

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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6 Feabhra 2017

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 14 Feabhra 2017, **ag 3.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domnach.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

p.p. **Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
6th February 2017

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 14th February 2017 **at 3.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely

**for Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 17th January 2017
2. Environment Services (Blue)
3. Roads & Transportation (Red)
4. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services (Yellow)
5. Community & Enterprise
6. Planning Services (Green)
7. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, CARNDONAGH ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY, 2017 AT 1PM

Councillors Present:

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

Officials Present:

John McLaughlin, Director of Services Roads and Transportation, Aideen Doherty, Area Manager Housing & Corporate Services, Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager Roads & Transportation, Eamonn Mahon, Executive Engineer Roads & Transportation, Jimmy McLaughlin, Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Seamus Canning Senior Staff Officer, Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community & Enterprise, Fiona Doherty, Staff Officer Community & Enterprise, Ruth Diver, Executive Planner, Mathew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, Cathal Sweeney Resident Engineer, Marine Services.

Reports Presented:

8. Community & Enterprise
9. Planning Services
10. Environment Services
11. Roads & Transportation
12. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Bernard McGuinness began the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. He introduced Executive Planner, Ruth Diver to the members and wished her well in her role as the Executive Planner for the Inishowen MD.

16.93 Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District held on 6th December 2016.

In reference to Minute 16.90.01 Tier Two Towns, Cllr Martin Farren stated that he requested that Moville is designated as a tier two town however it should also remain as a Heritage Town. He requested that the record is amended to reflect this change. The amendment was agreed by the members.

Cllr Albert Doherty queried minute 16.87.04 and stated that he had proposed that a request be made to the Minister to receive a deputation from the Inishowen MD on the issue of funding for marine services. An Cathaoirleach Bernard McGuinness stated that it was his recollection that the members seek a meeting with the Minister when he visits the county which Cllr McGuinness believes to be imminent. An Cathaoirleach added that he will support seeking a deputation to the Minister if the meeting with him locally doesn't take place.

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the December Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 6th December 2016 were agreed.

16.94 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

The Area Manager for Housing & Corporate Services Aideen Doherty briefed the members on the Housing and Corporate Services report as circulated. The Area Manager added that two requests have been received to address the Municipal District.

The North West Lyme Disease Support Group has requested an opportunity to address the members at the next suitable meeting of the MD.

Bernie Flanagan of the Waters and Communities Office has also requested an opportunity to meet the members at the February MD meeting. The Water and Communities Office is a shared service which is currently working with the Inishowen Rives Trust.

It was proposed by Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey and agreed to invite both groups to the February meeting of the Inishowen MD.

16.94.01 Follow up Status Report

Cllr Farren expressed his frustration at the state of broadband availability in Inishowen. He added that he isn't happy with the response following the request to ask the Chief Executive to engage a dedicated resource to improve broadband penetration in Inishowen. The Director of Service, John McLaughlin stated that he would liaise with Brian Boyle, Head of Information Systems in relation to the matter.

Provision of broadband services to the Lisfannon Industrial Estate in Bunrana was discussed by the members. It was stated that at least two companies have decided against locating in the site as a direct result of the poor facilities. It was noted that the Metropolitan Area Network (MANS) runs to the entrance to the site. The prohibitive cost of connecting to the MANs was again discussed. The members expressed their frustration that these issues keep coming up and no action to remedy the situation is ever taken. Cllr Murray proposed that the Inishowen MD writes to Enterprise Ireland to ask what their proposals are to improve broadband availability at the site. Cllr Doherty seconded the call and it was agreed to write to Enterprise Ireland for a response. It was also agreed to write to the Minister to highlight the lack of broadband service at the Lisfannon site.

16.94.02 Housing Grants

The members raised concerns with the Area Manager regarding the delay to grant applications in the Newtowncunningham and Manorcunningham areas. The members asked the Area Manager to contact the head of the Occupational Therapy Service of the HSE to highlight the matter.

16.94.03 SI Houses

The Area Manager confirmed to the members that Donegal County Council continues to process applications for SI houses. A new operating procedure for considering SI applications has been agreed with the Housing SPC and applications will be assessed under the new policy.

16.94.04 Joint Policing Committee

Cllr Doherty referred to the meeting of the county JPC which took place on 16th January 2017 at which a call was made for a cross community response to the problem of anti-social behaviour. He asked that all elected members work with the JPC to address the problem of anti-social behaviour.

16.95 ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

The Senior Executive Engineer Seamus Hopkins briefed the members on the follow up report included with the agenda. He advised that he will arrange to meet the members at the Brochan House Bridge to hear their concerns.

Referring to the workshop held earlier in the day, the SEE advised that he hopes to have a schedule of MD works agreed by March. The SEE stated that any members who couldn't attend the earlier workshop could bring come directly to him.

16.95.01 Members issues for follow up

The members listed issues of for the Roads team to consider.

- Traffic diversions from national primary to county roads and damage from heavy goods vehicles.
- Re-introduction of LIS schemes.
- Road widening and re-alignment at Ballyloskey to be examined.
- Taking in charge of road at Drimm.
- Provision of disabled parking bays at chapels in Inishowen.
- Traffic calming at Clonmany car park. Does land belong to Council.
- Carson's Lane, Manorcunningham resurfacing.

Director of Service for Roads and Transportation John McLaughlin advised the members that following the November meeting of the full Council, he had written to the Minister seeking the re-introduction of LIS schemes and the response was that each local authority could decide to fund LIS by top-slicing their annual road grant allocation if that was their wish. The Director added that the same response has been received from the Department on the matter on several occasions following requests from the members. The members discussed the advice of the Director.

An Cathaoirleach, Bernard McGuinness stated that the Minister has given his response to the request and is unlikely to change his mind.

An Cathaoirleach expressed his thanks to the Roads Team for the great work carried out through the year.

The Senior Executive Engineer stated that he and his team are reviewing the traffic diversions at various locations. He referred to the tragic accident at Fahan before Christmas and acknowledged the quick response of the staff and the area engineer in that assistance.

16.96 COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE

Fiona Doherty, Staff Officer presented the Community and Enterprise update report to the members. The Senior Executive Engineer advised that he will consult the parking section with regard to the query in relation to designated parking at churches and other areas.

16.96.01 Malin Head

The Council has appointed a design team which is currently finalising the design drawings. A meeting took place with officials from Fáilte Ireland to finalise the design for the toilet block.

Fáilte Ireland have approved the design of the toilet block, the tender documents are been finalised and it is anticipated that it will be advertised for tender within the next week.

The tender documents for the procurement process for the appointment of a design team to carry out the master plan as Phase III are now finalised and are been currently assessed by Fáilte Ireland. The Council are expecting a response from Fáilte Ireland later in the week which should then enable the Council to begin the procurement process.

The tender documents for the Toilet block, car parking and associated works was advertised on e-tenders on the 9th January, 2017. The deadline for the receipt of tenders is 12 noon on Friday 3rd February, 2017. Analysis of returned tenders will take place following this date. A copy of the drawings has issued to the Members.

16.96.02 Foyle Ferry Service

Advertisements inviting applications for a licence to operate a roll on / roll off ferry service between Greencastle and Magilligan were placed in the following papers by Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council in the week beginning 12th December 2016:

- Irish Times;
- Belfast Telegraph;
- Derry Journal;
- Chronicle (Limavady, Coleraine & Ballymoney).

The closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday 25th January 2017.

The members enquired whether there had been any contact with the Causeway Coast and Glens District Council regarding the Foyle ferry service. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager confirmed that he had made contact with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and it was agreed to consider the matter further after the tender process is complete.

Cllr McGuinness stated that it is important that the Council members from the two local authorities get a chance to meet to discuss the service.

The Divisional Manager circulated his report on passenger numbers for the Swilly Ferry Service in 2016.

There was a discussion in relation to the match funding of €2.5m to be provided by the Northern Executive to the North West Gateway initiative.

Concern was expressed that strategic cross border initiatives such as the Foyle ferry service will be at risk because the Executive has collapsed and the funding has not been paid. It was stated that FM Arlene Foster has refused to release the funding to the Councils.

Director of Service, John McLaughlin advised the members that the Chief Executive will be meeting the Chief Executive of Derry and Strabane District Council on Monday 23rd January to consider the position with regards to the NW Gateway Initiative. He added that more information will available thereafter.

16.96.03 Rural Development Programme/LEADER

The four Implementing Partners in the county, Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán held a series of county wide information evenings on the LEADER programme in late 2016. Expression of Interest forms were issued and completed, and are currently being assessed. Targeted calls for funding applications are now open and have been advertised by the Implementing Partners.

Expressions of Interest received that are deemed to be in line with the criteria outlined in the Local Development Strategy (LDS) will be invited to submit a full application to the relevant Implementing Partner. Applications will then be brought before the Evaluation Committee and onto the LCDC for approval. It is expected that this process will continue into Q1 2017 with actual projects kicking off on the ground by late Q2 2017.

16.96.04 Donegal Walks and Trails

A letter of offer for funding has been allocated for the North West Greenway Project under INTERREG VA (Sustainable Transport Measure). The allocation of €14,861,188 has been made to the project which has four main partners:

Derry City and Strabane District Council, Donegal County Council, Sustrans and Transport NI. The overall cost of the project was estimated at circa €18 million and both Councils have agreed to provide the match funds if required depending on final agreed costings and identified savings.

The project will see 3 no. cross border routes developed from:

(1) Derry to Muff 10.5 km

(2) Derry to Bunrana via Bridgend (with a spur towards Newtowncunningham via Tooban Junction Inch Level) 32.5 km

(3) Strabane to Lifford 3.5 km

This project will commence in January 2017 and the early stages will look at project design and route selection (including land owner discussions) and obtaining the necessary statutory permissions. The project will run for five years and is scheduled to be complete by December 2021.

16.96.05 Peace IV

The Donegal Peace IV Action Plan (Stage 2 Submission) was submitted to the SEUPB on 23rd September. Further information in relation to the application was provided to SEUPB on 1st November. The Council has been responding to clarification requests from SEUPB in relation to the PEACE IV Stage 2 application. The application was considered by the SEUPB steering committee on 14th December. The Council continues to liaise with SEUPB to progress the application.

16.96.06 An Grianán of Aileach

A meeting with representatives of the OPW has been arranged for 2pm Tuesday 7th February 2017, at An Grianan Hotel, Burt. The format will entail a round table discussion followed by a visit to An Grianan of Aileach monument.

16.96.07 Development Fund Initiative Workshop

The Divisional Manager advised the members that he would be seeking to organise a workshop prior to the February meeting of the Municipal District to consider the DFI applications for 2017.

The Area Manager for Housing and Corporate Services advised that a number of workshops will be required on the same day.

16.97 PLANNING

An Cathaoirleach Bernard McGuinness welcomed the new Planner for the area to Inishowen and wished her well in her new assignment. The members joined An Cathaoirleach in welcoming the new Planner.

The Executive Planner Ruth Diver circulated a list of names and contact details for the various planning staff assigned to the municipal districts in the county.

The members welcomed the new arrangements and the provision of planning clinics at the Public Services Centres. The increase in planning applications received by the council was also welcomed by the members as an indication of renewed confidence in the local economy.

The Executive Planner responded to questions from the members.

16.98 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Matthew Byrne Waste Regulation Officer presented the Environment Report to the members.

16.98.01 Beach at Lagg

Mathew Byrne confirmed that the Coastal Officer David Friel has arranged to meet members of the local community at Lagg, Malin Head. He further advised that David Friel will be available to attend the next meeting of the Inishowen MD to advise the members on the status of the Slodden to Binbane - Coastal Erosion Study.

16.98.02 Bring Banks

The Waste Regulation Officer advised that Donegal County Council adopted an innovative approach to reduce littering and illegal dumping at bring bank sites by installing motion activated litter prevention audio devices at two of the busiest Bring Banks sites in the county - Dunnes Stores, Oldtown, Letterkenny and the Donegal Town Bring Bank site.

When activated bring bank users hear a pre-recorded message thanking members of the public for recycling and reminding recyclers to avoid a €150 litter fine by taking home all bags and empty boxes from the sites.

16.98.03 Tidy Towns

The members acknowledged and welcomed the initiative to hold a tidy towns competition for the county. The proposal is supported by a provision of €15,000 per municipal district in budget 2017. The Director of Service for Roads and Transportation advised that each municipal district will decide on how the funding should be used, having regard to existing commitments.

16.98.04 Blue Flag Beaches.

An Cathaoirleach Bernard McGuinness stated that he would like to see Kinnagoe Bay considered as a Blue Flag beach and he requested that the Council carries out any works necessary to improve facilities at the location.

A schedule of meetings was agreed for Tuesday 14th February.

1. Housing workshop at 10am
2. Roads workshop at 11am.
3. DFI workshop 12pm to 1pm.
1pm to 2pm lunch.
4. DFI workshop continued 2pm to 3pm.
5. Municipal District meeting 3pm.

16.99 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the February 2017 Meeting will take place on Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 3.00pm in the Chamber, Inishowen Public Services Centre, Carndonagh.

Certified: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Environment Report

Municipal District Meeting, January 2017

Environment Awareness

1.Green Schools

There are currently 161 Green Flags flying in Donegal with some schools currently working towards their 8th Green Flag having been involved in the programme for at least 16 years. We also have schools hoping to be awarded their 1st Green Flag in 2017. The Council plays an important role in the implementation of the Green Schools programme and work together with An Taisce to support schools. Schools are given advice, support and information talks on the variety of themes which include, Litter & Waste, Energy, Water, Travel, Biodiversity, Global Citizenship Litter & Waste, Global Citizenship Energy and the most recent theme Global Citizenship Marine Litter.

This is a very busy time of year for schools as many are preparing to apply for their next Green Flag, they also require a support visit from the Council or An Taisce before the application deadline of 24th March.

The Green Schools awards for Donegal schools are held in May of each year at a Donegal venue. The Green Schools programme has been a great success in Donegal and the evidence of this is that we have schools going for their 8th Green Flag, this illustrates the long-term nature of the programme and how schools have really embraced it.

2. Smoky Coal

The Council is continuing it's awareness campaign in relation to the Smoky Coal ban in the Letterkenny area through radio advertising, promotions on social media and most recently by developing the attached piece of artwork to be used on the Council's website, social media etc. Enforcement activities have involved the inspection of delivery lorries, and the inspection of any premises selling, marketing or distributing coal with the Letterkenny area. Enforcement staff are also following up on all complaints on an ongoing basis. New legislation has also made provision for fixed penalty notices for breaches of the legislation within the coal sector ranging from €250 - €1,000.

Donegal County Council encourages members of the public to report instances of the flouting of the law, which will result in enforcement action being taken by the Council.

3. Tidy Towns Amenity Grant

The Environment Section has welcomed the additional funding allocated for Tidy Towns through an amenity grant in the 2017 budget. Application forms and criteria are currently being drawn up and it is hoped to invite Tidy Towns groups to apply in the next month.

4. Anti - Litter Campaigns

Preparations are currently underway for the spring anti-litter campaigns these will include radio advertising, online advertising and social media promotional work. These campaigns will focus on roadside littering, dog fouling and community clean-ups. Preparations have also begun in organising the "Big Donegal Clean -Up 2017".

6. Bikes 4 Africa

The Council, Letterkenny Rotary Club and Bryson Recycling wish to thank everyone who donated a bicycle to the Bikes 4 Africa appeal in October 2016. In just two weeks over 300 bicycles were collected at the 6 Bryson Recycling Centres at Letterkenny, Milford, Carndonagh, Dungloe, Laghey and Stranorlar. Last week all the bikes that were donated were sent to Loughlan House, the correctional facility in Co. Cavan where the Irish Prison Service has arranged for the inmates refurbish the bicycles as part of their rehabilitation and training programme. The refurbished bicycles will eventually be transported to The Gambia, where Rotary's partner organisation "Jole Rider Gambia" pre-selects the schools, and then oversees the distribution of the bikes, with the assistance of the Gambian Education Ministry.

A joint press release will be issued next week.

Enforcement Figures 2017

Total number of environment complaints for the year to date 104. 96 complaints were for waste and litter.

Total number of Fixed Penalty Notices served under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 is 6 of which 0 % collection rate.

Public Conveniences

Review of Station Roundabout Area Public Conveniences, Letterkenny

Following request from Members of the Environment SPC, October 19th, 2016, a review of the Station Roundabout Area Public Conveniences, Letterkenny, was conducted. The area is currently served with the following services;

Letterkenny Shopping Centre

Opening hours:	Monday to Wednesday	9am – 6pm
	Thurs – Friday	9am – 9pm

Saturday	9am – 6pm
Sunday	12pm – 6pm

C.I.E. Bus Depot

Opening hours:	Monday to Friday	9am – 6pm
	Saturday and Sunday	Closed

Other

There are several bars, cafes, shops and takeaways in the immediate area and hotels within a short walk of the Station Roundabout. All of these have toilets available to customers.

Recommendation

In summary, the Public Convenience needs of the general public visiting the Station Roundabout area of Letterkenny are currently adequately served.

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT
Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting
14th February 2017

Corporate Services

Housing Services

PROGRESS REPORTS

Inishowen Municipal District

Housing Grants Report at 8th February 2017

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	56	38	8	10	0
2016	44	19	10	9	6
2017	2	0	0	0	2

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	3	3	0	0	0
2016	6	2	1	2	1
2017	1	0	0	0	1

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	21	17	2	2	0
2016	30	16	8	4	2
2017	1	0	0	0	1

Housing Loan Report at 8th February 2017

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED / CANCELLED	UNDECIDED
Standard Loans	2015	0	0	0	0
	2016	3	0	3	0
	2017	0	0	0	0

Casual Vacancies at 14th February 2017.

DWELLING	BED	DETAILS
14 Radharc na Trá Breige	2	Refer for Choice Based Letting
32 Dún na nIarlaí	2	Offered
23 Ardaravan Road	1	Offered
43 Abbey Park, Manorcunningham	3	Under repair
45 Clós Phadraig	2	Under repair
6 Castle Park, Newtown	2	Under repair
181 Ardfoyle, Moville	1	Under repair
28 St Boden's Tce, Culdaff	2	Under repair
27 St Boden's Tce, Culdaff	2	Under repair
24 Heather Park, Bunrana	3	Being assessed
1 Dún an Ghrianan, Bunrana	3	Under repair
28 Bun na Mine, Bridegend	3	Being assessed
4 Seaview Terrace, Glengad	3	Being assessed
3 An Teampall Maol, Greencastle	2	Being assessed
Ballybrack, Moville	3	Being assessed

HAP Tenancies

Municipal District	Number
Donegal	158
Letterkenny	555
Glenties	122
Stranorlar	199
Inishowen	311
Sub Total	1,344
Tenancies Closed	261
Overall Total	1,605

Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016

33 no. applications have been received to date for the Tenant Purchase Scheme. One application has been received in 2017.

Mr. Leo McCauley, McCauley Properties, Market Square, Moville has been appointed to the Donegal County Council panel of valuers for the purpose of the Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016 for the Inishowen Municipal District.

Inishowen Municipal District Follow up Issues Status Report

Follow up issues from January 2017

Follow up actions

Tier Two Towns

Confirm to Central Planning Unit status of Merville as Heritage Town and Tier Two Town.

Response

Confirmation sent to Paul Christy, Senior Executive Planner, regarding the designation of Merville as a Tier Two Town and clarification in relation to Heritage Status for Merville.

Requests to address Municipal District Meeting 1.

The North West Lyme Disease Support Group has requested an opportunity to address the members at the next suitable meeting of the MD.

Response

Attendance at the February MD meeting confirmed with Mr Charlie Harkin, North West Lyme Disease Support Group.

Requests to address Municipal District Meeting 2.

Bernie Flanagan of the Waters and Communities Office has also requested an opportunity to meet the members at the February MD meeting. The Water and Communities Office is a shared service which is currently working with the Inishowen Rives Trust.

Response

Attendance at the February MD meeting confirmed with Bernie Flanagan for 3.15pm on 14th February 2017.

Broadband facilities at Lisfannon Industrial Estate

Cllr Murray proposed that the Inishowen MD writes to Enterprise Ireland to ask what their proposals are to improve broadband availability at the site. Cllr Doherty seconded the call and it was agreed to write to Enterprise Ireland for a response. It was also agreed to write to the Minister to highlight the lack of broadband service at the Lisfannon site.

Response

Matter referred to Enterprise Ireland and to head of Information Systems for response.

Housing Grants in Manorcunningham and Newtowncunningham

The members raised concerns with the Area Manager regarding the delay to grant applications in the Newtowncunningham and Manorcunningham areas. The members asked the Area Manager to contact the head of the Occupational Therapy Service of the HSE to highlight the matter.

Response

Matter referred to Occupational Therapy Services Manager, HSE.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Community, Enterprise & Planning Directorate
Community & Development Division



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

Municipal District of Inishowen
Tuesday 14th February, 2017

REPORT

1. Malin Head
2. Swilly & Foyle Ferries
3. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
4. Walks and Trails
5. Bunrana School Campus
6. An Grianán of Aileach
7. Playgrounds
8. Capital Grant Funding Scheme –Department of Children & Youth Affairs
9. Carndonagh Town & Village Renewal Scheme
10. Fort Dunree
11. Donegal Tourism
12. Donegal Gathering



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

Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: February 2017

Activity / Project Title	Malin Head
Activity / Project Description	Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project. Provision of new toilet block, road widening to accommodate passing bays and provision of services and utilities to address visitor management at Malin Head.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	The Council have now received the formal letter of offer from Fáilte Ireland comprising funding of almost €400k. The Council have also made an application to Fáilte Ireland for Technical Assistance support towards cost of a master plan proposal which will include detailed design, costing and related studies required for the development of a WAW signature Discovery point at Malin Head. Confirmation of the Technical Assistance grant is also expected.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	The Council have appointed a design team who are currently finalising the design drawings. A meeting took place with officials from Fáilte Ireland to finalise the design for the toilet block. Fáilte Ireland have approved the design of the toilet block, the tender documents are been finalised and it is anticipated that it will be advertised for tender within the next week. The tender documents for the procurement process for the appointment of a design team to carry out the masterplan as Phase III are finalised. They will be circulated to the Members this week and also advertised on e-tenders. The tender documents for the Toilet block, car parking and associated works was advertised on e-tenders on the 9 th January, 2017. An Analysis of the returned tenders will take place soon.
Contact Person	Paddy Doherty 074 9153900



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

Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: February 2017

Activity / Project Title	Swilly & Foyle Ferries.
Activity / Project Description	Swilly and Foyle Ferries for 2017.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p><u>Swilly Ferry.</u></p> <p><u>Foyle Ferry.</u> Advertisements inviting applications for a licence to operate a roll on / roll off ferry service between Greencastle and Magilligan were placed in the following papers by Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council in the week beginning 12th December 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Irish Times; - Belfast Telegraph; - Derry Journal; - Chronicle (Limavady, Coleraine & Ballymoney). <p>The closing date for receipt of applications is Wednesday 25th January 2017.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p><u>Swilly Ferry.</u> Funding for the 2017 service to be agreed with the Members at the upcoming DFI workshop on the 14th February. Staff from Donegal Tourism Ltd were in contact with the company in January with a view to ensuring the promotion of the service in all Council supported tourism marketing initiatives in 2017.</p> <p><u>Foyle Ferry</u> No tenders were received for the provision of a roll on/roll off ferry service between Greencastle and Magilligan. The Director of Service Liam Ward has been in contact with officials from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council with a view to setting up a meeting at the earliest possible date.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Contact Person	Colin McNulty 074 9153900



Activity / Project Update- February 2017

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
Budget (if applicable)	€12,913,873
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	<p>There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán. All 4 Implementing Partners held a series of county wide information evening's on the LEADER programme in late 2016. Expression of Interest forms were issued and completed, and are currently being assessed. Targeted calls for funding applications are now open and have been advertised by the Implementing Partners.</p> <p>The structure of the Evaluation Committees (3 no.) was adopted by the LCDC at their meeting of 29th November.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	Expressions of Interest received that are deemed to be in line with the criteria outlined in the Local Development Strategy (LDS) will be invited to submit a full application to the relevant Implementing Partner. Applications will then be brought before the Evaluation Committee and onto the LCDC for approval. It is expected that this process will continue into Q1 2017 with actual projects kicking off on the ground by late Q2 2017.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Paddy Doherty, 9153900 paddy.doherty@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update February 2017

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 4 - inclusive of current status	<p>We have been informed that an allocation from the Rural Recreation Fund has been made for the maintenance and development of the following walks in Inishowen:</p> <p>Carndonagh Woodland walk: €8,070 Urris Loops : €5,525 Inch Wildfowl Reserve €2,800 Inishowen Head Loop: €4,585 Glenagivney Walk: €4,085</p> <p>Negotiations are under way with the relevant committees to advance the priority works on these walks. This should be agreed by end January 2017 and works completed by Spring.</p> <p>The inspection report for Inishowen Head loop was received from the National Trails Office and this route has been passed, we await inspection reports for the paths at Malin Head and Buncrana. Malin Head cliff top path is now insured and has been inspected by the National Trails Office.</p> <p>Work is complete on the Inishowen Greenway report (Wee Greenway Initiative) financed by the Strategic Development fund. Concentrating on the disused railway line from Buncrana to Carndonagh. Copies of the report have been distributed to members.</p> <p>A letter of offer for funding has been allocated for the North West Greenway Project under INTERREG VA (Sustainable Transport Measure). The allocation of €14,861,188 has been made to the project which has four main partners: Derry City Strabane District Council, Donegal County Council, Sustrans and Transport NI. The overall cost of the project was estimated at circa €18 million and both Councils have agreed to provide the match funds if required depending on final agreed costings and identified savings. The project will see 3 no. cross border routes developed from: (1)Derry to Muff 10.5 km (2)Derry to Buncrana via Bridgend (with a spur towards Newtowncunningham via Tooban Junction Inch Level) 32.5 km (3)Strabane to Lifford 3.5 km This project will commence in January 2017 and the early stages will look at project design and route selection (including land owner discussions) and obtaining the necessary statutory permissions. The project will run for five years and is scheduled to be complete by December 2021.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 1 reporting period	<p>Completion of the works at the five funded sites mentioned earlier in the report. Follow up with Inishowen Equestrian committee re proposed project on Coillte grounds. First quarter readings of the counters will be done in February 2017 Proposed projects will be assessed for LEADER funding.</p>
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Francis Conaghan (Paths & trails Development Officer) 087 2371219 fconaghan@donegaltrailsoffice.com



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Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: February 2017

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



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Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: February 2017

Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting has taken place with senior officials from the OPW with regard to a number of OPW managed sites within the County and their potential to attract further visitors and improve the tourist offering in Donegal. An Grianán was discussed at this meeting.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The officials confirmed that they would meet local interested parties in relation to An Grianán. The Council will now progress this matter with the OPW and will advise Members of the date in due course. A successful meeting took place on Tuesday 7th February with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Failte Ireland, Council Officials and various stakeholders. Mr. Shalvey agreed to initiate the process to update their Conservation and Management Plan of the entire site. The timeframe for completion of the plan is 10/12 months. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Failite Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Paddy Doherty 074 9153900



Activity / Project Update: February 2017

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUNDS
Project Description/Activity	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds 1. Ballyliffin 2. Carndonagh 3. Carndonagh Fitness Trail 4. Carndonagh Muga 5. Chlos Phadraig 6. Chlos Phadraig Muga 7. Culdaff Beach 8. Festival Park, Bunrana 9. Manorcunningham SHS
Budget (if applicable)	€8,500.80 incl. VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of broken equipment • Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards • Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings , shackles, etc. • Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces/wet pour • Replace missing clamps <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Rospa Inspection reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified. • Tender requests issued on 28th November, 2016 with a closing date of midday on 8th December, 2016. • Tenders assessed in December 2016. • Annual Maintenance Tender awarded to Murphy Playground Services Ltd. • Maintenance works to commence at the end of January 2017
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance works to commence at the end of January 2017
Contact Person (to include telephone number & email address)	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre 087 1788623



Activity / Project Update: February 2017

Activity / Project Title	Capital Grant Funding Scheme – Department of Children & Youth Affairs
Project Description/Activity	<p>Provision of all inclusive Equipment in one playground in each of the Municipal Districts of Inishowen; Glenties and Donegal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shore Front, Buncrana 2. St John Bosco, Donegal Town 3. St. Mary's Derrybeg
Budget (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €10,000 - Grant from Department of Children & Youth Affairs 2015 • €16,200 own resources
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of all inclusive piece of equipment in three playgrounds <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of Playground regarding type of equipment/exact location within playground. • Quotations sought 12/10/16 with receipt of quotations on or before Thursday 27th October, 2016. • Quotations were assessed and the Contract awarded on the 24th November, 2016 to Hawthorn Heights, 38a Vale Road, Greysteel, Eglinton, BT47 3BL. • All works nearing completion and expected to be completed week ending 10/02/2017.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All works to be completed week ending 10th February, 2017 with Rospa Post Installation reports submitted by end of February 2017.
<p>Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)</p>	<p>Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre 087 1788623</p>



Activity / Project Update: February 2017

Activity / Project Title	Carndonagh Town & Village Renewal Scheme
Project Description/Activity	<p>Carndonagh Bridge Street Refurbishment</p> <p>The project involves the refurbishment of the old historical steps on Bridge Street in conjunction with the local Tidy Town Committee.</p>
Budget (if applicable)	<p>€76,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs €13,410 – Own Resources</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>1. Carndonagh works consists of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removal of concrete footpath 2. Repairs to stone wall and stone steps 3. Refurbishment / Replacement of Railing 4. Paving – Cut Stone 5. Ducting/ Drainage 6. Surfacing 7. Undergrounding fo Services <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval obtained from Department • Meetings / discussions taking place with local Tidy Towns Committee • Bridge Street due to be surveyed with a view to compiling tender documents by the second quarter in 2017.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalise details of works to be carried out • Survey Bridge street • Seek Quotations • Appoint Contractor • Carry out works
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie</p>



Activity / Project Update: February 2017

Activity / Project Title	FORT DUNREE
Project Description/Activity	<p><u>(REDZ (RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE) 2016 INITIATIVE</u></p> <p><u>FORT DUNREE</u></p> <p>The proposed project will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve facilities for visitors to Fort Dunree • Increase capacity for catering for visitors at the site • Ensure ongoing safety of visitors to the site <p><u>The project will consist of:</u></p> <p>1. <u>Coffee Shop</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refit of interior of Café • Extension to kitchen area • Extended seating capacity to exterior of current Café site <p>2. <u>Dunree Pier Improvement Works:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pier path fencing • New Path from Pier
Budget (if applicable)	<p>€50,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs €12,500 – Own Resources</p>
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval obtained from Department on 29/11/2016 • Details of work been formalised at present.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalise details of works to be carried out • Manage the procurement and appointment of Contractors to carry out the works.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	<p>Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie</p>



Activity / Project Update

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Project Description/Activity	The Marketing aspects of Donegal Tourism / Go Visit Donegal																								
Budget (if applicable)	N/A																								
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Belfast advertising to the Chinese Markets

Donegal will be featured in a map guide in Belfast that will be published in January 2017, to coincide with the Chinese New Year, when inbound Chinese visitor levels increase significantly across Belfast.

This bi-lingual, English/Mandarin Chinese Guide will be an essential aid to the ever-increasing number of Chinese visitors arriving into Belfast with Donegal heavily featured within the map.

Initially 10,000 Copies Will Be Printed And Distributed Via:

Visit Belfast Welcome Centre, Donegal Square North

Visit Belfast Visitor Information Centre

Visit Belfast Visitor Information Centre – Belfast International Airport

Titanic Belfast

Hotels in Belfast and the surrounding

Donegal Promotion in Dundrum

In December Donegal Tourism teamed up with the tourism trade and carried out a two day promotional event in Dundrum Shopping Centre in Dublin.

Dundrum Town Centre is Ireland's premier retail destination boasting the highest footfall in the country with over 365,000 customers weekly.

This promotion was a huge success; the centre was packed with Christmas shoppers so it was the ideal time to target the domestic market.

In conjunction with this promotion Donegal Tourism ran a competition offering a four night break in Donegal, this offer was carried out online to highlight that Donegal had recently won the National Geographic Cool list for 2017.

We had an overwhelming response with over 600 entrants. These names have been added to our growing database who we target with our blogs and information on all things Donegal.

Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period

Holiday World Show

Donegal will be extensively promoted in the last two weekends in January at the Holiday World Shows in Belfast and Dublin reaching an audience of an estimated 60k potential visitors.

The Holiday World Shows are two of the most significant tourism travel shows in Europe that take place annually with visitors attending from around the world including Europe (UK and ROI), the Middle East, Asia and

	<p>America.</p> <p>Donegal Tourism Ltd in association with Donegal County Council invited representatives from across the tourism sector to participate at the 2017 Holiday World Shows in Belfast and Dublin as part of a collaborative cost effective approach to promoting the county as a joint initiative. Various tourism sector representatives will attend the shows to promote their respective areas.</p> <p>Tourism Seminar Donegal Tourism will host their first Tourism Seminar in Late February, early March.</p> <p>The objective of the tourism Seminar is to provide those who are operating in the tourism sector in Donegal, hotels, B&B, rural tourism SME's, product providers managers and staff, with the necessary skills to enhance the competitiveness of tourist management.</p> <p>Keynote speakers are currently being sought to present at this seminar and the themes will include marketing, business supports for small business and capitalising on the Wild Atlantic Way Initiative.</p>
	<p>Sarah Meehan Marketing Officer</p> <p>Tel: + 353 (74) 9724431 Mobile: +353 (87) 2691977 E-mail: sarahmeehan@outlook.ie Facebook: www.facebook.com/govisitdonegal Twitter: www.twitter.com/govisitdonegal</p>



Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Gathering website and Facebook www.donealgathering.com																		
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Gathering is a key initiative of the Donegal Diaspora project bringing together young and old, from near and far, for a truly unique experience. The Donegal Gathering calendar is packed with amazing exhibitions, fun festivals, cracking concerts and sporting events taking place in Donegal.																		
Budget (if applicable)	€30 Facebook advertising in support of Christmas Spirit LK video fundraising campaign #LetterkennyCares (2 nd – 25 th December 2016)																		
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Donegal Gathering website</p> <p>Donegal Gathering statistics show continuous increase of visits to the website.</p> <p>All-time website views (since 2012) : 488,687 / visitors: 217,039 2016 website views: 130,213 / visitors: 62,053</p> <p>Website Stats for Q4 of 2016</p> <p><u>Website Views / Website Visitors Q4 2016:</u> Oct 2016: 12,830 (+36% on 2015) / Oct 2016: 4,856 (+8.6%) Nov 2016: 6,822 (+15%) / Nov 2016: 3,309 (+16.6%) Dec 2016: 4,942 (+47%) / Dec 2016: 2,652 (+49.7%)</p> <p>Website views in Q4 2016: 24,594 (+31.5%) Website visitors in Q4 2016: 10,817 (+19%)</p> <p>End of Year 2016 Report</p> <p>Website views / Website Visitors 2016:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="488 1547 1217 1749"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Website Views</th> <th>Website Visitors</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Q1</td> <td>18,267</td> <td>9,451</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Q2</td> <td>33,526</td> <td>17,803</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Q3</td> <td>53,826</td> <td>23,982</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Q4</td> <td>24,594</td> <td>10,817</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>130,213</td> <td>62,053</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Most visited events profiles in 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donegal International Rally • Rathmullan Community Festival • Clonmany Festival • Donegal Town Summer Festival • St. Patrick's Day Parades • Burtonport Summer Festival • Ramelton's Annual Lennon Festival 		Website Views	Website Visitors	Q1	18,267	9,451	Q2	33,526	17,803	Q3	53,826	23,982	Q4	24,594	10,817	Total	130,213	62,053
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- All-Ireland Coastal Rowing Championships
- Mary from Dungloe International Festival
- A Taste of Donegal Food Festival
- Killybegs Summer Festival
- Heritage Week in Co. Donegal
- Greencastle Regatta

Top 7 views by country:



212 Listed Events / Traffic to the website from 122 countries

Donegal Gathering Facebook Page

Facebook advertising in support of Christmas Spirit LK video fundraising campaign #LetterkennyCares ran from 2nd – 25th December 2016.

Campaign Results: 264 Post Engagements / 7,752 People Reached

Current Status:

3,640 Facebook Likes
2,370 Twitter Followers

Project Targets for the next quarter reporting period	Website stats update for Q1 2017
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Iga Lawne, Tourism Community Support Officer E: iga@countydonegaltourism.com / T: 074-9724475



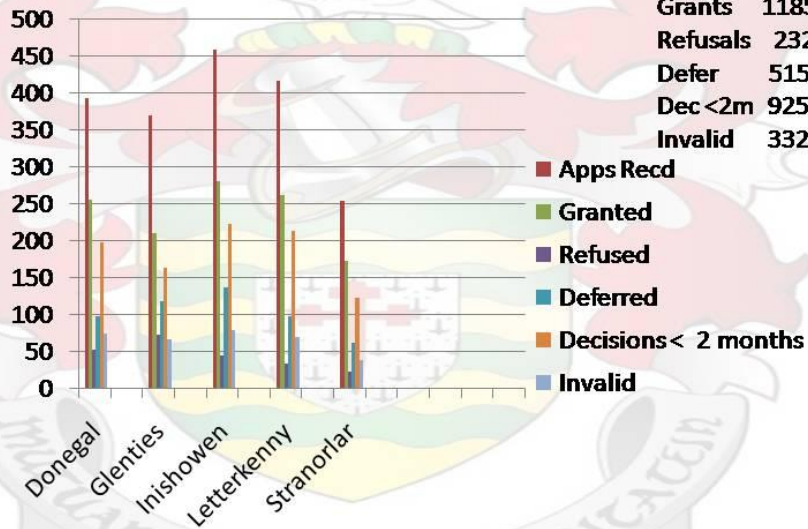
**Community, Enterprise & Planning
Service**

Planning Services Report

**Inishowen Municipal District Meeting
- 14th February 2017**

- Updates
- Development Applications
- Enforcement
- CPU- Policy Matters
- Taking-in-charge & Unfinished Developments

Summary of Planning Applications per Municipal District



County Totals

Apps rec.	1893
Grants	1185
Refusals	232
Defer	515
Dec < 2m	925
Invalid	332

Enforcement

- **Inishowen MD**
- New 4
- Closed 1
- Outstanding cases on CRM handled since 2012 – 240

Central Planning Unit

- **County Development Plan Review**

Following the Plenary Workshop of 26th January, 2017, the Central Planning Unit is now working with Senior Management on a draft of the County Development Plan review with a view to issuing to Members in late February, 2017. At the recent workshop it was also agreed to hold the next workshop on 7th March, 2017. The Public Consultation Draft will issue in early May, 2017.

- **Tier 2 Local Area Plan(s)**

The Central Planning Unit continues to target publication of the Draft Local Area Plan in late June, 2017. Priority is necessarily being given to the County Development Plan review work at present but it is envisaged that resources will be re-directed to the Local Area Plan in the coming weeks.

- **Additions To the Record of Protected Structures**

A report on this item was considered at the Plenary Council meeting on 30th January, 2017. A brief report is attached with this agenda to update Members on a slight delay to the programme as outlined in the report to the Plenary Council.

CPU continued

- **Conservation Grant Schemes**

On 30th January, 2017 the Council received notification from the Minister for the Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in relation to two separate built heritage grant schemes. The Schemes are to be administered through the Council's Central Processing Unit section. The Minister's notifications to the Council require that both Schemes are advertised on the Council's website from 1st February to 28th February, 2017 with the deadline for the submission of applications being the latter date. The website information for both Schemes is available on request from the planning office.

- **EU-Funded Hericoast Project**

Mr Joe Duffy, Project Planner, is continuing his research work under the guidance of Joint Project Managers, Claire McCallan (Conservation Architect) and Alana Greene (Executive Planner). Following the positive feedback from Members at the round of Municipal District updates in Quarter 4 of 2016, further updates will be provided at appropriate junctures during 2017.

Take-over Housing Estates/Unfinished Estates

- **Update:**

Work is underway to take-in-charge approx. 8no. housing estates in the Donegal Municipal District as part of the current work programme. It is proposed to update Members on the names and locations of these developments over the next few weeks and to publish the list locally.

Upcoming Monthly Schedule

- Planning Clinics

- 8th February 2017
- 22nd February 2017
- 22nd March 2017
- 5th April 2017
- 19th April 2017
- 3rd May 2017

Further Information

- <http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/> Weekly List of applications and decisions
- planning@donegalcoco.ie Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service)
- www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ Planning Webpage
- www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required
- www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches