

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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03ú Aibreán 2024

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Máirt 09ú Aibreán 2024, **ag 10.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

Una Cresswell

**Una Cresswell
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
03rd April 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 09th April 2024 **at 10.00a.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 December Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 26th February 2024
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Online Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 11th March 2024
3. Planning
4. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
5. Environment
6. Community Development
7. Roads & Transportation
8. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
9. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 9.00am IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present:

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

Officials Present:

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell, A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Dolores Lafferty, A/Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Shaun Doherty, Executive Architect, Housing Capital, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community & Enterprise, Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer (online), Sarah Nolan, Tourism Development Co-Ordinator, Economic Development Section (online).

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

24.10 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 16th January 2024

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 16th January 2024 were agreed.

24.11 Deputation from Go Visit Inishowen

Lisa McLaughlin, Seamus Hopkins, Monica Roddy and Christina McElaney from Go Visit Inishowen were welcomed to the meeting by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Terry Crossan. Lisa McLaughlin, Go Visit Inishowen Manager, provided an update to the members in relation to Go Visit Inishowen objectives. The following points were highlighted and noted: -

- Promotion of Inishowen monastic sites.
- Working with film production company to deliver promotional material "Ireland from Above" for distribution in US.
- Build relations with Donegal Tourism.
- Liaising with Foyle Port, Fáilte Ireland and Excursions Ireland to ensure passengers from visiting cruise ships into Inishowen are presented with local interests to ensure they stay in the area.
- Promoting local tourism businesses.
- 'I Love Inishowen Day' – proposed date 08th June 2024.
- Candlelight concert to be held in Malin Hall on 05th May 2024.
- Request for the support of Donegal County Council in the development of suitable access to Wild Alpaca Way at Knockamany, Malin Head.
- Propose that Go Visit Inishowen take over the management of the Campervan parking site in Buncrana.

The members collectively thanked the team for the presentation and acknowledged the work that has been done to date in the promotion of Inishowen. The members outlined the need for investment in the area and the need for collaboration between all the relevant stakeholders.

Cllr Martin McDermott proposed that a workshop take place with Donegal Tourism, Fáilte Ireland and Go Visit Inishowen to discuss the issues raised by members. Cllr Johnny McGuinness seconded this proposal.

24.12 ENVIRONMENT

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

- Deposit Return Scheme.
- Brown Bin Collection Service – From January 2024, every household will be entitled to avail of a brown bin collection service for food waste.
- National Food Waste Recycling Project – waste collectors will take part in the National Food Waste Recycling Project.
- Community Climate Action Fund – Closing date for Applications 22nd March 2024.
- Climate Action Plan 2024/2029 was adopted on 21st February 2024.

24.12.01 Lifeguards

Cllr Martin Farren requested that he be kept up to date on the provision of lifeguards during the summer period.

24.12.02 Life Jackets – Personal Location Beacons (PLB)

Cllr Martin McDermott followed up on his previous request that the Council promote the importance of life jackets with Personal Location Beacons (PLB) and having the PLB registered correctly.

24.12.03 Jet Skis

Cllr Martin Farren expressed his disappointment that jet ski signs that were erected at Glenburnie Beach and Sweet Nellie's Beach were removed again. He asked that this matter be investigated further, and a solution be found.

24.12.04 Beach Access

Cllr Johnny McGuinness stated that the pathway at Culdaff Beach requires attention. Cllr Albert Doherty requested an audit take place by Donegal County Council in relation to beach access due to coastal erosion. Cllr Martin McDermott requested a meeting take place with OPW on the matter. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up.

24.12.05 Deposit Return Scheme

Cllr Johnny McGuinness stated that uptake of the deposit return scheme is very slow from smaller retailers and the investment that is required for small businesses is high. He queried the possibility of the Council providing a collection service in areas where there is no collection point. Matthew Byrne stated that it is hoped that during the second phase of the scheme, collection point units may be available at community groups, sports clubs etc.

24.12.06 Public Amenities

Following a query from Cllr Nicholas Crossan, Matthew Byrne advised that an application for funding was made in relation to the provision of toilet facilities at Ned's Point.

24.12.07 Clean Up

Cllr Terry Crossan thanked Pearse McCrory, Litter Warden for his ongoing support.

24.13 PLANNING

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

24.13.01 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 Wheatfield, Muff
- 2 The Woods, Tullyarvan, Buncrana

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

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

Wheatfield, Muff

On the proposal of Cllr Terry Crossan 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 Wheatfield, Muff 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 Terry Crossan 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 Wheatfield, Muff 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.

The Woods, Tullyarvan, Buncrana

On the proposal of Cllr Johnny McGuinness seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate The Woods, Tullyarvan, Buncrana as set out in the maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

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24.13.02 Planning Applications

Ryan Nolan advised members that approximately 83% of planning applications and submissions are received through the new E-Planning portal and that the feedback was positive. Cllr Rena Donaghey welcomed the online facility and the reduction in use of paper when making an application.

Cllr Paul Canning requested that anything of strategic importance in relation to planning for the Inishowen area be highlighted to the members.

24.13.03 Tourism Related Development

Cllr Johnny McGuinness outlined the importance of tourism related projects in the area such as pod developments etc. and requested that discussions would take place with the Planning service prior to making a submission. Ryan Nolan advised that pre-planning service takes place weekly. Cllr Martin McDermott stated that the policy for pod development at present is restrictive and requested that this be changed.

24.13.04 Signage at Shore Front, Buncrana

A discussion took place in relation to ongoing work at Shore Road Buncrana and the requirement for planning permission. Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation advised members that signage will be erected at the site and these works will be carried out under the Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme. Cllr Rena Donaghey proposed that any similar projects in the future be highlighted to the members. This was seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott.

24.13.05 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant

Cllr Albert Doherty welcomed the number of properties in the Carndonagh area that have reached stage three of the Compulsory Purchase Order Activation Fund as outlined in the report. He queried if state owned buildings are included and highlighted the courthouse building in Carndonagh which is currently not in use. He requested that contact could be made with the court service in relation to their plans for the upkeep and future use of the building.

24.14 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 –

- Holiday World Show 2024 took place in Dublin from 26-28th January where 30,000 people attended. Donegal Tourism had one stand for each Municipal District.
- The new tourism brochure for 2024 was unveiled at the Holiday World Show 2024.
- Shoulder Season Campaign Spring 2024 launched on 19th February for a four-week period. This includes a toolkit that can be used for industry partners.
- Festival and Events Workshop took place on 25th January and was attended by 60 people.
- Donegal Tourism Seminar will take place on 06th March in Harvey's Point.

24.14.01 Donegal Tourism

Sarah Nolan advised that Donegal Tourism work closely with Wild Alpaca Way, Inish Adventures and Wild Ireland. She also advised that they engage with hotels and business in Inishowen in promoting the Inishowen area.

Sarah Nolan referred to a positive meeting that she attended with Cllr Martin McDermott, Cllr Johnny McGuinness and Ann Marie Conlon, Head of Economic Development. She advised that Donegal Tourism would collaborate with Go Visit Inishowen in trying to build a brand for the promotion of the peninsula.

24.15 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

On the proposal of Cllr Terry Crossan and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott the Inishowen MD Meeting was adjourned for the members to agree the allocation of the Development Fund Initiative for 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 11.10am.

The meeting reconvened at 12.05pm.

24.15.01 Development Fund Initiative 2024

Following on from the Community Development Workshop held on Friday 23rd February 2024 and reconvened on 26th February 2024, it was proposed by Cllr Martin McDermott and seconded by Cllr Johnny McGuinness that the 2024 Inishowen Municipal Development Fund Initiative, total being €225,000 be allocated to the various groups as listed in the schedule below.

Applicant Group	Total By Group
Ballyliffin Golf Club	€5,500
Donegal Hospice	€1,700
Donegal Sheepdog Irish National 2024	€4,500
Irish Wheelchair Association	€200
Donegal County Council	€2,500
Aileach Football Club	€2,500
Buncrana Anglers Association (BAA)	€2,500
Buncrana Branch Irish Red Cross	€2,500
Buncrana Christmas Lights Committee	€5,000
Buncrana Community First Responders Group	€3,000
Buncrana GAA	€2,500
Buncrana Gun Club	€3,000
Buncrana Hearts Football Club	€2,500
Buncrana St Patrick's Day Committee	€3,000
Buncrana Tidy Towns	€3,000
Burnfoot Cottages (50th Anniversary)	€2,500
Burt GAA Club	€2,500
Carndonagh Brass Band	€3,500
Carndonagh Easter Parade	€2,500
Carndonagh Ladies Club	€2,500
Carrowmenagh Residents Association	€4,000
Ceolan Community Group CLG	€2,500
Cinema Inishowen - St Marys Hall, Buncrana	€5,000

Clonmany Shamrocks Sports & Athletic Co Ltd	€2,500
Clonmany Town Renewal Committee	€2,500
Cockhill Celtic FC	€3,500
Cockhill Tug of War Club	€3,500
Colgan Community & Resource Centre LTD	€4,000
Culdaff Parochial	€3,000
Explore Inishowen CLG - Inishowen Tourist Office	€3,500
Gleneely Colts Sports and Leisure Club	€2,500
Glengad United FC	€11,500
Indoor Street Ltd CLG	€3,000
Inishowen Maritime Heritage Company Ltd	€2,500
Inishowen Rivers Trust CLG	€2,500
Inishowen Rugby Club	€4,000
Inishowen Vintage Club	€2,500
Killea Tidy Towns/Community Hub	€5,000
Lifeline (Inishowen) Domestic Violence Services	€2,500
Malin Head Community Association Ltd	€2,500
Moville & District Family Resource Centre	€2,500
Moville Celtic FC	€2,500
Moville Community Complex Development Company	€2,500
Moville GAA Club	€2,500
Moville St Patricks Day Committee	€2,500
Moville Tidy Towns	€2,500
Muff Community Development Co-Op Society Ltd	€2,500
Muff Feile	€5,000
Naomh Pdraig GAA Muff	€10,000
Newtown Focus Group	€5,000
Newtown School Parents Committee	€10,000
Notorious Events Ltd - T/A Buncrana Christmas Market 2024	€9,000
Notorious Events Ltd - T/A Buncrana Music Festival	€7,000
Old School Hall Carrigans Committee	€5,000
Quigleys Point Swifts FC	€4,000
Redcastle Community Development	€2,500
Sea Rovers FC	€4,000
St Boden's National School Parents Committee	€2,500
St Bridget's National School Parent's Association	€7,600
St Mura's NS	€2,500
The Exchange (Inishowen Pride Festival)	€3,500
	€225,000

24.15.02 Extension of leasing agreement at Culdaff

Members were asked to consider the request for a further extension of the leasing agreement at Culdaff Football Club. Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 will be presented to the full Plenary Council.

24.15.03 Friar Hegarty's Coastal walk, Buncrana

Fiona Doherty updated members in relation to proposed works at Father Hegarty's Coastal Walk, Buncrana. It is intended to advertise for the public artwork in coming weeks for the area.

24.16 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

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

He updated the members budget allocations for 2024 for the Inishowen Municipal District-

- Restoration Maintenance Programme - €1,261,737
- Restoration Improvement Programme - €4,919,340
- Drainage Works €301,364
- Community Involvement Schemes - €220,725
- Safety Improvement Works funding €260,000
- Specific Improvement Grants - €260,000
- Climate Adaption Funding - €255,000
- Roads and Footpaths in Council Housing Estates - €70,000

24.16.01 Traffic Calming Measures

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on his request to have traffic calming measures put in place on the Moville/Greencastle Road.

24.16.02 Clar Corner

Cllr Martin Farren requested that traffic speed be monitored at Clar Corner.

24.16.03 Ballynally Lane

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

24.16.04 Signage

Cllr Martin Farren requested that the sign be replaced at St Brigid's Well in Greencastle

24.16.05 Mill Bridge, Buncrana

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested an update in relation to concerns previously raised regarding the Mill Bridge in Buncrana.

24.16.06 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.

24.17 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

24.17.01 Deputation Go Visit Inishowen

Una Cresswell advised that a request has been received from Irish Hands for a deputation with members. It was agreed by the members that a deputation would take place at the next Inishowen Municipal District meeting on 09th April 2024.

24.17.02 Meeting with Superintendent

A meeting will be arranged with the Superintendent and the members of the Inishowen Municipal District. The date of this meeting will be confirmed.

24.17.03 Workshop – Fáilte Ireland and Donegal Tourism

It was agreed that a joint workshop be held on 11th March 2024 at 10.30am with Fáilte Ireland and Donegal Tourism.

24.17.04 Special Meeting - Schedule of Municipal District Works

It was agreed that a Special Meeting of the Municipal District would take place on 11th March 2024 at 9am to agree the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified:

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Area Manager

Date: _____

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ONLINE “TEAMS” MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th MARCH 2024 AT 9.00am IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Councillors Present (Online):

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

Apologies

Cllr Martin Farren

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,

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

24.18 Schedule of Municipal District Works 2023

The Schedule of Municipal District Works 2024 had been submitted to the members prior to the meeting for their consideration and approval. Cllr Martin McDermott proposed and Cllr Paul Canning seconded and it was resolved that the “Inishowen Municipal District hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31st December 2024, the Schedule of Municipal District Works as set out in the schedules presented at the Special Online Inishowen Municipal District Meeting of the 11th March 2024 as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 as (amended) and in line of the requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin/2014”

24.19 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting will take held on 09th April 2024 at 10am.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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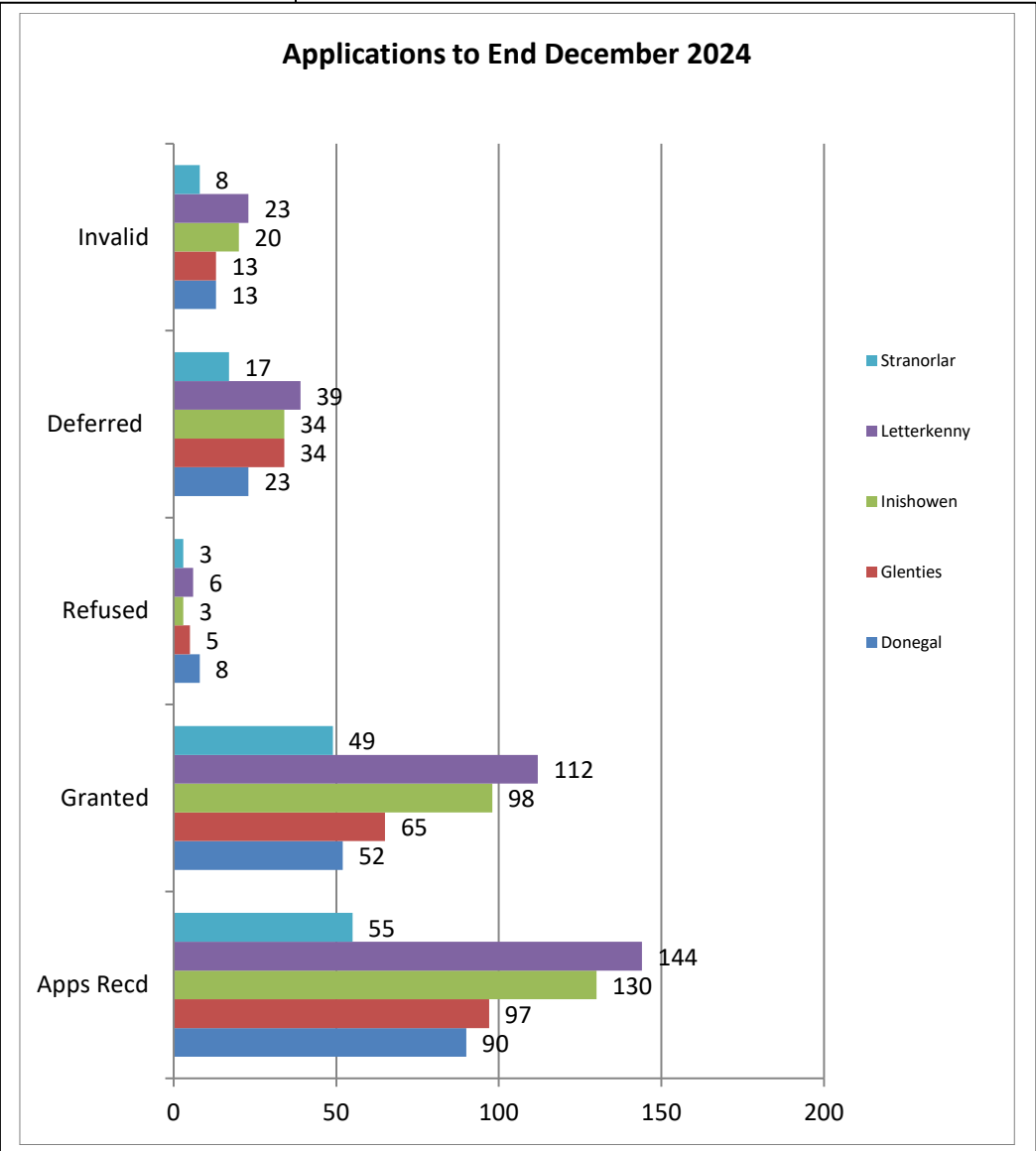
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Inishowen MD Meeting
9th April 2024

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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> 11th April 2024 25th April 2024 9th May 2024 23rd May 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								
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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 APRIL 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. Handover to CPDU imminent.

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 to be arranged with MD Members shortly.
Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough 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. Appointment of consultants imminent.
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

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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"> 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. 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) –

		<p>procurement process to open as soon as possible.</p> <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 Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Funding commitment secured from the NTA to enable the engagement of consultancy services to move the project forward to the next level as regards scale, scope, further engagement with transport providers and operational requirements. • Draft tender package sent to the NTA in December 2023 for feed-in prior to opening of a procurement process. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators. <p>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal
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		<p>County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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.

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	639
Applications Finalised	407
• Approved	387
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	20
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	215
Withdrawn (by applicant)	17
Properties Refurbished	13
Grants Recouped	9
Requests for grant recoupment (in progress)	4

- To date, over 30 drop in events to promote the scheme have been held since September 2023 with further events being arranged for 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.

The main steps of the programme include:

- Step 1:** Identification of vacant and derelict properties
- Step 2:** Identification of and engagement with owners.
- Step 3:** Communication with owners regarding the supports available.
- Step 4:** Consideration of options available to owners and DCC.

The Council have undertaken Step 1 to identify vacant and derelict properties through the GEO Directory. This survey has been undertaken in the towns listed in

Table 4 below and will be carried out in further towns over the coming months:

Table 4: Towns Surveyed under the CPO Activation Fund

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

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

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

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

Regeneration and Development Team.
April 2024.

APPENDIX B

Building Control & Taking In Charge

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

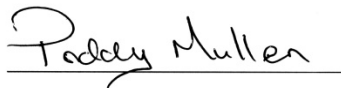
The Planning Authority for the Inishowen Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Woodthorpe,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

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

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

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

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

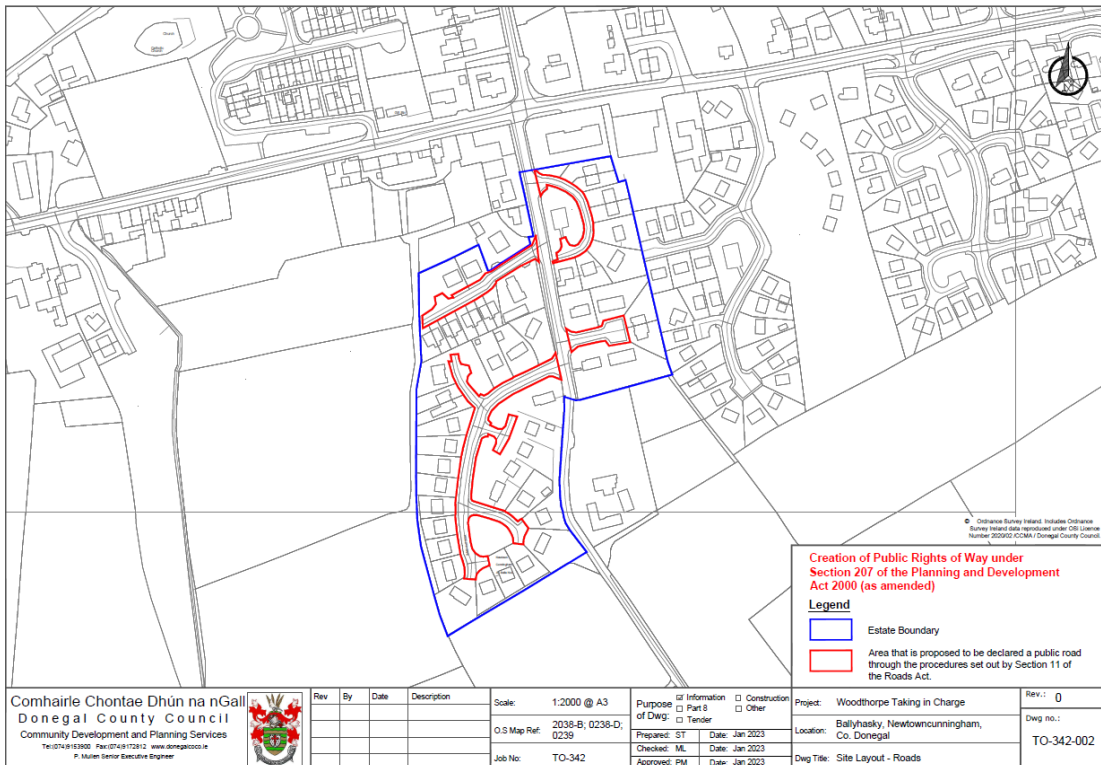
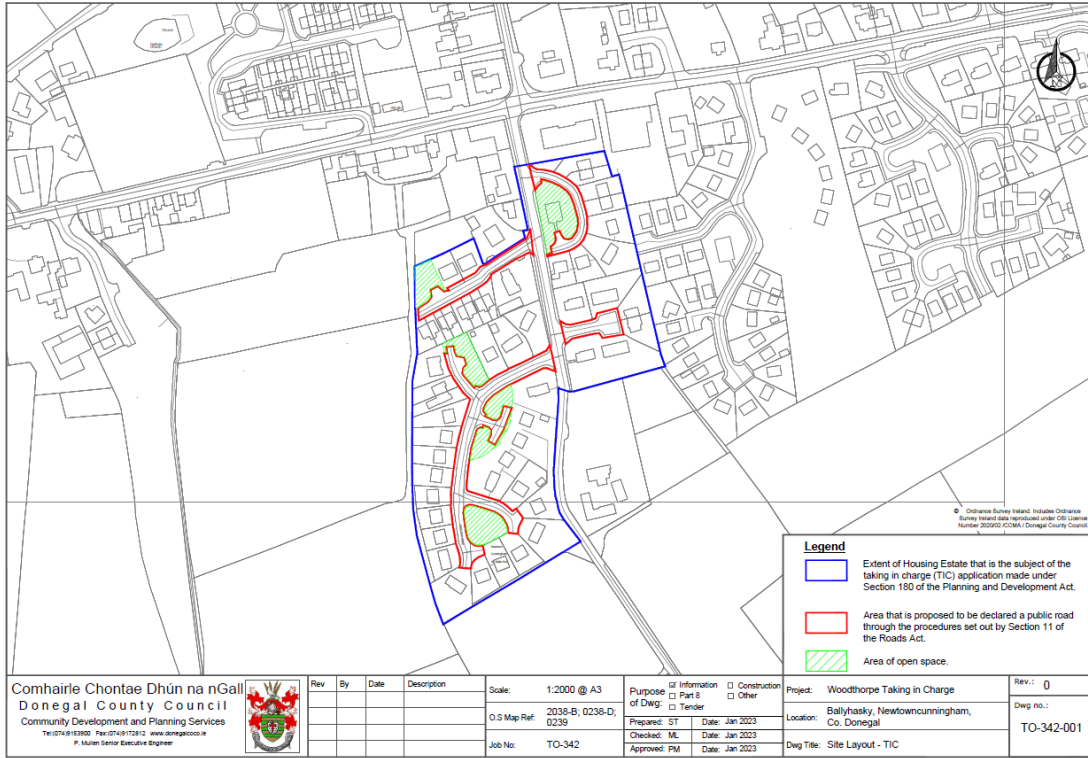


Paddy Mullen
Senior Executive Engineer
Community & Planning Services

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an order** in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Woodthorpe, Ballyhaskey, Newtowncunningham** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.



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APPENDIX C

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services

Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: April 2024

Activity / Project Title	Tús Nua Project
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Tús Nua Project is a transformative town centre regeneration project in Carndonagh. 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>

	Detailed design is progressing well and is now substantially complete, with tender documentation to be completed by Q2 of 2024.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	It is anticipated that detail design and tender documentation will be substantially complete. 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
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Ireland's, Capital investment scheme Platform for Growth – A Programme for Tourism Investment, Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions.</p> <p>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

Budget	€12.5m																					
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>A Part 8 planning application was submitted to Donegal County Council the date for submissions has now passed. In total there were 19 submissions that the project team are currently reviewing.</p> <p>In addition to the submissions, a member of the public has referred the development to An Bord Pleanála to review our Environmental Impact Screening. An Bord Pleanála will now review our planning documentation and revert with a decision. There is a risk that An Bord Pleanála may revert with a negative decision which would have an impact on the project timeline.</p> <p>Stage 2b (Detailed Design) and development of the construction tender documentation is ongoing.</p> <p>The Visitor Experience & Interpretation Consultant are now working on developing the story of Fort Dunree to fit within the construction project. In addition, they are developing the branding strategy for the site.</p> <p>The Quantity Surveyor has been examining costs and engaging with both the IDT and VEIC as the design develops. Initial cost estimates are higher than the funding award and we are engaging further with both Failte Ireland and the IDT to manage costs.</p> <p>The Project Programme has been updated as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Stage</th> <th>Start Date</th> <th>Finish Date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Stage 1 – Preliminary Design</td> <td>14/07/2022</td> <td>22/12/2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 2 (a) – Developed Design</td> <td>03/01/2023</td> <td>22/12/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design</td> <td>20/10/2023</td> <td>15/08/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 3 – Tender Action</td> <td>24/11/2023</td> <td>23/12/2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 4 - Construction</td> <td>17/01/2025</td> <td>16/07/2027</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stage 5 – Handover & Defects Period</td> <td>17/07/2026</td> <td>03/08/2027</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Stage	Start Date	Finish Date	Stage 1 – Preliminary Design	14/07/2022	22/12/2022	Stage 2 (a) – Developed Design	03/01/2023	22/12/2023	Stage 2 (b) – Detailed Design	20/10/2023	15/08/2024	Stage 3 – Tender Action	24/11/2023	23/12/2024	Stage 4 - Construction	17/01/2025	16/07/2027	Stage 5 – Handover & Defects Period	17/07/2026	03/08/2027
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Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>Continue detailed design and tender action. Obtain Part 8 planning consent.</p>																					
Contact Person(s)	<p>Patrick Brennan, Project Manager Shane Sweeney, A/ Senior Executive Engineer Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer</p>																					



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Donegal County Council

Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report April 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 Or Joy Browne joybrowne@donegalcoco.ie
16 th May 2024	London Irish Centre Jobs Fair	London Irish Centre, 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 Or Joy Browne joybrowne@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

1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates

InvestDonegal Communications Update

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

Impressions (last 28 days)		Total Followers
Linked In	18,831 (+3,837)	5,084 (+43)
Twitter	13.2k (+3.7k)	3,578 (+98)
Instagram	2,570 (+537)	4,272 (+35)
Facebook	14.2k (+8.9k)	2,091 (+7)
Donegal.ie	4.1K Web Users (+1.1k)	

8 News Items Published.

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.

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 new enhanced board of Donegal 2040 DAC is now in place and work is progressing in relation to a range of areas including putting in place mechanisms to ensure good corporate governance and establishing a clear strategic framework for Donegal 2040 DAC.

Update on Projects:

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

Current Status: Enabling works / Demolition works to commence on site by Q1, 2024. Main construction contract to go to tender in Q1 2024, with construction expected to commence on site in Q4 2024, subject to funding. Estimated project completion date: Q3 2026.

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 Q1 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 Golden Bridges Conference 2024 has been confirmed for Friday 15th November 2024. The provisional dates for the US Trade Mission will be from 11th to 14th November 2024.

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 a number of requests for disposal of lands for economic development in Ballyshannon, Letterkenny and Bunrana.

Contact Persons

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Daniel Mc Chrystal – Senior Economic Development Officer
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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

New Tourism Brochure 2024

The new Donegal Tourism 2024 brochure is in the process of being distributed to accommodation providers, attractions and airports servicing the region. The brochure is being promoted on govisitdonegal.com and social media channels, the content will be used over the summer months as part of ongoing marketing. 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 on what to see and do once they arrive.

Shoulder Season Campaign Spring 2024

Donegal Tourism spring campaign which started on the 19th February for a 4-week period featured further insights into the Eric Roberts videos, with behind-the-scenes footage and featured a 5-day competition prize to Donegal. A trade toolkit was designed to help the trade engage with the campaign. A Toolkit for Tourism Ireland abroad was also developed. After week 3 the results were fantastic with 7m impressions, 3.3m video views, 3.4k competition leads and 7k YouTube Competition ad clicks. Feedback on the competition was overwhelmingly positive.

Donegal Tourism Seminar

This year's Donegal Tourism Seminar took place on Wednesday 6th March, in a packed Harvey's Point, as part of Enterprise Week. The theme this year was '**Tourism Tomorrow – Crafting a Greener Future for Donegal**'. Among the speakers was Amy Lynch, Destination Editor for Lonely Planet, who shed light on what makes Donegal stand out in the global tourism landscape. Lynch noted the unique 'wow' factors that led to Donegal being named one of Lonely Planet's top regions for 2024, emphasising the importance of sustainability in the selection process – something that is increasingly becoming a priority for global visitors. Donegal's unique appeal in tourism has always been its blend of natural beauty, rich history, vibrant culture, and warm hospitality. Other speakers were ex-Ryanair Social Media Manager, Michael Corcoran, Failte Ireland's Climate Action Officer Alan Owens, ATU Sustainable Tourism PHD researcher Anita Conefrey, Donegal Tourism's Sarah Nolan and a panel of Donegal Tourism businesses including Breac House, Lough Mardal Lodge, Iosas Centre and Harvey's Point Hotel, all explained their sustainability journeys.

Age Friendly/Disability Strategy

Donegal Tourism continues to participate in both groups to see where the Tourism Industry in the county can learn from consultation.

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 in the first quarter of 2024. A production company is currently working to produce marketing materials for this event.

Donegal 550

Donegal Tourism is part of the Steering Group looking at celebrating Donegal Town 550 in 2024. The official launch of Donegal 550 took place in Donegal Castle on Friday 15th March.

TOURBO Project

The next phase of the Interreg European TOURBO project, led by Seville Chamber of Commerce, is progressing with the call for experts or "knowledge providers" being launched all over Europe for TOURBO project Pilot Actions. TOURBO carries out two Pilot Actions during the project and is now looking for individual experts or organisations in the field of innovation for sustainability, digitisation, and energy transition with tourism focus.

The two Pilot Actions are carried out in the Marche region in Italy, and in the North Aegean region in Greece. The call for experts is issued by SVEM - the Regional Development Agency of Marche Region and Eloris - the Company for Research, Education, Innovation and Development of the North Aegean Region. The experts will provide consultancy and support for innovation on eight recognised challenges in the tourism sector, such as reducing the seasonality of demand, minimising resource use and production of waste, and using tourism as a tool in global sustainable development.

The next Interregional Meeting is 8th April to 12th April. For more information visit

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

Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project

A steering meeting for the SUB project (which Donegal County Council is a partner) which aims to support the sustainable growth of biking tourism sector in the NPA areas, took place in the Faroe Islands from the 18th to 22nd March. Donegal County Council presented a methodology and a proposed questionnaire to collect data for a Gap Analysis within the sector in partner regions. On the second day of the meeting there was an opportunity for tourism providers to join the meeting online to listen to the views of experts on the Development of Sustainable Biking Tourism.

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

2024 (Feb 1 – Feb 29) - Users 27K- Page Views 62K
Festival and Events is the most viewed page – views 4K.

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal

Facebook: Facebook had a reach of 664.6K - increase of 520.9% on the previous month. Hey, nobody's perfect! - was the highest reaching post.

Instagram: Instagram had a reach of 370.6K - increase of 928.8% on the previous month. 27.8K followers

LinkedIn: 1,471 followers. 5 new followers in the last 28 days. Unique visits are up 29.8%.

Twitter: 13.3K impressions over the last 28 days.

TikTok: TikTok has 239 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 board meeting is scheduled for 10th April.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme

The 2024 Minor Tourism Grant Scheme is now open for applications. The deadline for submissions is 5pm on Thursday March 28th.

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.

Bundoran Marketing

- 2024 plans and events: A promotion page is available on the Discover Bundoran website www.discoverbundoran.com/stpatricksday for St Patrick’s Day events. A similar page is in place on the website for Easter activities www.discoverbundoran.com/easter.
- Continuing to update blogs and content on website on a weekly basis.
- Compilation and distribution of monthly email newsletter.

Bundoran Tourist Office

- Tourist Office open 3 days a week (Wed - Fri).
- Currently one TÚS employee working.

Website & Social Media

- **Website:** 1st Feb – 31st Feb 2024, Users 10.9K, - Page Views 23.5K.
- **Facebook:** Facebook reach was down by 67.8% in February 2024 v January 2024.
- **Instagram:** Reach down by 23.6% in February 2024 v January 2024.

Waterworld

Marketing plan for 2024 is being implemented. Tickets are on sale now for the 2024 season. Newspaper and radio ads have been produced and booked in for the season.

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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 kicks 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 kicks off on 9 and 10 April. Both projects are of 4 years duration and offer opportunities for collaboration and shared learning and 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.

CPMR General Assembly

Donegal County Council will continue its membership of the CPMR in 2024 and our political representative on the CPMR, Cllr. O’Fearraigh will attend the General Assembly meeting in Sines (Alentejo) on 9th and 10th April 2024. The CPMR Maritime Working Group and the CPMR General Secretariat are hosting a workshop on the blue dimension of Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) on Monday 29 April 2024.

AER (Assembly of European Regions)

MEET Debate

AER and Donegal County Council through Europe Direct Letterkenny organised a debate in Letterkenny, as part of EU Belong, an EU project in the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme at the Central Library in Letterkenny, on the 22nd of March. It was an opportunity to engage people from Donegal County in interactive discussions around the upcoming 2024 EU elections, and revolving around the topics of active citizenship, participatory democracy, sustainability, and inclusion.

Summer Academy 2024

DCC hosted the Summer Academy in Donegal in 2022 in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta. The next Summer Academy youth focused event will take place in Norway in August 2024. 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 March 2024 Outputs/Events:

Grant Aid (M1) –The first EVAC meeting for 2024 took place on 1st February 2024.

- 6 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid for Feasibility (3) & Business Expansion (3).
- Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €120,056.92
- Next EVAC meeting will take place on 11th April 2024.

Trading Online Vouchers – YTD: 11 Businesses approved support to a value of €25,490.

Mentoring 2024 – YTD: 49 applicants approved for this support.

Training – YTD: 604 Attendees on 23 Courses held.

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

Green for Business – YTD: 8 applicants approved for this support to a value of €17,712.

Energy Efficiency Grants - YTD: 2 applicants approved for this support to a value of €10,000.

Lean For Business – YTD: 6 applicants approved for this support to a value of €27,000.

Local Enterprise Week 2024 – Making It Happen

A hugely successful Local Enterprise Week took place between 4th & 8th March, 2024. The theme for the week this year was “Be Brave”. In conjunction with partners and other stakeholders, 19 events took place across the county covering a range of topics of interest to businesses. Over 400 attended the various events. These included the following:

- Taking Your Business To The Next Level.
- Implementing digital & green solutions in your tourism business.
- Food Coast Donegal Producer Showcase 2024.
- Communicating With Impact.
- Stepping Up to Export.
- The story of tweed in Southwest Donegal.
- The business of Leadership – Lessons From Sport.

Start Your Own Business Programme 2024

The second Start Your Own Business programme commenced on 6th February and was fully booked with 20 participants registered to attend. The next programme takes place in March and is also fully booked.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)

As part of Local Enterprise Week, many LEOs in Ireland held EEN events to support Irish SMEs on their internationalisation journeys.

LEO Donegal, on behalf of the LEO network and the Enterprise Europe Network in Ireland, will be delivering 6 Brokerage Events in 2024/2025 aimed at connecting SMEs with international buyers. The first two events of the programme took place in late January and early February, with over 250 Irish suppliers and international buyers in attendance.

- “Meet the Buyer – Food and Nutrition” 31st January 2024, at the Merits Innovation Thinkspace in Naas County Kildare.
- “Meet the Buyer – Construction, Engineering, & Sustainable Energy” 9th February 2024 at Mount Lucas, County Offaly.

Food Coast Donegal

Restaurant/Chef and Producer Cluster meetings were held at the LEO offices on 22nd and 26th February 2024. Food Coast Donegal hosted a Producer Showcase as part of Local Enterprise Week on 5th March. 28 artisans exhibited their products to over 125 potential buyers.

Donegal Engineering Network

Engineering ProfitNet meeting took place on the 6th March 2024 and followed by the Stepping Up To Export event as part of Local Enterprise Week, which was attended by over 50 people, mainly from the Engineering and Manufacturing sectors.

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. Adjudication of the company’s entry will be taking place on the 10th & 11th April 2024, in Mullingar, with the National Enterprise Awards Gala Dinner taking place on 23rd May 2024.

Scála Accelerator Programme

Scála, an 11-week Accelerator Programme aimed at scale-up and start-up entrepreneurs, with the potential for fast growth is due to commence on April 17th, subject to recruitment of suitable candidates. An information session is taking place on Wednesday March 13th in advance and members are requested to inform any entrepreneurs interest in scaling their business, to apply for this programme.

For more info visit - <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Donegal/Training-Events/Scala.html>

Export Development Programme

An Export Development Programme, proposed to begin in April 2024, is currently in the planning stages. Eligible businesses will receive an expression of interest email, followed by information sessions leading up to the programme start.

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

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3. Emergency Services**4.1 – Fire Service****Fire Service Monthly MD Report (April)**

Activity	Number of: (February) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	57		128	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	65		146	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	6		19	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown February 2024</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	29	36	23	29
Northern Ireland Fire Service	0	6	0	5
Sub Total	29	42	23	34
Total	71		57	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				

Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	13	34
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	23	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	71	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	20	27
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	5
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	3	3
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	13	23
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	4
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	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 February 2024.**



ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT –April 2024

CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Publication of the Donegal County Council Draft Climate Action Plan 2024-2029
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<div data-bbox="337 655 885 766" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="315 806 1516 875">Donegal County Council published their inaugural Local Authority Climate Action Plan 2024 – 2029 on 22nd March 2024.</p> <div data-bbox="602 898 1240 1354" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="315 1381 1503 1566">The Plan sets out how Donegal County Council will take climate action by improving energy efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and embedding climate resilience across the organisation. It also addresses how the Council will adopt a broader leadership role in the county by supporting local communities, businesses and other stakeholders to take climate action.</p> <p data-bbox="315 1598 1484 1703">Under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2021, all local authorities are required to prepare a Climate Action Plan. The Plan, which contains 139 actions across six themes, was adopted by Elected Members on 21st February 2024.</p> <p data-bbox="315 1734 1484 1803">The Plan’s vision is that Donegal will be climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and carbon neutral by the end of 2050.</p> <p data-bbox="315 1835 1260 1896">The published Plan is available to view in all Public Libraries and online at https://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/environment/climateaction/</p>

	The Strategic Environmental Assessment, Natura Impact Statement and Determinations are available for inspection during office hours at County House, Lifford and online as above.
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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 Community Climate Action Programme (CCAP) is a new programme to support small and large, rural and urban communities to take climate action at a local level. Donegal County Council in association with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC), will provide funding to local communities for projects that promote community climate action.</p> <p>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. 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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Activity / Project Title	Global Action Plan – Climate Heroes Community Challenge 15th – 26th April 2024
Project Description/ Activity	From 15th to 26th April 2024, community groups and organisations will compete to reduce their carbon footprint by the largest amount. Leading up to the competition, a series of online workshops will explore the themes from a variety of angles, equipping and empowering you to lead change.

	<p>What is it?</p> <p>Climate Heroes is team-based climate challenge. Together with other members of your community, you will learn about and take simple actions on the drivers of climate change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate and challenge the forces driving climate change • Join with allies and compete to reduce carbon emission • Capture your actions using powerful technology <p>Best of all, this competition is fun, engaging, and habit-forming - and fully free to community groups and organisations in Ireland.</p> <p>What's involved?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register at the link below • Join an orientation session to learn more about the platform and competition • Attend optional workshops to frame climate actions through a global lens, and meet others committed to the cause • Log climate friendly actions during the two week challenge, and encourage your team to do the same. • Reflect, debrief, and pat yourself on the back. <p>For more information and to register your team visit https://www.climateheroes.ie/en-ie/challenge</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Energy Efficient and Sustainable Living Information Evening
Project Description/ Activity	Donegal County Council Climate Action Team co-hosted an information evening with SEAI on 14 th March in Letterkenny PSC. The <i>Energy Efficient and Sustainable Living</i> event was aimed at homeowners and members of the public to increase awareness of grants currently available to help with the cost of retrofitting homes and saving energy.



Presentations were given by Mel Gavin (Sustainable Energy Communities) in relation to SEAI warmer home grants, Vincent Cranley DCC on the Vacant and Derelict Properties Refurbishment Grant Scheme and Karen Mc Brearty on the Housing Adaptation Grant for Older People and People with a Disability.


Builders registered with the SEAI for carrying out retrofit measures were also present to talk to attendees and provide information. There were 30 people in attendance.



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WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

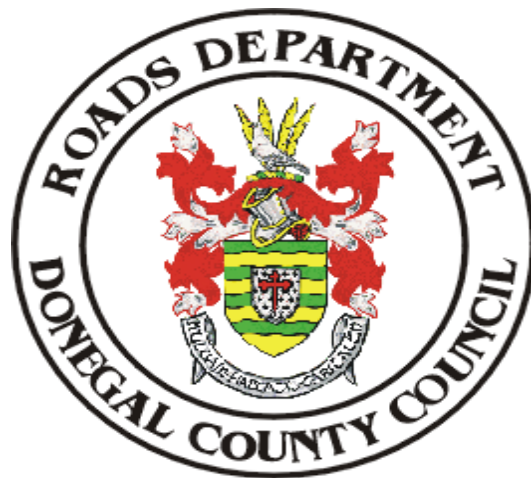
Activity	Waste Enforcement Personnel present at National Conference
Project	<p>On the 6th March 2024 delegates from all over Ireland directly involved in environmental legislation and in particular waste enforcement came together at an event organized by the Network for Irelands Environmental Compliance 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	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 have been 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. Householders 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 2023 was 17,500.</p>	
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Activity	Video content for IWMA Conference
Project	<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. The event was attended by 300 delegates, online & in-person</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> 
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Activity	Court
Project	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> 
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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, if made, will commence in 2024.</p> <p>A copy of the draft Bye-laws will be available for Public Inspection at https://consult.donegal.ie and also in Donegal County Council Public Services Centres for a period of two months, from the Thursday 28th March 2024 to Tuesday 28th May 2024 and can be provided free of charge.</p>
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ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

9th April 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	
Moville	Inish North	R	Noones Br to Mt Scurge	RR	1,100	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	L	Ballymacarthur	SR	1,000	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	L	Logues Br to R240	SR	750	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	R	Muff St (Ph2)	RR	600	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Culineen/Crucknanonia	SR	2000	2024	2024	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Illies (Ph2)	SR	1500	2024	2024	
Moville Total 2024					10,350			
Carn	Inish North	R	Carn Mountain	RR	800	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LP	Pound St/Old Co-oP	RR	600	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	R	R238 Collin	RR	1,000	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Cashel Carn	SR	2,280	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Norrira (Flanagans)	SR	600	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LP	R244 to McDevitts	SR	650	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	R	R244 Carrowmore	RR	1,000	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LP	R238 Jn to Redford	SR	1,700	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Drenagh Road	SR	2,000	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	R	Lagg at Quigleys	RR	600	2024	2024	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Drimsdale to R244	SR	800	2024	2024	
Carn Total 2024					12,530			
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Annaslee to Crislakeel Rd	RR	2,100	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Straid Rd - Corner Cash to Waterfall	RR	1,000	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Cloontagh School Rd from R238 Bridge	RR	1,000	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Tullydish to bottom of Scalp (ph 1)	SR	1,600	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Gaddyduff Brae Clonmany	SR	800	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Cockhill Road	SR	651	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Tonduff (above sand Rd) Dunree	SR	1,100	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	St. Patricks Road	SR	180	2024	2024	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Hill Head Road	SR	470	2024	2024	
Buncrana Total 2024					10,801			
Newtown	Inish South	L	Newtown Main Streets	RR	1,700	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	McCombs Roads	RR	1,000	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	Kesh Ends (Logan Recycling) to Newtown Village	SR	900	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	Kildrum Lower Ph 1	SR	1,100	2024	2024	
Newtown	Inish South	L	Garshooey to Kildrum Lower Final Ph	SR	300	2024	2024	
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	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1011-1	X Rds MH/Port Ronan X Rds	SD	1,000	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1211-1/2	Tirernaleague/Corvish	SD	1,500	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1081-2	Urbelreagh	SD	2,200	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L51611	Killen Mast Rd	SD	690	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5051-1	Culort/Ballygorman	SD	1,700	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L10311-0	Cahirs Hill Rd	SD	600	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5811-1	Gort yarn/Hill Hd	SD	1,100	2024	2024	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1391-4	Lough Inn	SD	1,900	2024	2024	
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	2024	2024	
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	2024	2024	Ongoing water on road and flooding
Moville	Inish North	Illies Road LP1731	2no 600m diam crossings & head walls	2024	2024	600 dia crossings required at 2 locations
Moville	Inish North	Whitehill Rd LS7721	50m of 375 dia pipe & replace road crossings	2024	2024	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	2024	2024	Flooding problem
Moville	Inish North	LP1451 Post Denis Barrs	Rockbreaking & 80 m of 300 dia pipes	2024	2024	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	2024	2024	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	2024	2024	road side collapse
Carndonagh	Inish North	R240 at The Mullins (at Charlie Devlins)	80m of 600 dia pipes, manholes & Headwalls	2024	2024	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	2024	2024	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	2024	2024	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	2024	2024	
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	2024	2024	blocked drains
Buncrana	Inish South	Green road	120metre of 300mm pipe @ € 86.75 per metre	2024	2024	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/	Gleneely	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

09th April 2024

Corporate Services

- Deputation from Irish Hands at 10.15am
- Presentation from Clodagh Murray, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme
- Consider date for workshop for Minor Tourism Related Works 2024

Housing Service

- Progress Reports

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 09 th April 2024	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	5
Properties being refurbished	8
Properties to be refurbished	8

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2024	Offers refused from 01/01/2024	Tenancies created from 01/01/2024
12	5	7

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Carndonagh	SVP	4	1	1
Moville	Apex	6	2	2

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List January 2024	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	646
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	412
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	46
Net Social Housing Waiting List	188

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	6	4	2	0	0	12
	Bridgend	0	16	5	1	0	0	22
	Buncrana	16	158	77	15	1	1	268
	Burnfoot	0	10	3	1	0	0	14
	Burt	0	3	4	0	0	0	7
	Carndonagh	13	71	39	5	0	0	128
	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	9	3	0	0	0	12
	Inch	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Killea	0	2	1	1	0	0	4
	Malin	0	2	9	0	0	0	11
	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	370	197	29	2	1	646

Housing Grants Report at 2nd April 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	50	3	10	11	5
2024	14	5	0	1	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	8	2	0	2	1	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	49	15	0	7	4	23

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

09 April 2024

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
The Meadows, Buncrana	The project is completed and house handed over to Housing Area for allocation to tenants.	1
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	<p>Contract commenced on site in August 2023.</p> <p>Site excavation works have been completed. Boundary walls and drainage to eastern and northern boundaries completed. Main site drainage works complete.</p> <p>Substructure construction complete, slabs are installed. Superstructure progressing across all units. Roofing works commenced house no's 10-13.</p> <p>Utility services across site substantially advanced.</p> <p>Works to existing Crana Crescent Green Area and internal roads commenced and are ongoing.</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. Upon receipt of approval from the Department, the project will be issued for tender.</p>	54
Barrack Hill, Carndonagh	<p>Project progressing as Design & Build. The following tasks have been completed or are underway:</p> <p>Reduced from 21 to 19 units to facilitate a local community group. Project progressing under Section 179A of the Planning & Development Act 2000.</p> <p>Approval in principle (Stage 1 approval) received from the Department in December 2023. Stage 2 submission issued to Department 6th March 2024.</p> <p>Pre-Qualification of Contractors to commence before the end of March 2024. Tender for the Design & Build pre-qualified Contractors to commence in June 2024. Expected commencement on site Oct/Nov 2024.</p>	19

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>Department approval requested for Stage 1/2 submission on 12th March 2024.</p> <p>Tender for the Pre-Qualification of Contractors to commence before the end of March 2024. Tender for the Design & Build pre-qualified Contractors, to commence 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.</p> <p>Approval in principle (Stage 1 approval) received from the Department in December 2023. Stage two submission was issued to Department 15th March 2024.</p> <p>Tender for the Pre-Qualification of Contractors to commence before the end of March 2024. Tender for the Design & Build pre-qualified Contractors to commence June 2024. Expected commencement on site Oct/Nov 2024.</p>	9
Total		109



Image 1: The Meadows Buncrana



Image 2: 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.

Council staff are currently engaging with a number of Developers in the Inishowen MD. Information and guidance is being provided on an individual basis to Developers to guide them through the process. This is a competitive tender process and therefore, 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.

The Council has currently two offers accepted (subject to contract) for lands in Moville (potential for 30 housing units). Contracts have been signed and returned for acquisition of site at Newtowncunningham (potential for 20 housing units).

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