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Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 17ú Bealtaine 2022, **ag 1.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domnach**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara,

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

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Municipal District of Inishowen

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11th May 2022

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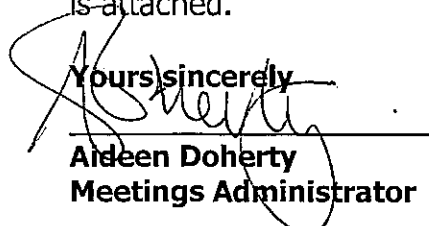
A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 17th May 2022 **at 1.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.**

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



Aileen Doherty
Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the April Meeting Inishowen Municipal District held on 12th April 2022
2. Community Development
3. Planning
4. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
5. Roads & Transportation
6. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
- 7.Environment
- 8.Correspondence

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT 'Go To MEETING' HELD ON TUESDAY 12th
April 2022 at 1.00pm**

Councillors Present:

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

Officials Present:

John McLaughlin, Chief Executive Officer, Aideen Doherty, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Una Cresswell, Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Sharon Gill, A/Assistant Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Bryan Cannon, Director of Services, Roads & Transportation, Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager, Roads and Transportation, Eamonn Mahon, Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Frank Sweeney, Executive Planner, Mary McBride, Executive Planner, Catherine McLaughlin Planning & Research Officer - TrailGazers Project, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development

22.21 Protocol for Remote Meetings

The leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr Nicholas Crossan welcomed all to the meeting and reminded the attendees of the meeting of the protocol for remote participation as previously advised in the amendment to standing orders.

22.22 Consideration of the Minutes of the March Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 01st March 2022.

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan, the minutes of the March 2022 Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 01st March 2022 were agreed.

22.23 New Director of Services, Roads and Transportation

John McLaughlin, Chief Executive welcomed Bryan Cannon, recently appointed to Director of Services, Roads and Transportation, to the meeting. Bryan Cannon will also be the Director for the Inishowen Municipal District. All the Councillors collectively welcomed Bryan and wished him well in his new role.

Bryan Cannon thanked all and indicated he is looking forward to working with Members and Staff in the Inishowen Municipal District.

22.24 ENVIRONMENT

The report was presented, and it was taken as read. Matthew Byrne proceeded to highlight a few items to the Members.

22.24.01 Stop Food Waste

Matthew Byrne highlighted that every household is wasting €700 of food per year and for the commercial sector it is costing them €250 for every food waste bin they put out. The website and YouTube channel were promoted as having useful tips for both households and commercial businesses.

22.24.02 Rathmullan Tidy Towns Sustainability Day

Matthew Byrne advised that a talk on recycling and waste management was delivered as part of the Rathmullan Tidy Towns Sustainability Day on the 26th March in Jacksons Hotel, Ballybofey and it went well.

22.24.03 Repair My Stuff- Promotion Campaign

Repair My Stuff encourages both recycling and upcycling and Matthew Byrne highlighted the website @ www.repairmystuff.ie. Businesses can register for free on it and members of the public can search on it and link up with those businesses.

22.24.04 Coastal Management

The Council are currently recruiting the Beach Lifeguards to be deployed on the 14 beaches across the County and a Beach Lifeguard Course will be held in Ballyshannon 20-22 April 2022. In response to a query from Cllr Albert Doherty, Matthew Byrne confirmed that anyone interested in applying for the course should contact Seamus O Neill who is facilitating the course.

22.24.05 Paints and Solvents Regulations and Information

Matthew Byrne highlighted the regulations around paints and solvents in relation to protecting people's health. Any persons involved in that business should be registered and there are further details on the Council's website.

22.24.06 Pesticides

Matthew Byrne wished to remind Farmers to follow best practise when spraying pesticides. There is further detail available on the Council's website.

22.24.07 Licence to Discharge Trade Effluent

Matthew Byrne emphasised that any businesses involved in the discharge of domestic sewage greater than 5 cubic metres should be registered with the Council and are legally obliged to have a discharge licence. The Discharge Licence will have certain conditions, all of which are there to protect our water courses.

22.24.08 Septic Tanks

The National Inspection Plan for septic tanks was highlighted by Matthew Byrne as significant work is carried out by the Environment section inspecting tanks and providing guidance and assistance to homeowners. Staff from Environment Services had a stand at Donegal's New Build & Re-Build Show 2022 held in Letterkenny on April 1-3rd and provided information on grants available and on the desludging of septic tanks. There was huge interest in the stand and it was very well attended.

22.24.09 Litter

Matthew Byrne outlined that there were three court cases in March relating to separate fly tipping incidents in the Inishowen area. Each individual was fined €500 plus costs, a total of approximately €1,600 each. It is very encouraging that the Courts are supporting the work the Council are doing in the Municipal District and across the County.

The Council wish to thank the public for reporting illegal dumping and also thank the voluntary organisations for the work been carried by them out across the County. Cllr Terry Crossan thanked the team for their continuous effort on fly tipping in the area and welcomed the enforcement cases that have been taken. Cllr Paul Canning and Cllr Nicholas Crossan supported these comments. Cllr Rena Donaghey also thanked Matthew and the team on their work and wished to have it noted that Buncrana Tidy Towns are holding their Annual Clean Up on Saturday 23rd April 2022. Cllr Farren acknowledged the comments and thanked the team for their support with Merville's clean-up campaign on the weekend of April 09th.

22.24.10 Buncrana Leisure Centre

Cllr Jack Murray highlighted that the Buncrana Leisure Centre is still a major issue and that the public require an update on progress. Cllr Murray is aware that it is ready to go for public consultation and if MD approval is needed Cllr Murray wishes to propose that it goes to public consultation now with the design the Council has. Cllr Rena Donaghey agreed with Cllr Murray's comments and seconded this proposal. Cllr Nicholas Crossan pointed out that it is important that the public are aware that some of the funding for this project is through the Local Property Tax. Bryan Cannon, Director of Roads and Transportation, said the design team have some exciting proposals and it is anticipated that this will be shared with Members and the local committee in

Buncrana prior to public consultation. He stated that it is just a matter of weeks before this work is completed. The Council will welcome comments from the public on the proposals.

Mr. Cannon acknowledged the public's patience on this project and noted it has been a long road since the leisure centre closed.

22.24.11 Coastal Erosion

Cllr Martin McDermott raised the coastal erosion at Lagg, Culdaff and Ballyliffen beaches.

Cllr McDermott queried what the Council can do to make the Department listen to the concerns as he has been contacting the Department for 14 months now on this issue and there has been no response. Cllr Johnny McGuinness raised the issue about the access to the beach at Culdaff as the access is dangerous at the minute and the gradient of the ramp has fallen down and he sees it as a potential hazard. Cllr McGuinness enquired how long will it take for this work to be done especially as this is a blue flag beach. Matthew Byrne noted same in relation to Culdaff beach and will follow up and revert.

22.24.12 Bottle Banks Carndonagh

Matthew Byrne confirmed the bring banks are in place in Carndonagh and thanked the Inishowen livestock Mart for facilitating same.

Cllr Johnny McGuinness thanked everyone involved in the work to put the bottle banks in place in Carndonagh. Cllr McGuinness mentioned that the surface area around the banks was unstable and he hoped something could be done there. Matthew Byrne noted same and will follow up and revert.

22.24.13 Ludden Beach, Buncrana

Cllr Nicholas Crossan stated that the access to Luddan beach is fantastic and thanked the team for work carried out.

22.24.14 Neds Point Buncrana

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested an update up on these works. Matthew Byrne noted same and will follow up and revert.

John McLaughlin, Chief Executive left the meeting.

22.25 PLANNING

Frank Sweeney, Executive Planner presented the report and took it as read. He outlined to Members the update from the Central Planning Unit on **1.**Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport Plan, **2.**the wind energy policy and proposed variation and **3.**four year review on the County Development Plan 2024-2030. Cllr Paul Canning thanked the team in the Central Planning Unit for the work done particularly the work on the recent document issued for public consultation. Frank Sweeney also updated Members on some staffing matters and confirmed the two planners for Inishowen are Killian Smith, Executive Planner and Niall Togher, Graduate Planner.

22.25.01 Regeneration Programme

Frank Sweeney highlighted the updates on the Regeneration Programme relating to Inishowen MD. The Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project is now at Project Brief and Procurement Strategy Stage in advance of a tendering process and formal commencement.

Due diligence has been completed on 'Repowering Buncrana' regeneration project in advance of receipt of a formal funding agreement.

Cllr Albert Doherty welcomed the progress on the Tús Nua project. Cllr Doherty queried if the capital delivery team is confirmed and also the timescale on tendering process. Frank Sweeney advised that he is aware that the head of the team has been appointed and he will seek a further update and revert.

22.25.02 Enforcement Cases

Cllr Albert Doherty queried the nature of the nine new cases of the planning enforcement cases in the Inishowen MD. Frank Sweeney advised that he is unable to comment in a public forum on these cases and will revert directly to Cllr Doherty.

22.25.03 Planning Application-Muff

Cllr Terry Crossan mentioned the severe shortage of housing in Inishowen and queried the status of a planning application for a development of 18 dwellings in Muff. Frank Sweeney advised that he is unable to comment in a public forum on a current planning application and outlined that some information is available on the planning system on the Council's website.

22.25.04 Merville Regeneration Programme

Cllr Martin Farren requested a meeting with Paul Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, Regeneration and Development Team in relation to a programme for Merville. Cllr Farren welcomed the work done to date in the Inishowen area but expressed his frustrated with the lack of action on this project for Merville. Frank Sweeney undertook to discuss with Paul Kelly and ask him or a member of his team to contact Cllr Farren as soon as possible.

22.26 HOUSING, CORPORATE & CULTURAL SERVICES

Aideen Doherty, Area Manager presented the report and took it as read. A few issues were brought to the Members attention.

22.26.01 Availability of properties

The difficulty in securing properties for social housing was highlighted to Members. The lease on a number of long term lease properties are expiring and the Council are trying to extend the lease on them. There are a number of RAS properties where the Landlords do not wish to extend the contract and in addition a number of notices to quit served on HAP dwellings by Landlords. There is a further increase on homeless numbers and a number of urgent but complex transfer cases. There are currently no properties to allocate these persons too. The Council continue to nominate people to external voluntary housing associations.

The development of Phase 1 of Rockytown Buncrana is imminent and as soon as it is finalised allocations will take place.

Members collectively acknowledged and thanked Aideen Doherty and the housing team for all the work done in the difficult circumstances.

22.26.02 Members Representations

In order to stream line the process of Members representations there is now a dedicated email address set up for Members to submit representations to from April 25th 2022. This approach should help with efficiency and co-ordination for all concerned. HousingRepsIMD@Donegalcoco.ie

22.26.03 Tenant Purchase Scheme

Cllr Jack Murray raised the issue of the suspension of the Tenant Purchase Scheme for all tenants and expressed the view that it is unfair to prohibit persons with no defect block issues from purchasing their dwelling. Cllr Murray stated that this needs to be reviewed urgently at the Housing SPC. Cllr Martin McDermott, Cllr Martin Farren and Cllr Canning collectively supported Cllr Murrays comments in relation to the Tenant Purchase Scheme and called on the Housing SPC to review this and get this issue moved forward.

Aideen Doherty advised that she has also requested an update on this and it has been referred to SPC in the first instance for review.

22.26.04 Single Rural Dwellings

Cllr McDermott stated that the Council need to look at social housing and SI houses in rural areas in particular as it could assist to alleviate the housing issues. Cllr McDermott feels the bureaucracy around the application for single rural dwellings needs to be relaxed. Aideen

Doherty advised that the housing department continue to process applications that are received for single rural dwellings.

22.26.05 Fishing Industry

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the Inishowen MD Members forward a letter to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine, Charlie McConalogue in relation to the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority. Cllr Doherty stated that one of the remits of the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority is that they are committed to the effective and fair regulation of the fishing industry, however that is not currently happening for northern registered boats as fishermen are now being restricted to specific days and times to landing the catch. Cllr Doherty further stated that this impacts the quality of catch and the safety of crew. Cllr Doherty commented on the significance of the fishing industry in Inishowen and how it is vital that the industry is not harmed and the matter needs to be resolved.

Cllr Paul Canning requested details of the Audit by the European Commission in 2018 before the Members send a letter to the Minister with a view to obtaining both sides of the story. Aideen Doherty requested further clarity from Cllr Doherty on the letter requested.

22.26.06 Carndonagh Turnkey Development

Cllr Albert Doherty queried if the 58-housing unit turnkey in Carndonagh is currently progressing. Aideen Doherty advised that it is with Housing Design/Construction department and it is hoped to have a further update soon.

22.26.07 Repair and Lease Scheme

Cllr Albert Doherty noted that some applications have been evaluated under the Repair and Lease Scheme and the cost of repairs to the property exceed the limits under the scheme.

Cllr Doherty referenced to the Carndonagh Tidy Towns report on vacancies in the Carndonagh area and how central government are highlighting that Local Authorities must be proactive in acquiring housing in relation to the Ukrainian issue but it is necessary to be mindful of the housing need in the local area with defective blocks issues. Cllr Doherty queried if there are new initiatives that can be pursued and also if the special delivery project team is up and running? Cllr Doherty also referred to Croí Cónaithe (Cities) Fund, which is aimed at assisting people to buy properties, renovate them and live in them as their principle residence. Cllr Doherty reiterated there are many vacant buildings in Carndonagh and it is necessary to encourage people to invest or repair properties or enable the Council to purchase properties.

Aideen Doherty advised that in relation to the Repair and Lease Scheme there is a finite budget and initially the Council's engineer makes assessment and determines the suitability of the property. . Applications to the scheme are welcomed. It was acknowledged that the housing need

in the area is increasing and the Council are continually looking at possible solutions however there are currently significant problem with acquisitions in the area.

22.26.08 Defective Blocks Scheme

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that the Council have a staff presence in the Carndonagh and Buncrana offices in relation to defective blocks so that support and information can be given to families affected. Cllr Donaghey queried if there is a timeframe when that will happen and can the current position be confirmed. Nicholas Crossan concurred with Cllr Donaghey's comments and stated that applicants need to be advised of a timeframe for their application when they are applying as it causes frustration with applicants.

Aideen Doherty advised that she will seek an update regarding same and revert.

22.26.09 Rockytown Development Buncrana

Cllr Donaghey raised the proposed new housing development at Rockytown, Buncrana, Phase II and hoped that it can be progressed as soon as possible. Aideen Doherty advised that work was ongoing on it and a design is currently been worked on by the Housing Design/construction team.

22.26.10 Housing Grants

Cllr Terry Crossan wished to formally convey his appreciation to staff in Grants Section, Housing Services who have been very helpful. Aideen Doherty noted his comments and acknowledged that the grant applications have increased significantly this year.

22.26.11 Housing Repairs

Cllr Terry Crossan voiced some concern over the length of time to carry out some repairs. He noted that while the emergency repairs were carried out on a specific complaint there were other minor issues that were still outstanding. Aideen Doherty advised that she was aware of the issues Cllr Crossan was referring to and the matter would be given attention.

Nicholas Crossan left the meeting. Cllr Paul Canning took over as Chair of the meeting.

22.26.12 Residential Tenancies Board

Cllr Rena Donaghey raised a recent change in relation to the Residential Tenancies Board. New legislation introduced means that landlords must register each of their tenancies with the RTB ever year. This must be completed within one month of the anniversary when the tenancy and the cost to register tenancies will be €40 per year for private rentals. Previous to this it was a €90 fee for a tenancy period. Cllr Donaghey stated that many landlords have raised this issue with her and the RTB should be supporting landlords and Cllr Donaghey proposed the Council write to the RTB regarding these increases.

22.26.13 Meetings

Cllr Terry Crossan formally requested that the next Inishowen MD meeting is held in person and any associated workshops for the Inishowen MD be also held in person. Cllr Albert Doherty seconded this proposal.

22.26.14 Deputation from Heidi Doherty, Explore Inishowen

Heidi Doherty, Programme Manager, Explore Inishowen, gave a presentation to Members outlining where Explore Inishowen is currently at and what the vision is for the future. See attached presentation.

Heidi highlighted that incorporated in this vision is to have the Inishowen Tourist office as a hub for people who come to visit the area.

The success of the May the 4th Star Wars Festival was highlighted while noting that this successful festival was based on organic marketing only but had a 36.8million reach alongside the extensive media coverage. The Inishowen Walking Festival was also highlighted as a successful community project that had very positive feedback with users suggesting the festival is spread out over two weekends in the future with possible add-ons such as music.

Explore Inishowen are currently collaborating with the Donegal Connect team within Donegal County Council to offer a food festival during the Donegal Connect annual event on the 23-25th September 2022.

Heidi Doherty also presented to Members the Visitor Guide that has just been launched and outlined how it focuses on people and businesses, i.e. Wild Ireland, Wild Alpaca Way and how the area connects with the Wild Atlantic Way so that people are aware of what they need to see when visiting Inishowen. There is currently no tourism funding available to Explore Inishowen and funding is reliant on grants. Heidi Doherty appealed to Members to review this situation and allow for funding within the overall budget. This support from Members is vital to ensure that Explore Inishowen can deliver and are sustainable for the 5year development plan.

The Members collectively thanked Heidi Doherty for her comprehensive report and for the great work currently being carried out by Explore Inishowen.

Cllr Martin McDermott expressed his frustration on the delay on the development of Malin Head and outlined how Malin Head plays a vital role to everything Explore Inishowen will do as most visitors wish to visit that area. Cllr McDermott also stated that he believed the Inishowen 100 route needs to be re-branded and resold as it could play another vital role in the future plans of the Inishowen Tourism Hub. Cllr McDermott called on the Executive to ensure that tourism funding is allocated and divided equally among all the municipal districts in the County.

Cllr Johnny McGuinness supported Cllr McDermott's comments and called for the amalgamation of Donegal Tourism and Inishowen Tourism in addition to the reinstatement of an Inishowen Tourism office in Carndonagh.

Cllr Nicholas Crossan called for the revenue from the motorhome park in Buncrana to be invested in the Inishowen Tourism office and to have it as an ongoing funding stream.

Cllr Paul Canning stated that following the presentation he was clear on the vision of Explore Inishowen. The one issue raised by Cllr Canning was that he believed South Inishowen area is missing out on a tourism point and missing possible tourist footfall and would like to see a way of targeting this at Bridgend, Greencastle or at Muff Village. Cllr Canning also pointed out that there are 100,000 visitors per annum at Grianán an Aileach however no revenue is generated from this.

Cllr Albert Doherty highlighted how working with cross border agencies and Councils may provide significant assistance in promoting the North West Region. Cllr Doherty also placed emphasis on ensuring that all organisations and stakeholders are integrated and compliment plans that are in place nationally.

Cllr Martin Farren agreed with the comments of the other speakers and highlighted that funding should be in place at start of year for Inishowen Tourism. Cllr Farren also stated that he believed that Carndonagh Public Service Centre has more potential to serve as a tourism point for North Inishowen.

Members agreed that a date will be set for a further meeting to discuss the issues raised.

22.27 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fiona Doherty circulated the report and took it as read. Fiona highlighted a few issues to the Members. The Members collectively thanked Fiona Doherty and the community development team for the excellent work being carried out in the area. Fiona Doherty noted the kind comments on work done to date.

22.27.01 Lough Foyle and Lough Swilly Ferry

Fiona Doherty advised that the Greencastle ferry will operate over Easter period and also on the May and June bank holiday weekend and then right through to mid September 2022.

Lough Swilly ferry tender submissions are currently being evaluated and the Council should be in a position to appoint a provider in mid May with an anticipated schedule similar to previous years. Cllr Farren and Cllr Donaghey welcomed the information on the ferry services.

22.27.02 Rural Investment Programme

Fiona Doherty advised that a workshop was required with Members regarding the Rural Investment Programme and she requested Members to consider possible dates for same. A date of May 11th 2022 was agreed.

22.27.03 Grianan of Aileach

Fiona Doherty advised that as a follow up to the last meeting a letter issued to the OPW seeking a date to meet with Members.

22.27.04 Spraioi agus Sport, Carndonagh

Fiona Doherty wished to extend congratulations to Spraioi agus Sport Carndonagh on obtaining two awards at the Association of Municipal Authorities Ireland awards and commended the group on their proactive work in the Carndonagh area. Cllr Martin Farren also offered his congratulations to Spraioi agus Sport.

22.27.05 Movice Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Cllr Martin Farren requested a meeting with officials in relation to the funding provided for the tennis courts and putting green in Movice. Fiona Doherty advised that Town and Village renewal technical team will be working collaboratively with the community groups and Members regarding recent funding.

22.27.06 Lafferty's Lane, Movice

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged that applications were being made to try and obtain funding for the walk in the area and he requested an update on same. Fiona Doherty advised that an outdoor recreation funding application is to be submitted this year in relation to this and it is hoped it is successful.

22.27.07 Regeneration Project Shorefront, Bunclrana

Cllr Donaghey enquired what the timeframe is for having the design team in place because it will be necessary to have a public consultation with the general public in Bunclrana and with the various stakeholders. Fiona Doherty will seek an update from the Regeneration Team and will revert with an update.

22.27.08 Neds Point Bunclrana

Cllr Donaghey queried if there is a further update on providing toilet facilities in this area. Cllr Donaghey also enquired about the current state of Neds Point Fort and what the Council intend to do with the premises as there are expressions of interests from persons to lease the fort. Fiona Doherty advised the toilets are under the remit of Environment section.

Fiona also noted that there are a few expressions of interests in the leasing of Neds Point Fort and the economic development team are leading out on this project and it is anticipated that it will be publicly advertised in the next few weeks.

22.27.09 Barrack Hill Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty observed that the playgrounds report indicated that the maintenance and repair plan has been finalised and he queried if this was a maintenance and repair list or if maintenance and repairs for 2022 had been completed. It was confirmed by Fiona Doherty that it is the maintenance and repair list that has been finalised.

Cllr Doherty acknowledged the work carried out by the Barrack Hill Steering Group and is looking forward to a meeting with all concerned parties. Fiona Doherty noted the comments in relation to Barrack Hill and advised that a positive meeting was held recently with representatives from the Barrack Hill Stakeholders Committee. The Community Development technical team will be visiting Barrack Hill in the next number of weeks with a view to designing a masterplan incorporating all the various funding.

22.27.10 Malin Head Visitor Management Plan

Cllr Albert Doherty expressed his frustration in relation to the development of the visitor management plan and he requested an update on same. Cllr Martin McDermott asked if a date has been proposed for this meeting. A date of May 11th 2022 was agreed for this workshop.

22.27.11 Transitional LEADER Programme

Cllr Albert Doherty mentioned that Transitional LEADER was to commence on April 1 to Dec 31 2022 and local development companies would be engaging with promoters to develop and assess potential applications. Cllr Doherty queried what finance is available for development and assessment of potential new applications.

22.27.12 Portaleen, Malin

Cllr Martin McDermott acknowledged the work done on the viewing area in Portleen, Malin and thanked the Community Centre in Glengad for taking on the project. Fiona Doherty noted the comments.

22.27.13 Greenway, Muff

Cllr Terry Crossan mentioned that the greenway project is almost completed in Muff. A large number of people are currently using the greenway and walking their dogs and at the moment there is no provision for the facility of dog poop bins. Cllr T Crossan requested that it is something that is looked at as the greenway is going to have a large amount of footfall on it. Fiona Doherty advised this is under the remit of environment section.

22.28 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Seamus Hopkins welcomed the new Director of Roads and Transportation, Bryan Cannon to the meeting. Seamus Hopkins also advised that Eamon Mahon, Executive Engineer will be leaving the Roads Section in Inishowen and he wished to thank him for all the work done on many projects including Cockhill Bridge Buncrana, Swans Park Buncrana, 2017 Inishowen Floods and the Irish Open 2018. All the Members collectively thanked Eamonn Mahon and congratulated and wished him well in his new post.

Seamus Hopkins advised that Kevin Lake will now take up the vacant post in South Inishowen Roads. Seamus Hopkins also advised that although the Roads programme of works was agreed it is necessary to review it as there are issues arising in relation to tenders and costs returning, as although the budget has increased this year costs have risen by approximately 33% and this is having a significant impact.

22.28.01 Public Lighting- Carrowreagh Carndonagh

In response to Cllr Albert Doherty's query regarding the public lighting at Carrowreagh Road, Carndonagh Seamus Hopkins advised that Frank Kilmartin and Airtricity have been in the area and reviewed the location. The ESB have installed cables in ducts at the location but there is an issue with requiring information from the Inishowen Co-Op Society Ltd regarding terminal points. Contact has been made with the Co-Op and the Council are awaiting a response on same.

22.28.02 Parking Buncrana

Cllr Nicholas Crossan raised an issue regarding some front line workers /carers getting parking fines in Buncrana. In response Seamus Hopkins advised that parking was not under his remit but he will raise the issue with the parking section to see if there is any policy in relation to this.

22.28.03 Swans Park, Buncrana

Seamus Hopkins advised that the official reopening of Swans Park, Buncrana will take place on Monday 09th May @ 10.30am and the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys will be in attendance.

22.28.04 Barrack Hill Carndonagh

Seamus Hopkins advised that there will be a Family fun day in Barrack Hill, Carndonagh on Easter Monday, April 18th, 2022 at 11am. The 2022 Green Flag will be raised at this event also. Everyone is welcome to this event.

22.28.05 Clar Corner, Merville

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update regarding the crash barrier at Clar Corner, Merville

Seamus Hopkins confirmed Council were successful in funding for this work and Road Design are looking at the design for this.

22.28.06 Carpark, St James St, Merville

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on this project. Seamus Hopkins advised that although a tender had been submitted it has to be re-tendered as the Contractor cannot stand over the original tender price due to increase price of materials.

22.28.07 Merville-Derry Road

Cllr Martin Farren referred to previous representations from himself and Cllr Terry Crossan regarding the installation of cats eyes on the road from Muff to Merville. Cllr Farren requested an update on this. Seamus Hopkins confirmed funding sources for this work need to be examined.

22.28.08 Road Improvements Greencastle

Cllr Farren mentioned that a stretch of road near The Links, Greencastle needs repair and requested if it is possible to get this work carried out. Seamus Hopkins advised that this can be examined.

22.28.09 Clonbeg Junction

Cllr Rena Donaghey advised that it had been previously agreed that works would be carried out at a junction at Clonbeg Buncrana and she requested that this issue is kept on the agenda. Seamus Hopkins advised that he will request the Road Design team to have a look at the safety at this junction.

22.28.10 Muff Village

Cllr Terry Crossan asked if the project planned for Muff as part of the recent tender for active travel scheme will it link into the Greenway scheme or is it for another part of the village. Seamus Hopkins undertook to ascertain with Road Design what was involved in this active travel e-tender works.

22.28.11 Killea Retirement Village

Cllr Terry Crossan highlighted that there are ongoing issues at this location and that the owners of the properties have advised that they are not in a position to complete the works. Cllr T Crossan referred to the €58,000 bond that is in place and requested that the Council look at using the bond to mitigate against the works that are required to be completed here. As way of an update Cllr Canning advised that this estate had applied for takeover by the Council but there were a number of houses not completed and the developer that purchased the properties is now unable to finish the project and the Council cannot take over the estate until it is completed.

Seamus Hopkins confirmed that when roads are taken over by the Council they must be in good state of repair and the bond is usually used for that purpose.

22.28.12 Illegal parking

Cllr Albert Doherty asked for clarification on the matter of persons parking on footpaths and causing an obstruction. Cllr Doherty queried if this was a matter for An Garda to police or is it a matter for the Council's Traffic Warden. Seamus Hopkins confirmed this is a matter for An Gardaí to enforce although the possibility of getting the Traffic Warden to visit the town on occasions may be explored especially for specific areas in the town that are causing a problem.

22.28.13 Gleneely Village

Cllr Albert Doherty queried if a footpath extension at the village in Gleneely going in the direction of Culdaff could be carried out. Seamus Hopkins confirmed there may be some funding being made available for a footpath programme and it can be explored further at workshop.

22.28.14 Hattersly Park, Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty highlighted an issue at Hattersly Park, Carndonagh as the manholes are above the level of the footpath. Seamus Hopkins confirmed the footpath at the Circular Road was not completed and Roads department have contacted the developer about completing this footpath as it is part of the estate works and this matter will be pursued again.

22.28.15 Donagh Park, Cherry Avenue and Cedar Grove, Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that works were carried out at these locations and the road was not reinstated properly and he asked that this be looked at.

22.28.16 River Row Merville

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update regarding the footpath and gully provision at this location. Seamus Hopkins confirmed this can be discussed as part of the footpath programme.

22.28.17 Convent Road, Carndonagh

Cllr Martin McDermott queried if there was an update on the crossing at the Girls School Carndonagh. Seamus Hopkins confirmed the equipment has been purchased and although there has been a delay with this project it is now programmed to be carried out over the summer holidays.

22.28.18 Parks and Open Spaces

Cllr Rena Donaghey asked that it be brought to the attention of the Executive that a dedicated parks and open spaces team is needed for Inishowen as more help and support is required in that area. Seamus Hopkins confirmed that the Council did carry out a parks general operative recruitment competition and that there is a panel in place specifically for parks and that the two additional seasonal staff will be from that panel. It was acknowledged that there is a bigger countywide issue in the management of parks as it is a specialised area of work.

22.29 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mary McBride, Executive Planner presented the report and it was taken as read. Mary McBride highlighted a few items to the Members.

22.29.01 Tourism Unit

Mary McBride provided an update from the Tourism Unit and highlighted the following to Members:

- Digital Golf Campaign which was carried out over a 5 week period highlighting Donegal as a world-wide class golf destination. This promotion was targeted at Republic of Ireland, UK and Northern Ireland markets.
- Best of the North West joint campaign with Derry City and Strabane District Councils is now running and its promoting tourism in the North West region.
- Ireland and Music, this is TV show which will broadcast on 18th April 2022 @ 6.30pm on RTE1 and will be showing various acts playing in locations throughout Donegal such as Oakfield Park, Kilbarron Castle and St. John's Point.

22.29.02 Remote working

Mary McBride advised that the Economic Development unit are launching a remote working holiday campaign on 27th April 2022 aimed at encouraging visitors who might want to come to Donegal for the summer and demonstrate how they can work remotely while here. Further information is available from info@donegal.ie

22.29.03 Business Events St. Patrick's Weekend March 2022

Boston -there was a Boston breakfast event on St. Patrick's day with Donegal County Council Members and officials present as well as four Donegal businesses. These businesses got the opportunity at this event to showcase their business and also promote the County's investment supports to guests present.

London – there was a London Business Breakfast event held on 18th March in Islington London.

The purpose of the event was again to introduce the Donegal business offering to invited guests working within the Fintech sector in London. It was hosted in partnership with the Mayor of Islington, Cllr Troy Gallagher, who hails from Letterkenny. The Donegal delegation had representatives from Donegal County Council, LYIT, Donegal ETB and also the IDA.

22.29.04 Inward Investment Strategy

Cllr Albert Doherty noted that the economic development report indicated that the three year investment strategy is now complete in draft format with follow on actions being developed. Cllr Albert Doherty queried who is developing the actions and can he get further detail. Mary McBride will revert to Cllr Doherty on this.

22.29.05 Property Solutions

Cllr A Doherty also noted that the report notes that the Economic Development team is progressing 13 property solutions and he requested further detail on this. Mary McBride confirmed that Ciaran Martin and Stephen Perry in the Economic Development team are leading out on this and it is part of the Concierge Service that the Council provide where the Council work with businesses and try to come up with solutions of possible properties that may be available to businesses and how business ideas can be developed. Further details can be provided at the next Municipal District Meeting if required.

22.29.06 Presentation-Trail Gazers Project

Mary McBride, Project Manager and Catherine McLaughlin, Planning & Research Officer on the Trail Gazers Project gave a presentation on the project and the synergies that have been created and can be created from the Trail Gazers Project and the impact that has on Inishowen area as a whole. Mary McBride advised that there is an event planned for 28th April 2022 at An Grianan Hotel, Burt with the University of Ulster and Sligo which will give an overview of the project and the various tools and shared learning that has been developed through the project and show how it is about creating tourism for today and the future generations in a environmentally friendly manner.

Catherine McLaughlin presented the map that showed the trail network and also the development options that have been gathered through various stakeholders and gathered from sensors installed on the trail.

It was outlined that a key output from the project is to develop destination action plans for the Inch loop trail and the wider catchment to enhance user experience on the trail itself and on the wider area. This will enable host communities of these trails to expand their enterprises and existing businesses and to create viable and new start-ups. Sustainable development is at the centre of project and developing an authentic experience that will make visitors want to return to the area by having a tourism hub close to the reserve when people can park up, hire a bike,

explore the area and use the greenway. The project is exploring how the area can be packaged together by developing a wider trail network using the existing greenway to link to local attractions.

Catherine McLaughlin highlighted some other actions that are coming out of the project such as working with the National Wildlife & Parks Services on a maintenance strategy for the trail. In addition to providing the necessary facilities for visitors there will be information panels at carparks and in the villages and at heritage sites in the area creating awareness of what the wider area can offer. The trail is currently considered very accessible however an audit will also be carried out on the trail in order to see what changes or adaptations can be made to make the experience even better and more accessible for persons with physical, visual and sensory challenges. Mary McBride advised that the project is due for completion in September 2022 and welcomed Members ideas and feedback on the project.

Cllr Rena Donaghey congratulated the team on the excellent work done and currently being done on the project. Cllr Donaghey agreed that the wider area needs to be packaged as a whole and that the Inch loop walk needs to be maintained and additional facilities provided.

Cllr Terry Crossan stated that the project presents a great opportunity and asset in the South Inishowen area and congratulated the team also.

Cllr Canning also acknowledged and congratulated the work being carried out by the team in the South Inishowen area. Aideen Doherty advised that when the initial project was developed that there were plans for an education facility to interpret the trail and that there had been work completed as part of that programme that might assist with current plans.

22.30 Workshops

11th May 2022 was the date agreed by Members for workshops on Rural Investment Programme, Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Roads Department and Bunrana Leisure Centre

17th May 2022 was agreed for the next Inishowen Municipal District Meeting.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Area Manager

Date: _____

Community Development & Planning Directorate
Community Development Division



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Municipal District of Inishowen

Meeting Tuesday, 17th May, 2022.

1. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
2. 2021 Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme – Burnfoot Village
3. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
4. 2017 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal Scheme
5. 2018 Bunrana Town and Village Renewal Scheme
6. 2019 Clonmany Town and Village Renewal Scheme
7. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
8. Playground Maintenance
9. Donegal Walks and Trails
10. Bunrana School Campus
11. Clár Funding Measure 2 Portaleen, Glengad
12. 2022 Clár funding – Outdoor Recreation/playground project at Culdaff
13. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. - Movice playground
14. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. – Barrack Hill Town Park
15. Social Inclusion Unit



Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: May 2022

Activity / Project Title	Malin Head
Activity / Project Description	Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</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"> • Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point. • Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design. • Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects , a multi-disciplinary team have been appointed to provide a Visitor Management Plan and concept design for Malin Head. • There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8th May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9th May McGrorys Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14th May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village hall on the 15th May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings. • 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 10th December, 2019. • Public information events on the design concepts took place on Tuesday 10th December 2019 at St. Mary's Community Hall, Malin Head St Patrick's Parochial Hall, Malin Village and on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at The Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and McGrorys Hotel, Culdaff. • 110 attendees at the Public Information events on the 10th and 11th December, 2019. A questionnaire was circulated at the event and feedback was invited. Submission deadline Friday 10th January, 2020 • Meetings took place with Elected Members on the 19th October, 2020 and the 14th December, 2020. • A meeting took place on the 27th January with the project team. • A meeting took place with the Elected Members on the 11th March 2021 • A meeting took place with the Elected Members on the 29th April 2021 and various issues were discussed in relation to the Visitor Management Plan. • A recent meeting took place in October with the Project team to devise the next steps forward. Land negotiations are ongoing.
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Current Status May 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A workshop meeting update will take place at 12.30 pm prior to the May MD Meeting on Tuesday 17th May, 2022.
Contact Person	James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923

(to include telephone number & e-mail address)



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Activity / Project Update: May 2022

Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme 2021 – Burnfoot Village. Closing date for applications was 7th September 2021.																	
Project Description/Activit	The fund was introduced at the end of August 2021 by the Department of Rural and Community Development.																	
Budget (if applicable)	€60,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs Contributions ranging from 20% to 30% from property owners																	
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Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 22 no. applications submitted within the 7th 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. • Applications were assessed and all applications received within the deadline successfully qualified within the scheme guidelines. • Engagement with the property owners is positive A Core Brand identity plan has been developed. • This approach aims to make the project more cohesive, improve the look of the village and create a social and economic benefit. • A palette of 5 Brand colours for Burnfoot has been developed and well received by the property owners and stakeholders. 																	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work started on the commercial buildings on 5th October and work is scheduled to start on the terraced houses and eastern side of the village next week. • A Village signage guideline document is completed. • Main village entrance signage illustration design is completed. • Painting of the commercial businesses and residential properties are 90% complete. • 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. • The Department extended the deadline for the completion of works and funding spend to April 2022. • The other elements of the work programme are been progressed in consultation with the various property owners. • The Burnfoot Community Centre and remaining properties will be painted in the first quarter. <p><u>May 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final overall on schedule to be completed at end of month.
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Activity / Project Update: May 2022

Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Historical background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Failte Ireland, Council Officials and various stakeholders. Mr. Shalvey agreed to initiate the process for a Conservation and Management Plan of the entire site. The timeframe for completion of the plan is early 2018. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Failite Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site. • The Office of Public Works have given a commitment to commission a Conservation and Management Plan . This is on the way to being achieved currently and this will set out the options for the future management of the Grianán an Aileach site. • In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan. • Alice Bentley of Blackwood Associate Architects, Claire Cotter, Archaeologist, Jackie Hunt, Ecologist and Michele O’ Dea from the Office of Public Works attended a workshop meeting regarding the Conservation and Management report with the Members on Monday 18th November, 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan. • A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021. • This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument. • The OPW have indicated that the list of Actions contained in the plan will guide the way forward for servicing the tourism potential of the site achieved collaboratively with the OPW and other partners and official agencies such as Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland • The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body. • The OPW officials will meet with the Elected Members and relevant Council officials at the site later in the Summer when health restrictions permit to discuss any issues associated with the site and the Conservation and Management plan • 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:- • 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. • 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. • The seating and orientation information panel planned for the site is now been reviewed.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p style="text-align: center;">Update May 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting a response from the Office of Public works regarding a request by the Members to meet about the Conservation and Management plan.
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Activity / Project Update: May 2022

Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	2017 Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Newtoncunningham
Project Description/Activit	Tourist Information Kiosk
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Works consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Installation of a Tourist Information Kiosk and associated works. <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various meetings have taken place regarding the project elements and a letter of offer should issue shortly to the group. • Planning permission has been agreed. • The Tendering process will be initiated within the next few weeks. • Procurement of the fit out of the Kiosk is currently been progressed. • The tendering process for a contractor has been completed. Capital works have begun on site. • All works to be completed by December, 2019. • The tender is been finalised for the software/app development and operating system for the Interactive Tourist and local Business information point. • The group have appointed a company for the software/app development and operating system for the Interactive Tourist and local Business information point and this work is progressing. • Phase 1 - The construction element of the unit is completed. • Phase 2 – The Electrical fit out is completed • The Interactive Touch Screen and technology is installed. • The design and development of an App is completed. • The 4m x 2m Led Light box tourism map showing heritage and activities in Inishowen and Donegal is installed.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>Current status May 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final technology work is been completed with a view to the group opening the unit at the end of June
Contact Person	Fiona Doherty 087 367 8954, fdoherty@donegalcoco.ie



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Activity / Project Update: May 2022

<p>Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8)</p>	<p>2018 Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Buncrana</p>
<p>Project Description/Activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment and Extension of the tourist office in collaboration with Explore Inishowen (govisitinishowen) • Information signage, enhancement of the area around the pier.
<p>Budget (if applicable)</p>	<p>€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources €39,996 – 2020 T&V Acceleration measure 2 fund</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Works consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Web site development promotion and Branding ➤ Office refurbishment /Extension ➤ Signage <p><u>Work to date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Meetings have taken place with the group regarding the proposed works. • Procurement for a website developer has commenced. • Tenders were received, assessed. Website developer has been appointed • The tender documents are been finalised for the procurement of an architect for the refurbishment of the tourist office and outside space. • An architect has been appointed for the refurbishment works associated with the project. • The website design is now complete. • 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 & Village Renewal Scheme. • These works have been published on e-tenders with a closing date of 15th September, 2021 • The govisitinishowen.ie website is complete. • Information Technology equipment installed • Branding and marketing work completed • The appointed Architect has completed the design associated with the 2018 T&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 • The Engineers are in discussions with a contractor to start the works.
<p>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</p>	<p><u>Current status May 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>James Kelly A/Senior Executive Engineer 087 2236923</p>



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Activity / Project Update: May 2022

Activity / Project Title	2019 Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Clonmany
File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	
Project Description/Activity	Resurfacing of a carpark, installation of public lighting, safety measures, Streetscape enhancement, tourist information maps and signage
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works consists of:• Resurfacing of the Carpark at St. Colmcille Community Day Centre and Residential care home Carpark.• Installation of Public street Lighting and Ducting at Gaddyduff Bray.• Bollards, Railings, Safety measures at St Mary's Church to the building used for the Award winning Tug O' War committee.• Enhancement of Streetscape and the Village Environment.• Tourism Information Maps and Signage.• 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.• SSE Airtricity have installed the new public lighting columns and the power has been installed.• We are working with the Community group regarding the works associated with the enhancement of the village.• 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.• The Executive Engineer was negotiating with the contractor that was assigned the project initially to review costs.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>Current status May 2022</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A contractor is currently been appointed for the resurfacing works associated with the carpark at St Colmcille Day Centre and residential care unit.• This work will be completed at the end of June.• New trees have been planted on the streetscape and the work associated with the green enhancement is near completion by the group.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer



Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update- May 2022

Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
Activity / Project Description	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
Budget	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289</i>
Transitional Programme	€1,597,929
Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status	<p>There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). 230 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending granting LEADER funding to a value of €10,059,950.</p> <p>The Department of Rural & Community Development has advised that the LEADER Programme will be extended until 31st March 2021. A transitional LEADER programme will then begin on 1st April 2021 and run until 31st December 2022.</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period	<p>The next LCDC/LAG meeting will be held on the 17th May, 2022 with further projects coming forward for approval.</p> <p>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 LEADER programme.</p>
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Activity / Project Update: May 2022

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23
Project Description/Activity	List of Playgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culdaff Playground• Movice Playground• Buncrana Festival Park Playground• Clós Phádraig Playground• Barrack Hill Playground• Cill Bhríde MUGA• Ballyliffin Playground• Manorcunningham Playground• Killea Playground
Budget (if applicable)	€6,444.79 incl. VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 2022 Maintenance/repair plan has been finalised• The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark is completed. <p>Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified and to be appointed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culdaff Playground• Movice Playground• Buncrana Festival Park Playground• Clós Phádraig Playground• Barrack Hill Playground• Cill Bhríde MUGA• Ballyliffin Playground• Manorcunningham Playground• Killea Playground
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>May 202</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports completed with necessary repairs identified.• The 2022 Maintenance/repair plan is been finalised
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619



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Activity / Project Update No.4

May 2022

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>ORIS 2021 Projects 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>Inishowen Head</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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. <p>Malin Head/Bamba Pathway/walk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• It is proposed to carry out this works in the first quarter of 2022 when access to the land is provided. <p>Carndonagh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• 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.
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>May 2022 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ORRIS 2022 applications completed
Contact Person	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) (087)3613811 email dconnor@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update: May 2022

Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
Budget (if applicable)	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in 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">• Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus.• The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4th December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers.• Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford.• The 'Notice to Treat' was issued in December, 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus.• It is intended that the 'Notice to Enter' will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education & Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc.• Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May 2022</u></p> <p>The CPO is concluded and valuers of behalf of the Department of Education and skills and Donegal County Council have begun negotiations with the landowners with a view to finalising land compensation costs.</p>
Contact person	Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, 087 178 8623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update: May 2022

Activity / Project Title	2020 Clár Funding 2020. Measure 2: Community Recreation Areas – Portaleen, Glengad, Co. Donegal
Project Description/Activity	To create a Community Viewing Platform at the top of Portaleen Brae providing unobstructed views over and across the coastal landscape of Portaleen Pier and the Atlantic Ocean. This work will be done in collaboration with Glengad Community Centre.
Budget (if applicable)	Funding of €50,000 announced on the 2 nd November by the Department of Rural & Community Development €2,777.50 - Glengad Community Association €2,777.50 - Donegal County Council contribution
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Description of the works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-surfacing of existing uneven ground surface • Enhanced boundary condition and associated landscaping • The provision of picnic benches and seating overlooking Portaleen Pier • Wayfinding and Interpretation Panel • Creating the infrastructure for an outdoor cinema event. Tenders have issued invited contractors to tender for the resurfacing and realignment of carpark, accommodation works and installation of interpretation signage and seating • A contractor has been appointed to carry out the resurfacing and re-alignment of the carpark accommodation work and the installation of the information board and picnic benches • Work is ongoing with the Glengad Community Association regarding the content and design of the information panel. • It is anticipated that the appointed contractor will begin work on the site week beginning 17th January, 2022. • All work to be completed by the end of February 2022. Finalise work on the design and content of the information panel. • The contractor has completed the resurfacing and realignment of the carpark, accommodation works and delineating parking for 6 vehicles. •
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>May update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of the picnic benches and seating is now completed. • The capital works is completed • The information panel to be installed
Contact Person	Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 3678954 and Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer,



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Activity / Project Update: May 2022

Activity / Project Title	2021 Clár Funding – Culdaff outdoor Recreation/Playground project
Project Description/Activity	<p>Funding of €50,000 announced at the end of 2021 by Minister Humphreys of the Department of Rural & Community Development.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Culdaff Playground, minor works to install a new nest basket swing & toddler swing in the existing playground. 2. installation of a new outdoor gym and construction of a new pathway
Budget (if applicable)	<p>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</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings and consultation have taken place with Culdaff Development Association to agree and progress and finalise the works associated with the project • The Culdaff Outdoor Community Recreation Facility tender was published (RFT: 204546) on e-tenders on the 19th January, 2022. • Clarification deadline 04/02/2022 @ 12:00 noon • Submission deadline 18/02/2022 @ 12:00 noon • Tenders are been assessed • Appointment of a Contractor to take place
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tender submissions are currently being assessed for the installation of the • (1)Outdoor Gym. (2) Minor work to install a new nest basket swing and toddler swing in the existing playground.

Contact person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer 087 719 7619 Fiona Doherty 087 367 8954
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Activity / Project Update: May 2022

Activity / Project Title	Donegal LCDC Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Enhancement Funding – MOVILLE
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade and improvement of Playpark on Moville Shoregreen.
Budget (if applicable)	€81,027.08
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Tenders were advertised on etenders in March 2022
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<u>May 2022</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenders received and are being assessed • A contractor is to be appointed • All work to be completed within the 2nd Quarter of 2022
Contact person(s)	John Deeney, Executive Engineer 087 719 7619 Fiona Doherty, Development Officer 087 3678954



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Activity / Project Update: May 2022

Activity / Project Title	Donegal LCDC Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme Enhancement Funding – BARRACK HILL TOWN PARK, CARNDONAGH
Project Description/Activity	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
Budget (if applicable)	€124,204.19
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overall assessment of Barrack Hill Town Park will take place later this month by the Engineers within Community development • 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.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<u>May 2022</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An onsite meeting is scheduled to take place with the Barrack Hill Town Park Steering Committee on Friday 20th May. • An overall assessment of the Playground, Activity space and Barrack Hill town park to take place • Works to be agreed • Work to be tendered

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor to be appointed by the end of the 2nd Quarter 2022
Contact person(s)	Fiona Doherty 0873678954 and James Kelly 087 223 6923



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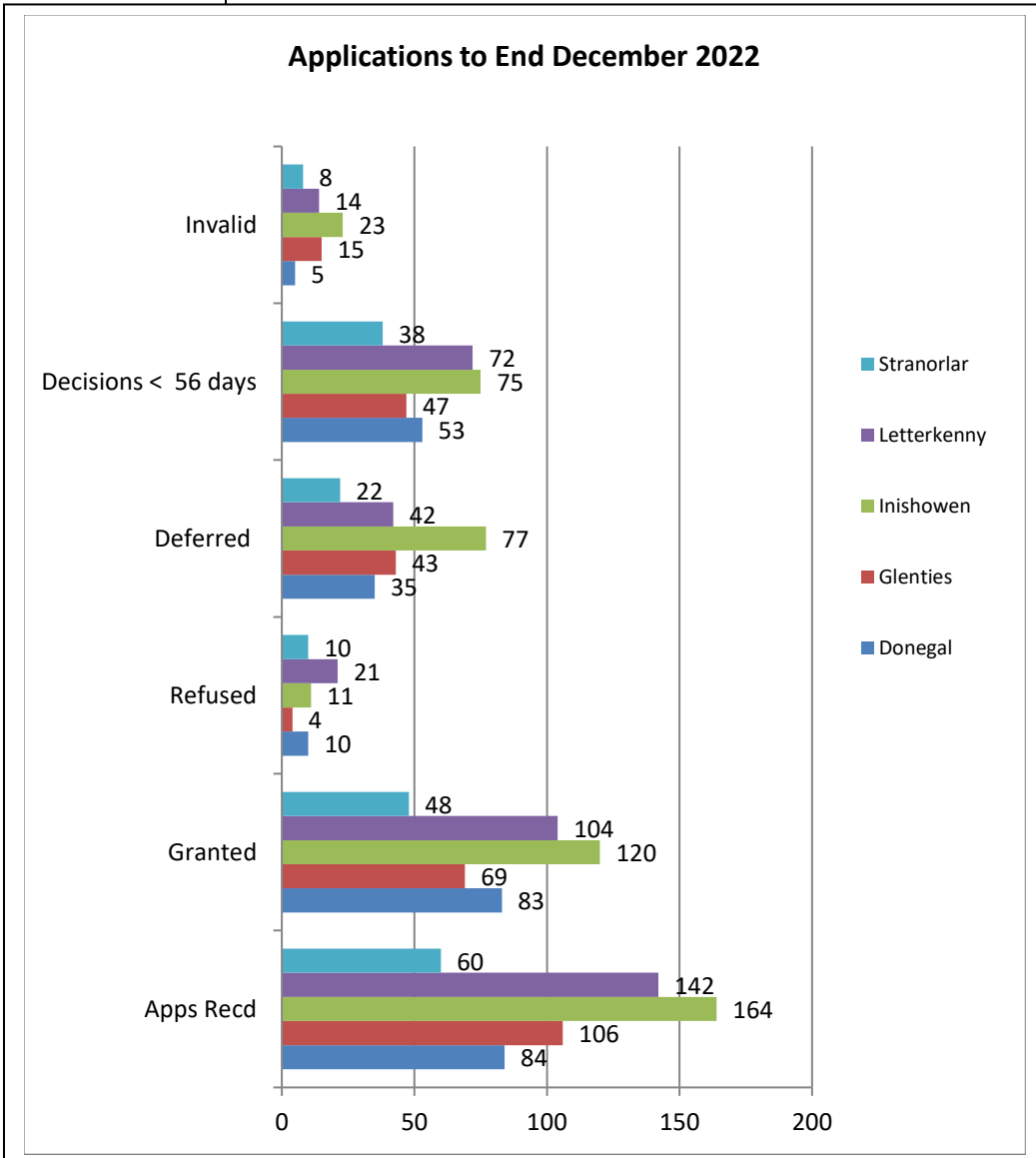
Activity / Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Social Inclusion Unit
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 3 -inclusive of current status</p>	<p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy The first ever Strategy for Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion for County Donegal was launched by Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Jack Murray, and Nolunga Shologu Community Links Worker with Donegal Intercultural Platform on Friday 25 March 2022.</p> <p>This Strategy is the result of a two-year process that began with research by Donegal Intercultural Platform into the needs of Black and Minority Ethnic communities in the county. This was followed by the establishment of a multi-agency steering committee to develop a Strategy that would identify actions to deliver on the identified needs.</p> <p>The strategy is now available to view or download on Donegal County Council website link: Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion.pdf (donegalcoco.ie)</p> <p>Africa Day 2022 Donegal will celebrate Africa Day 2022 on 14 May in Letterkenny. Africa Day represents an opportunity to acknowledge a diffuse, diverse, and important group of people from 50 African countries, who enrich and make a valuable contribution to Irish society. Funding is secured from Irish Aid at the Department of Foreign Affairs which will allow for events of art and culture, music, literature, business, food and community development to mark Africa Day in Donegal.</p> <p>EU Belong EU-BELONG Project is an Intercultural Approach to Migrant Integration in Europe's Regions running from 3 January 2022 to 2 January 2025 for a duration of 36 months, budget €122,651.96 with the AER as lead applicant with Donegal County Council as one of 11 partners. EU-BELONG is co-funded by the European Commission through its Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF) Programme. The objective of improving migrants' socio-economic inclusion and sense of belonging through the development of regional integration strategies based on a strong intercultural approach.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly 1 reporting period</p>	<p>Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy Establish a committee under the auspices of the LCDC which will function as a Migrant Integration Forum and an Implementation Group for the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy.</p> <p>Africa Day 2022</p>

	<p>Working closely with Intercultural Platform to develop and deliver Donegal's Africa day. Planning events of art and culture, music, literature, business, food and community development to mark Africa Day in Donegal.</p> <p>EU Belong Research, prepare and deliver Capacity development and mutual learning Participate in knowledge sharing and dissemination of good practices.</p>		
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Inishowen MD Meeting
17th May 2022

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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Please note pre planning clinics during the Covid-19 restrictions are on a telephone call only basis between 09.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics Q12 2022:</u> 18th May 2022 1st June 2022 15th June 2022 29th June 2022</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</p>								
4	Regeneration Report	See Appendix A								
5	Building Control & Taking in Charge Community Development & Planning Services	No Report								
6	Central Planning Unit									
	(1) Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport PPlan	The text of a Draft Plan and Local Transport Plan was further considered at the deferred March, 2022 Plenary Council meeting. Members approved most of the contents of the Draft Plan, subject to four important amendments. The documents are being re-drafted to incorporate these amendments for the consideration of Members. At the time of writing, it is anticipated that the Members' considerations will be facilitated at a Letterkenny MD Workshop on 3 rd May, 2022 and, subsequently at the Plenary Council meeting at the end of May. Subject to Members' deliberations at the May Plenary meeting, the next step in the process would be to formally commence the associated environmental procedures.								
	(2) County Development Plan 2018-	<u>Wind Energy Policy and Proposed Variation</u> Following Members' agreement on the contents of a Proposed Variation at the November, 2021 Plenary								

<p>2024 (As Varied)</p>	<p>Council meeting, which agreed document includes significant amendments to the submitted Proposed Variation regarding setback distances and mapping, the associated Environmental Report and Natura Impact Report were presented to the deferred January, 2022 Plenary Council meeting with a view to proceeding thereafter to public consultation in late February/early March, 2022. At the deferred January Plenary Council meeting, Members agreed further amendments to the Proposed Variation in respect of EHSA, Freshwater Pearl Mussel Catchment Areas the Gweebarra River Valley and the St. John's Point area. Revised environmental assessments on foot of these additional amendments were prepared and presented to the March, 2022 Plenary Council meeting. At that meeting, Members approved the finalised Proposed Variation and associated environmental reports and authorised proceeding to public consultation. The public consultation has now been arranged and will run from 29th April to Friday 3rd June, 2022. Statutory public notices will be published and social media and local media will be used to publicise the process. A full programme of public consultation events will be finalised, and Members advised of same, by Wednesday 27th April, 2022.</p> <p>nb. These consultations will be run in tandem with the initial public consultation events on the County Development Plan Four-Year Review.</p>
<p>(3) Four-Year Review/County Development Plan 2024-2030</p>	<p><u>Four Year Review</u></p> <p>The public consultation period for the pre-draft stage commenced on 8th April and will run until Friday 3rd June, inclusive. A dedicated website portal has been created and can be accessed at https://donegaldevplan.ie/.</p> <p>A full programme of public consultation events will be finalised, and Members advised of same, by Wednesday 27th April, 2022.</p> <p>nb. These consultations will be run in tandem with the public consultation events on the Proposed Variation in Respect of A Wind Energy Policy Framework for the County Development Plan 2018-2024 (As Varied).</p> <p>The next Plenary Workshop on the project was been scheduled for: Thur. 28th APRIL, 2022.</p>
<p>7 Casual Trading</p>	<p>No Report</p>

<p>8 Further Information Click on web links to access information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybySURFORRECLOC.asp • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf
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Appendix A



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Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

May (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 for the Island House and public realm works contract eTenders (RFT 208003) and closed on 1st April 2022. The tender assessment and evaluation has been completed and a tender report has been submitted to the DRCD for Decision Gate 3 Approval to appoint the preferred tenderer and proceed to site.

Arrangements are presently being made to update Members at a workshop and to hold a public information event in May and in advance of the contractor proceeding to site. The Regeneration & Development Team will be in contact separately to make appropriate arrangements in this regard.

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

Aranmore Island:

This project is now at an advanced stage and is approaching completion in May 2022. The Regeneration Team will liaise with all necessary stakeholders and the Elected Members in advance to confirm suitable and appropriate arrangements for formal and official opening.

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.

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 May. 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 1st February 2022 and the closing date for the making of submissions in respect of this scheme was 16th March 2022. A Chief Executives Report on the proposed development was brought before the Elected Members at a Plenary Meeting of the Council on Wednesday 6th April, 2022 and it was decided to proceed with the development as proposed.

At the time of writing the Regeneration and Development Team is completing the preparation of a Category 1 capital funding application to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for the capital delivery of this project and it is anticipated that same will be successfully submitted by the 12noon deadline on Friday 29th April, 2022.

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. This project is now at Project Brief and Procurement Strategy Stage in advance of a tendering process and formal commencement. This stage will confirm the resourcing and Project Management arrangements for this Project with the newly established Capital Delivery Team and will ensure that onward delivery enjoys significant momentum.

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 20th 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. At the time of writing a response remains outstanding.

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. This project is now at Project Brief and Procurement Strategy Stage in advance of a tendering process and formal commencement. This stage will confirm the resourcing and Project Management arrangements for this Project with the newly established Capital Delivery Team and will ensure that onward delivery enjoys significant momentum.

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

On 6th 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 Buncrana” regeneration Project.

Due diligence has been completed on this project in advance of receipt of a formal funding agreement. The project will then 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.

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

On 17th 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).

Projects that will be funded under Category 1 are those that have full planning and other consents in place and are ready to commence at the date of application.

Again the Fund is seeking to support large-scale, ambitious projects and in this regard applications of scale are sought, with a minimum funding request of €500,000. Applications to the Fund must be led by a State-funded body - Local Authorities, Local Development Companies, State agencies, commercial State bodies etc. - but collaboration between parties, including with communities, is strongly encouraged.

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

The Regeneration & Development Team is working on the progression of the Category 2 regeneration project in Ramelton (as described at Point 1.2.2. above) towards shovel ready status and submission for capital funding under this call by the 29th April deadline.

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 3rd 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 6th 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 7th February 2022 and subsequently endorsed by the Stranorlar-Lifford MD on 25th May 2022. The Strategy was launched 27th 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://Donegal County Council (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 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 5th April until Tuesday 3rd May 2022. A drop-in public consultation event also took place on Thursday 14th April from 2.00pm to 7.00pm at the Shopping Arcade, Main Street, Dungloe. Submissions can be received from the public up until the 3rd May 2022 and subsequently all information and feedback received during the public consultation period will be collated, analysed and integrated into the final Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan.

It is anticipated that a short report on the submissions will be brought to workshop with the Members of the Glenties MD prior to the end of June 2022, to seek Members endorsement of the final Strategy & Action Plan. Thereafter, arrangements will be made for the formal launch of the an Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan. The Regeneration Team will make the necessary arrangements for the workshop directly at a Municipal District level.

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. Work continues towards the objective of publishing a planning scheme for the project at the earliest opportunity in 2022.

2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)

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

On Friday 12th 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 Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF) for the URDF application Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) ‘Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre’. This application was submitted on 28th May 2020 and is 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.

Since the Ministers announcement in March 2021, a number of steps have occurred as part of the due diligence process and development of the project in the context of the Public Spending Code including receipt of Preliminary Approval Letter (August 2021), review of costs and return of ‘Project Financial Tables’ (September 2021), Project Action Planning meeting (November 2021).

As a result of the ‘Project Action Planning’ meeting on 12th November 2021, DHLGH invited the submission of a Preliminary Business Case in accordance with the Public Spending Code and for approval by DHLGH. Having procured external expertise to assist with this work, a Preliminary Business Case has now been prepared and was submitted to DHLGH on 8th March 2022 for consideration and approval.

Whilst the Preliminary Business Case is under consideration by DHLGH, work is progressing in collaboration with the newly established Capital Projects Team on the next stage in the funding approval process which requires the preparation of a Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy for submission to DHLGH for approval. Approval of Preliminary Business Case, Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy will lead to pre-tender approval of DHLGH in line with the Public Spending Code and thereafter each project will advance at varying paces dependent on nature, scale and complexity.

Alongside the preparation of Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy, there are a number of steps being taken to develop each sub-project further. The table below sets out this activity.

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
A: The Cathedral Quarter-Making a Creative District	See breakdown for each of the 3 elements
Creative Hub and Urban Parkland	<p>Development of site-specific design concept via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission- design concept has been developed and presented to Members at MD workshop on 19th April 2022. Design concept will form part of the next stage of public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy and inform acquisition processes.</p> <p>Design concept will inform design process to prepare Part 8/application to ABP 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>Early landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p>
Market Square	<p>Architectural competition complete and winning design determined.</p> <p>In-house architectural and planning resources are currently being applied to prepare a Part 8 proposed development inclusive of detailed survey, engagement with businesses/occupiers at Market Square, preparation of drawings. This also involves EIA screening, AA screening, Road Safety Audit and exploration of issues arising as a result of identification of the site on the Sites and Monuments Register.</p> <p>Key issues arising in relation to preliminary design were considered at MD workshop on 19th April 2022 and further MD workshop is being arranged to consider further.</p> <p>Stage 1 Road Safety Audit has commenced. Significant consultation with Market Square users undertaken and with Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce.</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>
Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme	<p>Part 8 already secured is to be reviewed using in-house resources. Consideration of design elements/ accessibility together with relevant adaptations to be progressed using in-house resources.</p> <p>Expected to be packaged with 'Creative Hub and Urban Parkland' as regards Architect-led design and supervision team.</p>
B: Strategic acquisition in Lower Main Street	<p>Development of site-specific design concepts via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission- design concepts have been developed and presented to Members at MD workshop on 19th April 2022. Design concepts will form part of the next stage of public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy and inform acquisition processes.</p> <p>Early landowner consultation RE acquisition pathways has commenced.</p>

Sub-project	Immediate next steps
C: Revival at the Courthouse	<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. Terms of Reference are being informed by ongoing consultation with Failte Ireland inclusive of 'Attractions Team' and 'Tourism Office Network' team. Target is to complete procurement process in readiness for appointment of successful consultant following DHLGH approval of Preliminary Business Case, Detailed Project Brief and Procurement Strategy and consequently pre-tender approval.</p> <p>This exercise includes 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>Interim use of the building being explored via Economic Development Unit.</p>
Sub-Project D: Enabling a Regional Transport Hub	<p>LK 2040 Draft Masterplan published for consultation in November/ December 2021 identified 4 preferred areas.</p> <p>Following a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 14th February 2022, the Pearse Road area is identified as the focus area for the further consideration via a site-specific design concept prepared as part of the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission. Design concept has now been developed and presented to Members at MD workshop on 19th April 2022. Design concept will form part of the next stage of public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy and inform acquisition processes.</p> <p>Positive engagement with Bus Eireann at meeting on 31st March 2022 with commitment for further engagement and communication.</p>
Sub- project E: LK Green Connect	<p>LK 2040 Draft Masterplan published for consultation identifies LK Green Connect concept.</p> <p>The corridor required to facilitate the project will be considered further via a site-specific design concept prepared via LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy commission. Design concept has now been developed and presented to Members at MD workshop on 19th April 2022. Design concept will form part of the next stage of public engagement on the LK 2040 Regeneration Strategy and inform acquisition processes.</p> <p>Part 8 proposed development targeted for the second half of 2022, subject to resources to progress the next phase of the project as far as Pearse Road to shovel ready status.</p> <p>Options to progress Part 8 in respect of the 'Cultural Corridor' section of LK Green Connect are currently being explored.</p>

2.2 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.

Members of Letterkenny-Milford MD considered a presentation on ‘Design Concepts for Key Regeneration Sites’ at a workshop on 19th April 2022 following which arrangements are being made for a two-week public engagement phase. This will include a public drop-in event, interactive map, series of downloadable booklets and online survey. This represents the third and final phase of public engagement for the project. The target date for commencement for this phase of public engagement is mid May 2022. Members will be advised of all the final arrangements/dates directly and as soon as available.

Following public engagement, feedback will be collated and integrated into the final ‘Design Concepts for Key Regeneration Sites’ (Work Area 2) and the Masterplan (Work Area 1) will be updated accordingly. In parallel, the consultancy team continue to bring together Design Guidelines (Work Area 3) and a Public Spaces and Linkages Action Plan (Work Area 4).

In addition, the testing phase in relation to Work Area 5, to create a Letterkenny 2040 brand is complete and received strong endorsement from all participants. The consultancy team thereafter prepared Brand Guidelines which have been reviewed and finalized and Brand Assets have also been developed.

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

Work to progress interests in the key regeneration site approved by DoHLG for acquisition continues with intent. The Donegal County Council (Letterkenny Strategic Urban Regeneration Site) CPO 2021 was published on 4th November 2021. It was subsequently submitted to An Bord Pleanala for confirmation on 8th November 2021. The period for the making of objections to the CPO expired on 20th December 2021 and a single objection was received by An Bord Pleanala to this CPO. The identification of a date for oral hearing by An Bord Pleanala is now envisaged. Further updates will be provided to Members as the next steps are confirmed.

Alongside acquisition, Phase 1 development of the site was approved at a Special meeting of Donegal County Council on 24th 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 will now be progressed by the Capital Projects Team to its next stage of detailed design with input from the Regeneration and Development Team as required.

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

Following completion of Detailed Design of the URDF approved public realm using in-house architectural resources and the update to Members at the MD workshop on 2nd

November 2021, a procurement process was opened to appoint a Construction Contractor to deliver the project on site. Efforts continue with intent in relation to Tender Report, approval of DHLGH and completion of appointment of contractor. The timeline for progressing to site is subject to closing out of appointment procedures. Members will subsequently be updated as soon as a confirmed timeline is available, which it is anticipated will occur in the next 2-4 weeks.

2.3 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
May 2022.**

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT
Municipal District of Inishowen
17th May 2022

Corporate Services

- Consider Date for AGM

Housing Services

- Progress Reports

**Summary of Casual Vacancies
Inishowen MD as at 12th May 2022**

Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	10
Properties being refurbished	7
Properties to be refurbished	5

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
5	1	4	4

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Carndonagh	Apex	2	1	Accepted
Carndonagh	SVP	2	1	Pending

**Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List
as 12th May 2022**

Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	633
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	445
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	45
Net Social Housing Waiting List	143

Gross Need by Approved Bedrooms Numbers and Location

12th May 2022

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
	Bridgend	1	10	6	1	0	0	18
	Buncrana	15	163	82	13	1	1	275
	Burnfoot	0	13	2	2	0	0	17
	Burt	0	3	4	0	0	0	7
	Carndonagh	11	60	30	6	1	0	108
	Carrigans	3	5	4	0	0	0	12
	Clonmany	1	15	10	1	0	0	27
	Culdaff	0	6	3	0	0	0	9
	Fahan	1	3	2	0	0	0	6
	Gleneely	0	4	3	0	0	0	7
	Glengad	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
	Greencastle	0	10	1	1	0	0	12
	Inch	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Killea	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
	Malin	0	2	7	0	1	0	10
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Moville	2	27	10	2	0	0	41
	Muff	0	16	9	0	0	0	25
	Newtowncunningham	2	30	8	0	1	0	41
Redcastle	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	
Total		36	376	190	26	4	1	633

Housing Grants Report at 9th May 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	33	1	8	5	3
2022	25	12	0	2	1	10

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	14	5	0	4	0	5

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	43	22	2	0	4	15

MD Report – Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme.

May 2022

Stage 1 Applications (Confirmation of Eligibility)

Applications Received	794
Applications Approved	372
Awaiting Further Information or Being Assessed	421
Withdrawn	1
Stage 1 Fees:	
• Number	613 ¹
• Value	€3,116,570.74

Stage 2 Applications (Grant Approval)

Applications Received	89
Applications Approved	42
Value of Approvals	€6,252,520.39
Awaiting Further Information or Being Assessed	48

Stage 3 – Payments (Stage Payments) to date

Number	56
Value	€2,242,819.54
Completions	7
Value	€682,492.07

¹ Includes 257 with fee refunds permitted under SI 85 of 2022 paid to date.

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting May 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
Construction Stage		
Rockytown Buncrana (Phase 1)	Works ongoing on site. Due for completion Q2 2022	21
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	Preparation of tender documents	16
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
Rockytown, Buncrana (Phase 2)	Preliminary Design Stage	50
Total		87

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.

Under this process, a turnkey development at Heathhill, Newtowncunningham has been completed by Developer PJ McDermott. This development has delivered a total of 19 no. social housing units comprising 6 no. 4 bedroom units and 13 no. 3 bedroom units.

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 additional valid proposals for Inishowen Municipal District in Moville. Members will be fully informed of this proposal upon receipt of final departmental approval. Developers who had submitted valid proposals for Bunrana and (an additional proposal for) Carndonagh have withdrawn their proposals from the process. The Council is actively considering options for housing delivery, in all areas of need and is currently considering several parcels of land in Inishowen MD.

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 have been prepared for these sites and these proposed schemes will supplement the existing delivery plan. 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 response has been received. Over 150 EOI applications have been received to date and 10 of these potential locations are now at an advanced stage of consideration.



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

**Economic Development, Information Systems &
Emergency Services Directorate
Inishowen Municipal District Report May 2022**

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1. Division: Economic Development

1.1 Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit															
Countywide	<p>Property Solutions: The team is progressing 12 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>Remote Working: The EDU will launch a remote working holiday campaign on Tuesday May 17th offering FREE passes to remote workers. The activity will encourage and extend tourism traffic while also helping to promote awareness and usage of Donegal’s network of digital hubs.</p> <p>Caravan & Camping Study: The EDU are engaging with key stakeholders including other Council Services on the implementation of the recommendations of this study and have established internal and external stakeholder groups to support and inform delivery of actions. A grants scheme aimed at supporting the development of overnight accommodation options for the sector is also opening at the end of April, initially focusing on the private sector with a follow on scheme for the Voluntary sector.</p> <p>InvestDonegal Communications Update: Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows;</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="462 1486 1252 1808"><thead><tr><th></th><th>Impressions (last 28 days)</th><th>Total Followers</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Linked In</td><td>62,800</td><td>3,434 (+130)</td></tr><tr><td>Twitter</td><td>32,500</td><td>1,943 (+53)</td></tr><tr><td>Instagram</td><td>1,462</td><td>2,040 (+53)</td></tr><tr><td>Donegal.ie</td><td colspan="2">2.8K Web Users (4 weeks 1 Mar – 28 Mar 2022)</td></tr></tbody></table>		Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers	Linked In	62,800	3,434 (+130)	Twitter	32,500	1,943 (+53)	Instagram	1,462	2,040 (+53)	Donegal.ie	2.8K Web Users (4 weeks 1 Mar – 28 Mar 2022)	
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16 News Items Published

Note that from 1st March 2022, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook accounts have changed name to donegal.ie to drive further site awareness from which most content is published and also broadening scope of the platforms so that the focus of Live, Study and Visit is reflected alongside Invest and Work.

MIT Innovators Under 35 Europe

Innovators Under 35 Europe will be hosted in Gaoth Dobhair for two days on 19th and 20th May and will showcase the projects of this year's cohort of Innovators Under 35 in Europe and honour them at gala banquet celebrating their work. The event will bring together young European visionaries pursuing the same objective: innovation, ingenuity, and advances toward addressing the world's most pressing challenges.

Donegal County Council are one of the key sponsors of the event where category winner will include: Inventors, Entrepreneurs, Visionaries, Humanitarians and pioneers.

North West City Region:

- **Inward Investment Strategy:** Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council worked with OCO Global to develop a three-year Investment strategy for the region. The work is now complete in draft format, with follow on actions being developed and was recently presented to the NW Region Cross Border Group.
- **Talent Solutions:** Donegal County Council and Derry City and Strabane District Council 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. Initial data collection through key partners is nearing completion with the surveying of businesses on both sides of the border and an employee survey to commence afterwards.
- **Communications:** 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.

	<p>You can follow respective LinkedIn and Twitter Platforms NorthWestCityRegionIreland</p> <p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: the EDU are working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives, with a focus on supporting digital hubs and job promotion.</p> <p>Work on an accessible imagebank of photos for the region is nearing completion following major delays due to covid. It is planned these images will be available to help promote inward investment in the region.</p> <p>Concierge Service: 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 economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie.</p>
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1.2 Tourism Marketing Unit

Project / Activity Report

Countywide	Go Visit Donegal - Digital and Online Marketing		
	Data range: 1 st – 24 th April 2022		
	Social Media – <u>top performing posts in March</u>		
	Facebook	Instagram	Twitter
Arranmore Island	Fintra Beach	St. Patrick’s Day in Donegal	
41,045 people reached 1,547 engagements 739 reactions 47 Shares / 12 comments	9,402 accounts reached 9,954 impressions 759 content interactions 40 profile activity	3,100 impressions 37 engagements 1.2% engagement rate	

Social media - Numbers overview for March

- We have gained 440 new followers across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- Total impressions: 2,895,281 across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter
- Total Reach: 2,131,017 across Facebook, Instagram

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

Year to Date Stats since 1st January 2022 (until 24th April)

	Numbers	Performance vs same period in 2021
Page Views	201,231	+107%
Users	76,335	+103%

In April website views by country:

- Traffic came from **119 countries** in total
- Top Ten Countries include:

Country	Users	% Users
1. Ireland	11,347	48.78%
2. United Kingdom	8,112	34.88%
3. United States	1,520	6.53%
4. (not set)	283	1.22%
5. Canada	211	0.91%
6. Germany	200	0.86%
7. France	184	0.79%
8. Australia	145	0.62%
9. China	129	0.55%
10. Spain	124	0.53%

Golf Campaign

Digital golf campaign promoting Donegal as a world-class golf destination ended on 31st March.

Facebook/Instagram:

Reach: 693,760 (number of individual accounts reached)

Impressions: 1,458,637 (total number of times that ad showed up)

Clicks: 696 (it was a reach campaign, so it was about awareness not necessarily the click)

Google Ads

Display: Impressions: 2,389,441 / CTR: 0.54% (global average is around 0.4% - 0.5%) / Website Clicks: 12,923

Search: Impressions: 92,111 / CTR: 2.97% (2% up is good as it is quite a competitive space) / Website Clicks: 2,734

LAMA Awards

Donegal County Council project Love Donegal Day 2021 led by the Economic Development Team has been announced a Winner at the recent LAMA Awards event in Dublin. The event was attended by The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Liam Blaney and DCC staff Members. The project received the Golf Award in the Best Local Authority Innovation For Attracting Inward Investment category.

Another project 'keep Discovering Donegal' led by the Tourism Unit has been nominated as the 2021 Finalist in the Best Tourism Initiative Category.

Further details available also on: <https://lamaawards.org/>

Newsletter and Blog

During March and April – 8 newsletters (e-zines) have been issued to the Tourism trade.

Recent blogs include:

- Councils join forces to celebrate the 'Best of the North West'
- Successful Donegal Tourism Seminar 2022
- Bishop's Palace Raphoe Receives Heritage Grant
- Irish Legends Golf Tournament 2022

<https://www.govisitdonegal.com/blog>

Festivals and Events

	<p>The Tourism Unit continues to receive Festivals and Events submissions that are published in the calendar of events on the Go Visit Donegal website.</p> <p>In March and April, 9 submissions have been received.</p> <p>The link to the online form is available on the website: https://www.govisitdonegal.com/festivals-and-events</p> <p>or via direct link: https://form.jotform.com/220192334059350</p> <p>TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism</p> <p>The project is developing a niche historical maritime tourism package for Atlantic based on connecting & marketing assets from historical period across different regions. Emagine Media Ltd are creating two of Donegal’s VR experiences – Spanish Armada & Napoleonic era. The third VR Experience - Kite Balloons during World War 1 is a joint Partner VR experience. VR experiences are being tested with voiceovers & music being added to content. Procurement for Display Units gone live. Posters & name of experiences being agreed. The project is on schedule for installation by early Summer 2022.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Barney Mc Laughlin - Head of Tourism Unit barney.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie 074 9724465</p>

1.3 Division: Economic Development - Strategic Funding Unit:

Project / Activity Report

Title	<p>Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024</p>
All MD’s	<p>SFU Webinars 2022</p> <p>Dates for the next series of SFU webinars taking place in 2022 have been confirmed as the 27th April, 22nd June, 21st September and 23rd November. The next webinar on 27th April will be focused on funding opportunities sustainable development of the public realm. Speakers</p>

	<p>include Travis O’Doherty (Research & Policy Officer for Eastern and Midlands Regional Authority) who will talk about opportunities for developing the public realm and networking via the URBACT EU initiative. Barry Rogers, Smart Tourism Manager, Dublin City Council Culture Company will speak in relation to the development of a digital trail toolkit and a smarter destination. There will also be an update on relevant funding opportunities and upcoming calls presented by Emma Murtagh, European Programmes Manager from the Wheel.</p> <p>AER Summer Academy in Donegal</p> <p>Plans for the organisation of the AER Summer Academy are underway. This event was originally planned for June 2022, but has been postponed until a later date, which will be confirmed asap. Donegal County Council will co-host the Assembly of European Regions Summer Academy event in Donegal in partnership with Udarás na Gaeltachta.</p> <p>Project Partnership & Development</p> <p>The SFU is currently exploring several partnership and project development opportunities with various network partners/consortiums in several key areas such as climate change, health/wellbeing, habitat/species preservation, skills/education and culture. Currently there are 7 EU project concepts and proposals at various stages of development that the SFU is working to support and to move forward.</p> <p>Other areas of work include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Funding Programme Reviews • Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners • Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc. • Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions • Strategic Funding Webinars • Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
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1.4 Division: Economic Development - Trail Gazers Bid

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Trail Gazers Bid Project
Activity / Project Description	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure ‘
Budget	€2.6 M
Progress to date within quarter* - inclusive of current status	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Councils Research & 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 & 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">• 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.• 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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB

Twitter: twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers

Instagram: www.instagram.com/trail.gazers

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

#TrailGazers

PROGRESS

- On Saturday 23rd April, Trail Gazers held another Community Trail Ambassador event – Trail Gazers, Put a Spring in your Step. This was a very positive event, held in glorious sunshine on the beautiful Inch Levels. The walk was facilitated by Aengus Kennedy, Nature North West and attendees were introduced to the changing season in nature and all the latest news on Trail Gazers.
- On Thursday 28th April, presented an event in An Grianan Hotel ***‘Insights into a new transnationally tested framework comprising a series of toolkits to measure the economic, social and environmental impact from investment in walking and recreational trail development through the TrailGazers Project’*** – the aim was to present an overview of the shared learning and tools developed as part of the TrailGazers project which will enable the future management and harnessing of trails across the Atlantic Area, but also to demonstrate how this shared learning/toolkits can also be applied to any tourist asset/setting across the Atlantic Area.
- Under our Data Capture work package, a series of on-site Trail User Surveys were conducted during the summer and autumn periods. Final surveys are now being collated. The analysis of these surveys will help inform our future Community Trail Plans. This information will be a major project output comparing the value of multipliers at different geographical regions in the same summer/autumn seasons. We have used the initial data collected to date at both our Environmental Workshop and Business and Tourism Workshop.
- Our last monthly communication and coordination meeting with all transnational partners was held on the 8th April 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the 3rd, 4th and 5th May – Trail Gazers will host our next transnational Steering Meeting and Project Monitoring Meetings in La Palma. All partners will present updates on their work packages and set out a plan for the remainder of the project deliverables. Informational Signage for key sites around Inch Levels currently in development.
Project Targets for the next quarterly* reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final collection of on-site surveys. Continuous uploading of information on project results to the Atlantic Area Website. Community Trail Ambassador event for Bike Week - May 2022 Draft final report for the project has now commenced and will be worked on over the next number of weeks.
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1.5 Division: Economic Development – Donegal Diaspora Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Donegal Diaspora Unit
All MD's	<p>The Economic Development Division has recently taken on responsibility for the Donegal Diaspora project. The following initiatives are currently being delivered:</p> <p>Donegal Connect 2022</p> <p>Donegal Connect returns for 2022 with a mixture of in-person and online events taking place over the weekend of 23rd-25th September 2022. Funding was received from Fáilte Ireland through the Global Irish Festival Series and a launch, organised by Tourism Ireland and Fáilte Ireland, took place on 20th April in New York. Cathaoirleach Cllr. Jack Murray and Director of Service Garry Martin attended on behalf of Donegal County Council. The programme of events is currently being worked on and added to, more information can be found at www.donegal.ie/en/donegal-connect</p>

	<p>Donegal Diaspora Website</p> <p>A forward planning exercise on the use of the website and the Diaspora social media channels is currently taking place and further updates will follow. Donegal Diaspora is present on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Twitter and LinkedIn.</p> <p>Donegal Diaspora Network Development</p> <p>Network development is an important and strategic ongoing activity being carried out as part of the Donegal Diaspora project with new links recently established with Network Irlande in France and the planned redevelopment of the Donegal Connections e-zine. We invite all Councillors to encourage people to connect with us in the Diaspora Unit via email or via social media:</p> <p>donegaldiaspora@gmail.com</p> <p>Twitter - @donegaldiaspora</p> <p>Facebook – Donegal Diaspora</p> <p>Instagram - @donegaldiaspora</p> <p>LinkedIn – Donegal Diaspora</p> <p>Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022</p> <p>The Tip O’Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2022 will take place on the 23rd September in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. The award ceremony will be a key event as part of Donegal Connect 2022.</p>
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2. Division: Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
Role and Remit	<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 - localenterprise.ie/donegal</p> <p>Contact number: 074-9160735</p>

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview – Highlights:</p> <p><u>Summary of April Outputs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant Aid –<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Value of total Grant Aid Approvals YTD is €337k.○ Grant Aid Evac meeting took place on the 31st March, Seven projects where approved grant aid to a value of €173k.• Trading Online Vouchers – 30 attended information session in March 22• Mentoring YTD – 46 Participants• Training 511 Attendees YTD.• Michael Tunney Head of Enterprise - retired on 29th April after over 26 years of working with and supporting enterprise in Donegal through the County Enterprise Board and the Local Enterprise Office. <p><u>Upcoming Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start Your Own Business Programme – starts on 7th June – evening course – online. Book here• Food Starter Programme – 9th April – required by any food producer interested in applying to join Supervalu Food Academy. Book here• Trading Online Information Session – 11th May - Book here• Business Information Session & Grant Aid workshop –Next one is 27th May at 10am – online. Information & Booking here• Tech Accelerator – Donegal Scale-X Blue Economy will launch in May 2022.
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	<u>Donegal Stories:</u> Website highlighting the businesses of Donegal that have been supported by the LEO. https://donegalstories.ie/
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3. Division: Emergency Services: Fire Service

Project / Activity Report

Activity	Number of: (March)*	Total for year
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	81	198
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	94	223
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	6	15
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	10	31
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	29	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	38	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	11	26
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	1	0
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	0
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	0	4

Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	7	24
Fire Safety Complaints received:	3	4
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	3	4
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	0

* Current data only available up to end of March 2022.

** Provisional Figures.

1. Division: Emergency Services – Civil Defence

Project / Activity Report

Non Emergency Response Activity (Support to the PRA's and wider community)	Number	Total (for year)	Volunteer Man – Hours
Patient Transfers to Primary Care centres for Covid Booster vaccine for vulnerable persons	3	6	56hrs
Assisting the Irish Blood Transfusion Services with administration and social spacing at the blood donor clinics in Jackson Hotel, Ballybofey and the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny	2 volunteers per clinic, 11 clinics in total over a period of 7days	35	166hrs
Supported Agencies; Irish Blood Transfusion Service, National Council of the Blind, HSE			

Training Activities	Delivered to No. of Volunteers
Auxiliary Fire Fighting and Flood Response Training delivered to Crews in Carndonagh, Donegal Town and Stranorlar	21
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training is ongoing with PHECC Exams taking place in May for the students	5
Emergency First Responder (EFR) and Community First Responder (CFR) delivered to volunteers in Stranorlar, Carndonagh and Milford	22
Rope Rescue / Missing Person Search Training has recommenced weekly in the Civil Defence Headquarters, Stranorlar	8
Manual Handling in line with Health and Safety Legislation	6
Driver Assessments was conducted by ADI Instructor on the 26 th March 2022, in Carndonagh.	6
Civil Defence College , Roscrea delivered Radiation Monitoring Training to volunteers in preparation for a response to the Ukrainian War situation	6
Civil Defence Officer attended training in Civil Defence College, Roscrea on the setting up of rest centres , in preparedness for the need to set up rest centre to assist Ukrainian displaced persons .	
Civil Defence Officer participating in the fortnightly Donegal Community Forum Meetings – Ukrainian Crisis Intervention	

Volunteers Personal Development:

A number of volunteers have progressed to instructor level ;

Discipline	No of Newly Qualified Instructors
PHECC Cardiac First Responder (CFR) Instructor	3
PHECC First Aid Responder (FAR) Instructor	2

Non-Emergency Community Support	A gradual return to ‘normal’ business for Civil Defence has commenced with Civil Defence assisting communities with ambulance and medical cover at 8 non-emergency events. These included GAA sporting events held by the Donegal GAA, Ulster GAA and the Climb with Charlei event on 2 nd April.
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Climb Errigal Together: Hundreds of people from the North West scaled Donegal’s highest peak for the ‘Climb Errigal Together’ event.

All proceeds from the challenge are going to the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association and Pieta House. The climb in the heart of the Donegal gaeltacht, was one of 150 that had been organised nationally as part of “Climb with Charlie” – an initiative established by former RTE reporter, Charlie Bird, who was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease six months ago. Mr Bird subsequently announced on the Late Late Show that he was going to climb Croagh Patrick with family and friends to raise funds for the two aforementioned charities on 2nd April.

To coincide with this, the local event, lead by Cllr.Ciaran Brogan, Donegal County Council, one of the main organizers and Mr. Eamon McGee, Donegal Motor Club who was appointed as the lead coordinator for the event, was launched in Gaoth Dobhair’s An Chúirt Hotel in February. The event was supported by Civil Defence, An Garda Síochána, local bus operators, sports clubs and the Dunlewey Centre.

On the day, Civil Defence provided radio communications, medical cover, and mountain rescue for the climbers, whilst some of the more enthusiastic members along with the Civil Defence Officer, ventured the climb in aid of the cause. Everyone who took part in the challenge was presented with a commemorative medal sponsored by Michael Murphy Sports.

Climb with Charlie / Climb with John...

Day 2 of the Climb with Charlie event was held on Sunday 3rd April, this time in Inishowen, Donegal on the Slieve Snaght Mountains. Slieve Snaght is a mountain in the middle of the Inishowen peninsula. It rises to a height of 615 metres, making it the highest mountain in Inishowen, and is one of the northernmost mountains of Ireland. The Climb with Charlie / Climb with John event was the brainchild of the Carndonagh Easter Parade Committee, a committee that John Cunningham, Civil Defence AFS member was very much a part of for many years. John received a motor neurone disease diagnosis, some years back and despite his diagnosis, John remains a very active member of his community and Donegal Civil Defence. The event was organised to coincide with the Charlie Bird fundraising initiative, to raise money for the Irish Motor Neurone Disease. Civil Defence members from Inishowen supported this climb with medical and radio communications cover.


New projects	Civil Defence in conjunction with GAA clubs in the Finn Valley Area will roll out a joint pilot project where Civil Defence will deliver CPR training to volunteers in the clubs. This project will commence in early May.
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ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT - MAY 2022

All Municipal Districts

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>The Big Donegal Clean-Up returns for 2022!</p>
<p>Project Description /Activity</p>	 <p>Pic 1: Cllr Jack Murray, Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, members of Convoy Community Environmental Committee, John Curran from the Donegal Volunteer Centre, pupils and teachers from Convoy Joint National School and Scoil Bhríde Convoy, Michael McGarvey Director of Service, Donegal County Council and Environment staff from Donegal County Council.</p> <p>The launch of this year’s Big Donegal Clean-Up took place at The Community Park in Convoy where Cllr Jack Murray, Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, joined members of Convoy Community Environmental Committee, John Curran from the Donegal Volunteer Centre, pupils and teachers from Convoy Joint National School and Scoil Bhríde Convoy and Michael McGarvey Director of Service, Donegal County Council and Environment staff from Donegal County Council.</p> <p>“This is the sixth year of the Big Donegal Clean-Up and each year it has grown more and more popular” says Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council Cllr. Jack Murray. This year hundreds of volunteers from right across the county will once again take to the highways and byways to gather litter and get the county looking clean and green for all to enjoy.”</p>

“It is a real partnership between Donegal County Council and the hundreds of communities around the county who come together to lift litter and clean their own areas. We are fortunate to have such active communities and people who care so much about their own area. The willingness shown by the people of Donegal to come out and help make Donegal a clean and green place to live, work and visit.”

As part of this year’s campaign The Donegal Volunteer Centre have come on board and they will publicise details of planned clean-ups on the website www.volunteerdonegal.ie. This is a great addition to help community groups promote their campaigns and gain some additional volunteers. John Curran from Donegal Volunteer Centre stated that “Community Clean-ups are a great example of volunteers giving time for the greater good. They help communities shine and be at their best. We in the volunteer centre are delighted to support the groups across Donegal and to introduce new volunteers to the team”.

Michael McGarvey Director of Service with Donegal County Council said “I am delighted that the Big Donegal Clean-Up is back, and this year is shaping up to be another successful year. We already have over 60 groups signed up for the An Taisce National Spring Clean. Over the past two years many people spent time in their local environment and carried out many clean-ups when they were out and about. The Council supported over 900 of these in both 2020 and 2021.”

Get involved

This campaign sees the Council supporting individuals, groups, businesses and organisations in arranging their own clean-ups. The Council provides bags, gloves and litter pickers while also taking care of the collection of rubbish once it has been bagged.

The Council is also planning to promote clean-ups on its social media pages and plan to have clean-up event pages for different areas. You can share your photos via the following sites:

1. Twitter @DonegalCouncil
2. Facebook @donegalcoco
3. You can also join the clean- up event page on Facebook for your local area to share information and images.

To sign up for this year’s Big Donegal Clean-Up call 074 91 53900, call to your local Council office or visit www.donegalcoco.ie. You can also register with An Taisce’s National Spring Clean campaign by calling (01) 4002219 or online at www.nationalspringclean.org.

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Activity / Project Title	Fly tippers out of pocket to the tune of nearly €5000 euros
Project Description /Activity	<p>Donegal County Council successfully obtained 3 prosecutions under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 at a sitting of The Letterkenny District Court on the 22nd March 2022.</p> <p>The incidents occurred in the Inishowen Municipal District. The Litter Wardens provided evidence including photographic evidence of the offences to the court. The Judge in reviewing all the evidence found in favour of the Council and proceeded to convict and fine to the sum of €500 for each case and ordered costs of €1,142.32, total €4938.96 with 5 months to pay.</p> <p>Donegal County Council wishes to remind the public that it is illegal to litter or dump waste and that you can face an on-the-spot fine of €150 or €4000 if convicted in court.</p> <p>Donegal County Council would like to thank the members of the public who report littering or illegal dumping and encourage any member of the public who has information regarding any instance of unauthorised waste activity to call 074 9153900 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday Thursday and 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Friday. Outside of the Council’s office hours or where a member of the public may wish to report an issue directly to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), they can make a report to the national environmental complaints line on 1800 365 123 or via the EPA’s “See it? Say it?” smart phone up these services operation or 24 hour basis. Donegal County Council is committed to thoroughly investigating all reports received.</p> <p>It is also extremely important to recognise and thank the 5,500 volunteers in community groups and Tidy Towns Committees who work tirelessly in collaboration with the Council in our journey to ensuring that Donegal is the cleanest and greenest county in Ireland.</p>
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COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Activity / Project Title	Beach Preparatory Works
Description /Activity	<p>Ahead of the bathing season preparatory works are being arranged and undertaken at many beaches around the coastline. This involves repairs/improvements to access, signage, parking and water safety infrastructure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ringbuoys have been assessed and prepared for the upcoming season at all our 21 Designated Bathing Areas.• Portaloo services are rolling out across the county with fully accessible services available.• Bathing water sampling schedule in place for our 21 Designated Bathing Waters.
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Activity / Project Title	Respect the Dunes Awareness Campaign
Description /Activity	<p>Dune systems act as a buffer to protect our coastline and are an important element in our climate change adaption strategy. With increasing extreme weather events, our dunes are increasingly important for coastal protection. Our dune systems are very fragile and can degrade from recreational pressures such as trampling, camping, horse trekking, fires, etc.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Beach Lifeguard Service
Description /Activity	<p>Beach Lifeguards will be in place earlier this year than ever before as we look forward to enjoying our world class beaches this summer.</p> <p>Lifeguards will be in place at weekends in June and for all of July and August on beaches at Murvagh, Fintra, Portnoo/Narin, Carrickfinn, Killahoey, Marblehill, Downings, Portsalon, Rathmullan, Culdaff and Stroove.</p> <p>Lifeguard are on duty from 12pm to 6:30pm during these days.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Blue Flag Beach Restrictions for Dog Owners
Description /Activity	<p>For DCC to be eligible for the coveted Blue Flag accolade at our beautiful beaches we must comply with all the applicable criteria which apply globally during the Bathing Season (June 1st to September 15th). The standard is exceptionally high and full adherence is required.</p> <p>This year these rules include restricting access for dogs, other than assistance dogs, to blue-flag beaches or in the blue-flag area if it is part of a larger beach. The rule applies during the Bathing Season only and is intended to maintain Health and Safety for beach goers and bathers alike.</p> <p>Site specific signage and maps will identify the conditions under which dogs may or may not be brought on to the beaches at every Blue Flag beach location from June 1st to September 15th. In summary;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Shrove and Bundoran no dogs will be allowed on the beach between the hours of 11:00am to 7:00pm from June 1st to September 15th. • On the ten other Blue Flag Beaches, dogs will not be permitted in the Blue Flag Areas of these beaches between the hours of 11:00am to 7:00pm from June 1st to September 15th. Similar restrictions will be introduced at Rathmullan and Lisfannan as these remain proposed candidate Blue Flag beaches. <p>It should be noted that responsible dog owners and their dogs will continue to be welcome on these beaches outside of the hours specified.</p>
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