

**Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain**

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6 Feabhra 2020

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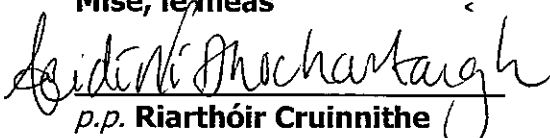
Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 11 Feabhra 2020, **ag 2.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domnach.**

**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**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
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Lifford  
6th February 2020

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

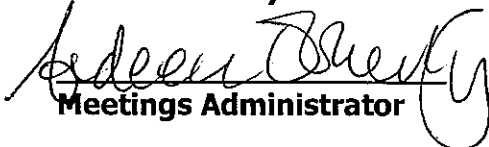
A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 **at 2.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.**

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

**Dear Councillor**

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

**Yours sincerely**

  
**Meetings Administrator**

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## **AGENDA**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020
2. Environment
3. Roads & Transportation
4. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
5. Community & Enterprise (Pink)
6. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
7. Planning
8. Correspondence

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE,  
CARNDONAGH ON TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY 2020 AT 1.00pm**

**Councillors Present:**

Councillors Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren , Martin McDermott, Bernard McGuinness and Jack Murray.

**Officials Present:**

John McLaughlin, Director of Roads and Transportation, Aideen Doherty, Area Manager Housing & Corporate, Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager , Roads and Transportation, Rosin Kelly, Executive Planner , Mathew Byrne, Waste Protection Officer, Una Cresswell, A/Senior Staff Officer, Eamonn Mahon, Executive Roads Engineer, Jimmy McLaughlin , Executive Roads Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community and Enterprise

**20.01 Adjournment of Meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr Farren and seconded by Cllr Murray, it was agreed that the meeting would be adjourned for thirty minutes and would commence at 1.30pm.

**20.02. Consideration of the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup>  
December 2019**

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning and seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were agreed.

**20.03 Correction of Minutes**

It was noted that minute 19.62.19 was incorrect with regard to the road at Aughaclay being noted as being on the Inishowen 100 when it is not on that route. Also, minute 66.07 should have stated Cllr Jack Murray and not Cllr Jack Doherty.

**20.04 PLANNING**

The Planning Report was taken as read by Roisin Kelly, Executive Planner

**20.04.02 Additional Planning Dates**

Roisin Kelly, Executive Planner advised the members of the following additional planning clinic dates.

22/01/2020

29/01/2020

12/02/2020

26/02/2020

11/03/2020

25/03/2020

#### **20.04.03 Strategic Development of Towns Local Area Plan Buncrana**

Roisin Kelly advised that consultants have now been appointed to work on the Buncrana Local Area plan and to consider the future strategic direction for Buncrana. She added that the consultants would like to meet with the members in a workshop. It was agreed that a workshop would take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 at 5.00pm in the Council Offices in Buncrana.

#### **20.04.04 Review of the County Development Plan**

In a response to a query from Cllr Bernard McGuinness, Roisin Kelly advised that the review of the County Development Plan would commence in June 2020.

#### **20.05.01 ENVIRONMENT**

Mathew Byrne, Waste Protection Officer presented the Environment report to the members.

#### **20.05.02 Buncrana Leisure Centre**

Mathew Byrne advised the members that they will be updated on the progress of the refurbishment project for Buncrana Leisure Centre at each meeting of Inishowen Municipal District going forward.

#### **20.05.03 Tidy Towns Workshops**

Mathew Byrne advised that workshops will be organised for Tidy Towns committees. He referred to "Let's Talk Climate" which is an accessible education and awareness workshop for Tidy Towns committees. 'Let's Talk Climate' helps communities to raise awareness of climate change and promote behavior change by encouraging climate action and to undertake projects that will set local communities on a path towards a low carbon, climate resilient future.

#### **20.05.04 Waiver for Waste Collection Fees for Householders with Disabilities**

Cllr Albert Doherty reiterated his request for a waiver for waste collection fees for householders with disabilities. Mathew Byrne stated that he had no update on this but that he has passed these concerns on previously.

#### **20.05.05 All Ireland Pollinator Plan**

Cllr Albert Doherty congratulated Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Nicholas Crossan on signing the All Ireland Pollinator Plan. He suggested that Tidy Towns Committees must be encouraged to follow the policy in conjunction with the council being proactive in this regard.

#### **20.05.06 Use of Pesticides in Parks and Footways**

Cllr Albert Doherty said that the use of pesticides throughout the county should be reviewed in line with environmental concerns.

#### **20.05.07 Merville Public Conveniences**

Cllr Martin Farren requested that an update on the repairs required at Merville Public Conveniences be provided. He also sought clarification on funding for public conveniences.

#### **20.05.08 Dog Fouling in Public Places**

Cllr Martin Farren said that he believed the public should be made aware of their responsibilities with regard to dog fouling particularly in public places such as the Shore walk in Moville. Cllr Nicholas Crossan concurred with Cllr Farren but said he believed most dog owners were indeed responsible. He suggested that the presence of a litter warden might deter offenders.

#### **20.05.09 Staffing Matters**

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that a replacement for a member of staff who left the Bunrana outdoor team be put in place as soon as possible as there was increased pressure on the litter warden in the area to carry out his duties. Mathew Byrne stated that the recruitment of a replacement was planned to commence in February.

#### **20.05.10 Litter Warden**

Cllr Terry Crossan expressed his gratitude to the litter warden for his prompt response to a recent enquiry.

#### **20.05.10 Westbrook Pumping Station**

Cllr Rena Donaghey asked when the upgrade to the pump house at Westbrook was going to take place as it has been on the agenda for the last six years. It was proposed by Cllr Rena Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Martin Farren that Irish Water be asked when they proposed to upgrade the pump house,

#### **20.05.11 Parks and Open Spaces**

Cllr Rena Donaghey said she had previously requested that Parks and Open Spaces would be separated from other services and asked when was this going to happen, if ever.

#### **20.05.12 Covert Cameras for Enforcement Purposes**

Cllr Bernard McGuinness stated that he believed that additional covert cameras should be in use to discourage the public from dumping refuse and disposing of litter in environmentally unfriendly ways. He suggested that open days should be held to encourage the public to recycle and safely dispose of waste. He added that the public often complained that the recycling centres were too costly and therefore a deterrent. Mathew Byrne confirmed that covert cameras were still in use and he would meet with Cllr McGuinness to discuss the matter further.

#### **20.05.13 Bottle Banks**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan congratulated the council on the management of bottle banks over Christmas. Cllr Martin McDermott expressed his concerns over bottle banks in Malin being full to capacity because of the Carn bottle banks not being accessible enough to the public. He said that he has been requesting that a solution be found for this problem the last five years. He suggested that the bottle banks could be relocated outside the recycling centre as the council owned the land adjacent to it. Mathew Byrne advised that he would look into the matter and revert back.

#### **20.05.14 Water Fountains at Beaches**

Cllr McGuinness requested that the installation of water fountains at beaches and public places be considered as this would discourage the use of plastic water bottles.

#### **20.06 ROADS**

Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager, Roads updated the members in his report on the status of the Road's Work Programme to date. He added there was little change from the end of year report provided in December to the members. He added that there was an overspend in Moville but this was to be balanced by monies that are due.

#### **20.06.01 Works in 2019**

Cllr Martin Farren congratulated the Roads team on the works carried out in 2019

#### **20.06.02 Crash Barrier at Bay View**

Cllr Martin Farren requested that a crash barrier be installed at Bayview, Redcastle adjacent to where the football pitch is located.

#### **20.06.03 Realignment of Clar Corner**

Cllr Martin Farren suggested the realignment at Clar Corner, Redcastle be extended to Ballyratten. He also requested anti skid material be installed to address speed in the area and prevent potential accidents.

#### **20.06.04 Footbridge at Moville**

Cllr Martin Farren requested a barrier at the footbridge in Moville.

#### **20.06.05 National Primary Roads Allocation**

It was noted that €10 million has been allocated to National Primary Roads. Some discussion took place and the consensus was that the Muff to Moville Road, the Bridgend to Buncrana and the Quigley's Point to Carndonagh roads should be taken over as National Primary Roads by TII (Traffic Infrastructure Ireland) It was noted that the level of traffic on these roads may justify them being classified differently and this has been on the agenda many times. Cllr Bernard McGuinness suggested that that traffic counters be used to determine the level of traffic. He also added that in the past, in some cases it had not been beneficial to have roads classed as National Primary Roads. A comparison was made with the N56 which is the same distance as the Inishowen 100, but as being a National Primary Road gets more funding.

John McLaughlin, Director of Roads and Transportation advised that this issue is reviewed regularly and that the Minister had been written to previously. He suggested that the members write directly to the Minister themselves in the same way they did to progress the Cockhill Bridge Project.

It was proposed by Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey that a request to meet with the new Minister for Transport after the general election be progressed.

#### **20.06.06 Cats Eyes**

Cllr Martin Farren suggested that cat's eyes should be installed on all major roads as they make an amazing difference to vision at night particularly on long dark country roads where there is no other lighting.

#### **20.06.07 Footpath – Grove Cottages to Red Cross Building, Muff**

Cllr Terry Crossan said that he noticed that Muff was not mentioned on the Roads Programme. He added that a complete footpath and adequate lighting needs to be provided between Grove Cottages and the Red Cross building Muff, as mentioned at a previous Inishowen Municipal District Meeting. Seamus Hopkins advised that this will be considered under the Footpath and Lighting Programme.

#### **20.06.08 White lines Quigley's point to Whitecastle School**

Cllr Terry Crossan referred to the request from Cllr Martin Farren at the last Municipal District Meeting to renew the white lines on the road between Quigley's point and Whitecastle School.

#### **20.06.09 Aughaclay Road, Culdaff and Drumnagasson Road, Ballyharry**

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that the Aughaclay Road, Culdaff and Drumnagasson Road, Ballyharry should be put on the list for works in 2020..

#### **20.06.10 Inishowen 100**

Cllr Bernard McGuinness suggested that the success of Malin Head had switched the focus from the Inishowen 100 route and that it was important to keep this route as it covered the whole Inishowen Peninsula. He added that Failte Ireland should be requested to assist with its upkeep.

#### **20.06.11 Glentogher Road, Carndonagh**

Cllr McGuinness requested an update on the status of proposed works at Glentogher Road, Carndonagh as significant funding was allocated to it. He added that this road was the main artery to North Inishowen and as such should be upgraded. He said he was conscious of the new government coming in and that these works had to be kept on the agenda in order to not lose funding. Seamus Hopkins advised his response to this query was given at the last meeting and that the decision remained with the Department in relation to obtaining additional funding.

#### **20.06.12 Foot Path Cockhill Road to Buncrana**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan referred to the Cockhill Road, Buncrana where there is only one footpath on one side. He said he believed it was dangerous for pedestrians and drivers and requires attention. He added it was difficult for buses turning on the road and a whole new design for the road should be instigated. Seamus Hopkins advised that will be considered under the Footpath and Lighting Programme.

#### **20.06.13 Crossing at Farren's Garage, Buncrana**

Cllr Jack Murray reiterated his request for a crossing to be installed at Farren's Garage, Buncrana. He referred to the level of pedestrians and students that cross the road and the potential dangers. Seamus Hopkins advised that he will request that the Road Design team will look at measures.

#### **20.06.14 Street Lighting**

Cllr Jack Murray sought clarification on the guidelines for street lighting.

#### **20.06.15 Gritting Programme**

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to incidents of black ice on some roads in Inishowen in December and also today and sought clarification on how roads are selected for gritting. Some discussion took place. It was noted that the weather temperature gauge was placed in Skeoge in South Inishowen and it was suggested that a similar gauge should be installed in North Inishowen to improve weather predictions and subsequent requirements for gritting.

#### **20.06.16 Barrack Hill Park**

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that a gardener be employed on a five day a week basis at Barrack Hill, Carndonagh and reiterated his request for the public lighting there.

#### **20.06.17 White Lining in Carndonagh**

Cllr Albert Doherty suggested that junctions at estates around Carndonagh should be reviewed and white lining renewed in the town. He also suggested Low Cost Safety measures for a crossing should be installed between Ard Bhríde, James Connolly Hospital and St Patrick's Girls School.

#### **20.06.18 Yard at Inishowen Co Operative Mart**

It was proposed by Cllr Bernard McGuinness and seconded by Cllr Albert Doherty, that the resurfacing of the yard at Inishowen Cooperative Mart be reconsidered. Seamus Hopkins advised that legal advice is being sought from the council's solicitor on this matter.

#### **20.06.19 Salt Barn**

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested an update on the Council salt barn.

#### **20.06.20 Wild Deer**

Cllr Martin Mc Dermott stated that there had been two accidents caused by wild deer running on public roads and that he had previously requested that signs be erected to warn drivers of the dangers in Ballyliffen, Culdaff and Malin. Seamus Hopkins said that he had spoken to Parks and Wildlife.

#### **20.06.21 Malin Head Road to Malin Town**

Cllr Martin Mc Dermott referred to works carried out by Irish Water between Malin and Malin Head which he believed was of poor quality and hazardous. It was noted that prior to Irish Water commencing works, that the roads had been resurfaced by the council and this work was now damaged. Cllr Bernard McGuinness suggested that the Roads Service should restore the roads to their previous condition and



invoice Irish Water for the costs incurred. Some discussion took place and the consensus of the members was as these roads were being used by thousands of visitors to Malin Head, it required immediate action.

Cllr McDermott requested that the senior officials in the Roads Service urgently deal directly with Irish Water and get the problem resolved. Seamus Hopkins advised that he considers the condition of the roads as temporary and that Irish Water will have to restore them to the original condition prior to the works and that this was being dealt with. He referred to “purple book standard” that had to be adhered to.

#### **20.06.22 Bus Shelters**

Cllr Terry Crossan requested that a bus shelter be erected at Quigley’s Point as outlined in the recent presentation from Local Link.

#### **20.06.23 Lighting in Location of Cyclist’s Rest, Buncrana**

Cllr Rena Donaghey asked if there was a possibility of lights being installed near the Cyclist’s Rest public house on the outskirts of Buncrana as this was a very busy road, Seamus Hopkins suggested that maybe a business owner could sponsor lighting with a view to the council adopting it. He added that lights requested outside of urban areas were considered on a case by case basis,

#### **20.06.24 Ramps**

Cllr Paul Canning sought clarification on county wide policy on ramps.

### **20.07 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

Aideen Doherty, Area Manager, Housing and Corporate Services presented the Housing report to the members and updated them on matters

#### **20.07.01 Library Service**

Cllr Martin Farren expressed his dissatisfaction with regard to a senior member of the library service not attending the meeting as requested at the last meeting. This request was to enable a discussion to take place regarding staffing resources in the library service in Inishowen. Aideen Doherty advised that his request had been passed on and that she would follow up on it.

#### **20.07.02 Expressions of Sympathy**

The members collectively expressed their sympathy to Mairead Gibbons on the death of her father Paddy Joe McLaughlin, to Belinda Glackin on the death of her father Philip Glackin and to Fiontan O’ Caolain on the death of his brother, Brendan O’ Caolain. Sympathy was also expressed to the former Buncrana Town Councillor, Peter McLaughlin on the death of his mother, Bernadette McLaughlin.

#### **20.07.03 Christmas Tree Committees**

Cllr Martin Farren commended the Christmas Tree Committees in Inishowen for all their efforts in making the towns and villagers look so well over the festive season.

#### **20.07.04 Loans for Owner Occupiers**

Cllr Rena Donaghey sought details on DCC loans for owner occupiers who wish to upgrade their homes. Aideen Doherty said she would provide clarification.

#### **20.07.05 General Election 2020**

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that actions be taken to ensure that all new voters are able to register to vote in time for the General Election on 8th February. Aideen Doherty advised that this will be dealt with by the County Secretariat and relevant measures would be put in place. She further advised that members would be updated on the process.

#### **20.07.06 SI Houses**

Cllr Martin McDermott asked that a focus should be kept on moving forward with all SI applications.

#### **20.07.08 Proposed Development at Crana Crescent, Buncrana**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan expressed his dissatisfaction with only nine houses being proposed for Crana Crescent, Buncrana. Aideen Doherty advised that the council were considering all options.

#### **20.07.09 Housing Grant Applications**

It was noted that there has been a significant increase in housing grant applications in 2019 compared to 2018.

#### **20.07.10 Workshops Prior to February Inishowen MD Meeting**

It was agreed that the following workshops would take place prior to the MD meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February

10.30am Inishowen Business Development Association

11.30am Roads

12.30pm DFI & 2020 Programme C& E

2.30pm MD Meeting

#### **20.08.01 COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE**

Fiona Doherty Development Officer, Community and Enterprise presented the report to the Members.

#### **20.08.02 Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point**

A brief conversation took place regarding the Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point and the members noted the contents of the report. Cllr Martin McDermott referred to the draft walking proposed routes and indicated that the walking route proposals would only be developed with full consultation and approval with the landowners. Cllr McDermott highlighted the economic benefit of developing the area and requested that the next steps are now taken to move the plan forward to planning stage and identify funding options.

#### **20.08.03 An Grianan of Aileach Fort**

In response to a question from Cllr Jack Murray, Fiona Doherty advised that the Conservation and Management Plan for An Grianan of Aileach was almost completed and it was anticipated that it would be presented to the Members within the next few months.

#### **20.08.04 Buncrana School Campus**

Cllr Nicholas Crossan acknowledged that the Council are acting as an agent and currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana and its environs on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills. Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested that the Council write to the Department of Education and skills requesting an update on the status of the Buncrana School Campus.

#### **20.08.05 Leasing of Land at Barrack Hill**

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that the Carndonagh Tidy Towns were seeking to lease lands at Barrack Hill and Cllr Bernard McGuinness stated that the local scouts were also seeking to lease lands there.

#### **20.08.06 Development Fund Initiative 2020**

Fiona Doherty sought a date from the Members to consider the 2020 Development Fund Initiative. The Members agreed to hold the meeting at 12.30pm prior to the February MD meeting. The Members discussed the DFI and agreed that the regulations need to be revised to make the process of applying easier for small community groups. It was suggested that this should be discussed at SPC level. It was acknowledged that small groups have difficulties with opening bank accounts and the general administration associated with applying for funds.

#### **20.08.07 Playground Maintenance**

Cllr Bernard McGuinness noted the report and outlined his concerns regarding the recurring issues associated with the nature of the sand surface of the playpark in Culdaff. Cllr McGuinness noted that the Executive Engineer was not in attendance at the meeting as he had requested. Fiona Doherty advised that the newly appointed Engineer would attend the workshop meetings in February. Cllr Albert Doherty stated that the play parks at Clos Padraig damaged with the flooding needs to be assessed.

#### **20.08.08 Northburg Castle, Greencastle**

Cllr Doherty stated that the Council should look at the potential of developing Northburg Castle and its promotion as a tourist attraction. He acknowledged that it is located within private property similar to Burt Castle and he asked that the Council re-commence engagement with the owners of the property.

**Date of next meeting**

It was agreed the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm

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

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

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**Area Manager**

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



**ENVIRONMENT REPORT – February 2020**

**WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT**

**Municipal District: All**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Tidy Towns Workshops on the National Tidy Towns Application Form</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Following on from last years successful workshop in the Donegal MD, the Council has arranged for a <b>Workshop on the National Tidy Towns Application Form</b> for each Municipal District. The workshops will be based on giving groups advice on how to complete the National Tidy Towns application form and will be delivered by National Adjudicator Debbie Nesbitt.</p> <p><b>Dates and venues below:</b></p> <p>Letterkenny MD: Monday 10th February 10am - 12pm Milford PSC Council Chamber Glenties MD: Monday 17th Feb 10am - 12pm Dungloe PSC Council Chamber Stranorlar MD: Monday 23rd March 10am - 12pm The Base Stranorlar Inishowen MD: Monday 6th April 10am - 12pm Carndonagh PSC, Council Chamber Donegal MD: Monday 20th April 10am - 12pm Donegal PSC Council Chamber.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Suzanne Bogan</b> , Waste Awareness Officer <a href="mailto:suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie">suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</a>

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Fine Imposed for Box Being Dumped at Bring Bank</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>At a recent Court hearing for non-payment of a litter fine, the District Court judge was critical of the manner in which the recycling was carried out and said he could not understand why people did not use the recycling centres properly. The Judge said he could not understand why members of the public did not use the facilities in accordance with the direction provided.</p> <p>He said, "If I go to a recycling centre and it is full, I will bring my bottles home and I will bring them back on another day".</p> <p>The Judge imposed a fine and also awarded costs to the Council.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Matthew Byrne</b> , Waste Regulation Officer <a href="mailto:matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie">matthewbyrne@donegalcoco.ie</a>










<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Buncrana’s Brown Bins to become the focus of new Pilot Project.</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>Buncrana’s brown bins are to become the focus of a new pilot scheme that will raise awareness among Irish householders as to what food and organic waste should be disposed of in the brown food waste bin.</p> <p>An estimated one third of food purchased every week in Ireland is thrown away, with half of this food waste ending up in the wrong bin. This has negative consequences for public health and the environment, as well as financially impacting on the householder.</p> <p>The Department of Communications Climate Action and Environment has funded the pilot project to help Buncrana’s householders segregate more organic waste, and ensure food no longer ends up in the general waste bin and landfill.</p> <p>This project is being managed by the Regional Waste Management Offices and Donegal County Council who are working with local company, Logan Waste, on the pilot project.</p> <p><b>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer, Donegal County Council</b> said, “Residents in Buncrana who have a collection service with Logan Waste can expect to see a new sticker on the General Waste Bin in the coming weeks. The sticker will help to remind householders that organic or food waste should not be disposed of in the general bin, but should be put in the food waste brown bin. All packaging must be removed from food waste before disposal.”</p> <p><b>Sinéad Ní Mhainín Waste Prevention Officer with the Connacht/Ulster Regional Water Management Office</b> added, “In 2018 the EPA conducted a national waste characterisation survey which found that approximately 50% of household organic waste is still being disposed of in the “wrong bins”, in other words the recycling or general waste bin.</p> <p>“We are confident that with some reminders on our bins in the form of a sticker and easily accessible information through <a href="http://www.mywaste.ie">www.mywaste.ie</a> we can help householders reduce this figure significantly. The waste management offices are also encouraging householders who do not already have a food waste brown bin to check if they are eligible for one by contacting their local waste collector.”</p> <p>Stickers will be placed on bins in Buncrana from mid-February and customers are asked to help make a difference to the environment and play a positive part in climate action by separating their food waste and using their food waste brown bin correctly.</p> <p>Logan Waste in Donegal is a member of the Irish Waste Management Association. <b>John Logan of Logan Waste</b> said, “We are delighted to be part of this pilot project which will benefit both the customer and the environment.</p> <p>“It is important people understand what should be put into our 140 Litre food waste brown bins, and ensure that it does not end up in the general bin or in the dry recycling bin. Food waste is all vegetable and fruit peelings, loose tea, coffee grounds, egg shells, all plate scrapings, leftover or food no longer edible regardless whether it is cooked or uncooked. Kitchen paper towels and napkins can also be disposed of in the food waste brown bin. Small quantities of cooking oil is also acceptable.”</p>

	<p>Once collected, the food waste brown bin material is delivered from homes once a fortnight to an anaerobic digestion plant where it is specially treated and turned into green electricity. Ensuring only the right materials go in the food waste brown bin prevents contamination and results in more material being suitable for energy conversion.</p> <p>More information about food waste recycling is available from <a href="http://www.mywaste.ie">www.mywaste.ie</a>, Donegal County Council and Logan Waste</p>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Green Schools:</b>
<b>Project Description/ Activity</b>	<p>2020 will be another very busy year for Green Schools. There are approximately 100 schools due to renew their Green Flags on a range of themes with the latest theme being Global Citizenship Marine Environment. Renewal of a Green Flag takes place on a two yearly cycle. On occasion a school may defer a renewal for a variety of reasons.</p> <p>Schools follow a seven step approach that includes;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Setting up a Committee</li> <li>2. Environmental Review</li> <li>3. Action Planning</li> <li>4. Monitoring &amp; Evaluating</li> <li>5. Curriculum Links</li> <li>6. Informing &amp; Involving the wider Community</li> <li>7. Green Code</li> </ol> <p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Litter &amp; Waste</li> <li>➤ Energy</li> <li>➤ Water</li> <li>➤ Sustainable Travel</li> <li>➤ Biodiversity</li> <li>➤ Global Citizenship Litter &amp; Waste</li> <li>➤ Global Citizenship Energy</li> <li>➤ Global Citizenship Marine Environment</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie

**COASTAL MANAGEMENT/PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

**Municipal District: All**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p><b>Clean Coasts Roadshow – 15<sup>th</sup> February</b></p>
<p><b>Progress to date</b></p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>CLEAN COASTS PRESENTS</p>  <p><b>Co. Donegal Clean Coasts Roadshows 2020</b></p> <p>The Clean Coasts Roadshow is a series of talks and workshops taking place all along the coast of Ireland.</p> <p><b>Annagry Community Hall, Annagry, Co. Donegal. Saturday, February 15th @ 11am</b></p> <p>This year we will be discussing the impact of climate change on our coastline. We will also be informing Clean Coasts groups about how they can avail of our grant scheme in 2020. In addition we will hear from local Clean Coasts group ‘Annagry Tidy Towns’ on the fantastic work they have been carrying out to date.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Olivia Jones, Clean Coasts Officer Co. Mayo David Friel, Coastal Officer Donegal CoCo, Annagry Clean Coasts/Tidy Town Group Paul Lawlor, TU Dublin</b></p> <hr/>     <p><a href="http://www.cleancoasts.org">www.cleancoasts.org</a></p> </div> <div style="float: right; width: 25%;">     </div>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p>David Friel 087 7801596</p>



**HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**  
**Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting**  
**11<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Corporate Services**

- **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Housing Services**

- **Progress Reports**

**Summary of Casual Vacancies  
Inishowen MD as at 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

<b>Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Properties to be/being refurbished</b>	<b>25</b>

Summary of housing offers and Tenancies

<b>Offers issued from 01/01/2020</b>	<b>Offers refused from 06/02/2020</b>	<b>Tenancies created from 01/01/2020</b>	<b>Tenancies Terminated from 01/01/2020</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

**Casual Vacancies/Allocations at 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List  
as 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

<b>Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List</b>	<b>644</b>
<b>Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Net Social Housing Waiting List</b>	<b>184</b>

**Inishowen Municipal District**  
**Approved Bedrooms Numbers and Location**  
**6<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Gross Need - by approved bedrooms**

<b>Municipal District</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Inishowen</b>						
Ballyliffin	0	2	1	0	0	<b>3</b>
Bridgend	2	9	4	2	0	<b>17</b>
Buncrana	10	153	83	11	2	<b>259</b>
Burnfoot	0	11	4	0	0	<b>15</b>
Burt	0	2	3	0	0	<b>5</b>
Carndonagh	9	62	32	3	0	<b>106</b>
Carrigans	2	8	1	0	0	<b>11</b>
Clonmany	2	17	7	1	1	<b>28</b>
Culdaff	0	4	2	0	0	<b>6</b>
Fahan	1	4	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
Gleneely	0	3	4	0	0	<b>7</b>
Glengad	0	3	3	0	0	<b>6</b>
Greencastle	0	8	3	1	0	<b>12</b>
Inch	0	1	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
Killea	1	3	2	0	0	<b>6</b>
Malin	0	3	8	0	0	<b>11</b>
Malin Head	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Manorcunningham	2	10	5	3	1	<b>21</b>
Moville	2	26	11	1	0	<b>40</b>
Muff	0	19	8	1	1	<b>29</b>
Newtowncunningham	1	26	15	3	1	<b>46</b>
Quigleys Point	1	1	2	0	0	<b>4</b>
Redcastle	0	2	1	0	0	<b>3</b>
Tooban	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>644</b>

- **Mica Redress Scheme Update**

**03/02/20 Statement regarding the Mica Redress Scheme**

The signing of Regulations on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 is a significant development, and is welcomed by Donegal County Council.

The Council has been engaging with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to the Scheme. This will continue in the coming weeks, as the Council continues to make preparations to administer the Scheme. Further information will be available in due course, with regard to the detail of the Scheme, the application process, and when the Council will be in a position to accept applications.

**Housing Capital Update Report**  
**Inishowen Municipal District Meeting**  
**11<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes**

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following Social Housing developments within the Inishowen Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
<b>Construction Stage</b>		
Malin	Commenced on-site June 2019. Substantially complete, expected final completion by end Q1 2020	8
Bunrana- Phase 1	Commenced on site January 2020. Completion date Q1 2021	21
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>29</b>
<b>Preliminary Design Stage ( No of units subject to change)</b>		
Bunrana (Phase 2)	Preliminary Design Stage	61
Crana Crescent, Bunrana	Preliminary Design Stage	11
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>72</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>101</b>

In tandem with the above construction programme, the Council is actively pursuing the acquisition of lands suitable for housing purposes in towns and villages where there is currently not a social housing solution available.

**2. House Acquisition Programme**

Donegal County Council has acquired, or is in the process of acquiring, properties under the House Acquisition Programme. In the Inishowen Municipal District during 2018-2020 a total of 28 properties have been purchased under this programme. Additionally there are 4 property acquisitions currently in progress which are progressing through conveyance.

In advance of letting acquired properties, the Council carries out improvement works in order to ensure that high quality, sustainable homes are provided to individuals and families throughout the county.

**3. Buy and Renew**

In an effort to bring existing, older, vacant properties back in to productive use as social housing, the Council is currently progressing the acquisition of properties under the Buy & Renew Initiative. This Initiative not only aims to provide high quality homes to approved social housing applicants, it also targets vacancy rates and utilises existing properties and helps tackle dereliction.

#### **4. 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 due for completion in quarter 1 2020. This is a very effective mechanism enabling the Council to feed into the design of the proposal so as to ensure that the end product is suitable for the needs of social housing tenants.

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

Final approval has been received from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) for two turnkey developments in Inishowen Municipal District. In this regard, construction is continuing at Newtowncunningham to deliver 19 no. social housing units which are expected to be fully completed by the end of June 2020. Additionally, final approval has been received to acquire 4 no. 4 bedroom units at Ardaravan, Buncrana. The Council is currently progressing both turnkeys through the conveyance process in conjunction with our legal representatives.

Council officials are continuing to dialogue with Developers with regard to additional valid proposals for Inishowen Municipal District in Carndonagh and Moville. Members will be fully informed of these proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval.

Community, Enterprise & Planning Directorate  
Community & Development Division



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Municipal District of Inishowen

Tuesday 11th February, 2020

1. Malin Head
2. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
3. 2017 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal Scheme
4. 2018 Muff Town and Village Renewal Scheme
5. 2018 Buncrana Town and Village Renewal Scheme
6. 2018 Moville Town and Village Renewal Scheme
7. Playground Maintenance
8. Donegal Walks and Trails
9. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
10. Buncrana School Campus



**Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: February 2020**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Malin Head</b>
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.
<p><b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design.</li> <li>• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects , a multi-disciplinary team have been appointed to provide a Visitor Management Plan and concept design for Malin Head.</li> <li>• There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9<sup>th</sup> May McGrorys Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village hall on the 15<sup>th</sup> May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings.</li> <li>• A workshop presentation by Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects on the concept ideas for the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan took place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.</li> <li>• Public information events on the design concepts took place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at St. Mary's Community Hall, Malin Head St Patrick's Parochial Hall, Malin Village and on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at The Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and McGrorys Hotel, Culdaff.</li> <li>• There were over 110 attendees at the Public Information events on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2019. A questionnaire was circulated at the event and feedback was invited.</li> <li>• The presentation and video is available on the Council's website and social media platforms. Submissions and feedback may be made up to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2020</li> <li>• Submissions will be assessed by the team</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Stakeholders meeting will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to progress the next stage.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i></p>	Fiona Doherty, 087 367 8954, or 074 9373743 or James Kelly at 087 2236923





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**Activity / Project Update: February 2020**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>An Grianán of Aileach Fort</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<p><b>Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status</b> * Delete irrelevant reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting took place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, 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.</li> <li>• The Office of Public Works have given a commitment to commission a Conservation and Management Plan . This is on the way to being achieved currently and this will set out the options for the future management of the Grianán an Aileach site.</li> <li>• In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan. The consultants will be in contact with Donegal County Council as part of this process over the next few months. The Members will be kept updated on the progress.</li> <li>• Alice Bentley of Blackwood Associate Architects, Claire Cotter, Archaeologist, Jackie Hunt, Ecologist and Michele O’ Dea from the Office of Public Works attended a workshop meeting regarding the Conservation and Management report with the Members on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan. Alice Bentley confirmed that the Conservation and Management plan will be completed at the end of December 2019</li> </ul>
<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b> * Delete irrelevant reporting period</p>	<p><u>Current status</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Conservation and Management plan has been completed. The OPW and Blackwood Associates architects will present the Plan to the Members at a workshop in March 2020.</li> </ul>
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**Activity / Project Update: February 2020**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2017 Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme – Newtoncunningham</b>
<b>File 622/P&amp;ED/422 (8)</b>	
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Tourist Information Kiosk
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><b>Works consists of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Installation of a Tourist Information Kiosk and associated works.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Current Status:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Various meetings have taken place regarding the project elements and a letter of offer should issue shortly to the group.</li> <li>• Planning permission has been agreed.</li> <li>• The Tendering process will be initiated within the next few weeks.</li> <li>• Procurement of the fit out of the Kiosk is currently been progressed.</li> <li>• The tendering process for a contractor has been completed. Capital works have begun on site.</li> <li>• All works to be completed by December, 2019.</li> <li>• The tender is been finalised for the software/app development and operating system for the Interactive Tourist and local Business information point.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work is ongoing to deliver the project within the deadline.</li> </ul>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>2018 Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme – Muff</b>
<b>File 622/P&amp;ED/422 (8)</b>	
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Village Health Check and Improvement Works to the village.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	<p><b>Works to be agreed consist of:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Village Health Check.</li> <li>2. Streetscape and Environmental enhancements</li> <li>3. Information panels, signage, print.</li> <li>4. Visitor information point</li> <li>5. Works to Muff Community Park.</li> <li>6. Footpath</li> <li>7. Off street Car Parking</li> <li>8. Development of a village renewal plan</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter of Offer has issued to the Muff Community Development Forum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work is progressing on the plans for the village</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The group are in the process of appointing a consultant for the Village Health Check</li> <li>• Tenders have been received for a site manager of the works .</li> <li>• The group have appointed a consultant for the Village Health Check and plan, a public engagement evening took place and feedback from this meeting is taking place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 in Muff Community Hall.</li> </ul>
<i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Village Health Check is scheduled to be completed by the end of February.</li> <li>• Planning and procurement of the works is ongoing.</li> </ul>
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<b>Activity / Project Title</b> <b>File 622/P&amp;ED/422 (8)</b>	<b>2018 Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme – Bunrana</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbishment of the tourist office</li> <li>• Information signage, enhancement of the area around the pier.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><b>Works consists of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Web site development promotion and Branding</li> <li>➢ Office refurbishment</li> <li>➢ Finger Post Signage</li> <li>➢ Enhancement of the area around the pier</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Current Status:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary Meetings have taken place with the group regarding the proposed works.</li> <li>• Procurement for a website developer has commenced.</li> <li>• Tenders were received, assessed. Website developer has been appointed</li> <li>• The tender documents are been finalised for the procurement of an architect for the refurbishment of the tourist office and outside space.</li> <li>• An architect has been appointed for the refurbishment works associated with the project.</li> <li>• The website design is ongoing.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period</b>	<p><u>Current status</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The appointed architect is progressing with the plans for the refurbishment of the building.</li> <li>• A pre-launch of the govitinishowen.ie website takes place on the 5<sup>th</sup> February at the Redcastle Hotel.</li> </ul>
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**Activity / Project Update: February 2020**

Activity / Project Title	<b>PLAYGROUNDS MAINTENANCE</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	<b>List of Playgrounds</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Barrackhill, Carndonagh</li><li>2. Carndonagh Fitness Trail</li><li>3. Carndonagh Outdoor Gym</li><li>4. Chlos Phadraig, Carndonagh</li><li>5. Chlos Phadraig MUGA</li><li>6. Culdaff Beach</li><li>7. Festival Bunrana</li><li>8. Manorcunningham</li><li>9. Moville</li></ol>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€9,823.58 incl. VAT
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Works consists of:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment</li><li>• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards</li><li>• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings , shackles, etc.</li><li>• Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces</li></ul></li></ol> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.</li><li>• Tender requests issued on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2018 with a closing date of 4.30pm on 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.</li><li>• Tenders assessed December 2018.</li><li>• Annual Maintenance Tender awarded to Murphy Playground Services Ltd.</li><li>• Contractor due on site mid February 2019.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All works on the maintenance programme has been completed for 2019.</li><li>• Annual Inspections will be carried out in the coming months.</li></ul>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>  <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tenders have been sought for the 2020 playground maintenance programme.</li></ul>
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**Activity / Project Update February 2020**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Donegal Walks and Trails</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter 2</b>	<p>An initial survey has been carried out on the old route of the Carndonagh River Walk and costings are currently being prepared for the possible re development of the walk. Initial results show that additional land will be required to progress this project. Contact will be made with the local schools regarding land required.</p> <p>Following a meeting with the Roads Directorate regarding the take- over of Donagh park Donegal County Council will discuss with the HSE about the access over the foot bridge which the Council propose to also take in charge. If access through HSE grounds is not forthcoming then an alternative exit for the river walk may need to be explored.</p> <p>A measure two application under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2019 for Ballyliffin Mass Rock Walk for €124,000 was submitted on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.</p> <p>New trail head map boards have been erected for Inishowen Head Loop and Bunrana Shore Path and the contractor has been appointed to complete way marking on both these walks in conjunction with the production of new promotion leaflets for these walks.</p> <p>An on-line presence for walks and trails will form part of the new go visit Donegal web site in conjunction with Donegal County Council's site.</p> <p>Funding in town &amp; village renewal for St. Johnston to prepare a report on the Carrigans to St. Johnston link part of the cross-border walk/cycleway from Derry to Porthall is now committed and the report is complete.</p> <p>Agreement has also been reached under funding from the NW Strategic Development partnership to recruit a cross-border greenway development resource to follow up on the results of this study and the Inishowen Greenway study.</p> <p>This person has been appointed at Assistant Engineer level and will look at progressing this project along with the extension of the Bunrana Greenway through the town of Bunrana.</p> <p>An application was made to the Dept Transport Tourism &amp; Sport for funding to progress a Greenway project between Bunrana and Carndonagh. This is a high level engagement which will allow feed-back from the department and indicate next steps to progress such a project through Bunrana and on out via Drumfries. A draft Outdoor Recreation Development Strategy is to be finalised in 2019. This will inform how we progress projects of scale going forward. A new counter has been fitted at Fort Dunree and Cassie bridge Bunrana</p> <p><u>Carndonagh Riverside walk</u> – Following on from a meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. A meeting is to be arranged shortly with Carndonagh Community School to discuss the schools interest in any final solution to realigning the proposed route of the Carndonagh riverside walk and agree the way forward.</p> <p>Completion of the works at the funded sites mentioned earlier in the report. Collection of data from Inch, Malin Head, Fort Dunree and Bunrana Shore Path Further exploration of new proposed walks at Culdaff .</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarter 3 reporting perio</b>	<p><u>Carndonagh Riverside walk</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Route of river walk to be surveyed and levels taken to determine a safe new route and access points</li> <li>2. Land identified for required new route</li> <li>3 Project costed and funding identified</li> <li>4. Land-owner negotiation (including the school)</li> </ol> <p>It is anticipated that a new Walks and Trails Officer will be appointed in February 2020.</p>
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**Activity / Project Update- February 2020**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Rural Development Programme/LEADER
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	Donegal Local Community and Development Committee are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/Rural Development Programme 2014-2020
<b>Budget</b>	€12,913,873 <i>Note: Project costs €9,685,406, administration and animation costs €3,228,467</i>
<b>Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status</b>	There are 4 Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development Company (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, who are rolling out the LEADER programme on behalf of the LAG (Local Action Group). 102 projects in Donegal are now approved by Pobal and Letters of Offer have issued/are pending granting LEADER funding to a value of just over €4.5m. Donegal has the highest approved project spend nationally for the LEADER programme to date.
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	The next LCDC/LAG meeting is taken place on the 18 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020 with further projects coming forward for approval. Monthly Evaluation Committee meetings are also being held in order to progress projects to LCDC/LAG stage and the development companies continue to engage with promoters on the ground to develop and assess potential applications and to promote the LEADER programme.
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**Activity / Project Update: February 2020**

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

## Report for Municipal District Meetings

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Donegal Public Participation Network (PPN) Líonra Rannpháirtíochta Pobail Dhún na nGall
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Link through which organisations from the community & voluntary sector have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€80,000.00 per annum
<b>Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status</b>	<p>PPN membership now stands at 564 registered organisations. Donegal MD102, Glenties MD 135, Inishowen MD 104, Letterkenny MD 156, Stranorlar MD 67. The PPN have 39 Representatives on 22 different Committees and Boards.</p> <p>The PPN Secretariat continues to meet on a bi-monthly basis to coordinate the functioning of the PPN in conjunction with the Resource Worker. Annette McGrenra has been appointed as the PPN Support Worker which is a very welcomed development.</p> <p>Donegal PPN has purchased a Property Marking Machine and held its first training Session for local Gardai &amp; LA Staff on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 in LKPSC. Community Groups will be invited to the second training session in a few weeks. Public workshops will take place in the Municipal Districts when training is completed.</p> <p>The first two training sessions for Representative Training took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 in Letterkenny PSC. The Role of the PPN Representative on Donegal County Council's LCDC, SPC's, JPC and other Committees is very important and the training provides information &amp; support on the Role. The next two sessions are to take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.</p>  <p>PPN &amp; Independent Living Movement Ireland (ONISIDE) will deliver a Disability Equality Workshop to Service Users in LKPSC on 12<sup>th</sup> February 10am – 2.00pm. The Workshop is now fully booked.</p> <p>The first Workshops for a Donegal PPN Vision for Community Wellbeing will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> February in The Donegal Municipal District.</p> <p>Re- Registration of PPN Groups will take place in February 2020 and groups will be asked to update their registration details.</p> <p>Secretariat Elections will be held at the PPN AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	Representative Training 6 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020 LKPSC Disability Equality Workshop 12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020 in LKPSC PPN Vision for Community Wellbeing Workshop 18 <sup>th</sup> February PPN AGM/Plenary 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 Regional PPN Meeting 2 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2020 in Castlebar, Co Mayo
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## **Fort Dunree**

### **Platforms for Growth- Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions**

Failte Ireland launched its Platforms for Growth Investment Programme 2019 on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019, the largest investment programme of its kind with €150 million being made available nationwide to benefit tourism with individual grants available for large-scale visitor attractions of €2.5million upwards. Donegal County Council, as applicant, submitted Stage 1 Expression of Interest applications for 5 No. Immersive Heritage & Cultural Attractions projects, at locations spread across the county, by the closing date of 12 noon on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019. All 5 No. projects successfully made it through to Stage 2 of the multi-stage application process. Stage 2 applications for the 5 No. projects listed below were submitted by the closing date of 12 noon 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 with feedback expected by the end of November 2019 on projects progressing to Stage 3 of the application process:

- Fort Dunree;
- Rathmullan ‘The Battery’;
- Ballyshannon Workhouse;
- Glenties ‘The Laurels’;
- Letterkenny Courthouse.

Failte Ireland have now advised Donegal County Council that following a detailed competitive evaluation, in accordance with the awards criteria, Fort Dunree has progressed to the next stage and that an application should be submitted to Stage 3 of the process. The application form and all mandatory documentation, including the business case must be submitted to Failte Ireland by 12.00 on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2020. Discussions are now commencing with the relevant stakeholders.

### **Conservation Plan for Dunree Lighthouse**

Donegal County Council was successful in obtaining funding under the 2019 Built Heritage Funding Scheme for a Conservation report for the Lighthouse in Dunree. The Conservation report has now been completed and this will underpin future funding opportunities for the development of Dunree Lighthouse in collaboration with Donegal County Council, the Dunree Military Museum and the Commissioner of Irish Lights.



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**Economic Development, Information Systems &  
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## 1. Division: Economic Development Unit

### Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	Economic Development Unit
	New Economic Development Unit positioned within the Economic Development, IS & Emergency Services Directorate.
<b>Outline of Work</b>	<p>The Economic Development Unit is focusing on the following areas of work:</p> <p><b>Economic Development Strategy:</b> developing a 5-year Economic Development Strategy for Donegal County Council that will provide a framework to guide the work of the Council enabling us the realise the ambitions set out the recently adopted Corporate Plan. The strategy will set key targets and performance indicators that will assist in monitoring and evaluating effectiveness. The preparation of this strategy will be informed and guided by the new Economic, Enterprise and Emergency Services SPC.</p> <p><b>Tourism Strategy:</b> this strategy will build on the excellent work undertaken by the Council over the last number of years in both marketing Donegal as a destination of choice and in developing the tourism product and visitor experiences. The Tourism Strategy will set out a clear direction on how we can build on our successes and work to continue to increase visitor numbers, spend and dwell time and extend the tourism season across the year.</p> <p><b>Concierge Service:</b> dedicated first point of contact for potential business start-ups or business expansion opportunities offering support and advice in terms of navigating the wide range of Council services and supports.</p> <p><b>Property Solutions:</b> including identification, marketing, option appraisal of Council owned property and land for economic development opportunities including provision of soft landing and second site location opportunities for business.</p>

	<p><b>Proactive engagement:</b> engaging with existing businesses across Donegal with the first event scheduled to take place on 4th March in Letterkenny during Enterprise Week.</p> <p><b>Global engagement:</b> proactively targeting potential FDI opportunities in the US market in collaboration with Derry City &amp; Strabane District Council and working to create a Donegal / North West bias for businesses interested in exploring investment opportunities in the EU and UK. This includes compiling relevant baseline data and information profiling the offer available and providing essential data for location decisionmakers.</p> <p><b>Branding &amp; Marketing:</b> developing a consistent branding and messaging strategy for Donegal as a great place to do business and invest.</p> <p><b>Collaboration:</b> Working with our colleagues in Community Development and Planning Services including the Regeneration and Development Team in progressing a range of strategic projects across the county and ensuring a strong economic development focus.</p> <p><b>Atlantic Economic Corridor:</b> working with Local authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives.</p>
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## 2. Division: Economic Development – Tourism Marketing Unit


<p><b>Outline of activity</b></p>	<p><b>Bundoran Tourism Marketing Initiatives:</b></p> <p>Work underway includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New 48 page brochure and regional visitor map launched on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January at Bundoran Community Centre. Distribution underway.</li> <li>• Promoted Bundoran at Holiday World Show at the RDS from 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> January.</li> <li>• New 2020 Tourism marketing plan for Bundoran being prepared.</li> <li>• Preparation underway for St. Patricks Day celebrations in Bundoran with delegations from Netherlands, UK, Finland, Slovenia and Spain expected. Associated promotional activity including a promo video and live broadcast on Discover Bundoran Facebook.</li> <li>• Preparations underway for Big Week by the Beach in August (12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>); Bia Bundoran Food &amp; Drink Festival in September (18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>) and 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cara Bundoran Challenge (13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> March).</li> <li>• Online digital marketing of Discover Bundoran brand via <a href="http://www.discoverbundoran.com">www.discoverbundoran.com</a> and social media channels – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram &amp; YouTube.</li> <li>• Marketing of Waterworld and Bundoran Seaweed Baths in advance of season 29 opening on Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• Ongoing management of Bundoran Tourist Office.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact person:</b></p>	<p>Shane Smyth, Bundoran Tourism Officer – 087 3737817  <a href="mailto:shane@discoverbundoran.com">shane@discoverbundoran.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Online digital marketing of GoVisitDonegal brand:</b> GoVisitDonegal.com provides information on accommodation, festivals, attractions, travel information etc. and is free for service providers to register and promote their business.</p> <p><b>Website performance highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page views: Jan 2020 vs Jan 2019 - 22,050 vs 11,625 (+89.6%)</li> <li>• Users: Jan 2020 vs Jan 2019 - 8,225 vs 4,036 (+103.8%)</li> <li>• January 2020 website traffic came from <b>64 countries</b> worldwide ranked as follows: US, Ireland, UK, Germany, Canada, Australia, Netherlands, France, Italy, Spain.</li> </ul> <p><b>Go Visit Donegal social media performance –</b>  Last 28 days: Facebook Page: 35,362 followers with top reach: 59,892 and</p>

	<p>Twitter: 13K followers, Tweet impressions: 302K, Profile visits 1,809</p> <p>Last 7 days: Instagram: Followers: 14,605, Reach 13,816, Impressions: 69,542</p> <p>Trade resources page on the GoVisitDonegal.ie provides information for tourism providers including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to register in the Tourism Hub &amp; get listed on the website</li> <li>• How to manage the Tourism Hub account</li> <li>• Submission of Festivals and Events</li> <li>• Donegal Tourism Associate Membership</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact person:</b></p>	<p>Iga Lawne, Community Tourism Officer: <a href="mailto:igalawne@donegalcoco.ie">igalawne@donegalcoco.ie</a> / <a href="mailto:info@govisitdonegal.com">info@govisitdonegal.com</a>  T: 074-972 4475</p>
	<p><b>Holiday World Show 2020</b></p> <p>Donegal Tourism attended the Holiday World Show 2020 in Dublin for the fifth consecutive year.</p> <p>27 tourism businesses from 10 different areas around the county attended the show under the Donegal Tourism umbrella, representing and promoting the following regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donegal Airport,</li> <li>• Discover Bundoran,</li> <li>• Discover Ballyshannon,</li> <li>• Donegal East,</li> <li>• Donegal Self Catering,</li> <li>• Donegal Town,</li> <li>• Letterkenny,</li> <li>• Inishowen,</li> <li>• South Donegal/Gaeltacht,</li> <li>• Northwest/Gaeltacht</li> </ul> <p>This event creates a wonderful platform for the local tourism providers to help promote Donegal as a destination for the benefit of the whole county.</p>
	<p>CAPITEN - a marine themed project funded via the Atlantic Area Programme and is a four year project that commenced in November 2017. This project is led by the Regional Council of Brittany. Website: <a href="http://www.capiten.eu">www.capiten.eu</a></p> <p>Donegal County Council is working with Emagine Media on the production of three VR films showcasing our signature discovery points on the Wild Atlantic Way at Sliabh Liag, Fanad Head and Malin Head and a range of</p>



	<p>marine activities in those areas.</p> <p>Emagine Media worked extensively with local stakeholders in each of the three regions to develop an authentic localised script and local people will provide the voiceover for the films in an authentic Donegal accent.</p> <p>Pico VR headsets have been purchased for use in showing the VR films. 3 will be provided for each of the visitor centres at the three signature points and the other 3 will be retained by Donegal Tourism CLG for use in promoting Donegal at trade shows and other events.</p> <p>The Pico VR headsets were used at the Holiday World Show in Dublin on 25th and 26th January 2020 to showcase County Donegal to visitors. The feedback was excellent.</p> <p>Will be launched at the upcoming Tourism Conference on 13<sup>th</sup> February.</p>
<b>Contact person:</b>	Joy Harron, <a href="mailto:joyharron@donegalcoco.ie">joyharron@donegalcoco.ie</a>
	<p><b>MalinWaters:</b> Marine themed project funded by project partners. <a href="http://www.malinwaters.com">www.malinwaters.com</a></p> <p>This project is funded by partners on an annual basis. The project promotes the shared maritime regions of North West Ireland (Donegal and Sligo) and Northern Ireland. Support has been provided for a number of events in the partner regions including 19 events in Donegal in 2019.</p> <p>Marketing activity for 2019 included promotion of the website <a href="http://www.malinwaters.com">www.malinwaters.com</a>, social media marketing, print advertising in Welcome Anchorages and Yachting Life, Google Ad Words, promotion at trade shows including Boot Dusseldorf and SeaFest.</p> <p>A variety of maritime themed festivals and events received financial support and marketing assistance in 2019 via this project. All partners have been contacted to determine if they will financially support the project in 2020. Depending on this outcome and the budget, a marketing plan will be developed for the coming months.</p>
<b>Contact person:</b>	Joy Harron, <a href="mailto:joyharron@donegalcoco.ie">joyharron@donegalcoco.ie</a>
	<p><b>WAOH! Route Project/Wildsea Europe Network/Heart Project</b>  Website: <a href="http://www.wildsea.eu">www.wildsea.eu</a></p>

	<p>The “WAOH Route: A Dive into Adventure” is the first, European, Sustainable Diving Route and network connecting world-class diving sites from the extreme south in Portugal and Spain to the far north, encompassing Ireland and UK, which embody common European shared values &amp; heritage.</p> <p>WAOH! Route - Total Budget is €374,980 of which Donegal is €62,274</p> <p>The final meeting of the WAOH! Route project Steering Committee took place in Porto on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November and was attended by the Project Officer from the European Commission. The Project Officer was very pleased with the project outputs and the positive partnership collaboration. The project has now concluded and the final financial and technical reports will be completed by the end of February 2020.</p> <p>Wildsea Europe is the network of marine tourism businesses that has been developed as a result of this project. 29 Donegal businesses are listed on <a href="http://www.wildsea.eu">www.wildsea.eu</a> A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wildsea Europe network took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. WILDSEA Europe’s 1<sup>st</sup> International Networking &amp; Knowledge Exchange meeting will take place in Q4 of 2020.</p> <p>The Heart project is a further development of this project partnership and an application for funding has been submitted to the EU Commission. If successful this will allow us to fund a new training programme for tourism operators in Donegal.</p>
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	<p><b>FLAG North</b> – this is a funding opportunity administered by BIM (Bord Iascaigh Mhara) in which Donegal County Council has representatives on the Board of Directors.</p> <p>FLAG (Fisheries Local Action Group) North forms part of Ireland’s European Maritime Fisheries Fund Operational Programme 2014 – 2020, co-funded by the Exchequer and European Union.</p> <p>In Donegal 33 projects received funding in 2017 and 37 projects received funding in 2018. This funding opportunity is open to public bodies, community groups, charities, businesses in the seafood and marine sector and those outside that sector. There is funding for festivals and events.</p> <p>The most recent funding call closed on 31st January with project</p>

	<p>assessment taking place in February 2020. Projects are eligible if they are located within a 10km coastal strip around County Donegal, taking in much on west Donegal.</p>
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	<p><b>boot Dusseldorf 2020</b>          Donegal County Council hosted a tourism stand at this exhibition in January. It runs over 9 days and is the world’s largest boat and watersports tourism show in the world. boot Düsseldorf 2020 made history again with 250,000 visitors from 106 countries and 1,900 exhibitors, who all came together at the trade fair, held at a gigantic exhibition arena measuring 2,5 million square feet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Situated in the Travelworld Hall in a central location along the central walkway which insured the stand was very busy.</li> <li>• 20 minute presentation each day on Donegal at both the Holiday World main stage and the World of Paddling and Watersports stage.</li> <li>• Mobile virtual reality tours of Donegal and Sliabh Liag distilleries tastings were available.</li> <li>• Donegal Marine Tourism trade were also on the stand.</li> </ul> 
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	<p><b>Donegal Tourism Brochure 2020:</b> new 64 page full colour brochure to be launched on 13 February and will be distributed nationally and available for all marketing events.</p>
<p><b>Contact person:</b></p>	<p>Mary Fowley Daly, Tel: + 353 74 9724484   Email: <a href="mailto:mdaly@donegalcoco.ie">mdaly@donegalcoco.ie</a></p>

	<p><b>Donegal Tourism Seminar</b> – will take place on 13 February in the Villa Rose Hotel, Ballybofey.</p> <p>‘Partnership through Tourism’ is the theme of the seminar this year and travel experts are set to share their expertise on sustainable tourism, tourism strategies and marketing techniques.</p> <p>Guest speakers will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Niamh Slone - Digital Marketing Manager, Fáilte Ireland,</li> <li>• Geraldine Egan - Industry Liaison Officer, Tourism Ireland,</li> <li>• Dr. Cara Augustenborg – Sustainable Tourism Expert,</li> <li>• James Doherty – Founder and MD of Sliabh Liag Distillery,</li> <li>• Garry Martin – Director of Economic Development, IS and Emergency Services</li> <li>• Nick Hall- Founder and Managing Director, Global Think Tank</li> </ul> <p>The event is free of charge and open to the public. Registration is open on eventbrite and an invite will be distributed to all members.</p>
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	<p><b>Gaeltacht Tourism Officer:</b> along with a number of other Donegal based businesses, the Gaeltacht attended Tourism Ireland’s first promotion of 2020 in Glasgow in January - Celtic Connections.</p> <p>30 Irish tourism businesses took part in a B2B workshop and networking event with travel professionals from Scotland and the north of England. Tourism Ireland is rolling out a new ‘twinning’ initiative which will see overseas markets ‘twinning with a specific region in Ireland with Great Britain twinning with Donegal and Derry.</p>
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	<p><b>Donegal Town – Development Hub</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Donegal Chamber on various events including exploring the St. Patrick’s Day and extending the festival, assist in the submission of Failte Ireland Funding.</li> <li>• Foodie Destination Award – Donegal Town</li> <li>• Continue to work with Donegal Community Chamber on its annual</li> </ul>

	<p>calendar of events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work alongside Donegal Town Business Focus Group on its retail strategy</li> </ul>
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	<p><b>Donegal showcasing at the Milwaukee Irish Fest 2020:</b>  Building on the festival’s strong relationship with Donegal, this year’s Donegal 2020 showcase will spread the word of Donegal as the number 1 destination in Ireland.</p> <p>The event attracts an audience of over 120,000 people.</p> <p>Our dedicated Donegal festival stage will host an impressive roster of musicians from Donegal throughout the weekend.</p> <p>Donegal will have a booth at the Irish Destinations area so attendees can learn about all things Donegal. A Donegal Chef will hold various cookery demonstrations displaying the best of Donegal cuisine.</p> <p>In the <b>Cultural Pavilion</b>, exhibits and displays featuring the art and history of Donegal will be on display. In the <b>Hedge School pavilion</b>, there will be presentations and storytelling by Donegal storytellers.</p> <p>Local tourism businesses have been invited to showcase their business offering and we are finalising numbers for this.</p>
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	<p><b>North West City Marketing Plan:</b>  Donegal County Council and Derry and Strabane District Council are working on developing a Regional Tourism Programme that encompasses a co-ordinated destination campaign with associated marketing collateral that aligns with local, national and regional tourism strategies and will support the North West City Region where tourism has been identified as a key proposition. Activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• production of 6 videos showcasing the region and</li> <li>• the preparation of a suite of photography for use in promoting the region.</li> </ul>

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### 3. Division: Economic Development Unit – Research and Policy

#### Project / Activity Report

	<p><b>Research &amp; Policy Unit</b></p> <p><i>‘To strategically guide policy decisions &amp; investments in County Donegal through the provision of baseline data, research, policy, planning, monitoring and evaluation expertise’</i></p>
<p><b>Progress to date within the April – Dec 2019</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contractualisation of Trail Gazers including all financial and legal matters upon which the subsidy contract &amp; partnership agreements are based/ Liaison with Joint Secretariat, 9 Transnational Atlantic Partners etc ( Jan – April, 2019)</li> <li>• Organisation of first AEC Taskforce Meeting in Donegal, 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. Actively participated in all AEC Officer Network Meetings.</li> <li>• Developed Commercial Workspace App for Ballybofey Stranorlar Pilot/ Liaised with estate agents, development agencies, private property owners etc/ mapped all space.</li> <li>• Monitoring and Evaluating the LECP - currently we have over 150 projects captured on our tailored monitoring system and we will be working on a 1-1 basis with all key stakeholders to ensure updates for the LCDC Meeting in December.</li> <li>• Assisted with the organisation &amp; promotion of the ‘Careers Fair for Young People with Disabilities or Additional Support Needs ‘ in the LYIT 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019</li> <li>• Provided research support to finalise an ‘optimal locational choice model for sheltered housing’ in Donegal</li> <li>• Facilitated selection of optimal trail development options in central Inishowen e.g. Tip O Neill Trail, Doris Russo Trail etc</li> <li>• Provide statistical indicators for Review of Corporate Plan</li> <li>• Data to support presentations to potential investor (26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2019), to Donegal Connect Business Breakfast (2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019), to DBEI Funding Pitch for DAC Alpha Project (16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019)</li> <li>• Report on Health Care Services, Businesses &amp; Demographic Impacts, 15 March 2019</li> <li>• Statistics in respect of Korean Ambassador (17 Oct 2019).</li> <li>• Organisation of consultations between Western Development Commission who are coordinating the development of the new AEC Strategy on behalf of the DRCD &amp; Key Officials in Donegal County Council.</li> <li>• Development of scoping paper for the capture of KPI Indicators for County Donegal</li> </ul>

<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research on the Socio Economic Impact of Digital Hubs on Rural Communities in association with Kerry &amp; Galway City &amp; County Council</li> <li>• Coordinate the Monitoring &amp; Evaluation Report for LCDC meeting Feb 2020</li> <li>• Population of KPI Indicators</li> <li>• Ongoing management of requests for statistical information</li> <li>• Represent Donegal County Council on the CYSPE Economic Sub Group &amp; provision of baseline data to inform new Children’s Services Plan.</li> <li>• Review of Economic Opportunity Sites in County Donegal.</li> </ul>
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## 4. Division: Economic Development - Local Enterprise Office

### Project / Activity Report

The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) as the “first stop shop” plays a major role in offering expertise, know-how and financial support to local small businesses, enabling them to grow and thrive. Supports can be categorised under 4 core pillars, notably Financial, Capability Development, Enterprise Promotion and Economic & Other initiatives.

#### 1.0 Financial Support

- Start Up/Business Expansion

For existing companies and potential start-ups that meet eligibility criteria (such as manufacturing/added value/ internationally traded services, employing 10 or fewer people with the potential for growth and job creation), the Local Enterprise Office can offer three types of financial supports:

- Feasibility/Innovation Funding

Up to 60% of the cost of undertaking a feasibility study on an innovative new product or service may be considered subject to a maximum of €20,000.

- Priming (Start Up) Grant Aid

Our Priming Funding is designed to assist a micro-enterprise within the first 18 months of start-up. It covers 50% of eligible costs, subject to a maximum contribution of €80,000.

- Business Expansion Grant

Our Business Expansion Funding is designed to assist a micro-enterprise that has been trading for over 18 months. It covers 50% of eligible costs, subject to a maximum contribution of €80,000.

*In 2019, 41 grants to a value of €630,000 were awarded to local businesses.*

#### **Technical Assistance for Micro-Exporters (TAME) Grant**

The TAME grant supports clients to explore and develop new export market opportunities, such as participation in international trade fairs and development of export-related marketing materials and websites. With a focus on helping companies to diversify, this scheme is a matched-funding opportunity with up to €2,500 available.

#### **Trading Online Voucher Scheme**

An initiative under the Government’s National Digital Strategy, the Trading Online Voucher Scheme helps small businesses trade more online to boost their sales and reach new markets.

This scheme is a matched-funding opportunity with up to €2,500 available, with training and further supports provided by the Local Enterprise Office. Funding can be used towards eligible costs such as digital marketing strategies, e-commerce websites or app development. This grant is available to all businesses operating for more than 6 months and employing less than 10 employees, including those in the retail and tourism sector.

### **Agile Innovation Fund**

The **Agile Innovation Fund** helps support product, service and process innovation to build competitive advantage. The new Agile Innovation Fund is open to eligible Local Enterprise Office clients and it allows companies to access up to 50% in support towards innovation projects with a total cost of up to €300,000.

### **Microfinance Loans (through Microfinance Ireland)**

The Local Enterprise Office can work with clients on their application to Microfinance Ireland (MFI) for small business loans of between €2,000 and €25,000 (unsecured). Loans for commercially viable proposals can be used to help fund start-up costs, working capital or business expansion.

### **Brexit Loan Scheme**

The new Brexit Loan Scheme, which was announced in the 2018 budget, will provide affordable financing to businesses that are either currently impacted by Brexit or will be in the future. The Scheme, which will be delivered by the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI) through commercial lenders will make €300 million available to eligible businesses with up to 499 employees at an interest rate of 4% or less.

### **Brexit Stimulus Package**

The Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation has announced an additional budget allocation of €3m to the border LEOs in 2020 as a stimulus measure to mitigate any Brexit related slowdown. Full programme details will be announced shortly.

## ***2.0 Capability Development***

The Local Enterprise Office provides a broad suite of training, management development, mentoring and peer-learning programmes all aimed at increasing the capability of owner managers and their key internal staff. These include:

### **Mentoring**

Under the Mentor Programme, clients work with an experienced mentor on a one-to-one basis to address key challenges within their business.

### **Brexit Mentoring**

Through the Local Enterprise Office, small companies can get one-to-one mentoring on issues affecting them around Brexit.

### **Profitnet**

Profitnet is a highly successful business development and support programme which has benefited 180 Donegal businesses to date. The programme runs for a period of up to 18 months and involves monthly group meetings with peer business owners, which are facilitated to ensure there is an exchange of innovative and creative business solutions. New groups are being formed in 2020.

### **Training**

A range of tailored training programmes are provided including Start your Own Business, Preparing for Customs and Small Business Accounts.

**LEAN for Micro** – a programme tailored to the needs of each business which aims to improve efficiencies and profitability.

**Achieve** - Business Coaching Programme for the Owner Manger. An 18 month programme aimed at owner managers of micro and small businesses that want to drive the development of their businesses through increased sales in the national or international markets, increase profitability and sustainability and in turn increase employment. Priority will be given to existing clients of the Local Enterprise office Donegal.

**Gateway to Growth International Export Programme** – Led by Derry City and Strabane District Council and Donegal County Council, the programme comprises of export workshops, one to one reviews and a North West Trade Mission financed by The Executive Office and the Irish Government.

### **3.0 Enterprise Promotion**

Under the Service Level Agreement between Enterprise Ireland on behalf of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, a key area of activity of the local Authority/Local Enterprise Office is the promotion of an enterprise culture and entrepreneurship within the county. Activities under this include:

#### **Local Enterprise Week**

Local Enterprise Week 2020 will take place from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020. 23 enterprise related events will be organised by the LEO with the support of a range of agencies offering brilliant advice, information and inspiration. There will be activity and advice across the County with a range of high profile speakers and local businesses taking to the stage to share their stories.

#### **Business Information Session**

Every month we host a business information session, which offers the opportunity for those that are in business or thinking of setting up a business to learn about the supports and services of the Local Enterprise Office Donegal

#### **Student Enterprise Programme**

The Student Enterprise Programme is currently delivered across 22 schools in the County, engaging over 1200 students. The county final is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> 2020.

### **Enterprise Awards**

Donegal Enterprise Awards is an opportunity to celebrate the success, ambition and endeavour of small businesses in Donegal. Winners have enjoyed considerable success in recent years with many of the local winners going on to enjoy regional and national success.

## ***4.0 Economic & Other Initiatives***

The LEO is engaged in a wide range of other initiatives, including;

**The Food Coast – Donegal’s Good Food Initiative** was developed by the Local Enterprise Office Donegal as a programme to support the development, growth and ambition of the Donegal food sector. There is a growing ambition of making Donegal famous for food. The Food Coast Network is made up of Donegal food businesses which have an active interest in being part of the evolving Donegal food story.

**The Food Coast – Mark of Origin** is an initiative which aims to celebrate those that make and grow food in the county and the outlets that champion Donegal producers.

### **The Creative Coast**

Under the Creative Coast initiative there are several creative industries programmes, training courses and sector-specific creative networking and promotional opportunities planned for 2020. Creative Coast has a Craft & Design training programme ongoing in association with the Design & Craft Council of Ireland and will continue to work with DCCI to develop new programmes.

### **Enterprise Europe Network**

Enterprise Europe Network based in the LEO, helps Irish businesses innovate and grow internationally and is delivered by a partnership between Enterprise Ireland, Cork Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Chamber of Commerce and the Local Enterprise Offices. LEO Donegal manages the delivery of the programme through the 31 LEOs.

### **Donegal Diaspora**

The Donegal Diaspora project was established within Donegal County Council to act as a resource for the economic, social and cultural development of Donegal through working in an innovative and collaborative way to connect Donegal with its global family. The objective of which is to create opportunities and networks to connect with the Diaspora and to showcase and promote Donegal widely.

**EIS:** The Everywhere International SMEs (EIS) project brings together nine partners from seven regions across Europe. The EIS project aims at promoting excellence in regional business support systems for internationalising SMEs by sharing and embedding best practices to enable more SMEs to expand their business across borders.

**Co-Innovate:** A programme supported by the European Union's INTERREG VA Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body, which helps SMEs to explore innovation practices and boost their bottom line. Support provided ranges from free workshops tailored to suit each individual business, to innovation audits and one-to-one expert mentoring.

**NICHE** - Building innovative food value chains in regions. The NICHE project addresses challenges arising from changes in the food sector and will explore the potential of using information technology to increase innovation in seven European regions where food is important for jobs and economic growth. NICHE aims to develop innovation among companies among the partnering countries.

**SinCE-AFC** – The LEO is a partner in an EU Project aimed at involving SMEs in the Agri-Food chain in the Circular Economy.

**PASSPARTOOL** – LEO Donegal is also partner in an EU project aimed at developing key tools to assess and improve soft innovation i.e. non-R&D innovation, within SMEs.

The Local Enterprise Office also engages in the Regional Enterprise Plan delivery and co-ordination, contributes to the LCDC and LAG in Donegal and to the project evaluation committees of DLDC and IDP and to the Creative Ireland sub-committee in Donegal County Council

## LEO Donegal - Performance Metrics

<b>Jobs:</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>
LEO Client Portfolio	239	251
Total Portfolio Employment (All Jobs, both FT & PT)	1,331	1,401
Net Jobs Increase (All Jobs created minus all Job Losses)	57	70
<b>Measure 1( Grant Aid)</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>
<b>Number of Clients Approved Funding:</b>	41	60
No. of projected potential new jobs associated with Approvals (Priming & Business Expansion)	78	110
<b>Measure 2( Non grant supports)</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>
<b>Training/Development Programmes (All Training and Networking events)</b>		
Total No. of All Programmes (Training/Networking/Events/Seminars)	69	60
Total No. of all Participants participating in above Programmes	2,532	2,000
<b>Mentoring:</b>		
Total Number of individual mentoring – (participants availing of one to one mentoring – one to one engagement by a Mentor with one client)	106	140
<b>Schools Entrepreneurship:</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>
Number of Schools Participating (Secondary schools only engaged in school enterprise programmes)	22	22
Number of Students Participating	1,261	1,200
<b>Trading On Line Vouchers:</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>
No. of Trading Online Vouchers approved	42	45
<b>Export Enterprise Development Programme</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>
No. of clients undertaking Export Enterprise Development Programmes in Enterprise Ireland	9	32
<b>Enterprise Europe Network</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>
Number of Firms attending events	10	15
Number of Brokerage Events	2	2
Number of firms at brokerage events	240	200
Number of ASO and PA	4	10
<b>Donegal Diaspora</b>	<b>Output 2019</b>	<b>Target 2020</b>
Events	7	5
Newsletter issues	2	4
Number of business enquiries generated	3	6
International Committee meetings	2	2

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## 5. Division: Information Systems

### Activity/Project Update

Activity / Project Title	Information Systems
	<p>The Information Systems Department provides core Infrastructure, Software, ICT Systems and Device support to Donegal County Council staff and Elected Members.</p>
<p><b>Outline of Work</b></p>	<p><b>Scale:</b> Donegal County Council’s Information Technology infrastructure serves 107 locations countywide and is one of the largest Local Authority networks in Ireland. The infrastructure comprises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 91 Servers</li> <li>• 1,274 Desktop &amp; Notebook Computers</li> <li>• 428 Printers/Scanners/Plotters</li> <li>• 263 Tablets</li> <li>• 640 Mobile Phones</li> <li>• 200 Other Data devices</li> <li>• 11 PABX</li> <li>• 900+ Telephone handsets and 1,800 Extensions</li> </ul> <p>Together with this ICT infrastructure, a wide range of Council business systems and applications are managed on an on-going basis. In addition to operational support on the networks and applications, a comprehensive systems programme is implemented annually.</p> <p><b>Infrastructure Upgrade:</b> Over the Period 2020 – 2022 the Information Systems Department will be undertaking a major upgrade of its network to maintain operational efficiency in a rapidly developing environment. Upgrades will fall into the following main categories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networking Improvements (Wide Area Network Upgrades/Government Networks Connections)</li> <li>• Storage Solutions</li> <li>• Backup &amp; Business Continuity Solutions</li> <li>• Telephony Systems Replacements and Upgrades</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hardware Replacement and Upgrades</li> <li>• Information and Security Solutions</li> <li>• Upgraded Corporate Applications</li> <li>• Additional Council Buildings – Network Connectivity</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Software Upgrades and Systems Development:</u></b></p> <p>The systems programme is designed to support the Council’s Corporate Plan and Customer Services Action Plan. It assists business units in Donegal County Council to work more efficiently and effectively, as well as delivering improved customer service applications.</p> <p>Key projects for 2020 include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing development of eCouncil system</li> <li>• Development of Mica Redress support system</li> <li>• Office Automation Software Upgrades</li> <li>• Upgrade of GIS Portal and mapping services</li> <li>• Management Reporting</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Daragh McDonough IS Project Leader 074-9172450

### Activity/Project Update

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>WiFi4EU</b>
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	WiFi4EU is an EU sponsored initiative to create free public WiFi spaces within the Digital Single Market. Municipalities across Europe had the opportunity to apply for a max of 4 Vouchers. DCC were successful in winning 4 vouchers to the value of €60,000. The Department of Rural & Community Development will match fund each voucher +€60,000. DCC to invest additional €30,000 to create budget total of €150,000 or €30,000 per Municipal District. Propose to install 75 outdoor public WiFi access points throughout County Donegal to create centres of public connectivity.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€150,000
<b>Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of</b>	Proposed Locations already agreed with MD members. Tender designed, published and awarded in November 2019

<b>current status</b>	Sord Data Systems Ltd has been appointed as project contractor.  The selected towns in the Inishowen MD are as follows: Ballyliffin, Burnfoot, Buncrana, Carrigans, Greencastle, Malin, Manorcunningham, Moville, Muff, Newtowncunningham
<b>Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period</b>	Start Social Media campaign to publicise locations Start contacting business to agree host locations on a phased basis Commence ordering broadband lines when hosts agreed SORD to commence installing equipment and connecting locations
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Daragh McDonough – Broadband Officer <a href="mailto:dmcdonough@donegalcoco.ie">dmcdonough@donegalcoco.ie</a> 074 9172450

## Activity/Project Update

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>NBP – National Broadband Plan</b>
<b>Activity / Project Description</b>	The NBP was signed by Government in November 2019 and will deliver High Speed Broadband to all rural Premises as defined in the Amber areas of the National Broadband Plan Map. The NBP will invest €135m in fibre infrastructure in County Donegal over the 7 years of the rollout and will connect 32,130 premises. National Broadband Ireland (NBI) is the consortium which will deliver the network and the NBP contract is managed by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment. Liaison with NBI is through the Broadband Officer in Donegal County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development. Early implementation of the NBP in 2020 will see the rollout of Community Broadband Connection Points (BCP's). These centres will act as locations where High Speed Broadband is available in a local community setting or strategic site until the NBP Fibre is implemented. During 2020 NBI will be carrying out route proofing and surveying in preparation for fibre rollouts commencing in 2021.
<b>Budget</b> <i>(if applicable)</i>	
<b>Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status</b>	12 BCP's have been identified in County Donegal including the following two in the Inishowen Municipal District; Malin Head public toilet building providing outdoor wifi access to support the tourism development of the site Fort Dunree – both indoors and outdoors wifi. This site has potential to develop Digital working space

<b>Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period</b>	Drawdown €600 capitation grant for each BCP from DRCD Facilitate Site surveys at BCP's
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Daragh McDonough – Broadband Officer <a href="mailto:dmcDonough@donegalcoco.ie">dmcDonough@donegalcoco.ie</a> 074 9172450

## 6.Division - Emergency Services

Data for November and December 2019 and Yearly Totals		
Activity	Number of	Total for year
<b>Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal:</b>	122	819
<b>Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades):</b>	139	971
<b>Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire &amp; Rescue Service (NIFRS)):</b>	13	92
<b>Fire Safety Certificate (FSC) applications received:</b>	37	189
<b>FSC applications waiting to be assessed:</b>	10	10
<b>FSC applications assessed and waiting for Further Information:</b>	31	31
<b>FSC decisions made:</b>	18	152
<b>Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:</b>	0	8
<b>Dangerous Substance Licences issued:</b>	0	2
<b>Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:</b>	0	12
<b>Inspections and auditing carried out:</b> <i>(Fire Services Act 1981 &amp; 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 &amp; 2007)</i>	24	253
<b>Fire Safety complaints received:</b>	1	14
<b>Fire Safety complaints dealt with:</b>	1	14
<b>During Performance Inspections (DPIs) carried out:</b>	0	0
Notable Activities / Projects		

<p>Capital Investment</p>	<p><b>Water Tanker</b>  Water Tankers are used to ferry water to fire brigade incidents where water supplies may be limited or non-existent. At the moment there are no water tankers operating within Donegal Fire Service.  A specification is currently being drafted for a new 10,000l water tanker and the project is expected to go to tender sometime in 2020.</p> <p><b>Incident Command Vehicle</b>  Incident Command Vehicles are used to provide a physical space on the incident ground where large-scale incidents can be managed by the Incident Commander and their support staff.  In 2019 Donegal Fire Service procured a pre-owned vehicle from another Fire Authority and the specification for the fit-out of this vehicle is currently under way. It is expected that the vehicle will go into operation later on in 2020.</p> <p><b>New Class B Appliance</b>  The Council took delivery of a new Class B Appliance (fire engine) in July 2019 which was allocated to Gaoth Dobhair Fire Brigade.  The new appliance is based on the Scania P320 chassis which has an integrated crew-cab and individual seating for up to eight fire-fighters.  The new appliance cost approximately four hundred and fifty thousand Euros and was fully funded by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government under its <i>2018 – 2020 Fire Service Fleet Renewal Programme</i>.</p>
<p>Severe Weather Events</p>	<p>Donegal County Council formally established a <i>Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT)</i>, headed up by the Director of Emergency Services, in early 2019. The role of this team is to assess incoming weather forecasts, weather warnings, flood alerts and other such metrological and hydrological information to ensure that the Council is well informed to enable it react efficiently to severe weather events.</p> <p>This team was last activated for <i>Storm Brendan</i> on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Advance measures were put in place, particularly along the south coast of the county where coastal flooding was expected.</p> <p>Thankfully the storm passed without causing too much damage as the impact of the storm wasn't as severe as it could have been.</p>
<p>Centenary Medals</p>	<p>All members of Donegal Fire Service who served in 2016 are to be presented with special medals to mark their contribution to the 1916 Easter Rising centenary commemorations.</p> <p>These medals have now been distributed to all fire authorities in the State and plans are underway within Donegal to arrange for a single presentation event for eligible Donegal Fire Service personnel, both serving and retired, to receive their medals.</p>

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**Inishowen MD Meeting**

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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<b>4</b>	<b>Central Planning Unit</b>									
	(1) <i>Letterkenny</i>	<p>Continuing the ongoing programme of engagement between Planning Section staff and Members, the latest MD Workshop was scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. The agenda for this Workshop was designed to provide a focus on relevant key strategic engineering issues with relevant engineering staff scheduled to attend.</p> <p>In the meantime, ongoing Plan development work is continuing and includes, inter alia, the following areas of work:</p> <p>~ finalisation by consultants, in consultation with the Council's Planning and Engineering sections, of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for the town, which will be used to inform land-use zoning recommendations;</p> <p>~ finalisation by consultants, in consultation with the Council's Planning and Engineering section, of a review and update of the traffic modelling that was undertaken as part of the Letterkenny Integrated Land Use and Transportation Study (ILUTS) in 2009, with a view to informing an updated Local Transport Plan for Letterkenny; and</p> <p>~ finalisation by Irish Water, in consultation with the Council's Planning and Water Services sections, of a Wastewater Network Development Plan for the town, which Plan will set out how the town's foul sewer network should be expanded to accommodate the growth ambitions for the town..</p> <p>Other areas of work are also continuing including, inter alia,</p>								



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	<p>continued engagement with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~the Economic Development section with regard to the economic development strategy for Letterkenny and how this should inform the Letterkenny Plan; and</li> <li>~ the Regeneration and Development Team to ensure that both areas of work dovetail appropriately .</li> </ul>
<i>(2) Buncrana Local Area Plan</i>	<p>ICLRD (The International Centre for Local and Regional Development), have commenced their 10 week project period to prepare a comprehensive strategic study on the future direction and economic positioning of the town of Buncrana. ICLRd and Planning staff already had a very productive meeting with the Inishowen MD Members on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020. A schedule of further detailed cross-sector stakeholder consultation events will be held during February (Members have already been advised separately regarding these detailed arrangements). The entire project is anticipated to complete towards the end of March 2020.</p> <p>The findings of the Study will be presented to the Inishowen Members during early Q2 2020.</p> <p>This Study will assist in informing both the Local Area Plan for the town and decisions around the future strategic positioning and direction(s) of Buncrana, in addition to potential future strategic regeneration funding applications.</p> <p>Queens University of Belfast students conducted study visits to <b><u>Buncrana and Merville</u></b> as part of their studies in Masters course in Urban Planning on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020. This is to complete their module in 'Design in the Built Environment' and their course director has selected the towns of Buncrana and Merville to use as their case studies.</p> <p>The Central Planning Unit assisted the students during their study visits by way of facilitating and identifying site specific areas that might be of particular interest in terms of their work programme and course module. It is anticipated that the students will share their end work/results with DCC and the MD Members. More information in this regard will be forthcoming in due course. Please note that this Queens University project is a standalone and separate piece of work to that being carried out by ICRLD and whilst we hope to benefit from the end results and recommendations our role is to provide some local knowledge and assistance during the study visits only.</p>
<i>(3) Bundoran</i>	<p>Preliminary work has begun in relation to the targeted intervention measures previously discussed and agreed in principle with Members. Further details will be provided in due</p>

<p>(4) <i>County Development Plan 2018-2024 (CDP 2018-2024)</i></p>	<p>course.</p> <p><b><u>Wind Energy; and TEN-T Priority Roads Project</u></b>  The 2020 Work Programme for the Central Planning Unit already includes the preparation of Variations in relation to the following key policy areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wind Energy; and</li> <li>2. TEN-T Priority Roads Project</li> </ol> <p>The requirement for the Wind Energy Variation has been accelerated following the publication of the Draft Revised Wind Energy Guidelines, December 2019. A link to this document was forwarded to Members on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 and Members were advised that a detailed report on the Draft Guidelines was presented to the January 2020 Plenary Council Meeting. Following a request made at the Plenary meeting, Members were invited to forward comments to the Planning Section by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 so that they could be incorporated into the Council's submission to the Draft Guidelines.</p> <p>The requirement for the TEN-T Variation is also being advanced on foot of the publication of the TEN-T Preferred Route Corridors report in January, 2020.</p> <p><b><u>Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy; and Two-Year Review</u></b>  The Work Programme also includes the preparation of either a single Chief Executive's Report, or separate Reports in relation to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A '2-year' report on 'the progress achieved in securing the objectives' of the County Development Plan, as required under Section 15 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended); and</li> <li>b. Following the making of the Northern and Western Regional Assembly's Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, consideration of the consistency of the Donegal County Development Plan, 2018-2024 as required under Sections 11 and 27 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (As Amended).</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Plenary Workshop on Foot Of Councillor C. Brogan Motion</u></b>  At the Plenary Council meeting of January, 2020 Councillor Brogan submitted the following motion:</p> <p><i>"I propose that we as a Council review the County</i></p>
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## Planning Services Report

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	<p>(5) <i>Town &amp; Village Renewal Programme (2016) projects</i></p>	<p>Specialist Conservation Architect, Duncan McLaren of Dedalus Architecture is continuing the work to prepare the Ramelton Action Plan for Renewal and Regeneration including identification of proposals for enhancement of civic and public space. It is hoped that a Draft Action Plan will have been published prior to the date of the next Letterkenny MD meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. A verbal update will be provided at that meeting.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Further Information</b> Click on web links to access information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly List of applications and decisions: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/">http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/</a></li> <li>• Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): <a href="mailto:planning@donegalcoco.ie">planning@donegalcoco.ie</a></li> <li>• Planning Webpage: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/">www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/</a></li> <li>• Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: <a href="http://www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp">www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp</a></li> <li>• File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: <a href="http://www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf">www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</a></li> </ul>