

**Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain**

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**FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 06ú Meán Fómhair 2022, **ag 2.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach**

**DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN**

**A Chara,**

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

**Mise, le meas**



**Aeidín Ní Dhochartaigh  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

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**Municipal District of Inishowen**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
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Lifford  
31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

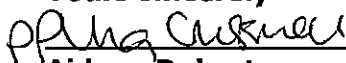
A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> September 2022 **at 2.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.**

**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN**

**Dear Councillor**

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

**Yours sincerely**



**Aideen Doherty  
Meetings Administrator**

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the July Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022
3. Community Development
4. Environment
5. Planning
6. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
7. Roads & Transportation
8. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
9. Correspondence

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON THE  
05<sup>th</sup> July 2022 in CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllrs Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin Mc Dermott, Johnny Mc Guinness and Jack Murray.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Bryan Cannon, A/Director of Service, Roads & Transportation, Aideen Doherty, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads & Transportation, Una Cresswell, Senior Staff Officer, Sharon Gill, A/Assistant Staff Officer (online)

The outgoing Cathaoirleach, Cllr Nicholas Crossan, opened the meeting pending the election of the new Cathaoirleach. Cllr Crossan welcomed everyone and stated how it has been an honour to serve a second term as Cathaoirleach although it was bitter sweet to accept due to the circumstances, the untimely death of Cllr Bernard McGuinness. Cllr Crossan stated how the late Cllr Bernard McGuinness was a hard-working and conscientious Councillor for over 40 years and he is still greatly missed by all the Members.

Cllr Nicholas Crossan mentioned that although we are currently going through a crisis period there has been funding provided in all departments and outlined the following ongoing projects in Inishowen:

- Primary care centre Buncrana
- Swan Park, Buncrana
- Fort Dunree, Buncrana
- Greencastle Pier
- Greencastle Maritime Museum
- Leisure Centre, Buncrana
- Malin Head
- Regeneration of the Shore Front, Buncrana

Cllr Nicholas Crossan also thanked Aideen Doherty and Una Cresswell and all the staff in Carndonagh for the help throughout the year. Cllr Crossan also thanked the Directors of Service for their commitment to the Inishowen Municipal District.

Cllr Crossan stated that it would be remiss of him not to mention the defective blocks issue as it is the biggest single disaster that has ever happened in Inishowen. Cllr Crossan reiterated that himself and all the Councillors have committed their full support to people effected.

**1. Election of the Cathaoirleach**

Cllr Crossan invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. Cllr Canning was proposed by Cllr Crossan and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott. Accordingly, Cllr Canning was elected Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2022 to 2023.

Cllr Paul Canning thanked Cllr Nicholas Crossan as outgoing chair for his role. Cllr Canning further thanked his family and all his supporters and political colleagues. Cllr Canning also wanted to give

a special mention to former colleague and friend, the late Cllr Bernard McGuinness, and noted how he had learned a great deal in local politics from Cllr B McGuinness.

Cllr Canning stated that he was delighted and honoured to accept the position of the Cathaoirleach and looks forward to representing Inishowen.

Cllr Canning stated that how going forward there is a lot of work to do and that in recent times he feels that there has been much blaming each other for failings that are outside of their control and he hopes that going forward everyone works together and supports each other. Cllr Canning acknowledged that the defective blocks issue is the biggest challenge in Inishowen but stated that it is important to continue with improving infrastructure also.

## **2. Election of the Leas-Chathaoirleach**

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the office of the Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Cllr Rena Donaghey was proposed by Cllr Martin Farren and this was seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott. Accordingly, Cllr Rena Donaghey was then declared Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2022-2023.

Cllr Rena Donaghey stated that it was a great honour to accept the position. Cllr Rena Donaghey also mentioned the untimely passing of Cllr Bernard McGuinness and how he is still greatly missed. Cllr Donaghey also thanked outgoing chair Cllr Nicholas Crossan.

The Members collectively expressed their association with all the words today in relation to the late Cllr Bernard McGuinness and how he is sorely missed. The Members all thanked out-going chair Cllr Nicholas Crossan for his work throughout the year and congratulated Cllr Paul Canning and Cllr Rena Donaghey on their appointment in the roles of Cathaoirleach and Leas-Chathaoirleach.

Bryan Cannon, A/Director Roads and Transportation, on behalf of the Senior Management Team, wished Cllr Canning and Cllr Donaghey well in their new positions. Bryan Cannon also thanked outgoing Cathaoirleach Cllr Nicholas Crossan and noted the busy schedule he undertook throughout the year. The significant impact of the passing of Cllr Bernard McGuinness was also noted by Bryan Cannon and he acknowledged how the Inishowen Elected Members work together for the advancement of the Municipal District. It was further noted that with staff and Elected Members working together much progress can be achieved in all areas.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

**Certified:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cathaoirleach:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 05<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022 at 2.00pm in CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

**Councillors Present:**

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

**Officials Present:**

Bryan Cannon, A/Director of Service Roads & Transportation, Aideen Doherty, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Una Cresswell, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Sharon Gill, A/Assistant Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services (online), Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Killian Smith, Executive Planner (online), Brian McBrearty, Waste Enforcement Officer, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development, Rosita Mahony, AO Senior Economic Development Officer (online)

The meeting was opened by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Paul Canning who welcomed all to the meeting.

**22.39 Consideration of the Minutes of the May Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022.**

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan, the minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were agreed.

**22.40 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Rosita Mahony, Senior Economic Development Officer, presented the report and it was taken as read. Rosita Mahony highlighted a few items to the Members.

**22.40.01 Trail Gazers Project**

Rosita Mahony advised that this project is coming to an end and one of the key outputs is developing a toolkit to look at the multiplier effect of walking routes. The project team are proposing to hold a workshop with the Members in the Autumn. Details of this will be circulated in advance.

**22.40.02 Talent Solutions**

Rosita Mahony advised that Donegal County Council continue to work in partnership with Derry City Council and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects with the aim of stimulating inward investment in the region. The Councils are working with consultants to develop a mapping platform to demonstrate the range of skills in the region. Members were advised that there will

be a campaign launched seeking online responses through a survey from both business and employees on current skills in the region in addition to highlighting future skills needs.

#### **22.40.03 AER Summer Academy event**

The Assembly of European Regions Summer Academy event will take place in the Atlantic Technology University on the week of 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Donegal County Council will co-host the event with Udarás na Gaeltachta and it is to mark 50-year anniversary of joining the European Union. It is of relevance to any youth organisations.

#### **22.40.04 Donegal Connect 2022**

Members were advised that Donegal Connect 2022 will take place 23-25 September 2022. It is part of the Global Irish event therefore Donegal County Council are working with Fáilte Ireland in conjunction with the Department of Foreign Affairs. The aim is to allow the diaspora to explore the county and discover why they should return here to live, work and invest here. There are a number of events planned over the weekend including a genealogy workshop as well as the Tip O'Neill Diaspora Awards 2022.

#### **22.40.05 European Project -TIDE**

Rosita Mahony updated Members on the TIDE project -an Atlantic network for developing historical maritime projects- and advised that there will be a launch of the virtual reality experience at Greencastle and Fort Dunree on July 13<sup>th</sup> 2022. Invites will be circulated shortly to Members and stakeholders.

#### **22.40.06 Camper Van pitch, Bunrana**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan enquired about the caravan pitch in Bunrana as he highlighted that all the facilities are in place at this pitch however there is no management in place for it. Cllr Nicholas Crossan noted that potential revenue is being lost here and he requested that something is done about the situation as soon as possible. Members collectively supported Cllr Nicholas Crossan's comments on this issue with Cllr Albert Doherty noting that correspondence had been received from the campervan members who want to see the Council as proactive and welcoming the campervan sector into the County.

Cllr Jack Murray also highlighted how the area could be promoted as a package with the Causeway Coast and Glens and noted the importance of the ferries to the peninsula. Cllr Johnny McGuinness supported Cllr Murray's comments and agreed that the catchment area for tourism needs to be Inishowen's hinterlands. Cllr McGuinness further noted that the camper van sector will be more prevalent due to increase in pricing in the hotel sector and noted a reduction in the footfall in tourism this year in the peninsula. Cllr Terry Crossan enquired if there was any uptake on the Caravan, Camping, Campervan and Motorhome Facilities Grant Scheme 2022 for

businesses to increase the number of overnight accommodation facilities for this sector in locations currently underserved in the county.

#### **22.40.07 Aire de Service Review**

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that he would like to see a briefing for all Members as to where the Aire de Service facilities are situated in the Inishowen MD and then also look at areas not serviced.

#### **22.40.08 Property Solutions**

Cllr Albert Doherty noted that the report from the Economic Development Unit stated that 12 property solutions were progressing across the County. Cllr Doherty enquired how many are in the Inishowen MD?

#### **22.40.09 Remote Working**

Cllr Albert Doherty also noted that from the report that 11 digital hubs are working in the county. Cllr Doherty enquired how many were in the Inishowen MD and how much of a turnover is generated?

#### **22.40.10 Water tanker**

Cllr Martin McDermott expressed his extreme disappointment that the water tanker has been situated in Letterkenny. There have been a number of incidents in Inishowen where there has not been enough water and this was the reason behind bringing this motion before full Council. Cllr McDermott highlighted how he has brought this issue up at every meeting and discovered via a press release that it was going to Letterkenny. The Members collectively shared Cllr McDermott's disappointment and frustration on this matter. Cllr Paul Canning undertook to raise this issue at the next Corporate Policy Group meeting. Cllr McDermott requested Rosita Mahony to bring the comments of the Members on this matter to the attention of the relevant people.

#### **22.40.11 North West Region**

It was noted that in relation to minute 22.37.07 from the previous meeting that Cllr Albert Doherty confirmed that a motion was past regarding installation of signage from Derry City to Carndonagh.

### **22.41 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Fiona Doherty presented the report to Members and took the report as read. Fiona Doherty proceeded to highlight a few issues to Members.

#### **22.41.01 2017 Town and Village Renewal Scheme -Newtowncunningham project**

Fiona Doherty advised Members that the Tourist Information kiosk is now completed and open and is promoting local interests in the area. Cllr Paul Canning acknowledged the success of the kiosk and thanked Fiona Doherty for the work on this project.

#### **22.41.02 2020 Clár Funding project -Glengad**

Fiona Doherty advised that the Portaleen Viewing Point work is now completed and was officially opened by Cllr Martin McDermott, Leas-Cathaoirleach on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022. Cllr Martin McDermott thanked Fiona Doherty for all the work carried out on this project.

#### **22.41.03 2021 Clár Funding-Culdaff Outdoor Recreation / Playground project**

Fiona Doherty provided an update on this project and confirmed the works are due to commence mid-July and are scheduled to complete in 5 weeks.

#### **22.41.04 Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme - Movice Playground**

Fiona Doherty announced that work will commence on the upgrade and improvement of the playpark in Movice on the 01<sup>st</sup> week of September and duration of completion is 7 weeks. Cllr Martin Farren welcomed this progress.

#### **22.41.05 Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme – Barrack Hill Town Park**

Members were updated on this project and advised that an assessment of the two sites is complete and Engineers can progress the project to design and tender stage in September. Cllr Albert Doherty highlighted that one issue of concern for the Barrack Hill Committee is that the Green Flag previously awarded may be in jeopardy due to the absence of a maintenance and repair plan for the playground. Cllr Doherty also requested an update on the development of a 5km park walk/run/cycle lane.

#### **22.41.06 Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project**

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the report which advised that an update had been provided by the Divisional Manager to Members on the status of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. Cllr Doherty advised that he was not aware of this update and requested an update on the status of the project.

Cllr Doherty also noted that land negotiations are ongoing but queried the specifics of this.

Cllr Martin McDermott supported Cllr Doherty's comments and noted his disappointment that another summer has come without progress on this project even though a plan had been agreed with the community three years ago. Cllr McDermott called on Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland to make this a priority and noted again that a Project Manager is required in order for this project to move forward and to be delivered. Members collectively supported these comments



to get this project moving forward. Fiona Doherty noted the Members concerns and will relay same to Director of Service Liam Ward and Divisional Manager Paddy Doherty and request a response on same.

#### **22.41.07 Town and Village Renewal Scheme- Clonmany**

Cllr Doherty noted that a contractor has been appointed for the resurfacing works at the Colmcille Village and queried if these works are going to plan due to recent increase in costs. Fiona Doherty confirmed the works will commence in September.

#### **22.41.08 Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme -Burnfoot**

Cllr Jack Murray wished to acknowledge the fantastic work that has been completed in Burnfoot and thanked all stakeholders for the participation in the scheme. Cllr Nicholas Crossan supported these comments. Cllr Murray also proposed the development of a play park between Bridgend and Burnfoot. Fiona Doherty noted Cllr Murray's proposal and advised she would discuss further with him in terms of progressing this suggestion.

#### **22.41.09 Movice Town and Village Renewal Scheme**

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on this project.

#### **22.41.10 Slí na Slainte Walk, Movice**

Cllr Martin Farren enquired if he could get an indication of when a response on this application might be expected. Fiona Doherty advised that it will be Spring of 2023 when the Department announce funding regarding the outdoor recreation programme.

#### **22.41.11 Capital works**

Cllr Paul Canning requested that Brendan O Donnell, Senior Engineer attend for a workshop or meeting with the Elected Members to provide an update on capital works projects in the Inishowen MD.

A workshop for July 25<sup>th</sup> was agreed with Members.

### **22.42 ENVIRONMENT**

Brian McBrearty presented the report and took it as read.

#### **22.42.01 WEEE Collection Day**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan noted on the report that areas with large electrical retailers will not be selected. Cllr Crossan queried how large does a retailer need to be for an area not to be selected?

#### **22.42.02 Buncrana Leisure Centre**

Cllr Rena Donaghey and Cllr Murray requested an update. Brian McBrearty advised that he would seek same and revert.

#### **22.42.03 Septic Tanks- National Inspection Plan**

Cllr Albert Doherty noted from the report that there has been a 42% failure rate in the 2022 septic tank inspection plan. Cllr Doherty queried if there are any plans or initiatives to provide a workshop or presentation to the public that highlights the issues and assists the public on how to deal with it.

Cllr Paul Canning also noted the high failure rate of 42%. Cllr Canning queried how the roof or surface water entering the system is checked. Brian McBrearty advised he will refer to Joe Ferry, Senior Executive Chemist, for a response.

#### **22.42.04 Big White Bay Shroove**

Cllr Martin Farren stated that the hedges leading to the Blue Flag Beach at the Big White Bay, Shroove required strimming and he requested that it is attended to and an update provided. Cllr Farren expressed his frustration that this is an issue he has to raise each year. Brian McBrearty advised that he would be refer this matter to Roads & Transportation section.

#### **22.42.05 Lady's Bay Buncrana**

Cllr Jack Murray stated that the issue at Lady's Bay Buncrana needs addressing and noted that the warning signs at the beach has a detrimental effect for tourism. Cllr Murray requested an update from Environment / Irish Water in relation to the issue. Cllr Rena Donaghey also expressed her disappointment at the ongoing issue at Lady's Bay Buncrana. Brian McBrearty advised that he follow up and revert.

#### **22.42.06 Burnfoot Flood Relief Scheme**

Cllr Jack Murray welcomed the update on the Burnfoot and Buncrana Flood Relief Schemes. Cllr Murray noted the frustration from families at Páirc an Ghrianáin who have been unable to return to the dwellings there and also the concerns of the families at Elm Park and Riverside in Buncrana.

#### **22.42.07 Blue Flag Beach Culdaff**

Cllr Johnny McGuinness raised the issue of access to the blue flag beach at Culdaff. He noted that families with additional needs use Hoist Away cabins for holiday and respite but that they can't get access to the beach. Cllr McGuinness stated that a meeting is still required regarding this ongoing issue. Cllr Martin McDermott supported Cllr McGuinness's comments.

## **22.43 PLANNING**

Killian Smith presented the report and took the report as being read.

Killian Smith noted that Inishowen MD has the highest number of applications and the lowest refusal rates. In addition, Inishowen MD has the highest number of final grants.

### **22.43.01 Buncrana Regeneration Programme**

Cllr Rena Donaghey queried if the design for this project was to be submitted in July.

### **22.43.02 Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates**

The Taking in Charge team as detailed in the Planning Report for the Inishowen Municipal District meeting, presented three estates, as listed below in the Inishowen MD to Members and sought approval to complete the Taking in Charge process.

1. Foxwood, Gleneely
2. Gemstone Park, Gleneely (Phase 1)
3. Gemstone Park, Gleneely (Phase 2)

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.

#### **Foxwood, Gleneely**

On the proposal of Councilor Johnny McGuinness seconded by Councillor Albert Doherty, 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 Foxwood, Gleneely 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 Councillor Albert Doherty, seconded by Councillor 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 Foxwood, Gleneely 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.

### **Gemstone Park, Gleneely (Phase 1)**

On the proposal of Councillor Martin McDermott seconded by Councillor 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 Gemstone Park, Gleneely (Phase1) as set out in the attached maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor Johnny McGuinness seconded by Councillor Martin McDermott it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate Gemstone Park, Gleneely (Phase 1) 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.

### **Gemstone Park, Gleneely (Phase 2)**

On the proposal of Councillor Albert Doherty seconded by Councillor Martin McDermott it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Gemstone Park, Gleneely (Phase 2) as set out in the attached maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor Martin McDermott seconded by Councillor Albert Doherty 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 Gemstone Park, Gleneely (Phase 2) 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.

### **22.43.03 Regeneration Programme Merville**

Cllr Farren wished to acknowledge that Paul Kelly, Senior Executive Planner rang him and gave him an update on the project and an undertaking that a visit will be arranged as soon as possible.

### **22.43.04 Tus Nua Project**

In response to previous enquiries from Cllr Albert Doherty, Cllr Martin Farren and Cllr Martin McDermott

Killian Smith advised that work is progressing on the project, but it is slow process. A date of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July was agreed with Members for a workshop on the project with Paul Kelly, Senior Executive Planner.

## **22.44 HOUSING, CORPORATE AND CULTURAL SERVICES**

Aideen Doherty presented the report and took it as read. Aideen Doherty highlighted a few matters to the Members.

### **22.44.01 Baile na Carraige, Buncrana**

Aideen Doherty advised that the allocation of the 21 new dwellings at Baile na Carraige, Buncrana has been completed. It was noted that there were 5 refusals, however there is a waiting list and these dwellings will be reallocated. Aideen Doherty further noted the difficult task associated with the allocations due to a number of factors-

- Long Term Leases Properties expiring,
- RAS tenancy agreements expiring with Landlords wishing to take back the dwellings to rent in the private market,
- Current council tenants transfers due to defective concrete block issues
- Exceptional transfers cases

Aideen Doherty advised that a formal opening and official naming of the estate will take place when all the new tenants have moved into the estate.

Cllrs Jack Murray, Rena Donaghey, Nicholas Crossan all welcomed the allocation of the new dwellings at Baile na Carraige. It was noted by Members that allocations are difficult in the current circumstances and staff of the Housing Services were thanked for the work on this allocation.

Cllr Nicholas Crossan expressed his frustration upon learning that 5 dwellings were refused and stated that it finds it difficult to understand why a refusal would be made considering that we currently have a housing crisis in Inishowen. Cllr Nicholas Crossan queried if these applicants can refuse another property. Aideen Doherty confirmed that the reasons for refusal will have to be considered and a decision made as to whether it is a reasonable or unreasonable refusal.

### **22.44.02 Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition**

Cllr Albert Doherty noted from the housing report that developers who had submitted valid proposals for Buncrana and Carndonagh have withdrawn from the process and Cllr Doherty queried the reasons for this. Aideen Doherty advised that on some occasions it can be to do with the capacity to deliver but she would require specific detail on these proposals. Aideen Doherty also confirmed that discussions are ongoing for a potential turnkey acquisition in Carndonagh.

### **22.44.03 Disposal of Property at The Bath Green, Merville**

Aideen Doherty advised Members that Donegal County Council proposes to lease property at The Bath Green, Merville comprising of 0.0735 hectares of land including two buildings and decking area constructed thereon to Inish Adventures Limited, Greencastle Road, Merville, County Donegal.

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott it was recommended that this land disposal under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 is presented to the next Plenary Council Meeting.

#### **22.44.04 Defective Concrete Blocks Bill 2022.**

Cllr Albert Doherty highlighted that today In Dáil Éireann under the order of business, consideration is to be given to the allocation of time for the debate of the Defective Concrete Blocks Bill 2022 and the new amendments. Cllr Albert Doherty proposed that correspondence is sent to Minister of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien, conveying that the Inishowen MD Councillors fully support the amendments tabled and urge the Minister for the provision of sufficient time for the consideration of these revisions and amendments. Cllr Terry Crossan seconded this proposal. Aileen Doherty noted same and arranged for the correspondence to be issued.

#### **22.44.05 Municipal District Meetings**

Cllr Jack Murray proposed a start time of 2pm for MD meetings. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott.

#### **22.45.06 Mayor of St. Charles, Missouri, USA**

Cllr Rena Donaghey advised that the Mayor of St. Charles, Missouri would like to visit Inishowen MD on the 17/18/19th September along with colleagues and would like to meet with Inishowen MD Members while they are here. Further details are to follow.

#### **22.45 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Michael McFadden presented the report and took it as read and highlighted some matters to Members.

- Restoration Improvement Programme 2022 is progressing well, a lot of work is complete.
- Restoration and Maintenance Programme -over 90% of work has been completed.
- Bridge Strengthening Programme 2022- remedial works are proposed to be carried out at Ballyloskey Bridge and these works are required to be completed by the end of September.
- Low Cost Safety Programme 2022- signs have been erected at the Crossroads Junction at Tul na Ri, Carndonagh
- Road Design are currently progressing the Crash barrier Assessment for the R238, Clar, Merville scheme. currently awaiting CEO approval for this to proceed.

#### **22.45.01 Proposed Lease of Greencastle Harbour, Greencastle**

Michael McFadden advised Members that it is recommended that Donegal County Council enters into a 4 year 9 month Lease Agreement (01/01/2021 to 31/09/2025) with the Michael Kavanagh Fishing Ltd, Mossy Glen, Lecamy, Carndonagh, Co Donegal in respect of a site at Queensport, Greencastle Harbour, Greencastle, Co Donegal for the purpose of storage and under the agreed terms. On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott the proposed lease was approved.

#### **22.45.02 Footpath Provision Programme**

Cllr Martin Farren raised the issue of the footpath at Quay Street, Moville and noted that the work is to be carried out in August. In the case of more funding becoming available Cllr Farren requested that the Council consider putting bitmac on the footpath repair at River Row Moville.

#### **22.45.03 Hedge Cutting**

Cllr Martin Farren noted that hedge cutting is required in many areas and that he has submitted a list of areas to the Roads Department. Cllr Farren requested an update on this.

#### **22.45.04 Battery Brae, Greencastle**

Cllr Martin Farren referred to a matter at Battery Brae, Greencastle regarding a dispute over the erection of a wall. Cllr Farren stated that he believes that this matter has now been resolved and he requested an update on the matter.

#### **22.45.05 Moville to Derry Road**

Cllr Martin Farren queried if there was any success sourcing funding for the installation of cats' eyes on the Muff to Moville road. Cllr Terry Crossan supported these comments. Michael McFadden confirmed these works were on the agenda for consideration.

#### **22.45.06 Clar Corner**

Cllr Martin Farren noted that €25,000 had been allocated for crash barrier at Clar corner and the road design team were currently looking at this. Cllr Farren requested an update.

#### **22.45.07 Funding -Road Improvement Programme**

Cllr Martin McDermott stated that he believed that the same level of funding is not available for the improvement of roads especially with the increase in costs and he enquired if the Council have applied to the Department for additional funding. Cllr Albert Doherty supported these comments. Bryan Cannon, A/Director of Roads and Transportation advised that the issue has been raised with the Department and unfortunately the roads allocation remains as it is at this time. Bryan Cannon advised Members that the Council staff have done their best to mitigate

against the impact of these costs increases by delivering as much work as possible with the allocations received and continue to explore any opportunity for additional funding.

#### **22.45.08 Signage Buncrana**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan queried if the Council could consider putting additional signage in Buncrana at Shore Road especially for traffic coming from the Lough Swilly Ferry so they can easily be directed to areas such as Town Centre, Swan Park and Tourist Information Office.

#### **22.45.09 Street Cleaning**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested that when the street cleaning contract is being renewed that consideration is given to include the estates that have been taken over by the Council. Cllr N Crossan stated that it would be a great benefit to the Tidy Towns Committee. Cllr Jack Murray supported these comments. Michael McFadden confirmed that this would be looked at with the Area Engineer.

#### **22.45.10 Westbrook, Buncrana**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan welcomed the slowing down of the traffic at Westbrook however he believes there is little room now for cyclists. Cllr Crossan enquired if it is possible to include a cycle lane at this location. Michael McFadden advised that this would be referred to Road Design Team.

#### **22.45.11 Street Lights**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested a workshop for Members regarding street lighting. Cllr Albert Doherty noted that additional street lighting is still required at Carrowreagh road, Carndonagh and would like this issue resolved before the winter months.

#### **22.45.12 Main St, Muff**

Cllr Terry Crossan stated that there is an ongoing issue at Main St, Muff. Michael McFadden confirmed the Roads department are aware of this issue and it will be investigated further.

#### **22.45.13 Greenway**

Cllr Terry Crossan advised that he received an update this morning from Derry City and Strabane District Council that the stretch of greenway from Culmore to Foyle Hospice is now out for tender and it will be awarded in August. Cllr T Crossan also renewed his calls for signage in relation to dog fouling and bins for the disposal to be installed at each end of the Muff Greenway. Michael McFadden confirmed that he would discuss with the Environment department.



#### **22.45.14 Donagh Park, Carndonagh**

Cllr Albert Doherty noted that Roads personnel have previously visited Donagh Park in relation to the concerns of residents regarding ramps for reducing speed, a section of perimeter missing and significant erosion from the Donagh river. Cllr Doherty requested an update on this. Michael McFadden advised that ramps had been procured for Donagh Park, but delivery will be six weeks. It was also confirmed that the other issues would be looked at with the Area Engineer.

#### **22.45.15 Primary School, Gleneely**

Cllr Doherty highlighted a concern from the school principal in Gleneely and requested that improvements are made to road signage and road markings near Glenbree estate and Cnoc na Noinini estate in Gleneely.

#### **22.45.16 Ballyloskey Road junction, Carndonagh**

Cllr Albert Doherty noted that this issue at Ballyloskey Road junction onto the main Derry road has still not been resolved and he requested an update.

#### **22.45.17 Ferris Lane Carpark, Buncrana**

Cllr Jack Murray highlighted that Ferris Lane at Buncrana is still closed following the fire at premises there in February 2019 and queried if this road could be reopened. Cllr Murray also noted an ongoing problem with anti-social behaviour at the carpark on Ferris Lane. Cllr Rena Donaghey supported Cllr Murray's comments in relation to Ferris Lane and getting this road reopened again. Cllr Donaghey noted that rubbish is being dumped behind the barriers in place there. Cllr Donaghey further noted that the primary care centre is being opened soon and with this increase in traffic Ferris lane reopened would help alleviate some of the traffic congestion. Michael McFadden advised that he is aware of the situation and it was currently closed for public safety.

#### **22.45.18 Causeway Road Buncrana**

Cllr Jack Murray raised an issue at Causeway Rd Buncrana?

#### **22.45.19 Blacks Bridge, Burt**

Cllr Jack Murray noted that the road at Blacks Bridge Burt is in poor state of repair and Cllr Murray requested that some repair works are carried out.

#### **22.45.20 Fahan Pier Crane**

Cllr Jack Murray reiterated his calls for the crane removed from Fahan pier to be relocated to Inishowen as soon as possible from its temporary location in Donegal Town. Cllr Murray

suggested Shore Front Buncrana or the Greenway at Fahan as possible locations for it. Cllr Johnny McGuinness supported Cllr Murrays calls for a speedy resolution to this matter.

**22.45.21**

Cllr Jack Murray said that residents were requesting speed ramps at Millfield, Buncrana?

**22.45.22 Road Maintenance**

Cllr Johnny McGuinness raised a number of issues regarding road maintenance-

- Surface dressing at Malin, road too narrow, HGV pulling into verge into area that is been dredged. Location of telegraph questioned.
- Road at Ballyharry to Carrowmenagh -project was to be completed- update requested
- Footbridge at Culdaff – no works currently being carried out and update requested. Cllr Paul Canning supported Cllr McGuinness in relation to the footbridge. Michael McFadden advised that the footbridge is moving forward but will revert with timeframe.

**22.45.23 Killea**

Cllr Paul Canning referred to the Active Travel Programme and asked if a raised platform could be an option at the chapel at Killea?

**22.45.24 Lisfannon Beach**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan enquired if there is any update on this? Michael McFadden advised that this issue is still to be examined.

Date of next meeting was agreed for September 06<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Area Manager

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**Community Development & Planning Directorate**  
**Community Development Division**



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Meeting Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

1. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
2. 2021 Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme – Burnfoot Village
3. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
4. 2018 Buncrana Town and Village Renewal Scheme
5. 2019 Clonmany Town and Village Renewal Scheme
6. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
7. Playground Maintenance
8. Donegal Walks and Trails
9. Buncrana School Campus
10. 2022 Clár funding – Outdoor Recreation/playground project at Culdaff
11. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. - Merville playground
12. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. – Barrack Hill Town Park
13. 2021 Town and Village Renewal – Newtoncunningham
14. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Merville

**The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the following funding allocations in August.**

**2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)**

**Project Development Measure:**

Culdaff – €50,000 funding allocated for Project Development plans for a pontoon at the existing timber jetty in Bunagee

**CLÁR Funding Scheme 2021**

Killea Community Park Centre	To install a Community Pod providing a meeting space and ancillary services for the community in Killea sited within the Killea Community Park
Outdoor Gym & Calisthenics Stations in The Bath Green Moville	The proposal provides for an accessible outdoor gym area including calisthenics stations to support all ages and abilities in an outdoor environment overlooking the sea at The Bath Green Moville
Desertegney Youth Club inc Dunree Football Club	Upgrade the existing car parking facilities servicing the Foroige Youth Club, National School, local amenities and sports playing fields sited at the centre of the rural settlement of Desertegney in Inishowen



**Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: September, 2022**

Activity / Project Title	Malin Head
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.
<p><b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point.</li> <li>• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design.</li> <li>• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects , a multi-disciplinary team have been appointed to provide a Visitor Management Plan and concept design for Malin Head.</li> <li>• There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9<sup>th</sup> May McGrorys Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings.</li> <li>• A workshop presentation by Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects on the concept ideas for the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan took place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.</li> <li>• Public information events on the design concepts took place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at St. Mary's Community Hall, Malin Head St Patrick's Parochial Hall, Malin Village and on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at The Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and McGrorys Hotel, Culdaff.</li> <li>• 110 attendees at the Public Information events on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. A questionnaire was circulated at the event and feedback was invited. Submission deadline Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2020</li> <li>• Meetings took place with Elected Members on the 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 and the 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.</li> <li>• A meeting took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> January with the project team.</li> <li>• A meeting took place with the Elected Members on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021</li> <li>• A meeting took place with the Elected Members on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and various issues were discussed in relation to the Visitor Management Plan.</li> <li>• A recent meeting took place in October with the Project team to devise the next steps forward. Land negotiations are ongoing.</li> <li>• A workshop meeting took place in June 2022</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Current status September 2022</u></p> <p>The Community Development Director of service and A/Senior Engineer are endeavouring to engage with landowners in relation to progressing the Visitor Management Plan Project. They are considering the next approach in moving the project forward to planning submission stage.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923



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**Activity / Project Update: September, 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b> File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	<b>Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2021 – Burnfoot Village. Closing date for applications was 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021.</b>																	
<b>Project Description/Activit</b>	The fund was introduced at the end of August 2021 by the Department of Rural and Community Development.																	
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€60,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs Contributions ranging from 20% to 30% from property owners																	
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<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were 22 no. applications submitted within the 7<sup>th</sup> September deadline. I have been managing and working towards all elements of the project described above to deliver within the end of year funding deadline.</li> <li>• Applications were assessed and all applications received within the deadline successfully qualified within the scheme guidelines.</li> <li>• Engagement with the property owners is positive A Core Brand identity plan has been developed.</li> <li>• This approach aims to make the project more cohesive, improve the look of the village and create a social and economic benefit.</li> <li>• A palette of 5 Brand colours for Burnfoot has been developed and well received by the property owners and stakeholders.</li> <li>• Work started on the commercial buildings on 5<sup>th</sup> October and work is scheduled to start on the terraced houses and eastern side of the village next week.</li> <li>• A Village signage guideline document is completed.</li> <li>• Main village entrance signage illustration design is completed.</li> </ul>																	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Painting of the commercial businesses and residential properties are 90% complete.</li> <li>• Other elements within the scheme such as shopfront signage, green enhancement, lighting, de-cluttering and Awnings are been procured and progressed with the property owners.</li> <li>• The Department extended the deadline for the completion of works and funding spend to April 2022.</li> <li>• The other elements of the work programme are been progressed in consultation with the various property owners.</li> <li>• The Burnfoot Community Centre and remaining properties will be painted in the first quarter.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>September 2022 update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All work has been completed under the scheme and the Green enhancement is in place.</b></li> <li>• <b>New illustrated Village Entrance signage will be installed this month</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> (to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</p>	<p>Fiona Doherty 087 367 8954 E-mail: fdoherty@donegalcoco.ie or</p>



## Activity / Project Update: September 2022

Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b> * Delete irrelevant reporting period</p>	<p>Historical background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting took place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and various stakeholders. Mr. Shalvey agreed to initiate the process for a Conservation and Management Plan of the entire site. The timeframe for completion of the plan is early 2018. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Fáilte Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site.</li> <li>• The Office of Public Works have given a commitment to commission a Conservation and Management Plan . This is on the way to being achieved currently and this will set out the options for the future management of the Grianán an Aileach site.</li> <li>• In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan.</li> <li>• Alice Bentley of Blackwood Associate Architects, Claire Cotter, Archaeologist, Jackie Hunt, Ecologist and Michele O’ Dea from the Office of Public Works attended a workshop meeting regarding the Conservation and Management report with the Members on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan.</li> <li>• A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021.</li> <li>• This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument.</li> <li>• The OPW have indicated that the list of Actions contained in the plan will guide the way forward for servicing the tourism potential of the site achieved collaboratively with the OPW and other partners and official agencies such as Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland</li> <li>• The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body.</li> <li>• The OPW officials will meet with the Elected Members and relevant Council officials at the site later in the Summer when health restrictions permit to discuss any issues associated with the site and the Conservation and Management plan</li> <li>• An application for funding has been submitted and it has been successful under the Council’s Minor Tourism related works grant scheme for small intervention works at An Grianan of Aileach:-</li> <li>• 1) Interpretative information panel (s) showing points of interest and mapping. This will also provide an orientation marker of Inishowen and Donegal whilst showing its significance and close proximity to Northern Ireland.(2) The proposal also includes the installation of 2 no. benches to provide accessible seating and enhance the scenic and recreational amenity for visitors, the elderly and the community to sit and absorb the spectacular vista and history and heritage of the site. It will help nurture a civic pride of place.</li> <li>• A meeting with the Office of Public works and the Elected Members has again been requested regarding the Conservation and Management plan. A response has not yet been received.</li> <li>• The seating and orientation information panel planned for the site is now been reviewed.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Update September 2022</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Office of Public works to provide a date for meeting regarding the site and the Conservation and Management plan.</b></li> </ul>
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**Activity / Project Update: September 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b> <b>File 622/P&amp;ED/422</b> <b>(8)</b>	<b>2018 Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme – Buncrana</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refurbishment and Extension of the tourist office in collaboration with Explore Inishowen (govisitinishowen)</li><li>• Information signage, enhancement of the area around the pier.</li></ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources €39,996 – 2020 T&V Acceleration measure 2 fund
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><b>Works consists of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Web site development promotion and Branding</li><li>➤ Office refurbishment /Extension</li><li>➤ Signage</li></ul> <p><b><u>Work to date</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preliminary Meetings have taken place with the group regarding the proposed works.</li><li>• Procurement for a website developer has commenced.</li><li>• Tenders were received, assessed. Website developer has been appointed</li><li>• The tender documents are been finalised for the procurement of an architect for the refurbishment of the tourist office and outside space.</li><li>• An architect has been appointed for the refurbishment works associated with the project.</li><li>• The website design is now complete.</li><li>• Under the 2020 Town and Village Renewal Scheme Accelerated Measure funding granted of €39,996 for improvement and modifications to the tourist office building. Measures to allow for safe entry and exit in compliance with Covid-19 regulations will also be incorporated into the plans under the 2018 Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme.</li><li>• These works have been published on e-tenders with a closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2021</li><li>• The govisitinishowen.ie website is complete.</li><li>• Information Technology equipment installed</li><li>• Branding and marketing work completed</li><li>• The appointed Architect has completed the design associated with the 2018 T&amp;V funding and also the additional funding allocated under the 2020 Town and Village Accelerated measure 2 programme. The tendering process for the capital works has been completed and the next step is to engage a contractor</li><li>• The Engineers are in discussions with a contractor to start the works.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<p><b><u>Current status September 2022</u></b></p> <p><b>The Community Development A/Senior Executive Engineer is liaising with the Dept of Environment and Local Government in relation to the project and sought an extension of the funding drawdown period to facilitate the appointment of the contractor to undertake the construction work of the project.</b></p>

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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2019 Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme – Clonmany</b>
<b>File 622/P&amp;ED/422 (8)</b>	
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Resurfacing of a carpark, installation of public lighting, safety measures, Streetscape enhancement, tourist information maps and signage
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works consists of:</li> <li>• Resurfacing of the Carpark at St. Colmcille Community Day Centre and Residential care home Carpark.</li> <li>• Installation of Public street Lighting and Ducting at Gaddyduff Bray.</li> <li>• Bollards, Railings, Safety measures at St Mary’s Church to the building used for the Award winning Tug O’ War committee.</li> <li>• Enhancement of Streetscape and the Village Environment.</li> <li>• Tourism Information Maps and Signage.</li> <li>• The appointed contractor declined the work associated with the resurfacing of the carpark at St Colmcille Day centre and residential care home. Work is ongoing to appoint the next contractor on the procurement list.</li> <li>• SSE Airtricity have installed the new public lighting columns and the power has been installed.</li> <li>• We are working with the Community group regarding the works associated with the enhancement of the village.</li> <li>• Due to the increase in the cost of surfacing materials in recent months in addition to previous issues the re-surfacing capital work of the carpark at St Colmcille Day Centre and residential care and community home has to be re-tendered.</li> <li>• The Executive Engineer was negotiating with the contractor that was assigned the project initially to review costs.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Current status September 2022</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The resurfacing associated with the carpark at St Colmcille Day Centre and community residential care unit was re-tendered.</b></li> <li>• <b>The Executive Engineer recently met with a contractor to assess the work and agree a date to commence the work.</b></li> <li>• <b>New trees have been planted on the streetscape and the work associated with the green enhancement has been completed.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



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**Activity / Project Update: September 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>List of Playgrounds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Culdaff Playground</li><li>• Merville Playground</li><li>• Bunrana Festival Park Playground</li><li>• Clós Phádraig Playground</li><li>• Barrack Hill Playground</li><li>• Cill Bhríde MUGA</li><li>• Ballyliffin Playground</li><li>• Manorcunningham Playground</li><li>• Killea Playground</li></ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€6,444.79 incl. VAT
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The 2022 Maintenance/repair plan has been finalised</li><li>• The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark is completed.</li><li>• Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified appointed.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Culdaff Playground</li><li>• Merville Playground</li><li>• Bunrana Festival Park Playground</li><li>• Clós Phádraig Playground</li><li>• Barrack Hill Playground</li><li>• Cill Bhríde MUGA</li><li>• Ballyliffin Playground</li><li>• Manorcunningham Playground</li><li>• Killea Playground</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period * Delete irrelevant reporting period</b>	<b><u>September 2022</u></b>  Playgrounds with maintenance works carried out this year:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Culdaff Playground</li><li>• Merville Playground</li><li>• Manorcunningham SHS Playground</li><li>• Festival Park Playground &amp; MUGA</li><li>• Clós Phádraig Playground</li><li>• Ballyliffin Playground</li><li>• Barrack Hill Outdoor Gym</li></ul>

<b>Contact Person</b>	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619
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### **Activity / Project Update- September 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022
<b>Budget</b>	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i>
<b>Transitional Programme</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 – 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022 €2,861,598 project costs € 953,866 for Administration & Animation.
<b>Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status</b>	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). The LEADER Transitional programme is effective from 1st April 2021 and runs until 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022. €45 million is allocated nationally for the Transitional Programme and €20 million from the EURI programme. 38 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal under the Transitional & EURI programmes and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending, granting LEADER funding to a value of €1,971,609.
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2022. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings will continue to be held to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the Transitional LEADER programme.
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**Activity / Project Update No.4**

**September 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal Walks and Trails</b>
<b>File:</b>	
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>ORIS 2021 Projects</b> North west Community Development group have now appointed contractors for two of the three projects with potential of works been on site in the next month. The documents for the third project will be tendered out by the group in the coming weeks.</p> <p><b>Inishowen Head</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This trail requires surfacing works in one particular area that has been in poor state for some years now. We would like to see if a local group could be formed in this location that would take interest in assisting with reporting any maintenance issues and possible future links or expansion of the existing loop.</li></ul> <p><b>Malin Head/Bamba Pathway/walk</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The inspection from sport Ireland took place and there are a few small items that need addressed these will be dealt with in due course. The report is available if required.</li><li>• It is proposed to carry out this works in the first quarter of 2022 when access to the land is provided.</li></ul> <p><b>Carndonagh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A recent site visit meeting took place with Cllr Albert Doherty , Members of the Barrack Hill Steering Committee, the Community Development Officer and the Area Roads Manager regarding potential walking/cycling and 5k running loop at Barrack Hill Town Park and around the town.</li><li>• A site meeting also took place regarding the re-instatement/expansion of the Carndonagh river side walk. There is a need for a scoping study and route analysis and large scale funding to be explored in this regard.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 2022 update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>ORRIS 2022 applications completed</b></li></ul>
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**Activity / Project Update: September 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Buncrana School Campus</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	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.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in particular in relation to land acquisition, it has been agreed with the Department of Education and Skills that any further requests for updates or progress reports would be handled directly by the Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus.</li> <li>• The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers.</li> <li>• Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford.</li> <li>• The ‘Notice to Treat’ was issued in December, 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus.</li> <li>• It is intended that the ‘Notice to Enter’ will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education &amp; Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc.</li> <li>• Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land</li> </ul>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>September 2022</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The CPO is concluded, valuers on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills and Donegal County Council are currently in negotiations with all parties with an interest in the lands with a view to finalising land compensation costs.</b></li> <li>• <b>DES have commenced works on the progressing the delivery of the School Campus.</b></li> </ul>

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**Activity / Project Update: September, 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2021 Clár Funding – Culdaff outdoor Recreation/Playground project</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Funding of €50,000 announced at the end of 2021 by Minister Humphreys of the Department of Rural & Community Development. <b>1. Culdaff Playground, minor works to install a new nest basket swing &amp; toddler swing in the existing playground.</b> <b>2. installation of a new outdoor gym and construction of a new pathway, seating/picnic benches</b>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	Funding of €50,000 announced on the ---- 2021 by the Department of Rural & Community Development €2,777.50 - Culdaff Development Association contribution €2,777.50 - Donegal County Council contribution
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings and consultation have taken place with Culdaff Development Association to agree and progress and finalise the works associated with the project</li> <li>• The Culdaff Outdoor Community Recreation Facility tender was published (RFT: 204546) on e-tenders on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.</li> <li>• Clarification deadline 04/02/2022 @ 12:00 noon</li> <li>• Submission deadline 18/02/2022 @ 12:00 noon</li> <li>• Tenders are been assessed</li> <li>• Appointment of a Contractor to take place</li> <li>• Tender submissions are been assessed for the installation of the</li> <li>• Outdoor Gym and Minor work to install a new nest basket swing and toddler swing in the existing playground.</li> <li>• The contractor Garden Escapes (Ireland) Ltd has been appointed and works are due to commence in July and are scheduled to be completed in 5 weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	<p><b><u>September 2022 Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Garden Escapes (Ireland) Ltd commenced work on the outdoor recreation gym and playground.</b></li> <li>• <b>The works is almost complete and final assessment will take place this week.</b></li> </ul>

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**Activity / Project Update: September 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal LCDC Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Enhancement Funding – MOVILLE</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Upgrade and improvement of Playpark on Moville Shoregreen.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	<b>€81,027.08</b>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings and consultation took place with Moville Tidy Towns Committee and Cllr Martin Farren to agree, progress and finalise the works associated with the project</li> <li>• Tenders were advertised on etenders in March 2022</li> <li>• Tenders received and are being assessed</li> <li>• A contractor is to be appointed</li> <li>• All work to be completed within the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2022</li> <li>• A contractor has been appointed to carry out the works associated with the Sláintecare project for the playground.</li> <li>• Work will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> week in September, duration of completion is 7 weeks.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	<p><b><u>September 2022</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The appointed Contractor Garden Escapes (Ireland) Ltd will now commence work on the last week in October.</b></li> <li>• <b>The upgrading of the playpark will be completed in 7 weeks from commencement of the work</b></li> </ul>



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**Activity / Project Update: September, 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal LCDC Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Enhancement Funding – BARRACK HILL TOWN PARK, CARNDONAGH</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Re-imagining of Barrack Hill Town Park. Upgrade of existing facility to include equipment for children with mobility issues, development of 5k park walk/run/cycle lane, development of a Multi Use Games Area or Synthetic Turf Pitch and installation of an accessible Covered Outdoor Space.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	<b>€124,204.19</b>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overall assessment of Barrack Hill Town Park will take place later this month by the Engineers within Community development</li> <li>• More Consultation will take place with the Barrack Hill Steering Group Committee with regards to prioritising and finalising the work associated with the groups objectives and achievable within the funding allocated budget.</li> <li>• An onsite meeting is scheduled to take place with the Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Committee on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.</li> <li>• An overall assessment of the Playground, Activity space and Barrack Hill town park to take place</li> <li>• Works to be agreed</li> <li>• Work to be tendered</li> <li>• Contractor to be appointed by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2022</li> <li>• A productive meeting took place on site with the Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Committee, the community development staff and senior staff from the roads directorate on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.</li> <li>• It was decided to re-locate, upgrade and re-develop the community outdoor recreation playground and activity space</li> <li>• An assessment of the two sites is complete.</li> <li>• The Community Development Engineers will be in a position to progress the project to design and tender stage in collaboration with the group in September/October 2022</li> </ul>

<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>September 2022</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A draft design with indicative costs was considered at a site meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> August with the Community Development Officer, Executive Engineer and the BHTPC group.</b></li> <li>• <b>Following this meeting and on-going communication with the group. A re-design was completed. It was decided it was more prudent to re-develop the existing playground and carry out remedial work to allow the activity space to re-open to the community.</b></li> <li>• <b>Tender documents have been published on e-tenders website RFT 221519.</b></li> <li>• <b>The submission deadline for submission of tenders is 12:00 noon on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.</b></li> </ul>
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**Activity / Project Update No.4**

**September 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal</b>
<b>File:</b>	
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>€111,500 funding allocation</b>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The provision of a centrally located outdoor space for young people to 'hangout/stay' in the centre of the village designed in consultation with the local school/youth community exploring the themes of place and identity.</li><li>and -</li><li>• The preparation of a Strategy and Action Plan for Newtowncunningham and Environs to inform the strategic sustainable development of the village and setting.</li></ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<p><b><u>September 2022 update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have issued a Request for Quotations for Consultancy Services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Newtowncunningham &amp; Environs. This work will inform the immediate project and the future strategic development of Newtoncunningham.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer,



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**Activity / Project Update No.4**

**September 2022**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2021 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project</b>
<b>File:</b>	Budget Allocation €111,500 funding allocation
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Enhancement of Existing Outdoor Recreational Amenities at The Bath Green, Moville</b></li><li>• <b>Health Check and Regeneration Plan for Moville</b></li></ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development Announced the funding allocation for the 2021 Town and Village Renewal scheme on the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.</p> <p>Several meetings have taken place with the group regarding advancing the project.</p>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>September 2022 update</u></b></p> <p><b>Funding was announced by the Minister for Rural and Community Development on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Several meetings have taken place with the group</b></li><li>• <b>Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers.</b></li><li>• <b>Tenders for the capital work will be advertised on e-tenders this month</b></li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer





**ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – September '22**

**WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>Summer Greenpiece</b></p>
<p><b>Project Description/ Activity</b></p>	<p>Advertorial with information on recycling, litter campaigns, beach information, water safety etc. The pages featured in local papers.</p>  <p>The collage features several sections:         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Header:</b> 'Summer Greenpiece' with Donegal County Council logo and 'mywaste' branding.</li> <li><b>Left Column:</b> 'Have a wonderful time in Donegal! Play your part in Keeping Donegal Beautiful'. Includes 'Plan ahead' and 'Reduce waste' tips.</li> <li><b>Top Right:</b> 'Donegal Secures 14 Blue Flag &amp; 4 Green Flag Coast Awards' with a list of beaches.</li> <li><b>Middle Right:</b> 'BEACH WHEELCHAIRS' section.</li> <li><b>Bottom Left:</b> 'Donegal Recycling Centres' map and 'Recycling Charge Applies' table.</li> <li><b>Bottom Middle:</b> 'Water Safety' section with 'ALWAYS SWIM BETWEEN THE FLAGS' slogan.</li> <li><b>Bottom Right:</b> 'Love This Place' environmental awareness images.</li> </ul> </p>
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**Activity / Project Title**

**Holidaying in Donegal Summer Campaign**

**Project Description/ Activity**

**Have a wonderful time in Donegal!**  
 Bíodh am ar dóigh agat i nDún na nGall

**Play your part in Keeping Donegal Beautiful**  
 Déan do pháirt le Dún na nGall a choinneáil gleoite galánta

<p><b>Plan ahead.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Talk to your accommodation provider about local waste services.</li> <li>• Use local recycling centres for waste and recycling services.</li> <li>• Recycle glass and cans at local bring banks.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reduce waste.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce food waste by planning ahead.</li> <li>• Use reusable items where possible.</li> <li>• Avoid single-use items.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Déan planáil roimh ré</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labhair le lucht an íostáin faoi aheirbhísí áitúla bruscair</li> <li>• Úsáid ionaid áitúla athchúrsála fá choinne seirbhísí dramhaíola agus athchúrsála</li> <li>• Athchúrsáil do chuld gloiní agus cannaí ag ionaid 'fág anseo'</li> </ul>	<p><b>Laghdaigh do bruscar</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laghdaigh an cur amú bia trí phleanáil chun tosaigh</li> <li>• Úsáid earraí in-athúsáidte nuair is féidir</li> <li>• Seachain earraí aon úsáide.</li> </ul>
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**Leave it as you expect to find it!**  
 Never leave waste or litter behind on your visit.  
 Bin it or bring it home!

**Fág an láthair mar ba mhaith leat féin i a fháil!**  
 Ná fág dramhaíl ná bruscar i do dhiaidí choiche le linn cuairte.  
 Cuir sa bhosca bruscair é nó beir abhaile leat é!

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Over the summer months the Council has been running a campaign aimed at those holidaying in the County, asking them to plan ahead and make themselves familiar with waste and recycling services that are available. Posters have been printed and distributed to local shops etc. A social media campaign delivered through the Council’s Tourism Section and the Council’s Communications office ran throughout July and August 2022.

**Plan ahead.**  
**Reduce waste.**  
**Leave it as you expect to find it!**

*Have a wonderful time in Donegal!*

**Play your part in Keeping Donegal Beautiful**

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**This initiative was funded under the Anti-Dumping Initiative 2022.**

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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<p align="center"><b>Household Waste Management Survey</b></p>
<b>Project Description /Activity</b>	<div data-bbox="474 254 1341 863" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>During August households in Letterkenny, Buncrana, Ballybofey, Donegal Town and Glenties were visited and given the opportunity to take part in a survey gathering information about recycling and waste management practices and opinions.</p> <p>Donegal County Council partnered with <a href="#">VOICE Ireland</a>, an environmental charity, who went door to door to find out how residents of Donegal manage their waste and each household participating in the survey was provided with an information brochure, a pocket guide full of useful information for managing household waste and recycling and useful tips on how to save money by avoiding food waste.</p> <p>This project has been funded through the Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI) which encourages a multi-facetted approach to tackling the problems associated with illegal dumping incorporating enforcement, public awareness and education.</p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Paint Reuse Pilot project at Letterkenny Recycling Centre</b>
<b>Description /Activity</b>	<div data-bbox="630 212 1182 627" data-label="Image"> </div> <p data-bbox="769 667 1044 699" style="text-align: center;"><b>“CHOOSE TO REUSE”</b></p> <p data-bbox="407 728 1406 760" style="text-align: center;"><b>Are you in need of a little bit of paint for your house or community project?</b></p> <p data-bbox="295 787 1516 875">A Paint Reuse Scheme has been launched at Letterkenny Recycling Centre by Bryson Recycling where paint is available free of charge to householders and community organisations.</p> <p data-bbox="295 961 1503 1283">Bryson Recycling operate six Recycling Centres on behalf of Donegal County Council. They started accepting paint at their sites in February 2022 and since then have filled over 120 large bins with what they have collected and are keen to redistribute suitable paints as a useful resource within the local community. As a social enterprise, Bryson are keen to look at innovative ways to promote reuse and recycling and also to engage and work with the local communities in the areas where they operate.</p> <p data-bbox="295 1369 1511 1749">Connie Gallagher, General Manager at Bryson Recycling said “We are delighted to launch this new scheme that will see the paint we collect going to good use. When we receive paint our specially trained staff will screen it and set aside any that is suitable for reuse in the dedicated container at our Letterkenny site. The paint is available now for community groups and individuals to collect, free of charge, to use in projects to improve their local area or for their own personal use. We would encourage anyone who needs paint to visit our site to see what is available”.</p> <p data-bbox="295 1835 1495 1923">Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer at Donegal Council said “Most households have partly filled pots of paint hiding in the loft or garage. When it’s time for a clear out, paint can</p>

	<p>be taken to any of our six Recycling Centres across County Donegal. Paint suitable for reuse can be redistributed to the public and local communities. This is a fantastic example of the Circular Economy at work. The Paint Reuse scheme is currently only operating at the Letterkenny site but we hope to extend this out to further areas later in the year.”</p> <p>For more information on Recycling Centres in Donegal please visit <a href="http://www.brysonrecycling.org">www.brysonrecycling.org</a> .</p> <p>For tips on reducing waste paint please visit <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MyWasteIreland/videos/749840002905245/">https://www.facebook.com/MyWasteIreland/videos/749840002905245/</a></p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Refill.ie at the Irish Legends presented by The McGinley Foundation</b>
<b>Description /Activity</b>	<p>Refill.ie provided free refills of water to visitors to the Irish Legends Golf Tournament in The Rosapenna, Downings in August 2022. The aim was to reduce waste and in particular plastic waste.</p> <div data-bbox="483 390 1333 800" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The Council’s Environment Section had been working with the Tournament organisers on waste reduction initiatives and the diversion of waste for recycling.</p> <div data-bbox="654 1010 1159 1717" data-label="Image"> </div>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p><b>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer</b>  <a href="mailto:sbogan@donegalcoco.ie">sbogan@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

Activity / Project Title	<b>IFFPG Farm Plastics Bring Centre – 2022 Donegal Schedule</b> <b>The collection of Farm Plastics is organised by IFFPG.</b>		
<b>Description /Activity</b>	Newtowncunningham, Clonleigh Co-op	Wed 21st Sept	
	Buncrana, Inishowen Co-op (Hrs 8.30-4.30pm)	Fri 23rd Sept	
	Carndonagh, Inishowen Co-op (Hrs 8-3pm)	Sat 24th Sept	
	Milford Mart	Thurs 29th Sept	
	Ballybofey & Stranorlar Mart	Sat 1st Oct	
	Raphoe Mart	Fri 7th Oct	
	Ballyshannon Mart	Thur 13th Oct	
	Donegal Mart	Sat 15th Oct	
	<p><b>WHAT YOU CAN RECYCLE – BRING CENTRE</b></p>		
<p>You can recycle the following farm plastics at our bring-centres:</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Silage wrap &amp; sheeting</b></li> </ul>			
			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Netting &amp; twine</b></li> </ul>			
			

- Large fertilise & feed bags (liners removed) – in association with **REPAK**  
Business funding recycling



- Small fertiliser & feed bags – in association with **REPAK**  
Business funding recycling



- Drums (triple rinsed) – in association with **REPAK**  
Business funding recycling



### Collection Charges – bring centre

It is very important that farmers provide the 6 digit label code on all Silage wrap/Sheets and Netting/Twine at bring-centres or when booking a farm collection, as this entitles them to significantly reduced collection fees.

*Escalating fuel and energy costs caused by the war in Ukraine have recently significantly increased recycling costs.*

### Silage Plastic (wrap & sheeting) Collection Charges 2022

	With Code	Without Code
0.5 tonnes plastic (approx 250 wraps, 3 covers)	€35	€95

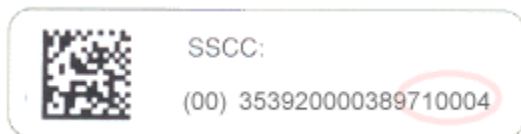
### Non-Silage Plastics Collection Charges (per half tonne bulk fertiliser bag) 2022

Plastic type	Charge per half tonne bag
*Large fertiliser & feed bags	€10
*Small fertiliser & feed bags	€10
*Drums	€10
Netting & twine	€5

\*In association with 

#### 6-DIGIT LABEL CODE


The code proves that you are purchasing levied plastic. It qualifies you for a significant reduction in collection fees if presented to IFFPG prior to, or at, collection. Label codes will be validated before / at collection by IFFPG. When purchasing silage plastic wrap, ensure that you receive a 6 digit label code on the invoice / receipt.



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## COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Big Beach Clean 2022
Project Description/ Activity	 <p>The Big Beach Clean will take place between 16th to the 18th of September.</p> <p>The Big Beach Clean is an annual call to action as part of the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), operated internationally by Ocean Conservancy. This call to action invites communities and volunteers around the country to remove litter from around the Irish coast after the end of the bathing season.</p> <p>This initiative is also an opportunity for volunteers to get involved in a worldwide citizen science project, which entails collecting the amount and types of litter on Irish beaches and filling in Clean Coasts' Marine Litter Data Cards. This will help heighten awareness about the issue of marine litter serving as an indicator of the magnitude of the problem and help shape future policies and campaigns.</p> <p>Registration are open to all residents of Ireland, no matter how far from the coast they are based. Statistics show that the number one cause of marine litter is litter dropped in towns and cities.</p> <p>Getting involved in the Big Beach Clean is a way for residents of non-coastal counties to help prevent litter entering our waterways and seas by holding a clean-up no matter where they are in the country and tackling the problem at source.</p> <p>Register on-line at: <a href="https://cleancoasts.org">https://cleancoasts.org</a></p>



**CENTRAL LABORATORY**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Septic tank Inspections</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The next round of inspections will be carried out in September in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letterkenny MD – Cranford &amp; Woodlands areas</li> <li>• Inishowen MD – Roosky catchment</li> <li>• Stranorlar MD – Deelee catchment around Ballindrait</li> <li>• Glenties MD – Gweebarra catchment - Doochary area</li> </ul> <p>Home owners are advised to inspect their tanks, organise for it to be desludged by a permitted contractor if it hasn't been done for a number of years and carry out any basic maintenance or remedial works to ensure it is not giving rise to water pollution or a public health nuisance.</p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Environment Section - Public Engagement activities</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County Council's Central Laboratory team have been placing a strong emphasis on engaging with the public this year on environmental matters, such as water quality, septic tanks, private wells and food waste among others.</p> <p>Following on the success of the <i>New Build &amp; Rebuild Expo</i> in Letterkenny, the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual <i>Finn Valley Show</i> the Central Laboratory team had a stand at the <b>Clonmany Agricultural Show</b> on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.</p>
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	<p>Fantastic engagement on issues such as local water quality, good farm practices and septic tank maintenance. A tray of river-flies created great excitement for younger visitors on the day. Great interest was shown by Farmers in the use of integrated constructed wetlands for the treatment of farmyard effluent.</p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Environment Section - Public Information Message for Farmers</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>The following public information message will be aired on local radio stations in September:</p> <p><i>“As the silage making season reaches an end for another year, Donegal County Council would like to remind farmers of the need to check that all silage effluent is collected in a properly sealed storage tank, as it is the worst source of water pollution on the farm. When spreading slurry, Farmers &amp; contractors should pay particular attention to the weather forecast &amp; not apply slurry to land which is waterlogged, flooded, likely to flood or if rain is forecast within 48 hours. Play your part in keeping Donegal clean and green”.</i></p>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Agri-Environmental Training for Farmers</b>
<b>Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Donegal County Council’s Central Laboratory team were invited to speak at a number of Agri-Environmental Training events for farmers over recent months. Our presentations focussed on Best Practice and Safe Disposal of Spent Sheep Dip and its potential impact on river water quality.</p>
	 
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**FLOOD RELIEF SCHEMES**

**BUNCRANA FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME – BRIEFING NOTE NO. 05**

# 1. PROGRESS SUMMARY

## 1.1 Engineering Surveys and Site Investigations:

- a. **Hydrometric Tidal Survey:** To date, the project team have received three sets of hydrometric survey data from gauges recording tidal levels around Lough Swilly covering the period of May to July 2022. The Steering Group have agreed to extend the survey until the end of September. This data will be key to understanding coastal risk in Ramelton, Buncrana and Luddan.

## 1.2 Hydrology and Hydraulics:

The draft hydrology report was submitted to the Steering Group in August 2022 for review. Hydraulic modelling is progressing and will continue until November 2022 before draft baseline outputs are ready for review by the Steering Group. The baseline outputs will consist of estimates for flooding for a varied of return periods e.g. estimates for the levels and impact of the 1 in 10 year (10% AEP), 1 in 100 year (1% AEP) and 1 in 1000 year (0.1% AEP) floods with present day conditions before mitigation measures are put in place.

## 1.3 Environmental Assessments:

The specialist third-party environmental surveys have commenced – including Aquatic Ecology Surveys and Bat Surveys. Remaining specialist surveys will be carried out during winter 2022 and/or as required once design options have been progressed further. These surveys will form a critical part of the planning submission for the preferred option.

## 1.4 Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications

### 1.4.1 Project Website

The project website is being updated on an ongoing basis with a quarterly newsletter to be posted after the issue of this Briefing Note.

## 1.5 Contracts

A contract for treatment of invasive species has been awarded to Greentown Environmental Ltd. The treatment process began in July 2022 and is currently ongoing. The contract has been awarded up to the end of the 2024.

## 2. NEXT STEPS

- **Hydrology:** Review of Steering Group comments and submission of the final hydrology report.
- **Hydraulic Modelling:** Continuation of hydraulic modelling – calibration stage and baseline scenario runs
- **Environmental Assessment:** Continue with specialist surveys
- **Invasive Species Treatment Contract:** Continuation of invasive species treatment
- **Natural Water Retention Measures:** Complete the assessment of potential for Natural Water Retention Measures in river catchments to alleviate flood risk and issue first draft maps for review.

# BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

## Briefing Note 7 – August 2022

### Progress Summary

The project team have collected all available data relating to past flood events, the local environment, river catchments, topography, culverts, rainfall and river flow. This data has been analysed extensively and used to produce a detailed computer model of the Burnfoot and Skeoge Rivers as they flow through the village and discharge at Inch Lough. The model has been calibrated against past flood events, most notably August 2017, to ensure it is correctly simulating and mapping flood risk in the area. A range of design flood events have been tested in the model to cover all eventualities including the risk of more severe flooding due to climate change.

Various flood risk management options were considered and modelled to evaluate the most effective scheme for Burnfoot. All types of potential measures have been looked at in detail, including but not limited to those in the North Western Flood Risk Management Plan ([www.floodinfo.ie](http://www.floodinfo.ie)).

Each option was subject to a costing exercise to determine the whole life cost across the design life. The team are currently refining these costs based on the best available current market data.

A property economic damage assessment has been completed for the Burnfoot FRS. This provides estimates of the monetary impacts/ damages caused by flooding, from which the potential benefits of the flood scheme can be calculated across its design life. The ratio of whole life cost against monetary benefit determines economic viability and score (Benefit Cost Ratio) which informs selection of the preferred option.

A Multi-Criteria Analysis has been undertaken to assess the performance of each option against a range of technical, environmental, social and economic factors. This also informs the selection of the preferred option and ensures that benefits beyond economic viability are considered.

This process of option development, analysis and screening has resulted in the following measures remaining under consideration:

- Hard defences (earthen embankments and flood walls) at Burnfoot
- Modification/ removal of embankments downstream of Burnfoot
- Works to improve conveyance at the R238 road bridge
- Culvert upgrades

A collaborative workshop was held in April 2022 with a view to developing the preferred option. The workshop was attended by the Burnfoot FRS Steering Group and other relevant public sector stakeholders. Since then, RPS has been considering the feedback and refining the emerging preferred option based on buildability, operation and maintenance, adaptability to climate and other future changes.

The emerging preferred option has been assessed to determine the level of environmental assessment required. RPS have determined that the Scheme will require Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) and an Appropriate Assessment (AA) with Natura Impact Statement under the European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations (S.I. No. 94 of 1997) under Regulation 31 (Annex 1.2). The scope of these assessments is currently being established and will be completed when the preferred option is selected.

Further specialist environmental services, such as otter surveys, will be required to further inform the Environmental Impact and Appropriate Assessment of the preferred option.

The treatment of Invasive and Alien Species (IAS), specifically Japanese Knotweed, is ongoing as part of the Scheme Invasive Species Management Plan in advance of the construction period. Treatment was undertaken in July with a second application scheduled for late September/ early October 2022.

Note that a new newsletter will be posted on the scheme website this quarter, see:

<https://countydonegalfrs.ie/burnfootfrs/index.php/news/>

## Next Steps

**Surveys:** RPS are looking at further surveys to inform the preliminary design of a scheme, including ground investigation and services.

**Scheme Analysis and Development:** RPS are working to confirm the preferred option in conjunction with the Steering Group. Options reports including supplementary reporting on the application of nature-based catchment measures, buildability, operation and maintenance and climate change adaptation are being prepared.

**Environmental Assessment:** Scoping for Environmental Impact Assessment is ongoing. Specialist environmental surveys to inform the EIA are scheduled for autumn 2022.

**Public Information Day:** A public information day is planned for November 2022 to present the preferred Scheme Option.

**Planning Application:** A further statutory public consultation will be held early next year as part of the planning process. Following this documentation for the scheme will be prepared and submitted for planning later in 2023.

## Projected Key Milestone Dates

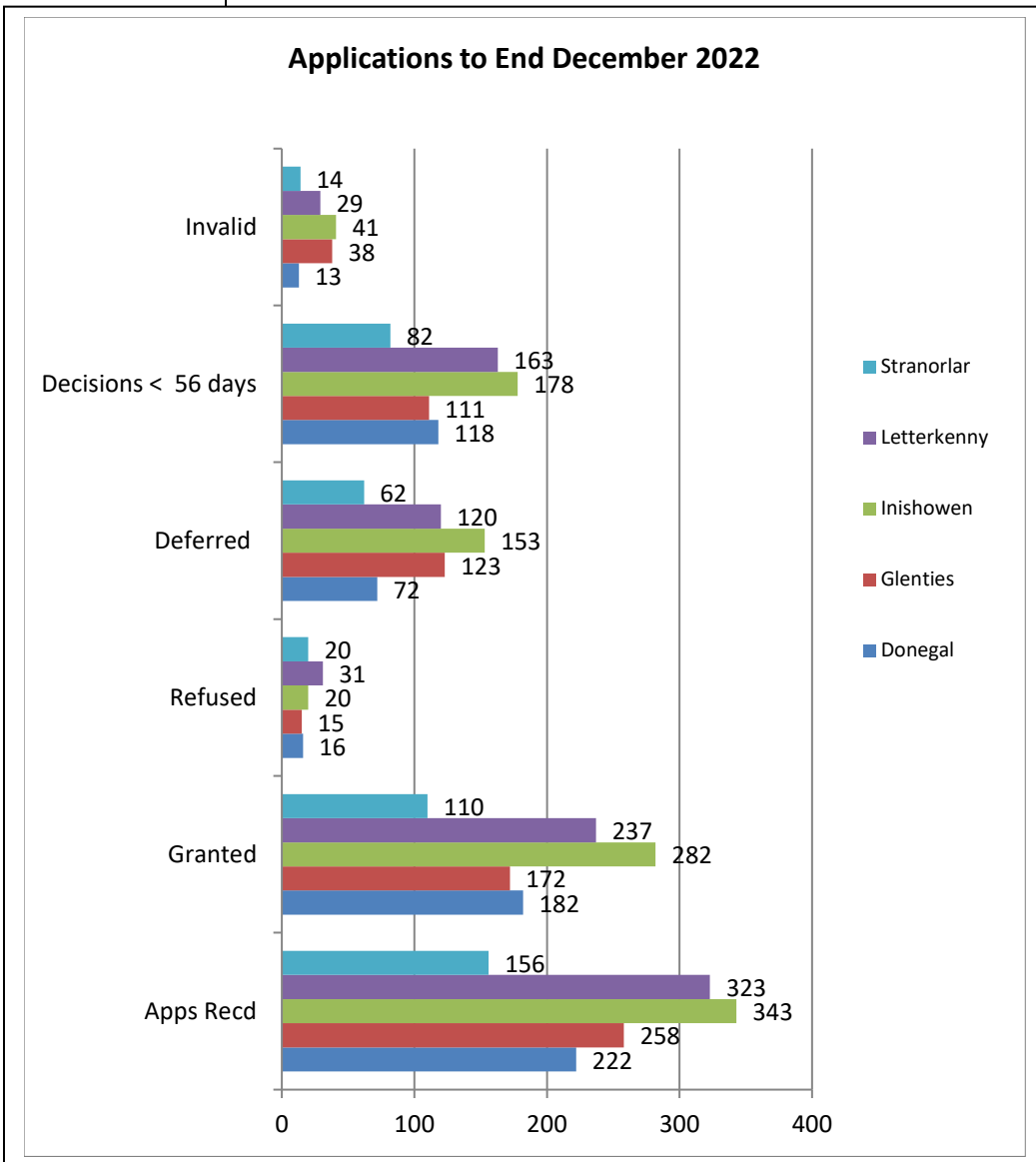
- Identification of Preferred Option – September 2022
- Closing (Stage I) Public Consultation – November 2022
- Completion of Environmental Impact Assessment Report – February 2023
- Ongoing management of invasive species in line with the management plan

The Stage I programme has been extended by approximately one (1) month due to increasing complexity in the analysis.



**Inishowen MD Meeting**  
**6<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

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<b>3</b>	<b>Notes &amp; Monthly Schedule</b>	<p><b>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</b></p> <p><b>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</b></p> <p><u>Planning Clinics 2022:</u>  22nd September 2022  6<sup>th</sup> October 2022  20<sup>th</sup> October 2022  3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022</p> <p>Please see website for further dates.  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</a></p>								
<b>4</b>	<b>Regeneration Report</b>	See Appendix A								
<b>5</b>	<b>Building Control &amp; Taking in Charge Community Development &amp; Planning Services</b>	No Report								
<b>6</b>	<b>Central Planning Unit</b>	No Report								
<b>7</b>	<b>Casual Trading</b>	No Report								
<b>8</b>	<b>Further Information</b> <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly List of applications and decisions:  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/</a></li> <li>Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li> <li>Planning Webpage:  <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li> <li>Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required:  <a href="http://www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp">www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp</a></li> </ul> <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches:</p>								

# Appendix A



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



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Project Ireland  
**2040**

**Regeneration & Development Team**  
Community Development & Planning Services

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## September (2022) Municipal District Meetings Report to Elected Members

### 1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

#### 1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 1 RRDF PROJECTS (2019)

##### 1.1.1 **Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project** Value: €4.84m

This project proceeded to tender in February 2022 and closed on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022. The tender assessment and evaluation was completed and a tender report submitted to the DRCD on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 for: (i) Decision Gate 3 Approval to appoint the preferred tenderer and to proceed to site, and (ii) enhanced funding to deliver the project.

Confirmation of enhanced funding to deliver the project, and Decision Gate 3 approval to appoint the successful contractor and proceed to site was received on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022. This project now has a revised total value of €5.4m. The capital project will be delivered by McDermott & Treaty Construction Ltd (MDT).

The process of project handover to the Councils new Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) has also commenced in anticipation of imminent progression to site. CPDU will manage the construction and handover stage of the project. In advance of same the following arrangements to update the Elected Members and the general public have been made:

- 12pm - Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Members will be updated on this project, the delivery arrangements and associated timelines at a scheduled workshop of the Donegal Municipal District;
- 3-7pm - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. An open public information event will be held in the Tara Hotel, Killybegs to update the general public on the project, the

delivery arrangements and associated timelines. This will be a drop in event, project information will be on display and relevant Council staff will be present to facilitate queries and clarifications etc.

### 1.1.2 **Burtonport and Aranmore Island – Harbour to Island Regeneration** **Value: €4.1m**

#### **Aranmore Island:**

This element of the project is now complete and the Forbairt Taitneamhachtaí Cois Cladaigh Oileán Árainn Mhór (Arranmore Island Shorefront Amenity Development) was officially opened by the Minister for Rural & Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 in the presence of Leas-Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Michael Naughton and representatives of Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór CTR.



(L to R) John G. McLaughlin, Chief Executive Donegal County Council, Minister Charlie McConalogue TD, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Minister Heather Humphreys TD, Department of Rural and Community Development, Bainisteoir of Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór CTR, Nóirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh, Leas- Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Micheal Naughton, Cathaoirleach of the Glenties Municipal District Cllr. Anthony Molloy at the official opening of the Arranmore Island Shorefront Amenity Development.

The performance space has already been used on many occasions, including as a part of the Earigall Arts Festival and hosted its inaugural concert after the official opening when Clann Mhic Ruairí, Green Island & Special guests entertained everyone present.

#### **Burtonport Harbour**

The Phase 1 redevelopment of Burtonport Harbour has now commenced. These works are being delivered by the successful contractor McDermott & Treaty Construction Ltd and are already progressing well towards substantial completion.

The process of project handover to the Councils new Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) is now complete in respect of this project. CPDU will now manage the completion of construction and handover stages of the project.

## 1.2 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 2 RRDF PROJECTS (2020)

1.2.1 **Back to Ballyshannon** – A transformational project to re-energise, re-imagine and sustain the social, cultural, historical, physical and economic fabric of Ballyshannon’s historic town centre.

**Value: €247,500. (RRDF funding approved €185,625)**

**Update:** The Team continues to work towards (i) progressing an acquisition interest in Ballyshannon Town Centre, and (ii) the publication of a planning scheme, so as to develop this project as a shovel ready capital project targeted for future Category 1 RRDF funding. Steady progress continues to be made through complex reporting and appraisals in relation to: the environment & ecology, archaeology and structural investigation and which will inform the next steps in the acquisition process and the planning consent pathway.

Members will be provided with a detailed progress update at workshop in September. The Regeneration & Development will make separate arrangements for same in due course.

1.2.2 **Ramelton Historic Town Centre** – A Restorative & Transformational Public Realm Scheme.

**Value: €249,159 (RRDF funding approved €186,869)**

**Update:** A Part 8 planning scheme for this project was published on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 and a Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members at a Plenary Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 and it was decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

The Regeneration and Development Team subsequently completed the submission of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project by the 12noon deadline on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022. The submitted project has a total project value of €7,949,868 and is now under assessment. Meanwhile, work continues to advance on the Detailed Design of Project together with preparation of a completed Tender Package, which is scheduled for completion by the end of September of this year.

## 1.3 THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.3.1. **Ballybofey & Stranorlar** - The ‘SEED’ project – A sustainable, green regeneration project to

Strengthen, Engage, Enable and Deliver transformational change in Ballybofey-Stranorlar.  
**Value: €9,756,969.**

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. The Project Brief and Procurement Strategy have been submitted to the DRCD for this project and for Decision Gate 2 (Pretender) approval. These documents are presently under consideration and on receipt of approval this project will proceed to tender. It is anticipated that the capital works element of this project will commence in Q3 of 2022.

### 1.3.2. **Burtonport (Harbour to Island) Regeneration**

**Value: €2.3m**

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. This project is at an advanced stage of readiness given that consultancy services were previously procured using Councils own resources. On 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 a Project Brief and Procurement Strategy were submitted to the DRCD for Decision Gate 2 Approval to recommence consultancy services to complete detailed design and proceed to tender stage in advance of construction. Approval to proceed was subsequently received on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 and the services of MH Associates have recently been re-engaged to complete the detailed design phase and subsequently progress to tender stage.

The process of project handover to the Councils new Capital Project Delivery Unit (CPDU) is completing in respect of this project. CPDU will manage the completion of the detailed design, construction and handover stages of the project and arrangements will be made to update Members in due course and once handover is complete.

### 1.3.3. **Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project**

**Value: €9,542,852**

Due diligence has been completed on this project and the formal Funding Agreement received and confirmed. The Project Brief and Procurement Strategy for this project was submitted to the DRCD for Decision Gate 2 and Pre-Tender approval on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Decision Gate 2 approval was subsequently received for this project on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Arrangements are now being made with the Capital Projects Delivery Unit to progress this project to tender stage. It is anticipated that the capital works element of this project will commence in Q3 of 2022.

## 1.4 **THIRD CALL FOR CATEGORY 2 PROJECTS UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

On 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys announced that €1.17m had been awarded under the Third Call for Category 2 Projects of the RRDF for the “Repowering Bunrana” regeneration Project.

Due diligence has been completed on this project and a formal letter of Offer together with an associated Funding Agreement was received on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Funding Agreement was subsequently accepted and formally returned to the Department on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The project will now progress to procurement of the required consultancy services before commencement of the planning and statutory consents stages of this project enabled by the funding award. A successful public information event in respect of this project was held in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Bunrana on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022.

## 1.5 **FOURTH CALL FOR CATEGORY 1 PROJECTS (SHOVEL READY) UNDER THE RURAL REGENERATION & DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)**

On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD announced the fourth call for Category 1 applications to the €1 Billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF).

**The closing date for the receipt of proposals was 12 noon on Friday 29th April 2022.**

As described at Point 1.2.2. above the Ramelton Re-Imagined regeneration project, with a value of €7,949,868 was submitted under this call and is now under assessment.

## **1.6 REGENERATION STRATEGIES & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK**

The Regeneration & Development Team had undertaken with Members to progress Regeneration Strategies in a number of Tier 2 Strategic Towns as a part of our work programme. This work has been progressing through in house resources and capacities together with consultancy services. An update on this area of the work programme is provided hereinunder:

### **1.6.1 Ramelton Action Plan**

The Ramelton Action Plan was formally launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020.

The Plan can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/rameltonactionplan/Ramelton%20Action%20Plan.pdf>

### **1.6.2 Killybegs Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Killybegs Regeneration Strategy was formally launched on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and is available at <https://bit.ly/KillybegsRegStrat>. It has also been circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders.

The Strategy was commissioned by the Killybegs Regeneration Group in conjunction with Donegal County Council and was funded by BIM, FLAG with match funding by Donegal County Council. Its delivery was led by Pasparakis Friel Architects with the support and input of the Council's Community Development Section and the Regeneration and Development Team.

### **1.6.3 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy was endorsed by the Committee of BASICC, as project partners, on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and subsequently endorsed by the Stranorlar-Lifford MD on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The Strategy was launched 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 by means of press release and is currently being circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy is available at [Donegal County Council \(donegalcoco.ie\)](http://www.donegalcoco.ie)

### **1.6.4 Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Ballyshannon Town Centre Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was formally published, launched and circulated to Members on the 20th April 2022. The Strategy &

Action Plan, and associated Town Centre Masterplan, is available to view/download online at [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie) and at Council offices. It will also be circulated across Donegal County Council Directorates and to key stakeholders. The Strategy was commissioned and funded by Donegal County Council and its delivery was led by GM Design Associates with the support and input of the Council's Regeneration and Development Team.

#### **1.6.5 An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan**

The Draft an Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Town Centre Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan was made available for public consultation from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. A drop-in public consultation event also took place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 2.00pm to 7.00pm at the Shopping Arcade, Main Street, Dungloe. In addition to the comments received and discussed during the drop-in event a total of 12 no. written submissions from members of the public were received.

A short report on the submissions has been completed and was considered at a workshop of the Glenties MD on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and at which Members endorsed the final Strategy and Action Plan subject to agreed amendments. Arrangements are now being made for final publication, launch and circulation across Donegal County Council Directorates and statutory bodies and community organisations and it is anticipated that this will take place at, or in advance of, the September Municipal District Meeting.

#### **1.6.6 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work**

Work to complete the Draft Design & Design Report for this project is advancing, and targeted stakeholder group consultations took place in December 2021. This primarily included key internal Council services, external statutory bodies and a cross-section of community interests in Rathmullan identified by 'The Way Forward' group. A presentation on the Draft Design Report for this project was made to the Elected Members at a scheduled workshop on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 in advance of an informal public consultation event which took place later the same day from 3pm to 8pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Rathmullan. The closing date for observations on the draft designs was 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022. The submission responses together with the Draft Design & Design Reports are presently being evaluated with a view to progressing a statutory planning scheme for the Project in Q3 of 2022.

## **2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)**

### **2.1 Existing approved URDF project in Letterkenny (application submitted 2018; final approval to proceed received September 2019)**

This first application secured €1.9m in URDF monies, match funded by €600,000 for three sub-projects, the detail and progress of which is set out below:

- (i) Preparation of a Regeneration Strategy for Letterkenny Town Centre.**



The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final phase of consultation on the Letterkenny Regeneration Strategy opened on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and closed on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 relating to Design Concepts for 11 key regeneration sites. In response, 52 online surveys were completed and 9 direct email submissions were received. The consultation period also included a public drop-in event on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022 in Dillons Hotel which was attended by circa 40 people.

The consultancy team, led by The Paul Hogarth Company presented the findings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation together with Draft Design Guidelines (Work Area 3), Draft Public Spaces and Linkages Action Plan (Work Area 4) and a Lower Main Street exemplar to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 wherein Members endorsed the finalization and publication of the Regeneration Strategy thus the project reaching a significant milestone.

The consultancy team are currently working on the final write up and to bring together all strands of the project brief including Work Area 5 in respect of branding.

Plans are being formulated for a formal launch event which is expected to be held toward early October 2022. The services of AV Brown branding consultants, as part of the multi-disciplinary team are being engaged to create a video to inform the launch and to communicate the project effectively to the public, investors, visitors and funders. Members will be updated directly as the arrangements develop in relation to the launch event of the final Regeneration Strategy.

**(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.**

Work to progress interests in the key regeneration site approved by DHLGH for acquisition continues with intent. The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was published on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021. It was subsequently submitted to An Bord Pleanala for confirmation on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021. The period for the making of objections to the CPO expired on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and a single objection was received by An Bord Pleanala to this CPO. The next step is the fixing of date for oral hearing by An Bord Pleanala with the case now identified as a ‘Priority.’

Alongside acquisition, Phase 1 development of the site was approved at a Special Meeting of Donegal County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The proposed development includes for the demolition of former ESB buildings and the development of circa 60,500sqft business, enterprise and innovation space (Alpha/Beta) supported by access linkages and public realm. This project is now being progressed by the Capital Projects Team to its next stage of detailed design with input from the Regeneration and Development Team in relation to review of tender documents and participation in Steering Group and Design Team Review meetings.

Alongside the Part 8 proposed development, discussions are ongoing internally in relation to options for the business model as regards the residential component of the Concept Masterplan relating to the remainder of the strategic site (Phase 2). Further updates will be brought to the Letterkenny-Milford MD in this regard as this work develops.

**(iii) Public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Rd**

Members turned the sod on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 on the project to construct public realm in the area of the Public Services Centre and Joe Bonnar Road. ACS Civils LTD have been appointed and commenced on site on the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 with a build period in the region of 6 months. The development will deliver high quality walking, cycling and public realm infrastructure in the town centre. It forms the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the wider planned network known as ‘LK Green Connect’ that will ultimately connect across a series of town centre destinations.

## 2.2 Successful application to the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (May 2020)

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O’Brien TD announced that a provisional allocation of €13.6m has been awarded under the URDF application Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) ‘Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre’ supported by match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m.

Specifically this new investment will help to advance five projects to varying stages of as follows:

- The further enhancement of the Cathedral Quarter
- The re-purposing of the Courthouse
- Strategic land assembly towards:
  - Regeneration of Lower Main Street
  - Advancement of a Regional Transport Hub
  - Enhancement of ‘LK Green Connect,’ walking, cycling and parkland infrastructure.

The project continues to progress through funding approval steps required under the Public Spending Code. In this regard, a Preliminary Business Case (PBC) was submitted to DHLGH in March 2022 and for review and approval. This was followed by submission of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

**The current status of the project is that the Preliminary Business Case secured approval of DHLGH on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022.** This represents approval under Decision Gate 1 in the project life cycle and ‘*approval in principle to Donegal County Council to proceed to Design, Planning & Procurement Strategy.*’ As outlined, a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy has already been submitted to DHLGH on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and is therefore actively under review and consideration by DHLGH.

Approval of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy will lead to approval to proceed to tendering inclusive of satisfactory completion of the Final Business Case and thereafter each project will advance at varying paces dependent on nature, scale and complexity.

Alongside the above activity, a number of steps are being taken to develop each sub-project further. The table below sets out this activity.

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
<b>A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District</b>	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
<b>Creative Hub and Urban Parkland</b>	<p>Site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission is now complete following a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform the design process to prepare Part 8 proposed development or application to An Bord Pleanala, as appropriate, via procurement of architect led design and supervision team following pre-tender and tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Engagement has been undertaken with Failte Irelands 'Tourism Office Network Team' and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce in relation to the tourist office element of this project.</p> <p>Design concept is also informing acquisition processes. Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has already significantly progressed.</p> <p>It is intended to commence topographical survey from September 2022 onwards where landowners have given permission to do so.</p>
<b>Market Square</b>	<p>A Part 8 proposed development in respect of 'Letterkenny 2040-Reimagined Market Square' was published on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 for public inspection until 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022. Submissions and observations may be made by 4.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022, after which a Chief Executives Report will be prepared and submitted for Members consideration at the scheduled plenary Council meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022.</p> <p>NOTE: This results in procurement of architect led design and supervision team for detailed design stage onwards rather than designs services for planning consent onwards</p>
<b>Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme</b>	<p>This project will be packaged with 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team following receipt of pre-tender approval by DHLGH.</p> <p>Part 8 is already secured through the works of Roads &amp; Transportation and will be reviewed as part of the overall design process package with specific consideration to accessibility/threshold treatment.</p> <p>It is noted that Irish Water are currently progressing works to replace an existing watermain on Church lane as a critical piece of infrastructure upgrade in advance of the URDF project progressing to site which is estimated as Q4 2024 and subject to a number of dependencies and unknowns.</p>
<b>B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street</b>	<p>Site-specific design concepts for a number of Lower Main Street locations via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission are now complete following a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation and were endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022.</p> <p>Landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p> <p>Further engagement with Donegal Youth Service and Letterkenny Youth Club on future project development has also commenced.</p>
<b>C: Revival at the Courthouse</b>	<p>Draft terms of reference are currently being prepared for consultancy services to undertake a 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' to define the nature of proposed tourist attraction. The Draft Terms of Reference include for engagement with Members at MD level and are being informed by ongoing consultation with Failte Ireland inclusive of</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
	<p>'Attractions Team' and 'Tourism Office Network' team. The target is to complete the preparation of the Terms of Reference in advance of and in readiness of approval to proceed to tendering by DHLGH in order to fast track this stage as soon as possible.</p> <p>The 'Product Identification/Visitor Experience Plan' will include for consideration of concept options and identification of the preferred story to be told, analysis of potential markets, competitor analysis, best practice examples, preliminary pricing, preliminary revenue projections, operational model (public or private).</p>
<p><b>Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub</b></p>	<p>Preferred location for future Regional Transport Hub has emerged through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy process in the Pearse Road area. A Design Concept in respect of a future Transport Hub and its integration with LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure and a new civic space is now complete following a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022. This work has assisted in connecting with potential landowners affected.</p> <p>The Design Concept will inform acquisition processes and land owner consultation will now formally commence.</p> <p>Positive engagement with Bus Eireann was held at a meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 with commitment for further engagement and communication following ,consideration within Bus Eireann corporate structures. Further follow up communication to Bus Eireann issued on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to share the emerging design concept launched for public consultation and to seek further engagement. This communication was renewed on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 seeking a further engagement as a priority.</p>
<p><b>Sub- project E: LK Green Connect</b></p>	<p>Through the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission, a Design Concept in respect of LK Green Connect is now complete following a 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of consultation and was endorsed at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022. The Design Concept integrates LK Green Connect with an urban wetland concept, future transport hub and new civic space. The Design Concept will inform engagement with landowners to progress the acquisition interests supported under URDF as regards LK Green Connect.</p> <p>In addition, it is targeted to progress a Part 8 proposed development using in-house resources in respect of LK Green Connect walking and cycling infrastructure to link Phase 1 (currently under construction) to Pearse Road and therefore to secure Phase 2 to shovel ready status. The timeline for Part 8 is yet to be confirmed and is subject to availability of staff resources across both URDF and RRDF programmes.</p> <p>Publication of a Part 8 proposed development in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect is targeted for Q4 of 2022. Pasparakis Friel Architects have been appointed in this regard to provide Part 8 drawings while the Regeneration and Development manage and lead all other elements of the Part 8 process including AA and EIA screening. This also includes consultation with the Cultural Partners (An Grianan Theatre, the Regional Cultural Centre and Donegal County Museum).</p> <p>Engagement with landowners has commenced as regards land acquisition interests necessary for the Cultural Corridor section of LK Green Connect and as supported under URDF and will be further advanced with greater certainty following Part 8 publication.</p>

### **2.3 Future URDF call for applications**

Although there is no confirmed date available for a 3rd call for URDF applications, an announcement is anticipated as early as Q4 2022/Q1 2023 and following an ongoing review of funding commitments/ project costs currently being undertaken by DHLGH. Consideration is being given to the options in this regard including the further sequencing of investment to deliver on the LK 2040 ambition particularly in relation to the advancement of a Regional Transport Hub, associated accessibility infrastructure and capital projects at Lower Main Street. It is proposed to scope the options with Members of Letterkenny-Milford MD as part of a future MD workshop.

### **2.4 Other**

The Regeneration and Development Team continue to engage in other regeneration related work areas and support other sections of Donegal County Council as required and across a number of other activities.

**Regeneration & Development Team  
September 2022.**

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT  
Municipal District of Inishowen  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Corporate Services

- Consider date for Budget 2023 Workshop - Proposed date: **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am**
- Consider date for Budget 2023 Meeting - Proposed date **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am**

Housing Services

Progress Reports

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	9
Properties being refurbished	3
Properties to be refurbished	4

### Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2022	Offers refused from 01/01/2022	Tenancies created from 01/01/2022	Tenancies Terminated from 01/01/2022
<b>Casual Vacancies</b> 17	3	14	7
<b>New Build at Rockytown</b> 21 (5 at re offer stage)	5	16	0

### Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Carndonagh	Apex	3	2	Accepted
Carndonagh	SVP	8	2	Pending
Clonmany	SVP	5	1	Pending
Buncrana	SVP	Pending	1	Pending

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List at 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2022	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	628
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	433
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	40
Net Social Housing Waiting List	155





# Housing Grants Report at 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022

## Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2020	47	38	1	7	1	0
2021	50	34	1	8	5	2
2022	47	37	0	6	0	4

## Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2020	39	20	0	19	0	0
2021	50	36	0	12	2	0
2022	26	11	1	11	1	2

## Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2020	58	46	4	7	1	0
2021	114	93	10	11	0	0
2022	83	68	3	8	0	4

## MD Report – Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme. **Aug 2022**

### Stage 1 Applications (Confirmation of Eligibility)

Applications Received	954
Applications Approved	372
Awaiting Further Information or Being Assessed	581
Withdrawn	1
Stage 1 Fees:	
• Number	657
• Value	€3,349,964.70

### Stage 2 Applications (Grant Approval)

Applications Received	104
Applications Approved	60
Value of Approvals	€9,369,424.66
Awaiting Further Information or Being Assessed	42
Applications Withdrawn	2

### Stage 3 – Payments (Stage Payments) to date

<b>Number</b>	88
<b>Value</b>	€3,438,057.21
<b>Completions</b>	14
<b>Value</b>	€1,458,653.46

**Housing Capital Update Report  
Inishowen Municipal District Meeting  
September 2022**

**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
<b>Construction Stage</b>		
Rockytown Buncrana (Phase 1)	Completed.	21
<b>Detailed Design / Tender Stage</b>		
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	Finalisation of tender documents in consultation with design consultants in advance of project being advertised for tender in September/October 2022.	16
The Meadows, Buncrana	Tender process completed with deadline of 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 for receipt of same. Tenders currently being assessed in advance of appointment.	1
<b>Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)</b>		
Rockytown, Buncrana (Phase 2)	Preliminary design approved by the Department. Part 8 documentation being prepared for advertisement in September/October 2022.	58
<b>Total</b>		<b>96</b>

In tandem with the above construction programme, 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.

**2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition**

Donegal County Council's turnkey acquisition process is continuing throughout the county. This competitive dialogue procurement process will result in a major capital investment in social housing, with the initial projects in the county now complete. This is a very effective mechanism enabling the Council to feed into the design of the proposal to ensure that the end product is suitable for the needs of social housing tenants.

In order to safeguard the nature of the process and bearing in mind the commercial sensitivities of the process as well as the extent of the approvals required, the Council will continue to provide Elected Members with detailed information of the proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval (i.e. stage 4).

Contract discussions are ongoing for a potential turnkey acquisition at Convent Road, Carndonagh.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers with regard to the additional valid proposal for Moville. Members will be fully informed of this proposal upon receipt of Irish Water requirements and final departmental approval.

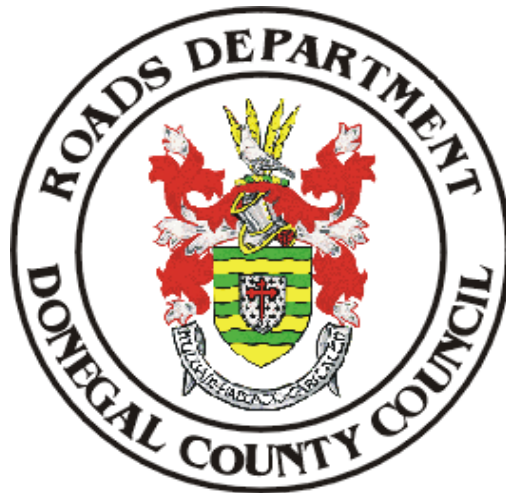
### **3. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes**

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

There is an open advertisement on the Council's website for expressions of interest for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing. A significant county-wide response has been received to this advert and approximately 15 submissions for Inishowen MD have been shortlisted and are receiving detailed consideration.

# **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE**

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**Inishowen Municipal District**

**06th September 2022**

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## Maintenance Programme 2022

RSS	Engineer	Job Code	Road Name	Budget	Expenditure	Balance	Notes
Moville	Inish North	1B304001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 106,363.00	€ 40,999.72	€ 65,363.28	
Moville	Inish North	1B404002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 350,277.00	€ 285,171.91	€ 65,105.09	
Moville	Inish North	1B404009	Works Overheads	€ 95,884.00	€ 85,843.61	€ 10,040.39	
<b>Moville Total</b>				<b>€552,524.00</b>	<b>€412,015.24</b>	<b>€140,508.76</b>	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B303001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 127,342.00	€ 114,853.38	€ 12,488.62	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B403002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 419,368.00	€ 243,495.51	€ 175,872.49	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B303010	Works Overheads	€ 104,600.00	€ 111,128.28	-€ 6,528.28	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>				<b>€651,310.00</b>	<b>€469,477.17</b>	<b>€181,832.83</b>	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B306001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 119,948.00	€ 95,153.62	€ 24,794.38	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B406002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 395,018.00	€ 256,409.52	€ 138,608.48	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B306012	Works Overheads	€ 104,601.00	€ 119,874.25	-€ 15,273.25	
<b>Buncrana Rural Total</b>				<b>€619,567.00</b>	<b>€471,437.39</b>	<b>€148,129.61</b>	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B402004	Own Resources Non-National Roads Buncrana Urban	€ 252,600.95	€ 88,350.54	€ 164,250.41	
<b>Buncrana Urban Total</b>				<b>€252,600.95</b>	<b>€88,350.54</b>	<b>€164,250.41</b>	
Newtown	Inish South	1B305001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 83,258.00	€ 67,924.52	€ 15,333.48	
Newtown	Inish South	1B405002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 274,189.00	€ 203,234.63	€ 70,954.37	
Newtown	Inish South	1B305013	Works Overheads	€ 95,884.00	€ 78,495.43	€ 17,388.57	
<b>Newtown Total</b>				<b>€453,331.00</b>	<b>€349,654.58</b>	<b>€103,676.42</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>€2,529,332.95</b>			

## Maintenance Operations 2022

Operation	Band	Movice RSS		Carn RSS		Buncrana RSS		Newtown RSS	
		Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Drainage (B300)	40% - 50%	€205,488	45%	€246,020	45%	€231,735	45%	€160,851	45%
Road Surface Repairs (B553)	35% - 45%	€182,656	40%	€218,684	40%	€205,987	40%	€142,979	40%
Verge Maintenance (B586)	0% - 10%	€22,832	5%	€27,336	5%	€25,748	5%	€17,872	5%
Sign Maintenance (B780)	0% - 5%	€11,416	3%	€13,668	3%	€12,874	3%	€8,936	3%
Bridge Maintenance (B782)	0% - 5%	€11,416	3%	€13,668	3%	€12,874	3%	€8,936	3%
Emergency RTC (B550)	0% - 5%	€0	0%	€0	0%	€0	0%	€0	0%
Street Cleaning (B556)	0% - 15%	€22,832	5%	€27,336	5%	€25,748	5%	€17,872	5%
		<b>€456,640</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>€546,710</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>€514,967</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>€357,447</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Restoration Improvement Programme 2022

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	R	Bredaglen	RR	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	Cabry Q Pt	SR	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	Cruckanonia	SR	500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	Archies Rd	SR	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	Mount Scourge	SR	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LT	Hilltown Gleneely	SR	1000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	Quay St Moville	RR	135	2022	2022	
Moville	Inish North	L	River Row Moville	RR	257	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS & Lt	Bus man Clar	SR	1,400	Complete	Complete	
<b>Moville Total 2022</b>								
Carn	Inish North	R	R244 Gleneely (Ph 1)	RR	700	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	R	R244 Churchtown	RR	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	LP	Carrowreagh	SR	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Cloncha	SR	2,700	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	LP	Doon to Leiter	SR	1,900	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	LT	Owens Corvish	SR	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	LP	Glengad	SR	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	LS	Ballyloskey/Cruck	SR	2,000	Complete	Complete	
<b>Carn Total 2022</b>								
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Daveys Rd ( Pigery)	RR	1,200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Rockstown Rd to Kinnea Link	RR	500	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Famine Village to Castle Isle of Doagh (Ph1)	SR	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Cleenagh Ballymagan to Kinnego Crossroads (Phase 2)	SR	800	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Aughaweel Lynch to Fullerton	SR	1,450	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	Umrycam to shandrum R238	SR	1,200	2022	2022	Northstone October
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Aghilly Rd A&N to Hegartys House	SR	1,600	Complete	Complete	
<b>Buncrana Total 2022</b>								
Buncrana	Inish South	L	Milltown Road - hard shoulders and overlay	SR	800	2022	2022	Direct labour Sept 2022
<b>Buncrana Urban Total 2022</b>								
Newtown	Inish South	L	Galdonagh Rd from Sallybrooke	RR	1,250	2022	2022	Whitemountain October
Newtown	Inish South	L	Granian of Alieach Approach Ph 1	SR	965	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	Inch Pier Rd to Grange - Inch Island Phase 2	SR	750	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	1N Moneymore	SR		Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	R	1N Approach to Muff Main Street	SR		2022	2022	Northstone October
Newtown	Inish South	R	Slab Rd Corner	RR	200	2022	2022	Northstone October
<b>Newtown Total 2022</b>								
<b>IMD TOTAL</b>								



## Restoration Maintenance Programme 2022

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	L	L1821-1	Tromaty Btm	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	On DBM
Moville	Inish North	L	L13915	Drung Graveyard	SD	400	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L64612	Lafferty's Lane	SD	300	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L1811-1	Aught Btm	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	On DBM
Moville	Inish North	L	L63111	Head Ditch Rd	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L7741-1 & L7701-1	Calhame Rd + Branch	SD	1,350	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L6141-1/2	Moneydarragh	SD	1,350	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L1391-6	Lough Inn	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	On DBM
Moville	Inish North	L	L6191-5	Pucan	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	On DBM
Moville	Inish North	L	L17911	Margy's Rd	SD	658	Complete	Complete	
<b>Moville Total</b>						<b>12,058</b>			
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L1081-2	Glengad Rd	SD	700	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-5371-2	Back Rd Culdaff	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-5591-1	Tiernaleague	SD	700	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-1221-2	Glasha	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-5791-1/2	Effish X Rds	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-5271-1	Rustards	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-5591-2	Priestown Loop	SD	780	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-5321-1	Shantla/Beaugh	SD	2,200	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L1301-2	Ballyharry	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L58813	Ballybawn	SD	670	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L1011-3/4	Banba/Esky	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-6021-1	Kindroyhead	SD	1,100	Complete	Complete	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						<b>17,250</b>			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1091-1	Isle of Doagh Castles	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1541-1	Urris Chapel 806	SD	1,410	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1631-1	Dunree road	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-1691-1	Cashel road	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-6901-1	Sleadrin to Backhill Junction	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7081-3	Mc Gee Clonglash	SD	2,000	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L7081/1L7091/1	Ballymagan to Aghilly	SD	1,160	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-17811	Bauvllie/ Kellogs 806	SD	600	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L-7341-1	Annybrack to Barmoor	SD	1,800	Complete	Complete	
<b>Buncrana Rural Total</b>						<b>11,970</b>			
Newtown	Inish South	L		Veagh	SD	850	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L		Black Bridge Rd	SD	1,400	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L		Castruse	SD	1,450	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L		Bogtown	SD	500	2022	2022	September
Newtown	Inish South	L		Creve road	SD	1,150	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L		Altaghderry	SD	860	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L		Ardnamoghill	SD	1,250	Complete	Complete	
<b>Newtown Total</b>						<b>9,060</b>			
<b>IMD TOTAL</b>						<b>50,338</b>			

## Low Cost Safety Programme 2022

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R234-4 & L-2611	Tul Na Ri, Carndonagh	Crossroads Junction at Tul Na Ri, Carndonagh	100	2022	2022	Incident history - Road Design to prepare design. To include for additional signage on road to include for Driver feedback signs.
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						<b>100</b>			
Moville	Inish North	R	R238	Clar	Section of R238 at Clar, Moville	50	2022	2022	Incident history - Road Design to prepare design. To include for embankment/crash barrier and Driver feedback signs.
<b>Moville Total</b>						<b>50</b>			
						<b>150</b>			

## Footpath Provision Programme 2022 Additional Works

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	R	Various	Ard Foyle/Bath Tce/Ballynally	Footpath repair	500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-238-42	Community College Phase II	Provision of 150m of footpath	150	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-241-1	Main street Moville/Rd to Greencastle	Footpath repair	60	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-238-50	Muff Main street	New footpath at St Mary's Hall	200	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R+L	L-1341-1/ L-1342-1	Moville (Glencrow /Quay St)	Replacement and New infill footpath to connect Moville Business Park, House Estates, Football Pitch and Health Centre to the Town Centre and Quay Street and the Pier and provide a safe walking route and infill lighting over a 1.2km distance.	860	2021	2022	(160m of replacement FP and 700m of new infill FP and 200m of infill Lighting and 40m of Retaining Wall)
Moville	Inish North	R+L	L-1891-3 R-238-50	Muff Village	Construct FP to connect Muff Village with the school, chapel, grave yd, football pitches and playpark.	400	2021	2022	
Moville	Inish North	L	LP1901	Muff to Grove at Border	Footpath repair and surface	120	Complete	Complete	Ongoing - 3 lights required
Moville	Inish North	L	Various	O'Gara Villas and St Finians Pk	Footpath repair	200	2021	2022	Kerbing in place
Moville	Inish North	R+L	Various	Greencastle	Footpath repair	100approx	2021	2022	Wall issue
Moville	Inish North	R+L	Various	Moville	Footpath repair	100approx	2021	2022	Pedestrian lights
<b>Moville Total</b>						<b>910</b>			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-35	Gleneely Main street Ph I	New footpath from Crossroads to school	225	Complete	Complete	Final overlay to one section (100m)
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-1041-2	Carpender's Corner Phase II	Extension of footpath	50	Complete	Complete	Specific Development Charge - in cooperation with development group.
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-12713	Bridge St	Provision of 50m of footpath	50	Complete	Complete	Contractor works complete, accommodation works for landowner
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	R-240	Convent Rd	Provision of 75m of footpath	75	2021	2022	Extend footpath to improve safety at junction with Circular Rd
Carndonagh	Inish North	L/R	R-238-27 R-244-1 L-1231-1	Churchtown/Derry rd	Replacement and New infill footpath to connect up 2 Hospitals, 2 National Schools , 3 house Estates, Carn Community School and Carn Chapel and provide a safe walking route over a 2 km circuit.	800	2021	2022	(400m of replacement and 400m of new infill)
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-28	Malin Rd	Replacement and New infill footpath to connect Malin Rd with the commercial centre of the town and Schools and Church and Hospitals.	600	2021	2022	(200m of replacement and 500m of new infill)
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-33	Bocan Culdaff	Construct 200m of footpath to connect the Play School , Community Hall, Chapel, Bocan Stone Circle and Temple of Deen at Bocan with Culdaff Village and provide a safe walking route link.	200	2021	2022	
Carndonagh	Inish North		No Number	Ard Colgan old housing est	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-240	At Grave Yd Wall	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238	Ard Colgan new housing est	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	Donagh bridge
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	LP1121	Bunagee Rd Culdaff	New FP (after bridge works)	100	2021	2022	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	LP1131	Middle Lane Culdaff	Footpath resurface and repair	170	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R+L	Various	Carndonagh	Footpath repair/slabs/paving Town Ctr	120approx	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R+L	Various	Malin Town	Footpath repair	100approx	2021	2022	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-240-1	Malin St Carndonagh	Repair of 100m of footpath & drainage		Complete	Complete	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						<b>2,420</b>			
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R-238-4	Rockhead Burnfoot - Phase I	Provision of 750m of Hard Shoulder including rock armour retention - land aquisition		2018	2022	Land aquisition negotiations concluded awaiting a response
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Westbrooke / Cockhill Road	100m of New Surfacing to footpath	100	Complete	Complete	Location of Public Liability Claims (x2) from Westbrooke along Cockhill Road
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238 / Main St	Main St Buncrana	Replacement of circa old drainage channels and upgrade of footpaths	800	2022	2022	Second pahse to start in 1st Quarter of 2022
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1036-0	Millfield Heights	Replacement of surface on concrete Footpaths on Millfield brae	200	Complete	Complete	Ralumac surface with Concrete pathing beforehand
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Fahan Village	Replacement of surface on Bitmac Footpaths through Village		Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Lisfannon - Tank Road Safety Improvements	Provision of new footpaths and crossing facilities	200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana - At Victoria Bridge (McKenna's Shop)	Provision widened footpaths	200	2021	2022	Works 95% complete - traffic management difficulties at location with Christmas Traffic / awaiting Aitricity
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana - Cockhill Road crossing	Pedestrian Safety Improvements	200	2021	2022	Works 90% complete - traffic management difficulties at location with Christmas Traffic / awaiting Aitricity
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Ballyliffin Village - Carn Rd	100 meters of footpath within the speedlimits (Phase 1)	100	2021	2022	Requires landowner consent / agreement
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Ballyliffin Village	Repairs to existing footpaths within the speedlimits	100	2021	2022	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1551-2	Straid Rd / Clonmany Village to GAA Pitch (Phase 1)	250 meters of hardshoulder and accommodation works	250	2021	2022	Requires landowner consent / agreement
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238-6/7	Fahan Village (Phase 2)	150 meters of resurfacing of footpath within the speedlimits	150	Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1671-1	Buncrana Slavery Rd	250 meters of new footpath and accommodation works	250	2022	2022	CPO Process necessary to aquire lands for footpaths, expect this process to start in February 2022
Buncrana	Inish South		N/A	Buncrana Urban Footpaths repairs / Claim issues	Various locations in Buncrana and the locations identified by IPB ( 10 NO)	1	2021	2022	10 locations to be identified by IPB - Additional Locations to be identified by Walkability Audit ONGOING
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-5156-0	Buncrana Swilly rd and Buncrana Pier Area	250 meters of repairs and replacement to foopaths	250	Complete	Complete	Patch and remove concrete and overlay with Ralumac - Contracted
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana Road to North West Golf Links	Patch and Resurface exsiting footpath	500	Complete	Complete	Ralumac thin surfacing - to be contracted
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						<b>3,301</b>			
Newtown	Inish South	R	R-239-5	Sappagh Phase II	Provision of 400m of hard shoulder	400	Complete	Complete	100m to complete 2018 - Contiuene with Hard shoulder works - works commenced
Newtown	Inish South	L	Various	Colehill Housing estate Newtown	Removal of old Concrete foopaths and placement of new Bitmac foopaths with kerbing	1000	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	R+L	R-237-1 L-2031-1 L-2131-1	Killea Village PHASE I	Provision of 750m PHASE I of new Footpath including the installation of 3 crossings with tactile paving and street lighting from the Village of Killea in a walking loop. The works will formalise the existing walking route around Killea Village by removing persons who are currently walking on the carriageway. This new footpath will link the village, chapel, soccer pitches, school and 4 housing estates. The project will utilise both private and public lands. Points A, C, G in eligibility criteria - project is ready to go.	750	2022	2022	This funding was reduced and land ownership issues are delaying the works - same proposed for 2022
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2141-2	Rushfield Rd Carrigans Village (L-2141-2 / R236)	Completion of the Rushfield road Footpath with tactile crossing to serve and link Coxtown National School with 4 housing estates ( 60 units) and IMD Rushfield Rd Carrigans Village (L-2141-2 / R236) Carrigan's Main Street - local village shops. €45k for 50meters of new footpath and 50m of retain wall for the same. – This project will also include for a 2 no raised platform crossings with tactiles and cycle stands in the village (€25k) - please refer to - Points A,B, C in eligibility criteria - this project is shovel ready	70	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2051-1	Newtown village towards Castleforward	250 meters Construction of New Footpath	250	Complete	Complete	250 meters of new footpath and accommodation works
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Killea Village	General Patch and Repair works	100	2022	2022	
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Carrigans Village	General Patch and Repair works	100	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South		Various	Bridgend - Footpaths at Bonemanie	General Patch and Repair works	100	2022	2022	
Newtown	Inish South	L		Newtown Linnk from N13 to Colehill	100m of New footpath and road widening	100	Complete	Complete	
<b>Newtown Total</b>						<b>1,400</b>			
<b>Grand Total</b>									

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## Lighting Provision Programme 2022 Additional Works

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Battery Brae Greencastle	Connection of existing lights and provision of 2 additional lights	2018	2022	Airtricity to install - Need to be connected
Moville	Inish North	Moville (Glencrow /Quay St)	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2022	(160m of replacement FP and 700m of new infill FP and 200m of infill Lighting and 40m of Retaining Wall)
Moville	Inish North	Muff Village	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2022	
Moville	Inish North	Muff Village	Route Lighting Upgrade by Lighting Central Reqd	2021	2022	Infills required
Moville	Inish North	Redcastle	Provision of additional lights & civils	2021	2022	3No pots & ducting installed
Moville	Inish North	Greencastle and Drumaweer	Repairs and Replacements in 'dark' areas	2021	2022	Infills required
Moville	Inish North	Moville	Repair to decorative lighting COLUMNS	2021	2022	ESB to repair
Moville	Inish North	Moville	Repair to decorative lighting	Complete	Complete	Complete but under review
<b>Moville Total</b>						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Bridge, Culdaff	Provision of 4 additional lights & civils	2018	2022	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Gleneely	Provision of 6 additional lights	Complete	Complete	Wearing course to be installed on footpath
Carndonagh	Inish North	Barrack Hill and Decorative Tn Ctr	Problem with low level and decorative lighting	Complete	Complete	Barrack Hill complete
Carndonagh	Inish North	Churchtown/Derry rd	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2022	(400m of replacement and 400m of new infill)
Carndonagh	Inish North	Malin Rd	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2022	(200m of replacement and 500m of new infill)
Carndonagh	Inish North	Bocan Culdaff	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2022	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Carrick Brea (Back road walk route)	Provision of 2 additional lights & civils	2021	2022	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Simpsons to Carrowreagh Rd Jn	Provision of 6 additional lights & civils	2021	2022	Planning issue
Carndonagh	Inish North	Malin Bridge Lights	Repairs and Replacements to Deck and Arch	2021	2022	Deck lighting to be repaired
Carndonagh	Inish North	New FP Black Mtn Rd Malin	Provision of 7 additional lights & civils	2021	2022	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Bocan Chapel Jn/Carpark	Provision of 1 additional lights & civils	2021	2022	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Ludden Junction	Provision of 4 additional lights	Complete	Complete	Airtricity design for 300m requested
Buncrana	Inish South	Ballyliffen to Clonmany	Assistance for Clonmany TT and Ballyliffen TT with Provision of 15 lights	Complete	Complete	TT assisting with costs
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Car Park Shore Front	Replacement of 4 x 10m lights	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Pier Car Park	Replacement of 2 x 10m lights (columns x 2)	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana St Marys Rd Car Park	Provision of upgrade Lighting to St Marys Car Park	Complete	Complete	Anti - social issue with Library and Car Park - more lighting needed
Buncrana	Inish South	Lisfannon - Tank Road Safety Improvements	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana - At Victoria Bridge (McKenna's Shop)	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	Awaiting ESB / Airtricity to activate lights
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana - Cockhill Road crossing	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	Awaiting ESB / Airtricity to activate lights
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Village	Provision of 4 new lights to existing poles on R238 into Clonmany	2021	2022	4 New lights from speed limit in / Awaiting quote from Airtricity
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Rooskey Rd	Provision of 1 new light before bridge on the Rooskey Rd	2021	2022	1 New light to be erected from a previous agreement -Awaiting quote from Airtricity
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Town Clock	Repair of streetlight	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Castle Park Junction	Provision of 2 new lights for pedesatrian safety	2021	2022	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Walkers Lane - Pedestrian Access	Provision of New lighting to the Pedestrian Arch walkers lane Buncrana	Complete	Complete	Awaiting ESB / Airtricity to activate lights
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Village	Provision of 1 light on Access Rd to Community Center	2021	2022	Airtricity to install light
Buncrana	Inish South	Linsfort / Desertegney School	Provision of 4 upgraded lights at Desertegney school / Chapel and supply of 1 new light	2021	2022	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Tooban - Dispensary Junction with R238	Provision of 2 no 8 meter columns for Road / Junction safety	2021	2022	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Replacement and Upgrade of 3 no Pedestrian Crossing Lights	Pedestrian crossing along R238 Cockhill Road	2021	2022	Active travel
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						
Newtown	Inish South	19th Hole footpath	Provision of 2 additional lights on existing wooden poles	2018	2022	Planning application pending
Newtown	Inish South	Burt Graveyard - along side N13	Provision of 2 - 6M additional lights	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Low Cost Safety	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete - Airtricity to install
Newtown	Inish South	Killea Village PHASE I	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2022	2022	to be done with footpaths
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (Derry Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	N13 to Bonmenaine / Bridgend school (Phase 1)	Provision of 10 - 6M lights inside the speed limit	2021	2022	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Newtown	Inish South	Burnfoot village / Slab Rd Junction	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (St Johnston side Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
Newtown	Inish South	Newtown Linnk from N13 to Colehill	Provision of 5 - 6m lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete awaiting Airtricity to erect lights.
<b>Newtown Total</b>						
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## Drainage Provision Programme 2022

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	L1391-6 Drung Hill Rd	20m of 900 dia twinwall and 70m of 300 dia and fill at roadside collapse	Complete	Complete	Roadside slippage repair
Moville	Inish North	L7311-1Tromaty QP	100m of 600 dia drainage reqd to prevent flooding	Complete	Complete	600mm Twinwall required
Moville	Inish North	L1341-2 Glencrow	Repairs to roadside collapse at Dennis Mc Guinneses	Complete	Complete	300mm Twinwall 80m approx and sidefill reqd
Moville	Inish North	L6381-1 Cooley Rd	Drainage required and road crossing repairs at various locations	2022	2022	300mm Twinwall
Moville	Inish North	L7721-1 Lisnagra	Extend culvert at junction to facillitate vehicles turning	2022	2022	450mm Twinwall and stone and headwall
Moville	Inish North	L14111 Hilltown Gleneely	Drainage required and road crossing repairs at various locations	Complete	Complete	300mm Twinwall
Moville	Inish North	R238 Muff Greenway	Drainage to Greenway along R238 Muff	Complete	Complete	200m of 225 Twinwall and gullies
Moville	Inish North	L6171-2 Cabry	Drainage required and road crossing repairs at various locations	Complete	Complete	300mm Twinwall
Moville	Inish North	R238 Muff Village	Investigate and replace collapsed drains and 'sink holes' in Muff Village	2022	2022	CBR's testing/specialist contractor reqd
<b>Moville Total</b>						
Carndonagh	Inish North	R244 Gleneely HG	200mts of Drainage	2022	2022	60mts of 450mm Twinwall, reconstruct ditch.
Carndonagh	Inish North	R238 Oldtown Gleneely	450m of drainage and manholes	2022	2022	450mm Twinwall Pipe, both sides of R238 to prevent road slide
Carndonagh	Inish North	R244 Gleneely/Carn Rd	Two road crossing and 500m of roadside drainage	Complete	Complete	300mm Twinwall Pipe
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						
Buncrana	Inish South	Green road Tullydish	210 metre of 300 mm pipe @ €106 per metre	2022	2022	Ongoing to be finished 2nd September
Buncrana	Inish South	Upper Liafin	60 metre of 300 mm pipe @ €106 per metre and 2No Gullies @ 160 each	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Davey road Urris	120 metre of 225 mm pipe @ € 90 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Main road ILLies	110 metre of 300mm pipe @ €106 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Aughaweel to Fullertons (Side of road drainage)	60 metre of 450 mm pipe @ € 130 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Liafin road	60 metre of 450mm pipe @ € 130 per metre and 2 No Gullies @ €160 each	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Aghilly Martin road	120 metre of 300 pipe @ € 106.00 per metre and 5No Gullies @ € 160 each	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Tonduff Dunree	Upgrade stone culvert and lay 100m of 300mm pipe with gullies	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Gill Backhill	lay 50m of 450mm pipe with gullies	Complete	Complete	
<b>Buncrana Total</b>						
Newtown	Inish South	Altagherry	Upgrade 100metres with crossings of 300mm pipe with manhole and gullies	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Bunnamayne Upper	Lay 80 metres of 300mm pipe with manholes and gullies	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Strachack	Lay 100 metres of 300mm twinwall pipe with manholes and gullies	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Deeneys Road	Lay a new 900mm pipe including road crossing	2022	2022	Pipes Bought complete Oct 22
Newtown	Inish South	Carrikanee Inch	Lay 165metres new 300mm twinwall pipe with one manhole and 4 gullies	Complete	Complete	
<b>Newtown Total</b>						
<b>Grand Total</b>						

## Redcastle Bridge Update

In response to the storm damage at Redcastle bridge on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2022, The Central Bridges Team have intervened on behalf of the Area Office and

Road E Quinn Civils Ltd from Pomeroy will be undertaking the works. CEO has been signed and will be appointed subject to a pre contract clarification.

Works are scheduled to start within a couple of weeks, (September 2022)

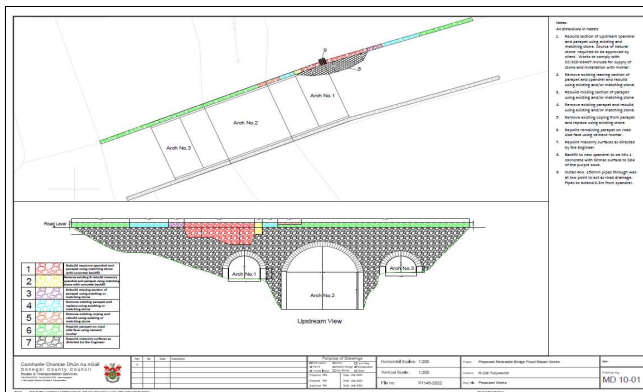
Works will include:

1. Removal of leaning sections of parapet wall.
2. Rebuilding of spandrel wall with concrete backfill.
3. Repairs to existing parapets and DE vegetation of parapets.

Works programme is approximately 2 weeks.

Positive traffic management will remain in place for the duration of the works.

All works will be sympathetic to the existing structure. New drainage outlets will be provided to reduce the risk of any future damage.



## Bridge Strengthening Programme 2022

Area	Engineer	Road Class	Bridge Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Carndonagh	Road Design	L-1211-2	122	Corvish	New pier undermined	20	Complete	Complete	
<b>Carndonagh Total</b>						20			
<b>Grand Total</b>						20			

### Additional works

Carndonagh	Area Roads			Ballyloskey Bridge	Replace bed and abutments	20	Ongoing	Ongoing	Emergency works
Moville	Road Design			Redcastle Bridge	Replace Parapet wall (upstream)	40	Contract ready	Contract	Emergency works



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# N13 Bridgend to County Boundary Route Improvement Project – Progress Report

## Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

(September 2022)



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# DMS Projects - Reports Control Sheet

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**NRO Project Ref:** 1150

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## 1.0 PROJECT SUMMARY DETAILS

**Project:** **N13 Bridgend to County Boundary Route Improvement Project**

**Description:** Proposed route improvement of a 1.2km section of the existing N13 through Bridgend and on to the border with Northern Ireland where the N13 connects to the A2 Buncrana Road.

### **Scheme Description:**

The village of Bridgend sits at the base of the Inishowen Peninsula on the most strategically important border crossing in the Northwest. The village is bisected by the N13 / A2 transboundary route which facilitates more than 19,000 vehicle movements (per working day) across the border in both directions. The strategic importance of the route is supported by the fact that the N13 / A2 transboundary route forms part of the TEN-T. This is a network of multimodal strategic transport corridors identified to improve the mobility of goods and people throughout the European Union (EU).

The N13 Bridgend to County Boundary Route Improvement Project focuses on a 1.2 km long section of the N13 National Primary Route through the village of Bridgend and onto the border with Northern Ireland (Derry) where it connects to the A2 Buncrana Road.

The juxtaposition in currency, regulation, taxation, and employment opportunity between each jurisdiction has and continues to make, the area immediately both sides of the border and adjacent to this section of the N13 / A2 attractive to commercial, retail and residential development. This has increasing potential to significantly undermine the operational efficiency of the N13 / A2 transboundary route. These developments coupled with Brexit, the establishment of the Northwest City Region and associated European, Regional, National and Local policy developments has significantly increased the strategic importance and priority improvement of this section of road in recent years.

## 2.0 PROJECT STATUS

The proposed project is currently being developed through the Phases of the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) Project Management Guidelines (PMG) as follows:

- **Phase 0 – Scope and Pre-Appraisal** **100% Complete**
- **Phase 1 – Concept and Feasibility** **100% Complete**
- **Phase 2 – Options Selection** **60% Complete**
- **Phase 3 – Design & Environmental Evaluation**
- **Phase 4 – Statutory Procedures**
- **Phase 5 – Enabling and Procurement**
- **Phase 6 – Construction and Implementation**
- **Phase 7 – Close out and Review**

During 2021, the Donegal NRO developed the project through **Phase 0** and **Phase 1** of the TII-PMG, obtaining TII approval to procure and appoint *Multidisciplinary Engineering and Other Specialist Consultancy Services*, to develop the project in partnership with the Donegal NRO from **Phase 2** to **Phase 5** inclusive.

To date during 2022 the project has progressed in accordance with our agreed consultancy programme to approximately 60% completion of the **Phase 2 – Options Selection** process.

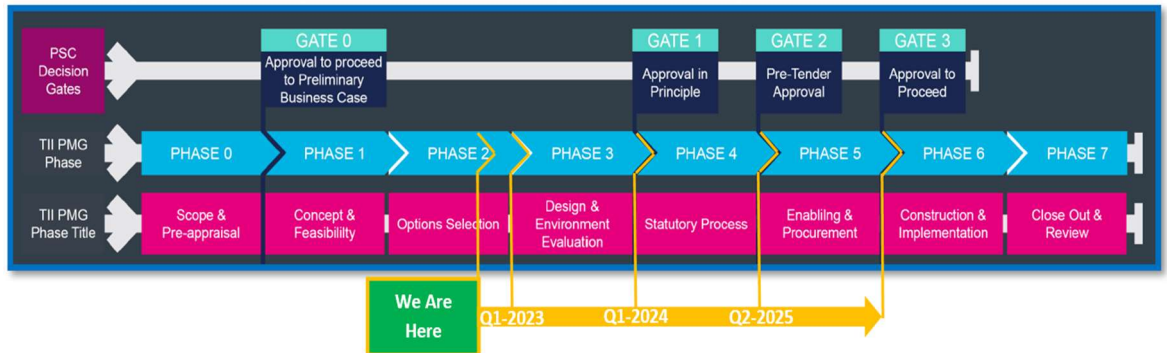


Figure 2.1 – Project Status & Approvals

### 3.0 PROGRAMME AND PROGRESS

The project is currently at Phase 2: Options Selection, which is a 3-stage process and has completed the Stage 1 Preliminary Options Assessment.



Figure 3.1 – Phase 2 Options Selection Programme and Progress

At Stage 1 Preliminary Options Assessment, twenty-one initial route corridor options were developed (titled Stage 1A Options). These underwent an initial sifting process to refine the number of options to twelve corridors (Stage 1B Options) for more detailed assessment. These twelve Route Corridor Options were subjected to the Stage 1 Preliminary Options Assessment in accordance with the TII Project Management Guidelines and Project Appraisal Guidelines under the headings of:



The Stage 1 options have been assessed and five options are now being recommended to take forward to the more detailed Stage 2 (Project Appraisal Matrix) assessment.



## 4.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A key attribute of Phase 2, and indeed project development, is the facilitation of open, engaging, and continuous stakeholder consultation. During Phase 2 and throughout stakeholder engagement is being facilitated by public consultation events, media notification and engagement, and web-based services. As such, on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Public Consultation No.1 – Constraints Study, was held at An Grianán Hotel, Burt, informing members of the public and other interested parties on the constraints identified that could affect the development of future options. Following feedback from this consultation, the Study Area was increased to accommodate potential options further west of Bridgend.

Donegal County Council has invited residents of the local area, members of the public, public representatives, and other interested parties to participate in a second non-statutory public consultation today, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022, again in An Grianán Hotel, Burt. The aim of this second public consultation, is to demonstrate how the five options recommended to go forward were assessed, and selected, and to receive views on the five options being taken forward and whether there are any constraints that could impact on the options being considered. Participation in this consultation is important and we would value any feedback which the public and other interested parties think should be reviewed by the project team to help inform the development of the project. Submissions relating to the project should be made before the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

### **Virtual - Public Consultation:**

The physical public consultation will also be replicated and available online as a virtual public consultation immediately after the event in An Grianán Hotel.

### **Dedicated Project Website**

A dedicated project website, [www.n13bridgend.ie](http://www.n13bridgend.ie) has been established and is maintained with up-to-date news and information in relation to the project. A link to each virtual public consultation is available on the dedicated project website. A link to the dedicated project website has also been made available on Donegal County Council's website.

### **Media Notifications**

Stakeholders have been notified in advance of the project and all associated public consultations and developments on local radio, print media and across Donegal County Council's social media platforms.

**REPORT TO COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON XXX August 2022**

**AGENDA ITEM NO \_\_\_\_\_**

**SUMMARY OF REPORT:**

Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Disposal of a 0.256 acre plot at Barrack Hill, Carndonagh to Legal reps of Richard Marner in a direct swap for the acquisition of 0.126 acres of lands at Carndonagh (Mariners back garden) which were acquired by CPO in 2004 and no compensation was paid. Agreement was for land swap which didn't progress at that time. It is recommended that Donegal County Council proceed to regularise historical land agreements

**DECISION REQUIRED:**

Approval of proposed as outlined above.

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Director of Roads & Transportation

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Date

## **Report on acquisition of lands at Carndonagh Town Centre, Co. Donegal for the purpose of providing a car park.**

As part of the construction of a carpark on the town centre / back lane, Carndonagh which is accessed directly from the Carndonagh inner relief road. Donegal County Council had secured lands known as Mariners back garden by means of Compulsory Purchase Order in 2004. Donegal County Council now wish to regularise this land agreement with the estate of the late Richard Marner.

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that Donegal County Council proceed to regularise historical land agreements and the disposal of a 0.256 acre plot at Barrack Hill, Carndonagh to Legal Representatives of Richard Marner in a direct swap for the acquisition of 0.126 acres of lands at Carndonagh (Mariners back garden) which were acquired by CPO in 2004 and no compensation was paid. Map and associated documentation attached.



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Michael Mc Fadden,  
A/Senior Executive Engineer

Dated : 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022



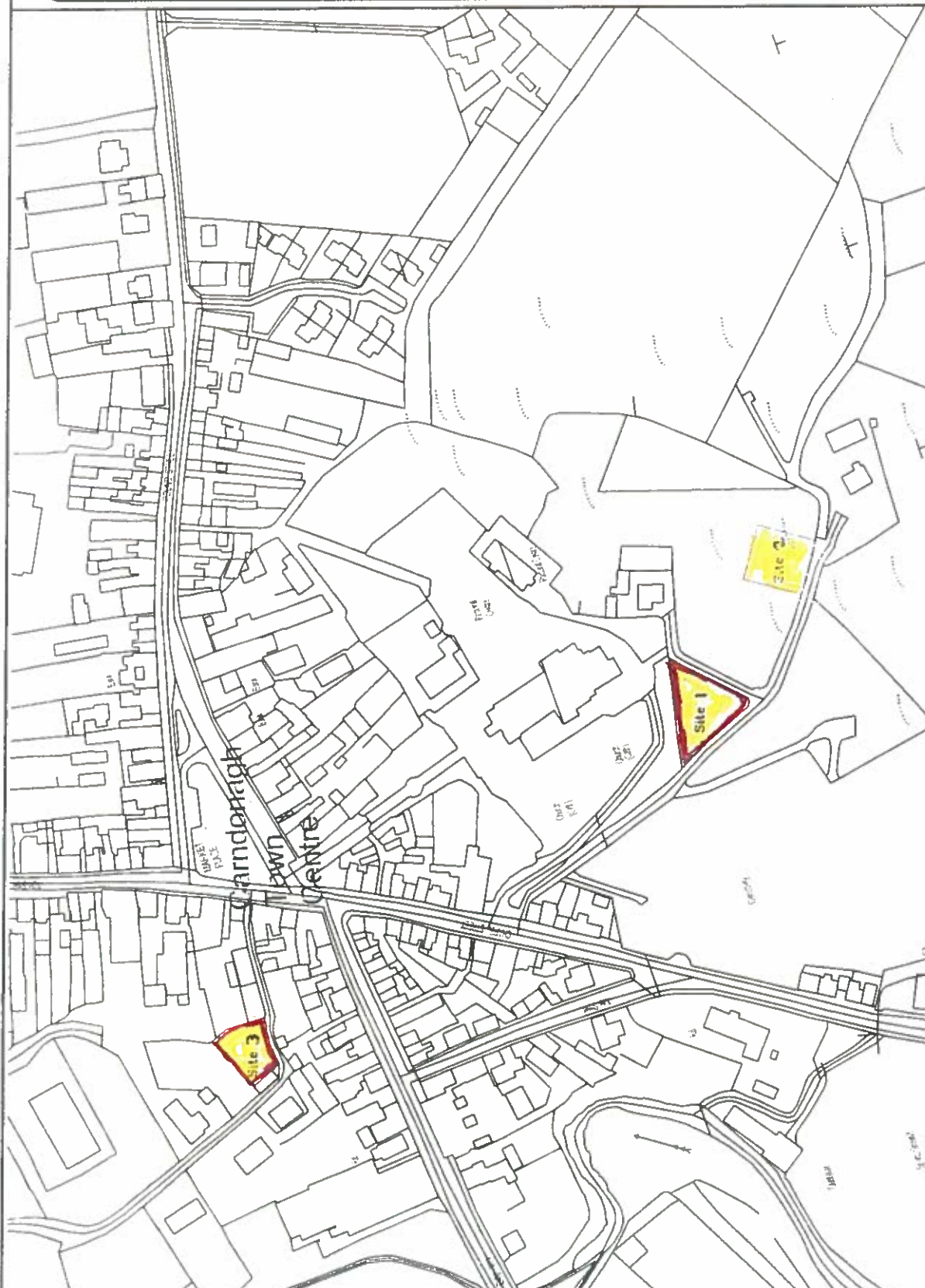
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Donegal County Council Road Design Department County House, Lifford. Tel: (074) 87888 Fax: (074) 87878 J. McLaughlin Director of Roads & Transportation		Revision: A Description: Proposed Land Swap	Date: Jan 2013	Prepared: pmt	Date: Jan 2013	Horizontal Scale: 1:2500 Vertical Scale: N/A	Project: Land Transfer Location: Carndonagh File no.: Drawing no.: 000-000
				Checked: pmt Approved: jmt	Date: Jan 2013		



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Donegal County Council

**Economic Development, Information Systems and  
Emergency Services Directorate**

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# 1. Division: Economic Development

## 1.1 Economic Development Unit

### Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
<b>Countywide</b>	<p><b>Property Solutions:</b> The team is progressing 13 property solution opportunities across the county. This involves working closely with local business or inward investment opportunities to provide suitable property solutions including Council owned land or property as well as opportunities for acquisition.</p> <p><b>Donegal – Irelands DNA – Clothing Range:</b> To drive further visibility of the Donegal Place Brand, a partnership has been agreed with O’Neills Sportswear to develop a range of Donegal branded clothing.</p> <p>The range launched in early August and includes t-shirts, polo-shirts, jackets and hoodies with a total range of 13 items across a range of sizes. Initially these are for sale through three sports retail outlets in Donegal; McElhinneys of Ballybofey, All Sports Donegal Town, and Michael Murphy Sports, Letterkenny. It is envisaged that more stockists will come on board following the initial launch and a request has been made to explore options for Irish language versions following an initial positive response to the range.</p> <p><b>Remote Working:</b> The Remote Working Holiday campaign has received a fantastic response since launching on May 18<sup>th</sup> with over 300 sign-ups to date. Each of the 13 digital hubs across Donegal has received a number of requests from which to remote work and feedback from participants has been very positive. Cut off for new vouchers is 31<sup>st</sup> August with remote workers requested to use vouchers by end September. Sign-ups have included remote workers based across Ireland, the UK, US and even Australia.</p> <p><b>Killybegs Marine Cluster:</b> The Economic Development Unit are working with key stakeholders to support the development of the Blue Economy, and to drive awareness about the opportunities presenting in new and emerging growth sectors. This involves working collaboratively with key</p>

stakeholders on the Killybegs Marine Cluster Enterprise Ireland, the Atlantic Technological University and the Local Enterprise Office.

**Caravan, Camping and Campervan Study:** Work is progressing on the implementation of recommendations as set out in above study for the future sustainable development of the Caravan, Camping and Campervan sector in the county in co-operation with the external and internal stakeholder groups. These include:

- **The Caravan, Camping, Campervan and Motorhome Facilities grant Scheme:** the grant scheme, targeting the Private Sector and Community and Voluntary sector has now been evaluated and grants awarded. The scheme is aimed at supporting an increase in the overnight accommodation options for those visiting the county from the sector

MD	Applications	Awarded	Total Awarded
Inishowen	5	2	€21,000

- **Code of Conduct:** Donegal County Council have launched a Code of Conduct that was developed with key internal divisions and external stakeholders including Motorhome Ireland, Total Camping Ireland, Failte Ireland, Irish Caravan and Camping Council and Donegal Camping and Caravan Parks Association. The Code of Conduct is being promoted through key stakeholders and online.
- **Marketing:** The Tourism Unit have redeveloped the GoVisitDonegal website with a dedicated caravan, camping, campervan and motorhomes webpage for the sector. This section will include a map for visitors pinpointing accommodation, Aire de Services, recycling centres, dining out options etc.
- **Aire de Service review:** A review of the workings, ongoing issues and the management of existing Council owned Aire de Service units is underway.
- **Signage:** A working group to look at signage in the sector has been set up, to identify issues of concern including where camping/campervan use is an issue, to dissuade bad practice and encourage responsible camping/campervan usage. An audit of priority locations is ongoing.

**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	113,431	4,026 (+229)
Twitter	162,000	2,148 (+40)
Instagram	31,900	2,361 (+154)
Facebook	68,059	1,644 (+11)
Donegal.ie	8.5K Web Users (4 weeks 23 July – 22 August)	
	9 News Items Published	
<b><u>North West City Region</u></b>		
<p>Donegal County Council continue to work in partnership with Derry City and Strabane District Council on a number of key projects for supporting and stimulating Inward Investment in the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Inward Investment Strategy:</b> both councils have worked with OCO Global to develop a three-year Investment strategy for the region. Follow up actions and potential funding options are being actioned on this, with a Joint Investment events currently being planned for later in 2022.</li> <li>▪ <b>Talent Solutions:</b> both councils are working with Abodoo to develop a mapping platform to demonstrate the range of skills in the region to help attract FDI to the Northwest of Ireland. DCC and DSCDC are now seeking online survey feedback from both businesses and employees on current skills in the region as well as any future skills needs. Surveys can be completed at <a href="https://irelandnw.com/talentmap/">https://irelandnw.com/talentmap/</a></li> <li>• <b>Communications:</b> The EDU continue to collaborate with DCSDC on promoting the North West City Region for investment and business opportunities including via LinkedIn and Twitter platforms. This work will tie into the Inward Investment Strategy in the coming year, with a current focus on the Talent Solutions survey.</li> </ul> <p>You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms NorthWestCityRegionIreland</p>		

	<p><b>Atlantic Economic Corridor:</b> Donegal County Council are working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives including Digital Hubs.</p> <p>The WDC is now commencing a pilot Digital AEC programme via a competitive call to work closely with a group of five hubs across the Western region focussing on the upskilling of the hub managers to enable them to advance the economic and community growth of their locality through the use of the 'Digital First Communities' framework. Donegal Hubs have been invited to participate.</p> <p><b>Concierge Service:</b> The EDU are available to support existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports. Please contact the EDU by email <a href="mailto:economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie">economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie</a>.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Ciaran Martin - <a href="mailto:ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie">ciaran.martin@donegalcoco.ie</a> (086) 8261760</p> <p>Rosita Mahony – <a href="mailto:rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie">rosita.mahony@donegalcoco.ie</a> (087) 2510128</p>

**1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit**

**Project / Activity Report**

Inishowen MD	<p><b>North West City Region – Swan Park</b></p> <p>An allocation of £40,000 has been secured from the North West Regional Development Fund for a Halloween event in Swan Park.</p> <p>The objective of this funding is to extend the tourism impact of Derry Halloween into the wider region. This will be the second year that this event will take place in Swan Park.</p> <p>DCC is currently inviting suitably qualified service providers to deliver this two day event in Swan Park, Buncrana for Halloween 2022.</p>
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**Countywide**

**Online & social media information – Go Visit Donegal**

Tourism Unit assisted the DCC Environment Section with the delivery of a digital campaign through the Go Visit Donegal social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn. This campaign just ended as of yesterday & has been delivered over the summer period from 18<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August (6 weeks). Final campaign metrics will be provided to the Environment Team.



**Social media - Numbers overview for July & August**

- We have gained 551 new followers on Facebook, 115 posts were shared over these 2 months, as well as Stories and Reels
- Instagram gained 246 new followers, over 100 Stories were shared during this period, as well as Posts and Reels
- Twitter gained 121 new followers, 92 posts were shared during that period
- LinkedIn gained 103 new followers, 35 posts were shared during that period

**Trade Newsletter**

A monthly newsletter to the Trade went out at the beginning of July and August respectively & additional trade related correspondence has also been circulated with regards to the Cluster Event with East Antrim business and a call for submissions to attend the Holiday World Show 2023 in Dublin.

**GoVisitDonegal.com Website**

**Year to Date Stats - 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 until 31<sup>st</sup> August**

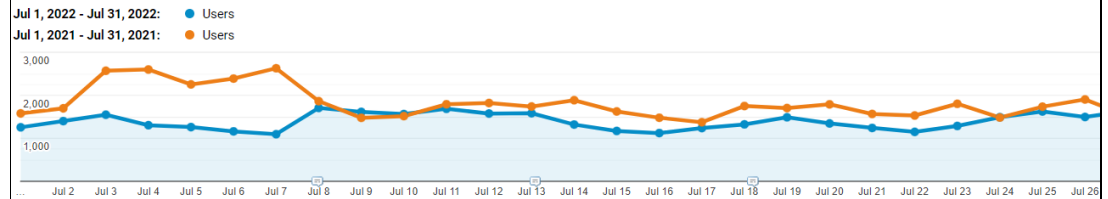
	YTD	Performance vs in 20
Page Views	595,210	+31%

Users

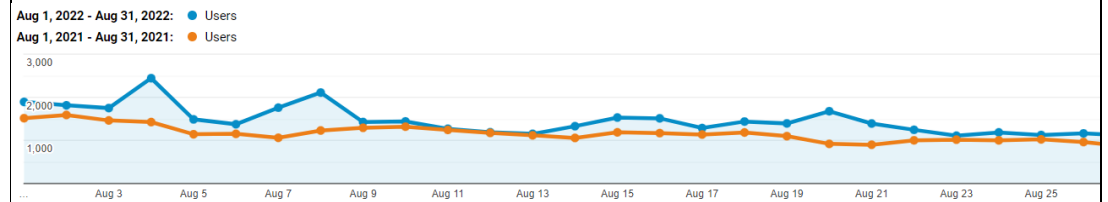
206,331

+32%

Traffic website in July has been lower compared to the same period in 2021, which can be a reflection of people spending their holidays abroad this year.



Traffic website in August has been slightly up compared to the same period in 2021



Website views by country:

July				August			
Traffic came from <b>102 countries</b> in total				Traffic came from <b>94 countries</b> in total			
Top 10 countries:				Top 10 countries:			
Country	Users	% Users		Country	Users	% Users	
1. Ireland	21,759	53.96%		1. Ireland	20,751	33.96%	
2. United Kingdom	13,865	34.38%		2. United Kingdom	12,678	33.96%	
3. United States	1,964	4.87%		3. United States	1,811	4.74%	
4. Germany	342	0.85%		4. China	299	0.78%	
5. France	271	0.67%		5. Russia	299	0.78%	
6. China	268	0.66%		6. France	297	0.78%	
7. Canada	210	0.52%		7. Germany	289	0.76%	
8. (not set)	194	0.48%		8. Canada	196	0.51%	
9. Spain	165	0.41%		9. Italy	189	0.49%	
10. Italy	163	0.40%		10. Netherlands	180	0.47%	



	<p>Traffic came from <b>102 countries</b> in total</p> <p><b>TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism</b></p> <p>Donegal County Council has developed three Virtual Reality experiences. All three experiences were launched in July by Cathaoirleach Cllr Liam Blaney – Napoleonic era – ‘The Storm, The Sea – The Saldanha’, the Spanish Armada experience – ‘Wrath of the Atlantic, Wrecks of the Armada’ &amp; World War 1 - ‘Beware! Convoy Below!’ (joint North West Partner’s shared VR experience).</p> <p>The Display Units (tailor made) &amp; VR experiences have been installed in three sites - Fanad Lighthouse, Fort Dunree &amp; Inishowen Maritime Museum &amp; Planetarium.</p> <p>A Virtual Reality experience 30 second video has been launched and promoted on websites &amp; social media platforms. Promotional videos/social media clips which will include footage from the launches are scheduled for promotion end August.</p> <p>Information panels are procured and gone out to tender.</p> <p>The TIDE Capitalisation plan (to sustain &amp; continue to develop the projects) to be finalised &amp; implemented. The TIDE platform to include all historical maritime links to all 5 eras.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p>Barney Mc Laughlin  Head of Tourism Unit  barney.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie  074 9724465</p>

**1.3 Strategic Funding Unit**

**Project / Activity Report**

<p><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Strategic Funding Unit</b> – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the <b>Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</b></p>
<p>All MD's</p>	<p><b>AER Summer Academy event in Donegal</b></p> <p>The Assembly of European Regions Summer Academy event took place in Donegal on the week of 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The event is fully booked with over 150 delegates from 19 regions across Europe planning to attend. Registration is now closed. There will be a plenary conference, workshops and excursions. Donegal County Council is co-hosting the event in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta and celebrates Ireland's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of joining the EU and the European Year of Youth 2022. This event is also part funded via the Communicating Europe Initiative 2022 from the Department of Foreign Affairs. More details can be found on <a href="https://donegal.ie/en/aer-summer-academy-2022">https://donegal.ie/en/aer-summer-academy-2022</a></p> <p><b>Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Support Scheme Now Open</b></p> <p>The <a href="#">Brexit Blue Economy Enterprise Support Scheme</a> is now open to businesses only within a 10km distance from the coast. It is 50% funded.</p> <p><b>IFI Funding Application Successful</b></p> <p>The Strategic Funding Unit team has been working with Donegal Sports Partnership on the EU funded URBACT project around active play in public spaces to promote health and well-being. Donegal Sports Partnership has successfully applied for funding under the International Fund for Ireland to deliver an innovative cross-border project to promote reconciliation through active community play initiatives. Over €115k has been awarded to DSP for this project, which will include three pilot areas, Donegal Town, Letterkenny and Derry City.</p> <p><b>SFU Webinars 2022</b></p> <p>Dates for the next series of SFU webinars taking place in 2022 have been confirmed as the 21<sup>st</sup> September and 23<sup>rd</sup> November.</p> <p><b>Project Partnership &amp; Development</b></p> <p>There are several new EU project proposals being reviewed on a daily basis. The SFU is receiving invitations to join consortiums from a</p>

	<p>number of sources. These are being reviewed and sent to the relevant Directorates on an ongoing basis.</p> <p><b>Other areas of work include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU Funding Programme Reviews</li> <li>• Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners</li> <li>• Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc.</li> <li>• Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions</li> <li>• Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<p><b>Joy Harron</b></p> <p><b>Acting Senior Staff Officer</b></p> <p><b>Mobile:</b> +353 (87) 0619360</p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:joyharron@donegalcoco.ie">joyharron@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

#### 1.4 Project: Trail Gazers Bid

#### Project / Activity Report

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Trail Gazers Bid Project
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	'To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure '
<b>Budget</b>	€2.6 M
<b>Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status</b>	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research &amp; Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 'Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development'.</p> <p>This transnational project is managed by the Research &amp; Policy Unit (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p> <p>The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantify the impact of key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc.</li> </ul>

- Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return.
- Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site.
- Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies.
- Our site for research purposes is Inch Levels and post project completion it is likely that key learning and methodology can be applied to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS**

Website: [www.trailgazers.eu](http://www.trailgazers.eu)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB](https://www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB)

Twitter: [twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers](https://twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/trail.gazers](https://www.instagram.com/trail.gazers)

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/trailgazers>

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#### **PROGRESS**

- Our last monthly communication and coordination meeting with all transnational partners was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022, these meetings are led by Donegal County Council and provide a great opportunity to ensuring that progress in delivering key project outputs remains on track.
- Following the formal launch of the Trails Forecasting Dashboard in Merthyr on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June by the University of Ulster, data is continually being fed to this dashboard through continued footfall counting technology, data visualisations and footfall analysis enables the trail partners to monitor the trails and assists in trail management and will inform future trail development.
- In line with our development options arising from our stakeholder engagements, Informational Signage for key interest points around Inch Levels was on tender in June. This phase has now closed and a contractor has been appointed. This was key output from the Trail Gazers Project and will play an important role in creating more public awareness of the site.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All partners are currently developing and populating their Community Trail Plans for each of our pilot sites, these plans will form an integral part of the legacy of the Trail Gazers project as they can be adapted by any trail going forward.</li> <li>• The project closure will take place in Navarra between the 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> September. This will offer DCC the opportunity to showcase the Inch Wild Fowl Reserve at the closure event.</li> <li>• The Trail Gazers Project will be presented at the AER Summer Academy event and the Donegal Connect event in September.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous uploading of information on project results to the Atlantic Area Website.</li> <li>• All Community Trail Plans to be uploaded to our website.</li> <li>• CTAP event for July and September.</li> <li>• Preparations for Navarra closure event 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>• Draft final report for the project including chapters on all the work packages will be worked on over the next number of weeks.</li> </ul>
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## 1.5 Diaspora Unit

### Project / Activity Report

<b>Title</b>	<b>Donegal Diaspora Unit</b>
Countywide	<p><b>Donegal Connect 2022</b></p> <p>Donegal Connect 2022 is a county-wide collaborative weekend event and aims to showcase the county to a wide and varied audience through a range of events from 22nd to 25th September. The programme is currently being finalised and further information can be found at <a href="http://www.donegal.ie/en/donegal-connect">www.donegal.ie/en/donegal-connect</a> .A photocall will take place in early September in partnership with Failte Ireland and a formal launch scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> September in Letterkenny.</p> <p><b>Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022</b></p>

	<p>The key anchor event is the Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards taking place at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on Friday 23rd September. Tickets are now on sale via the <a href="#">Eventbrite link</a> and are shared via our social media channels &amp; newsletter.</p> <p><b>Donegal Diaspora Website</b></p> <p>A communications plan is currently underway on the use of the Diaspora website and associated social media channels. Donegal Diaspora social media statistics as of 19/08/2022 are as follows:</p> <p>LinkedIn – 971 (+18) connections</p> <p>Twitter – 3,879 (+16) followers</p> <p>Facebook – 5,552 (+52) followers</p> <p>Instagram – 222 (+16) followers</p> <p><b>Donegal Connections Newsletter</b></p> <p>The Donegal Connections newsletter returned in July with a positive response with a 44.3% open rate from over 1100 subscribers. The newsletter will be issued on a monthly basis.</p> <p><b>London Vintage Club Day</b></p> <p>A Diaspora delegation will travel to London for Vintage Club Day on September 4<sup>th</sup> at Tir Conaill Gaels. Packie Bonner will be in attendance as Donegal is promoted for Relocation, Remote Working and to showcase investment opportunities and the new Donegal DNA branded apparel.</p> <p><b>Diaspora Consultation</b></p> <p>The Diaspora Officer is currently working on plans for a consultation exercise to ascertain the views of the Diaspora and relevant organisations in relation to developing Diaspora connections/networks that will inform the future strategy.</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p><b>Eoin Leonard</b></p> <p><b>Diaspora Officer</b></p>

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## 2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

### Project / Activity Report

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)</b>
<b>Role and Remit</b>	<p>The Local Enterprise Offices is positioned nationally as the “<i>First Stop Shop</i>” for anyone seeking information and support on starting or growing a business in Ireland. The Local Enterprise Office Donegal provides advice, information and support to those starting up or growing their business in Donegal. Grant is potentially available for businesses that meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Further information available here - <a href="http://localenterprise.ie/donegal">localenterprise.ie/donegal</a></p> <p>Contact number: 074-9160735</p>

<b>Outline of Work</b>	<p><b>General Overview – Highlights:</b></p> <p><b><u>Summary of August Outputs:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Aid – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 27 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid.</li> <li>○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €628,655.47</li> <li>○ Next EVAC meeting will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> September</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Trading Online Vouchers – 27 Businesses approved support to a value of €53,951.34</li> <li>• Mentoring YTD – 90 Businesses have received this support</li> <li>• Training - 814 Business Attendees YTD.</li> <li>• Student Enterprise Programme – 790 Donegal students participated in 10 schools. Promotion of programme in schools begins in September for this academic year.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Upcoming Programmes:</u></b></p>
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**Ambition**

Ambition is a pre-accelerator programme of Local Enterprise Office Donegal. The programme focuses on early-stage female entrepreneurs and promotes the skills and resilience needed to develop globally scalable ventures, attract investment and create jobs. LEO Donegal has appointed Alinea to bring ideas from concept to pitch, following in the footsteps of local role models such as Gillian Doyle (Cerebreon), Larissa Feeney (Accountancy Online) and Sharon McDaid (Silver Birch Gallery). Up to twelve business ideas are selected to receive mentoring and support through a series of workshops.

**Who is eligible?**

The Ambition programme is open to:

- Any Female Founder or Co-Founder
- Residents of County Donegal or anyone part of the Donegal Diaspora within Ireland or worldwide
- With a concept for a new product or services across any sector with a particular focus on technology and digital solutions
- Global scalability potential
- A team (preferably more than one person)
- Should be at the pre-seed investment stage
- With a commitment to grow a business from Donegal,

Further Info:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/Ambition-Female-Pre-Accelerator/>

DEADLINE for applications 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Scale-X Blue Economy**

Scale-X Blue Economy is an 11-week Accelerator Programme which is targeted at start up entrepreneurs with the potential for fast growth in the Blue Economy i.e. the Marine engineering, marine research, marine energy, value added fish processing sectors. The programme focuses on giving you a deep understanding of the metrics that can drive your success, the skills to build financial models that stand up to investor scrutiny, and industry engagement and mentorship that give you valuable insights to adapt your business model to create the perfect fit.



### **Who is eligible?**

- Any founder(s) with ambitions to grow their business globally.
- Any founder(s) with the potential for fast growth in the marine engineering, marine research, marine energy or value added fish processing sectors
- A potential spin-out from an existing firm or third level institution
- A commitment to grow your business from Donegal, no matter where in the world you live right now.
- The programme is open to residents of County Donegal

Further Info:

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Donegal/Training-Events/SCALE-XBLUE/>

The programme will begin in September 2022

### **Ongoing Programmes:**

#### **Digital Start YTD - 9 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support**

The objective of the pilot of Digital Start is to help businesses prepare and implement a plan for the adoption of digital tools and techniques across the business.

Digitalisation supports competitiveness, productivity, and value creation, it covers five main areas:

1. Data processing and analysis (i.e. gathering customer trends, values insights)
2. Cloud computing (i.e. moving software/data to the cloud for accessibility)
3. Cybersecurity (i.e. protecting records, information, IP and data from attacks)
4. Internet of Things (software/technology connectivity)
5. Industry 4.0 (i.e. process automation in manufacturing facilities and utilisation of AI)

Digital Start provides strategic intervention for businesses to work for FREE with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 to:

- assist them identify where they are on their digital business journey,
- develop a digital adaptation plan based on their identified need,
- implement their digital adaptation plan.

### **Green for Micro YTD - 7 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support**

This is a FREE programme that helps small businesses take the first step towards becoming more sustainable, giving them access to a green consultant worth up to €2,500 who'll show them the small changes that can have a big impact on their company.

Developing a 'greener' policy can offer many benefits to business, including:

- Increased cost savings
- Improved resource efficiency (for example: using less energy, water, and materials)
- Reduced environmental footprint and greenhouse gas emissions
- Opportunities for higher and additional value on products and services
- Increased access to customers, improved corporate image and reputation.
- Increased resilience to climate change impacts

### **Lean For Micro YTD - 12 Donegal LEO Clients receiving this support**

LEAN provides strategic intervention for businesses to work with third party consultants worth up to €4,500 (Client contribution €200). It is designed to encourage clients to adopt Lean business principles in their organisations to increase performance and competitiveness. Lean is for all companies, regardless of sector – it is not just for manufacturing companies.

Lean tools and techniques address competitiveness issues within their businesses by building the capability of their people to identify problems, improve operations and create a more innovative organisation. In a nutshell, Lean is about doing things quicker, better and saving costs. Lean strives to remove waste and to continually improve a company.

### **Ongoing Cluster Development Programmes:**

#### ***Food Coast Donegal***

The Food Coast Donegal is an initiative facilitated by the LEO to support, celebrate and grow the Donegal Food Sector.

- 40 certified members.
- Just under 200 network members.

#### **Current activities:**

- Food Coast Strategy Review close to completion and should be finalised by October.
- Food Coast Donegal working with Donegal Town Community Chamber-Savour The Flavour Festival to promote Donegal food and drink sector.
- The festival will take place from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> of August.
- Assisting a group from Scotland with their itinerary etc, visiting Donegal in September on a food tourism learning journey, to learn from the success of The Food Coast Donegal and indeed local businesses.
- Blas na hEireann – The Irish Food Awards 7 Donegal Producers in the final, winners will be announced on the 30 Sept-01 Oct.
- In the planning stage of taking a group of Donegal food producers to St Joseph’s University in Philadelphia for a week to attend lectures and field trips. The visit is proposed to take place this winter.

### ***Creative Coast Donegal***

Creative Coast Donegal aim is to support the building of a strong creative and digital economy in Donegal with businesses that are robust, confident, financially viable, and collaboration-friendly, all impacting positively the local economy in terms of job creation, as well as being pro-active and competitive on an international stage.

There are currently 201 members of the Creative Coast Donegal network. These members are creative business owners throughout Donegal from various sectors within the Creative industry. We are organising a number of events in the coming months to support these members and provide them with the skills to grow their businesses.

The LEO Donegal is working with a consulting firm Consortia to develop a 3 year action plan to develop the sector that will be launched in November.

Throughout September, we have organised pilot Creative Network Meetings for the Design and Craft sectors in Donegal. These network meetings have been created based on the feedback directly from the creatives themselves identified in the Creative Coast Donegal Skills Audit Insight report. The meetings will provide an opportunity for the creatives to network with one another and learn from industry experts in Ireland, who will focus on presenting key business skills that will empower creative entrepreneurs to grow their businesses.

In November, Creative Coast Donegal will host a conference that will celebrate the strength and heritage of the Fashion & Textile industry of the northwest region. In collaboration with Strabane City Derry City Council, the event will take place in Letterkenny and Derry on the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of November. There will be various high-profile speakers from within the creative industry in Ireland facilitating workshops,

delivering 1:1 training, and presenting keynote addresses in an effort to increase ambition, build skills, and inspire the creative community in the Northwest.

### ***Donegal Engineering Cluster***

The ambition of the ***Donegal Engineering Cluster*** is to expand, strengthen and enhance the existing engineering group in Donegal by,

- Facilitating inter-firm knowledge sharing and enhance learning.
- Increasing market knowledge within the cluster.
- Identifying new opportunities for the sector in the county through co-operation and collaboration among cluster partners,
- Enhancing the skills and innovation capabilities of the engineering firms through training, peer learning and management development,
- Enhancing the attractiveness of the sector as a potential source for future employment opportunities and business start-ups.
- Developing collaborative opportunities into meaningful outcomes and outputs for cluster members.
- Promoting the cluster as a centre of engineering excellence both nationally and internationally

The LEO Donegal will support this by the appointment of a full-time executive (on three year contract). This appointment will start in September 2022

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Start Your Own Business Programme – starts on 13<sup>th</sup> September – evening course – online. Book [here](#)
- Small Business Accounts Programme – starts on 6<sup>th</sup> September – evening course – online. Book [here](#)
- Food Starter Programme – starts on 19<sup>th</sup> September – online. Book [here](#)
- Trading Online Information Session – 14<sup>th</sup> September - Book [here](#)
- Business Information Session & Grant Aid workshop –Next one is 30<sup>th</sup> September at 10am – online. Information & Booking [here](#)
- Food Photography & Styling Workshop – 12<sup>th</sup> September - Book [here](#)




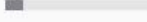
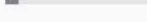



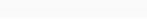
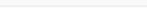
**Donegal Stories:** Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. <https://donegalstories.ie/>

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### 3. Division: IS Services

#### Project / Activity Report: Public WiFi Stats on WiFi4EU Network

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Name	Model	# Clients	Usage	% Usage
Clonmany Mc Feeleys Bar	MR70	1833	199.6 GB	 16.70%
Atlantic Stores	MR70	1245	165.7 GB	 13.86%
Greencastle McLaughlins	MR70	1612	152.8 GB	 12.79%
Moville Library	MR70	2667	134.9 GB	 11.29%
Malin Hotel	MR70	932	130.72 GB	 10.94%
Diamond Cafe	MR70	1946	106.78 GB	 8.93%
Culdaff Mc Guinness Bar	MR70	1147	97.37 GB	 8.15%
Buncranna Huttons Bar	MR70	2880	61.02 GB	 5.11%
Buncranna Porter Computers	MR70	2477	44.04 GB	 3.68%
NTC Credit Union	MR70	589	37.98 GB	 3.18%
Carrigans Post Office	MR70	354	31.73 GB	 2.65%
Squealing Pig	MR70	2521	15.92 GB	 1.33%
Manorcunningham CC	MR70	235	8.36 GB	 0.70%
Aileach Burnfoot	MR70	94	8.24 GB	 0.69%

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### Client stats

TOTAL UNIQUE CLIENTS 9162	AVERAGE # OF CLIENTS PER DAY 580	AVERAGE USAGE PER CLIENT 133.6MB
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### Clients per day



## 4. Division: Emergency Services: Fire Service

5. Activity	Number of: (June)*		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	48		402	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	51		436	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	7		37	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown June 2022</u>				
	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	26	23	20	21
Northern Ireland Fire Service	5	2	5	2
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>		<b>48</b>	

<u>Fire Prevention</u>		
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	10	59
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	13	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	51	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	9	57
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	2	3
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	1	2
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	10	24
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	10	41
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	7
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	0	5
During Performance Inspections carried out:	3	3
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	1	79

\* Current data only available up to end of June 2022.

\*\* Provisional Figures.

### **During Performance Inspections**

3 No. During Performance Inspections carried out at Sea Sessions Festival, Bundoran.

### **Fire Safety Awareness**

Letterkenny Fire Brigade attended a fun day at O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, which included distribution of fire safety awareness leaflets and speaking with members of the public.

