

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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08ú Bealtaine 2024

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Máirt 14ú Bealtaine 2024, **ag 11.30 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
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Riathóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
08th May 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 14th May 2024 **at 11.30a.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
Una Cresswell
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the April Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 09th April 2024
2. Planning
3. Community Development
4. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
5. Environment
6. Roads & Transportation
7. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
8. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 09th April 2024 AT 10.00am IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present:

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

Apologies

Cllr Terry Crossan.

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, Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer (online), Sarah Nolan, Tourism Development Co-Ordinator, Economic Development Section (online).

Apologies

Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community & Enterprise.

The meeting was opened by the Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jack Murray who welcomed all to the meeting.

24.18 Expression of Sympathy

As requested by Cllr Rena Donaghey, a minute's silence was observed in memory of Frances Glackin, mother of Stephen Glackin, Maintenance Craftsman, Housing, Inishowen

24.19 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 26th February 2024

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Nicholas Crossan, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 26th February 2024 were agreed.

24.20 Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Online Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District Held on 11th March 2024

On the Proposal of Cllr Paul Canning, seconded by Cllr Johnny McGuinness, the minutes of the Special Online Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 11th March 2024 were agreed.

24.21 Deputation from Irish Hands

Dr Shane Kirby and Dr Eileen Doherty from Irish Hands were welcomed to the meeting by the Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jack Murray. Shane Kirby and Eileen Doherty introduced themselves to the members and outlined how the idea for Irish hands originated. They stated that they had worked closely with the arts and crafts / community sector in Donegal, and they found that artisans/creative makers are struggling to sell online and to be 'found' outside of the local area. They referred to the Inishowen Peninsula Destination and Experience Development Plan published by Fáilte Ireland in 2022 which outlined several key points in relation to the arts and crafts sector in Inishowen such as the lack of clear market identity and the lack of coordination. It is hoped that Irish Hands will be a one-stop online shop where creators will also be able to showcase their individual creative making process through a professional video.

They proceeded to show a promotional video to the members and demonstrated the Irish Hands platform which is still in development. The testing phase is due to complete at the end of April 2024. They outlined that several artisans / creative makers have already signed up to Irish Hands and it is envisaged that this platform will also be used in the promotion of Inishowen through the promotion of the arts and crafts sector. It is estimated that fifty artisans / creative makers will be signed up by the end of year one.

The official launch of the Irish Hands platform is planned for June 2024.

Eileen Doherty requested that members assist in the following areas –

- Share details of the platform among key stakeholders involved in the sector.
- Support Irish Hands through the Members Development Fund.
- Advise and support in the development of Irish Hands to support those involved in the arts and crafts sector.

The members collectively thanked Eileen Doherty and Shane Kirby for their presentation and welcomed the development of Irish Hands for the arts and crafts sector for the Inishowen area. They also welcomed the benefits that this platform would have for the promotion of the Inishowen peninsula. The members wished them well in the development of the platform and offered their ongoing support. Cllr Jack Murray advised that contact should be made with the Economic Development Directorate within Donegal County Council for support in the development of Irish Hands. Cllr Albert Doherty referred to an upcoming Scottish Diaspora Event on 25th April 2024 which will showcase Donegal Tweed and Local Businesses and suggested that they should engage with this event.

Sarah Nolan, Tourism Development Co-Ordinator with Economic Development also thanked Eileen Doherty and Shane Kirby for their presentation. She advised that they should continue to engage with the Local Enterprise Office. She also advised that they contact Eoin Leonard, Diaspora Officer, Donegal County Council. Sarah Nolan agreed to promote Irish Hands through the brand 'Go Visit Donegal'.

24.22 Presentation from Clodagh Murray, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme

Clodagh Murray, Healthy Age Friendly Homes was welcomed to the meeting by the Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jack Murray.

Clodagh Murray provided an updated to the members in relation to Healthy Age Friendly Homes (HAFH) programme. The following points were highlighted and noted -

- The HAFH programme is a co-ordinated service designed to enable older people to remain living in their own homes and to reduce the need to transfer to long-term residential care.
- The programme is a tripartite agreement the Department of Health, Department of Housing and Age Friendly Ireland.
- The programme is funded by Department of Health and operated by Meath County Council on behalf of local authorities.
- The programme collaborates with a broad spectrum of agencies and services, including Local Government, Health Services, community and voluntary groups, Gardaí, Elected Members.
- Based within the Housing Teams in Local Authorities.
- It is a Free Service.

- Being part of the programme does not affect any current home help, medical card, pension or other services being received.

Clodagh Murray advised members that the aim of the programme was to enable older people to continue living in their homes or in a home more suited to their needs (rightsizing), live with a sense of independence and autonomy, be part of their community and support the avoidance of early or premature admission to long term residential care. This would be done by providing help / assistance in the following areas –

- **Housing** - Housing Adaptions Grants, rightsizing, decluttering, home sharing.
- **Technology** – personal alarms, panic buttons, digital training, connectivity.
- **Climate and Energy** – grant Information, BER home energy, assessments.
- **Community** – transport, social activities, befriending, community groups, libraries.
- **Health** – GP visits, home help, physiotherapy, occupational therapy.
- **Financial** – allowances available, carers support, pension information, bills advice.

She also outlined the different referral pathways for older people in accessing the service and stated that consent must be obtained from the individual prior to any engagement with the service.

The members collectively thanked Clodagh Murray for her detailed presentation and welcomed the support in trying to empower older people to live in their homes for longer. They raised concerns around the lack of resources available to ensure the programme is effective particularly the shortage of occupational therapists in Donegal.

24.23 PLANNING

Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner presented the planning report to members, and it was taken as read.

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

- 1 Woodthorpe, Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham

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.

Woodthorpe, Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning seconded by Cllr Johnny McGuinness 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 Woodthorpe, Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham 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 Paul Canning seconded by Cllr Johnny McGuinness 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 Woodthorpe, Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham 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.

24.23.02 Fort Dunree

Ryan Nolan advised members that An Bord Pleanála have requested that the Council prepare a Natura Impact Statement for the proposed development at Fort Dunree. The members expressed their frustration and disappointment on the impact this decision would have on the project timeline and raised concerns around the possibility that funding could be lost for the project. Cllr Paul Canning and Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested that going forward, the Council carry out all appropriate assessments to avoid similar obstacles for any future projects.

A discussion took place regarding the objection process and what was referred to as serial objectors and the delays caused by this. They also queried the possibility of increasing the planning objection fee to deter serial objectors.

24.23.03 Planning Service

Cllr Paul Canning acknowledged the assistance given by the planning office following the launch of the new E-Planning portal. He also highlighted the difficulty that families are facing where adult children are unable to afford to move out of home and asked that consideration/allowance be given for the construction of suitable accommodation such as a granny flat at the family home. This could also be used if an older person wished to downsize in the future.

24.23.04 N13 - Bridgend

Cllr Paul Canning requested further public consultation on the N13 Bridgend to county Boundary Route Improvement Project and the Emerging Preferred Route Corridor.

24.23.05 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Cllr Albert Doherty welcomed the number of properties that have reached stage three of the Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund as outlined in the report. He requested an update in relation to courthouse building in Carndonagh which is currently not in use. He requested that contact be made with the court service/OPW in relation to plans for the upkeep and future use of the building.

24.23.06 Tús Nua Project

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the Tús Nua update in the planning report where it stated that 'discussions with objectors to CPO will be organised'. He asked that these discussions take place as soon as possible in order that the project could be progressed.

24.23.07 Repowering Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray welcomed the progress on the Repowering Buncrana project where sale agreed is reached on former Garda Barracks property in Buncrana.

24.24 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Sarah Nolan, Tourism Development Co-Ordinator, Economic Development, presented the report, and it was taken as read. She highlighted the following items from the report –

- Donegal Tourism Seminar took place on Wednesday 06th March 2024.
- Golf Tourism – event arranged between hotels and golf clubs will take place on 02nd May 2024.
- Scottish Diaspora Event will take place in Scotland on 25th April 2024.
- London Irish Centre Jobs Fair will take place in the London Irish Centre on 16th May 2024.

24.24.01 Economic Development - Events

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested feedback on the success of the different events that take place and that best value for money is obtained in relation to these events. Sarah Nolan advised members that the success is measured in different ways such as attendance at the different events and sign-up to the newsletter on www.donegal.ie but agreed to follow up.

24.24.02 Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme

It was agreed that a workshop be held on 14th May 2024 at 10am regarding the Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme.

24.24.03 Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme

Sarah Nolan advised members that thirty-four applications were successful under the Regional Festival & Grants Grant Scheme. Following a request from Cllr Johnny McGuinness, Sarah Nolan agreed to circulate a list of the successful applications to members.

24.24.04 Donegal 2040 DAC

Cllr Albert Doherty queried who was on the new enhanced board for Donegal 2040 DAC.

24.24.05 Irish Hands Deputation

Following the deputation from Irish Hands, Cllr Jack Murray proposed that Economic Development engage with Irish Hands and this was seconded by Cllr Albert Doherty.

24.25 ENVIRONMENT

Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer presented the report, and it was taken as read. He highlighted the following items from the report –

- Donegal County Council published their inaugural Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 on 22nd March 2024. The plan is available to view in all public libraries and on the Donegal County Council Website.
- The application process for the Community Climate Action Fund closed on 22nd March 2024 and all applications are currently being assessed.
- Climate Heroes Community Challenge will take place from 15th to 26th April 2024.
- Energy Efficient and Sustainable Living Information Evening took place on 14th March in Letterkenny PSC which was very successful.
- National Food Waste Recycling Project – EPA estimate that food waste costs the average Irish household about €700 per year. Donegal household waste collectors have been provided with kitchen caddy packs to distribute to their customers.

- A court case was heard in February involving where an unauthorised end of life vehicle/scrap yard was found guilty of several breaches of the Waste Management Act.

Matthew Byrne provided the members with the following updates -

24.25.01 Public Amenities

Matthew Byrne advised that an application for funding was made in relation to the provision of toilet facilities at Ned's Point.

24.25.02 Beach Access/Coastal Erosion

Matthew Byrne advised members that an application for funding was made in relation to the beach access at Culdaff and Leenan beach. Cllr Johnny McGuinness requested that the hinged gangway be put in place as soon as possible at Culdaff beach.

Cllr Albert Doherty and Cllr Johnny McGuinness raised concerns around coastal erosion. Cllr Martin McDermott also raised his concerns and suggested that no one is taking responsibility for coastal erosion. He asked that this matter be addressed as a matter of urgency.

24.25.03 Donegal Clean-Up

Cllr Paul Canning queried when the Donegal Clean-up will be happening in the County. Matthew Byrne advised that community groups should organise their own date and the Environment Section will provide the bags, gloves etc.

24.25.04 Harbour Master

Cllr Johnny McGuinness queried the recent advertisement for the position of Harbour Master for Donegal County Council and eligibility for applying for the post. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up with Cllr McGuinness directly.

24.25.05 Lifeguards

Martin Farren welcomed an update from Matthew Byrne on whether lifeguards will be provided at both Culdaff and Stroove blue flag beaches for the summer period. Cllr Rena Donaghey queried if lifeguards would be available at Lisfannon beach.

24.25.06 Jet Skis

Cllr Albert Doherty supported Martin Farren's previous request to have Jet Ski safety signs replaced at Glenburnie Beach and Sweet Nellie's Beach. Matthew Byrne advised that the signs will be replaced and will be securely bolted and riveted in place.

24.25.07 Bottle Bank

Cllr Martin Farren advised that the bottle bank at Merville Business Park requires attention and maintenance. He requested that this matter be addressed urgently. Cllr Albert Doherty welcomed the bottle bank and recycling area in the Carndonagh area but suggested that it should be moved slightly from its existing location at the Inishowen Livestock Mart.

24.25.08 Swan Park

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that her previous requests for the provision of appropriate signage advising public to keep their dog on a lead at Swan Park be followed up as soon as possible. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with this request.

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested that there is an issue with electric scooters in Swan Park and asked that appropriate signage also be erected.

24.25.09 Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure Funding 2024

Cllr Nicholas Crossan queried if it was possible to apply for the Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure Funding for the Lisfannon/Buncrana area. Cllr Jack Murray advised that Local Sports Partnerships make the application for funding and requested Matthew Byrne to liaise with Donegal Sports Partnership in relation to making an application.

24.25.10 Household Waste Presentation Bye Laws

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the Household Waste Presentation Bye Laws outlined in the report and asked for an update.

24.25.11 Election Posters

Cllr Paul Canning advised that the tidy towns groups in Carrigans, Killea and Newtowncunningham have requested that election posters not be erected within the town speed limits.

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey the Inishowen MD Meeting was adjourned at 12.50pm and reconvened at 1.05pm.

24.26 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

24.26.01 Development Fund Initiative 2024 – Reallocation of Funding

The Carndonagh Easter Parade group were allocated €2,500 under the Development Fund Initiative 2024. They have now withdrawn their funding application and on the proposal of Cllr Johnny McGuinness and seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, €2,500 will be reallocated to the various groups as listed in the schedule below.

Applicant Group	Total By Group
Carndonagh Brass Band	€500
Culdaff Parochial	€800
Glengad United FC	€700
St Bridget's National School Parent's Association	€500
	€2,500

24.27 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

24.27.01 Meeting with Inishowen An Garda Síochána Superintendent

Una Cresswell advised members that a meeting is arranged with the Inishowen An Garda Síochána Superintendent, Shaun Grant and the members of the Inishowen Municipal District on Monday 15th April at 10am.

24.27.02 Housing Inishowen

Cllr Nicholas Crossan thanked Una Cresswell for the report and welcomed the update in relation to the ongoing social housing development projects within the Inishowen Municipal District. Cllr Paul Canning

also concurred with these comments. Una Cresswell acknowledged the members comments. and stated that the Inishowen Housing team strive to prevent homelessness and increase housing supply despite the ongoing difficulties such as issues around defective concrete blocks and notices of termination.

24.27.03 Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability.

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that contact be made with Health Service Executive in relation to delays in obtaining occupational therapist's reports for the processing of Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability. Cllr Paul Canning and Cllr Albert Doherty also concurred with this request.

Cllr Martin McDermott also requested that the position of Clerk of Works within the Inishowen Municipal District be covered as a matter of urgency as this was also causing delays in the administrating of the grant scheme. Una Cresswell advised members of the recruitment process and stated that it is hoped that this issue will be resolved in the near future.

24.27.04 Specific Instance Housing (SI)

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update on the progress of delivering SI properties to those qualified on the housing list within the Inishowen MD area. Una Cresswell advised that the process is ongoing, and it is likely that a number of applications will shortly be transferred to Housing Capital for the next stage of the process.

24.27.05 Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that negotiations be expediated in the potential turnkey acquisition at Carndonagh.

24.27.06 Defective Concrete Blocks

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update on plans for social housing remediation for the Inishowen area. Cllr Jack Murray also requested an update in relation to properties that are vacant due to defective concrete block issues. Una Cresswell advised members that the Council are continuing to engage with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in order to finalise a scheme that is appropriate for the remediation of social housing.

Cllr Jack Murray and Cllr Johnny McGuinness raised concerns in relation to existing council tenants that are trying to purchase a property under the Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme and issues with defective concrete blocks. They stated that due to the Council's existing policy, tenants in older council properties are finding that they are unable to purchase a dwelling due to evidence of deleterious material. However, these properties would not be able to meet the damage threshold to avail of the Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme. Una Cresswell advised that while she could not discuss individual cases, the Council consider all applications in line with its adopted policy.

Cllr Martin McDermott also highlighted that the Council are unable to purchase properties that are advertised on the open market due to its current policy on house acquisition and outlined the time spent on inspecting these properties was a waste of limited resources.

24.27.07 Sporting Achievements

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that a letter be issued to Cockhill Celtic FC on behalf of the elected members, to wish the team success in the upcoming FAI Junior Cup Final. They also requested that a

letter be issued to Illies Golden Gloves Boxing Club on the success of Cassie Lynch and Roisin Hegarty at the recent National Boxing Championships.

24.28 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

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

24.28.01 Mill Bridge, Buncrana

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested an update in relation to concerns previously raised regarding the Mill Bridge in Buncrana. She asked for solution to be found for the bridge as soon as possible. Michael McFadden advised that Mill Bridge will be part of the inner relief road but in the meantime will look at erecting appropriate signage.

24.28.02 Tooban/Fahan Road

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested an update on concerns previously raised at the road at Halfway House. Michael McFadden advised that local area is working with road design in trying to find a solution subject to funding.

24.28.03 Inner Relief Road, Buncrana

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that the Inner Relief Road, Buncrana needs to be progressed as a matter of urgency.

24.28.04 Winter Maintenance

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested an update on her request that contact be made with Irish Water requesting that they assist with the gritting of the road at St Joseph's Nations School, Illies, Buncrana. Michael McFadden outlined that every effort is made to ensure that this route is cleared during the winter period.

24.28.05 Newtowncunningham

Cllr Paul Canning acknowledged the ongoing works at Newtowncunningham.

24.28.06 Slí na Sláinte Walk, Merville

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged the assistance given by the roads team following recent storm damage to the Slí na Sláinte shore walk in Merville and asked that appropriate signage be erected while the damage is being repaired.

24.28.07 Irish Water

Cllr Martin Farren requested that Irish Water reinstate the roads to an appropriate standard following works carried out by them. Cllr Martin McDermott also requested an update in relation to his request that Irish Water repair the road in Malin Town. Michael McFadden advised that they are currently liaising with Irish Water.

24.28.08 Ballynally Lane

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on his request for bollards to be put in place to prevent cars parking on the pavement at Ballynally Lane.

24.28.09 Cockhill Bridge

An extensive discussion took place regarding the renaming of the bridge at Cockhill and on the proposal of Cllr Nicholas Crossan and seconded by Cllr Johnny McGuinness it was agreed that the name ‘Tip O’Neill’ be considered and be open to public consultation.

Cllr Rena Donaghey proposed that that matter should be open to the public to put forward all ideas for names and a decision would then be made. Cllr Jack Murray seconded this proposal.

24.28.10 Traffic Calming

Cllr Albert Doherty raised concerns in relation to speed of vehicles entering housing estates. Michael McFadden agreed to follow up with Cllr Albert Doherty. Cllr Jack Murray requested that the speed ramps be reinstated at Dun na Niarlai, (Earlsfort) Bunrana.

24.28.11 Public Lighting

Cllr Albert Doherty queried the position of two streetlights at the footpath at moss road, Carndonagh beside the Inishowen Rugby Club. He stated that they are in the middle of the footpath and asked if they could be moved as they are causing an issue for pedestrians.

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that lights at Nelsons Lane towards Swans Park be commissioned.

24.28.12 McSheffrey’s Bridge/Doctors Bridge

Cllr Martin McDermott queried the possibility of providing charging points for electric vehicles at Council owned land at McSheffrey’s/Doctors Bridge. Cllr Johnny McGuinness concurred with these comments.

Cllr McGuinness also queried if the area could be used for camper vans due to its scenic views over Trawbreaga Bay and the existing infrastructure is already in place. Cllr Martin McDermott raised concerns around the area being used in this way.

24.28.13 Road Maintenance

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that the road at Drumfires near Mintiaghs Lough requires attention.

24.29 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the Date of the next meeting to be held on 14th May 2024 at 11am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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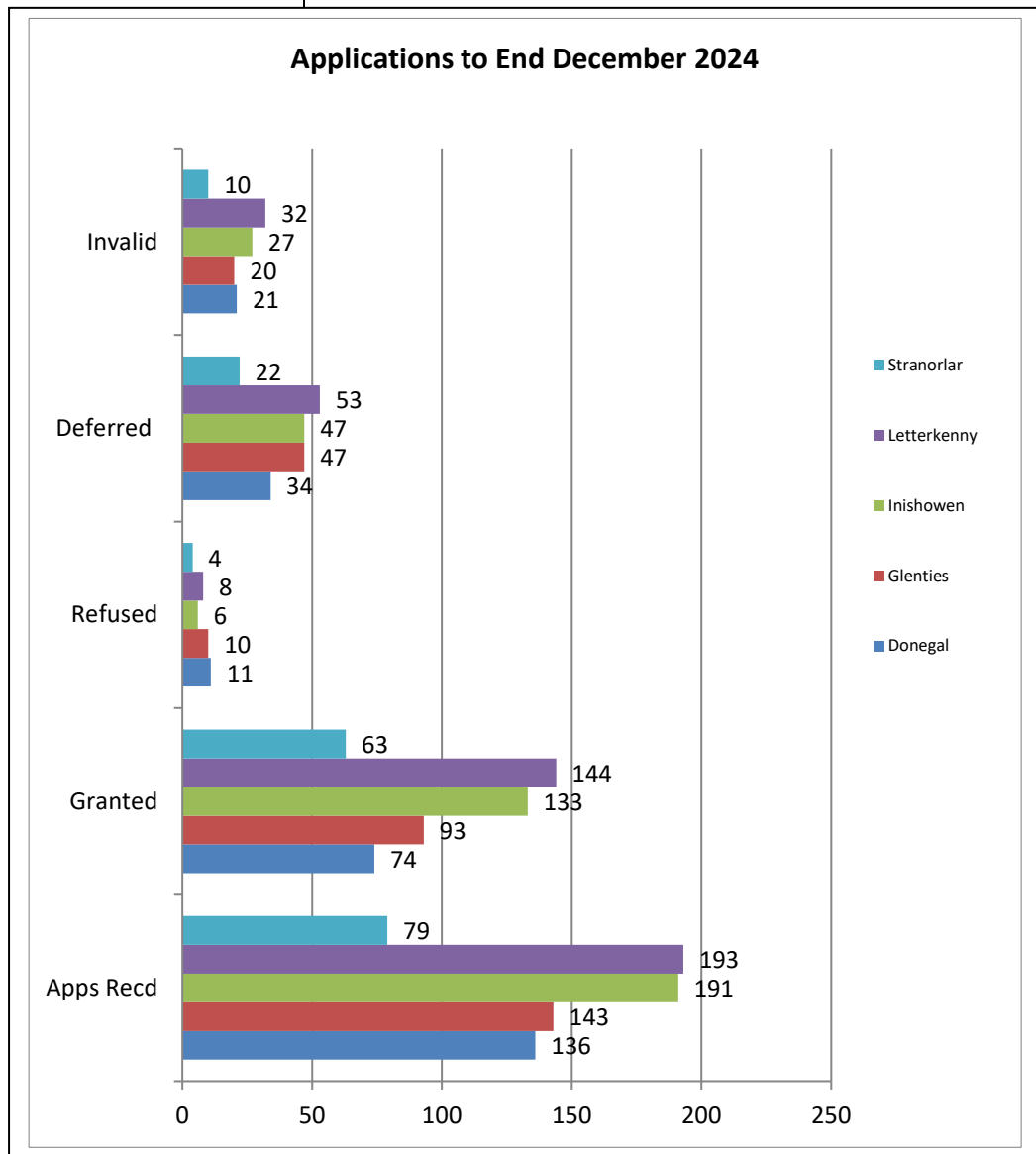
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Inishowen MD Meeting
14th May 2024

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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> 23rd May 2024 6th June 2024 20th June 2024 4th July 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								
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge	See Appendix B								
7	Central Planning Unit									
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix C								
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
Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS
MAY 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part 8 approved April 2022• Handed over to CPDU.
	Category 1 (2022)	€7,949,868	

Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sale agreed on former Garda Barracks property. • Handed over to CPDU.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved February 2023. • Submitted for funding under the Call 5 on the 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.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding announced 28th February 2024. • Workshop held with Glenties MD 1st May 2024. • Procurement of services underway.
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 21st March 2024. • Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. • Submitted for funding under Call 5 on the 8th February 2024.
Moville Health Check and Regeneration Plan		€24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop held with Inishowen MD Members 23rd February 2024. • GM Design Associates appointed to prepare plan. • Preliminary works have commenced including engagement with "Reimagine Moville" group.
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early inception meetings in-house being arranged.

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
<p>Call 1 (approved September 2019)</p> <p>3 Sub-Projects</p>	€3m	<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"> Completed and opened June 2023.
<p>Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021)</p> <p>6 Sub Projects</p>	€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)	<p>1. Reimagine 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.

		<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. • 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 behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • 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. • Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works. • 3 Visitor Experience concepts at consumer testing phase. <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 Council’s 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. • Workshop arranged with Elected Members of the Letterkenny-Milford MD on the 14th May 2024 to provide an update. <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"> • Majority of property owners have been identified and a number of meetings have taken place and others planned.
“The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At construction stage. • 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 2023. • 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. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council’s behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	704
Applications Finalised	466
• Approved	444
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	22
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	219
Withdrawn (by applicant)	19
Properties Refurbished	18
Grants Recouped	15
Requests for grant recoupment (in progress)	3

- Almost 40 drop-in events to promote the scheme have been held between September 2023 and April 2024.

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.

- 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

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APPENDIX B

Municipal District of Inishowen

May 2024

Building Control & Taking in Charge
Community Development & Planning Services

REPORT

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

Building Control Activity

a. *Commencement Notices*

In 2023, 583 Commencement notices were submitted, representing 616 new buildings and 167 building alterations or extensions.

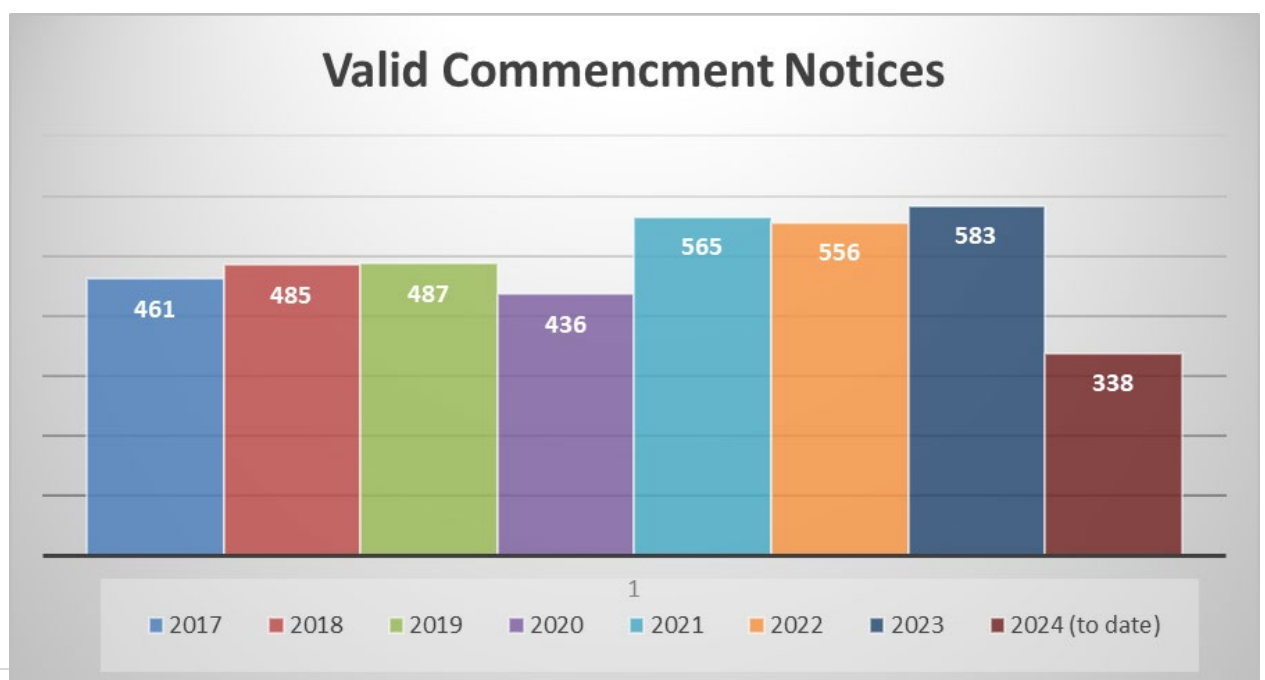
So far in 2024 (up until April 30th) there have been 338 Commencement Notices submitted, representing 656 new builds and 78 building alterations or extensions. The number of new builds notified as having been commenced in the first four months already exceeds the total figure notified in 2023.

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

The number of "Opt-out" Commencement Notices submitted in 2023 was 299, 52% of the overall total submitted. Already in 2024, there have been 199 "Opt-out" Commencement Notices submitted.

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

The 2024 notices indicate that there is an increase in the number of multiple developments started so far as compared with previous years.



Types of Commencement Notices:

- i) Commencement Notice with Compliance Documentation: An Assigned Certifier is appointed to oversee the construction and to ensure that there is compliance with the Building Regulations.
- ii) Commencement Notice with Opt Out: This can be used for single dwellings only. The owner is given the option to “opt out” from the Certification Process. They are still legally obliged to comply with the Building Regulations. For this type of commencement notice, an assigned certifier is not appointed, and the owner must sign a declaration to ensure that the building is constructed in accordance with the relevant Building Regulations.
- It needs to be stressed here that if this option is chosen, then the Owner is declaring that they are “Competent” and will ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations. These are still subject to spot check inspections and must provide compliance documentation upon request.***
- iii) Commencement Notice without Compliance Documentation: This is referred to as a Short Commencement Notice and requires minimal documentation. It cannot be used for:
- The construction of a new dwelling house.
 - An extension to a dwelling involving a total floor area greater than 40m².
 - Any works that require a fire certificate
- iv) 7 Day Notice: This type of notice is used, where a fire certificate has been applied for but has not yet been granted.

2024- Jan 1st to April 30th				
Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations/Extensions	Multi Dwelling
CN with Documentation	102	470	28	1 no. 28 unit, 1 no. 24 unit, 1 no. 20 unit, 1 no. 35 unit, 1 no. 5 unit, 1 no. 4 unit, 1 no. 10 unit, 1 no. 9 unit, 1 no. 35 unit, 1 no. 29 unit, 1 no. 23 unit, 1 no. 13 unit, 1 no. 36 unit, 1 no. 31 unit, 1 no. 8 unit, 1 no. 6 unit
7 day notice	9	3	6	
CN without Documentation	28	13	15	
CN with Opt Out	199	170	29	
Total	338	656	78	

b. Disability Access Certificates (DAC):

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

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

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

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

The Building Control Department received 96 DAC applications in 2023 which compares with 87 DAC applications in 2022, 99 applications in 2021, 58 applications in 2020 and 53 in 2019. So far in 2024, we have received 18 DAC applications.



Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.

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

- Flaxmill Court, Carrigans
- The Meadows, Ardaravan, Bunrana
- Mulberry Avenue, Ardaravan, Bunrana
- Links View, Luddan, Bunrana.

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

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

In this instance however, the financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within the estates being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.

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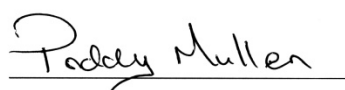
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Furthermore the Planning Authority for the Inishowen Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 11(1) of the Roads Act 1993, that the roads within the housing estate **Flaxmill Court, Carrigans**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

It is **noted** that consequent on the making of this Order, the Council is required to take in charge any sewers, watermains, or service connections and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development in accordance with Section 180(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

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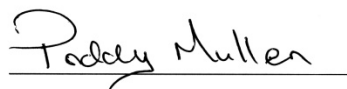
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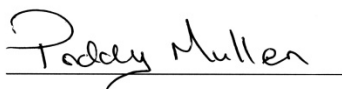
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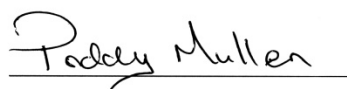
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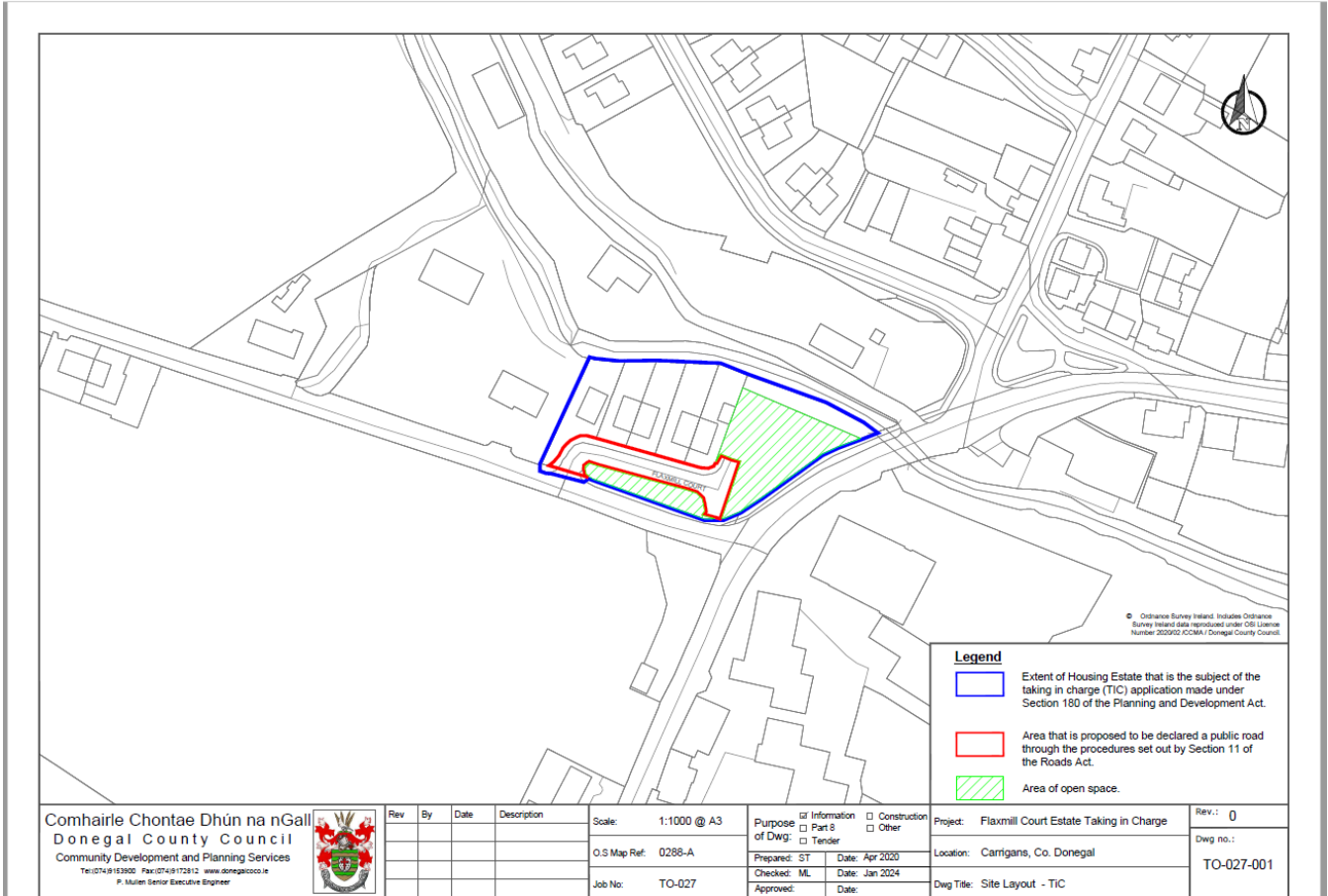


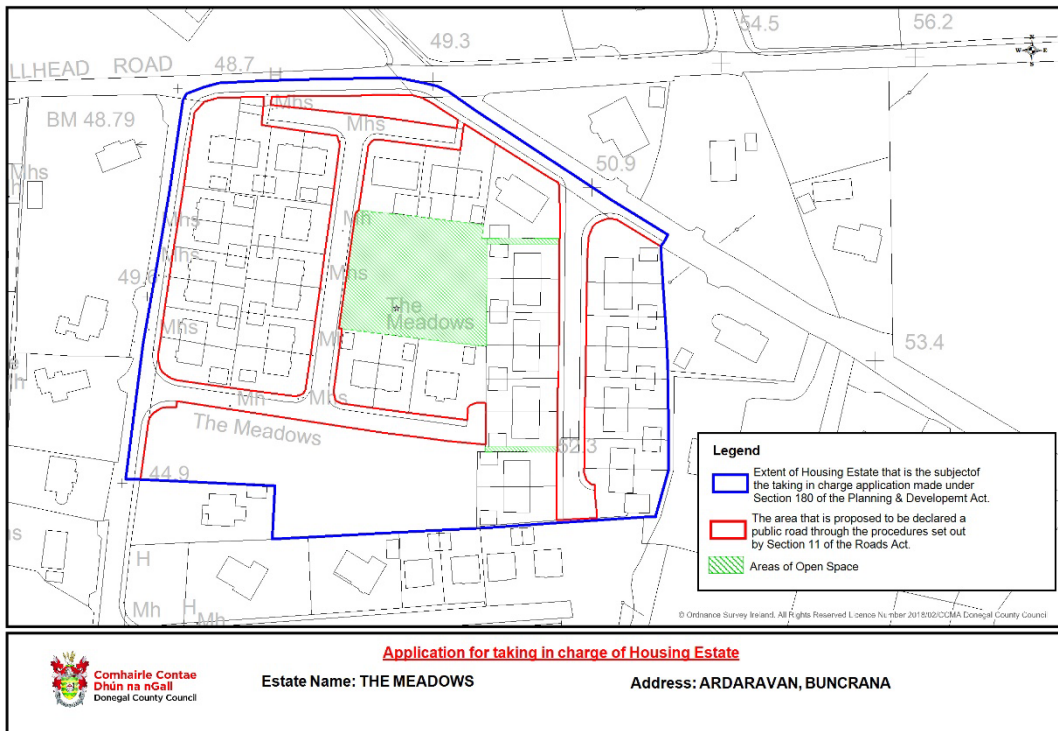
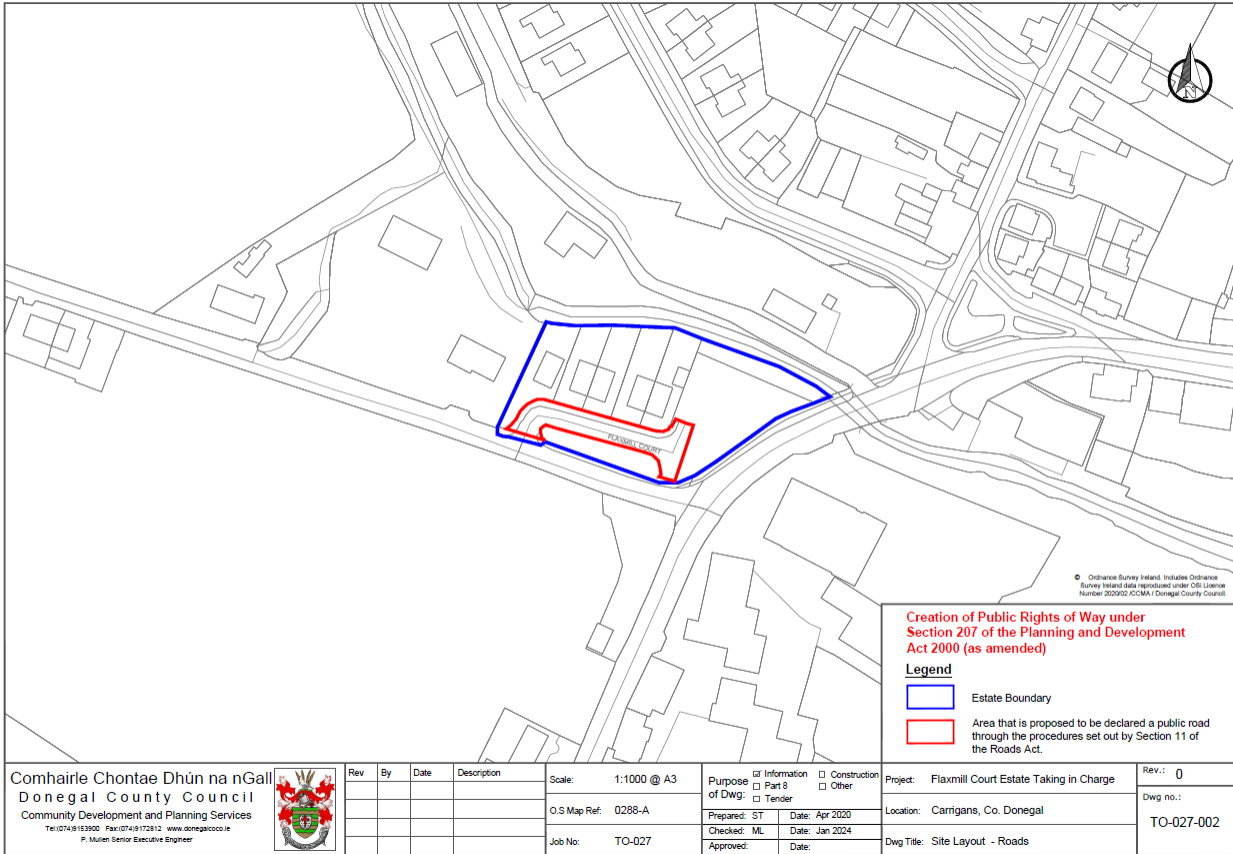
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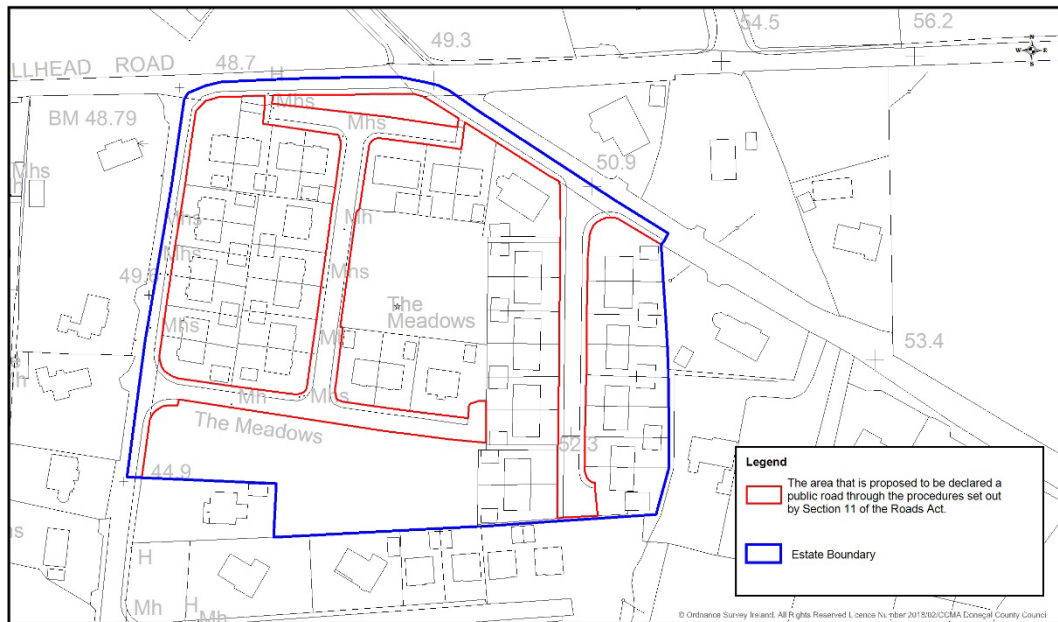
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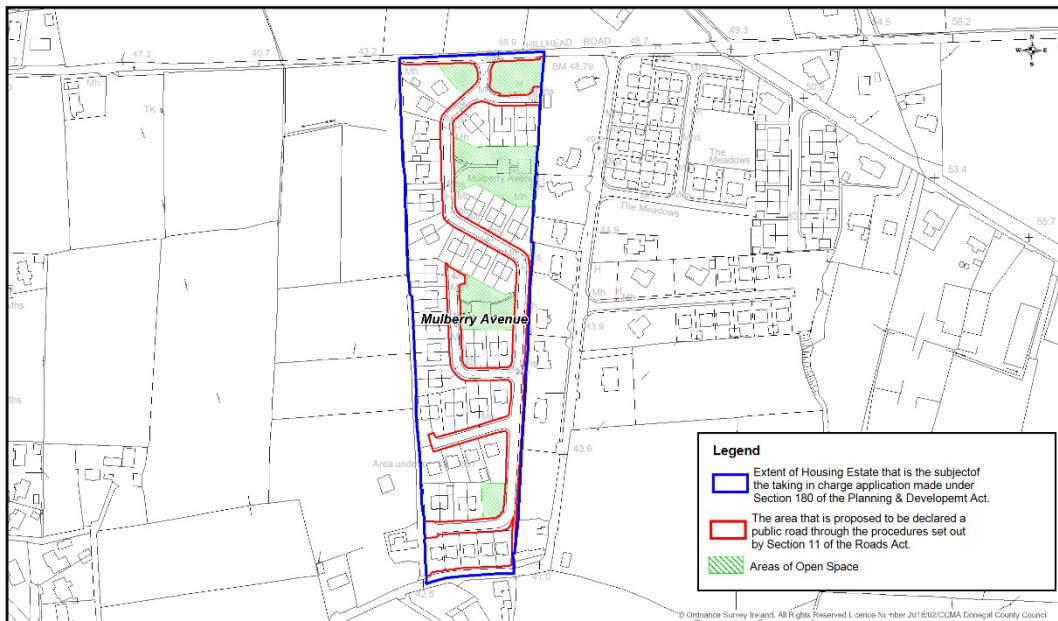







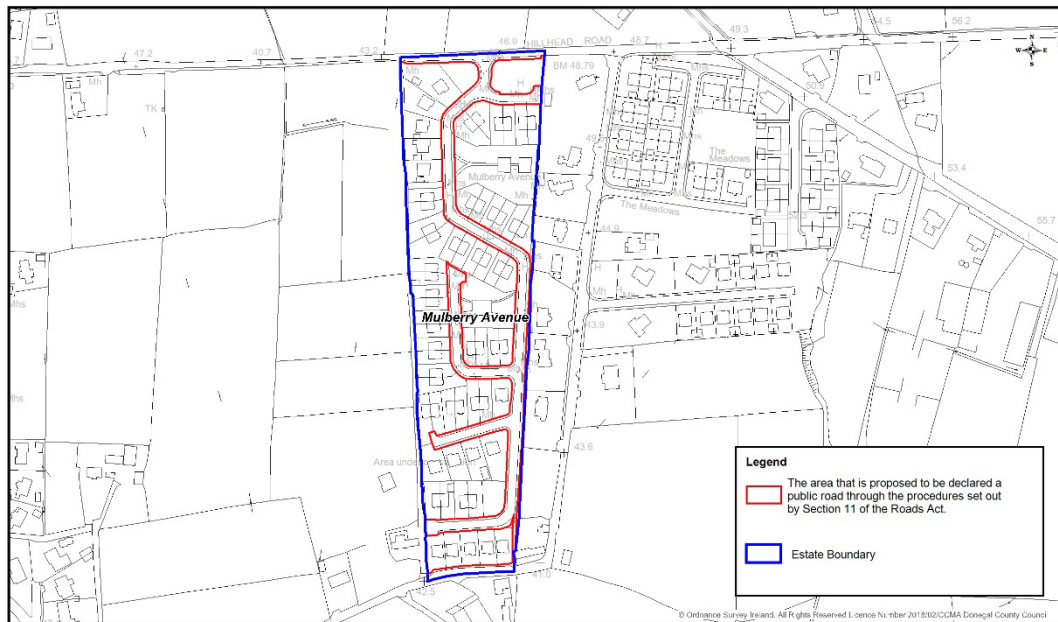
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Estate Name: THE MEADOWS
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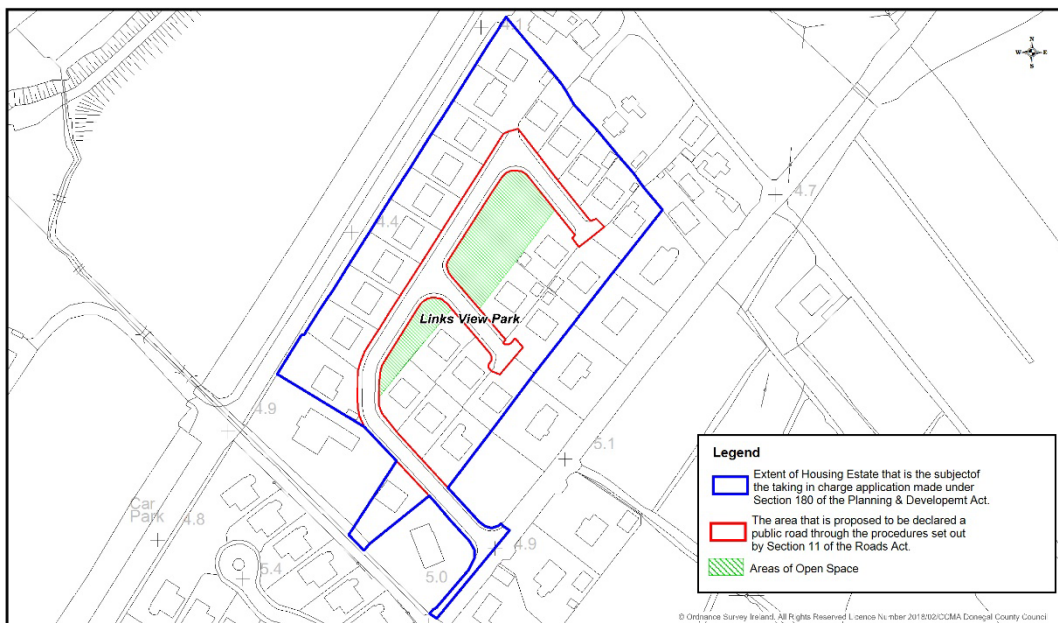
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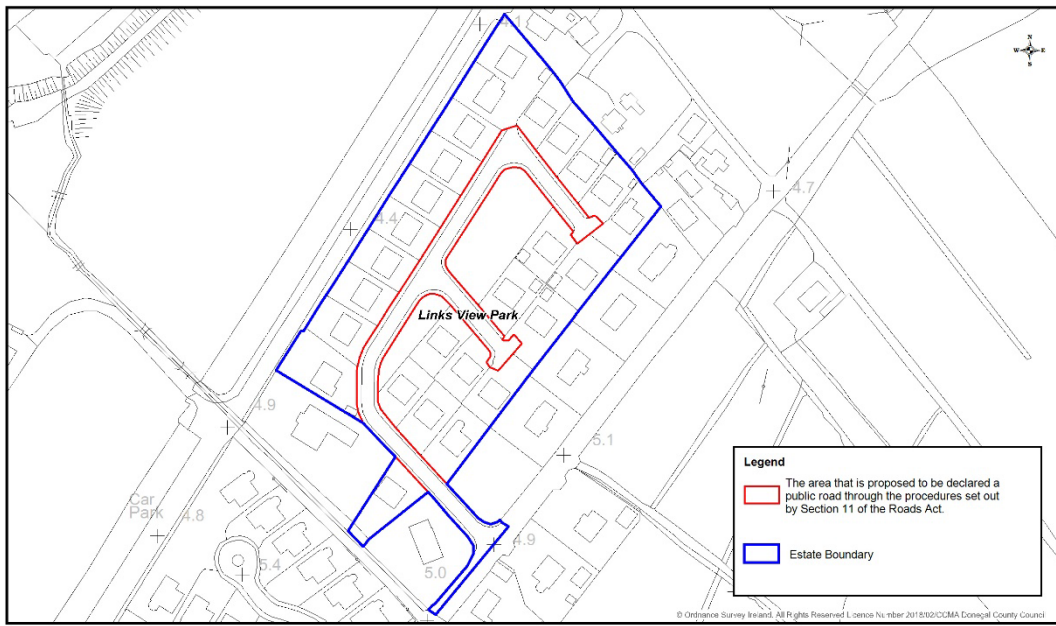
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Application for taking in charge of Housing Estate

Estate Name: LINKS VIEW PARK
Address: LUDDAN, BUNCRANA



 <p>Comhairle Contae Dhún na nGall Donegal County Council</p>	<p>Creation of public rights of way under S.207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2018</p>	<p>Address: LUDDAN, BUNCRANA</p>
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APPENDIX C

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: May 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a new Digital Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) and co-working Hub (CoLabora), office space, ii. a Social Space for Young People and 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>Compulsory Purchase Orders were published in Feb 2024 & a number of objections lodged with ABP.</p> <p>Detailed design is progressing well and is now substantially complete, with tender documentation to be completed by Q2 of 2024.</p>



Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Detailed design completed and associated tender documents ready. BOQ is currently being prepared. Discussions with objectors to CPO will be organised.
Contact Person(s)	Hugh Trearty, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer

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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 Ireland's, Capital investment scheme Platform for Growth – A Programme for Tourism Investment, Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions. This will be supported by €3.2 million match funding committed by Donegal County Council providing a total Project value of €12.5 million investment.</p> <p>The transformational tourism project at Fort Dunree is informed by a vision to reimagine the visitor experience at this spectacular Fort and Discovery Point along the Wild Atlantic Way.</p> <p>The project will physically link the 3 unique elements of Fort Dunree: Lough Swilly below the Fort; the Promontory Fort and the High 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. Lower Fort 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 for the development of Fort Dunree was submitted to Donegal County Council on the 5th of October 2023.</p> <p>A member of the public referred the proposed development to An Bord Pleanála for an Environmental Screening Determination and an Appropriate Assessment Screening determination.</p> <p>An Bord Pleanála have determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report is not required in relation to the Environmental Screening referral. However, in relation to the referral for Appropriate Assessment Screening they have determined that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required for the project.</p>

	<p>This decision requires the withdrawal of the Part 8 planning application, the preparation of a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment and submission of a new planning application to An Bord Pleanála for assessment and determination.</p> <p>The design team are currently preparing the Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment and the new application will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in mid-June. Stage 2b (Detailed Design) and development of the construction tender documentation is ongoing and will continue alongside the preparation of the new planning application.</p> <p>The Visitor Experience & Interpretation Consultant is continuing to develop the story of Fort Dunree to fit within the construction project. In addition, they are developing the branding strategy for the site.</p> <p>An updated cost plan has been received that is significantly higher than the funding award and engagement is ongoing 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="549 958 1445 1301"> <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>31/12/2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 3 – Tender Action</td> <td>01/01/2026</td> <td>31/05/2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 4 - Construction</td> <td>01/06/2026</td> <td>31/11/2027</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 5 – Handover & Defects Period</td> <td>31/11/2027</td> <td>31/11/2028</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>** The duration of the ABP planning process unknown and estimated at 16 months.</p>	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	31/12/2025	Stage 3 – Tender Action	01/01/2026	31/05/2026	Stage 4 - Construction	01/06/2026	31/11/2027	Stage 5 – Handover & Defects Period	31/11/2027	31/11/2028
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<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>Submit new planning application to An Bord Pleanála. Continue detailed design.</p>																					
<p>Contact Person(s)</p>	<p>Patrick Brennan, Project Manager Shane Sweeney, A/ Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O’Donnell, Senior Engineer</p>																					

Community Development and Planning Directorate
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**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Inishowen

Meeting 11am on Tuesday 14th May 2024

1. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
2. Lough Foyle and Lough Swilly Ferry service 2024
3. 2024 Community Recognition Fund
4. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
5. Bunrana Community Recognition fund – Friar Hegarty Walk project
6. Playground Maintenance
7. Donegal Walks and Trails
8. Bunrana School Campus
9. 2021 Town and Village Renewal – Newtoncunningham
10. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Merville
11. 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee
12. 2021 Clár funding for Killea Community Park – Community Pod
13. 2022 Town and Village Renewal funding – Barrack Hill Town Park Multi-functional accessible sheltered structure for all the community
14. Merville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
15. Healthy Donegal
16. Social Inclusion Unit
17. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
18. 2023 Clár funding for Malin GAA, Carrowmenagh, Gleneely Colts.



Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
Activity / Project Description	<p>Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project. 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</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</p> <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 • 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 28th of November 2023. • Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated a report on Wednesday 31st January, 2024 outlining a roadmap with timelines to deliver the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>May 2024 update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Technical staff are working to progress the project in line with the timelines and roadmap circulated on 31st January, 2024
Contact Person	James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923



Municipal District: Inishowen & Letterkenny/Milford - May 2024

Activity / Project Title	Lough Foyle and Lough Swilly Ferry Service 2024
Activity / Project Description	Ferry Service 2024
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p><u>Lough Foyle Ferry Service</u> On the 28th of April 2017 the Council placed an advertisement on the e-Tenders website inviting service operators to tender for the provision of a scheduled ferry service between the harbours of Greencastle, Co. Donegal and Magilligan, Co. Derry. The contract on offer was for an initial period of three years with the Council having the discretion to extend the contract for further periods of three years, two years, and two years. Following discussions with Frazer Foyle Holdings Limited in October 2022, it was agreed to exercise the option to extend the contract for a final four-year period 2023-2026.</p> <p>The Foyle Ferry service contracted dates for 2024 are set out as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easter Holiday – Holy Thursday to the Sunday after Easter 11 days.• May Bank Holiday weekend - Friday to Tuesday 5 days.• June Bank Holiday weekend for 108 days. <p>Total 124 Days The Ferry Service shall depart from Greencastle daily and run from 9am to 8pm with 15 return trips. Outside of the agreed minimum level of service referred to above, Frazer Foyle Holding Limited can during the lifetime of the contract operate the Ferry Service at any time at its own discretion.</p> <p>Lough Swilly Ferry Service On the 1st of March 2022 the Council placed an advertisement on the e-Tenders website inviting service operators to tender for the provision of a scheduled roll on/roll off ferry service between the harbours of Bunrana, Co. Donegal and Rathmullan, Co. Donegal. The contract on offer was for a maximum potential duration of 7 years in total.</p> <p>The successful tenderer was Cara na nOileán Teo. Following a probationary period in 2022, a further contract agreement was negotiated with Cara na nOileán Teo for a three-year contract for the period 2023 - 2025.</p> <p>The operational period is to commence on the 1st of June each year and ends on the 13th of September (15-week period minimum). Under the terms of the original Request for Tender the contract may be further extended for a period up to three years at the discretion of Donegal County Council. The ferry service shall depart from Bunrana daily and run with a minimum of 7 return trips in June and September. This is to be increased to a minimum of 8 return trips in July/August. Outside of the agreed minimum level of service Cara na nOileán Teo can during the lifetime of the contract operate the ferry service at any time and at its own discretion.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	

<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Lough Swilly Ferry service 2024</u> The Lough Swilly Ferry service for 2024 operated by Cara na nOileán Teo.</p> <p><u>Operating dates</u></p> <p>Saturday 1st of June 2024 to Friday 13th September.</p> <p><u>Greencastle-Magilligan (Foyle) Ferry service 2024</u> The Foyle Ferry service for 2024 provided by Frazer Foyle Holdings Limited is contracted to run for five days in May 2024 and resume full service as outlined above and commence operations on :-</p> <p><u>Operating dates</u> Saturday 1st of June 2024 for 108 days.</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Tony Brogan (tony.brogan@donegalcoco.ie)</p>



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Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update

May 2024

Activity / Project Title File:	Community Recognition Funding 2024 Now Open
Project Description/Activity	Funding Programmed aimed to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.
Budget (if applicable)	€3,391,917
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>The Community Recognition Fund 2024 was launched by the Minister of Rural & Community Development, Heather Humphries TD on Friday 15th March, 2024.</p> <p>This Fund aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.</p> <p>The funding is specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages that are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants.</p> <p>Projects situated in towns or villages that do not have high levels of new arrivals will <u>not</u> be deemed eligible.</p> <p>The Fund aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community. It is separate in its objectives and scope to any other public funding streams which aim to support the development of public service needs arising from the significant number of arrivals from Ukraine.</p> <p>€50 million is available nationally under the Fund and this is allocated between each local authority based on the number of new arrivals located there. On this basis, the allocation to County Donegal is €3,391,917.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The scheme will provide large capital grants ranging from €50,000 to a maximum of €500,000 with a requirement that projects are fully complete by 4th September 2026. Applications in excess of €200,000 will require a completed business case.• Projects to be funded will be capital in nature, deliver tangible benefits for the communities in which they are located, and be capable of being delivered over the course of 2025 and 2026.• A minimum spend of 50% of the allocation must be incurred in 2025 with projects fully complete by 4th September 2026.• Eligible projects will receive funding for capital costs, but not for any ongoing operational or running costs.• Only expenditure incurred after the date of grant approval will be eligible.• The grant may cover all, or part of, the purchase or works in question. However, the full cost of the project must be provided on the Application Form.• This funding cannot be used to fund or co-fund any scheme operated by the Department of Rural and Community Development or any other Government Department or as a co-funding source for any project funded under CRF 2023.

** Delete irrelevant reporting period*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local authorities have scope to invest the funding based on their own distinct local needs as identified through a “bottom-up” approach. <p>The type of projects eligible for funding are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development, enhancement or refurbishment of community or cultural facilities including play areas, walkways, parks, community/sensory gardens allotments, and recreational areas; Development, enhancement or refurbishment of local club and sports facilities including facilities such as community swimming pools, changing rooms, toilets, digital aids such as score / information boards etc.; Enhancement to school/parish facilities which are open to use by all of the community after school hours; Purchase of equipment for local clubs, festivals, community events and organisations e.g. music, arts or sports equipment; Transport infrastructure such as the purchase of community vehicles, bus shelters and attendant information boards; any vehicle funded must be in good condition and not more than 5 years old) Projects that help address dereliction and/or wider local economic and community development objectives; Purchase and refurbishment of buildings and/or the purchase of land for the development of community use where a clear need is identified. Purchase of land and associated works for the development of community facilities such as play areas/MUGAs or town parks/community gardens, recreational areas etc. (purchases must only be administered by the local authority) <p>Further details and application form will be available at:</p> <p>https://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/fundingforyourgroup/communityrecognitionfund/</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p>The closing date for receipt of applications is 3pm on Thursday, 18th July 2024.</p>
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Ciaran Martin, Administrative Officer, Community Section crf24@donegalcoco.ie</p>



Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities/Conservation Plan
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<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• 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.

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

May 2024

The Office of Public works is responsible for An Grianan of Aileach monument. Donegal County Council have agreed in principal to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland. We are committed to working with all stakeholders to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management plan for the site. Community Development will continue to work to facilitate a forthcoming workshop meeting between the agencies as requested by the Members.

Contact Person

Fiona Doherty, Development Officer and Michael McFadden, Manager, Roads and Transportation



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update **May 2024**

Activity / Project Title	<u>Community Recognition Fund Buncrana</u>
File:	Friar Hegarty/ Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement and Artwork Project
Budget	€ 80,000 Community Recognition fund and funding Contribution from Cultural Services
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friar Hegarty Public Artwork• Enhancement of the walk/trail• Accessible seating• Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps• Improved Accessible Access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites and relevant study/plans• Capital/drainage improvements
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The work is been scoped out and will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024.• Site assessments have taken place along with a few meetings on site with relevant parties and Councillors.• The final scope of agreed works will be contained in next month's report.• A Two Stage Open Competition through which an artist will be invited to create a suitable public artwork in response to Friar Hegarty's story and deliver the commission
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p><u>May 2024</u></p> <p><u>Two Stage Open Artwork Competition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Two Stage Open Art Competition was advertised on Tuesday 2nd April, 2024. Artists were invited to create a suitable public artwork in response to Friar Hegarty's story and deliver the commission.• There was 13 no applications submitted under the 1st Stage Public Commission deadline of Monday 29th April 2024.• A Selection Panel has been set up and will meet next week to consider and shortlist up to 5 Artists to go forward to Stage Two of the Artwork competition.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shortlisted Artists will present their final design to the selection panel in July 2024. The successful Artist will be chosen thereafter. • Engagement with Landowner has taken place. • Tender documents are been prepared for the project together with all appropriate studies and reports. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement of the walk • Capital/drainage improvements. • Accessible seating • Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps • Improved access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites, Friar Hegarty's Grave and the Porthaw Holy Well and Celtic cross
<p>Contact Details</p>	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, 087 6202947</p> <p>Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 367895</p>



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: May 2024

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23
Project Description/Activity	<p>List of Playgrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culdaff Playground • Merville Playground • Buncrana Festival Park Playground • Clós Phádraig Playground • Barrack Hill Playground • Cill Bhríde MUGA • Ballyliffin Playground • Manorcunningham Playground • Killea Playground
Budget (if applicable)	€6,444.79 incl. VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark phase 1 is completed. • Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified appointed. • The Annual ROSPA inspections for the maintenance of all DCC playgrounds was completed in November 2022. • Repairs have been identified and a tender competition has been published to secure a playground maintenance contractor for 2023. Tender submissions are due back in February. • 2023 Playground maintenance contractor appointed.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period * Delete irrelevant reporting period	<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 <p><u>Festival Park Playground (Buncrana)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A local community group are working under the guidance of the playground Engineer to install a wheelchair swing and other inclusive equipment. • 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. <p><u>May 2024 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender assessment currently underway to appoint maintenance contractor. <p><u>Buncrana Playground</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is to commence soon to install a wheelchair swing, wheelchair accessible picnic tables and sensory play equipment.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



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Activity / Project Update: May 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;"><u>May 2024</u></p> <p>Donegal County Council are assisting The Department of Education and Skills with the technical elements of the project and this work is on-going.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CPO is concluded.• The process is ongoing with valuers on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills and Donegal County Council. They are currently in negotiations with all parties with an interest in the lands with a view to finalising land compensation costs.• The Department of Education and Skills have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the school Campus design.
Contact person	Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, 087 178 8623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie

December Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update May 2024

Activity / Project Title	2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal
Project Description/Activity	<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. <p>It is envisaged that the outcome of this will inform the capital element of the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>May 2024 update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This capital project work is almost completed and will be finished soon A Draft Strategic and Action plan has been developed.
Contact Person	<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 May 2024

<p>Activity / Project Title</p> <p>File:</p>	<p>2021 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project Funding Allocation of €100,000 from the Department on 25th February, 2022z. Match funding €11,500 by Donegal County Council</p>
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement of existing Outdoor Recreational Amenities at The Bath Green, Moville • Health Check and Regeneration Plan for Moville
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation for the 2021 Town and Village Renewal scheme on the 25th February, 2022. Several meetings have taken place with the community group, Executive Engineer and the Development Officer scoping out and advancing the capital works associated with the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers. • Tenders for the capital work will be advertised on e-tenders this month • Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers • A meeting is taken place with Donegal County Council and members of the group on Friday 14th October to scope out the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal project and the recently announced Clár funding for the outdoor gym. • A meeting took place on the 14th October with the community group to agree and finalise the nature of the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal funding and the Clár funding for the provision of an Outdoor Gym • Tenders have issued on e-tenders inviting contractors to submit tenders for the Town and Village Renewal project and Clár funded project. • One contractor will be selected to provide the work associated with both projects. • The deadline for receipt of tenders is 19th January 2023. • The Contractor, Garden escapes Ltd have been appointed and work is due to commence within the next few weeks with an 8 week delivery deadline • The Health Check and regeneration plan will be progressed and a meeting will take place on Friday 23rd February with the Town Centre First Manager
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p align="center"><u>May 2024 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The capital works are completed with minor elements to be installed this month. • The Health Check and regeneration plan are been progressed by Town Centre First Officer and recent public consultations will take place over the next few months.
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer (capital works) Patricia McIntyre (Regeneration plan)</p>



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Activity / Project Update No.4 May 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 design of the project element is been prepared.• The Tender documents for a design are completed and will issue this week for a consultant to design the project.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>May 2024 Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The consultants 'Greentrack' have been appointed to carry out an ecology screening report.• A consultant will be appointed to produce a design within the next 5-6 weeks
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update May 2024

Activity / Project Title	2022 Killea Clár funded project.
File:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25th February, 2022• Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and €2,500 from Killea Tidy Towns
Project Description/Activity	To install a Community Pod providing a meeting space and ancillary services for the community sited within the Killea Community Park
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation under the 2022 Clár programme.• John Deeney, Executive Engineer has met with the committee and provided technical guidance and outlined the pathway forward to advance the project.• The Project is being led by the Killea Tidy Towns community group with guidance and support from the Executive Engineer within Community Development.• A Provisional letter of offer has been issued to the group.• The Group are to prepare documents to seek quotations from a contractor to undertake the proposed construction works.• Works underway on site for the construction of the new Community Hub
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>May 2024</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The new community hub is near completion.• Final snagging works are to be conducted this month.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer,



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Activity / Project Update: May 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.• 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.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>May 2024 update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A recent meeting took place with the group and a design has been agreed for progression• The tenders have been returned and currently being reviewed.• A contractor will be appointed next month.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer & Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update May 2024

Activity / Project Title	<u>Community Recognition Fund Buncrana</u>
File:	Friar Hegarty/ Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement and Artwork Project
Budget	€ 80,000 Community Recognition fund and funding Contribution from Cultural Services
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friar Hegarty Public Artwork• Enhancement of the walk/trail• Accessible seating• Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps• Improved Accessible Access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites and relevant study/plans• Capital/drainage improvements
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The work is been scoped out and will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024.• Site assessments have taken place along with a few meetings on site with relevant parties and Councillors.• The final scope of agreed works will be contained in next month's report.• A Two Stage Open Competition through which an artist will be invited to create a suitable public artwork in response to Friar Hegarty's story and deliver the commission
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p><u>May 2024</u></p> <p><u>Two Stage Open Artwork Competition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Two Stage Open Art Competition was advertised on Tuesday 2nd April, 2024. Artists were invited to create a suitable public artwork in response to Friar Hegarty's story and deliver the commission.• A number of Applications were submitted under the 1st Stage Public Commission deadline of Monday 29th April 2024.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Selection Panel has been set up and will meet next week to consider and shortlist up to 5 Artists to go forward to Stage Two of the Artwork competition. • The shortlisted Artists will present their final design to the selection panel in July 2024. The successful Artist will be chosen thereafter. • Engagement with Landowner has taken place regarding the project. • Tender documents are been prepared for the project together with all appropriate studies and reports. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement of the walk • Capital/drainage improvements. • Accessible seating • Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps • Improved access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites, Friar Hegarty's Grave and the Porthaw Holy Well and Celtic cross
Contact Details	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, 087 6202947 Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 367895</p>



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Activity / Project Update

May 2024

Healthy Ireland Fund

Healthy Ireland

The objective of the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025 is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities living in Ireland through the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025.

€233,122.42 Round 4 Funding

Healthy Ireland Round 4

The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.

Civic Dollars Project

Following on from the resounding success of last year’s Civic Dollars Pilot Project, Donegal County Council is delighted to announce the extension of this innovative initiative over the next two years.



Cllr. Niamh Kennedy, Chair of Donegal LCDC pictured launching the Civic Dollars Project with (L-R) Stephen McPeake, CEO Civic Dollars; Margaret Fitzgerald, Healthy Ireland Coordinator and Paddy Doherty, Senior Executive Officer, Community Development, Donegal County Council at the Shore Front Walk, Killybegs.

Speaking from the Shore Front Walk, Killybegs - a newly added ‘Earn Zone’ - Chair of Donegal Local Community Development Committee, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy (pictured above) said “A measure of the success and popularity of the Civic Dollars project is in its growth from an initial five sites identified as ‘earn zones’ at our pilot launch in 2023 to over eighty sites across the County - including playgrounds, beaches, parks, trails, forest walks and the Shore Front walk along the Donegal and Shore Roads here in Killybegs”. Cllr. Kennedy added, the Civic Dollars project aims to provide people with an incentive

and support to improve their mental health, increase their physical activity levels, and encourage engagement with local community groups and support for the local business community.

Participants download the Civic Dollars mobile phone app (on Google Play or the App Store) and earn online credits by spending time in local outdoor resources that have been identified countywide. Credits can then be redeemed in exchange for local and countywide rewards provided by the local business community e.g., a discounted coffee or discounted entry into a local attraction OR donate them to a locally identified community group who can exchange them for rewards.

The app measures time spent in a designated 'Earn Zone' and does not record steps or distance to ensure the project is inclusive of participants with mobility or health issues. The technology used is non-invasive and privacy-friendly, by only using GPS data and allowing users to opt in once they enter an 'earn zone'. Data is anonymised, and a user's session will end automatically once they walk out of the 'earn zone' geo-fence.

See below for a list of the current 'Earn Zones'

Civic Dollars Project Earn Zones - Donegal	
Ardara Playground	Fiddlers Bridge Miners Path Walk, Falcarragh
Ards Forest Park & Playground	Fr Tierney Park, Ballyshannon
Arranmore Island Beach	Glencolmcille Playground
Arranmore Shorefront Playground	Glenties Playground
Aura Centre, Letterkenny	Glenveagh National Park
Aura Playground, Letterkenny	Gweedore Community Playground
Backstrands Beach, Ards	Kilcar Playground
Ballyliffen Beach	Killea Community Playground
Ballyliffen Playground	Killybegs Playspace
Ballymacool Town Park	Killybegs Shore Front Walk, Donegal Road
Ballymacool Town Park Playground	Killybegs Shore Front Walk, Shore Road
Barrack Hill Park	Killygordon Playground
Bernard McGlinchey Town Park	Kilmacreann Community Playground
Bernard McGlinchey Town Park Playground	Machaire Rabhartaigh (Magheroarty Beach)
Bluestack Shack	Maggie's Strand, Kincasslagh
Braade Strand	Mall Park, Ballyshannon
Bruckless Playground	Marble Hill Beach and Strand
Buncrana Amazing Grace Heritage Trail	Milford Playground
Buncrana Playground	Moville Playground
Bundoran Promenade	Muff Community Park
Carnboy Beach	Mulladearg Signal Tower Kincasslagh
Carndonagh Playground	Mullagdearg Beach, Kincasslagh
Carrick Playground	Murvagh Beach
Carrick River Walk	Owenea River Parade, Ardara
Carrickfinn Beach	Portnoo Playground
Carrigart Beach	Raphoe Playground
Carrigart Boardwalk (Donegal Boardwalk)	Rathmullan Beach
Carrigart Playground	Rathmullan Playground
Churchill Playground	Ray Community Playground
Cloghan Play Park	Rossnowlagh Beach
Convoy Playground	Rossnowlagh Community Playground
Creevy Coastal Walk	Rosslongan Estate, Donegal
Creevy Pier	St John Bosco Playground
Culdaff Beach	St. Catherine's Church & Well, Killybegs
Culdaff Playground	Stranorlar Playground
Downings Beach	Swan Park, Buncrana

Drumboe Woods	Tory Island Playground
Dunfanaghy Playground	Tramore Beach, Carrigart
Dungloe Foreshore Playground	Tullan Strand, Bundoran
Dungloe River Walk	Waterworld Playground, Bundoran
Falcarragh Playground	Westend Playground, Bundoran
Please note the 'earn zones' detailed can be subject to change.	

The Civic Dollars project is funded under the Healthy Ireland Programme and supported by the Dept of Health.

For further information about the Civic Dollars Project and details of participating community groups and businesses see www.donegalcoco.ie/community/healthydonegal/civic%20dollars/. To download the app visit www.cividdollars.com

Donegal County Council Staff Walking Challenge

Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John McLaughlin launched the Step Up Staff Walking Challenge. The Step Up Challenge is a health promotion initiative being rolled out through Healthy Donegal in conjunction with the Staff Health and Wellbeing Office kicked off on National Workplace Wellbeing Day, Friday 26th April 2024, and will run over a four-week period until 24th May 2024. Now in its third year, this light-hearted, fun group event aims to promote the physical, mental and social benefits of exercise.



Pictured launching this year's Step Up Challenge: L-R: Health and Wellbeing Team Declan McKernan, Chief Executive John G. McLaughlin; Healthy Donegal Coordinator Margaret Fitzgerald, Director of Service, Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services Patsy Lafferty; Director of Service, Community Development and Planning Services Liam Ward.

Finn Harps - Football & Social Responsibility Programme

Donegal County Council through [Healthy Donegal](#) and funded by [Healthy Ireland](#) Programme are proud to support the Football and Social Responsibility Programme delivered through [Finn Harps FC](#). Healthy Donegal was delighted to be invited to the “More than Football Networks” League of Ireland Football & Social Responsibility (FSR) Conference” which took place in Dublin last month.



Stephen McNutt, Football & Social Responsibility Officer for Finn Harps funded by Healthy Ireland - receiving his certificate of completion for the FAI Football & Social



Derek O'Neill, League of Ireland Football & Social Responsibility Programme Manager with John Barnes, former Liverpool player.

Follow Healthy Donegal on

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwcqNcNTWBCaRjEFGqSkOnA>

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Activity / Project Update May 2024

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal Africa Day and Street Feast 2024 Donegal County Council announced its plans for Donegal Africa Day and Street Feast 2024, which will include an exhibition and family fun day to celebrate the occasion. Donegal County Council, Letterkenny CDP and Donegal Intercultural Platform will host a free family fun day at An Grianan Theatre Plaza on Saturday 25th May from 1-5pm, which will include musical performances, a taste of African Food and kids games. Donegal Africa Day and Street Feast on 25th May, celebrates the richness of African cultures and the contribution of people of African descent to Irish life. Donegal Africa Day and Street Feast celebrations are organised by Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs in partnership with African Embassies in Ireland and Local Authorities around the country.</p> <p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy The secretariat held a meeting in April and all stakeholders will attend a meeting in May to review the work to date and plan priorities for next 6 months.</p> <p>EU Belong As Donegal is lead on Work Package 4, we are pleased to confirm the successful completion of tasks 4.1.1 and 4.1.2, marking significant progress in our project objectives. Task 4.1.1: Establishment of Regional Multi-Stakeholder Platforms: Each partner region has established a robust multi-stakeholder platform, bringing together regional and local authorities along with relevant stakeholders from key sectors focused on the integration of Third Country Nationals (TCNs). These platforms serve as collaborative spaces for sharing best practices, resources, and expertise, with the aim of enhancing TCN integration efforts at the regional level.</p> <p>Task 4.1.2: Multi-Stakeholder Co-Design Meetings: In cooperation with the established multi-stakeholder platforms, partner regions have developed work plans for consultation processes. These plans outline objectives, timelines and activities for engaging stakeholders in policy-making processes. The outcomes of these activities have been documented and are ready for submission to the Commission, demonstrating our commitment to transparency and accountability in project execution. We continue to work on the delivery of Task 4.1.3: Elaboration of the Intercultural Integration Strategy in 10 European Regions.</p>
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Countywide

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Project Description/Activity	Donegal LCDC are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/RDP 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. 1st April 2021 – 31st December 2022</i> €2,861,598 project costs. €953,866 for Administration & Animation.
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, 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.
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, with all projects to be completed by the end of March 2024. A final figure for potential decommitments will not be available until after the end of June due to the claims process. Donegal Local Development Company, Inishowen Development Partnership, Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán are now open with regards the New LEADER programme and are working with local communities to develop projects.
Contact Person	Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie

2024 Clar funded projects

Activity / Project Title Disabled Toilet and kitchen upgrade	<u>Malin GAA CLAR Measure 1 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer issued.• Project currently out for tender
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Project Title External insulation and windows for the Community Centre	<u>CARROWMENAGH CLÁR PROJECT 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer issued.• The project is currently out for tender.
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Project Title CARPARK SURFACING	<u>GLENEELY COLTS FC CLÁR PROJECT 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer issued.• The project is currently out for tender.
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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report **May 2024**

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
25 th April 2024	Scottish Diaspora Event showcasing Donegal Tweed and Local Businesses	Event organised in conjunction with ETB, LEO and Irish Consulate Service in Edinburgh to develop connections between Donegal and Scottish Tweed and strengthen connections with Donegal and Irish Diaspora in Scotland.	Daniel McChrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie
16 th May 2024	London Irish Centre Jobs Fair	London Irish Centre, Camden, London. Focusing on promoting high-quality employment opportunities in Donegal. This event will also offer opportunities to network and build further London Irish connections.	Daniel McChrystal – dmcchrystal@donegalcoco.ie
2 nd Wed of Each Month	Innovation Campfire	<p>Hosted by Alpha Innovation - 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. <p>You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu</p>	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu
Sat mornings across	Startup Bootcamp 2024	ALPHA Innovation's second edition of Startup Bootcamp is taking place throughout May & June at CoLab, ATU Campus, Letterkenny. Bootcamp will	Conor Doherty conordoherty@alphainnovation.eu

<p>May and June</p>		<p>bring a selected team of like-minded pre-founders and founders through a 7-workshop programme, where they will cover areas which can help propel their propositions forward. The programme is FREE for successful applicants looking to set up and grow their venture from Donegal.</p> <p>Bootcamp takes place on Saturday mornings to accommodate those working full-time to dedicate time working on their proposed startups. Throughout workshops, co-ordinators will cover problem framing, customer development techniques, crafting a compelling value proposition, developing a customer deck and pitch practice. The programme will culminate in a showcase day, where participants will present their propositions to mature businesses, peers and potential customers. (Date TBC)</p> <p>More details can be found at www.alphainnovation.eu/bootcamp</p>	
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1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates

Invest Donegal Communications Update

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

Impressions (last 28 days)		Total Followers
Linked In	12,567	5,116 (+32)
Twitter	2,576	3,578
Instagram	1,723	4,346 (+74)
Facebook	4,417	2,107 (+16)
Donegal.ie	4.2K Web Users (+100)	

8 News Items Published.

28th March 2024 – 29th April 2024

Inward Investment Brochure

The Economic Development team are currently progressing work to develop a new brochure promoting the value proposition for inward investment in County Donegal and highlighting County Donegal as a great place to live, work, study and do business. This brochure will be available in print and digital format and is due for completion in June 2024.

Relocation Marketing Campaign

Donegal County Council will shortly be appointing a marketing agency to develop a new marketing campaign promoting Donegal as a great place to live, work, study, invest and do business. This campaign will be a follow-on campaign building upon the success of the previous #MovetoDonegal relocation campaign.

Economic Development Business Supports Flyer: An information flyer with details on the various Economic Development business supports such as the concierge service, marketing campaigns including Buy Donegal and Love Donegal along with details of membership of Donegal Tourism CLG was distributed to all rates payers in the County in March 2024. This was a collaborative initiative with the income collection team in Finance to raise awareness amongst rate payers of the support available from Donegal County Council. Approximately 4600 flyers were sent out along with information on the grant scheme known as ICOB (Increased Cost of Business Grant).

#LoveDonegalDay: #LoveDonegal day 2024 will take place in September, in conjunction with other events promoting the county including Disrupt by the Sea and the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards. The 2023 campaign reached a global audience of 85 million across social media, this year’s campaign hopes to achieve the same level of success. Further details to be disseminated as they are confirmed.

#BuyDonegal: The 2024 #BuyDonegal campaign will launch in November of this year and will run over a series of 6- 8 weeks, covering a range of sectors, themes and events promoting Donegal businesses to a global audience.

Donegal Tech Advocates: Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, developed and launched the Donegal Tech Advocates group in April 2024. The aim of this group is to promote, grow and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county in order to develop, retain and attract new high-quality talent to the region, and showcase the tech industry as a highly effective cluster.

Business Concierge Service

The Councils Economic Development Division provides a Business Concierge Service for businesses looking at access Council Services and supports. This service can be accessed by emailing economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie

Donegal 2040 DAC

Board and Corporate Governance

The enhanced Board of Donegal 2040 DAC is progressing a range of areas including putting in place mechanisms to ensure good corporate governance and establishing a clear strategic framework.

Update on Projects:

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

Current Status: Enabling works / Demolition works on site are ongoing. Main construction contract was released for tender in Q1 2024, with tender assessment process currently being undertaken. Estimated project completion date: Q3 2026, subject to funding.

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

Details: One storey building with 18 Hot Desks in an open space floor plan. Meeting room, private phone booths, kitchen facilities and bicycle parking.

Operation & Management of Island House, Killybegs (Post Construction)

Current Status: Under Construction. Estimated Completion Date: July 2024

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q2 2024.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

Current Status: Contractor appointment. Construction to commence Q2 2024.

Current Estimated Completion date: Q2 2025.

Operation & Management of The Ritz, Ballybofey (Post Construction)

Current Status: Detailed design.

Current Estimated Completion date of overall Seed Project: Q1 2026.

Olivia Gallen – General Manager, Donegal 2040

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Inward Investment Activity

North West City Region

Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission 2024

Plans for Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission 2024 are under review in collaboration with partners and stakeholders in Donegal and the wider North West City Region.

The NWCR Inward Investment Strategy

Continuing to progress the NWCR Inward Investment Strategy working in collaboration with Derry City and Strabane District Council including the development of digital and non-digital promotional material including videos and building on online social media and websites.

NWCR on LinkedIn has 744 followers.

NWCR on X (formerly Twitter @NwIreland) has 249 followers.

Website: www.irelandnw.com

NWCR Information Dashboard

An online dashboard for sharing information related to living, working, studying, investing and doing business in the NWCR is in development and will be shared with partners such as INI and the IDA to provide a store of information on the various aspects of the value proposition of the NWCR for potential investors.

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

Planning application for enabling infrastructure has been approved An Bord Pleanála and detailed designs are complete. Procurement for construction of enabling infrastructure will take place in the coming weeks. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and businesses and it is expected that enabling infrastructure will be complete by Q4 2024.

Disposal of Council owned land to support Economic Development

The team are dealing with several requests for disposal of lands for economic development in Ballyshannon, Letterkenny and Bunrana.

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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

New Tourism Brochure 2024

The new Donegal Tourism 2024 brochure has been distributed to accommodation providers, attractions and airports throughout Ireland. With the environment and sustainability in mind, a limited amount of printed promotional material with QR codes for the brochure will also be distributed to tourism businesses to make it easy for visitors to access information.

Meitheal 2024

The Tourism Unit attended Meitheal networking meeting in Killarney. This is a two-day face-to-face workshop that gives the Irish tourism industry and overseas tourism buyers from over 20 different countries the opportunity to meet and do business. Over 10,000 appointments are conducted over two days with many new and important contracts signed. This global Travel Trade Fair takes place annually in March. In total 10 Donegal businesses attended Meitheal.

Marketing initiative with Ireland West Airport Knock

A Trade mission/Industry Showcase is planned to meet 50 overseas travel agencies in Milan, Italy and Cologne and Germany on the 10th of June. Three trade members will be invited to attend this. This will be done in association with the other local authorities from Sligo, Leitrim, Mayo, Galway and Roscommon.

Balmoral Show

Donegal Tourism will once again exhibit at the Balmoral Show in Belfast, Northern Ireland's biggest trade show, from May 15th to May 18th. 22 members of the trade have expressed an interest in attending under the Go Visit Donegal umbrella for this 4-day event.

Meet the Team

On Tuesday 30th April a "Meet the Team" event will be held in the Inishowen MD area for members of the trade to find out more about Donegal Tourism and how they can support them. This event will be open to trade members from across the county.

Dungloe to Glenties Cycleway

Donegal Tourism continue to participate in the newly formed working group to organise and market an official opening and to promote the 25km cycleway going forward will take place on the 25th of April. A production company is currently doing the final work on videos to coincide with the launch. Donegal Tourism assisted in the production of a brochure for the launch as well.

TOURBO

A steering meeting for the TURBO project (which DCC is a partner) which aims to support the sustainable growth of digitalisation within the tourism MSME sector, took place in Lapland from the 8th to 12th April. Donegal County Council took two stakeholders to the event, Donegal Airport and Donegal Local

Enterprise Office, who presented a best practice example, Green for Business. Green for Business has now been published in the Interreg European Policy Platform good practice database.

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

Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project

Donegal County Council along with partners from the Faroe Islands continue to work on a methodology and a questionnaire for project partners to collect data for a Gap Analysis within the sector in their regions.

Golf Fam Trip

In partnership with Donegal Airport, Emerald Airlines and Failte Ireland Donegal Tourism will host a fam trip of four Irish golf journalists from the 23rd to the 25th of April. This trip offers these prestigious journalists the opportunity to experience playing on four of Donegal's great golf courses.

Supporting the Development of Golf Tourism

A networking event between clubs and hotels in Donegal has been arranged for 2nd May with the aim of building stronger connections between the two. The next quarterly meeting of Donegal Golf Providers is to be held on the 15th of May in Ballybofey and Stranorlar Golf Club with the intention of electing a Donegal Golf Cluster committee.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

Go Visit Donegal website

A tender was published on eTenders for the redesign of the Go Visit Donegal website. These tenders are now being assessed with a view to work commencing on this project in May.

2024 (Mar 20 – Apr 16) - Users 25K- Page Views 69K

Festival and Events is the most viewed page – views 5.5K

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal Mar 19 – April 16, 2024

Facebook: Facebook had a reach of 22.1K

Instagram: Instagram had a reach of 224K. 27.9K followers

LinkedIn: 1,581 followers. 58 new followers in the last 28 days.

X: 10.4K posts. 16.3K followers.

TikTok: TikTok has 306 followers.

Donegal Tourism CLG

Donegal Tourism CLG and the Associated Members Committee continue to enable meaningful engagement, co-ordination and collaboration of key stakeholders in the tourism sector in Donegal. The next Associates Committee meeting of Donegal Tourism is scheduled for May 9th. The date for the AGM of Donegal Tourism is June 11th.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme

The 2024 Minor Tourism Grant Scheme is now closed for applications and workshops for each MD are being scheduled with the members.

Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme

County Donegal has been allocated funding of €49,750 under the 2024 regional festivals and events grant scheme. 36 applications were submitted under the 2024 scheme. This scheme is now closed for applications.

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1.4: Strategic Funding Unit

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

New INTERREG Europe Projects – Green Hydra and EDIN

The Green Hydra project focusing on the barriers and opportunities around innovation in hydrogen as a renewable energy source kicked off in April 2024. The scope of this project is to improve national, regional or local policies for involving SME's across the whole hydrogen value chain. The EDIN project focusing on promoting Donegal to remote workers and digital nomads commenced on 9 and 10 April. Both projects are of 4 years duration and offer opportunities for collaboration, shared learning, knowledge exchange, study visits and influencing policy.

ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge

Donegal County Council is a partner along with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the EU funded Intelligent Cities Challenge project led by ERNACT. This project looks at working with experts from Europe and local SME's to develop LGD's (Local Green Deals), which are commitments to support the transition towards carbon neutrality.

AER (Assembly of European Regions) Summer Academy 2024

Donegal County Council 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. Donegal County Council will be hosting a workshop at this event focused on opportunities for young people in the Blue Economy.

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2. Local Enterprise Office

Summary of April 2024 Outputs/Events:

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Grant Aid (M1) –Two EVAC meetings have taken place for 2024 with the following approvals:

- 20 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid for Feasibility (5), Business Expansion (8), Priming (1) & TAME (Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters) (6).
- The total value of Grant Aid Approvals YTD (Year to Date) is €372,342.
- Next EVAC meeting will take place on 13th June 2024.

Trading Online Vouchers – YTD: 22 Businesses approved support to a value of €49,910.

Mentoring – YTD: 114 applicants approved for this support.

Training – YTD: 837 Attendees on 36 Courses held.

Digital Start – YTD: 1 application approved for this support to a value of €4,500.

Green for Business – YTD: 10 applicants approved for this support to a value of €22,140.

Energy Efficiency Grants - YTD: 4 applicants approved for this support to a value of €20,000.

Lean For Business – YTD: 11 applicants approved for this support to a value of €49,000.

Export Development Programme

6 LEO clients are currently undertaking an export readiness diagnostic exercise with Full Circle Consultancy to establish how ready they are to explore export markets. This exercise will give the individual businesses a report and a broader report for LEO Donegal on next steps recommended.

Food Coast Donegal

Restaurant/Chef and Producer Cluster meetings were held at the LEO offices on the 10th and 15th of April 2024. Food Coast Donegal hosted a stand at Failte Ireland's Network event at Harvey's Point on 25th April 2024, showcasing clients' products and services.

Donegal Engineering Network

Engineering ProfitNet meeting took place on the 10th April 2024 at the Radisson Hotel and followed by a workshop on Time Management and Prioritisation.

Upcoming Events/Programmes:

National Enterprise Awards 2024

Living Green from Quigley's Point will this year be representing Donegal at the LEO, National Enterprise Awards Competition 2024. The National Enterprise Awards Gala Dinner is taking place in the Mansion House, Dublin on 23rd May 2024.

Start Your Own Business Programme 2024

The fourth Start Your Own Business programme for 2024 will be commencing on 7th May and is fully booked with 24 participants registered to attend. The next programme is taking place in June and places are still available at [Online Bookings - Donegal \(localenterprise.ie\)](https://www.localenterprise.ie).

LEO Business Supports Clinic

The next in-person clinic will take place on Friday April 26th in Killybegs. As well as learning of LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice. Two further clinics are planned for May, virtually on Friday May 10th and in-person on May 24th.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)

LEO Donegal is a partner in the delivery of the Enterprise Europe Network programme, along with Enterprise Ireland, and the Chambers of Commerce in Dublin and Cork. LEO Donegal is supporting Irish SMEs by identifying relevant international business partners using EEN Partnership Opportunities Database. LEO Donegal engages EEN hubs around the world on behalf of Irish SMEs to avail of localised expertise, access to market research, and to facilitate networking opportunities.

LEO Donegal is facilitating an EEN Mission to the Smart Manufacturing and Engineering week in the NEC Birmingham, 5th - 6th June. Businesses from Donegal and all Ireland will be attending the event, where insights, solutions & connections for their manufacturing & engineering projects can be found. Shortly, we will be inviting clients from areas such as agriculture, food and beverage, marine, automotive, aerospace and more to join us on this valuable trade mission.

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

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)

National Broadband Plan Fibre Network

Both the Letterkenny, Creeslough and small Island deployment areas are complete and actively connecting customers. This deployment area covers 6,028 premises or 18% of the Intervention Area. Network build is in progress in the 3 deployment areas of Bunbeg, Tamney and St. Johnson totalling 16,965 premises or 51% of the IA. Surveying is complete in the Bundoran, Ballyshannon, Fintown, Moville, Carndonagh, Tory Island and Bunrana deployment areas covering 1,665 premises or 5% of the IA.

8,521 premises, or 26% of the IA, in the deployment areas of Donegal, Kilcar, Ardara, Pettigo, Arranmore and Ballybofey/Stranorlar are at survey pending stage.

NBI are currently planning Active Equipment Module builds on the islands to connect to the mainland. To keep informed of the rollout plan in Donegal we encourage people to register their interest with; <https://www.nbi.ie>. Up to date information for each Deployment Area in Donegal is available at <https://www.nbi.ie/reps>

Mobile Phone Network Infrastructure

3 Ireland

An online meeting with Three Ireland was held to discuss their Mobile infrastructure plans. Three confirmed that progress is being made on new sites which will bring coverage to up to 93% of the population. Improvements to the 5G network will bring coverage to around 84% of the population. We would advise people to use the ComReg coverage map to check different providers' mobile coverage. <https://coveragemap.comreg.ie>

Other Fibre Networks

OpenEir are actively deploying fibre in some towns and villages, but no deployment plan is available due to commercial sensitivities. Fibre is now available in Lifford.

Link to Map of Digital Hubs in the County

<https://donegal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=5d17160136374274b4791afccb84446f>

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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (May)

Activity	Number of: (March) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	53		181	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	66		212	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	9		28	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown February 2024</u>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	31	35	21	26
Northern Ireland Fire Service	3	6	1	5
Sub Total	34	41	22	31
Total	75		53	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	15		49	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	29		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:	8	35
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	1	6
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	1
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	5	8
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	3	26
Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	4
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	4
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	0

1. **Current data is only available up to the end of March 2024.**





ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – MAY 2024

CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Donegal County Council Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
Project Description/ Activity	 <p>The Climate Action Coordinator and Officer are setting up implementation processes for the actions contained in the Local Authority Climate Action Plan.</p> <p>The team attended a Climate Action Networking Event hosted by the Climate Action Regional Offices in Ennis, Co. Clare on 10th and 11th April. The purpose of the event was to formally launch the 31 Local Authority Climate Action Plans by Minister Eamon Ryan and to discuss next steps in terms of implementation with the support of the CAROs in each region. Further information is available here gov - Minister Ryan launches all 31 Local Authority Climate Action Plans in Ennis, County Clare (www.gov.ie)</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Community Climate Action Fund
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The application process for the Community Climate Action Fund closed on 22nd March 2024.</p> <p>The objective of the CCAP is to build low carbon, sustainable communities, which will, in turn contribute to the national climate and energy targets.</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>There was a very high level of interest from community groups in Donegal in relation to this fund.</p> <p>Donegal County Council are currently assessing the applications received and will submit a report of recommended projects to the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) in May 2024. An evaluation committee has been established to review and assess applications in accordance with criteria set out by DECC.</p> <p>Final decision on projects to be funded rests with DECC. It is anticipated that projects will begin Q4 2024 with an 18 month delivery period.</p>
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<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>Beaches & Dunes for Climate Adaptation – Donegal Training Dates</p>
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p>There was a great turnout recently from communities from Fanad and Rossnowlagh, who attended Day 1 of the Beaches & Dunes for Climate Adaptation Course which aims to develop skills and knowledge in relation dune systems, climate change and nature adaptation providing a means for communities to protect and preserve their coastal ecosystems.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>

This two-day course covers topics from assessing Dune Health through to Marram Grass Planting and Stewardship and is for anyone who wants to protect their local dune systems and who want to learn more about nature based solutions.




Next training dates are planned for the 8th June in Fanad and 9th June in Rossnowlagh. Registration is through www.leavenotraceireland.org/dunes-2024


ENVIRONMENT

Activity	Waste Enforcement Personnel present at National Conference
Project	<p>On the 6th March 2024 delegates from all over Ireland directly involved in environmental legislation and in particular waste enforcement came together at an event organized by the Network for Irelands Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (NIECE) in conjunction with the Waste Enforcement Regional Local Authorities (WERLA's).</p> <p>Donegal County Council presented at this event alongside speakers from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the WERLAs, the National Trans Frontier Shipment Office (NTFSO), the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) and local authorities throughout Ireland.</p>

	<p>This event was attended by more than 200 delegates from all corners of the Country and Donegal County Council Waste Enforcement personnel shared the top table with representatives from the EPA, DECC and the NWCPO.</p> <p>Excellent connections have been made and a number of multi agency work areas are now being developed.</p>
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Activity	Internal Environment Networking Event
Project	<p>For the first time since the enhancement of the section with waste enforcement and climate action personnel a team event was held that included presentations on a range of themes including smoky coal and air pollution, waste enforcement court cases, the exceptional work of the litter teams who support tidy towns groups throughout the county, litter and waste enforcement, national priority work areas, reporting systems and processes, beaches, recycling facilities and Climate action.</p> <p>There were external speakers at the event and it was a great opportunity to learn about the work being undertaken by other organisations operating in the County and to discuss opportunities for synergies.</p>
	
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Activity	National Food Waste Recycling Project
Project	<p>The EPA estimates that Ireland generated 753,000 tonnes (t) of food waste in 2021. Growing, processing and transporting food uses a huge amount of resources, such as land, water, energy and fertiliser. If food is wasted, these resources are wasted too. The EPA estimates that food waste costs the average Irish household about €60 per month or €700 per year. That's an annual national cost of €1.29 billion.</p> <p>In order to help households to separate their waste and to reduce contamination in the food waste stream Donegal household waste collectors will be taking part in the National Food Waste Recycling Project this year.</p>

	<p>This project is funded by the Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment (DCCA) and is being led by the Regional Waste Management Planning Authorities** under the guise of mywaste.ie.</p> <p>Through the project Donegal collectors will be provided with thousands of kitchen caddy packs to distribute to their customers.</p> <p>Each pack consists of a 7 litre kitchen caddy, a starter pack of compostable liners and an information leaflet. Household can use the caddy and liners to separate their food waste in the kitchen and when the liner is full, place it in their kerbside food waste bin.</p> <p>In addition to the caddy packs there are a range of toolkit supports available for the collectors to use at https://www.mywaste.ie/food-waste-campaign-toolkit/</p> <p>The toolkit includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posters • Stickers • Leaflets • Social media images • E-Newsletter header • Information Videos  <p>The number of households in Donegal reported as being provided with a three bin service at the end of March 2024 was 18,557..</p>
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<p>Activity</p>	<p>Video content</p>
<p>Project</p>	<p>The Irish Waste Management Conference was held on the 14th March in the Aviva Stadium Conference centre in Dublin. The main theme of the conference was The Circular Economy and there is no event in the ROI that compares to The Irish Waste Management Conference in the waste and resource management space.</p> <p>Pauline McDonagh, Senior Executive Scientist/ Southern Region Waste Management Office presented at this conference on the findings of the DECC funded Household Food Waste project. The environment team provided video content for the presentation.</p>



Statement from Pauline-

A huge thank you from the Regional Waste Planning Offices to Matthew and Donna in Donegal County Council for participating in the production of video testimonials to support the DECC funded National Food Waste Recycling Project and for their ongoing work to enforce food waste separation across Donegal County Council whilst also ensuring householders accept food waste recycling bins and participate fully in segregation.

This project has been the ongoing for two years and has seen 140,000 household caddy packs distributed nationwide. 5,000 of these since January 24 across Donegal.

The distribution of caddy packs is only successful where local authorities amplify the awareness raising and education that is needed to support this change and staff in the Environment Section at Donegal County Council have been equally progressive in this area.

It is vitally important that this works continues as other member states that didn't continue to educate and raise awareness have found that presentation rates slip quickly and in some instances contamination can increase from a low of 2% to an unsustainable 10%.

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Activity

Court

Project

In February a court case was heard involving an unauthorised end of life vehicle operation/ scrap yard. The operator was found guilty of a number of breaches of the Waste Management Act. Fines were imposed and costs awarded to the LA.

Figures collated for work in 2023 show that waste enforcement personnel attended court more than 70 times in 2023. In the majority of cases fines were imposed and costs awarded to the LA.



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Activity	Household Waste Presentation Bye Laws
Project	<p>Donegal County Council propose that for the purpose of the proper management of waste and for the prevention or control of environmental pollution to make Bye-laws under Section 35(1) of the Waste Management Act 1996. These Bye-laws, if made, will require the holder of household or commercial waste to present that waste for collection or bring it to a facility in accordance with the Bye-laws.</p> <p>The Bye-laws address segregation, storage, presentation and collection of the different types of waste. Any person who contravenes these Bye-laws shall be guilty of an offence and will be liable to penalties as set out in the draft Bye-laws.</p> <p>The Bye-laws are currently out for public consultation.</p> <p>A copy of the draft Bye-laws will be available for Public Inspection at https://consult.donegal.ie</p>
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Activity	Anti Dumping Initiative 2024
Project	The DECC announced the 2024 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) in April with a deadline of the 30 th April for project submissions to the CU WERLA. The Waste and litter team have a number of initiatives they are seeking funding for in all the MD's including reduced price bulky waste days, clean ups, a cinema advert campaign and resources for community and tidy towns groups throughout the County. More information will be made available when the environment team have been informed what projects are being funded.
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Activity / Project Title	Big Donegal Clean-Up in full swing!
Project Description/ Activity	A big thank you to all the groups and individuals taking part in local clean-ups throughout Donegal. The impact of these clean-ups is there for all to see. Each volunteer is having a positive impact on their local environment and influences those around them. Remember the Council will continue to support clean-ups all year around - just get in touch. To date there have been almost 80 clean-ups registered in Donegal with An Taisce's national spring clean campaign.







Recent clean-ups in Kilmacrennan, Trentagh, Murvagh & Narin.

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Activity / Project Title	<p style="text-align: center;">School Bikes Africa Another successful collection!</p>
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<p>In April, Letterkenny Rotary Club organised a collection of bikes as part of their annual School Bikes Africa appeal in conjunction with Donegal County Council and Bryson Recycling.</p> <p>A total of 95 bikes were collected from Milford recycling centre for transport to Loughan House, Co. Cavan by Hegarty Transport, where they will be refurbished before being shipped to The Gambia. Rotary Ireland has for over 6 years collected bikes and sent them to schools in Africa. In the intervening years over 5000 bikes have been collected by Rotary Clubs across Ireland with the Irish Prison Service at Loughan House involved from the start.</p> <div data-bbox="630 850 1276 1713" data-label="Image"> </div>

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Activity / Project Title	<p align="center">National Food Waste Recycling Week 2nd – 9th June 2024</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<p>National 'Food Waste Recycling Week' will take place from the 2nd - 9th June 2024.</p>  <p>The Council are running some local events to celebrate this week in conjunction with Bryson recycling and Envirogrind. The Council will be distributing starter packs for households on food waste reduction and recycling and compost made from food and garden waste supplied by Envirogrind. Details are listed below.</p> 

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Activity / Project Title	WEEE Ireland Survey on WEEE Recycling
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="675 390 1154 869" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="737 911 1092 940" style="text-align: center;">WEEE Ireland Press release</p> <p data-bbox="306 999 1490 1079">1.1.1.1.1 One in eight people in Ireland continues to dump small electrical items in household bins, new research shows today.</p> <p data-bbox="306 1125 1451 1213">And this figure almost doubles among younger age groups, which are perceived as more environmentally conscious.</p> <p data-bbox="306 1272 1479 1474">Oblivious to the serious environmental and public health risks posed by improper disposal, one in four 18-24-year-olds and one in five aged 35-44 get rid of common household electrical items such as smart watches, earbuds and blue tooth speakers in general waste bins.</p> <p data-bbox="306 1533 1495 1734">Laptops, mobile phones, gaming devices, power tools and e-cigarettes are also being tossed in alongside other waste, meaning they can never be re-used or recycled. The survey was conducted by Empathy Research on behalf of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Ireland.</p> <p data-bbox="306 1793 1398 1881">The proliferation of products powered by lithium batteries heightens these dangers, increasing fire safety risks for household waste collection companies.</p>

In the past five years, WEEE Ireland reports a 100% increase in lithium battery powered small electricals coming back for recycling.

“For those that recycle their e-waste, our survey shows 75% do so due to its positive impact on the environment, with over 50% citing concerns over the hazardous components present in some of these devices,” **said Leo Donovan, CEO of WEEE Ireland.**

“Despite this awareness, a significant number still opt to dispose of their waste electricals improperly, particularly when it involves smaller devices.

“Ireland’s impressive record for recycling larger household electrics needs to be matched when it comes to small electricals to ensure the safe and efficient recovery and reuse of materials they contain.

“Recycling these items is both free and straightforward, as they can be dropped off at numerous, authorised recycling centres and public collection days across Ireland.”

The low recycling rates for small electrics are echoed in global statistics, with the recent Global E-Waste Monitor revealing that less than one quarter (22.3%) of e-waste was properly recycled in 2022, falling sharply to just 12% for small devices.

In addition, a recent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study in Ireland revealed that over two-thirds of recyclable waste, including valuable electronic components, are wrongly discarded in general household and commercial bins.

“The demand for critical raw materials contained in electrical devices is expected to skyrocket,” said Mr Donovan, as he emphasised the urgent need to meet forthcoming EU targets and secure sustainable sources of critical raw materials.

“The EU’s aim to ensure that by 2030, at least 30% of critical raw materials consumed annually originate from European recycled sources underscores the imperative for swift and decisive action.

“Failure to address these pressing challenges not only risks our environmental and public health but also undermines our collective aspirations for a greener, more sustainable future.”



The Irish Waste Management Association (IWMA), whose members collect 95% of household waste in Ireland, echoed these concerns, highlighting the increased fire safety risks posed by lithium batteries in e-waste.

“If electronic waste containing batteries is placed in any of the household bins, it can become an ignition source for fires. That poses a risk to life as well as a threat of environmental pollution, so we ask people to always keep electronic waste out of their household bins.” **said**
Conor Walsh, Secretary of the Irish Waste Management Association (IWMA)

Please see our [Health & Safety Web Section](#) for more information on recycling waste electricals, batteries and lighting safely.

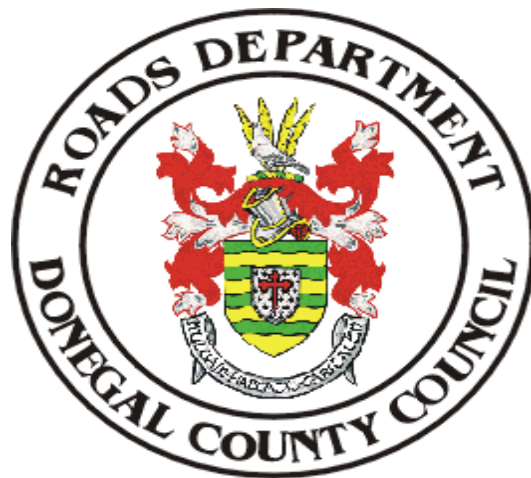
Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled for free at hundreds of local authority recycling centres, public WEEE Ireland recycling collection day events and participating retailers. [Find your nearest recycling point on our interactive map](#)



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ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

14th May 2024

Draft Restoration Improvement Programme 2024

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LS	Carrowmenagh Middle Rd	SR	2,100	2024	2024	Direct labour
Moville	Inish North	R	Noones Br to Mt Scurge	RR	1,100	2024	2024	Contract WM
Moville	Inish North	L	Ballymacarthur	SR	1,000	2024	2024	Contract WM
Moville	Inish North	L	Logues Br to R240	SR	750	2024	2024	Subject to tender
Moville	Inish North	R	Muff St (Ph2)	RR	600	2024	2024	Contract CH SMA
Moville	Inish North	LP	Culineen/Crucknanonia	SR	2000	2024	2024	Contract NS
Moville	Inish North	LP	Illies (Ph2)	SR	1500	2024	2024	Direct labour
Moville Total 2024					10,350			
Carn	Inish North	R	Carn Mountain	RR	800	2024	2024	Subject to tender
Carn	Inish North	LP	Pound St/Old Co-oP	RR	600	2024	2024	Subject to tender
Carn	Inish North	R	R238 Collin	RR	1,000	2024	2024	Contract WM
Carn	Inish North	LS	Cashel Carn	SR	2,280	2024	2024	Contract WM
Carn	Inish North	LS	Norrira (Flanagans)	SR	600	2024	2024	Contract WM
Carn	Inish North	LP	R244 to McDevitts	SR	650	Complete	Complete	Done Recycling
Carn	Inish North	R	R244 Carrowmore	RR	1,000	2024	2024	Contract WM
Carn	Inish North	LP	R238 Jn to Redford	SR	1,700	2024	2024	Contract CH (CH65)
Carn	Inish North	LS	Drenagh Road	SR	2,000	2024	2024	Direct labour
Carn	Inish North	R	Lagg at Quigleys	RR	600	2024	2024	Subject to tender
Carn	Inish North	LS	Drimsdale to R244	SR	800	Complete	Complete	Done Recycled
Carn Total 2024					12,530			
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Annaslee to Crislakeel Rd	RR	2,100	2024	2024	Awaiting Surface dressing train
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Straid Rd - Corner Cash to Waterfall	RR	1,000	2024	2024	Contract CH
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Cloontagh School Rd from R238 Bridge	RR	1,000	2024	2024	Awaiting Surface dressing train
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Tullydish to bottom of Scalp (ph 1)	SR	1,600	2024	2024	Awaiting Surface dressing train
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Gaddyduff Brae Clonmany	SR	800	2024	2024	Contract SMA
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Cockhill Road	SR	651	2024	2024	Contract N/stone
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Tonduff (above sand Rd) Dunree	SR	1,100	2024	2024	Awaiting Surface dressing train
Buncrana	Inish South	L	St. Patricks Road	SR	180	2024	2024	Contract WM
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Hill Head Road	SR	470	2024	2024	Jul-24
Buncrana Total 2024					10,801			
Newtown	Inish South	L	Newtown Main Streets	RR	1,700	Complete	Complete	Contract WM 95% Substantially Complete
Newtown	Inish South	L	McCombs Roads	RR	1,000	2024	2024	Direct labour
Newtown	Inish South	L	Kesh Ends (Logan Recycling) to Newtown Village	SR	900	Complete	Complete	Contract WM done
Newtown	Inish South	L	Kildrum Lower Ph 1	SR	1,100	2024	2024	Direct labour
Newtown	Inish South	L	Garshooey to Kildrum Lower Final Ph	SR	300	2024	2024	Direct labour
Newtown Total 2024					5,800			
IMD TOTAL								

Draft Restoration Maintenance Programme 2024

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LT	L72811	Spinks Glackmore	SD	1,600	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7721-1	Lisnagra	SD	1,500	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LT	L18913	Kilderry Lane	SD	600	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1341-3	Tiryrona Ph1	SD	1,000	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1361-1	Glenagivney	SD	2,000	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L13916	Mc Coles Drung	SD	400	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	R	R238-38	Noones Br/Mt Scurge	SD	1,000	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7731-1	Mullanaghy	SD	800	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1371-3	Drumaweer	SD	1,300	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1411-1/2	Crucknanonia	SD	1,500	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	L	No Number	Grove Cottages	SD	390	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LT	L13211	Drumley Lough Rd	SD	850	2024	2024	
Moville Total						12,940			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R242-2	Lagg Rd Malin	SD	2,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1011-1	X Rds MH/Port Ronan X Rds	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1211-1/2	Tirernaleague/Corvish	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1081-2	Urbelreagh	SD	2,200	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L51611	Killen Mast Rd done	SD	690	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5051-1	Culort/Ballygorman	SD	1,700	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L10311-0	Cahirs Hill Rd	SD	600	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5811-1	Gort yarn/Hill Hd	SD	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1391-4	Lough Inn	SD	1,900	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1081-3	Urbelreagh 2	SD	1,000	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L57811 and 12	Foxhole/Buildings Rd	SD	1,900	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1301-2	Drumagessan	SD	2,000	2024	2024	
Carndonagh Total						17,590			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 17214	Big Hill	SD	1,475	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 7061	Upper Kinngoe	SD	1,700	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 6981	Upper Liafin	SD	1300	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 6921	Upper Sharagore	SD	760	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 6941	Blackland	SD	780	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 1831	Church Brae	SD	1,200	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L1831	Boosom	SD	1,200	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L7321 /L7331	Rooskey	SD	3,500	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 5441	Culcross coal yard to Annagh	SD	1,150	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L1161	Upper Annagh to Culcross road	SD	2,200	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L16112	Adderville	SD	2,400	2024	2024	
Buncrana Rural Total						17,665			
Newtown	Inish South	L	L 7491-2	Brigg to Strachack	SD	1750	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L2041-2	Moyle Road	SD	1720	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L8271-2	Creve road Upper	SD	1000	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L8261-2	Jack Porters road	SD	1450	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L 8111-1	Hardys to Millbay Inch Island	SD	1300	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L1881-1	Bray Roads Phase 2	SD	1650	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L7961-1	Glebe Road Burt	SD	850	2024	2024	
Newtown Total						9,720			
IMD TOTAL						57,915			

Drainage Provision Programme 2024

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	R238 at Nooness Bridge	200m of road edge protection & signage	2024	2024	Road edge collapsing into sheuch
Moville	Inish North	R238 at Bayview	100m of 300 dia pipes & road crossings	Complete	Complete	Ongoing water on road and flooding
Moville	Inish North	Illies Road LP1731	2no 600m diam crossings & head walls	Complete	Complete	600 dia crossings required at 2 locations
Moville	Inish North	Whitehill Rd LS7721	50m of 375 dia pipe & replace road crossings	Complete	Complete	Ongoing flooding problems
Moville	Inish North	Clanilly School Rd LP1821	180m of 450 dia pipes & road crossing	2024	2024	Ongoing flooding problems
Moville	Inish North	New Road Shroove LS6541	70mm of 375 dia pipes & road crossing	Complete	Complete	Flooding problem
Moville	Inish North	LP1451 Post Denis Barrs	Rockbreaking & 80 m of 300 dia pipes	Complete	Complete	Flooding problem
Moville	Inish North	Upper Rd Shrooveat James O'Donnells/Roads side collapse	50m of deep gabions, fencing & relocate Eir pole	2024	2024	IW to contribute also
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Drumcarbit Road LS5261	150m of 300 dia pipes and road crossing, gullies & manholes	Complete	Complete	Ongoing drainage problem
Carndonagh	Inish North	R238 Drumville (at Henry John Henry's)	70m of 300 dia pipes, manhole & gabions	2024	2024	road collapsing into sheuch
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP1071 at Ballynahona, Glengad	20m of deep gabions & 300 dia pipes	Complete	Complete	road side collapse
Carndonagh	Inish North	R240 at The Mullins (at Charlie Devlins)	80m of 600 dia pipes, manholes & Headwalls	Complete	Complete	ongoing flooding problem
Carndonagh	Inish North	Carrowreagh Rd LP 1391 to River (at Bussies)	250m of 600 dia pipe, road crossing & manholes	2024	2024	ongoing flooding problem
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP1071 Culkeeney (at Anthony McColgan)	20m of deep gabions & 300 dia pipe	Complete	Complete	roadside collapse
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Sharagore Praish	122 metre of 450mm pipe@ €112.00 per metre No2 gullies	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	Tullydish	120 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per m	Complete	Complete	complete drainage works from 2023
Buncrana	Inish South	Annaslee	144 metre of 300mm pipe No 4 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €110 per metre	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	Crislamore	120metre of 450mm pipe @ € 115.23per metre and Manhole	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Monreagh Burnfoot	72 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per metre	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	Coolcross	60 metre of 300mm pipe and No1 Manhole @ €102.35 per metre	Complete	Complete	blocked drains
Buncrana	Inish South	Green road	120metre of 300mm pipe @ € 86.75 per metre	Complete	Complete	protect side of narrow road road
Buncrana	Inish South	Umrycam	12m road crossing 600mm pipe	2024	2024	water running down road
Buncrana	Inish South	Hill Head Road Buncrana	50m of 450mm pipe, filled and surface dressed	2024	2024	Prevent water running across path
Buncrana Total						
Newtown	Inish South	Bellstown L-20201	Extend Bridge at junction to Grainan of Aileach	2024	2024	to improve access for larger vehicles and prevent flooding
Newtown	Inish South	Bray Road L- 881-1	120m of 300mm pipe 3 gullies and 1 Manhloe	2024	2024	to protect side of public road
Newtown	Inish South	Birdstown to Muff Reg	4 no. gullies required with associated works	2024	2024	surface water on carriage way
Newtown	Inish South	Inch island L-7531-4	110m of 300mm pipe to preserve side of public road	2024	2024	to protect side of public road
Newtown	Inish South	Watery Road L-1841-4	180m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes	2024	2024	to protect side of public road
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

Low Cost Safety Programme 2024

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	VRS installation contract	1400	2024	2024	It is proposed to procure a VRS contractor for installation of VRS along the R238 along waters edge. Extend of works subject to tender.
Moville Total						1,400			
James Gill	Kevin Lake	R	R238	Lisfannon	Junction realignment	150	2024	2024	Junction realignment, Signs and lining,
Buncrana Total						150			
Paddy Mc Laughlin	Jim McLaughlin	R/L	LP1411/R224/R238/	Geneely	Junction realignment	30	2024	2024	Junction realignment signs and lining.
Candonagh Total						0			

Bridge Strengthening Programme 2024

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)

Newtown	Road Design	LS-8261-2	2570	Corncamble	Strengthening	6	2024	2024	contract
Buncrana	Road Design	LP1641/2	175	Old Mountain	Strengthening	6	2024	2024	contract

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Buncrana	Road Design	R-244-5	2069	Magheraboy	Strengthening	2	2024	2024	
	Road Design	LP1111/1	117	Portaleen	Strengthening	2	2024	2024	

2023 Specific Improvement Grants

Moville	Area Roads	R240	DLR240-011	Coyles/Beggars Bridge	Widening/realignment	20	2024	2024	Contract ongoing
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HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

14th May 2024

Housing Service

- Progress Reports

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 14 th May 2024	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	2
Properties being refurbished	10
Properties to be refurbished	12

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
15	5	10

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Carndonagh	SVP	4	1	1
Buncrana	SVP	1	1	0
Moville	Apex	9	3	2

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List January 2024	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	648
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	416
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	45
Net Social Housing Waiting List	187

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	5	4	2	0	0	11
	Bridgend	0	16	4	1	0	0	21
	Buncrana	16	160	77	15	1	1	270
	Burnfoot	0	10	3	1	0	0	14
	Burt	0	3	4	0	0	0	7
	Carndonagh	13	72	40	5	0	0	130
	Carrigans	2	6	6	1	0	0	15
	Clonmany	1	6	11	1	0	0	19
	Culdaff	0	6	2	0	0	0	8
	Fahan	1	3	1	0	0	0	5
	Gleneely	0	3	4	0	0	0	7
	Glengad	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
	Greencastle	0	10	3	0	0	0	13
	Inch	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Killea	0	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Malin	0	2	8	0	0	0	10
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Moville	8	15	10	1	0	0	34
	Muff	0	18	8	1	0	0	27
	Newtowncunningham	6	30	5	0	1	0	42
Redcastle	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	
Total		47	373	196	29	2	1	648

Housing Grants Report at 3rd May 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	0	1
2023	79	52	3	10	12	2
2024	19	7	0	4	2	6

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	42	28	1	12	1	0
2023	41	31	0	9	1	0
2024	12	4	0	3	2	3

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	126	114	6	5	1	0
2023	175	157	7	10	0	1
2024	74	20	0	11	6	37

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

14th May 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		
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 complete.</p> <p>Superstructure and roofing completed to 8 no units, with M&E first fix and window installation commenced.</p> <p>Superstructure blockwork continuing final 8 units.</p> <p>Utility services across site substantially advanced with main site connections to storm, water and sewer all completed.</p> <p>Works to existing Cara Crescent Green Area and internal roads ongoing – sewing out of green and DBM macadam to new parking areas scheduled to be commence.</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>Engagement is ongoing with Uisce Eireann to ensure that their requirements are met to facilitate connections for the proposed development.</p> <p>A submission was made to the Department in March 2024 seeking approval to proceed to tender. Approval has since been received and the project will issue for tender in the coming weeks.</p>	54
Barrack Hill, Carndonagh	<p>Project progressing as Design & Build. The following tasks have been completed or are underway:</p> <p>Designs have been adjusted to facilitate the construction of 21 units while also facilitating a local community group. Project progressing under Section 179A of the Planning & Development Act 2000.</p> <p>Stage 2 approval received from the Department April 15th, 2024.</p> <p>Pre-Qualification of Contractors commenced 28th March 2024. Restricted tender process for the Design & Build pre-qualified Contractors to commence in June 2024. Expected commencement on site Oct/Nov 2024.</p>	21

Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Carn Road, Gleneely	<p>Project progressing as Design & Build.</p> <p>Part 8 public consultation process completed 22nd March 2024. Part 8 to be presented to the members in May 2024.</p> <p>Approval in principle (Stage 1) received from the Department on 10th April 2024.</p> <p>Pre-Qualification of Contractors commenced 28th March 2024. Restricted tender process for the Design & Build pre-qualified Contractors to commence in June 2024. Expected commencement on site Oct/Nov 2024</p>	10
Malin	<p>Project progressing as Design & Build. The following tasks have also been completed/underway:</p> <p>Part 8 process completed. Approval in principle (Stage 1 approval) received from the Department in December 2023.</p> <p>Stage 2 approval received from the Department April 15th, 2024.</p> <p>Pre-Qualification of Contractors commenced 28th March 2024. Restricted tender process for the Design & Build pre-qualified Contractors to commence in June 2024. Expected commencement on site Oct/Nov 2024.</p>	9
Total		110



Image 1: Crana Crescent, Buncrana

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

The Council has a current county-wide turnkey acquisition process open, which will remain open until the 30th of September 2026. ETenders (reference RFT 2461070) refers, where all documentation and information can be obtained. Submissions are being accepted and must be made in strict accordance with the requirements of the procurement documentation.

The process has been opened to help address social housing needs across the county. Proposals are being accepted for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units in towns or villages throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

Further to public information events held in February 2024, Council staff continue to engage with Developers in Inishowen MD in relation to the 2023 turnkey process. There has been positive engagement with Developers since these events. As this is a competitive tender process, specific details can only be shared upon receipt of a final tender.

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 Moville. Members will be fully informed of this proposal upon receipt of Irish Water requirements and final departmental approval.

3. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

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

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

Acquisition of a site at Newtowncunningham has been completed with potential for 20+ housing units. The Council has currently an offer accepted (subject to contract) for lands in Moville (potential for 30 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.

Response and Update re Carndonagh Courthouse from the Courts Service

The survey of Carndonagh courthouse has been completed and a report received on same. The Courts Service commissioned Aecom to carry out condition surveys of 65 court buildings throughout the country.

The courthouse is in poor condition overall and significant expenditure is required in both the short term to remedy immediate defects and in the longer term to provide for the ongoing maintenance of the building. The Courts Service is currently examining this report in light of budgetary constraints with a view to determining how best to proceed. In the meantime, sittings of Carndonagh District Court which sits once per month are taking place in Buncrana courthouse which is just under 20km distance.

It is intended that a decision on the future of Carndonagh as a venue will be considered as part of a long-term accommodation strategy.