning advised members that he attended a seminar together with Cllr Johnny McGuinness recently in relation to Northwest City Region and suggested that a similar event be organised for members and public. Daniel McChrystal agreed to follow up.

23.58.04 Greencastle Harbour

Cllr Johnny McGuinness advised that further infrastructure is required at Greencastle Harbour to cater for charter boats prior to the incoming tourist season. Cllr Martin Farren and Cllr Martin McDermott concurred with these comments.

23.58.05 Tip O'Neil

Cllr Nicholas Crossan acknowledged the Tip O'Neil recipient, Caroline McLaughlin, who moderated a discussion at the North West City Region event that was held in London on 04th December 2023.

23.58.06 Water Tanker

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update on the provision of a new fire service water tanker for the Inishowen Municipal District. Daniel McChrystal agreed to follow up.

23.59 ENVIRONMENT

Joe Ferry, Senior Executive Chemist presented the report, and it was taken as read. He highlighted the following items from the report –

- Climate Action Plan – submissions or observations can be made up to Friday 08th December 2023 at 4.00pm.
- Waste Enforcement
- Changes to Septic tank grant scheme – maximum grant has increased to €12,000 and removing the requirement for homeowners to have registered their DWWTS with *Protect Our Water* on or before 1st February 2013. These changes are due to come into effect on the 1st January 2024.

23.59.01 Farm Inspections

Cllr Paul Canning requested that documentation be sent to individuals prior to farm inspections. Cllr Rena Donaghey concurred with these comments. Joe Ferry advised that there is advise on the Donegal County Council website and they have also run radio campaigns on the subject. He also advised that there would be information at the annual Clonmany Agriculture Show. He agreed to follow up.

23.59.02 Bunrana Anglers Association

Cllr Jack Murray queried if any additional assistance can be provided to the Bunrana Anglers Association in providing toilet facilities.

23.59.03 Climate Action Workshop

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the cancellation of the Climate Action Workshop that was due to take place on Friday 08th December 2023. He advised that this date clashed with other events that were due to take place on that day.

23.59.04 Barrack Hill

Cllr Albert Doherty sought assurance that the Environment Section and Housing section would work together on the proposed construction of social housing at Barrack Hill.

23.59.05 Clean Up

Cllr Albert Doherty thanked Pearse McCrory, Litter Warden for his prompt action following reports of illegal dumping around the Carndonagh area.

23.59.06 Hunting

Cllr Johnny McGuinness raised concerns around an incident that occurred in Culdaff, Gleneely and Carrowmenagh areas where a group of people were hunting late at night with dogs which caused distress for sheep and animals in the area. He queried if there was anything that could be done by Donegal County Council. Joe Ferry advised that this would be a public order issue and Donegal County Council would not have any legislation governing this.

23.59.07 Septic Tanks

Cllr Terry Crossan raised concerns around a number of housing estates with communal septic tanks that are causing serious environmental issues.

23.60 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fiona Doherty presented the report, and it was taken as read.

23.60.01 Movice Town and Village Renewal Project

Cllr Martin Farren thanked Fiona Doherty for the work carried out to date at The Bath Green, Movice.

23.60.02 Movice Shore Path

Cllr Martin Farren queried the status of the Movice Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme and asked that this progressed as soon as possible.

23.60.03 Grianán of Aileach

Cllr Jack Murray requested an update in relation to An Grianán of Aileach Fort. Fiona Doherty advised members that a Memorandum of Understanding document has been signed highlighting the Council, OPW and Fáilte Irelands shared ambitions to significantly enhance the visitor experience at Grianán of Aileach.

23.60.04 Playground Maintenance

Cllr Johnny McGuinness stated that there was an issue with the maintenance works that was carried out on playgrounds in Culdaff and Movice in the last year. He stated that the depth of the tar used was inadequate and there was now vegetation growing through the surface. Fiona Doherty agreed to follow up.

23.60.05 Buncrana Community Recognition Fund

Cllr Nicholas Crossan and Cllr Rena Donaghey welcomed the update in relation to Fr Hegarty Coastal Walk. Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that the story of Fr Hegarty's Rock and the history of the area be highlighted.

23.60.06 Barrack Hill Town Park

Cllr Albert Doherty thanked Fiona Doherty for the work carried out at the Barrack Hill Town Park.

23.60.07 Muff Féile Group

Cllr Terry Crossan thanked Fiona Doherty for attending a meeting with the newly formed Muff Féile Group and for the assistance and advise that she gave the group.

23.60 08 Bunagee Jetty

Cllr Terry Crossan and Cllr Johnny McGuinness acknowledged the progress on works at Bunagee Jetty, Culdaff.

23.61 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 –

- Restoration Improvement Programme are substantially complete.
- Bridge Strengthening Programme 2023 – works ongoing at Coyle’s/Beggars Bridge
- Footpath Provision Programme 2023

23.61.01 Updates from previous Meeting

- **Battery Brae** – Works due to commence in December.
- **Driver Feedback Signage at Merville** – Intend to explore all funding avenues in 2024.
- **Beach access at Benduff** - Intend to explore all funding avenues in 2024.
- **Public Lighting** – have advised supplier of issues.
- **Speeding at Convent Road/Churchtown/Molly’s Brae** – Issue will be highlighted with An Garda Siochana.
- **Mill Bridge, Bunrana** – Additional signage to be erected and matter referred to Road Design.
- **Public Car Park, Carndonagh** – Increase lighting in the area and look at all options available.
- **Urris Pier** – Area team have patched the area and will consider further works under Restoration Programme for 2024/2025.
- **Quigleys Point** – Traffic Calming Measures – will explore all options.
- **Gleneely** – Speed limit to be highlighted to An Garda Siochana.
- **Sign at Cnoc an Uininn** – Sign to be moved to a more appropriate location.
- **Crash Barriers – Killea/Bridgend** – This issue is referred to Road Design Team.

23.61.02 Roads – Inishowen

Cllr Rena Donaghey acknowledged the huge amount of work that was completed by the Inishowen Roads team during the year. Cllr Paul Canning and Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with these comments.

23.61.03 Public Lighting

Cllr Rena Donaghey advised that there are three lights not working at Red Door, Fahan.

23.61.04 Mill Bridge, Buncrana

Cllr Rena Donaghey welcomed the update in relation to Mill Bridge, Buncrana and asked that a solution be found as soon as possible.

23.61.05 Tooban/Fahan Road

Cllr Rena Donaghey stated that the road at Halfway House at Burnfoot is extremely busy and difficult to cross and asked if an Island could be installed where school children are crossing. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with this request.

23.61.06 Winter Maintenance

Cllr Rena Donaghey asked that the road at St Joseph's Nations School, Illies, Buncrana be included in the Winter Maintenance Programme. Cllr Jack Murray and Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with this request. He also asked if the road at Hilltop Academy be included in the programme. Cllr Martin McDermott, Cllr Paul Canning and Cllr Albert Doherty also requested that schools be added to the Winter Maintenance Programme. Cllr Johnny McGuinness asked if salt/grit could be made available at schools and requested that Drumaville/Malin be included on the gritting route. Cllr Martin Farren requested that the roads at Glenagiveney and the upper road at Shroove also be included. Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested that a new policy be drawn up as not all roads that are currently gritted are always required which is draining resources.

The members acknowledged the work carried out by the team.

Michael McFadden acknowledged the issues raised and advised that there were several issues such as logistics, plant supply and funding that impact on the delivery of this service. He advised members that 125km were added to the route following a review in 2021 which added significant pressure to each of the areas. He acknowledged the work that is carried out by the team in what can be very difficult circumstances. Bryan Cannon advised that following the review in 2021, there were several difficult decisions taken by both members and executive in decisions around the routes in the Municipal District. Bryan Cannon advised members that callouts were carried out on a route-by-route basis based on Vaisala weather report information received and stated that Donegal has the largest Winter Maintenance in the Country.

23.61.07 Life Jackets – Personal Location Beacons (PLB)

Cllr Martin McDermott proposed that Donegal County Council promote the importance of life jackets with Personal Location Beacons (PLB) following an incident on Lough Foyle earlier this month. He outlined that as one of the fishermen were wearing a PLB, this alerted Malin Head Coastguard, and the crew were successfully rescued. He asked that Donegal County Council, the Coastguard and Bord Isacaigh Mhara promote the importance of life jackets with the PLB registered correctly. Cllr Albert Doherty seconded this proposal. All the members concurred with the comments. Brian Cannon advised members that water safety was not necessarily the

remit of Donegal County Council but the Council Executive would be very supportive of any initiative to raise awareness around this issue. He agreed to investigate this matter further.

23.61.08 Glentogher Road, Carndonagh

Cllr Martin McDermott asked that correspondence be sent to the Minister for Transport requesting that a delegation meet with him to discuss funding for Glentogher Road, Carndonagh. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with this request.

23.61.09 Francistown Junction, Malin

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 be found.

23.61.10 Irish Water

Cllr Martin McDermott sought an update following his request that Irish Water repair the roads at Malin Town, Malin Head and Cloontagh Road.

23.61.11 Battery Brae, Greencastle

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged the work that was carried out at Battery Brae, Greencastle. He asked if the footpath at opposite side of road could be taken away once the footpath is extended.

23.61.12 Speed Vans

Cllr Martin Farren requested that speed van be in place on Movice/Greencastle Road and requested that this matter be raised with An Garda Síochána. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with these comments.

23.61.13 Hedge Cutting

Cllr Martin Farren asked if the hedge cutting period could be extended. Brian Cannon advised members that he received a response from the National Parks and Wildlife Service in relation to this matter and agreed to forward details to Cllr Martin Farren for his information.

23.61.14 Directional Signs

Cllr Martin Farren requested that signposts be erected at Bridgend (towards 19th Hole) directing traffic to Inishowen as current signage is inadequate. Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the signage at exit of the A2 road would also include Carndonagh/Malin Head.

23.61.15 Clar Bridge. Redcastle

Cllr Martin Farren requested that the outlets at Clar Bridge be cleared.

23.61.16 Newtowncunningham Main Street

Cllr Paul Canning thanked the team that carried out the road works at Newtowncunningham Main Street and expressed his gratitude for the way they carried out the task. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with these comments.

23.61.17 Redrow, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray requested that a pedestrian crossing be installed at Redrow, Buncrana.

23.61.18 Junction at Slab Road, Burt

Cllr Jack Murray requested that a solution be found for the junction at Slab Road, Burt for the traffic turning right from the junction.

23.61.19 Inishowen Head

Cllr Jack Murray requested that the road at Inishowen Head be resurfaced.

23.61.20 Bus Shelter

Cllr Nicholas Crossan queried the time frame in providing bus shelters in Inishowen.

23.61.21 Magherinture Bridge, Buncrana

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested that a solution be found at Magherinture Bridge to alleviate flooding issues.

23.61.22 Cockhill Road

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested the installation of a footpath at Cockhill road be included in the programme for works for next year.

23.61.23 Public Lighting

Cllr Albert Doherty thanked Michael McFadden for the update in relation to public lighting. He requested that the light at Barrack Hill be repaired and advised that there was a light at Chruchtown, Carndonagh that required attention. Cllr Albert Doherty also requested that additional public lighting be installed at Upper Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.

23.61.24 Cloontagh Road, Clonmany

Cllr Albert Doherty advised that a few areas were missed following works that were carried out on Cloontagh Road recently.

23.62 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

23.62.01 Schedule of Inishowen Municipal District Meetings 2024

The proposed Schedule of Inishowen MD Meetings for 2024 were presented to members. Cllr Albert Doherty raised concerns that dates would clash with other meetings that may be scheduled during the year.

23.62.02 Booker Prize 2023

Cllr Albert Doherty congratulated Paul Lynch, who won the 2023 Booker Prize for his novel, Prophet Song.

23.62.03 Book Signing

Cllr Albert Doherty proposed that Pat McArt, author of War, Peace and the Derry Journal be invited to Inishowen Public Service Center for a book signing. Cllr Nicholas Crossan seconded this proposal. Cllr Jack Murray agreed with these comments. Una Cresswell agreed to follow up.

23.62.04 Defective Concrete Blocks

Following a request from Cllr Martin Farren for an update in relation to the remediation of social housing stock, Una Cresswell advised that an update will be provided by the Social Housing Remediation team in the new year.

Cllr Albert Doherty advised that a delegation intend to meet with the Housing Minister on Friday 08th December and requested any information that would support their case in relation to defective concrete blocks. Una Cresswell agreed to follow up.

Cllr Jack Murray referred to an e-mail that the members received from the Redress Focus Group where the group requested that members support their request for emergency funding. Cllr Terry Crossan agreed to follow up directly with all the members.

23.62.05 Housing Development at Convent Road, Carndonagh

Cllr Johnny McGuinness asked for an update regarding the housing development in Carndonagh.

23.62.06 Acknowledgement

The members acknowledged the assistance and support from the Housing service throughout the year.

It was agreed that the Date of the next meeting to be held on 16th January 2024 at 2pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

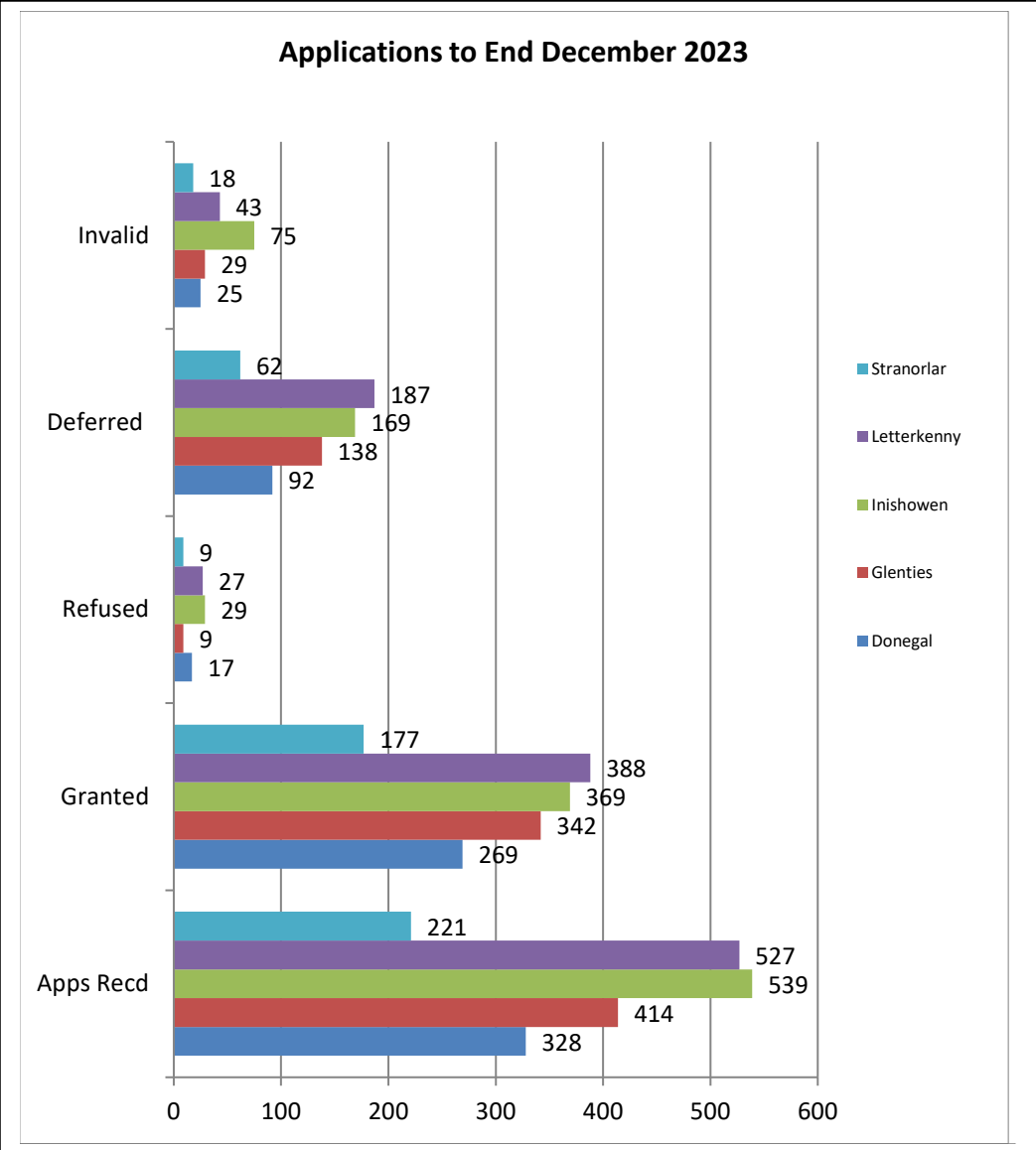
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Inishowen MD Meeting
16th January, 2024

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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 2024:</u> 18th January, 2024 1st February, 2024 15th February, 2024 29th February, 2024</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planning-clinics/</p>								
4	Casual Trading									
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A								
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8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix B								
9	Conservation									
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/weekly-planninglists/ • 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 								



		File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf
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APPENDIX A



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Regeneration & Development Team Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS JANUARY 2024.

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

Funding is provided from the Department of Rural and Community Development and calls for application to the Fund are sought under two categories. **Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

1.1 Summary update of Projects

Table 1 below provides a summary update on the current status and delivery of projects under the RRDF.

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Project	Type	Value (includes DCC co- funding)	Current Status/Delivery
Back to Ballyshannon	Category 2 (2020)	€247,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site acquisition completed. Team working towards the publication of a planning scheme. To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding
Ramelton Re-imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2	€249,159 €7,949,868	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approved April 2022 Construction tender to open in Q1 2024. Handover to CPDU imminent.

	Category 1 (2022)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimate to commence on site in Q2 2024 (through the CPDU).
Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale agreed on former Garda Barracks property. • Tender for consultants to be advertised January 2024 to include public consultation and publication of a planning scheme. • To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved February 2023. • FPM Accountants (Ireland) Limited appointed in November 2023 to undertake an Economic Appraisal. • To be submitted for funding under the fifth call (closing date 8th February 2024).
Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 • GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian (including further public consultation) to be completed by Q2 2024. • DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. • Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.
Creelough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creelough Working Group, Creelough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village Plan to be launched in early 2024 (prepared by Arup on a pro bono basis). • Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. • FPM Accountants (Ireland) Limited appointed in November 2023 to undertake an Economic Appraisal. • To be submitted for funding under the fifth call (closing date 8th February 2024).

1.2 Fifth Call for Category 1 Projects (shovel ready) under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

In November 2023 a fifth call for Category 1 projects was announced. This is a competitive application process and Local Authorities can submit a maximum of 3 applications for large scale and ambitious in nature projects. The minimum request per project is €500,000 with no upper limit but projects seeking over €10m would be considered exceptional in nature.

In recognition of the classification by the EU Commission of the North West Region as a Transition Region, grant aid of 90% will apply with 10% to be provided in matching contributions by the Council – this 10% matching contribution can be in the form of Local Authority investment, community investment or philanthropic contributions.

The deadline for submission of applications is **12 pm on Tuesday 8th February 2024**. As confirmed to Elected Members at the November 2023 Plenary meeting of the Council, work is underway to bring forward applications for Regeneration Projects in Rathmullan and Creeslough under this Call.

2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

Funding is provided from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for towns with a population in excess of 10,000 which includes Letterkenny in this County, with calls for application to the Fund sought under two categories. **Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

2.1 Summary update of Projects

Table 2 below provides a summary update on the current status and delivery of projects under the URDF.

Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Call	Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding).	Projects and current Status/Delivery
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<p>Call 1 (approved September 2019)</p> <p>3 Sub-Projects</p>	<p>€3m</p>	<p>1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 2022. <p>2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. <p>3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened June 2023.
<p>Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021)</p> <p>6 Sub Projects</p>	<p>€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)</p>	<p>1. Re-image public space at Market Square.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to report from the Capital Projects Delivery Unit Report who are delivering this project. <p>2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. Proceed to procurement of architect-led team for all design stages (planning consent, detailed design and site supervision) – procurement process to open as soon as possible. <p>3. Renewal at Lower Main Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's

		<p>behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. <p>4. Revival of the Courthouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. Inception Workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD held on 21st November 2023.• Next steps:• Letterkenny-Milford MD workshop: 16th January at 10am.• Stakeholder Forum workshop: 16th January (PM)• Public drop-in event: 17th January 2024.• Letterkenny-Milford MD workshop: 1st February at 11am.• Options being explored for application to the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works.• Engagement with schools being instigated to request input into the project. <p>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO.• Funding commitment secured from the 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.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft tender package sent to the NTA in December 2023 for feed-in prior to opening of a procurement process. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators. <p>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. • In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	<p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In December 2023, 15 letters issued to property owners and 23 Notices of Enquiries affixed to properties to try and identify the owners.
"The Eat Out' Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved November 2022. • Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved November 2022. • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. • Services of Quantity Surveyor being engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.
Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • In tandem, targeted to carry out capacity testing of potential lands available to clarify viability of the project and to undertake further engagement with stakeholders- NB this is subject to availability of in-house architectural resources.
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3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

The Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme opened for applications in July 2022 and **Table 3** below provides further details of the applications received to-date.

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	518
Applications Finalised	289
• Approved	273
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	16
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	221
Withdrawn (by applicant)	8
Properties Refurbished	8
Grants Recouped	1
Requests for grant recoupment (in progress).	7
Breakdown of Applicants received per Municipal District	
Letterkenny – Milford MD	129
Inishowen MD	125
Lifford – Stranorlar MD	77
Glenties MD	97
Donegal MD	90
Total	518

- Grants are recouped on completion of works and on submission of vouched expenditure. The applicant must also complete a

Charge Document which is prepared by the Local Authority to register a charge on the property to the value of the grant obtained.

- The timeframe for processing application is approximately 5 – 6 weeks where the applicant has submitted all supporting documentation at the outset.
- Donegal currently have the second highest number of grant applications processed nationally.
- Plans have been announced to extend the Local Authority Home Loan scheme to applicants of the Vacant Property Refurbishment grant scheme also and more detail are due in early January.
- Drop in event to be arranged in Raphoe early 2024 – this will bring to 18 the total number of such events to date.

4.0 Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund/Survey of Vacant Properties

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 with owners regarding the supports available.
- Step 4:** Consideration of options available to owners and DCC.

The Council have undertaken Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey has been undertaken in the towns listed in **Table 4** below and will be carried out in further towns over the coming months:

Table 4: Towns Surveyed under the CPO Activation Fund

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	Bunrana	Moville, Malin
Lifford-Stranorlar MD	Ballybofey- Stranorlar	Lifford	Raphoe

The identification of property owners and engagement has commenced (Steps 2 and 3) and is ongoing. **Table 5** provides the current update which will be further updated as we progress Steps 2 and 3 in all towns.

Table 5: Delivery of CPO Activation Fund (to date).

Total Properties surveyed to date (Step 1)	1,723
Properties identified as being Vacant	890
Properties identified as being Derelict	63
Properties not vacant	770
Owner Identification/Engagement (Steps 2 and 3) in the following Towns:	
Ballybofey/Stranorlar	77
Carndonagh	42
Lifford	37
Malin	11
Total (to date)	167
Outcome/Responses (from Steps 2 and 3)	
1 st Letter issued	88
Hold/Monitor (e.g property for sale)	21
Closed out	12
Ongoing (e.g. investigations)	46
Total	167
2 nd Letter issued	15

**Regeneration and Development Team
January 2024.**

APPENDIX B CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

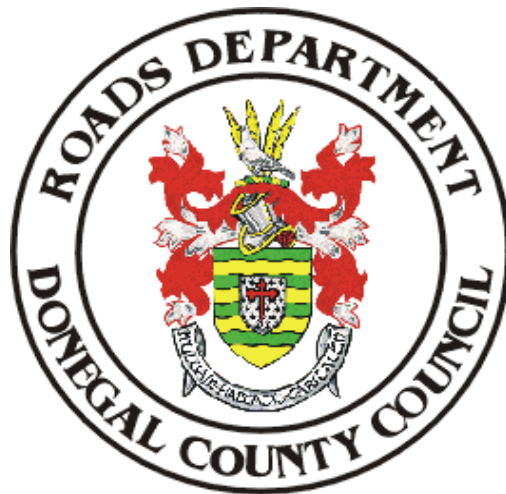
Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: Jan 2024

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: <ol 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 Teenagers iii. a community Kitchen, iv. Communal storage, and v. 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>Land negotiations have commenced with all landowners, with proposed landtake and valuations being discussed. These discussions are ongoing.</p> <p>It is proposed that the lands will be purchased by means of a Compulsory Purchase Order, and it is anticipated that this will be published by Q1 of 2024.</p> <p>After consultation and further survey/investigation work, the Design Team have developed a draft detailed design that meets the stakeholder needs. This has been presented to all parties, and detailed design is now progressing, with tender documentation to be completed in Q1 of 2024.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	It is anticipated that the Compulsory Purchase Order will be published, and the Integrated Design Team will have progressed detailed design.
Contact Person(s)	Hugh Trearty, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer

Activity / Project Title	Fort Dunree
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<p>Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Irelands, 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 Fort (Redoubt). Along the visitor journey, immersive heritage and cultural touch-points will be provided with modern intervention view points and imaginative interpretive installations. The ambition is to reposition this defensive site to allow visitors to imagine its past and experience its beauty.</p> <p>The proposed Project comprises of the following key components.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High Fort: Works to improve existing High Fort 2. High Guns: Restoration of the High Guns 3. Lighthouse: Conservation & refurbishment works 4. Northern Walkway: New projecting walkway 5. Lowerfort Walkway: construction of new walkway & upgrade of access route and drawbridge. 6. The Village: Conservation & upgrade of existing buildings to facilitate, Welcome building, toilets, souvenir shop, Café etc. 7. Car Park: Provision of improved distribution roads & a new car parking facility 8. Walkways & Watchtower: Upgraded and new walkways and watchtower conservation works
<p>Budget</p>	<p>€12.5m</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p>	<p>A Part 8 planning application was submitted to Donegal County Council the date for submissions has now passed. In total there were 19 submissions that the project team are currently reviewing.</p> <p>In addition to the submissions, a member of the public has referred the development to An Bord Pleanála to review our Environmental Impact Screening. An Bord Pleanála will now review our planning documentation and revert with a decision. There is a risk that An Bord Pleanála may revert with a negative decision which would have an impact on the project timeline.</p>

	<p>Stage 2b (Detailed Design) and development of the construction tender documentation is ongoing.</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 updated as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="687 779 1549 1081"> <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>22/12/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design</td> <td>20/10/2023</td> <td>15/08/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 3 – Tender Action</td> <td>24/11/2023</td> <td>23/12/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 4 - Construction</td> <td>6/01/2025</td> <td>16/07/2027</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 5 - Handover</td> <td>17/07/2026</td> <td>03/08/2027</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	22/12/2023	Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design	20/10/2023	15/08/2024	Stage 3 – Tender Action	24/11/2023	23/12/2024	Stage 4 - Construction	6/01/2025	16/07/2027	Stage 5 - Handover	17/07/2026	03/08/2027
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<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>Continue detailed design and tender action. Obtain Part 8 planning consent.</p>																					
<p>Contact Person(s)</p>	<p>Patrick Brennan, Project Manager Shane Sweeney, A/ Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O’Donnell, Senior Engineer</p>																					

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

16th January 2024

2024 Roads Programme(s)

The Roads Area Team are currently in the process of preparing a draft priority list for the 2024 programmes which will be based on the allocation received in 2023. The announcement for the 2024 allocation is expected in late February - early March.

The Councillors are asked to agree a number of dates for roads workshops to discuss the 2023 Roads Programme(s) in order for same to be agreed and adopted at the next Inishowen MD meeting scheduled for 27th February 2024.

The following dates are proposed for the member consideration.

1. 30th or 31st January 2024
2. 15th or 16th February 2024
3. Morning of 27th February 2024 – same date as proposed Inishowen MD February meeting.

Programmes to be presented and considered are.

- Restoration Improvement Programme 2024
- Restoration Maintenance Programme 2024
- Drainage programme 2024
- Lighting & Footpaths programme.
- Local Improvement Schemes 2024- Schemes to be checked for eligibility.
- Community Involvement schemes 2024
- Bridges programme
- Low-Cost Accident Schemes.

Councillors are requested to ensure that potential applications for Local Improvement Schemes and Community Involvement Schemes are submitted to Donegal County Council as soon as possible, in order that they can be included for consideration in the 2024 programmes.

Maintenance Programme 2023

RSS	Engineer	Job Code	Road Name	Budget	Expenditure	Balance	Notes
Moville	Inish North	1B304001	Own Resources Regional Roads	170,239.00	141,403.02	28,835.98	
Moville	Inish North	1B404002	Own Resources Local Roads	315,376.00	293,441.72	21,934.28	
Moville	Inish North	1B404009	Works Overheads	100,397.00	160,587.66	-60,190.66	
Moville Total				586,012.00	595,432.40	-9,420.40	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B303001	Own Resources Regional Roads	203,820.00	205,110.78	-1,290.78	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B403002	Own Resources Local Roads	377,580.00	377,356.22	223.78	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B303010	Works Overheads	109,524.00	131,814.99	-22,290.99	
Carndonagh Total				690,924.00	714,281.99	-23,357.99	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B306001	Own Resources Regional Roads	191,981.00	180,326.65	11,654.35	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B406002	Own Resources Local Roads	355,661.00	356,146.89	-485.89	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B306012	Works Overheads	136,904.00	142,100.36	-5,196.36	
Buncrana Rural Total				684,546.00	678,573.90	5,972.10	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B402004	Own Resources Non-National Roads Buncrana Urban	275,143.00	187,298.07	87,844.93	
Buncrana Urban Total				275,143.00	187,298.07	87,844.93	
Newtown	Inish South	1B305001	Own Resources Regional Roads	133,258.00	119,498.53	13,759.47	
Newtown	Inish South	1B405002	Own Resources Local Roads	246,869.00	239,085.90	7,783.10	
Newtown	Inish South	1B305013	Works Overheads	91,270.00	118,116.83	-26,846.83	
Newtown Total				471,397.00	476,701.26	-5,304.26	
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	Complete	Complete	
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	Complete	Complete	contract
Moville	Road Design	L 13411	2624	Claggan	Strengthening	6	Complete	Complete	contract

2023 DOT Funding Application

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

2023 Specific Improvement Grants

Moville	Area Roads	R240	DLR240-011	Coyles/Beggars Bridge	Widening/realignment	20	2023	2023	Contract ongoing
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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	Complete	Complete	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. Progressing to Part VIII
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	ongoing	ongoing	road surfaced, Land take agreed with Local owners, to start imminent signs procured
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.	Complete	Complete	
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	
Moville	Inish North	Crockglass L7161-1 + Breslins	150m of 600mm dia + 2 Mh's + 4G's reqd to protect rd and prevent flooding	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	Coastguard Ctgs + Thompsons R238-41	100m of 300mm dia + gully + MH to prevent flooding.	Complete	Complete	
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.	Complete	Complete	
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.	Complete	Complete	
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	Complete	Complete	
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	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	laybys btween tullydish and annasie	200 metre of 450 mm pipes ,No4 Gullies and No Manhole @ €172.41 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Hill Head Buncrana	120 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per metre	Complete	Complete	
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 lLlies 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	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Drumbarnet Gladonagh L5064-1	Replace Bridge/culvert with a 1.2m pipe and bulid new parapet walls	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Dunmore Carrigans R236	120m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes	Complete	Complete	
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	Complete	Complete	landowners issues regarding 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 Finniains Pk	1	Footpath repair continuation of works	200	Complete	Complete		
Moville	Inish North	R+L	Various	Greencastle Battery Brea	3	Footpath construction	100	2021	2023	Works to start in December 2023	
Moville	Inish North	R	R238	Sections at Admiralty House	2	Footpath Repair	200	Complete	Complete	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		
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	LP1121	Bunagee Rd Culdaff	4	New Footpath	100	2021	2023	Currently being designed by Road Design Consultant (Footpaths and Junction treatment).	
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	2024	Starting in New Year	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R238	Community School to Shopping centre	1	Repair of 290m of 2 metre Footpath & Drainage	290	2023	2023	Starting in New Year - tied in with Green schools scheme.	
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	Ongoing	Ongoing	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 (land in probate) letter rec from Legal Rep	
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	Ongoing	Ongoing	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	Ongoing	Ongoing	Started April 2023	
Buncrana	Inish South			Railway road Buncrana		2.1 metre Footpath Resurfaced	370	Complete	Complete		
Buncrana	Inish South			Gransha Road Buncrana		Replace footpath	100	2023	2023	Jan-24	
Buncrana	Inish South			Willow Grove Pt 1		Replace footpath	130	Complete	Complete		
Buncrana	Inish South			Willow Grove Pt 2		Replace footpath	54	Complete	Complete		
Buncrana	Inish South			Ludden Road		resurface footpath	150	Complete	Complete		
Buncrana Total							2,805				
Newtown	Inish South			Newtowncunnigham Main Street		Main Street and Safe routes to School funding approved	1500	on going	on going	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											

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Completed Footpath Programme to date

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	R	Various	Ard Foyle/Bath Tce/Ballynally	Footpath repair	500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-238-42	Community College Phase II	Provision of 150m of footpath	150	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-241-1	Main street Moville/Rd to Greencastle	Footpath repair	60	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-238-50	Muff Main street	New footpath at St Mary's Hall	200	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	LP1901	Muff to Grove at Border	Footpath repair and surface	120	Complete	Complete	Ongoing - 3 lights required. Pots are installed, Order confirmed with Suppliers. Awaiting lights
Moville	Inish North	R+L	Various	Moville	Footpath repair	100approx	Complete	Complete	Pedestrian lights area complete
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	Works starting in December 23, 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	Complete	Complete	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, awaiting quote from PL supplier
Moville	Inish North	Moville	Repair to decorative lighting COLUMNS	Complete	Complete	PL supplier to change to led heads.
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Churchtown/Derry rd	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2022	5 no lights - Works commencing in New year
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	2024	2 Lights Civils to start in 2024
Carndonagh	Inish North	Malin Bridge Lights	Repairs and Replacements to Deck and Arch	Complete	Complete	Deck lighting to be repaired
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	2023	Pots and ducting installed waiting Enervio quote
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 Bonniemaine	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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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

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1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit						
Letterkenny/ Milford MD	Letterkenny 2040 Strategic Urban Regeneration Site – Phase 1 (Alpha Innovation Centre, Beta Business Centre & Public Realm): Project to go to tender in January 2024 for construction contract, with construction expected to commence on site in Q3 2024 and estimated project completion date set for Q3, 2025.						
Stranorlar/ Lifford MD	Lifford Lands: Planning application for enabling infrastructure has been approved An Bord Pleanála. Procurement for construction of enabling infrastructure is progressing. The EDU is engaging with prospective companies and other parties in relation to the development of this site.						
County Wide #BuyDonegal / #CeannaighDúnnanGall 2023 The 2023 #BuyDonegal campaign ran for a period of 5 weeks until 2 December 2023. This award-winning initiative, which will be in its fourth year, showcased the high-quality and renowned Donegal brands across a wide range of sectors including creative, services, tourism, and retail. Over 300 businesses have been involved in the #Buydonegal campaign to date. A website has been developed to showcase the businesses www.buydonegal.com Donegal Tech Advocates Donegal Tech Advocates was established in order to promote, grow and empower the Tech sector across Donegal. Plans for 2024 include the development of branding and a focus on growing the membership. A launch event will be held later in the year. Relocation Marketing Campaign The #MoveToDonegal campaign has reached over 3.5 million across all social media platforms and received over 65 relocation enquiries. The team have been working with TG4 and WDC on the TV show 'Move West'. The Donegal episode will be aired in January 2024. InvestDonegal Communications Update Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows; <table border="0" data-bbox="203 1724 938 1829"><thead><tr><th data-bbox="203 1724 365 1759">Impressions (last 28 days)</th><th data-bbox="365 1724 743 1759"></th><th data-bbox="743 1724 938 1759">Total Followers</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td data-bbox="203 1793 365 1829">Linked In</td><td data-bbox="365 1793 743 1829">15,589</td><td data-bbox="743 1793 938 1829">4,981(+45)</td></tr></tbody></table>		Impressions (last 28 days)		Total Followers	Linked In	15,589	4,981(+45)
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Twitter 17.8K 3,937(+953)

Instagram 2,652 4,178(+26)

Facebook 31,292 2,074 (+25)

Donegal.ie 3.4K Web Users

8 News Items Published.

ALPHA Innovation Update

New Series - Innovation Campfire:



ALPHA Innovation is delighted to announce our new *#InnovationCampfire* Series which will take place on the second Wednesday of each month. This series provides employees and entrepreneurs an opportunity to take a moment out of their busy days to see the world through a different lens. Over the coming months, our 10-minute sessions will:

- Showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world.
- Learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others.
- Enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals.
- Allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about

The first episode was live on 13th of December, and you can watch back by You can watch back by visiting <https://form.jotform.com/233241176726354>.

Online Selling Workshop:

ALPHA Innovation recently collaborated with the Inishowen Development Partnership and the #BuyDonegal team to deliver an 'Online Selling Workshop' on Friday 17 November, to prepare businesses for the upcoming Black Friday selling period and the #BuyDonegal campaign. Hosted in the Inishowen Innovation hub in Buncrana, the 3-hour session was delivered by Grace Shields of Social Scene PR and went through:

- How to get started selling online.
- Explored how to maximize sales during #BuyDonegal and Black Friday.
- Developing a strategy to increase revenues in 2024.
- Gained an understanding of applying for support such as Local Enterprise Office Donegal's Trading Online Voucher.

Participants left with a prioritized Action Plan to drive sales in their business over the festive period.

Shared Island Funded Projects Update

Scoping and Feasibility Studies along with Business Cases have been completed for four projects namely NW RegTech Initiative, Slí Colmille, Crossborder Innovation Plazas and Regenerative Tourism Initiative. This work was funded under the Shared Island Local Authority Grant Scheme. Project documentation has been submitted to both the Shared Island Unit and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in accordance with the grant scheme. See November MD report appendix 1 for further detail.

Investment in the North West City Region:

Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission 2023

This took place from 14th to 17th November 2023 and was a very successful trade mission that incorporated both meetings and events showcasing the North West City Region.

- The annual Golden Bridges Conference took place on 17th November 2023 attended by the NWCR delegation. Joe Kennedy III, US economic envoy to Northern Ireland also attended.
- As part of the US trade mission the 'Pathfinder Go To Market' programme was very successful in partnership with the LEO and Alpha Innovation and facilitated by Catalyst. 10 businesses from the North West City Region travelled to the US to take part, 4 were from the Life Sciences sector and 6 were from the Tech, Saas, AI sector.
- The 'Ireland's North West City Region' brand was promoted throughout the US Trade Mission and at Golden Bridges 2023 through using new branded marketing collateral.
- The NWCR delegation met with contacts in Philadelphia to discuss tourism collaboration opportunities with agreement to explore the potential of a golf tourism focused initiative between the US and the North West City Region.
- The NWCR delegation met representatives of CSC Station, Wilmington, Delaware in relation to their Innovation Hub and potential collaborations with the North West City Region.
- The Donegal Association Philadelphia hosted an evening reception for NWCR delegates. This event provided an opportunity to build relationships and nurture connections with the Diaspora in Philadelphia and to showcase the latest developments and inward investment initiatives in the North West City Region.
- The NWCR delegation met with management of 'Pennovation Works' an Innovation Centre in Philadelphia. This meeting provided an opportunity to discuss Innovation Centre business models and approaches.

- The NWCR delegation attended the IABCN Life Sciences Summit 2023, which provided an opportunity to network and discuss potential collaboration opportunities.
- The Boston State House representatives hosted a reception with NWCR delegates to further strengthen civic links with Boston MA and update on the opportunities and challenges facing the NWCR.
- A meeting between IDA & INI US East Coast with North West City Region representatives took place to agree pathways on collective branding and marketing to accelerate inward investment location determination for the NWCR.
- Other meetings were held with key US coast contacts including Harvard University and the World Trade Centre in Boston.

North West City Region - Irish Embassy Event in London

This North West City Region event was hosted by Ambassador Martin Frazer on 4th December 2023 at the Embassy of Ireland in London. The objective of this event was to promote Ireland's North West City Region in relation to trade and investment and to demonstrate the competitive advantages of doing business in the North West City Region. The event is also marked the 25-year anniversary of the Good Friday agreement and to share success stories of how the region has evolved since from an economic development perspective and highlighted the benefit to businesses of locating in this region which can provide seamless market access to both the EU and UK. The Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Martin Harley and Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Patricia Logue along with Council Executive representatives were in attendance.

Approximately 60 guests attended the event including key business and community representatives, partner organisations, key influencers and Diaspora representatives. The event provided an opportunity to strengthen relationships with the Diaspora and other key contacts in the UK.

And included a panel discussion moderated by Tip O'Neill recipient 2023, Caroline McLaughlin, Executive Director at Morgan Stanley, UK. Panelists included Denis Curran, Head of Regions, Property and Enterprise Development at the IDA and Darragh McCarthy, CEO at FinTrU.

The event was also supported by stakeholders including the IDA Ireland, Invest NI, Enterprise Ireland, Atlantic Technological University, Ulster University, Donegal ETB and the North West Regional College along with businesses operating in the region. Those who attended are being invited to continue to engage with the NWCR via the various social media channels and ezines.

Irelandnw.com Website

The NWCR website has been updated with the new branding and with new content.

Caravan, Camping and Campervan Initiatives

Donegal County Council continues to implement the actions set out in the KPMG Study into the Caravan, Camping and Campervan Sector including the following areas of work:

- CCCMF Grant Scheme: €180,000 was allocated to this grant scheme with 9 applicants who returned Letters of Offers including 7 businesses and 2 voluntary organisations. These projects are ongoing.
- Code of Conduct: We continue to promote the ‘campers code’ on Govisitdonegal.com.
- Signage: New signage has been successfully trialled at various pilot locations to encourage responsible disposal of waste and to direct campers to private sector sites to avail of services there. This will be rolled out to other locations in 2024.
- Marketing: The Tourism Unit has delivered a marketing campaign via a dedicated page on Go Visit Donegal providing information on the camper code, private sector sites, waste disposal and service point information. New campaigns will run in 2024.
- Campers Service Point Review: A review of the workings and management of existing service units has been conducted and presented to the Economic Development SPC.

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

Diaspora

Open Call to Artists – Tip O’Neill Annual Irish diaspora Award Re-design – Calls for artists submissions for a new design of the annual Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Award is now open. Details of project requirements can be found on Donegal.ie and Donegal County Council website. Deadline for submissions – 19th January 2024 to info@donegal.ie

London Irish Centre: A Donegal-themed event is confirmed for the London Irish Centre on 8th February 2024 with Packie Bonner and Shay Given alongside ETB and HSE promoting our relocation campaign and employment opportunities in the county.

Scottish Diaspora: Collaboration ongoing with the Donegal Scotland Diaspora group on a number of upcoming initiatives:

- Hosting events to collate material in Scotland for the “Donegal Emigrant Working lives in Scotland” project in conjunction with Donegal County Councils Heritage Office.
- EDU Team is working with Irish Consulate in Scotland with a view to hosting an event to showcase the unique relationship between Donegal and Scotland - Event now confirmed for 25th April 24.

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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity Report

Holiday World Show 2024

Event taking place in RDS, Dublin from Fri 26th – Sun 28th January 2024. The show is expected to attract over 550 exhibitors, and 40,000 attendees. Donegal Tourism Unit have invested in purchasing their own stand and branding for this event and to be utilised at future promotional events. Sixteen local providers will be exhibiting and promoting their business alongside Donegal Tourism at the Holiday World Show stand. The Tourism Unit are liaising with the show organisers in relation to PR in advance of the show and securing prizes for the show competition. Details are available on the Show website: www.holidayworldshow.com

New Tourism Brochure 2024

Our Tourism Brochure for 2024 will be ready for Holiday World 2024 at the end of January.

Age Friendly/Disability Strategy

Tourism Team continues to participate in both groups to see where the Tourism Industry in the county can learn from consultation. A draft action plan for Nairn Portnoo is currently being drafted.

Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway

Tourism Team continue to participate in the newly formed working group to organise and market an official opening and to promote the 25km cycleway going forward in the first quarter of 2024. A production company has been procured to produce marketing materials for this event.

Donegal 550

Donegal Tourism is part of the Steering Group looking at celebrating Donegal Town 550 in 2024. A calendar of events is currently being collated and a final weekend of celebrations taking place in the fourth quarter of 2024.

Tourism Ireland Marketing Plans 2024

Donegal Tourism will attend the launch of Tourism Ireland's Marketing Plans for 2024 in January which will give an insight into the year ahead, there will also be an opportunity to attend one-to-one workshops with their overseas business exchange staff.

Shoulder Season Campaign Spring 2024

Donegal Tourism will re-start its shoulder season campaign, which ran in autumn 2023, again in February 2024. The aim of this campaign is to drive incremental visitors to our county in the non-peak period.

TOURBO Project

The implementation is continuing of the Interreg European TOURBO project, led by Seville Chamber of Commerce, which will help small and medium sized tourism businesses with green and digital transformation. At the beginning of 2024 calls for expressions of interest will be launched targeting experts in digitalisation/sustainability from all partner countries to advise MSMEs in Greece and Marche regions (Marche and North Aegean regions are the sole partner regions). For more information visit <https://www.interregeurope.eu/tourbo>

Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project

SUB (Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project) is progressing and will provide businesses with an opportunity to learn from various good practice approaches across Europe to encourage sustainable biking business.

Supporting the development of Golf Tourism

Golf Cluster Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for 18th January in Letterkenny Golf Club.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

2023 (Jul 01st – Dec 18th) - Users 144,756- Page Views 369,465.

Festival and Events is the most viewed page – views 33.031

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal

Facebook: Facebook had a reach of 109,968. Donegal announced as Lonely Planet Top Places To Visit was the highest reaching post.

Instagram: Instagram had a reach of 14,745. The best performing content related to Donegal It's Yours campaign.

LinkedIn: There was an increase of 35 new followers.

Twitter: 2,964 impressions over the last 28 days.

TikTok: TikTok has 58 followers.

Donegal Tourism CLG

The board of Donegal Tourism CLG have their next meeting scheduled for January 10th, 2024.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme

All successful applicants under the 2023 MTWGS have been issued letters of offer and applicants are getting works underway. The team will continue to liaise with all applicants to ensure the smooth drawdown of funds in a timely manner.

Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme

All successful applicants to this grant scheme have been issued letters of offer and work is underway with the various festivals that have been completed to drawdown this funding. All funding must be drawn down by December 2023 as this is then recouped from Failte Ireland at the end of each year.

Bundoran

Marketing

- Promotion of Christmas activities and dedicated Christmas page on website.
- 2024 Activities and Events Calendar is nearly complete.
- Continuing to update blogs and content on website on a weekly basis.
- Compilation and distribution of monthly email newsletter.

Bundoran Tourist Office

- Tourist Office open 4 days a week (Tue-Sun).
- Currently one TÚS employee working.

Website and Social Media

- Maintaining a social media presence for the town on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- Producing the annual “Reeling in Bundoran” blog gives a retrospect of 2023. The top 5 Instagram posts will be shared from each month from December 20th until New Year’s Eve.

Website

- the Discover Bundoran website continues to perform strongly year on year with the pages views from 2022 (Jan-Dec 308,589) being surpassed by the end of November this year. The website will surpass the targets set for 2023.

Website users and page views: 2023 (Jan-Dec 11th) - Users 143,081 - Page Views 317,280

Waterworld

Marketing plan for the 2024 season is waiting to be approved by SMT and the board.

Other activities:

- A further training event has taken place for the new Discover Bundoran Volunteer Events Team which has 23 volunteers. Colm Croffy from AOIFE (Association of Irish Festival & Events) gave a three-hour workshop on various aspects of event organisation and promotion.

Tourism Officer attended the Cruise Ireland meeting in the royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire, Dublin.

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1.3: Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the **Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024**

PEACE Plus

The SFU is currently exploring opportunities around PEACE Plus, in particular the Investment Area 2.2, the Innovation Challenge Fund. SEUPB has provided a new timetable of calls for applications to the PEACEPLUS Programme for 2021-2027 on their website. Please visit:

<https://www.seupb.eu/funding/current-funding-opportunities>

CPMR General Assembly

Donegal County Council will continue its membership of the CPMR in 2024. Atlantic Arc Commission Hub meetings will be held on 31 January & 1st February 2024 incorporating meetings of the Fisheries & Aquaculture Working Group and the Atlantic Tourism & Culture Working Group.

Project Partnership & Development

The SFU is exploring several 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.

Two new EU projects successfully funded.

The SFU applied for two projects under the Interreg Europe funding call and both have been successfully funded, the Green Hydra and EDIN project. They will launch in late January/early February 2024.

The *Green Hydra* project's main scope is to improve national, regional, or local policies for involving SMEs across the whole hydrogen value chain by ensuring better conditions for the following:

- promoting Green Hydrogen as a viable energy transition solution.
- greening existing value chains and creation of new ones.
- financing for testing equipment.
- upscaling innovations related to green hydrogen products and services.
- supporting identifying needs for skills, knowledge development, education and communication and measures for their upscaling.
- identifying new social and economic measures of energy transition project

The *EDIN* project is focused on Digital Nomads (DN) in European regions. Promoting regions as viable locations for digital nomads to work represents an opportunity for the sustainable development of partner regions. The EDIN project intends to engage in knowledge exchange learning on how to adapt or change policy instruments in order to attract digital nomads to the variety of member states involved in the project in order to fully exploit the benefits they can bring to the regions in the form of talent, tech and tourism.

AER Summer Academy 2024

DCC hosted the Summer Academy in Donegal in 2022 in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta. The next Summer Academy youth focused event will take place in Norway in August 2024. There will be an opportunity for Donegal County Council to send 2 delegates to this event, 1 youth and 1 adult and host a workshop at the event, which is expected to bring over 150 people from across EU member states and beyond.

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2. Local Enterprise Office

Summary of December 2023 Outputs/Events:

Grant Aid (M1) – Business Expansion, Priming (Start-Up) & Feasibility -51 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid in 2023 totalling **€713,412**. The next EVAC meeting will take place on 1st February 2024.

Trading Online Vouchers – 64 Businesses approved support in 2023 to trade online with a value of **€141,423**.

Mentoring 2023 – 303 Businesses have received this support in 2023

Training – 2,592 Business attendees at 105 Events in 2023.

Micro Finance Ireland – 2023 - 10 applications submitted to MFI. A total of €156k in loan finance recommended by LEO Donegal and approved by MFI.

Digital Start – 24 applications approved in 2023.

Green for Business – 21 applications approved in 2023.

Energy Efficiency Grants - 1 application approved in 2023.

Lean For Business – 17 applications approved in 2023.

European Enterprise Network (EEN)

LEO Donegal, on behalf of the LEO network and the Enterprise Europe Network in Ireland, will be delivering 6 Brokerage Events in 2024/2025 aimed at connecting SMEs with international buyers.

The first of these brokerage events, **“Meet the Buyer – Food and Nutrition”** will be taking place on **January 31st, 2024**, at the Merits Innovation Thinkspace in Naas County Kildare.

The second Brokerage event, title **“Meet the Buyer – Construction, Engineering, & Sustainable Energy”** will occur on the **9th of February 2024** at Mount Lucas, County Offaly.

Ambition - Excellence in Local Government Award

The LEO initiated Ambition Programme won the Chambers Ireland Diversity & Inclusion award at the Excellence in Local Government Awards in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dublin. Ambition is a pre-accelerator programme which focuses on female entrepreneurs. The most recent programme engaging 15 early-stage female entrepreneurs concluded in December at an in-person event in the Harvey’s Point Hotel.

Upcoming Events/Programmes:

Start Your Own Business Programme 2024

The Start Your Own Business Programme is recommencing on 9th January 2024, and is already fully booked. This will be the first of 7 Programmes scheduled to take place during 2024. The February programme is starting on 6th February and is available for booking on the LEO Donegal website.

Lean, Green & Digital for Business Information Sessions

Information Sessions for Lean, Green and Digital productivity supports will take place in January and early February to raise awareness of the scope of each programme and encourage sign-up. Businesses can sign-up for these free events through the Local Enterprise Office website.

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/donegal>

Donegal Stories: Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <https://donegalstories.ie/>

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3. Emergency Services – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (January)

Activity	Number of: (November) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	53		702	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	61		892	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	3		70	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown November 2023</u>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	20	41	14	37
Northern Ireland Fire Service	2	1	2	0
Sub Total	22	42	16	37
Total	64		53	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	22		221	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	47		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	66		N/A	
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	18		200	

Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	11
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	5	38
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	7	221
Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	26
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	25
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	1
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	55

Current data is only available up to the end of November 2023.



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – January ‘24

CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Adoption of the Final Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
Project Description/ Activity	A pack for Members including Chief Executive’s Report on Public Consultation Submissions, and the Final Climate Action Plan for adoption will be issued in mid January 2024. This will allow time for Members review ahead of Plenary meeting on 21st February where Adoption of the CAP will be sought in accordance with our statutory obligations under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act, 2021.
Contact Person	Lorraine Arbuckle, Climate Action Co-ordinator larbuckle@Donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Community Climate Action Fund announced
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Donegal County Council has opened applications under the Community Climate Action Fund and is accepting applications from the 29th December 2023 until 22nd March 2024.</p> <p>The Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is a new programme to support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action at a local level. Donegal County Council in association with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), will provide funding to local communities for projects that promote community climate action.</p> <p>There are two strands of funding available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strand 1: focuses on direct climate action building low carbon communities; • Strand 1A: focuses on cross-border projects in partnership with communities and organisations in Northern Ireland. <p>The fund is open to not-for-profit community groups and clubs.</p>

A series of public information sessions will be held by Donegal County Council as follows:

Date:	Time:	Venue:
11 th Jan '24	7pm – 8pm	Online Webinar – registration details to follow.
16 th Jan '24	7pm - 8pm	Letterkenny Public Service Centre, Eircode F92TNY3
18 th Jan '24	7pm - 8pm	Dungloe Public Service Centre, Eircode F94H4CF
23 rd Jan '24	7pm - 8pm	Carndonagh Public Service Centre, Eircode F93YV1N
25 th Jan '24	7pm - 8pm	The Base Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar, Eircode F93 VAK6
30 th Jan '24	7pm - 8pm	Donegal Town Public Service Centre, Eircode F94DK6C

Any group considering making an application is advised to contact the Community Climate Action Officer at climateactionfund@donegalcoco.ie in advance of making an application.

For more information on the fund and the application process visit www.donegalcoco.ie

Closing Date for Applications 22nd March 2024.

COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND

Coming Soon!

The Community Climate Action Fund is due to launch on 29th December 2023 to support climate action in local communities.

Public Information Sessions

- 11th Jan '24 - 7pm - 8pm - **Online Webinar - Registration details to follow**
- 16th Jan '24 - 7pm - 8pm - **Letterkenny Public Service Centre**
- 18th Jan '24 - 7pm - 8pm - **Dungloe Public Service Centre**
- 23rd Jan '24 - 7pm - 8pm - **Carndonagh Public Service Centre**
- 25th Jan '24 - 7pm - 8pm - **The Base Enterprise Centre, Stranorlar**
- 30th Jan '24 - 7pm - 8pm - **Donegal Town Public Service Centre**

For more information visit www.donegalcoco.ie

Applications will be invited from communities located in Donegal for small, medium and large projects.

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COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION FUND

Strand 1(a) Shared Island Community Climate Action

Launch date 29th December 2023

Strand 1A:
Focuses on cross-border projects in partnership with communities and organisations in Northern Ireland.

Themes include:

- Community/Energy
- Sustainable Travel
- Food & Waste
- Shopping & Recycling
- Local Climate & Environmental Action

For more information visit www.donegalcoco.ie

For details of upcoming information sessions on the above fund visit www.donegalcoco.ie

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<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>Christmas Greenpiece</p>
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p>The collage features several key messages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donegal Recycling Centres: Christmas & New Year Holiday Arrangements from Monday 25th to Tuesday 26th December (all sites closed) and Monday 1st January 2024 (all sites closed). For normal opening hours, visit www.brysonrecycling.org or www.donegalcoco.ie. STOPFoodWaste.ie: Encourages turning Christmas leftovers into meals. Lists items like turkey, mushrooms, cream, cranberry sauce, and mince pies that can be recycled. Recycling - Free of Charge: Lists accepted items like glass, cans, small appliances, and household waste. Recycling - Charge Applies: Lists items like paper, cardboard, cooking oil, garden waste, and tyres. Recycle your Glass & Cans: Promotes using bring bank locations across the county. RECYCLE YOUR "NATURAL" Christmas Tree: Offered for free from Tuesday 2nd January to Saturday 27th January 2024 at 16 locations. FOOD WASTE HACKS: Includes tips like freezing sliced fruits for 'ice cubes' and keeping celery stems in water. </p>
<p></p>	<p>The Council has been encouraging householders to recycle as much as possible over the festive season. Christmas is a time where we have a lot of excess packaging, all plastic packaging including soft plastics can now be placed into your household recycling bin, together with paper and card and tins and cans, just remember to keep them clean, dry and loose.</p> <p>Householders are also encouraged to use the local Recycling Centres, the centres accept a wide range of materials for recycling including all electronic or electrical goods free of charge. For more information all materials that are accepted, charges and opening hours visit www.donegalcoco.ie.</p> <p>This time of year can be a busy time for the bring bank network for the recycling of glass and cans, if a bank is full please do not leave material at the banks but return at another time.</p>

	<p>Make preventing food waste a New Year's resolution! Check out www.stopfoodwaste.ie for amazing leftover recipes for the festive season and fantastic tips of reducing your food waste. Remember to use your Food Waste Bin for any food waste left if you are in a Food Waste Bin area.</p> <p>The Council has carried out an advertising campaign in local newspapers with the Greenpiece, radio advertising with Ocean Fm, Highland Radio, social media campaign covering promotion of the recycling centres, household recycling bins, food waste prevention, WEEE recycling and Christmas Tree Recycling. We also carried out digital advertising with local online news sites.</p>
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Community Development and Planning Directorate
Community Development Division



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Inishowen
MD Meeting Tuesday 16th January 2024

1. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
2. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
3. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
4. Playground Maintenance
5. Donegal Walks and Trails
6. Bunrana School Campus
7. 2021 Town and Village Renewal – Newtoncunningham
8. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Merville
9. 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee
10. 2021 Clár funding for Killea Community Park – Community Pod
11. *2021 Clár funding - Outdoor Gym at Bath Green Merville – Completed*
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. Social Inclusion Unit



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Development Fund Initiative 2024

This Fund is available to support initiatives in various forms of development including economic, social, cultural, heritage and various related initiatives which will benefit local communities, areas, and groups throughout the county.

Details of this fund are available at:-

<https://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/fundingforyourgroup/development%20fund%20initiative/>

The closing date for receipt of completed applications under this fund is

4pm on Friday 2nd February 2024.

Workshop Request

The Members will be requested to agree a workshop date to consider and allocate funding to the various groups under the 2024 Development Fund Initiative.



Projects completed in 2023

Name of Project and funding sources	Nature of Project work	Cost/funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourist Office Explore Inishowen CLG. • Bunrana Town and Village Renewal scheme. • Town and Village Acceleration funding. • Donegal County Council's own resources and match funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ rearrangement of the internal Architectural layout / circulation of the building, to give a more attractive space for building users and visitors. ▪ installation of new external windows and doors. ▪ installation of a new air condition heating/cooling system. ▪ installation of a new heat recovery system. ▪ upgrade of the existing fire panel. ▪ installation of a fully automated front entrance door. ▪ works associated with the internal and external conditions of a revised disabled access certificate and a revised fire safety certificate including a new rear access ramp, and the renovating of the access route to the rear of the building. ▪ works associated with painting the building internally and externally and allowing for the installation of a new internal fit out, including internal doors, skirting (where required), a new disabled friendly WC and a new reception desk. ▪ development works associated with a new Website for Explore Inishowen CLG. ▪ promotion and Branding for Explore Inishowen ▪ supply of office Equipment including tables and chairs for Explore Inishowen 	<p>€223,000</p>
<p>2021 Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. - Moville</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade and improvement of Playpark on Moville Shoregreen. • Installation of new playground equipment and surface 	<p>€81,027.08</p>

2021 Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. – Barrack Hill Town Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbished playground equipment and surface. • The refurbishment of the climbing wall and the creation of an Accessible space for the community. 	€124,204.19
2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Merville	<p><u>95% of Capital works completed.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement of existing Outdoor Recreational Amenities at The Bath Green, Merville • Basketball nets • Multipurpose outdoor recreational 8mx8m unit • Picnic tables and benches • Repurposing of the Crazy Golf space to a multi-functional recreational space for football/basketball etc • Enhancement of the tennis court • Resurfacing of the area • Access ramp to upper levels to make inclusive. • Painting of the out-buildings • New Black Bow top fence • New fence around the Basketball/Soccer pitch <p>To do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paint the Basketball court • Reline the tennis court • Health Check and Regeneration Plan for Merville 	
2021 Donegal LCDC Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme	<p>Surfacing of the Tip O’ Neill Trail.</p> <p>Purchase of an All-terrain outdoor recreation Wheelchair.</p>	44,667.93
2021 Clár funding	The creation of an Accessible Outdoor gym at Bath Green, Merville	€55,000
2021 Clár funding	Upgrading existing parking facilities servicing the sports playing fields at Desertegney	€55,000

Funded capital Projects to be completed and progressed in 2024.

1. 2021 Town and Village Renewal – Newtoncunningham
2. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Moville – 95 % capital works completed. Masterplan/health check to be completed.
3. Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORRIS) Moville shorewalk at Laffertys Lane.
4. 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee, Culdaff, Co Donegal.
5. 2021 Clár funding for Killea Community Park – Community Pod
6. 2022 Town and Village Renewal project at Barrack Hill Town Park, Carndonagh
7. Community Recognition funding for Buncrana



Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: January 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.• A workshop took place on the 28th November 2023
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>January 2024 update</u> The Community Development directorate are working on a roadmap/timeline for the advancement of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. This will be circulated to the Elected Members by the end of January. This commitment was provided by Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service at the workshop meeting held on the 28 th of November 2023.
Contact Person	James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923



Activity / Project Update: January 2024

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. • A positive response was received from OPW to Fáilte Ireland with suggested dates for a meeting to follow. • The Area Roads Manager and Development Officer met with Fáilte Ireland & the OPW with the objective to improve the visitor experience at the site 			
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January 2024</u></p> <p>A Memorandum of Understanding document is been signed highlighting the Council, OPW and Fáilte Irelands shared ambition to significantly enhance the visitor experience of Grianán of Aileach through the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the Conservation Management Plan for the Grianán of Aileach and also contained within the Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP).The document will serve as a basis to establish a workshop meeting date with the Elected Members, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and the OPW.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="544 1984 1343 2056"> <tr> <td data-bbox="544 1984 810 2056">Contact Person</td> <td data-bbox="810 1984 1343 2056">Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 3678954</td> </tr> </table>		Contact Person	Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 3678954
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Activity / Project Update: January 2024

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23
Project Description/Activity	<p>List of Playgrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culdaff Playground • Movice 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>	<p>2023 Maintenance work programme is ongoing.</p> <p><u>Ballyliffin Playground Refurbishment Phase 2</u></p> <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 closed for 4/5 weeks. • Works are completed and the playground is open <u>Festival Park Playground (Buncrana)</u> • A local community group are working under the guidance of the playground Engineer to install a wheelchair swing and other inclusive equipment. <p><u>January 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual ROSPA inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds was completed in November 2023. • Repairs have been identified and a tender competition has been published to secure a playground maintenance contractor for 2024. Tender submissions are due back in February.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



Activity / Project Update

January 2024

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 decommitments. 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 completed the draft LEADER Local Development Strategy, with this Strategy approved in October. Contract agreements have now been signed on behalf of the Donegal LCDC, Donegal County Council and local Implementing Partners to deliver the programme in 2024.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update: January 2024- 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.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in 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;">January 2023</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



December Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update January 2024

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal</p>
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<p>€100,000 funding allocation €11,500 Match funding by Donegal County Council Budget for Capital works €75,500 Budget for consultancy work €36,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting per</i></p>	<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. • There were no tenders received from the e-tenders procurement process for the capital works
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p><u>January 2024 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The re-tendered documents are currently being reviewed. • A Draft Strategic and Action plan has been developed.
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer – Capital element Claire McCallan, Architect in the community – Action Plan enquires.</p>



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update No.4 January 2024

Activity / Project Title	2021 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project Funding Allocation of €100,000 from the Department on 25 th February, 2022z. File: Match funding €11,500 by Donegal County Council
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhancement of existing Outdoor Recreational Amenities at The Bath Green, Moville• Health Check and Regeneration Plan for Moville
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 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
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>January 2023 Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The capital works are completed with some of the softer elements to be installed in the coming weeks• The Health Check and regeneration plan to be progressed.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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Activity / Project Update No.4 January 2024

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.• 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.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>January 2024 Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Tender documents are currently being prepared.• The tender report for the ecology screening report has been completed and issued.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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Activity / Project Update January 2024

Activity / Project Title File:	2022 Killea Clár funded project. <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>January 2024</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works underway on site for the construction of the new Community Hub.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer,



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Activity / Project Update January 2024

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>January 2024 update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Outdoor Gym is completed and open to the public.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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Activity / Project Update: January 2024

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January 2024 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Barrack Hill Town Park Committee have been issued a letter of offer and work under the guidance of the Engineers to deliver the project.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer & Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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Activity / Project Update January 2024

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>January 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Project is at Design Stage establishing the scope.• The work will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024• Site meeting to take place in January with the group.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	

Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, Fiona Doherty
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Activity / Project Update January 2024

Activity / Project Title	Community Recognition Fund
File:	Budget 50,000
Project Description/Activity	Remedial work, Enhancement, interpretation of Friar Hegarty's Coastal walk, Bunrana
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>January 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The work is been scoped out and will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	

Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, Fiona Doherty
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Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
<p>Progress to date and current status</p>	<p>Pride of Place Awards Pride of place award took place in Armagh City Hotel with the following representing Donegal for 2023: Ballyshannon Regeneration Group in category Creative Places, Church Hill Community Development in category population 200-1500, Twin Towns Community Garden in category of community wellbeing, Letterkenny Indian Community Centre in category of communities welcoming new communities, Carndonagh Traders in category population 1500-4000. Congratulations to Carndonagh Traders who were presented as winners of the National award in their category.</p>  <p>United Nations' International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people. The event was hosted at the Regional Cultural Centre on Wednesday, November 29 with a screening of a Palestinian short film followed by traditional Palestinian food in Burrito Loco. This was a showcase of Palestinian culture and music. Days like this gives us the platform to highlight diversity and to showcase the Palestinian Culture here in Donegal.</p>  <p>EU Belong Donegal as lead on work package 4(delivery of integration strategy) with deliverable 4.1 and 4.2 complete and 4.3 to be completed by February. 2 Pilot project initiatives delivering actions from the Black and Ethnic Minority Strategy will commence in Jan 2024 lead by Donegal</p>

Intercultural Platform and Inishowen Development Partnership. EU Belong project continues to attend online knowledge sharing events.

Letterkenny Indian Community Celebrated - Diwali



Diwali represents the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.

Donegal Diwali was held in the An Grianan Theatre to get members engaged in Indian cultures, festivals, foods, people, and languages. This was a lovely Sunday afternoon of Indian food, dance, song, language and

fun.

One Donegal - Social Inclusion Week 2024, 17 March – 23 March

The week provides an opportunity to highlight the various activities undertaken locally to involve and include everyone in our County. The programme of events provides an occasion to increase our awareness and understanding of inclusion and diversity in Donegal. We are currently working on the programme of events for this week with invites to all groups to hold events.

Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy

There was a well-attended November meeting of the Implementation team where we had workshop on the LECP plan. We are currently collating the work completed in 2023 to add to the Monitoring and evaluation report.

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HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

16th January 2024

Corporate Services

- Consider request for deputation from Go Visit Inishowen

Housing Service

- Progress Reports

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 16 th January 2024	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	2
Properties being refurbished	9
Properties to be refurbished	10

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2024	Offers refused from 01/01/2024	Tenancies created from 01/01/2024
1	0	1

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Carndonagh	SVP	4	1	0

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List January 2024	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	642
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	421
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	44
Net Social Housing Waiting List	169

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	7	4	1	0	0	12
	Bridgend	0	15	5	1	0	0	21
	Buncrana	17	154	80	14	2	1	268
	Burnfoot	0	11	2	1	0	0	14
	Burt	0	3	4	0	0	0	7
	Carndonagh	12	68	39	5	0	0	124
	Carrigans	2	7	5	1	0	0	15
	Clonmany	1	8	9	1	0	0	19
	Culdaff	0	5	2	0	0	0	7
	Fahan	1	3	1	0	0	0	5
	Gleneely	0	2	4	0	0	0	6
	Glengad	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
	Greencastle	0	9	3	0	0	0	12
	Inch	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Killea	0	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Malin	0	3	7	0	0	0	10
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Moville	7	17	11	1	0	0	36
	Muff	0	18	9	0	0	0	27
	Newtowncunningham	6	31	6	0	1	0	44
Redcastle	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	
Total		46	369	197	26	3	1	642

Housing Grants Report at 5th January 2024

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	68	58	0	9	1	0
2023	79	44	2	9	14	10
2024	1	0	0	0	0	1

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	42	28	1	12	1	0
2023	41	30	0	7	0	4
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	126	114	6	6	0	0
2023	175	139	7	11	0	18
2024	1	0	0	0	0	1

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

16 January 2024

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	Works are progressing well and within programme. Internal work and external site finishes ongoing. The project is within programme with a projected completion date in January / February 2024.	1
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	<p>Contract commenced on site in August 2023.</p> <p>Site excavation works have been completed. Boundary walls and drainage to eastern and northern boundaries completed. Main site drainage works circa 50% complete. Foundation works progressing and substructure works have progressed and completed for 4 of the units.</p> <p>The project has a 16-month contract period with a programmed completion of December 2024.</p>	16
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Rockytown Phase 2	<p>Structural and Civil, Mechanical and Electrical engineering, and Architectural tender packages were issued to the Quantity Surveyor in December 2023. The bill of quantities and cost estimate are being prepared.</p> <p>Uisce Eireann have confirmed that Donegal County Council have satisfied their requirements for the proposed development.</p> <p>Departmental approval to be sought in advance of tendering the construction contract in February / March 2024.</p>	
Barrick Hill, Carndonagh	<p>Project progressing as Design & Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, archaeological testing complete and Flood Risk Assessment is complete. The following tasks have also been completed/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employers Design Team appointed. ▪ Project QS appointed. ▪ Project Assigned Certifier appointed. ▪ Project Employers Rep. to be appointed in Nov '23. ▪ Continued engagement with stakeholders i.e., Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Group (BHTPSG). ▪ Inishowen Elected Members have been notified of the intention to use Section 179A exemption to progress this project at Municipal workshop held in Oct 2023. ▪ Notice of proposal to develop the site under 179A exemption will be advertised 18th October for decision January 2024. 	21

Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Gleneely	<p>Project progressing as Design & Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, initial investigations – Flood Risk Assessment, Site Suitability, and ground investigations underway. The following tasks have also been completed/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employers Design Team appointed. ▪ Project QS appointed. ▪ Project Assigned Certifier appointed. ▪ Project Employers Rep to be appointed in Nov '23. ▪ Following consultation with Planning and as advised to Inishowen Elected Members, this project is progressing via the Part 8 approval process. ▪ It is intended that the Part 8 process will begin in December. Elected Members will be kept informed of the opening of this public consultation process. 	10
Malin	<p>Project progressing as Design & Build. Preliminary designs and layout complete, Initial Ground Investigations complete. The following tasks have also been completed/underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Employers Design Team appointed ▪ Project QS appointed ▪ Project Assigned Certifier appointed ▪ Project Employers Rep to be appointed in Nov '23 ▪ Following consultation with Planning and as advised to Inishowen Elected Members, this project is progressing via the Part 8 approval process. ▪ The Part 8 process began on the 18th of October 2023 with submissions and observations accepted up until 1st December 2023. The Part 8 will be presented to the Members for decision at the January council meeting. 	9
Total		111



Image 1: The Meadows Buncrana.



Image 2: Crana Crescent, Buncrana

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Donegal County Council has opened a new turnkey acquisition process seeking proposals from Developers to deliver turnkey social housing units to help meet the Council's social housing need. This is a county-wide process and proposals can be made for any town or village throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

The Council is seeking developers to make submissions for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units. Proposals must contain a minimum of 5 units and can include:

- Completed units, including potential regeneration projects.
- Units under construction.
- Units to be constructed on suitable sites.

This process has been advertised on eTenders (reference RFT 2461070), where all documentation and information can be obtained. Submissions must be made in strict accordance with the requirements of the procurement documentation and the deadline for submission is 16.30 on Wednesday, 30th of September 2026. Any enquiries from interested parties should be sent via eTenders.

In relation to the potential turnkey acquisition at Carndonagh, the Council has made an increased offer to the Developer for the acquisition of the units.

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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18th December 2023

Dear Ms Cresswell,

I refer to your further representation concerning your request for an update relating to the Burnfoot Flood Relief Scheme. Unfortunately, the Minister has not been in a position to visit the area this year in light of several issues that arose and diary constraints over the year.

The Burnfoot flood relief scheme is currently at Stage II of the five stages for implementation of flood relief Stage II: Exhibition/Public Engagement which is due for completion in July 2024.

Currently, the consultant (RPS Belfast) is working on issuing the EIAR report for Burnfoot and finalising the Natura Impact Statement.

Burnfoot will be progressed through Section 175 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Part 10 of the Planning and Development Regulations SI No. 600/2001, the scheme is programmed to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála for planning consent in March 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Garret Nolan
Private Secretary

