

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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7 Nollaig 2017

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Máirt 12ú Nollaig 2017, **ag 1.00r.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

p.p. **Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
7th December 2017

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 12th December 2017 **at 1.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely

**for Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 19th October 2017
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Budget 2018 Meeting held on 24th October 2017
3. Community & Enterprise
4. Planning (Green)
5. Environment (Blue)
6. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services (Yellow)
7. Roads & Transportation
8. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, CARNDONAGH ON TUESDAY 19th OCTOBER 2017 AT 12.00PM

Councillors Present:

Cllrs Rena Donaghey, Paul Canning, Albert Doherty, Nicholas Crossan, Martin McDermott, Martin Farren, Bernard McGuinness, Jack Murray and Cllr John Ryan

Officials Present:

Aideen Doherty, Area Manager Housing & Corporate Services, Una Cresswell, A/Senior Staff Officer, Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager Roads & Transportation, Ruth Diver Executive Planner, Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community and Enterprise, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community & Enterprise, Mathew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, Colin McNulty, Administrative Officer, Community and Enterprise and Paul McGill, Area Manager, Corporate Services.

Apologies

John G McLaughlin, Director of Roads and Transportation

Reports Presented:

1. Roads & Transportation
2. Community & Enterprise
3. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Service
4. Planning Services
5. Environment Services

17.60 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on Thursday 19th October 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning and seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the October meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 19th October 2017 were agreed.

DEPUTATION BY MOVILLE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE – YOUTH GROUP DELEGATION

An Cathaoirleach Jack Murray welcomed Mary McKinney, Coordinator Moville Resource Centre, and Michael McDermott, Development Outreach Worker to the meeting and also the four youth members, Bronagh Moore, Grace Diver, Ryan Coyle and Alan McLaughlin.

The youth members of the delegation began by outlining their own particular circumstances and how the Resource Centre in Moville had been of immense assistance to them in enabling their voice to be heard. Matters of concern to them included the lack of facilities and services for young people in deprived areas. They added that they were operating out of one room in Moville Hall which was totally inadequate. It was noted that Tulsa provided some funding but this was very limited and did not cover programme costs and wages. Other sources of funding had been cut by 5% year on year. Michael McDermott, Development Outreach Worker advised that there was a three year plan and it was hoped that by engaging and interlinking with other agencies that more funding would become available to facilitate a more appropriate drop in service for young people. Erasmus EU funding had been the main source of funding and it was noted that there was a two year pilot plan for Moville which would incur costs of €40,000

It was noted that issues of concern for young people included:

- Mental Health Issues
- Drug and Alcohol Addiction

- Unemployment
- Lack of Supports for Single Parents particularly in East Inishowen

The members collectively congratulated the delegation on their impressive deputation and acknowledged their concerns for the future. It was agreed that funding resources was an issue for groups like the Resource Centre. It was suggested that they liaise with the Community and Enterprise Section to explore options for additional funding.

DEPUTATION – SCALP MOUNTAIN PROJECT

An Cathaoirleach Jack Murray welcomed the Scalp Mountain Project team to the meeting. The delegation was led by Nodlaig Brolly, the coordinator and manager of the project. She was accompanied by Neil Gormley, Maurice Harron, Joe McGonagle, Andrew Ward, Paeadar McGowan and Dolores O'Reilly all members of the steering committee for the proposed project.

Nodlaig outlined the idea behind the Scalp Mountain Project which was conceived by Maurice Harron, world renown Inishowen based sculpture.. She presented a short promotional video on the proposed project which is envisaged could potentially make a major contribution to the economic and tourist infrastructure of the whole North West area. Thirty one sculptor pieces would be erected on Scalp Mountain and serve as a signpost for the area which would be a significant contribution to cultural heritage for generations. The members were advised that they were being asked to support the project in conjunction with Derry and Strabane District Council as a cross border strategic project. It also hoped that there would be supports from The Leader Programme and Interreg in terms of funding.

The members commended and congratulated the steering group on the proposed project. It was noted that there were many items to consider such as planning, funding, linking the project with other tourism areas and products etc. Nodlaig pointed out that Donegal County Council would be asked to manage the project once it is completed as the members of the steering committee were only voluntary participants working to realise the project.

17.61 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Seamus Hopkins, Senior Executive Engineer presented a current Roads and Transportation update report to the members.

17.61.02 Flooding Response

Seamus Hopkins advised that all regional roads were now open. Works at Riverside, Glentogher would be complete by 4th November and Craiganahorna by 24th November. Seamus added that all works on three bridges on regional roads had been completed in three months which was good progress. The members expressed their gratitude to the staff who had worked extremely hard in response to the flooding damage.

Cllr Albert Doherty expressed his frustration at motorists ignoring lights when road works are being carried out.

17.61.03 Traffic Issues in Buncrana

Cllr Nicholas Crossan expressed his concerns over the increased traffic flow in Buncrana and the difficulty for articulated vehicles in particular at the West End and Main St area. He suggested that the Inner Relief Road /bypass would have to be considered for the future development of Buncrana. Seamus Hopkins advised that he would continue to monitor the situation. Cllr Rena Donaghey stated that she supports an Inner Relief Road but would not be in favour of a bypass as it was important to have traffic coming through the town.

17.61.04 Lights at Aghilly

The work at Aghilly Road was commended by Cllr Rena Donaghey.

17.61.05 Cat's Eyes

Cllr Martin Farren welcomed the installation of cat's eyes on the Derry to Moville Road. He also welcomed works completed on the footpaths

17.61.06 Clar, Redcastle

Cllr Martin Farren expressed his concern at the number of accidents that had happened at Clar, Redcastle recently. The accidents appear to be happening as vehicles are going down the hill in the area, he added. Seamus Hopkins advised that Road Design would consider measures to address the problem but they would require funding to carry it out. Cllr Farren suggested signs reminding motorists to go slow in the area may be useful.

17.61.07 Battery Brae

Seamus Hopkins advised that National Monuments would have to approve works at Battery Brae as it is in close proximity to the castle.

17.61.08 Lands at Planting, Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty proposed and Cllr Jack Murray seconded that the lands at the Planting, Glentogher, Carndonagh should be given special consideration and be submitted as an application under the National Investment Plan ten year project.

17.61.09 New Park Rd, Junction with Supa Valu

It was suggested that the junction at New Park Road/ Mart Road and Supa Valu should be reviewed.

17.61.10 Local Improvement Schemes

Seamus Hopkins advised that progress was being made on the Local Improvement Scheme applications and they should be completed by the end of November.

17.61.11 Ballygorman to Malin Head

In response to a query by Cllr Martin McDermott, Seamus Hopkins advised that the funds not spent in an area in 2017 will remain in the Municipal District. Seamus Hopkins added that issues with Irish Water had delayed the progress in this area.

17.61.12 Swan Park

Seamus Hopkins advised that a Quantity Surveyor had been procured to consider works required at Swan Park and provide an estimate of the costs.

17.61.13 Ferris Lane Car Park

Problems at Ferris Lane Car Park in Buncrana were discussed. It was noted that vandalism and general anti-social behaviour was continuing on a regular basis and that residents were very frustrated and anxious about the situation. Seamus Hopkins advised that efforts were continuously being made to address the situation.

17.62 COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE

Fiona Doherty, Development Officer circulated the Community and Enterprise report to the members.

17.62.01 Presentation on the Lough Swilly and Lough Foyle Ferry Service

Colin McNulty, Administrative Officer, Community and Enterprise circulated and presented reports regarding the Lough Swilly and Lough Foyle Ferry Services for 2017 to the members. The members collectively welcomed the detailed reports. Colin McNulty referred to the increase in the numbers using both ferries and the contracts secured. He advised the members that the Foyle Ferry operator would be making a presentation at the next Municipal District meeting. Cllr Martin Farren welcomed the increase in the statistics for 2017 and acknowledged the valuable service both ferries provides in terms of tourism and economic benefit to the peninsula.

A detailed discussion took place regarding the ferry services and in particular the subvention funding. It was highlighted that there was an obvious requirement to have additional operating capacity during the Dubai Duty Free Open Golf competition been held in Ballyliffen on Wednesday 5th July 2018 to Saturday 8th July 2018. Councillor Albert Doherty stated that he hoped that the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council would make a financial contribution to the 2018 service. Cllr Bernard McGuinness indicated that the service should start operating in May or June of each year. In response to a question regarding a breakdown of operating costs, Colin McNulty confirmed that a record of accounts is submitted by both companies each year. Cllr Jack Murray indicated that the Council should assess the need for subvention. Colin McNulty indicated that the contracts can be reviewed and renegotiated.

17.62.02 Consideration of the Community Facilities Scheme.

Fiona Doherty, referred to the report regarding the Community Facilities Scheme circulated with the agenda and informed the members that a resolution was required to effect the successful groups. In response to a question from Cllr Albert Doherty, Mr. Paddy Doherty confirmed that the applications were assessed and the selection criteria applied by the Sub Committee of the Donegal LCDC was in line with the strategy, priority goals and objectives of The Donegal Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2022.

It was proposed by Cllr Albert Doherty and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott to adopt the Community Facilities Scheme report as presented.

17.62.03 Malin Head - Access and Amenity Improvement Project

Fiona Doherty advised the members that the toilet facility works were ongoing in relation to Phase II and it was envisaged that the public convenience building would be completed by the end of November 2017.

17.62.04 Malin Head -Visitor Management plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project

Fiona Doherty advised the members that following consultation with Failte Ireland, the Council would be initiating a tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point. In response to a question from Cllr Martin McDermott, Fiona Doherty indicated that it was anticipated that the tender documents would be uploaded on e-tenders website by the end of November and the members would be notified of this in advance.

17.62.05 Buncrana School Campus

The Members were informed that negotiations were ongoing with landowners of the identified site in relation to the Buncrana School Campus.

17.62.06 Carndonagh Town and Village Renewal Scheme

The members were provided with an update in relation to the status of the Carndonagh Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Mr. Paddy Doherty responded to a question from Cllr Martin McDermott in relation to the spending of the funding allocation relating to the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017.

17.62.07 Fort Dunree Military Museum

Fiona Doherty advised the members that phase 1 of the project relating to the Coffee shop was completed, consisting of the refit of the interior of the café, extension to the kitchen area and extended seating capacity to the exterior of the current café site. The members were further advised that the management of the procurement and appointment of contractors for phase II of the works relating to Dunree Pier Improvement works, consisting of fencing at the pier path, and the construction of a new path from the pier, were being finalized

17.63 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

17.63.01- Review of Poling Scheme

Paul McGill, Area Manager, Corporate Services circulated a report on the review of the poling scheme. He explained how there are currently thirty four polling districts (DEDs) and sixty polling stations in Inishowen. There was a requirement to regularise Bunrana and the surrounding area, he added. This was a move back to townland boundaries as currently some townlands are split. The proposal to make these changes affects Inishowen less than it does in other Municipal Districts in Donegal, he added. There are 30,500 of an electorate in Inishowen and 500 is recommend per polling booth but in this regard no changes are necessary,

Paul advised that there will be a statutory five week period when the changes will be advertised and the plenary council will consider and make a decision on the proposed changes in January. The members were advised to contact Paul McGill with any concerns, comments of submissions over the five week period.

17.63.02 Greenways Workshop

It was agreed that a workshop on the Greenways Project would take place on 24th October at 3.00pm.

17.63.03 Flooding – Housing Issues

The members expressed their gratitude to the staff on the response to the flooding crisis.

17.63.04 SI Houses

Cllr Martin McDermott expressed his frustration on the lack of progress and continuing delays in delivering SI houses in rural areas.

17.63.05 Mica

A lengthy discussion took place on Mica and scenarios where individuals are left in a situation where their homes become unsafe and whether they are eligible for social housing. Aideen Doherty, Area Manager, Housing and Corporate Services stated that she was unable to discuss any individual cases as applications for social housing must always be dealt with privately and remain confidential at all times.

17.64 Environment

Mathew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, presented his comprehensive report to the members.

17.64.01 Tidy Towns Competition

Mathew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer stated that on behalf of the litter wardens he wished to congratulate the Tidy Town Committees, community groups and members on the excellent results in the Tidy Towns Completion. Cllr Martin McDermott expressed his congratulation to Malin Town who were only one point behind Letterkenny in the completion.

17.64.02 Replacement Tyre Charge

Mathew Byrne advised that a new charge of €2.80 plus vat, per tyre would be charged when new tyres are fitted.

17.64.03 Re Use Month

Mathew Byrne referred to Re Use Initiative as outlined in his report and referred particularly to the Bikes for Africa Appeal

17.64.04 Hazardous Waste Collection

It was notes that there had been an excellent response to the Hazardous Waste Collection Scheme.

17.64.05 Five Fingers Strand

As discussed at the last meeting, Five Fingers beach was currently temporarily closed and there was considerable damage to the road. Mathew Byrne advised that there was ongoing discussions and options being considered for the future

17.64.06 Rivers

Cllr Martin McDermott expressed his disappointment that problems with rivers had not been significantly addressed. He referred to Boxer Moran's comments that Local Authorities must take responsibility for rivers. Cllr McDermott requested an update. He proposed that a delegation from Donegal County Council meet with Boxer Moran. This was seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey. Cllr Jack Murray said the delegation should also discuss Swan Park with him.

Further discussion took place. The consensus was that the Office of Public Works has a critical role in relation to rivers but also that there were many stakeholders involved in rivers. The consensus was that it was going to take a considerable amount of time to address the problems; Mathew Byrne advised that rivers were not a function of Environment Service but Environment were there to assist the Roads Service.

17.64.07 Binbane - Lagg Study

It was proposed by Cllr Albert Doherty and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott that an update be provided at the December meeting on the Binbane Lagg Study.

17.64.08 LAMA Awards

It was proposed by Cllr Albert Doherty and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott that Inishowen Municipal District nominates people from Inishowen who are doing excellent works such as the members of Tidy Towns Committees. LAMA **awards** recognise and celebrate community and councils working together.

17.65 PLANNING

Ruth Diver, Executive Planner presented the Planning Report to the members

17.65.01 Flooding Issues

Cllr Albert Doherty queried whether the planning department could advise what is deemed as a flood plain as homeowners were being advised in some cases, by insurance companies that they are living on or adjacent to a flood plain?

17.65.02 Clerical Support in Municipal Districts

In response to a query by Cllr Albert Doherty, Ruth Diver, Executive Planner advised that there is not any clerical support in Municipal District Offices

17.65.04 Development Plan CEO Report

Cllr Paul Canning stated that he was disappointed with the Chief Executive's report on the submissions received regarding her Development Plan. Ruth Diver stated that the report was a summary type report.

The date of the next meeting was agreed. 12th December 2017 at 1.00pm

Certified: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BUDGET 2018 MEETING HELD IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, CARNDONAGH ON TUESDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 2.00PM

Councillors Present:

Cllrs Rena Donaghey, Paul Canning, Albert Doherty, Nicholas Crossan, Martin McDermott, Martin Farren, Bernard McGuinness, Jack Murray and Cllr John Ryan

Officials Present:

Aideen Doherty, Area Manager Housing & Corporate Services, Garry Martin, Director of Finance and Seamus Hopkins, Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation

Apologies

John G McLaughlin, Director of Roads and Transportation

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jack Murray opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. The Director of Finance, Garry Martin advised that this is a statutory budget meeting to discuss the draft budgetary plan for 2018 and provided the following information.

Background

The Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations require the allocation of a general municipal allocation to each Municipal District as part of the annual revenue budget process.

In respect of 2016 and 2017, a preliminary allocation of €100,000 per Municipal District was made with this subsequently being increased, proportionate to the number of members in each Municipal District, at the plenary budget meeting held respectively in November of 2015 and 2016.

The rationale behind this approach was that it was not practical to allocate a global and final figure as part of the General Municipal Allocation, prior to the final and full plenary budget being adopted, at which point in time it could only be known with certainty as to what capacity existed within the Council resources to allocate such funding.

2018 General Municipal Allocation

Discussions with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government have outlined the challenges associated with the timing required under the current regulations with regard to the allocation of the GMA. The Department have acknowledged the challenges associated with this and are continuing to review the current approach.

However, this approach will not be amended in time for the 2018 revenue budget considerations and as such it is envisaged that it may only come into effect for future years.

Given the specific budgetary challenges currently presenting for 2018, it is not possible to adopt a similar approach to previous years when the full development fund initiative was allocated to each Municipal District as it will only become apparent later in the budgetary planning process as to the Council's discretionary expenditure capacity for 2018.

On that basis it is now proposed to allocate an amount equivalent to €2,000 per member, at this juncture, to the general municipal allocation and that any final and conclusive decision be made as part of the plenary budget meeting in November 2017, at which point in time the members can conclude and determine the final amount to be made available to the general municipal allocations.

This could, if the members wished, affirm the allocation proportionate to the number of members in respect of each of the individual Municipal Districts or suggest an alternative allocation methodology.

Following on from the recent Budget 2018 Workshop, further discussion took place in relation to the budget 2018. Points listed below were noted and discussed.

- Plenary Budget Meeting to be held on Friday 3rd November which is to be preceded by Plenary Budget Workshop
- In previous years the Development Fund Initiative was allocated to the Municipal Districts
- Statutory and Legal Obligations have to be met.
- Challenges faced in preparing Budget for 2018
- Options to be explored
- Expenditure adjustments being considered by Departments and Sections of DCC
- Options of adopt, adopt with amendments, or fail to adopt
- Increase in staff costs
- Travel and subsistence costs
- Issue of Inishowen MD funding ferries – so local community groups lost out
- Ferries are line item in Budget
- Previous suggestion of LPT being raised
- Options for savings limited
- Reserves
- Increased costs for DCC such as insurance
- Consultancy Fees
- Wind farms - high source of commercial rates income
- Commercial Rates increase and implications for businesses
- Local Property Tax

Garry Martin acknowledged the issues raised by the members and stated that he would engage positively with the members to find a resolution.

Recommendation

On the proposal of Cllr Jack Murray and seconded by Cllr Nicholas Crossan it was agreed that the Inishowen Municipal District reject the Budget in its present format. All members were in agreement.

Community, Enterprise & Planning Directorate
Community & Development Division



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

Municipal District of Inishowen
Thursday 12th December 2017

REPORT

1. Rapid Capital Grant Scheme 2017
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6. Buncrana School Campus
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9. Carndonagh Town & Village Renewal Scheme
10. Fort Dunree Military Museum
11. Donegal Gathering website and Facebook
12. Tourism Sectoral Forum
13. Public Participation Network (PPN)
14. Donegal Tourism

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	RAPID Capital Grant Scheme								
Project Description/Activity	Donegal LCDC received a fund of €64,500 for the RAPID Capital Grant Scheme. This Scheme was for disadvantaged Urban Centres (towns with a population in excess of 1000 as per 2016 Census).								
Budget (if applicable)	€12,900.00								
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 - inclusive of current status	<p>Five towns in the Inishowen MD met the population requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buncrana • Carndonagh • Moville • Newtowncunningham • Muff <p>The LCDC agreed at their meeting on 3rd November that these monies should be divided equally between each Municipal District. They further agreed that there should be a maximum of two grants awarded per MD with a minimum Grant Allocation of €5,000. Nine eligible Applications were received from Community Groups in Inishowen Municipal District by the closing date of 24th November.</p> <p>At their meeting on the 3rd November, the LCDC appointed a Sub Committee to assess the applications received. The Sub Committee met on 27th November to consider all applications. A scoring scheme for applications was agreed as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need 20 • Community Impact 20 • Additionality 20 • Sustainability 20 • Alignment to LECP 20 <p>The Sub Committee assessed all applications based on the agreed scoring scheme and decided to award grant funding as follows:-</p> <p>Inishowen MD</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="576 1373 1385 1559"> <thead> <tr> <th>Applicant</th> <th>Funding Allocated</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Spraio agus Sport Family Centre Ltd</td> <td>€6,450.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cockhill Community Pre-School & Childcare</td> <td>€6,450.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>€12,900.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>At their meeting on 3rd November, Members of the LCDC pre-approved the decision of the Sub Committee to award of grants under the RAPID Capital Grant Scheme to these groups. All monies awarded must be paid to the successful groups by 31st December 2017. Successful Groups must submit proof of expenditure by year end 2018.</p> <p>Members of Inishowen Municipal District are requested to approve the award of grants as set out above.</p>	Applicant	Funding Allocated	Spraio agus Sport Family Centre Ltd	€6,450.00	Cockhill Community Pre-School & Childcare	€6,450.00		€12,900.00
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Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period									
Contact Person Kathleen Browne kmcgowan@Inishowencoco.ie / 074 9172231									

Activity / Project Update: December 2017

Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Title	Malin Head
Activity / Project Description	Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project. Provision of new toilet block, road widening to accommodate passing bays and provision of services and utilities to address visitor management at Malin Head.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>Access & Amenity Improvement Project</u> Works are ongoing in relation to phase II and it is envisaged that the public convenience building will be completed by the end of November 2017. <u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u> 1. Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte Ireland will be initiating a tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point. 2. It is expected that the tender will be uploaded on e-tenders website by the end of December 2017.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. The Access and Amenity Improvement project will be completed at the end of the year. 2. Progress the Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Paddy Doherty/James Kelly 074 9153900

Activity / Project Update: December 2017

Activity / Project Title	Lough Swilly and Lough Foyle Ferries
Activity / Project Description	Swilly and Foyle Ferries for 2017.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Swilly Ferry</u> Cara na nOilean Teo delivered the Swilly ferry service for a 13 week period between June and September 2016. The contract term for the Swilly service is 4 years (see below) 2016: (June-September: 13 weeks). 2017: (June-September: 13 weeks). 2018: (June-September: 13 weeks). 2019: (June-September: 13 weeks).</p> <p><u>Foyle Ferry.</u> Following a procurement the Council have secured an operator for the Foyle Ferry service for 3 year period as follows 2017: Service to operate from 1st July – 17th September (inclusive). 2018: Service to operate as follows: (i) Easter 2018 from Holy Thursday to the Sunday after Easter (11 days). (ii) May Bank Holiday weekend from the Friday to the Tuesday inclusive (5 days). (iii) June Bank Holiday weekend from the Friday through to the 16th September. 2019: Service to operate as follows: (i) Easter 2019 from Holy Thursday to the Sunday after Easter (11 days). (ii) May Bank Holiday weekend from the Friday to the Tuesday inclusive (5 days). (iii) June Bank Holiday weekend from the Friday through to the 15th September.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Swilly Ferry</u> The Ferry Company are making a presentation at the December Municipal District Meeting.</p> <p><u>Greencastle-Magilligan (Foyle) Ferry service</u> The Ferry Company are making a presentation at the December Municipal District Meeting.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Colin McNulty 074 9153900

Municipal District: County wide

Activity / Project Update- December 2017

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
Budget	€12,857,056
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). There has been significant progress on the programme within the last few months following some changes to the operating rules of the programme. 51 no. projects are now approved by An Pobal and letters of Offer have issued granting LEADER funding to a value of €1.2million.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on the 19 th December,2017 with further projects coming forward for approval. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings are also being held in order to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Eimear Mc Dermott, 074 9153900 emcdermott@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Update December 2017

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 4	<p>We have applied for three further projects under the 2017 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for:</p> <p>Urris Loops, Inch Car Par Extension and Ballyliffin Mass Rock Path. An announcement in August approved €7,400 for Urris Loops under Measure 1 of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2017. We are awaiting an announcement on Measure 2 applications for the other two above-mentioned projects.</p> <p>Projects funded under the 2016 Rural Recreation project are nearing completion including the Carndonagh Heritage Walk.</p> <p>We are also scoping out a new proposed walk from Drumfries to Clonmany.</p> <p>Funding available in town & village renewal for St. Johnston to prepare a report on the Carrigans to St. Johnston link.</p> <p>Installing Pedestrian Counter on Buncrana shore path.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 4 reporting period	<p>Completion of the works at the funded sites mentioned earlier in the report.</p> <p>Further investigation of proposed walk at Carrigans Village.</p> <p>Collection of data from Inch, Malin Head and Buncrana Shore Path</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Francis Conaghan (Paths & trails Development Officer) 087 2371219 fconaghan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Update: December 2017

Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
Budget (if applicable)	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six sites have been identified for assessment and site visits have taken place with Personnel from the Department of Education & Skills on the 12th May, 2015. • Further information request received from Department of Education & Skills in relation to sites. • Donegal County Council has completed site assessments on identified sites and information has been furnished to the Department. • Donegal County Council has compiled additional information and sent it to Department of Education & Skills on 9/11/2015. • Further information request received from Department of Education & Skills on 17th February, 2016 – information requested assessed and forwarded to the Department. • Liaisons have taken place with a number of landowners seeking approval prior to seeking current market valuations on sites identified by Department of Education & Skills. • Valuer appointed to provide current market value. • Valuation Certificate received and sent to Department of Education & Skills. • Negotiations are ongoing with landowners of identified site with a view to securing same as soon as possible.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete landowner discussions and finalise details/agreed price of preferred site.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie</p>



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: December 2017

Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
Project Description/ Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
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 on Tuesday 7th February with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Failte 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, Failite Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Tender document for the Conservation and Management Plan will be completed within the next few weeks by the OPW.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Paddy Doherty/Fiona Doherty 074 9153900

Activity / Project Update: December 2017

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUNDS
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds 1. Ballyliffin 2. Carndonagh 3. Carndonagh Fitness Trail 4. Carndonagh Muga 5. Chlos Phadraig 6. Chlos Phadraig Muga 7. Culdaff Beach 8. Festival Park, Bunrana 9. Manorcunningham SHS
Budget (if applicable)	€8,500.80 incl. VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of broken equipment • Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards • Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings , shackles, etc. • Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces/wet pour • Replace missing clamps <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Rospa Inspection reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified. • Tender requests issued on 28th November, 2016 with a closing date of midday on 8th December, 2016. • Tenders assessed in December 2016. • Annual Maintenance Tender awarded to Murphy Playground Services Ltd.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Maintenance works completed. • Annual Rospa inspections have recently been completed with which will be utilised for the 2017/2018 programme of maintenance works.
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Activity / Project Update: December 2017

Activity / Project Title	Carndonagh Town & Village Renewal Scheme
Project Description/Activity	Carndonagh Bridge Street Refurbishment The project involves the refurbishment of the old historical steps on Bridge Street in conjunction with the local Tidy Town Committee.
Budget (if applicable)	€76,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs €13,410 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. Carndonagh works consists of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removal of concrete footpath 2. Repairs to stone wall and stone steps 3. Refurbishment / Replacement of Railing 4. Paving – Cut Stone 5. Ducting/ Drainage 6. Surfacing 7. Undergrounding for Services <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval/funding obtained from Department • Meetings / discussions taking place with local Tidy Towns Committee • Bridge Street due to be surveyed with a view to compiling tender documents by the second quarter in 2017. • Status update "Rural Schemes Expenditure" returned to Department on 8th March, 2017.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tender documents are currently updated on e-tenders. The Closing date is the 22nd December '17 • It is intended that a contractor will be appointed and works will commenced in January 2018 • All works to be completed in April 2018
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Update: December 2017

Activity / Project Title	FORT DUNREE MILITARY MUSEUM
Project Description/Activity	<p><u>(REDZ (RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE) 2016 INITIATIVE</u></p> <p><u>FORT DUNREE</u> The proposed project will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve facilities for visitors to Fort Dunree • Increase capacity for catering for visitors at the site • Ensure ongoing safety of visitors to the site <p><u>The project will consist of:</u></p> <p>1. <u>Coffee Shop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refit of interior of Café • Extension to kitchen area • Extended seating capacity to exterior of current Café site <p>2. <u>Dunree Pier Improvement Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pier path fencing • New Path from Pier
Budget (if applicable)	<p>€50,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs €12,500 – Own Resources</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval obtained from Department on 29/11/2016 • Details of work been formalised at present. • Letter of offer has issued to the Chairman, Fort Dunree Military Museum on 15/02/2017. • Signed letter of offer returned and signed and sealed by Donegal County Council • Contractors have been appointed for Phase 1 and are currently on site. • Works on phase 1 have been completed • Phase II works are to be tendered.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All works are completed for 2016 funding.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	<p>Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623</p>

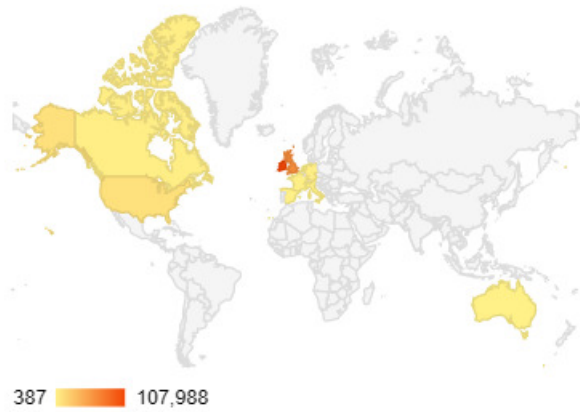
Activity / Project Update – November 2017

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Gathering website and Facebook www.donegalgathering.com												
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Gathering is a key initiative of the Donegal Diaspora project bringing together young and old, from near and far, for a truly unique experience. The Donegal Gathering calendar is packed with amazing exhibitions, fun festivals, cracking concerts and sporting events taking place in Donegal.												
Budget (if applicable)	€506.76 – Facebook summer advertising campaign running from 19 th June until 30 th September. The aim of this campaign is to increase the numbers of 'Likes' on the Facebook page and promote Festivals & Events in the summer time.												
Progress to date within the last two months - inclusive of current status	<p>All Time Stats (since 2012):</p> <p>Website Views: 678,968 Users: 300,714</p> <p>Website Views – Q3 2017 – up 62% on 2016:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 943 1051 1048"> <tr> <td>July</td> <td>31,722 (up 12%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August</td> <td>33,130 (up 90%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September</td> <td>22,548 (up 180%)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Users – Q3 2017 – (up 43% on 2016):</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="512 1111 1051 1216"> <tr> <td>July</td> <td>12,925 (up 12%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August</td> <td>14,041 (up 57%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>September</td> <td>7,360 (up 87%)</td> </tr> </table> <p>Facebook Campaign Results</p> <p>Page Likes: 1,198 Reach: 59,751 Advert impressions: 107,1547</p>  <p>Figure 1: Page Likes during the campas</p> <p>Current Status</p> <p>LAMA Awards</p> <p>Donegal Gathering project has been nominated for the All Ireland Community & Council Awards in the "Best Connected Council (Communication & Digital Marketing)" category. The application form has been submitted earlier this month. The award ceremony will take place in Croke Park, Dublin on the 3rd February 2018.</p> 	July	31,722 (up 12%)	August	33,130 (up 90%)	September	22,548 (up 180%)	July	12,925 (up 12%)	August	14,041 (up 57%)	September	7,360 (up 87%)
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Website Stats

Website Views – Year to Date	190,585
Users – Year to Date	83,855

**Top Views by Country in 2017
(Website visited from 122 countries)**



Country	Views
 Ireland	107,988
 United Kingdom	62,623
 United States	9,883
 Canada	1,813
 Germany	1,553
 France	898
 Australia	696
 Netherlands	593
 Spain	554
 Italy	387

Social Media Follow – Year to Date:

4,984 Facebook Likes
2,576 Twitter Followers

Project Targets for the next bi-monthly

Website performance Q4 2017
End of year report

reporting period	
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Iga Lawne, Community Tourism Officer Tourism Unit, Donegal County Council E: igalawne@donegalcoco.ie / T: 074-9724475

Municipal District: Countywide


Activity / Project Update – November 2017

Activity / Project Title	Tourism Sectoral Forum
Project Description/Activity	Donegal County Council's Tourism Sectoral Forum comprises of representatives from Donegal County Council, Donegal Tourism Ltd, Fáilte Ireland, LYIT, NPWS, Údaras na Gaeltachta, tourism trade representatives and various tourism sectoral interest groups.
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last two months -inclusive of current status	The last meeting took place on Thursday, 21st September 2017 hosted at Amharclann, Ghaath Dobhair; attended by 15 Members. Apologies received from further 13 Members. <u>Topics discussed/activities included:</u> - Holiday World Show 2018 – confirmation - National Signage Regulations - Sectoral Updates - Tour of Amharclann
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Update from the meeting scheduled for 30 th November 2017
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Iga Lawne, Community Tourism Officer Tourism Unit, Donegal County Council E: igalawne@donegalcoco.ie / T: 074-9724475

Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Public Participation Network (PPN)
Project Description/Activity	Link through which organisations from the community & voluntary sector have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures
Budget (if applicable)	€80,000.00 per annum
Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status	<p>PPN membership now stands at 487 registered organisations with 52 representatives on 15 different committees and structures The PPN secretariat continues to meet on a monthly basis to coordinate the functioning of the PPN in conjunction with the resource worker</p> <p>The ninth edition of the Newsletter was circulated to the groups in November and will continue on a monthly basis. An Event template has been forwarded to the groups to complete and return if they want their events to be included in the Newsletter.</p> <p>All of the Municipal District meetings have taken place. The Plenary is scheduled for 23rd November. The Environment, Social Inclusion, Community & Voluntary, Fishing & Aquaculture have had their Linkage group meetings and the Older Person Linkage Groups is on the 28th November. PPN representatives report back to their nominating body and they are occasions to share information relevant to the group.</p> <p>Three of the PPN Linkage groups had excellent events during Social Inclusion Week: 11th October –Community Alert/JPC/RSA 12th October –Community & Voluntary 14th October –Environment</p> <p>The PPN Website has been updated and can be viewed at www.donegalppn.com</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p>Plenary Meeting: 23rd November, 2017 Social Inclusion Workshop – 27th November, 2017 Older Persons Linkage Group – 28th November, 2017 Regional PPN Set Up Meeting-6th December, 2017 Intercultural Training -12th December, 2017 Next PPN Secretariat Meeting – 14 December, 2017 Environment Linkage Group Meeting- 17th January, 2018 Social Inclusion Linkage Group Meeting- 23rd January, 2018 11am Fishing & Aquaculture Linkage Group Meeting-23rd January, 7pm</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Mary Clyde 074 9153939 mary.clyde@donegalcoco.ie</p>

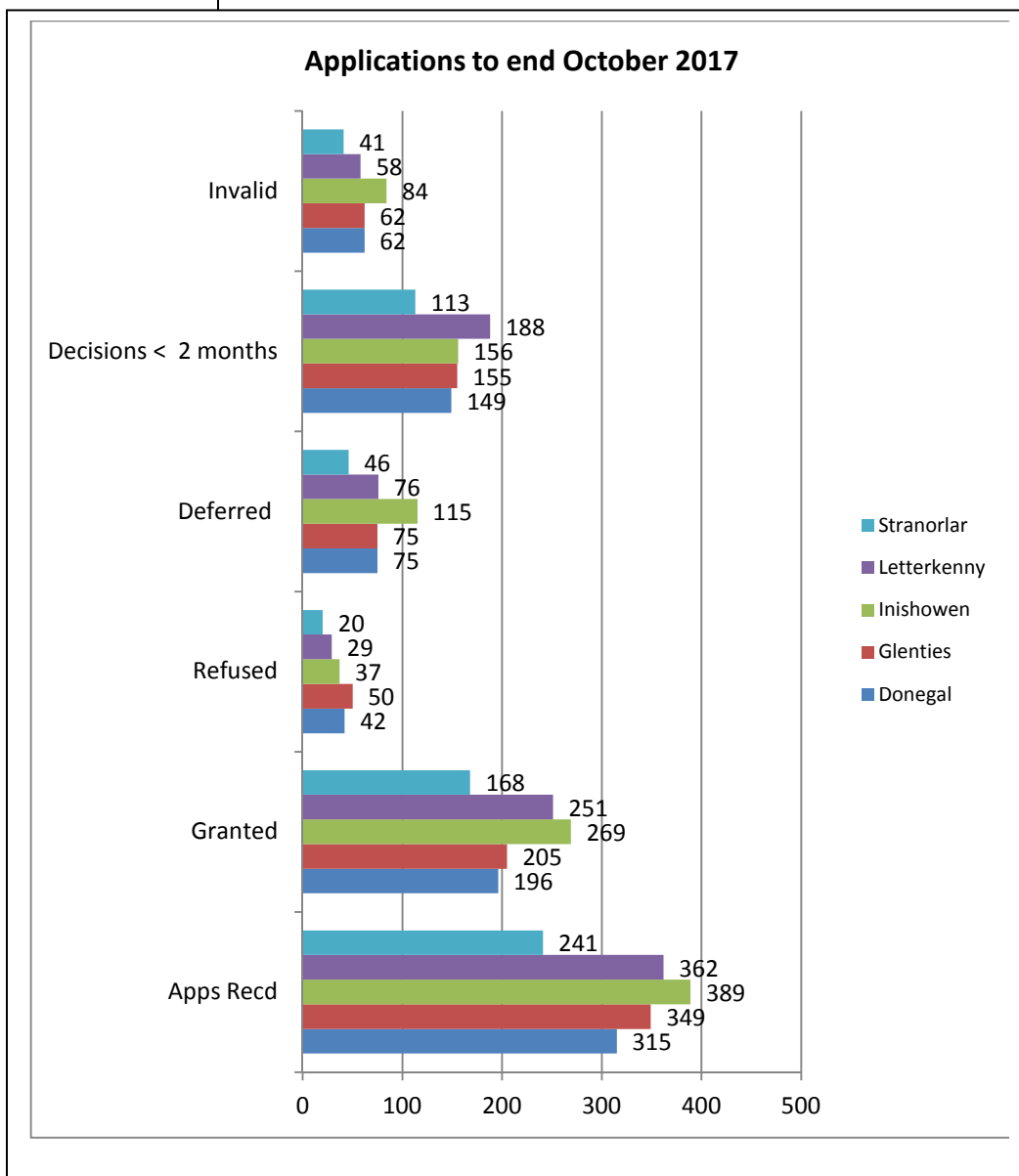
Activity / Project Update – December 2017

Activity / Project Title	Sarah Meehan Marketing Officer  Tel: + 353 (74) 9724431 Mobile: +353 (87) 2691977 E-mail: sarahmeehan@outlook.ie Facebook: www.facebook.com/govisitdonegal Twitter: www.twitter.com/govisitdonegal
Project Description/Activity	The Marketing aspects of Donegal Tourism / Go Visit Donegal
Budget (if applicable)	N/A
Progress to date within the last 2 months-inclusive of current status	<p>The 5th Donegal Tourism Seminar took place on Thursday 26th October 2017 in Harvey's Point. 210 people registered for the event which was a significant increase from the Spring Seminar where 130 registered.</p> <p>Guest speakers on the day included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Collins, owner of Travel Media • Greg Fry, Social/Digital Expert • Joan Crawford, Fáilte Ireland • Matthew Jackson, National Geographic Traveller UK • The General Manager from the Shandon Hotel, Carolyne Harrison was a guest speaker at the event and enlightened the crowd of the success of opening in the shoulder season and provided tips to other tourism providers on how to do this. This seminar proved to be an excellent platform of learning for a wide and varied combination of experience providers. <p>Workshop</p> <p>Based on feedback from previous years, the tourism unit recognized the excellent opportunity of having such large numbers of the tourism sector in Donegal present and a facilitated networking workshop was hosted in the afternoon where providers got the opportunity to network with other like-minded local businesses interested in tourism.</p> <p>This platform of constructive networking and engagement was a huge success and the tourism unit is using the feedback from this workshop to shape marketing activities into 2018.</p> <p>All present agreed that tourism in Donegal is preparing to move to another level in 2018, following on from a positive year in 2017.</p> <p>Translation and Print of Tourism Strategy</p> <p>The Donegal Tourism Strategy 2017 – 2020 that was developed by the tourism unit has been translated into Irish and 500 copies of this strategy has been printed. These are available in the PSC around the county and provide a</p>

	<p>vision for tourism development in the county in line with the strategic development.</p> <p>2018 Marketing Plan</p> <p>The 2018 marketing plan has been developed by the tourism unit. This plan will build on the work that has been done in 2017 and will focus on promoting Donegal, locally, Nationally and indeed Internationally with the intention of making Donegal the number 1 place to visit when visiting Ireland.</p> <p>Donegal Tourism has taken out substantial advertising with the Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide 2018</p> <p>The 2018 Fáilte Ireland Official Golf Guide is for the international promotion of Irish golf tourism and associated companies.</p> <p>30,000 Fáilte Ireland Golf Guides are distributed to all Tourism Ireland Offices around the world and at key national and international trade and travel shows, national and international golf events including The 2017 PGA Merchandise Show, IGTOA, IGTM, WTM, The Irish Open, BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth, as well as all the large golf events and travel shows in England, Wales, Scotland, Scandinavia, Germany, France, Italy, China, USA and Canada.</p> <p>A digital version of the Fáilte Ireland Golf Guide is also produced and hosted on the Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland website throughout the entire year. In addition to this, the digital version is also sent out to the entire Golf Digest Global Network for digital hosting with a global audience of 96 million unique users! This is a wonderful opportunity for Donegal Tourism with the Irish Open coming to Donegal this year.</p> <p><u>Dundrum Shopping Centre Promotion</u></p> <p>Donegal Tourism is hosting a two day promotional stand in Dundrum Shopping Centre, Dublin on the Friday 15th and Saturday 16th December. We feel that this endeavour will provide us with an excellent opportunity to reach a very large and diverse domestic audience in the lead up to Christmas. Dundrum Town Centre is Ireland's premier retail destination boasting the highest footfall in the country.</p> <p>Exposure to such an audience guarantees very obvious promotional value to any business. While the stand will operate under the umbrella of Donegal Tourism, promoting the county in its entirety, The tourism unit will be taking four businesses as part of this promotion.</p> <p>Go Visit Donegal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing management of www.govisitdonegal.com and social media channels. • Ongoing updating of website with news blogs
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</p>	<p>Donegal Tourism will be promoting Donegal in Glasgow at Celtic Connections in January. County Donegal will be extensively promoted over the last two weekends in January at the Holiday World Shows in Belfast and Dublin reaching an audience of 60,000.</p>

Inishowen MD Meeting
12th December 2017

	Item	Update												
1	Development Applications													
	(1) Statistics	County Totals Year to end October 2017: <table border="1" data-bbox="474 459 1302 680"> <tr> <td>Applications received</td> <td>1656</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Granted</td> <td>1089</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Refused</td> <td>178</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deferred</td> <td>387</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Decided in under 2 months</td> <td>761</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Invalid</td> <td>207</td> </tr> </table>	Applications received	1656	Granted	1089	Refused	178	Deferred	387	Decided in under 2 months	761	Invalid	207
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2	Enforcement		
		MD	
		New Cases	1
		Closed Cases	21
		Total no of cases since 2012	216
3	Central Planning Unit		
	(1) County Development Plan review	<p>Following the consultation period on the Draft Plan, Members' were furnished with the Chief Executive's report on the public consultation process on 20th October, 2017. A Plenary Workshop has been arranged for 6th November, 2017, and a further workshop has been provisionally arranged for 21st November, 2017. The matter will be considered formally by the Council at the scheduled Plenary Council meeting of 27th November, 2017 at which Members will be required to decide on the next steps in the process. The options are either (Scenario 1) to decide to make or amend the Plan; or (Scenario 2), where any agreed amendments are considered to be material alterations, proceed to issue those amendments for a further period of public consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Planning & Development Acts, and to determine if Strategic Environmental Assessment and Appropriate Assessment are required to be carried out as respects one or more than one proposed material alteration in accordance with statutory requirements also. Should the latter scenario transpire, as seems likely, the projected remaining timeframe would be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. publish statutory notices in mid-December, 2017; 2. undertake SEA and AA as required; 3. publish material alterations for public consultation at end of January/start of February, 2018 for a minimum period of not less than 4 weeks. 4. submission of Chief executive's report on Material Alterations public consultation before end of March, 2018; 5. Adoption target of mid-May, 2018. 	
	(2) Local Area Plans	<p>Seven Strategic Towns Local Area Plan [for An Clochán Liath (Dungloe); Ballybofey-Stranorlar; Ballyshannon; Bridgend; Carndonagh; Donegal Town; and Killybegs</p> <p>At the September Plenary Council meeting (adjourned to Monday 2nd October, 2017), Members agreed to proceed to publish a Draft Plan in mid-November, 2017. The likely timetable is now as follows, subject to confirmation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Publish Draft Plan on 24th November, 2017; 2. Consultation period to run to 17th January, 2018. 	

		<p>3. Submission of Chief Executive's Report by mid-February, 2018;</p> <p>4. Council consideration of report at scheduled Plenary Council meeting at end of March, 2018.</p>
	(3) Proposed Additions to Record of Protected Structures	No further update.
	(4) Conservation Grant Schemes	<p><u>Built Heritage at Risk Scheme</u> 9 no. applications were approved with a total funding of €72,320. All 9 projects have been completed with 7 applicants paid and the remaining 2 applicants are in the process of completing the necessary paperwork in order to allow payments to be released.</p> <p><u>Structures at Risk Fund</u> 2 no. applications were approved with a total funding of €59,000. On project has been completed and the applicant paid. The grant-aided works at the remaining project have been completed and the paperwork is being prepared to pay the applicant.</p> <p>In summary, all funding awarded by the Department for both these grants schemes in Donegal has been utilised to a sum of €131,320.</p>
	(5) Hericoast Project	A meeting was held with key stakeholders on 14 th July with positive feedback from all involved. A round of MD meetings was undertaken in September and October with Members welcoming the creation of a short film on Donegal for the project and the “Coastal Experience in Donegal” crowd sourcing WebApp. A workshop in Molise, Italy was attended by the Hericoast team in October, 2017. Work is continuing towards an action plan and the workshop to be held in Donegal 24 th – 27 th April 2018 (venue to be decided pending the outcome of a tender process).
5	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th December 2017
6	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference

		<p>number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf
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ENVIRONMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2017

Municipal District: All


Coastal Management

Activity / Project Title	Green Coast Workshops
Project Description/Activity	Workshops were held with Green Coast groups, and Taisce and DCCs Coastal Officer in October. These workshops were held in Dooley, Port Arthur and Falcarragh and addressed many issues affecting the groups local beaches and areas of concern. The workshops allowed development plans be drafted and works planned for the 2018 season including; improved services, waste management, access, signage, etc. It was agreed that this was a valuable method of having the local coastal community and stakeholders concerns and needs addressed.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Lettermacaward Traffic Signage
Project Description/Activity	To improve the traffic management plan in Lettermacaward, following recent representations, road signage has been improved, particularly to the Dooley Green Coast Beach.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596


Activity / Project Title	Funding awarded for OPW erosion studies funding
Project Description/Activity	<p><u>Carrickfinn</u> DCC has been awarded €76,500 funding for a Coastal Erosion Risk Management Study of the Carrickfinn Peninsula. DCC shall now proceed with the study and accept the Minor Flood Mitigation Works & Coastal Protection Scheme fund.</p> <p><u>Portnoo</u> DCC has been awarded €76,500 funding for a Gweebarra Bay Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Study. We are very grateful for this funding and propose to tender this work in a package with that study funded for the Carrickfinn Peninsula.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Beach Access Repairs
Project Description/Activity	Beach Infrastructure Repairs
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Access work repairs to Magherawarden Beach, Portsalon, via the golf course are underway. This work follows the collapse of the access infrastructure which had left the access unsafe. The €48,000 Clar funded works - with €12,000 DCC match funding - began on October 20th and are scheduled to be completed by November 20th.</p> <p>Repairs to the boardwalk steps and ramps are also underway at Rossnowlagh Beach. This work was necessary after recent vandalism left the access unsafe at great inconvenience to visitors.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Rathmullan Public Convenience and Changing Rooms
Project Description/Activity	<p>Work is progressing steadily at Rathmullan of the development of the Public Convenience and Changing Rooms. There had been an initial delay due to the discovery and subsequent assessment of original stone construction works which were of archaeological interest.</p> 
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Dead Whales, dolphins, seals, etc
Project Description/Activity	<p>Following recent storms, there has been an increase in the number of dead sea mammals being washed up around the Donegal coast. DCC would advise the public not to approach or touch these animals as, in a state of decay, they may be a health hazard or disease risk. Anyone aware of any such strandings should be reported on 074 9153900 for DCC to investigate and respond.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity / Project Title	Ocean Hero Awards
Project Description/Activity	<p>The An Taisce Ocean Hero Awards were held in Dublin on Tuesday November 21st. The presence of marine litter in our oceans is a global concern that requires action. Adequate measures are needed to address the impacts of litter in the marine environment both at sea and on land whereby public awareness and community action plays a vital role.</p> <p>Donegal was very well represented this year with Northwest Mountaineering Club (Dunfanaghy area) and Keep Cruit Clean's attending and deservedly shortlisted for awards. Huge congratulations go to Creevy Co-op who took home Beach Clean of the Year award.</p> <p>Creevy Co-op carried out a clean-up of the 10 mile coastal walk from Ballyshannon to Creevy in Donegal for World Oceans Day during Clean Coasts Week in 2017. There was a fantastic turn out of diverse volunteers who worked in small groups to tackle marine litter. A huge volume of litter was lifted from the scrub, beach and rocky shore of the walk. Not only was this a great clean up but also a huge amount of effort and co-operation was needed to make it such a success. Castle Adventure Farm provided the group with access across their farmland as well as refreshments afterwards. Several volunteers picked up litter from many collection points with a lot of organizing to get the maximum spread of volunteers and follow-ups to make sure everyone's litter was collected.</p> <p>Again, Donegal County Council wishes to congratulate the groups which were acknowledged and awarded in Dublin. We wish to again acknowledge the efforts of all the volunteers helping us maintain our coastline and beaches.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	David Friel 087 7801596

Activity/Project Title	Magherawarden Car Park
Project Description/Activity	<p>Improvement works at the Magherawarden Beach car park have now been completed. The existing damaged fence was removed along with litter and materials dumped along its length. New fencing was installed. This new chestnut paling fencing will reduce pressure on the surrounding dunes and allow them an opportunity to recover. The drainage of the car park was also improved.</p> <p>This work was necessary to;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decrease damage to dune system by having one dedicated access path to the beach. 2. Maintain Blue Flag status of beach. 3. Steer beach users away from alternative beach access paths through dunes.  <p>Picture 1. Old damaged fence at the carpark.</p>



Picture 2. Newly installed fencing at the beach access.



Picture 3. New fence at car park/dunes border and restricting beach access to main path via notice boards.

Litter and Waste Enforcement

Activity / Project Title	Litter Statistics – November 2017
Project Description/Activity	<p>Litter Fines: 55 issued (9 of these were issued to Northern Ireland) 23 have been paid. (41% collection rate)</p> <p>Environmental Complaints: 1057 – 913 (87%) for waste/litter.</p> <p>Community Clean-ups: 136 community clean-ups were recorded on GeoPal. This figure is from March 2017. This figure does not include any clean ups before that date.</p>
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Environmental Awareness

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	'Adopt A Road' Grant Scheme 2017
Project Description/Activity	<p>Funding of €17,500 has been allocated under the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme from the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment towards the annual 'Adopt A Road' Scheme 2017.</p> <p>Funding is awarded to local Tidy Towns/voluntary groups that carry out a minimum number of four voluntary community clean-ups on identified stretch of road or roads from 1st June 2017 – 31st May 2018.</p> <p>Each group is also required to carry out at least one anti-litter awareness activity in the local community. The closing date for receipt of applications was Friday 3rd November. Applications are currently being processed and payments will be awarded as</p>

	soon as possible.
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Activity / Project Title	Recycling Ambassador Programme
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Recycling Ambassador Programme is a nationwide campaign funded by the DCCAE which aims to explain changes to household waste management charges and also to address best practice for household waste segregation including the issue of contamination of the mixed dry recyclable stream.</p> <p>On behalf of the DCCAE the programme will be overseen by the 3 regional waste management offices and delivered by environmental NGO VOICE.</p> <p>The Recycling Ambassador programme is essentially a “Train the Trainer” initiative training citizens to become more knowledgeable on current recycling practice and to impart their knowledge within the wider community. The programme will be designed and rolled out in conjunction with the IWMA (Irish Waste Management Association) whose members collect 71% of the total Irish market and Repak who are funding a significant part of the project.</p> <p>The first Recycling Ambassador Programme events being organised in Donegal are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PPN Linkage Group, Donegal Centre of Independent Living in Ballymacool Letterkenny on 8th November at 8pm. 2. Letterkenny Institute of Technology as part of their Energy Awareness Day on 23rd November, 2017 from 12-2pm.
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Activity / Project Title	Halloween Bonfires - Press release and feature on the DCC website to promote the responsible management of waste at Halloween
Project Description/Activity	Appendix I – Press Release
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Appendix I

24 October 2017

Press Release

Public urged to have a safe and enjoyable Halloween

In the lead up to Halloween, Donegal County Council is taking the opportunity to remind the public to have a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

“Halloween can be a lot of fun especially for our children and young people and while we want everyone to have an enjoyable and safe time, it is the time of year when we ask the community to remember that bonfires can cause serious damage and injuries both to our environment and to our health while illegal fireworks continue to present a serious danger” says Donegal County Council’s Litter Warden Brian McBrearty.

Brian McBrearty believes that the strong message sent out by the Council including the Donegal Fire Service over the last few years has resulted in a decrease in the number of bonfires and this he says is due to the continued support that the Council receives from communities across Donegal.

Bonfires were often built close to houses and other property and were the cause of serious damage and injuries particularly where the burning of highly combustible materials was taking place.

“For the last number of years we have sent out a strong message about the dangers of bonfires not only in terms of community safety but also in terms of the environmental damage that bonfires can cause and we are pleased to see that the number of bonfires has significantly decreased in the last number of years” says Brian McBrearty.

“This is in no small way due to the great support that we have received from communities right across Donegal. Traditionally wood and straw were used on bonfires but in recent times materials such as tyres, mattresses, furniture, plastics, metal and so on have been burned on bonfires. This type of activity is illegal. It is also an offence to supply waste materials to parties collecting for ‘Bonfire Night’.”

“The burning of waste such as rubber, aerosols, plastics, foam, mattresses, couches and household waste material in bonfires is very damaging to our health and environment. When waste materials are burned on a bonfire harmful dioxins are created and released into the air that we breathe.”

“While the number of bonfires has decreased we will be continuing to monitor locations where waste materials have been supplied as bonfire material in the past and we are undertaking an audit of certain businesses to ensure that there is compliance under the relevant legislation and to ensure that waste materials are not supplied for burning on bonfires”.

Fireworks are illegal in Ireland

It is illegal to possess fireworks in Ireland that may have been legally purchased outside the country. Illegal fireworks may not be manufactured to the appropriate safety standards and can ignite prematurely causing serious injury to the user or to others in the vicinity particularly children.

Members of the public are asked not to buy, use or supply fireworks and parents are requested to monitor their children and make sure they do not play with fireworks including bangers. Every year children end up tragically injured and often scarred for life after using illegal fireworks.

Tips for a safe Halloween:

- Parents, businesses and householders should not provide any materials for bonfires.
- Do not leave material lying around that may be taken for use in a bonfire; many garage or garden shed items such as petrol, white spirits, diesel, aerosols, batteries, tins of paint, bottles and tyres are especially dangerous if set on fire.
- Do not facilitate illegal bonfires or firework displays on or near your home or property.
- Explain the dangers of illegal bonfires and fireworks to children and teenagers.
- Keep pets indoors on Halloween night – they are sensitive to noise.
- Respect the work of the Emergency Services, Council Staff and the Gardaí.
- Contact the Fire Service by calling 999 or 112 if you see a bonfire being lit close to buildings, trees, overhead cables, underground services or car parking areas.

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT
Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting
12th December 2017

Corporate Services

- **CONSIDER PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR 2018**
- **DATE FOR CHILD PROTECTION PRESENTATION FOR MEMBERS**

Housing Services

- **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Inishowen Municipal District

Housing Grants Report at 29th November 2017

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	56	38	1	16	1	0
2016	42	22	5	14	1	0
2017	32	15	1	3	7	6

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	3	3	0	0	0	0
2016	6	3	0	1	2	0
2017	16	6	0	2	5	3

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	21	17	1	3	0	0
2016	32	19	6	5	2	0
2017	27	21	2	3	1	0

Casual Vacancies at 12th December 2017.

DWELLING	BED	DETAILS
12 Millers Way	3	Offer and accepted
124 Ard Clogan, Carndonagh	1	Offered and accepted
125 Ard Clogan, Carndonagh	1	Offer in progress
45 Clós Phadraig	2	Being assessed
4 Seaview Terrace, Glengad	3	Offer and accepted
3 An Teampall Maol, Greencastle	2	Offer and accepted
2 Crawford Square, Moville	3	Offer and accepted
Urbreagh, Malin Head	5	Offer and accepted
19 Hawthorn Hill Newtown	3	Offered and accepted
16 Clos Padraig, Carndonagh	3	Being assessed
20 Pairc na hAluine,	3	Offer in progress
39 Carraig Fern	3	Offered and accepted
22 Lisowen Avenue , Buncrana	4	Offered and accepted
28 Bonemaine, Bridgend	2	Offered and accepted
34 Bonemaine Bridgend	2	Offered and accepted
10 Cloncool Park , Buncrana	4	Offered and accepted.
20 Pairc na hAluine,	3	Offer in progress
39 Carraig Fern	3	Offered and accepted
2 Roundknowe, Buncrana	2	Offered and accepted
1 Willow Grove, Buncrana	5	Offered and accepted
41 Cherry Avenue	4	Offer and accepted
1 Dun Na Niarlai, Buncrana	2	Offered and accepted
9 Riverside , Buncrana	3	Offer in progress
29 Pairc Na Haluine, Magherinture, Buncrana	3	Offered and accepted
19 Balmaine, Carndonagh	3	Offer in progress
22 Millbrae Meadows	4	Offered and accepted
6 Craig Park, Muff	3	Offered and accepted
19 Pairc Mor, Buncrana	3	Offered and accepted
211 St Pauls Park Greencastle	2	Offered and accepted
42A Dun na nIarlai Buncrana	2	Offered and accepted
14 Cherry Avenue, Carndonagh	3	Offer in progress
27 The Meadows, Buncrana	4	Offered and refused
1 Moress Inch	2	Offer in progress
1 Millfield Grove, Buncrana	3	Offered and accepted
2 An Ceapach, Manorcunningham	4	Offered and accepted

HAP Tenancies

Municipal District	Number
Donegal	174
Letterkenny	651
Glenties	138
Stranorlar	256
Inishowen	383
Sub Total	1602
Tenancies Closed	569
Overall Total	2171

7th December 2017

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Proposed Schedule of Inishowen MD Meetings for 2018

16th January 2017

13th February 2017

13th March 2017

10th April 2017

15th May 2017

12th June 2017

10th July 2017

11th September 2017

16th October 2017

11th December 2017

Yours sincerely,

Aideen Doherty
Area Manager
Housing & Corporate Services