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Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 14ú Meán Fomhair 2021, **ag 1.00 r.n.**

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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**Aeidín Ní Dhochartaigh
Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
8th September 2021

NOTICE OF MEETING

A "cisco wevex" Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 **at 1.00p.m.**

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

p.p.lna C.ghnail

**Aideen Doherty
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the July Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 13th July 2021
2. Planning
3. Environment
4. Community Development
5. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
6. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
7. Roads & Transportation
8. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT 'CISCO WEBEX MEETING' HELD ON TUESDAY 13th July 2021 at 1.00pm

Councillors Present:

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

Officials Present:

John McLaughlin, Chief Executive Officer, Aideen Doherty, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate, Una Cresswell, A/Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager, Roads and Transportation, Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Mathew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, Ciaran Martin, Senior Development Officer, Economic Development, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development and Leona Finley, Assistant Planner.

21.60 Protocol for Remote Meetings

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr Bernard McGuinness welcomed everybody to the meeting and it was acknowledged that this was his first meeting as Cathaoirleach of Inishowen Municipal District. He congratulated Cllr Jack Murray on being elected Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council and wished him well in the role

Cllr McGuinness reminded the attendees of the meeting, of the protocol for remote participation as previously advised in the amendment to standing orders.

21.61 Consideration of the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District "cisco web meeting" held on 8th June 2021

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Nicholas Crossan, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 8th June 2021 were agreed.

21.62 Consideration of the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Annual General Meeting "cisco web meeting" held on 22nd June 2021

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Nicholas Crossan, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 22nd June 2021 were agreed.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of both the Municipal District Meeting and the Annual General Meeting.

21.63 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES

The report was taken as read by Ciaran Martin, Senior Development Officer, Economic Development

21.63.01 Outdoor Seating and Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality Business Scheme

Ciaran Martin advised that as detailed in the report, a total of 205 completed applications have been received to date with 187 letters of offers issued. Cllr Albert Doherty asked if there were any planning

issues arising from the scheme. Ciaran Doherty advised that he would get details of any issues but understood that there were few refusals. He added that the Council have endeavoured to make the scheme as simple as possible.

21.63.02 Remote Working

Ciaran Martin advised that the new Donegal Remote Working Strategy for Business was officially launched on 24th of June, 2021. It was noted that the Council is committed to the strategy which is aimed at maximising the opportunities arising for the county as a destination of choice for remote working.

21.63.03 Caravan and Camping Survey

Ciaran Martin advised that there was a massive response to the Caravan and Camping Survey and that feedback on the survey would be provided to the members in August.

21.63.04 National Broadband Plan Roll Out

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to his request at the last meeting regarding following on why there is such slow progress of the National Broadband roll out. He reiterated his request that his concerns be relayed to minister Ryan Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications...requesting an update. He mentioned his previous proposal in regard to the difficulties students faced during the pandemic in accessing the internet for their studies and the importance of Donegal having high speed access to the internet. This request was relayed to David McCourt, Chairperson of the National Broadband Ireland Company at the time. Ciaran Martin agreed to pass these concerns on to the relevant personnel.

21.63.05 Digital Connected Hubs

Cllr Albert Doherty sought clarification on where the six digital hubs are located in the county. Ciaran advised that the current hubs are scattered across the county and are as follows:

- WestBIC Kilcar / gTeic - Cill Chártaigh (WestBIC)
- BASE Stranorlar
- G-Teic GaothDobhair
- Craoibhin Community Enterprise Centre (Termon)
- Bundoran Community Centre
- Spraio agus Sport, Carndonagh

21.63.06 Tourism Strategy

Cllr Bernard McGuinness thanked Ciaran Martin for the report. He said that he believed that there are many tourism opportunities to be grasped at particularly in relation to marine tourism potential. He referred to the excellent and positive Northwest FLAG (Fisheries Local Action Group) funded launch of Malin Waters in 2017 that is now hardly ever mentioned. It was at the time, part of the tourism strategy in relation to marinas and pontoons. He suggested shipwreck sites along the coasts of Donegal as possible tourist attractions. He proposed that a Tourism Workshop should be organised. Cllr Martin McDermott said that he was aware of a number of tourism projects sitting ready to go if funding became available for them.

Ciaran Martin agreed to arrange a workshop with his colleagues in this regard and confirmed that the officials from the Strategic Funding Unit would be invited to attend.

21.64 PLANNING

Cllr Albert Doherty welcomed Killian Smith, Executive Planner to the meeting. The Planning Report was taken as read.

21.64.01 Planning Clinics

Cllr Bernard McGuinness sought clarification on when face to face planning clinics would recommence. Killian Smith advised that this would depend on national government guidelines under the current pandemic Covid 19 arrangements.

21.64.02 EPA Code of Practice

Killian Smith advised that the revised EPA Code of Practice was not resulting in the invalidation of planning applications and that planning agents are required to familiarise themselves with any changes. The Code of Practice is available on the Council's website, he added.

21.64.03 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund - Strategic Master Plan and Design for Buncrana

Killian Smith advised that the Rural Regeneration Development Fund proposal for a master plan in Buncrana would most likely be presented as a Part 8 at a later date. Cllr Rena Donaghey asked if an outdoor coldwater pool at the Shore Front could be considered as an option in the application. She referred to pools in Bundoran and Dungloe which are very popular. Cllr Jack Murray concurred with this suggestion and indicated that it was too late to include it with part of the application at this stage but it could possibly be submitted in part two of the application. Cllr Nicholas Crossan said that the development of a pool could give leeway to opening up the diving board in Buncrana Shore Front. He further added that there are at least two hundred people swimming in Buncrana every day of the year.

The consensus of the members was that development of this nature would be a huge all year round tourist attraction.

Killian Smith advised that the regeneration team were already aware of the suggestion for the cold water pool. He advised that the RRDF deadline for submission of the application for Buncrana has been extended and that it may be possible to include this additional proposal.

21.64.04 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund - Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update on the progress of the Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project. Killian Smith advised that he will update the members at the next Inishowen Municipal District Meeting.

Cllr Martin Farren congratulated Paul Kelly, Senior Executive Planner and his team and requested that Moville and the surrounding area could be considered for any funding if eligible under a regeneration

category. He said he would like a meeting with Paul Kelly to discuss this. Cllr Bernard McGuinness said Moville was classed as a Heritage Town.

Cllr Paul Canning and Cllr McGuinness both thanked the planning service for all their hard work in recent times.

21.65 ENVIRONMENT

Mathew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer presented the Environment report to the members and briefed the members on the various campaigns that are currently in place. He said that it has been a very busy time for the Environment team.

21.65.01 'Love This Place, Leave No Trace' Campaign

Mathew Byrne referred to the successful campaign Leave No Trace Ireland as detailed in the report. Due to the current pandemic, it has been acknowledged that there have been extra pressures on the environment including:

- Increased littering of the countryside and outdoor spaces
- An increase in dog fouling, dog worrying and attacks on farm livestock as the numbers of pet dogs approaches an estimated 800,000
- The devastation that can be caused by fires from campfires and barbeques that get out of control.

Mathew advised that members of the public are encouraged to support this campaign by visiting the Campaign webpage, using the campaign Toolkit to get involved and taking the Leave No Trace Pledge share on social media.

21.65.02 Waste Enforcement Issues

Mathew Byrne advised that the Waste Enforcement Team continue to deal with enforcement issues and address all complaints received. Cllr Terry Crossan thanked the enforcement team for all their efforts in dealing with issues presented to them and also for their engagement with local community groups and clubs. Cllr Nicholas Crossan also expressed his gratitude for the continued prompt emptying of bins and monitoring of litter at the Shore Front in Buncrana and in general.

21.65.03 UN World Drowning Prevention Day

Mathew Byrne advised that the first UN World Drowning Prevention Day is scheduled for July 25th, 2021. He added that this will be a memorable day for the drowning prevention community worldwide and will highlight safety prevention measures which will hopefully help in avoiding to avoid drowning tragedies in the future.

21.65.04 Litter Bins

Mathew Byrne advised that pop up refreshment providers had been approached and issued with bins, litter pickers and bin bags.

21.65.05 Disposal of Concrete Blocks and Building Waste

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to the lengthy discussion held at the last meeting regarding the appropriate method of disposal of blocks and other building waste from both council stock and privately owned houses affected by defective concrete blocks.. He said that it is vital that homeowners are given information on the proposal to deal with this and also be made aware of the implications in not disposing of the materials in the correct manner. Cllr Martin Farren said this matter had been raised at the special meeting of Donegal County Council and it was agreed by Director of Service, Michael McGarvey that a number of disposal sites should be identified. It was noted that an Environment SPC meeting was taking place this week where this matter would be discussed.

Cllr Rena Donaghey suggested that sites in North and South Inishowen should be identified for disposal of this waste. She added that serious consideration should be given to this matter. Cllr Paul Canning requested that Dunaff Quarry be looked at. He said it was filled with water a year ago and was a hazard but maybe now it could be used as it is easy accessible to Inishowen and Letterkenny.

The consensus of the members was that this matter should be dealt with by the Environment SPC at the earliest opportunity as it was an urgent matter and illegal dumping of waste of this nature should be avoided. Mathew Byrne advised that it was acknowledged that facilities for disposal were required to be put in place as soon as possible and discussions were ongoing.

21.65.06 Public Conveniences in Moville

As previously requested at the last meeting of Inishowen Municipal District, Cllr Farren requested that a DCC official from the Environment section would meet him on site in Moville to discuss the refurbishment of the public conveniences there as previously agreed.

21.65.07 Recycling – Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update on the facilities to dispose of paint cans. Cllr Bernard McGuinness also requested an update He added that he would like to request that the Council would go further in relation to recycling and place a bring back for recycling in a location in Carndonagh on a full time basis. He said the recycling resources available in Carndonagh at the moment are only available on a limited basis. He suggested council owned locations such as the car park at the Public Service Centre. It was noted that additional recycling facilities in Carndonagh had been requested on several occasions at previous Inishowen Municipal District meetings.

21.65.08 Tidy Towns Award 2021-07-15

Cllr Rena Donaghey said that she would like to wish all the Tidy Towns' participants success in this year's virtual competition.

21.65.09 Illegal Dumping

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his concerns over continued indiscriminate illegal dumping in hillsides and rural areas in general.

21.65.10 Culdaff Beach

Cllr Bernard McGuinness referred to the concrete “Dragon’s Teeth” structures that were put in place in the car park at Culdaff Beach to deter large camper vans and towing caravans from parking. He said that local residents and beach users alike were very annoyed that they were not consulted about this measure and objected to it as he did too. He said the structures have now been removed and that a softer solution is necessary. He acknowledged that Michael McGarvey, Director of Service, Environment, in fairness had responded promptly.

21.65.11 MARA Agency.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested an update on the MARA agency. John McLaughlin, Chief Executive Officer advised that although coastal erosion is under the remit of the Environment Section certain parts of it come under the Road’s Service He agreed to request that the Environment service provide a report to the members which clarify its function.

21.65.12 Quarries

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested clarification on how many quarries Donegal County Council are responsible for in Inishowen.

There was a comfort break from 1.05pm to 14.20pm

Terry Crossan advised that Cllr Jack Murray sent his apologies as he had to leave the meeting.

21.66 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The report circulated in the agenda was taken as read and Fiona Doherty updated the Members on a few issues.

21.66 .01 Malin Head Parking

The typographical error in relation to the date of the last Meeting with the Elected Members regarding the Malin Head Visitor Management plan was noted to be amended.

Cllr Martin Mc Dermott stated that additional car parking for visitors to Malin Head should be urgently progressed as we are half way through the summer period already. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with Cllr McDermott and said that currently many visitors from Northern Ireland are on their annual holidays and are visiting the area. He added that this coupled with the general increase in stay cations means that the demand for parking at Malin Head is very high. Fiona Doherty indicated that work was ongoing to secure land in this regard.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness said that there were car parking issues at other popular tourist destinations such as at Culdaff beach. He said if the council owns lands in these areas, the creation of additional car parks should be considered.

21.66.02 Request for Bench of Hope at Malin Head re Darkness into Light

Following on from a request by the son of one of the founders of the Pieta House, the committee that created the idea of the fund raising initiative 'Darkness into Light' charity. Cllr Albert Doherty said that he was in agreement to the request. He added that as the concept of the Pieta House, to sponsor a bench at Malin Head 'Darkness into Light' charity which started in Malin Head has now grown into a global movement; and that it was indeed fitting that the bench should be located there. Cllr Bernard McGuinness said that he supported this request and suggested that this matter be discussed with the local Malin Head Development Committee.

It was proposed by Cllr Albert Doherty and seconded by Cllr Bernard McGuinness to provide permission to proceed to install a 'Bench of Hope' at Malin Head in consultation with Malin Head Development Committee.

21.66.03 Town and Village-Moville

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged the recent funding application submitted under the 2021 Town and Village Renewal scheme for Moville.

21.66.04 Moville Play Park

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged that the repair of the ZIP Line and other matters had been dealt with at the play park in Moville. He added that he believed that maintenance and repairs of equipment in play parks throughout the county should take place outside of the summer peak season when there is less demand for the Play Park.

21.66.05 Lough Foyle Greencastle to Magillian Ferry

Cllr Farren said that he was disappointed that the Greencastle to Magillian Ferry had broken down but acknowledged that it was now up and going again. Cllr Farren stated that this also occurred the previous year. He requested that the Company operating the Ferry service should ensure that the ferry is serviced and fully operational prior to the summer season.

21.66.06 Extension of Moville Shore Walk to Greencastle

Cllr Martin Farren said that he had spoken with Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager regarding the restoration and enhancement of the walkway from Moville to Greencastle. He requested that this site visit take place with all relevant staff, covid guidelines permitting.

21.66.07 Barrack Hill Town Park

Cllr Albert Doherty said that it was great news that Barrack Hill Town Park had retained its green flag status and thanked all those in the Road's Service and Community Development who had made huge efforts to retain the status. Cllr Albert Doherty thanked the council for the removal of refuse at the park. He added that the stone walls at the park required rebuilding due to vandalism. He appealed to those who caused the damage to stop and suggested a public appeal should be made to highlight the problem. Cllr McGuinness queried if CCTV was installed at Barrack Hill.

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the findings of the Barrack Hill Steering Committee School Questionnaire which emphasised the great value of Barrack Hill Town Park and provided the Steering Group with many ideas for improvement which he hoped that the council would take on board. Fiona Doherty welcomed this research and indicated that there was a request from the group to present the findings at a future Inishowen Municipal District meeting.

21.66.08 Playground, Activity Wall and Space at Barrack Hill

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the issues around the Activity Wall should be addressed. He referred to the ongoing items associated with the basketball unit, children's slide and signage that required attention due to vandalism. Fiona Doherty advised that the Executive Engineer with responsibility for playgrounds was aware of the issues and was attending a scheduled site meeting with Cllr Doherty at the end of the week in this regard.

21.66.09 Proposed Cycle Way in Carndonagh

Cllr Doherty acknowledged the steering committee meeting that he attended with members of the Barrack Hill steering committee, the Community Development Officer, the Area Roads Manager and the walks and trails officer regarding the replenishment of an existing pathway within the park, a safe cycle way on the road and a walkway connecting the schools, community, retail, and sporting venues around Carndonagh. He said hopefully that all members would support this.

21.66.10 Town and Village Footbridge at Culdaff

Fiona Doherty indicated that there was necessary preparation work ongoing. She outlined the collaboration between her and colleagues in the Roads directorate in preparation for a 2022 Town and Village Renewal application. She indicated that Seamus Hopkins, Area Roads Manager, obtained funding under the Active Travel initiative for a feasibility study, bridge design, costs and part 8 planning application which would underpin and inform the objectives of the proposed project.

21.66.12 Tourism Sector Representation at Municipal District Meetings.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness suggested that a representative from the tourism sector should be present at every Inishowen Municipal District meeting going forward. Cllr Paul Canning referred to the strategic funding unit and indicated that voluntary organisations require assistance with complicated applications in order to maximise funding opportunities.

21.67 HOUSING and CORPORATE SERVICES

Aideen Doherty, Area Manager, Housing and Corporate Services presented the Housing Report and correspondence received to the members and updated them on matters.

21.67.01 Dates for Inishowen Municipal District Meetings

The following dates for the meetings to end of year were agreed as follows:

Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 1.00pm

Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 1.00pm

Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 1.00pm

21.67.02 Roads Workshop

Cllr Martin Farren reiterated a previous request that a representative from Irish Water should be available to the Council and at Municipal District meetings in light of the recent occurrence of burst pipes.

21.67.03 Derelict Properties

Cllr Nicholas Crossan referred to his motion at the plenary meeting of Donegal County Council regarding the high level of derelict properties in the county. Aideen Doherty, Area Manager for Housing and Corporate said that a list was being compiled and that members would be updated on this at the planned Inishowen Housing Municipal District Workshop on 27th July at 11.00am. Cllr Bernard McGuinness said that unfortunately he would be unable to attend the workshop.

21.67.04 Defective Concrete Blocks

A discussion took place on defective concrete blocks with particular regard to DCC properties that are affected and the implications for council tenants. Cllr Albert Doherty said that he believed there was a deficit in information sharing and many questions remained unanswered. Cllr Rena Donaghey proposed that a letter be sent to the Minister of Housing requesting that a policy is put in place to restore vacant houses to a viable state so that they could be made available as suitable housing options for those who have to move out of their homes as a consequent of defective concrete blocks. Cllr Martin Farren seconded this proposal, and said that the scale of the problem was huge. Aideen Doherty advised that every effort was being made to find solutions for those affected but it was extremely difficult and said that she required the members' support. She added that like many members of council staff, she was an affected homeowner herself.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his gratitude to council officials who were dealing with a very difficult, unprecedented crisis situation that has arisen.

21.67.05 SI Houses

Some discussion took place on the delivery of SI housing for rural areas Cllr Martin McDermott demanded that SIs should be kept on the Housing Agenda and this was seconded by Cllr Albert Doherty. He added members were assured at SPC level that SI houses remain a housing option. Cllr Bernard McGuinness said if the decision was made locally to approve the building of an SI, it should not be possible for the Department of Housing to reject the proposal. He said he would bring the matter back to the SPC.

21.67.06 Demountable Dwellings

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update on Demountable Dwellings Policy.

21.67.07 Irish Water Issues

Cllr Martin Farren requested that an Irish Water Official should attend Inishowen Municipal District meetings. Cllr Rena Donaghey referred to the recent problems due to the poor supply of water and the outages in areas like Inch and Urris. She said that it was important that problems are addressed. She said

that she was advised that the shortages recently were due to the high influx of visitors. Rena said that Pollan Dam was close by and that Inishowen should be serviced first before water is distributed further a field.

21.67.08 Chief Executive Officer - John McLaughlin

Cllr Bernard McGuinness welcomed John McLaughlin, Chief Executive Officer to the meeting. John McLaughlin apologised for his late arrival which was due to other commitments. He said he was happy to attend Inishowen Municipal District meetings. He said the Council were working through and dealing with the current mica situation in what was a distressing time for many. He added that many households are affected with mica including Council staff. He said Inishowen staff were working hard to keep everything progressing with projects being progressed such as Malin Head, Fort Dunree, Inishowen Digital Hub, Greencastle Marina and the Tus Nua regeneration project in Carndonagh to name a few. Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his gratitude for the Chief Executive's commitment to the projects.

21.67.09 Workshops

It was agreed that a Housing Workshop be held on Tuesday 27th July 2021 at 11.00am followed by a Planning, Urban Regeneration workshop at 11.00am.

21.68 ROADS AND TRANSPORTION

The Roads Programme as circulated was taken as read by Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager, Roads and Transportation. Seamus Hopkins apologised for the report being late as he had been on annual leave.

Seamus Hopkins updated the Members on miscellaneous items. The following items were raised, many of which are ongoing matters raised at previous meetings and at workshop.

- Consider installing ramps at Council Car Park behind Bamba's café in Back Lane Carndonagh as cars congregating there are affecting residents.
- Review junction at Tulnaree, Carndonagh where there have been accidents
- Consider installation of ramps at humped bridge in Malin by GAA pitch.
- Lighting at Carnagarve, Moville
- Consider options for stronger decorative lighting in Moville
- Alignment of road at Admiralty House, Moville.
- Wall at Battery Brae, Greencastle
- Maintenance of grass verges
- Clar Corner, Redcastle
- Light provision at Town Clock, Main St Buncrana which has been an ongoing issue
- Upgrade ramps at Bridgend and Cockhill School
- Maintenance of hedges and verges at Fr Hegarty's Rock, Buncrana
- Lights at Bridge, Carndonagh
- Consider overhaul of lights in Carndonagh – review proposals for Carrowreagh Rd
- Convent Rd Crossing, Carndonagh
- Crossing at Glentogher National School
- Active Travel – Measures Proposal re Cycle Way, Carndonagh

- Traffic Safety measures for council estates such as Cedar Grove, Donagh Park, Cherry Avenue
- Consider installing safety ramps in more towns and villages
- Repair damage to metal cover at Chapel St, Carndonagh
- Install new berths at Bonagee Harbour, Culdaff
- Green Schools Initiative
- Road at Lisfannon Beach requiring works

21.68.01 LIS (Local Improvement Scheme Funding)

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that members be provided with details of the criteria for being eligible to apply for the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) at next Inishowen MD meeting. Seamus Hopkins advised that a workshop had previously taken place where the criteria was clarified and that he would re circulate the information to members.

21.68.02 Policy on Take over of Roads

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested details of Donegal County Council policy on the take over of roads

21.68.03 Climate Mitigation Funding

Cllr Bernard McGuinness stated that he attended a Roads SPC where Climate Mitigation funding was discussed. He said that he was disappointed to learn that whilst there was €1,960,150 total funding and twenty four projects, there were only two projects in Inishowen with funding of € 65,000. It was noted that Seamus Hopkins had submitted funding for a project in Lisfannon but that this had been rejected. Cllr McGuinness said the funding should be distributed fairly and that he would take this matter up at plenary level

21.68.04 Outdoor Space Funding

Cllr Martin McDermott queried whether the decision to make Outdoor Space Funding available only to areas inside town boundaries was a Council or Department decision. Clarification was sought on how many applications were received.

21.68.05 Quarries

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested clarification on how many quarries Donegal County Council are responsible for in Inishowen. Seamus Hopkins advised that the Roads Service was not responsible for quarries.

Seamus Hopkins agreed to follow up on all matters raised. The members thanked Seamus and his team in the Road's Service for all excellent works carried out across Inishowen

21.68.06 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Inishowen Municipal District is to be held on Tuesday 14th September at 1.00pm

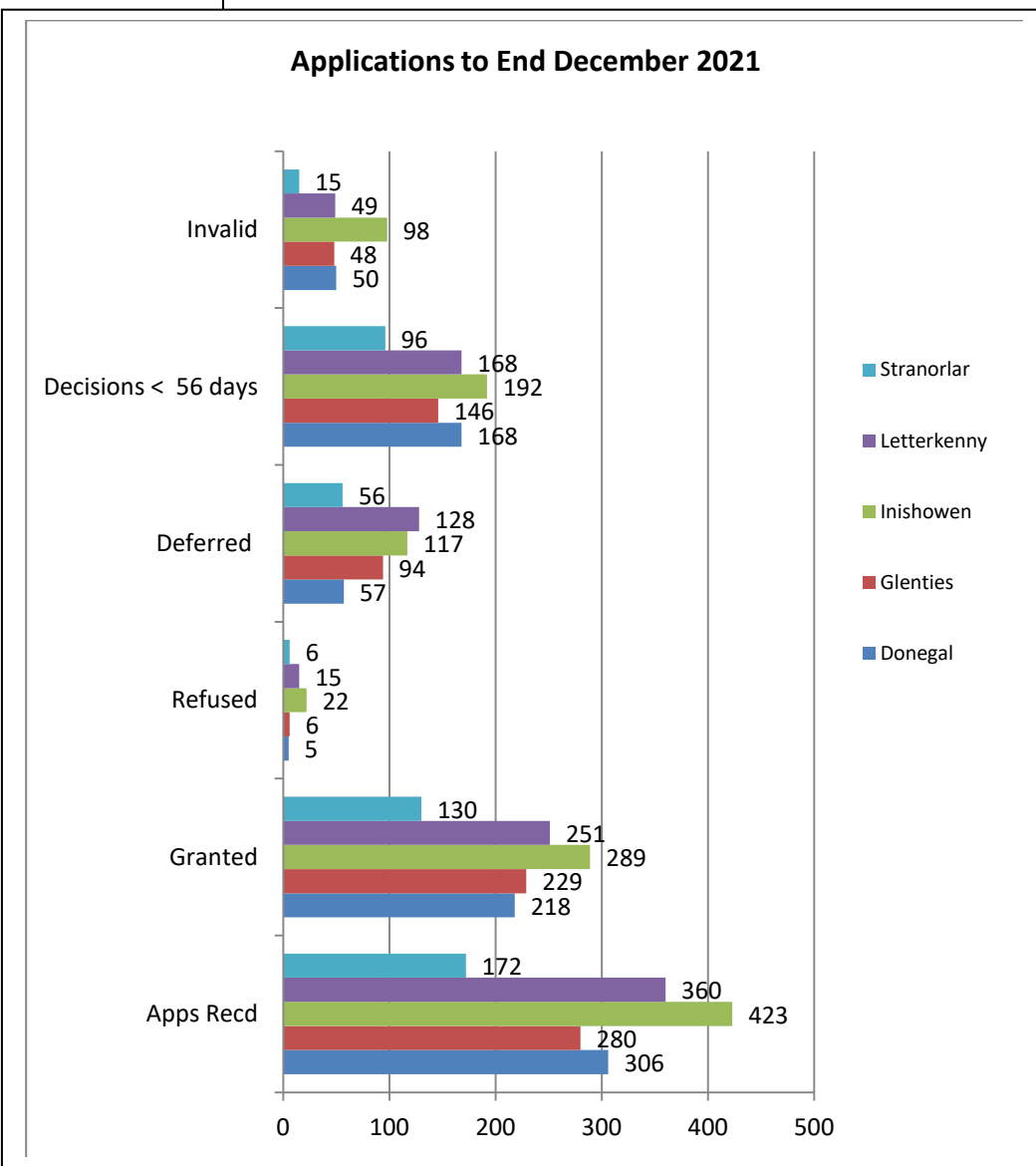
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Area Manager

Inishowen MD Meeting
14th September, 2021

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1 Development Applications													
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3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Please note pre planning clinics during the Covid-19 restrictions are on a telephone call only basis between 09.30am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p><u>Planning Clinics:</u> 15th September 29th September 13th October 27th October</p> <p>Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planningclinics/</p>								
4	Regeneration Report	See Appendix A								
5	Building Control & Taking in Charge Community Development & Planning Services	See Appendix B								
6	Central Planning Unit									
	<i>(1) Letterkenny Plan and Local Transport PPlan</i>	No further updates other than to note that the programme of workshops with Members is continuing across Q3 of 2021.								
	<i>(2) County Development Plan 2018-2024 (CDP 2018-2024)</i>	<p><u>(a) Policy Interpretation and Implementation</u> Following the submission of the various Working Groups' final reports in June and consideration of these reports at subsequent SPC and CPG meetings respectively, it is anticipated that these matters will be further progressed in the coming weeks in consultation with the aforementioned Committees.</p> <p><u>(b) Proposed Variation on Foot of Adoption of Northern and Western Regional Assembly's Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy</u> As per Item (a) above, and in tandem with that item, it is anticipated that this matters will be further progressed in the</p>								

		<p>coming weeks in consultation with the aforementioned Committees.</p> <p><u>Proposed Variation re TEN-T Priority Roads Project</u> The Variation was made following a resolution of the Members at the Plenary Council meeting of 31st May, 2021. The Variation is effective from that date.</p> <p><u>Wind Energy Policy and Proposed Variation</u> Following the update report submitted to the May Plenary Council meeting, at the Plenary Workshop on 21st June, 2021 Members requested that MD-level Workshops be arranged to enable Members to examine the proposed wind energy mapping at the MD level and it is hope to arrange these towards the end of September.</p>
	<p><i>Casual Trading Review</i></p>	<p>A preliminary report was submitted to Members in mid-May outlining the initiation of the policy review, progress to-date and a timetable for the remainder of the project.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf

APPENDIX A



Comhairle Contae
Dhún na nGall
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Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development & Planning Services

September (2021) Municipal District Meetings Report to Elected Members

1.0 RURAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (RRDF)

1.1 EXISTING APPROVED CATEGORY 1 RRDF PROJECTS (2019)

1.1.1 Killybegs 2040 – A Town Centre Regeneration Project

This project was formally launched with a Press Release on Thursday 6th May 2021 announcing that McCabe Architects have been appointed to deliver the new €4.84m regeneration project that will see the transformation of the town centre environment.

The Detailed Design phase has now commenced and will complete, together with the Construction Tender Process, over the next period of approximately 26 weeks. The commencement of construction is scheduled in Q4 of 2021 with a build period of approximately 52 weeks.

Given the status of the project it is proposed to seek a date for a workshop with the Members in order to provide an update on the next steps, key milestones and delivery timelines and arrangements.

1.1.2 Burtonport and Aranmore Island – Harbour to Island Regeneration

This project was launched on Monday 17th May 2021, with a ‘turning of the sod’ event on Aranmore Island when the Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr. Rena Donaghey and Bainisteoir of the Comharchumann Oileán Árainn Mhór, Ms. Nóirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh turned the sod on the new Shore Front Amenity Development at An Leadhb Gharbh, Oileán Árainn Mhór.

Donegal based building contractors Joseph McMenamin & Sons (Stranorlar) Ltd have been appointed to carry out the development which has now commenced and is scheduled to complete over the next 31 weeks.

On the 14th day of June 2021 An Bord Pleanála confirmed the Compulsory Purchase Order authorising the compulsory acquisition of lands entitled Donegal County Council (Burtonport Harbour Redevelopment) Compulsory Purchase Order 2019 (**Board Order ABP – 306336-20 refers**). The next steps in the process are now being advanced.

Detailed design has completed and a tender for a construction contractor has opened on eTenders and is currently live.

A full update on this project will be provided to Members at the scheduled workshop at 10am on 14th September 2021.

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

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

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

Update: The development of the project towards a ‘shovel ready’ Category 1 RRDF project in accordance with the emerging priorities of the draft Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan is advancing and detailed site survey work is nearing completion. Work has also commenced on the preparation of a Part VIII planning application in respect of this project including preliminary design concepts for the Market Yard. Publication of the Part VIII application is targeted for the end of September of this year in order to align the project with the anticipated Category 1 RRDF call for shovel ready capital projects.

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

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

Update: This project was formally launched with a Press Release on Monday 28th June 2021 announcing the appointment of a major multidisciplinary international design practice, BDP, to deliver the Detailed Design of this project which aims to restore and transform the historic commercial centre of Ramelton through a suite of integrated and heritage led public realm interventions.

The Preliminary Design phase is now well underway which will see the advancement of this project from its current concept stage through targeted public and stakeholder consultations, Part 8 planning and detailed design to a contract ready capital project. The anticipated completion date for the Detailed Design Stage is March 2022 which will position the project for the fourth call for Category 1 capital funding in 2022.

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

On Monday 19th April 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD announced that €18.8m had been awarded under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF) for three (3) rural regeneration projects in County Donegal. These applications were submitted on 30th November 2020 and were supported by match funding commitments by the Council in the sum of €2.5m.

Specifically this recent investment will help to advance the following three (3) ambitious and transformational regeneration projects:

1.3.1. Ballybofey & Stranorlar

The ‘**SEED**’ project – A sustainable, green regeneration project to Strengthen, Engage, Enable and Deliver transformational change in Ballybofey-Stranorlar.

This project was successfully submitted to the DRCD (RRDF) by 1st December 2020 in partnership with BASICC. The project has a value of €9,756,969 and funding support of €8,781,272 has been awarded from the RRDF.

Following submission to DRCD of verification of the project costs, milestones and delivery programme on Friday 14th May 2021, a Letter of Offer and Funding Agreement in respect of the project has been received on 20th August 2021. These documents have been reviewed and recommended for signing and will be returned to DRCD by Friday 3rd September 2021. The next steps entail an invitation from DRCD to Donegal County Council to prepare and submit a Procurement Strategy.

1.3.2. Burtonport (Harbour to Island) Regeneration

This project was successfully submitted to the DRCD (RRDF) by 1st December 2020. The Project has a value of €2,060,752 and funding support of €1,854,677 has been awarded from the RRDF.

Following submission to DRCD of verification of the project costs, milestones and delivery programme on Friday 14th May 2021, a Letter of Offer and Funding Agreement in respect of the project was received on 16th July 2021. These documents have been accepted, signed and returned to DRCD on 30th July 2021. Donegal County Council has now been invited to prepare and submit a Procurement Strategy for approval and in order for the project to commence.

1.3.3. Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project

This project was successfully submitted to the DRCD (RRDF) by 1st December 2020 in partnership with Spraoi agus Spórt. The Tús Nua project has a value of €9,542,852 and funding support of €8,218,982 has been awarded from the RRDF.

Following submission to DRCD of verification of the project costs, milestones and delivery programme on Friday 14th May 2021, a Letter of Offer and Funding Agreement in respect of the project was received on 23rd July 2021. These documents have been accepted, signed and

returned to DRCD on 30th July 2021. Donegal County Council has now been invited to prepare and submit a Procurement Strategy for approval and in order for the project to commence.

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

On Wednesday 12th May 2021 the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, announced the third call for Category 2 applications to the €1 billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The deadline for applications presented a very challenging timeframe set at 12 noon on Friday 30th July 2021. The Regeneration Team developed and submitted a Category 2 application for the Tier 2A Strategic Town of Buncrana under this call entitled ‘Repowering Buncrana.’

Specifically under this Category 2 application, RRDF support is sought to procure Architect Led Full Integrated Design Team for the preliminary design, planning scheme design and detailed design of the ‘Repowering Buncrana’ regeneration project described below together with support to acquire the former Garda Barracks, St Oran’s Road and other limited acquisition of land to cater for necessary enabling works. This category 2 application, if successful, will enable the advancement of the final project to a shovel-ready status resulting in a further future Category 1 capital project application.

The ‘Repowering Buncrana’ regeneration project envisages a series of measures that will work in an integrated way to strengthen the shore front, enhance walking and cycling, provide quality shore front amenities, integrate art and biodiversity into the urban landscape and critically work to counter the disconnect between Main Street and the shore front. In addition, reuse of a vacant town centre building (Former Garda Barracks) and creation of circa 100 jobs will bring much needed employment opportunities to Buncrana as well as increasing the number of people in the town centre resulting in many spin offs for business. The suite of integrated interventions proposed to be brought through design processes at Category 2 stage include:

1. A new iconic pedestrian bridge over the Mill River connecting the NW Greenway Project and Amazing Grace Park to a transformed harbour/pier environment,
2. The creation of a high performance promenade and Shore Front Green including enhanced walkways, beach access, public realm & festival gathering space and development of a new bespoke public/civic shore green users building,
3. Enhanced connection between the new Shore Front Green environment and the Main Street and commercial core of the town with targeted public realm improvements,
4. Enhanced Shore Front walkway and promenade along the Fishing Green, with dramatic re-imaging of the Amazing Grace viewing point,
5. Onwards connection of the promenade to Swan Park, Buncrana Castle and Cockhill Road, and
6. The repurposing and extension of a vacant heritage building to create bespoke office accommodation.

The overall value of this Category 2 project (Design services and acquisition) is €1,355,865 inclusive of match funding commitment of €271,173 (20%)

A further briefing of Inishowen MD will be organised in September.

1.5 REGENERATION STRATEGIES & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT WORK

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

1.5.1 Ramelton Action Plan

The Ramelton Action Plan was formally launched on 3rd July 2020.

The Plan can be viewed at the following link:

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

1.5.2 Killybegs Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

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

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

The Killybegs Regeneration Strategy is an ambitious vision and urban design proposition for the town centre. It proposes 11 projects across the town centre including enhancements to the town centre urban realm to create streets for people, business and the community, a river walk, a boardwalk along the coast, a weighbridge coffee house, reuse of part of the striking Auction Hall building as a craft beer brewery and enhancement of the northern arrival to the town through a Welcome Quarter and grand staircase to St Mary's Church. It sits alongside the secured RRDF investment of €4.8million for the redevelopment of Island House and the creation of a new civic space.

1.5.3 Ballybofey-Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Draft Regeneration Strategy was made available from Tuesday 15th June 2021 for public consultation, closing initially on Tuesday 13th July 2021. Having regard to the restrictions arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and resultant limitation on holding of events/ gatherings, the consultation period was extended to 29th July 2021. The extension was accompanied by a further concerted effort, assisted by Community Development to encourage public participation in the project including circulation of posters to circa 20

businesses in the towns together with a substantial social media presence and article in the Donegal News.

The submissions are currently being tabulated but include circa 15 submissions through a combination of the wider public, statutory agencies and internal DCC comments. A short report on the submissions will now be prepared including identification of potential appropriate amendments to the draft and this will be brought to a workshop of Stranorlar-Lifford MD.

1.5.4 Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

The Draft Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan was made available for public consultation from Tuesday 20th July until Wednesday 1st September. A number of notifications of the consultation period were issued via the local press and on social media and a number of submission options were made available to engage the community via the project website, the project Facebook and Twitter pages, an online public consultation event held on 30th July 2021, and targeted consultations with local stakeholders including the Ballyshannon Regeneration Group and Erne Enterprises.

Work has now commenced to integrate the feedback and observations arising from the various consultations and to amend and finalise the Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan for Ballyshannon Town Centre. It is anticipated that endorsement of the final Strategy & Action Plan by the Donegal Municipal District will be sought by the end of September 2021 and thereafter the Ballyshannon Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan will be formally launched.

1.5.5 An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan

Stage 1 of the project has now completed following the submission of the Final Stage 1 Report entitled 'An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Town Centre Baseline Profile' to the Regeneration and Development Team at the end of May 2021 and as was presented to the Elected Members of the Glenties MD at a workshop on 18th May 2021. Work on the preparation of the draft An Clochán Liath (Dungloe) Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan is now well underway and it is anticipated that Stage 2 of the project will be completed by the end of September 2021.

It is expected that the draft Regeneration Strategy & Action Plan will be published in early October 2021 and will be made available for public consultation thereafter. Prior to publication a workshop will be held with Members and the Regeneration Team will make the necessary arrangements directly at a Municipal District level.

1.5.6 Rathmullan RRDF Project Development work

The tender to procure fully integrated design team services to advance this project through consultation and Part VIII planning opened on eTenders on Friday 16th April 2021 and closed on 31st May 2021. The tender assessment process is now underway and is at an advanced stage.

Updates will be provided to the Elected Members of the Letterkenny & Milford Municipal District at an agreed future workshop and through Municipal District Reporting.

2.0 URBAN REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (URDF)

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

On Friday 12th March 2021 Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD announced that €13.6m has been awarded under the Urban Regeneration & Development Fund (URDF) for the URDF application Letterkenny 2040 (Phase 1) 'Re-energise and Connect the Historic Town Centre'. This application was submitted on 28th May 2020 and is supported by match funding committed by the Council in the sum of €4.5m.

Specifically this new investment will help to advance five projects to varying stages of development with a focus on the transition of the historic town centre to a vibrant, accessible and livable place.

The projects relate to priority areas for regeneration and development including:

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

Following early engagement with the DHLGH in respect of funding drawdown arrangements and due diligence on funding approval conditions, a Preliminary Approval Letter has been received on 25th August 2021. This includes a requirement by DHLGH to complete and provide 'Project Financial Tables', identifying milestones and any potential risks together with associated funding plans and expenditure/grant drawdown profiles. In addition, DHLGH also recommend review and update where necessary of previously submitted indicative estimates of project costs to ensure that same adequately reflect the present estimated holistic total cost for the approved proposal over its whole lifecycle. This work is targeted to be complete and returned to DHLGH by 10th September 2021.

The communication from DHLGH further outlines the next steps following completion of Project Financial Tables as:

- The preparation and submission by Donegal County Council of a Preliminary Business Case in accordance with the Public Spending Code and;
- A Project Action Plan Meeting with DHLGH to discuss and consider the plans for the advancement of the approved proposal, in particular with a view to determining timelines and delivery milestones and also the level of related URDF funding required for 2021 and beyond.

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

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

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

The process to prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy commenced on 14th January 2021 by means of a workshop with Letterkenny-Milford MD facilitated by the lead consultant for the project, The Paul Hogarth Company. The MD workshop was followed by launch of the first phase of public engagement on 8th February 2021 until 7th March 2021.

Following the close of the 1st phase of consultation, a number of steps/ workshops have been progressed as follows:

- The consultancy team analysed the findings of the 1st phase of consultation and presented these at a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on Tuesday 30th March 2021.
- A workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD was held on 25th May 2021 in order to update Members further on the project and focused discussion around a Regional Transport Hub was specifically facilitated.
- A town centre walk-around with Letterkenny-Milford MD took place on 17th June 2021 during which the sub-projects approved URDF funding in principle as regards concepts were visited and the wider Regeneration Strategy was discussed.
- A workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD was held on 8th July 2021 during which The Paul Hogarth Company presented emerging components of the draft masterplan to the Members and at which there was consensus to proceed to work up the emerging components in more detail in order to work towards appropriate material for public consultation in September/ October 2021. A further MD workshop was agreed for 16th September at 10am.

During the month of August, the consultancy team has continued to develop the emerging components of the draft masterplan in more detail and will present further more detailed material to Members at our scheduled workshop on 16th September. The next step thereafter, subject to Members endorsement will be to advance to public consultation on the draft masterplan.

(ii) Acquisition of key town centre regeneration site.

Works to progress interests in the key regeneration site approved by DoH LG for acquisition continues with intent. Progress has been affected by the National public health emergency and negotiations are subject to Covid related restrictions. The Elected Members of Letterkenny-Milford MD will be updated on progress and timelines as definitive steps and milestone are reached.

Alongside acquisition steps and as outlined during the recent walk-around of Letterkenny, the Paul Hogarth Company, under the auspices of the Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy project has undertaken site specific masterplanning of the key town centre regeneration site in relation to its capacity, potential layout and form for a mixed use development in line with the terms of the URDF support secured for acquisition of the site. This work will inform the subsequent preparation of Part VIII proposals and will support the process for acquisition This work is largely complete and a workshop of Letterkenny- Milford MD will be arranged to brief Members in more detail.

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

Detailed design of the public realm approved has been carried out using in-house architectural resources and is now complete. The Tender for Construction Contractor opened on E-tenders on 12th August 2021 and closes on 9th September 2021. Documentation outlining the detail design is being circulated to Members for information. Members will be kept up-to-date as the Tender process progresses.

2.3 Update in relation to an Architectural Competition to Re-imagine Market Square, Letterkenny.

Following the briefing to the Letterkenny-Milford MD workshop on 25th May 2021, Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce announced the winning design on 14th June 2021 as that of Joseph McCallion. This marks the completion of the architectural competition.

The winning design concept provides a solid basis from which more detailed work will be undertaken to consult directly with key stakeholders and the wider community and further develop and adapt the winning design so that it is achievable and can be implemented effectively. This work will lead to a more definitive design in relation to Part VIII planning consent and this will include further engagement with Members in advance of publication of any Part VIII scheme.

2.4 Letterkenny Cultural Corridor project

Letterkenny's cultural partners (Donegal County Museum, the Regional Cultural Centre and An Grianan Theatre) secured funding from the Irish Architectural Foundations 'Re-imagine' project to undertake the Letterkenny Cultural Corridor project in 2020.

To date, the project architects have developed a number of short term and temporary sign posting interventions which have been installed to improve and enhance the existing physical connection between the three institutions.

The more long term aspirations of the project to provide a new and more direct physical link between the three cultural institutions was presented to a workshop of Letterkenny-Milford MD on 8th October 2020. Following this, the team engaged further with the local stakeholders with particular reference to Letterkenny Tennis Club to explore the potential to coordinate the project with the objectives and aspirations of the Tennis Club. To facilitate this engagement, a detailed topographical survey has been carried out of the area and the architects are now exploring access arrangements further. Importantly, there are ongoing discussions in relation to site boundaries which are required to be closed out. Once these discussions are closed out and the explorative work is complete, a full options briefing will be brought to Letterkenny-Milford MD together with clarity on a recommended pathway to part VIII in respect of the Cultural Corridor.

2.5. Letterkenny Parklets (Town & Village Renewal)

At the Letterkenny-Milford MD workshop on 25th May 2021, Members agreed three locations for parklets subject to sufficient funding as follows: Forecourt at An Grianan, A-

Wear, the old Courthouse. The Community Development section is now leading on design, manufacture and installation of the parklets with the support of the Regeneration and Development Team. Having regard to realistic and practical timescales, it is targeted that parklets will be installed around October 2021.

2.6 Failte Ireland's, 'Weather Proofing and Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme.'

A funding application in respect of the public space to the front of An Grianan Theatre was submitted on 26th May 2021 to the Failte Ireland, 'Weather Proofing and Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Scheme.' The application was developed jointly by the Community Development section and the Regeneration and Development Team. The design concept prepared by the Paul Hogarth Company together with detailed costings provided by Sammon Quantity Surveyors was developed in consultation with the Board of An Grianan Theatre and other hospitality businesses in the area. A copy of the design concept was circulated to Members by email on 15th June 2021 and was followed by discussion during the walk-around on 17th June 2021. A further follow up with An Grianan and other hospitality businesses in the area will be undertaken. The Community Development Section have been in further communication with Failte Ireland around a number of more detailed areas of the application however a formal decision on the application by Failte Ireland is anticipated to be imminent.

**Regeneration & Development Team
September 2021.**

APPENDIX B



**Comhairle Contae
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Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Inishowen
14th September 2021

Building Control & Taking in Charge
Community Development & Planning Services

REPORT

1. Building Control Activity
 - a. Commencement Notices
 - b. Disability Access Certificates
 - c. Misuse of Professional Titles
2. Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

Building Control Activity

a. Commencement Notices

Types of Commencement Notices

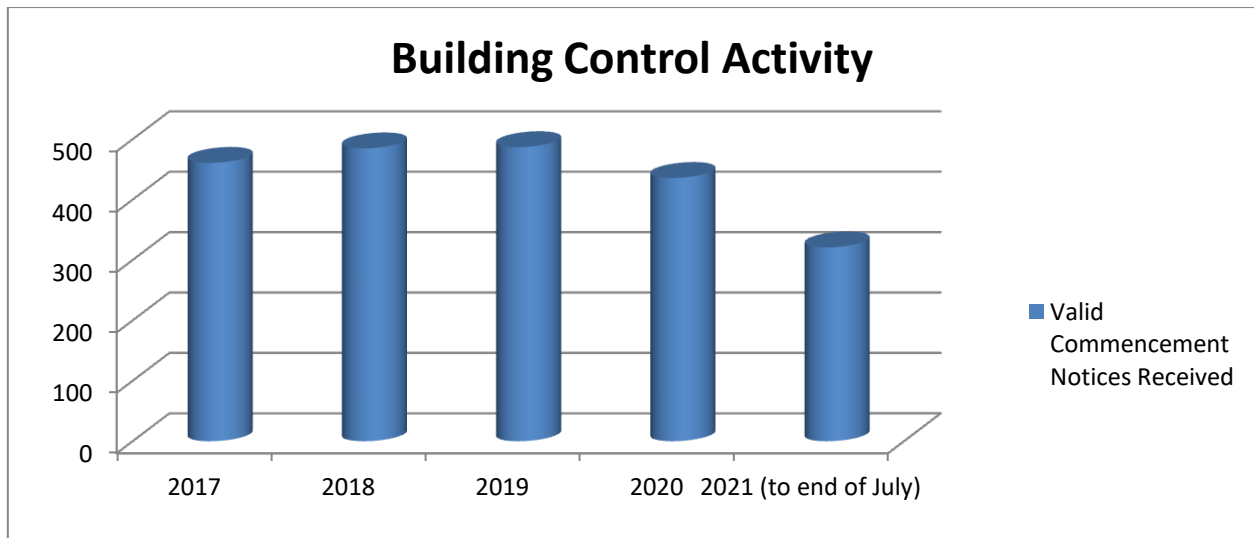
- i) Commencement Notice with Compliance Documentation:* An Assigned Certifier is appointed to oversee the construction and to ensure that there is compliance with the Building Regulations.
- ii) Commencement Notice with Opt Out:* This can be used for single dwellings only. The owner is given the option to Opt out from the Certification Process. They are still legally obliged to comply with the Building Regulations. For this type of commencement notice, an assigned certifier is not appointed and the owner must sign a declaration to ensure that the building is constructed in accordance with the relevant Building Regulations.
It needs to be stressed here that if this option is chosen, then the Owner is declaring that they are “Competent” and will ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations. These are still subject to spot check inspections and must provide compliance documentation upon request.
- iii) Commencement Notice without Compliance Documentation:* This is referred to as a Short Commencement Notice and requires minimal documentation. It cannot be used for:
 - The construction of a new dwelling house.
 - An extension to a dwelling involving a total floor area greater than 40m².
 - Any works that require a fire certificate
- iv) 7 Day Notice:* This type of notice is used, where a fire certificate has been applied for but has not yet been granted.

In 2020 there were 436 Commencement Notices received. These represented 642 building projects of which there were 510 new units. 189 of these are classified as “multi-unit developments.”

As a comparison, in 2019, there were 478 Commencement Notices, representing 620 building projects, while in 2018 there were 483 valid Commencement Notices, representing 608 new build units.

So far in 2021 (up to 31st July) there have been 321 Commencement Notices received, representing 420 building projects of which 331 are new builds. 74 of these units are classed as “multi-unit developments.”

It remains a concern that over 50% of the Commencement Notices submitted are ones where **the owners have declared themselves to be competent** to ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations.



Summary of Valid Commencement Notices submitted in 2021 to date.

Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations/Extensions	Multi Dwelling
CN with Documentation 7 day notice	80	140	35	1 no. 12 unit, 1 no. 24 unit, 1 no. 16 unit, 1 no. 8 unit, 1 no. 14 unit
CN without Documentation	42	34	12	
CN with Opt Out	185	150	35	
Total	321	331	89	

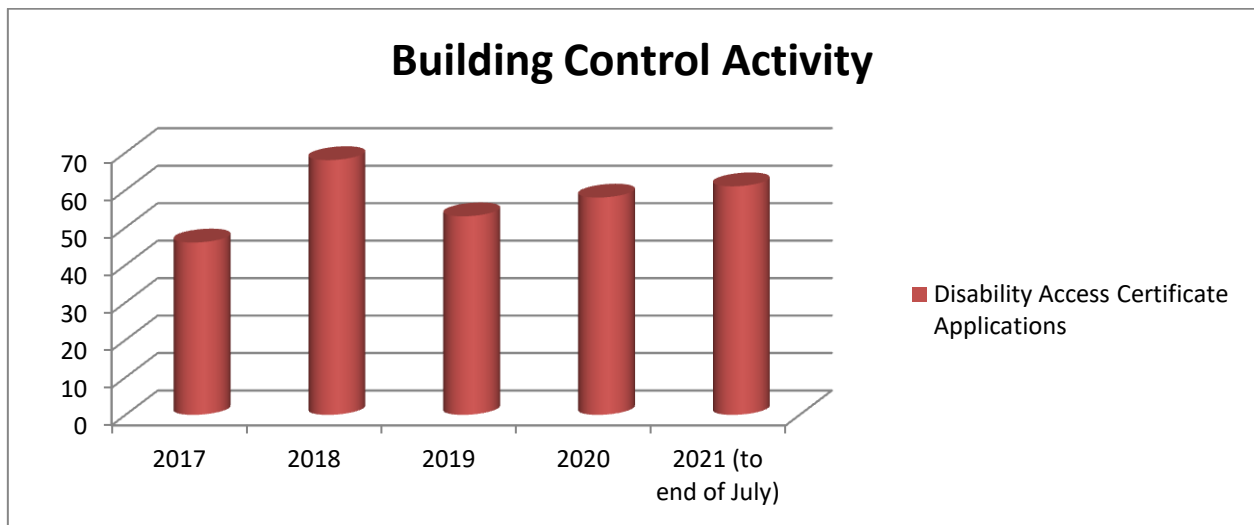
b. Disability Access Certificates:

A Disability Access Certificate (DAC) is a Certificate issued by the Building Control Authority and states that the works or building to which the application relates will, if constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted, comply with the requirements of Part M of the Second Schedule to the Building Regulations 1997 - 2011.

With the exception of houses and certain agricultural buildings, a Disability Access Certificate is generally required for all new buildings, including apartments and flats. A certificate is also required for material changes of use and certain alterations and extensions to buildings.

A building **may not** be opened, operated or occupied or permitted to do so unless a Disability Access Certificate has been granted or pending determination of an appeals process.

In 2019, the Building Control Department received 53 Disability Access Certificate applications. In 2020, there were 58 DAC applications. To date in 2021 there have been 61 DAC applications. This compares with 26 applications for the same 7 month period in 2020.



c. *Misuse of Professional Titles*

Following a District Court ruling last month, the Royal Institute of Architects Ireland (RIAI) and Society for Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI) have urged members of the public to always check registers before engaging building professionals.

The judgment (*Irish Times hyperlink - <https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/homes-and-property/public-urged-to-check-registers-after-man-fined-for-saying-he-was-an-architect-1.4613920>*) saw a Dublin man convicted of unlawfully representing himself as an Architect and Building Surveyor despite not having satisfied the registration requirements of either professional body. The man had previously been convicted and fined for a similar offence in 2015.

The result of the case, brought under the Building Control Act 2007, has been welcomed by the RIAI and the SCSI. Both bodies have highlighted the importance of thoroughly checking professional registers when considering building works. If an individual has not received professional registration, there is a significant risk that they do not have the required skill or competency to complete and certify any works. Professional bodies, as defined under the Act, ensure members are governed by strict codes of conduct and any misuse of professional titles is prohibited.

Individuals claiming titles such as "Architect" and "Building/Quantity Surveyor" who are not on professional registers may be misleading members of the public, and as such their services should not be undertaken. Furthermore, the appropriate body should be informed. Local Building Control Authorities have been asked to highlight this to members of the public in their area.

Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.

The Taking in Charge team is today presenting 5 estates in the Inishowen MD to Members seeking approval to complete the Taking in Charge process.

These estates are:

1. Aughrim Close, Clonmany.
2. Stoneybridge, Bridgend,
3. Logan Close, Luddan, Bunrana,
4. Westfield, Newtoncunningham,
5. Carrowmullan, Fahan.

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

The Planning authority is then seeking approval from Members, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act to declare the roads within these estates to be public roads and thereby complete the Taking in Charge of the estates.

In relation to the estate at Carrowmullan, Fahan the Planning Authority brings to the attention of Members, in accordance with Section 11. 1(b) (ii) of the Roads Act, the financial implications for the authority of the proposed declaration of the road as a public road.

The Area Roads Engineer has expressed concerns about a culvert crossing within the estate which may need to be upgraded in the coming years at a significant cost. Residents have also raised concerns in the past about additional street lighting and hedge cutting. If these are to be provided in the future, then funding will have to be allocated from Area Roads "Own Resources"/annual budget.

Section 2.2 (4) of the Council's Taking in Charge Policy states the following: "Where a housing estate has been 'taken in charge', Donegal County Council will be responsible for the maintenance of facilities as set out in section 2.4 of this policy document within the relevant estate. However regular grass cutting in open spaces shall normally be undertaken by the residents of the housing estate."

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


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

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

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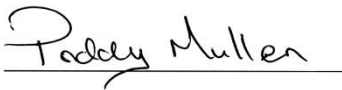
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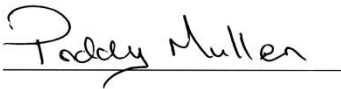
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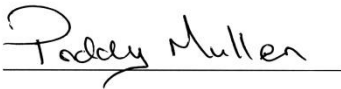
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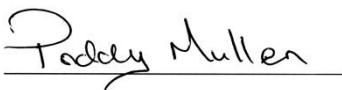
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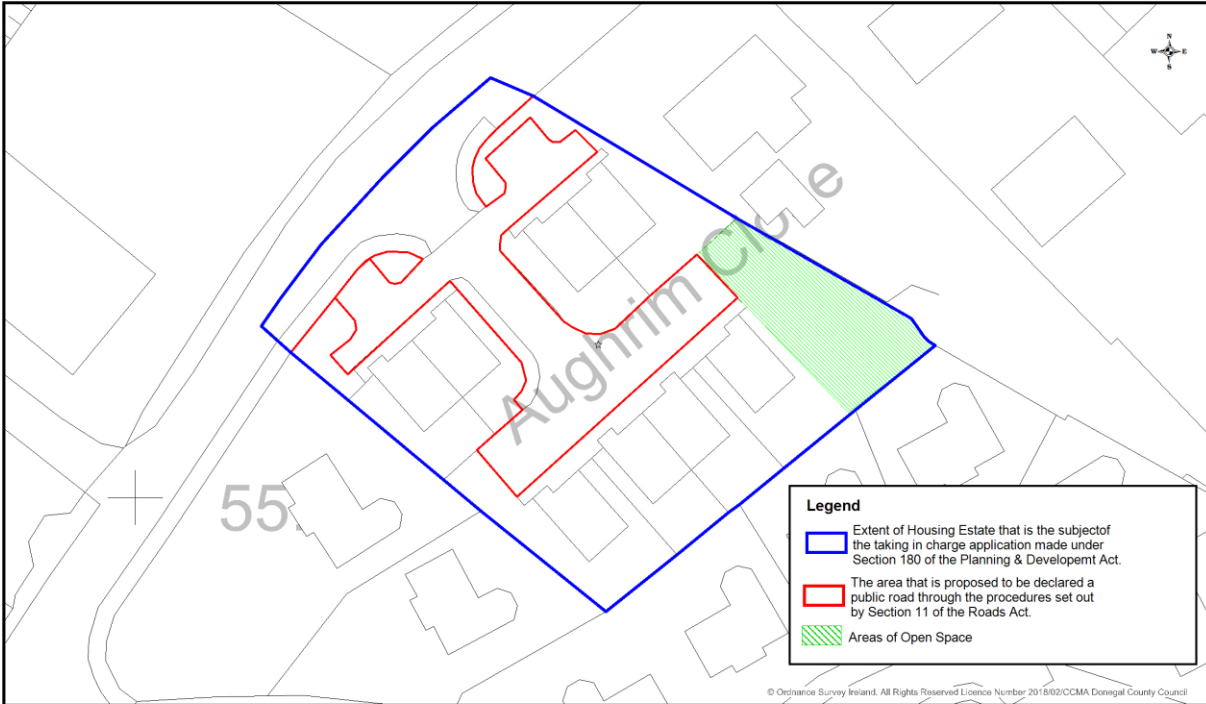
Section 2.2 (4) of the Council's Taking in Charge Policy states the following: "Where a housing estate has been 'taken in charge', Donegal County Council will be responsible for the maintenance of facilities as set out in section 2.4 of the policy document within the relevant estate. However regular grass cutting in open spaces shall normally be undertaken by the residents of the housing estate."




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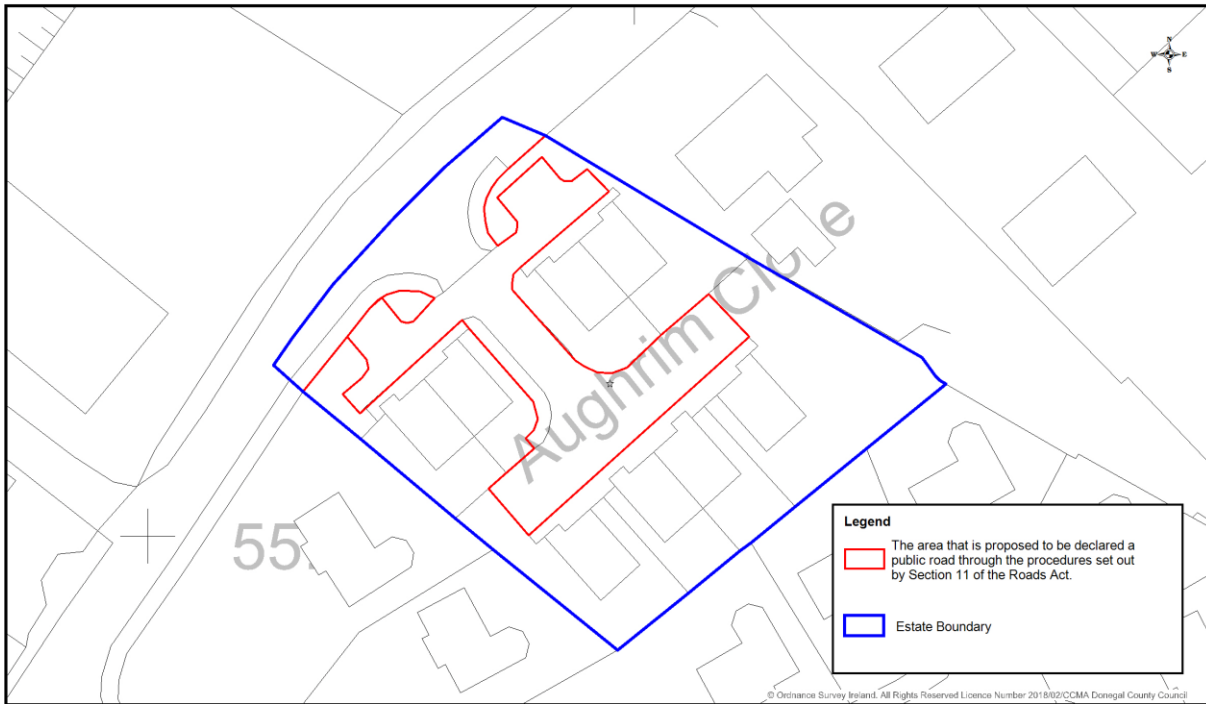
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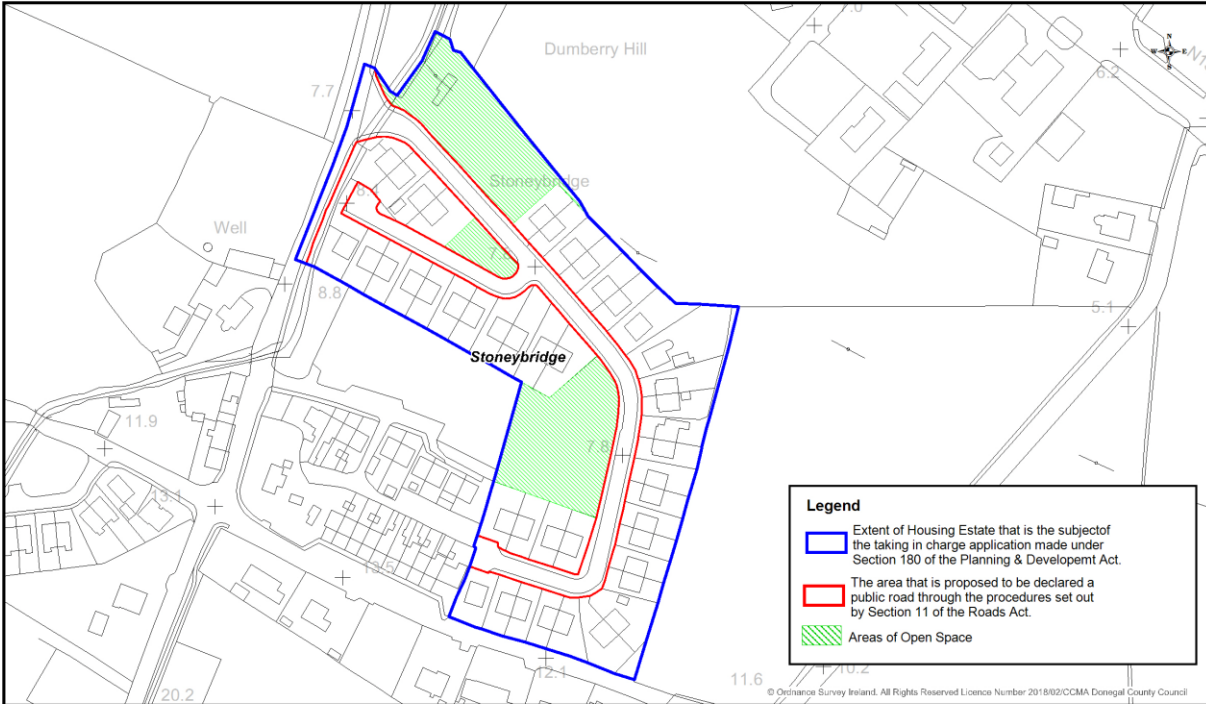
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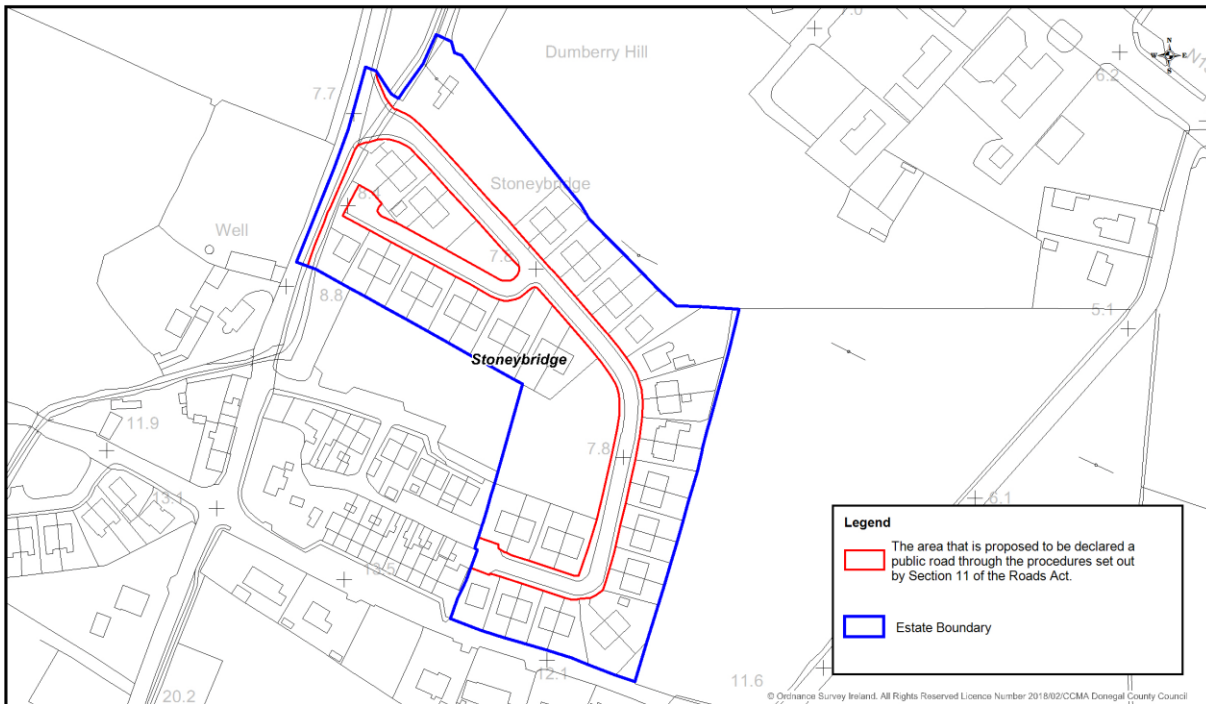
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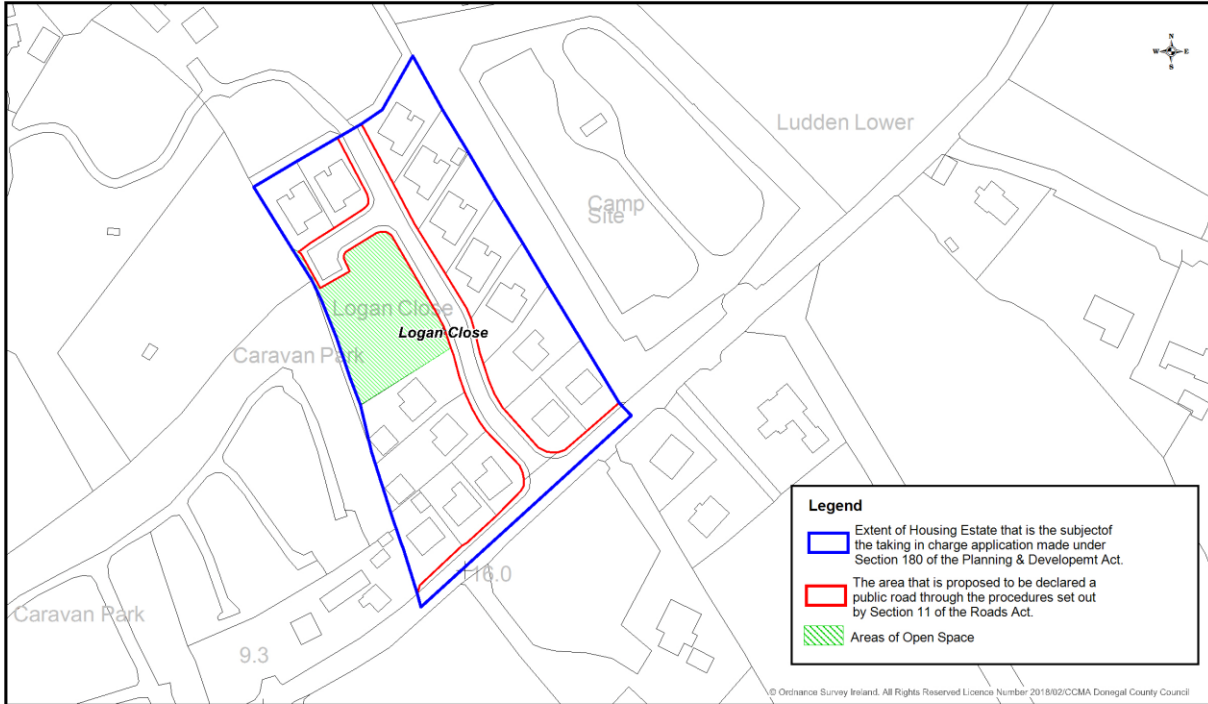
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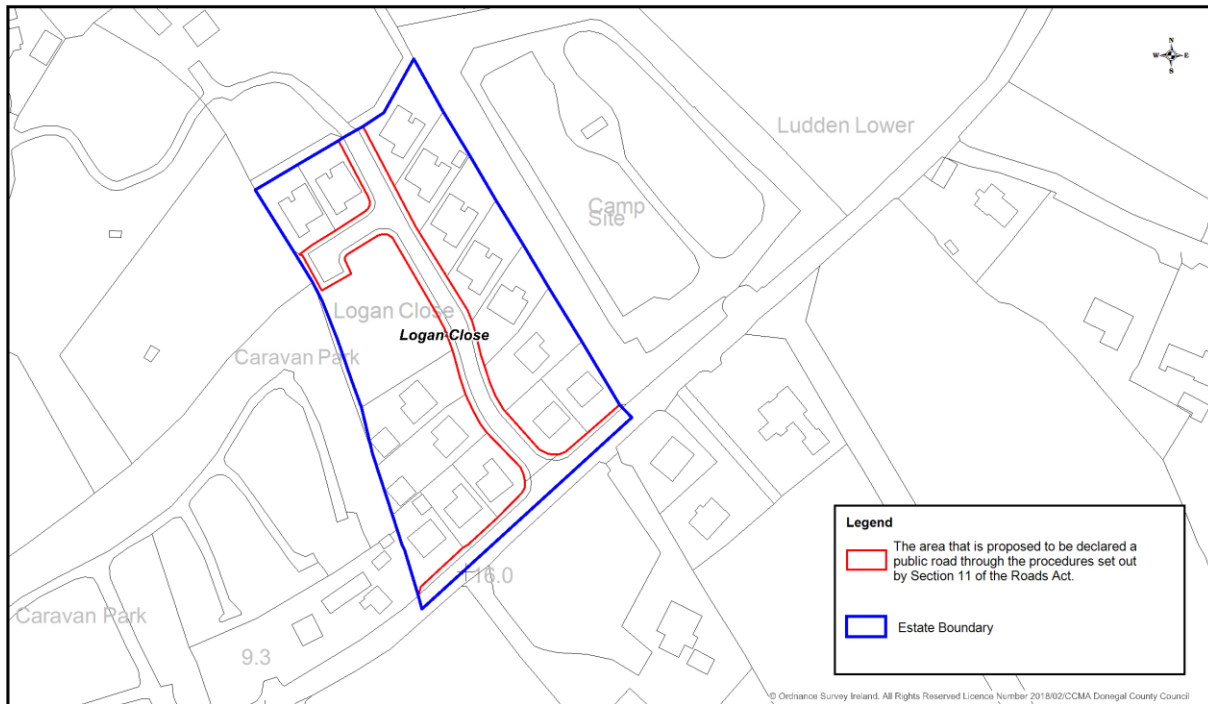


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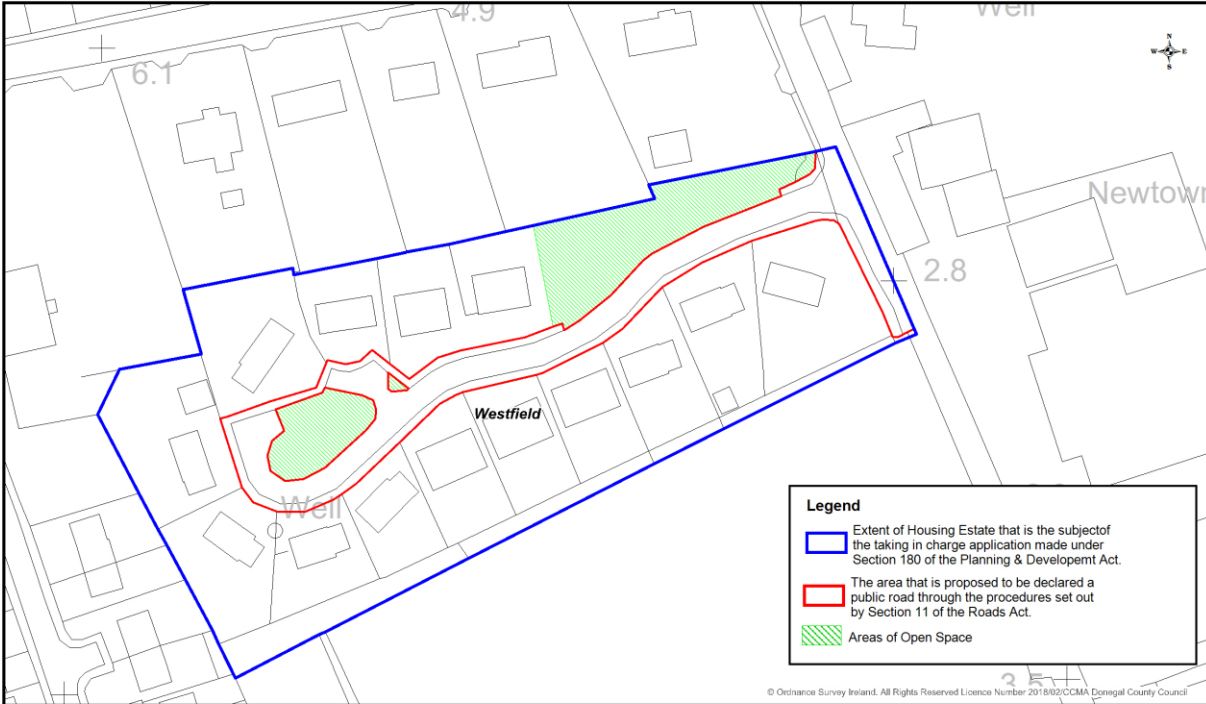


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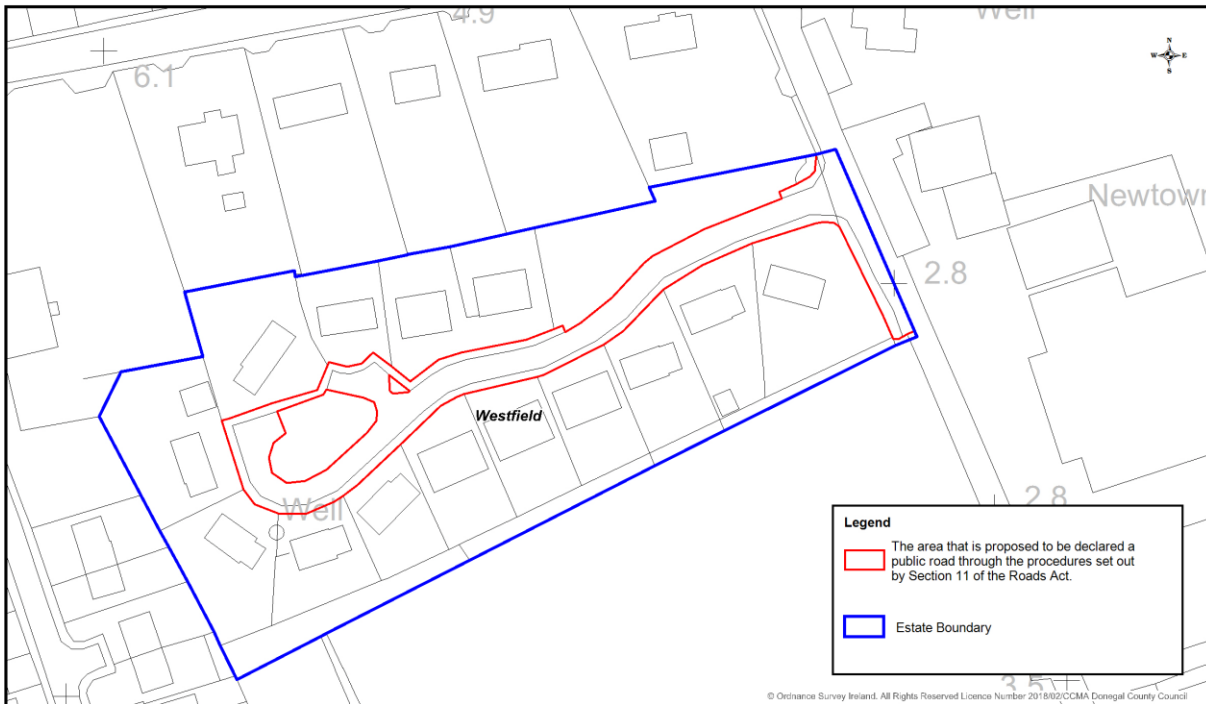
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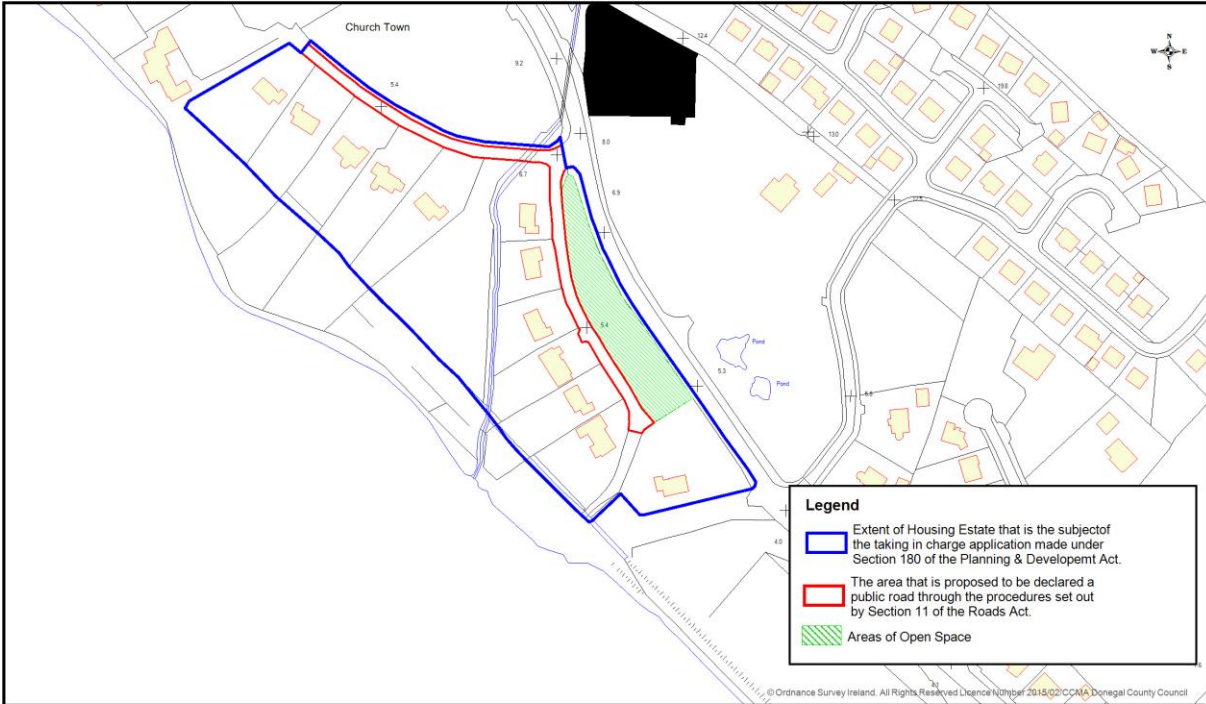
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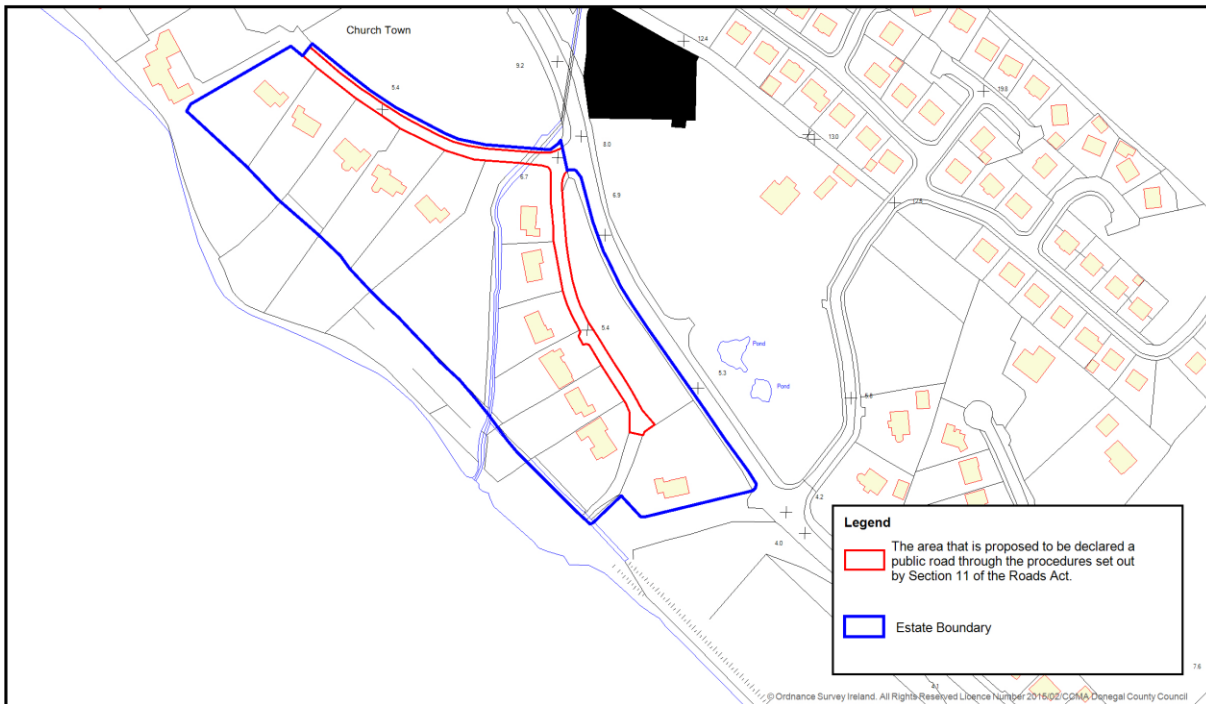
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Estate Name: **CARROWMULLAN** Address: **CARROWMULLAN, FAHAN**



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 Donegal County Council

Estate Name: **CARROWMULLAN** Address: **CARROWMULLAN, FAHAN**



ENVIRONMENT REPORT – September 2021

WASTE AND LITTER MANAGEMENT

<p>Activity / Project Title</p>	<p>Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council launches 2021 Gum Litter Taskforce Campaign</p> <p>“Bin Your Gum When You’re Done”</p>
<p>Project Description/ Activity</p>	<div data-bbox="396 758 1435 1211" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council, Cllr Jack Murray, officially launched the Gum Litter Taskforce's gum litter education campaign in Bunrana.</p> <p>The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) is an environmental initiative that was set up to develop and implement an awareness campaign to reduce gum litter in the most sustainable way. Supported and funded by the chewing gum industry, the GLT initiative has made very real and significant improvements in relation to gum litter awareness and disposal behaviour over the last 14 years since its inception in 2007. The 2019 campaign maintained an all-time high of 93% of people stating that they regard chewing gum as litter, up from 74% when the campaign first began in 2007, pointing to the attitudinal impact which the campaign has had.</p> <p>The campaign is looking to build on the positive momentum of previous years’ campaigns and is making a strong return for 2021 after being postponed last year due to COVID-19. This year’s campaign will be different in that the national and local authority launch events will be done virtually, and the campaign will have a stronger social media presence in order to reach a wider and younger audience.</p> <p>The theme of the 2018 – 2021 advertising campaign, is “Bin your gum when you’re done”, the campaign includes:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A national online and broadcast media advertising campaign with an active social media presence across key platforms, i.e. Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook. • A virtual national campaign launch followed by virtual local authority led launch events. • A schools education programme aimed at first year secondary school students called “Bin It!”. This includes an actor-led workshop tour which takes place in schools each autumn and which is supported by materials and tools for teachers to download and integrate into lesson plans (http://biniteducation.com/). • In the case that COVID restrictions are still in place come autumn, an alternative offering in the form of an adaptable teaching resource will be created for teachers to deliver to students during class time that replaces the “Bin It” roadshow. • Dedicated GLT website - http://www.gumlittertaskforce.ie/ • Sponsorship of three awards in the Tidy Towns competition and support for virtual/socially distant Tidy Towns, Green Schools, Neat Streets and National Spring Clean campaigns.
Contact Person	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie

Activity / Project Title	Sand Dunes – They Protect Us, Let’s Protect Them
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Damage to our sand dunes is evident all around the coast according to the Climate Action Regional Offices who recently launched a new campaign in collaboration with local authorities and NUI Galway to highlight the importance and fragility of these natural coastal protections and important habitats.</p> <p>This initiative is asking the public to help protect the dunes by enjoying the beach responsibly and will include awareness raising measures on social media to convey the importance of our sand dunes to coastal resilience and biodiversity, how they can be easily damaged from recreational activities, along with simple measures to preserve them.</p> <div data-bbox="386 1310 1421 1789" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Communities:</p>

A series of poster have been developed that can be downloaded for use by Coastal Communities to raise awareness of the value and fragility of their local sand dunes. Each poster has a QR Code that links back to this website to provide more information.

Some posters have space left for community groups to provide local messaging as they feel appropriate to their own beach and sand dune management plans. Posters are available to download from <https://www.caro.ie/getattachment/Projects-Research/Campaigns/Sand-Dune/Coastal-Community-Posters.pdf.aspx?lang=en-GB>



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Activity / Project Title	<p align="center">My Waste – “Bin it or Bring It Home” Anti-Litter Campaign</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<p>My Waste has developed some anti-litter material for the beaches. A local and national radio advert was also played. These have been promoted on our social media pages and in the recent Greenpiece Pages.</p> 
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	<p align="center">MyWaste Summer Staycation campaign</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<p>My Waste are currently running a summer staycation campaign in relation to top tips to picnic this summer promoting reusables. Donegal County Council will be supporting this on its own social media pages through August.</p> 

ARE YOU STAYCATION READY?



Don't forget your reusable water bottle.

Check refill.ie for water refill points close to you.



Ireland's guide to waste
mywaste



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STAYCATION ESSENTIALS



Don't forget your reusable cup.

Check consciouscup.ie for outlets accepting reusable cups.



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PREVENT FOOD WASTE



As you staycation, only bring what you need and try to use up leftovers.



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CHARGE UP FOR SUMMER!



Rechargeable batteries are holiday essentials.



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PACK YOUR BAGS



Staycating this Summer? Don't forget your reusable shopping bag.



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Activity / Project Title	My Waste – Upcycle Challenge
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The Upcycle Challenge 2021 has been launched and there are €6,000 worth of prizes to be won across eight categories. These categories include Best in Connacht/Ulster Region, Best in Southern Region, Best Eastern/Midlands Region, Best Men’s Shed / Community Group, Best School, Best Professional, The EPA Special Prize and The Public Choice Award.</p> <p>The Upcycle Challenge is a yearly competition that encourages people to look at the objects around them and to give them a new lease of life. The challenge is simple, find something that is no longer in use and transform it into something new. By creating unique pieces and submitting them to the competition, the lucky winners will be in with a chance to share €6,000 in prize money across a range of different categories. To find out more information and to submit a completed application by the 15th of October log on to https://www.mywaste.ie/upcycle-challenge21/</p> <p>Both Killybegs and The Rosses Men’s Sheds have had great success in the past number of years winning prizes in the Mens Shed category.</p> <div data-bbox="646 779 1187 1314" style="text-align: center;"> <p>Upcycle Challenge 2021 mywaste NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES mywaste.ie/ upcycle-challenge21/</p> </div> <p>Closing Date 15th October 2021.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie</p>

Activity / Project Title	EPA Stop Food Waste “Stretch & Save” Campaign 5th – 16th July 21
Project Description/ Activity	<p>Aim To make people aware how they can make their fresh food last longer especially for fruit, veg and salads Campaign messaging features four in-season fruit & veg (strawberries, potatoes, carrots and tomatoes) with tips on how to keep them that bit fresher for that bit longer and link to the storage resource A-Z of Foods https://stopfoodwaste.ie/resources/storage-cooking/a-z .</p> <p>Target The target audience is a large segment of the population, around 989,000 individuals, who say they waste a lot of fruit and vegetables and are interested in how long fresh food lasts (informed by the EPA's 2020</p>

national food waste attitudes survey and segmentation analysis).

Channels

To amplify the reach of the campaign's messaging a wide range of communication channels are being used:

- posting daily campaign messaging on SFW social media platforms - **Hashtag is #StretchOutAndSave @stopfoodwaste.ie**
- paid digital advertising over the 2 weeks directed to the target audience
- promotion by a range of social influencers
- national & regional press release and potential PR leverage on radio, tv and print
- collaboration with Lidl, Aldi & Tesco (watch out for mention in Lidl and Aldi leaflets)

Communications & Assets

- A blog on 'Making Fresh Food Last Longer' will be available from the stopfoodwaste.ie homepage from Monday 5 July.
- Daily posts on the campaign assets, messaging etc will be posted from SFW social platforms (Facebook, Instagram & Twitter) 5 – 16 July
- Four static *Stretch Out and Save* campaign assets featuring strawberries, potatoes, carrots and tomatoes with a tips to keep them fresher for longer (formats attached static 9:16 (x4) and Static 1:1 (x4))
- Two campaign videos featuring strawberries & potatoes.
- Storage resource **A-Z of Foods** <https://stopfoodwaste.ie/resources/storage-cooking/a-z> .



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Activity / Project Title Summer Greenpiece

Project Description/ Activity

Advertorial with information on recycling, reuse, litter campaigns, beach information, water safety etc. The pages feature in four local papers.

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Activity / Project Title IFFPG Farm Plastic Bring Centres

Project Description/ Activity

IFFPG have arranged their annual Farm Plastic Collections. Donegal dates are listed below. For more information on the collections visit www.farmplastics.ie

- Silage Wrap – clean dry and loose €25 per ½ tone with label code.
- Fertiliser & Meal Bags & Drums (Triple Rinsed) €10 per ½ tonne bag.
- Netting €5 per bag per ½ tonne bag with label code.

Opening times 9am-5pm (Unless otherwise stated)

Donegal	Newtowncunningham, Clonleigh Co-op	Wed 18th August
	Buncrana, Inishowen Co-op (Hrs 8.30-4.30pm)	Fri 20th August

	Carndonagh, Inishowen Co-op (Hrs 8-3pm)	Sat 21st August
	Milford Mart	Tues 24th August
	Ballybofey & Stranorlar Mart	Sat 28th August
	Ballyshannon Mart	Sat 4th September
	Raphoe Mart	Fri 10th September
	Donegal Mart	Sat 11th September
<p>For more information visit www.farmplastics.ie or lo-call 1890 300 444.</p>		
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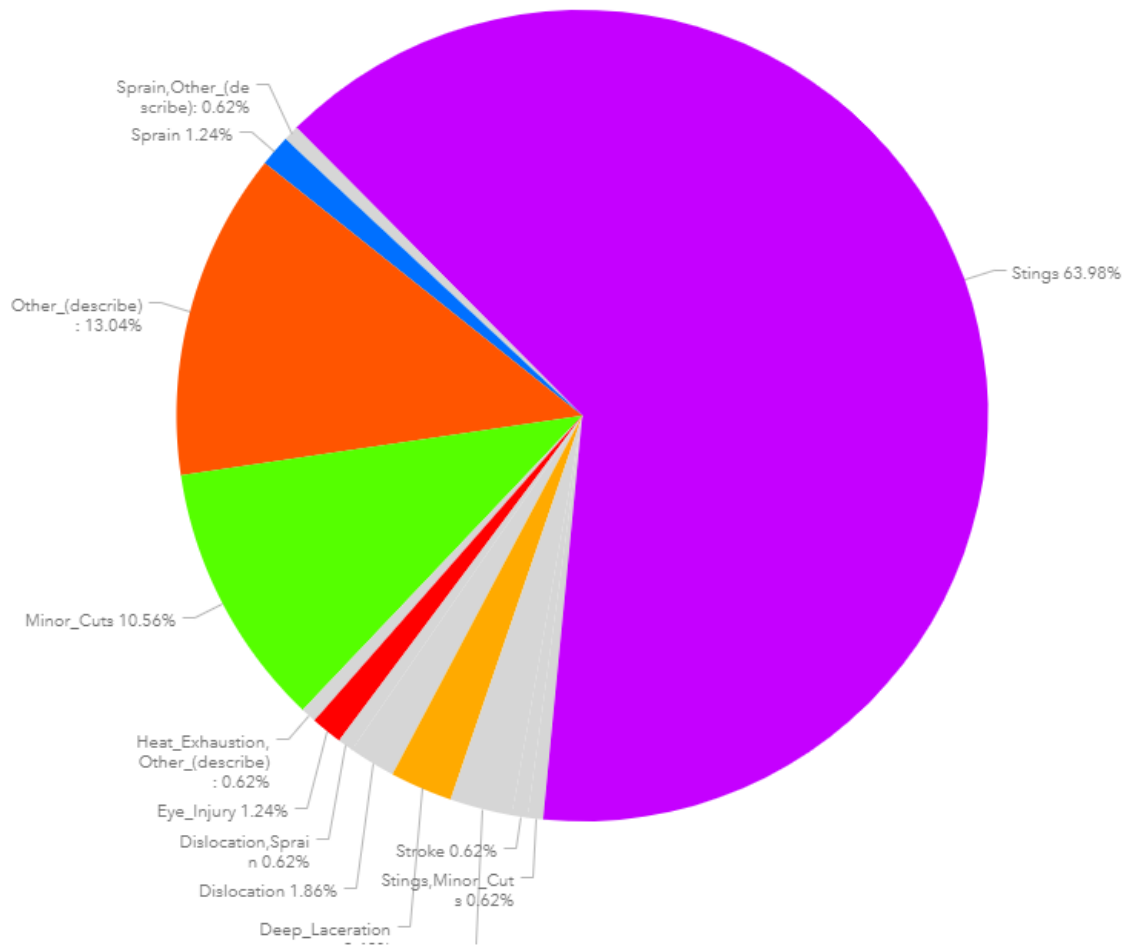
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Voluntary Sector Support

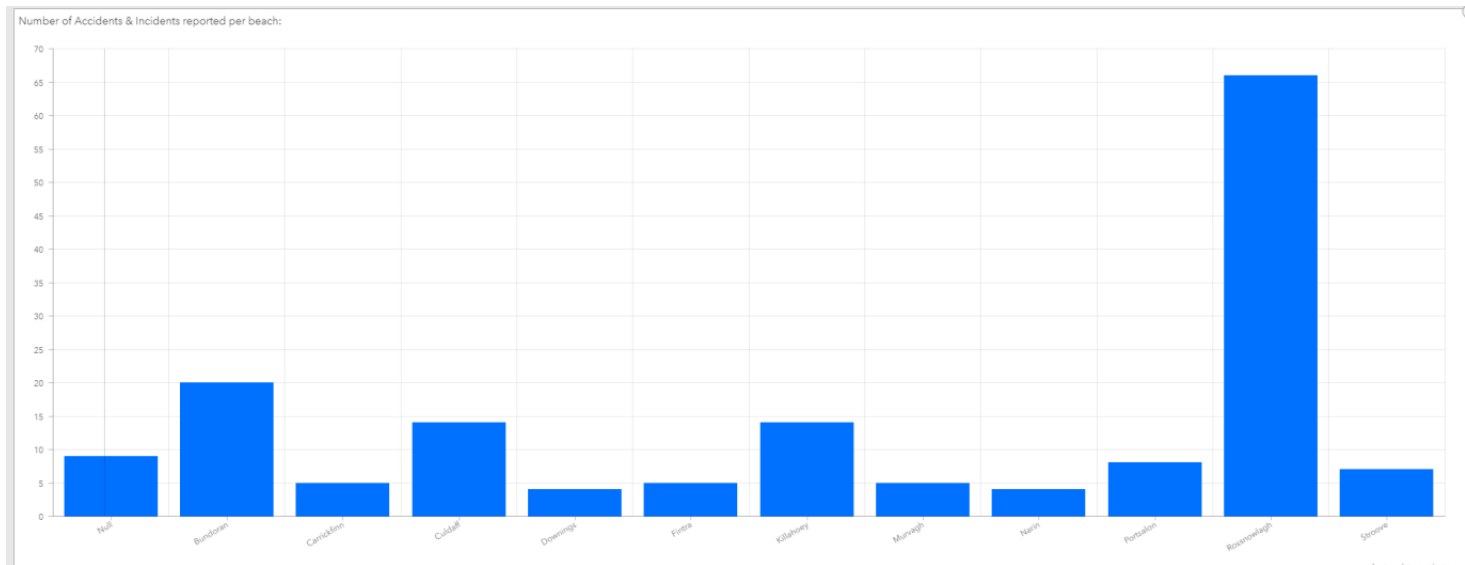
The staycationing has seen a second season of large numbers of visitors to our coastline and beaches. Thankfully there has not been a corresponding increase in accidents/incidents in the water. Our robust water safety initiatives are supporting an enjoyable and safety at the coast.

The voluntary sector who tirelessly litter pick, empty bins, provide beach cleans, etc, deserve acknowledgement for their extraordinary contribution to maintaining our coastline. They are too numerous to mention but are the constant service providers at local level, on the ground, and often go unnoticed. Without their selfless support, our County would not be as attractive for tourists or for those who live here.

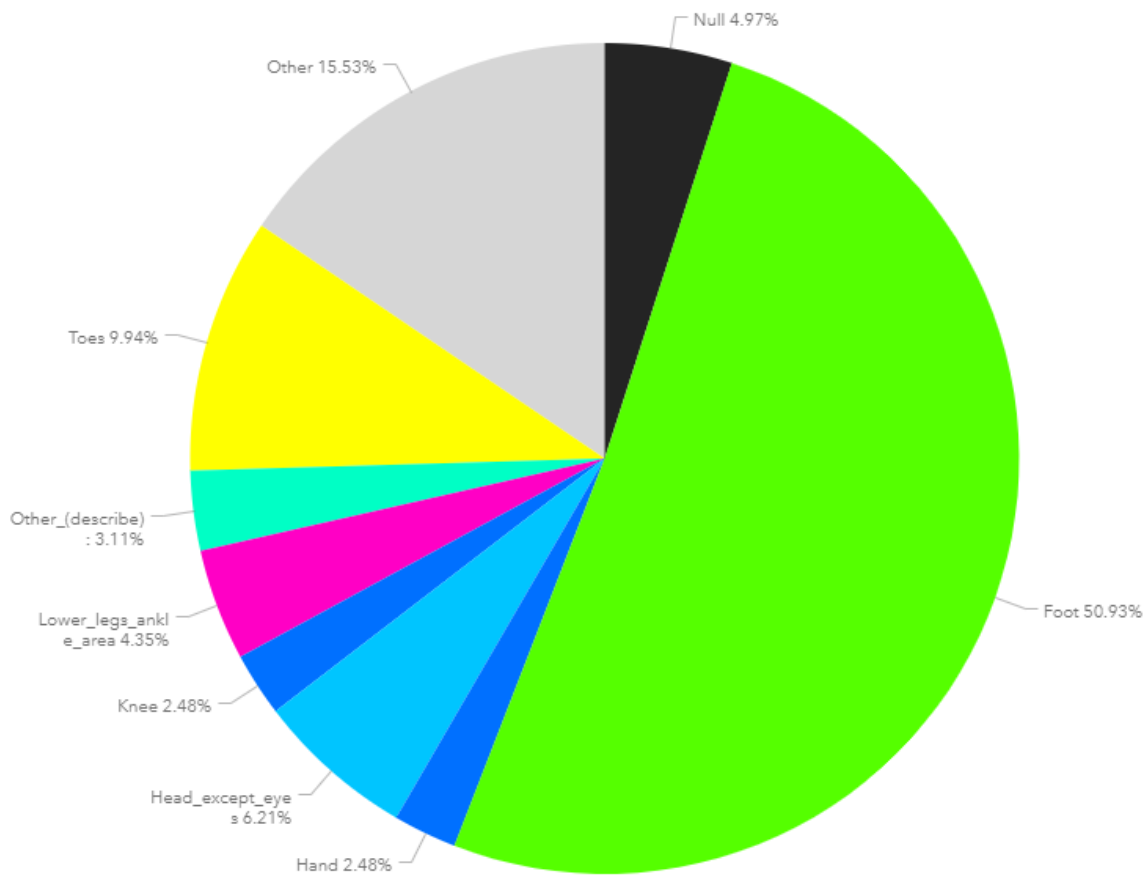
There have been 162 Accidents and Incidents recorded on the 13 beaches with Lifeguards this season to date. Of these, stings were the biggest issue at almost 64% of all incidents. The high level of training of the lifeguards is required when you examine the variety of issues to be addressed including; strokes, eye injuries, dislocations, etc.



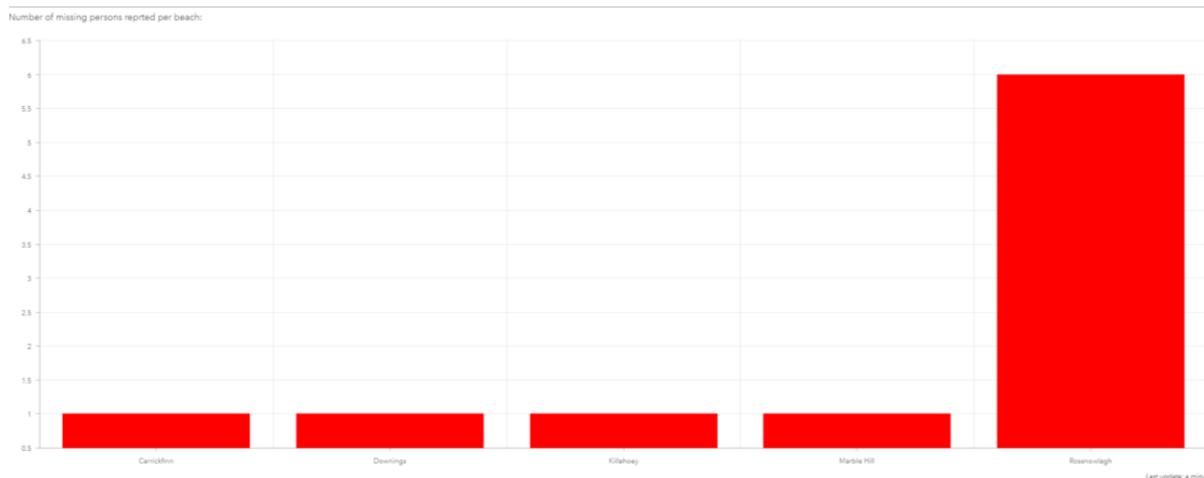
Rosstown had by far the majority of accidents and incidents recorded (66) which reflects the huge numbers of visitors to this popular destination, followed by Bundoran (20), Killahoey and Culdaff (14 each).



Feet injuries made up over half of the injuries treated this season to date and toe injuries comprising almost a further 10%. These can often comprise of weever fish stings or minor cuts/abrasions on unseen underwater rocks/stones.



Missing children can be a traumatic incident for both the lost child and for the guardian responsible. Beach Lifeguards have so far assisted in reconnecting ten lost children with their guardians, again primarily at Rosstownlagh. Carickfinn, Downings, Killahoey and Marble Hill each had one lost child.



Marble Hill Invasive Alien Species Project Donegal County Council successfully applied to the National Biodiversity Action Plan / Invasive Alien Species funding for €17,000 to address issues at the coastal dunes. These important dunes are within the Sheephaven SAC (Code: 001190) and also a proposed NHA (Natural Heritage Area). Unfortunately the location is becoming degraded due to invasive alien species and increasing recreational pressure.

Invasive species are a threat to this habitat, eg. common sea-buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*) – which is very invasive and quickly spreads, shading out other plants. There is a growing threat to the local biodiversity and related ecosystem services, including severe impacts on native species and the structure and functioning of ecosystems through the alteration of habitats, predation, competition and the replacement of native species. If not addressed, there could be a significant adverse impact on the stability of the dunes, affecting human wellbeing and the economy.

It is now intended to initiate dune restoration and visitor management of the affected ecosystem via the National Biodiversity Action Plan Local Authorities Funding Scheme 2021 by:

- Management of invasions that are already widely spread by physical removal and treatment;
- Initiate a continuous surveillance system and a contingency plan with the National Parks & Wildlife Service;
- Early detection and rapid eradication of new invasions;
- Ensure sustainable visitor management with signage and fencing to restrict access across the dunes; and
- Ensure that all stakeholders are given early and effective opportunities to participate in the project, where necessary.

This project will begin in Autumn, 2021.

Blue Flag/Green Coast Inspections

Over the summer season, An Taisce has performed numerous unannounced beach inspections for compliance with Blue Flag or Green Coast criteria. If the high standards of these beach accolades are not met, the award can be withdrawn; either in the short-term until they are met or permanently.

Despite the challenging season in the current pandemic at our beaches, the vast majority of inspections received full compliance with the qualifying criteria. This includes considerable resource commitments in;

- Water Safety (lifeguarding, ringbuoys, signage, awareness campaigns, etc),
- Access (car parks, boardwalk, path maintenance, etc),
- Waste Management/recycling (bins, litter picking, etc),
- Water Quality (bathing water sampling/analysis/result posting),
- Environmental Education (environmental noticeboards, wildlife protection, sustainable transport promotion, etc).

Minor Works Funding

Many beach locations are to benefit from funding which was available under the Minor Tourism Related Works Grant, shared across Directorates earlier in the season. When the beaches become quieter in the autumn we are arranging car park resurfacing, car park lining, and other beach improvements at each coastal MD.

Public Conveniences

All our Public Conveniences were heavily used this season and caretakers and service providers managed to cope with demand in often trying circumstances. Services and supplies were maintained throughout the season as numbers availing of the facilities soared.

Inis Bó Finne (*Inishbofin*) Public Convenience

Donegal County Council's Water and Environment Section has recently overseen the development of a new public convenience facility on Inis Bó Finne (*Inishbofin*). The site was agreed with the Very Rev Seán O'Gallchóir, to whom DCC is very grateful. The project was only possible following Appropriate Assessment and approval by the National Parks and Wildlife Service owing to the sites EU Designation for its biodiversity and importance ecologically.

The facility was designed to a very high standard by Mr. Sean O'Donnell of DCC's Regeneration & Development Team. There is a unisex and fully accessible cubicles catering for users of all abilities. Construction was by McMenamin Brothers Contractors who completed the facility to a very high standard. Management of this public convenience will be overseen by the recently formed Island Committee.

Inishbofin Island or Inis Bó Finne is a Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point just 3km off the Donegal coast. It has a significant bird population and is a sanctuary for the corncrake, barnacle geese, choughs, Arctic terns and peregrine falcons. Very few people live on the island all year but many return to fish or holiday. The views from the island are spectacular and it has a breathtaking beach facing Tory Island. With Boffin Ferry Donegal now operating a new daily ferry service from Magheroarty Pier to Inishbofin Island the new public convenience facility is very welcome by seasonal tourist visitors, fishermen and locals alike.



1. The fully accessible toilet unit.



2. The unisex toilet unit.



3. A local fisherman inspects the newly built public convenience.

Buncrana Flood Relief Scheme – Briefing Note No. 01

Progress Summary

Background:

ByrneLooby- Arcadis (BL-A) were appointed by Donegal County Council (DCC) on the 30th April 2021. BL-A were given permission to commence with work for Stage 1 of Buncrana Flood Relief Scheme (FRS) on the 10th May 2021. The project team for the scheme constitutes of DCC, BL-A and the OPW.

A summary of progress and next steps in the programme are described below.

1.2 Data Collection:

The project team has received initial datasets which have been reviewed. A data collection register has been prepared to monitor data collected as part of the scheme. Sufficient data is available to progress with activities under Stage 1 of the scheme. However, the resolution and detail of certain datasets requires additional information which must be gathered through surveys and investigations, with initial requirements identified thus far discussed below.

1.3 Engineering Surveys and Site Investigations:

The project team completed their initial site walkovers in July and August of 2021. A review of the initial datasets was also carried out to identify locations where surveys are required to progress with the hydrological analysis and hydraulic modelling of the scheme.

- a. **Topographical Survey:** A Supplementary Request for Tender (SRFT) was issued to the relevant specialist supply framework with responses received at the end of August 2021. Appointment of the successful tenderer will follow the tender assessment.
- b. **Culvert Condition Survey:** The condition of culverts e.g. blockage or disrepair can play a very significant role in flooding. As such, a detail project brief to capture relevant culverts in the Buncrana and Luddan using CCTV has been prepared. Responses from the framework to the SRFT are due in early September 2021. The culvert survey will also be crucial for understanding aspects related to pluvial flooding which have been identified as critical in the scheme area, particularly in Causeway Road, Buncrana and Luddan.
- c. **LiDAR Survey:** LiDAR survey is used to capture large areas of topography e.g. the flood plain and upstream catchment from the sky (the survey unit is attached to an aeroplane or drone). Responses from the framework to the SRFT were received on the 13th August 2021. The tender assessment has been completed with appointment of the successful tender expected in early September.

1.4 Hydrology:

An initial review of the CFRAM hydrology datasets has been completed and a draft hydrological method statement has been prepared for the scheme and issued to the Steering Group. It aims to outline the methodology that will be used to complete the hydrological analysis.

1.5 Environmental Assessments:

The baseline desktop study is underway. A proposed extent map for habitat and species walkover surveys has been prepared. The initial assessment will focus on establishing the baseline conditions and will also identify additional areas to survey over and above those outlined in the CFRAM.

An invasive alien species (IAS) treatment contract for the scheme area adjacent to the Crana River is currently underway with completion at the end of 2021 treatment season. The scope of the contract will be reviewed through the preparation of an Invasive Species Management Plan and subject to its findings and recommendations, management of the risk posed by IAS will continue in some form over the coming years.

1.6 Stakeholder and Third-Party Communications

1.6.1 Project Website

A project website has been developed for Buncrana Flood Relief Scheme. It will be going live in early September 2021 at the following address:

<https://www.floodinfo.ie/frs/en/buncrana/home/>

The website will be updated with quarterly newsletters and will also provide an interface for the public to provide feedback to the project team. The website will also host the upcoming Opening Public Consultation which is discussed below.

Correspondence

The project team have held introductory meetings with some stakeholders and third-party organisations in the scheme area including the Inishowen River Trust (IRT) committee. These correspondents are being reported and recorded on a month-to-month basis.

Opening Public Consultation

There will be an Opening Public Consultation in September 2021. The event will be live and accessible through the project website mentioned above and through the County Donegal FRS portal (<https://countydonegalfrs.ie/>). This is the first public consultation event for the project, which aims to gather information from the public about their experiences of flooding in Buncrana.

Next Steps

- **Culvert and LiDAR Surveys:** The survey contracts described in section 1.3 above are expected to commence in September or October 2021. Draft deliverables for review are expected 4 to 6 weeks after commencement of the surveys. Once approved, the survey data will be crucial in the development of models and assessments.
- **Hydrology:** The draft hydrology method statement will be subject to review by the project team with a technical workshop to discuss it scheduled for September 2021.
- **Environmental Assessment:** Completion of the baseline desktop study and the site walkover habitats and species survey. The latter will see surveyors on the ground in September 2021.

Project Key Milestone Dates

Deliverable / Milestone	Estimated Milestone Date
Website Live	September 2021
DAC & Structural Surveys	Q1 2022
Property and Land Holdings Part 1	September 2021
Draft Hydrology Method Statement	August 2021 - Completed
Draft Constraints Report	November 2021
Draft Hydrology Report	Q1 2022
Draft Hydraulic Model Report	Q3 2022

BURNFOOT FLOOD RELIEF SCHEME

Briefing Note 3 – August 2021

Progress Summary

Murphy Geospatial (www.murphygs.ie) have completed and delivered the property threshold, river and terrain surveys. The surveys have captured the data needed to build an up to date computer model of the Burnfoot and Skeoge Rivers, tributaries, existing defences and floodplains in the area.

McBreen Environmental (<http://www.mcbreenenvironmental.ie>) have completed fieldwork and submitted draft deliverables of culvert and CCTV surveys. The surveys have captured the internal dimensions, levels and conditions of the culverts which convey watercourses beneath the ground. This information will be represented in the model to simulate the performance of these key structures.

RPS have completed the construction of a computer model to simulate the Skeoge River, Burnfoot River and its tributaries within the study area, based on data acquired during the detailed river, culvert and terrain surveys. Development of the boundary conditions which drive the hydraulic models is substantially complete. These are the flows, water levels and rainfall inputs which are entered into the model to replicate flood conditions, both past and future predicted (design) events. This has involved the interrogation of data from geographically close and/or hydrologically similar catchments across Donegal and nationally. As these boundary conditions are entered into the model the hydrology team will review the outputs of the simulated flood events within the hydraulic computer models to see that the models are replicating the observed flood extents and depths which have been recorded, particularly the August 2017 flood. In conjunction with the hydraulic modelling team, adjustments may be made to the boundary conditions to ensure the models are accurately representing what occurred. The project team will be making use of the data (photographs and reports) of past flood events provided by local residents, businessowners and stakeholders and may make further contact to clarify certain details of the flood events to ensure the closest representation to events which took place on the ground in Burnfoot.

RPS completed the Environmental Constraints Study report in late August, which assesses the key environmental issues which may be impacted by, or impose constraints on, the flood scheme. The report considers Biodiversity, Flora and Fauna, Soils and Geology, Archaeology, Architectural and Cultural Heritage, Land Use and Material Assets, Landscape and Visual Impact, in addition to Population and Human Health.

Note too that a new newsletter will be posted on the scheme website this quarter, see: <https://countydonegalfrs.ie/burnfootfrs/index.php/news/>

Next Steps

Data Collection: Data collection activities at this stage of the project are focussing on identifying data gaps and obtaining further detail on hydrological and flood event data, identifying further specialist environmental surveys and anticipating what further catchment wide data might be needed to facilitate appraisal of catchment based measures.

Surveys: The Culvert and CCTV surveys have been completed. Draft deliverables have been submitted and survey data is being reviewed for use in the hydraulic model. RPS are currently looking at whether further surveys are needed to inform the preliminary design of a scheme.

Hydrological Analysis: The next steps in the hydrological analysis will focus on refining and finalising the design flows and water levels which are used within the models to simulate flooding.

Hydraulic Analysis: After the hydraulic model has been calibrated and validated using data from historical flood events to ensure that it provides an accurate representation of the flooding mechanisms, it will be used to assess and compare various design options which will reduce the flood risk in Burnfoot.

Scheme Analysis and Development: A list of all potential flood risk management measures which may be applicable at Burnfoot is currently being produced. These will be screened such that measures which could be technically and economically viable, socially and environmentally acceptable are taken forward for detailed assessment.

Environmental Assessment: Further detailed environmental surveys are programmed over the autumn period to include completion of ecological surveys that are seasonally constrained, e.g. aquatic ecology and more specialist surveys that are required to build on the initial baseline surveys, including protected species surveys, archaeological and architectural surveys. The environmental constraints and opportunities identified will inform the appraisal of the options for the FRS ensuring early consideration in design and a robust assessment of the potential environmental impact of the preferred scheme.

Projected Key Milestone Dates

- Completion of Final Environmental Constraints Report – August 2021
- Completion of Draft Hydrology Report – September 2021
- Completion of Draft Hydraulic Modelling Report – November 2021
- Ecological surveys – ongoing throughout 2021
- Identification of Preferred Option – January 2021
- Completion of Environmental Impact Assessment Report – August 2022

Irish Water - Change to Contact Numbers

Irish Water is changing their customer contact numbers to non-geographic prefixes 1800 (free) and 0818 numbers (standard rates). The move addresses perceived customer confusion and high costs of using non geographic numbers.

- The General Enquires numbers including operational issues is now **1800 278 278**
- The dedicated Business Enquiries number changing to **0818 778 778**.
- The dedicated service to Councillors/Deputies the Local/Oireachtas Representative support desk can now be contacted on **0818 178 178 / 0818 578 578**, or they can mail localrepsupport@water.ie

Irish Water customers who dial the old numbers will only be diverted to the new number until December 2021. Therefore, to ensure all customers are aware of the correct numbers to use, we are asking stakeholders/representatives to update any collateral or online support they may have and to share changes with their members/constituents where appropriate. Irish Water will also be updating their collateral, website and sharing updates via social media, should you wish to amplify by resharing through these channels please do so.

Our contact numbers are changing

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General Enquiries
1800 278 278

Business Enquiries
0818 778 778

**Community Development & Planning Directorate
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Municipal District of Inishowen

Meeting Tuesday, 14th September 2021

1. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
2. 2021 Burnfoot Enhancement Scheme
3. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
4. 2017 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal Scheme
5. 2018 Muff Town and Village Renewal Scheme
6. 2018 Bunrana Town and Village Renewal Scheme
7. 2019 Killea Town and Village Renewal Scheme
8. 2019 Clonmany Town and Village Renewal Scheme
9. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
10. Playground Maintenance
11. Donegal Walks and Trails
12. Bunrana School Campus
13. Clár Funding Measure 2 Portaleen, Glengad



Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: September, 2021

Activity / Project Title	Malin Head
Activity / Project Description	Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.
Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point.• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design.• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects , a multi-disciplinary team have been appointed to provide a Visitor Management Plan and concept design for Malin Head.• There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8th May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9th May McGrorys Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14th May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village hall on the 15th May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings.• A workshop presentation by Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects on the concept ideas for the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan took place on Tuesday 10th December, 2019.• Public information events on the design concepts took place on Tuesday 10th December 2019 at St. Mary's Community Hall, Malin Head St Patrick's Parochial Hall, Malin Village and on Wednesday 11th December 2019 at The Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and McGrorys Hotel, Culdaff.• 110 attendees at the Public Information events on the 10th and 11th December, 2019. A questionnaire was circulated at the event and feedback was invited. Submission deadline Friday 10th January, 2020• Meetings took place with Elected Members on the 19th October, 2020 and the 14th December, 2020.• A meeting took place on the 27th January with the project team.• A meeting took place with the Electe4d Members on the 11th March 2021• A meeting took place with the Elected Members on the 29th April 2021 and various issues were discussed in relation to the Visitor Management Plan.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Current Status September 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings are taken place with with key landowners
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Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: September 2021

Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	2021 Burnfoot Town and Village Enhancement Scheme	
Project Description/Activit		
Budget (if applicable)	€60,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs Contributions ranging from 20% to 30% from property owners	
Description of works under the scheme <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Works	Maximum Grant
	Green enhancement of entrances/terraces with planting	€500
	Painting of building/shopfront in carefully selected colours which will complement the host building and streetscape. (Agreed in advance with Donegal County Council)	€1,500
	Mural (agreed in advance with Local Authority)	
	Decluttering and repair of shopfronts (Decluttering can include such works as removing unnecessary signs, flagpoles, wiring etc.)	€2,000
	Careful illumination and lighting of architectural features of buildings	
	Improvements to shopfront window displays and staging	
	Replacement of signage with traditional wooden fascia with wooden/hand painted lettering OR contemporary design	€4,000
	Canopies/awnings complementary to the materials of the shopfront and building (including street furniture)	
	Replacement of existing shopfront with traditional painted wooden shopfront OR contemporary design	
	Maximum per building	€8,000
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>Current status September 2021</u> There has been a positive response and interest in the scheme both with private and commercial property owners. I am working through the guidelines of the scheme and stakeholders to deliver an enhanced village streetscape.	
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Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: September 2021

Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status * Delete irrelevant reporting period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and various stakeholders. Mr. Shalvey agreed to initiate the process for a Conservation and Management Plan of the entire site. The timeframe for completion of the plan is early 2018. The Council will work in collaboration with the OPW, Fáilte Ireland and the stakeholders in relation to the development of the site. • The Office of Public Works have given a commitment to commission a Conservation and Management Plan . This is on the way to being achieved currently and this will set out the options for the future management of the Grianán an Aileach site. • In June 2019, the OPW officially appointed Blackwood Associates Architects to provide a Conservation and Management plan. 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. • Alice Bentley of Blackwood Associate Architects, Claire Cotter, Archaeologist, Jackie Hunt, Ecologist and Michele O’ Dea from the Office of Public Works attended a workshop meeting regarding the Conservation and Management report with the Members on Monday 18th November, 2019. Contributions from the Councillors was documented by the consultations and will be addressed in the plan. • A copy of the completed Conservation and Management plan was circulated to the Elected Members in January 2021. • This plan sets out the implementation strategy and Action Plan for the conservation and protection of the monument. • The OPW have indicated that the list of Actions contained in the plan will guide the way forward for servicing the tourism potential of the site achieved collaboratively with the OPW and other partners and official agencies such as Donegal County Council and Fáilte Ireland • The Elected Members have sought a virtual meeting with the OPW regarding the report and this request has been made to the body. • The OPW officials will meet with the Elected Members and relevant Council officials at the site later in the Summer when health restrictions permit to discuss any issues associated with the site and the Conservation and Management plan • In the interim, a list of questions from the Elected Members will issue to the OPW • An application for funding has been submitted and it has been successful under the Council’s Minor Tourism related works grant scheme for small intervention works at An Grianan of Aileach:- • 1) Interpretative information panel (s) showing points of interest and mapping. This will also provide an orientation marker of Inishowen and Donegal whilst showing its significance and close proximity to Northern Ireland.(2) The proposal also includes the installation of 2 no. benches to provide accessible seating and enhance the scenic and

	<p>recreational amenity for visitors, the elderly and the community to sit and absorb the spectacular vista and history and heritage of the site. It will help nurture a civic pride of place.</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">September 2021 UPDATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaising with the OPW to progress the work associated with the Minor Tourism works scheme
<p>Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i></p>	<p>Fiona Doherty, fdoherty@donegalcoco.ie 087 3678954</p>



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Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: September 2021

Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	2017 Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Newtoncunningham
Project Description/Activit	Tourist Information Kiosk
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Installation of a Tourist Information Kiosk and associated works. Current Status: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Various meetings have taken place regarding the project elements and a letter of offer should issue shortly to the group.• Planning permission has been agreed.• The Tendering process will be initiated within the next few weeks.• Procurement of the fit out of the Kiosk is currently been progressed.• The tendering process for a contractor has been completed. Capital works have begun on site.• All works to be completed by December, 2019.• The tender is been finalised for the software/app development and operating system for the Interactive Tourist and local Business information point.• The group have appointed a company for the software/app development and operating system for the Interactive Tourist and local Business information point and this work is progressing.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Current status September 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Phase 1 - The construction element of the unit is completed.• Phase 2 – The Electrical fit out is completed• The Interactive Touch Screen and technology is installed.• The design and development of an App is completed.• The 4m x 2m Led Light box tourism map showing heritage and activities in Inishowen and Donegal is installed.• A meeting is to take place to finalise the works .
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Activity / Project Update: September 2021

Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	2018 Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Muff
Project Description/Activity	Village Health Check and Improvement Works to the village and Playground.
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Works to be agreed consist of: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Village Health Check.2. Streetscape and Environmental enhancements3. Information panels, signage, print.4. Visitor information point5. Works to Muff Community Park.6. Footpath7. Off street Car Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A letter of Offer has issued to the Muff Community Development Forum.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work is progressing on the plans for the village• The group are in the process of appointing a consultant for the Village Health Check• Tenders have been received for a site manager of the works .• 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 12th December, 2019 in Muff Community Hall.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>Current status September 2021</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Village Health Check is complete.• The toilet facilities at the play park has been installed• The multi-functional Cabin/ Tourist information point within the playpark has been installed, including the new heating system• The Disabled and pedestrian access works will be installed and completed in 3rd Quarter 2021
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Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: September 2021

Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	2018 Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Buncrana
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of the tourist office in collaboration with Explore Inishowen (govisitinishowen) • Information signage, enhancement of the area around the pier.
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources €39,996 – 2020 T&V Acceleration measure 2 fund
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Works consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Web site development promotion and Branding ➤ Office refurbishment ➤ Finger Post Signage ➤ Enhancement of the area around the pier <p><u>progress works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Meetings have taken place with the group regarding the proposed works. • Procurement for a website developer has commenced. • Tenders were received, assessed. Website developer has been appointed • The tender documents are been finalised for the procurement of an architect for the refurbishment of the tourist office and outside space. • An architect has been appointed for the refurbishment works associated with the project. • The website design is now complete. • Under the 2020 Town and Village Renewal Scheme Accelerated Measure funding granted of €39,996 for improvement and modifications to the tourist office building. Measures to allow for safe entry and exit in compliance with Covid-19 regulations will also be incorporated into the plans under the 2018 Town & Village Renewal Scheme.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>Current status September 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The govisitinishowen.ie website is complete. • Information Technology equipment installed • Branding and marketing work completed • The appointed Architect has completed the design associated with the 2018 T&V funding and also the additional funding allocated under the 2020 Town and Village Accelerated measure 2 programme. • These works have been published on e-tenders with a closing date of 15th September, • It is anticipated that the extension construction works will commence in the 3rd Quarter 2021
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Mark Gallagher, , 087 228 9811, James Kelly A/Senior Executive Engineer 087 2236923



Activity / Project Update: September 2021

Activity / Project Title	2019 Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Killea
File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carpark Infrastructure, Recycling facilities, Informative/tourist signage.
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Works consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Installation of Carpark Infrastructure :</u> The carpark infrastructure will provide 20 carparking spaces which will serve the play area and also provide a multi-functional use for the whole community of Killea village. The primary objective is to create a safe environment and access for the outdoor play area users. It will also provide safe parking for the church, School, residents, businesses, community, and visitors. It will encourage more footfall and economic activity in the village. The provision of a car park adjacent to the outdoor play area on Donegal County Council owned lands will facilitate the park comprising of a large obstacle play area, a football area, swings, benches and various outdoor play equipment. • <u>The provision of Recycling facilities to serve the Village :</u> We will wish to provide recycling facilities at the carpark and we will be working closely with Donegal County Council to link and leverage funding to provide this much needed service in the village. • <u>Tourist Information Signage:</u> It is intended to provide signage within the carpark advising visitors to the area of the activities and amenities available within Killea and in the surrounding area to encourage them to stay in the area for longer and thus spend more money in the businesses that exist and in the future create the need for additional businesses to set up within the village. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tendering process is completed. • Garden Escapes (Ireland) Ltd been appointed to carry out the works associated with the carpark infrastructure and also the Playpark funded under the Peace programme. •
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>Current status September 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Carpark infrastructure and Play park works are completed and are open to the public
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Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update: September 2021

Activity / Project Title	2019 Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Clonmany
File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	
Project Description/Activity	Resurfacing of a carpark, installation of public lighting, safety measures, Streetscape enhancement, tourist information maps and signage
Budget (if applicable)	€100,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs € 25,000 – Own Resources
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Works consists of: 1. Resurfacing of the Carpark at St. Colmcille Community Day Centre and Residential care home Carpark. 2. Installation of Public street Lighting and Ducting at Gaddyduff Bray. 3. Bollards, Railings, Safety measures at St Mary's Church to the building used for the Award winning Tug O' War committee. 4. Enhancement of Streetscape and the Village Environment. 5. Tourism Information Maps and Signage.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Current status September 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SSE Airtricity have installed the new public lighting columns and the power has been installed.• We are working with the Community group regarding the works associated with the enhancement of the village.• Church Hill Quarries has been appointed for the resurfacing of the carpark at St Colmcille Day centre and residential care home and we await a start date.
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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update- September 2021

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

Activity / Project Update: September 2021

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2020/20
Project Description/Activity	List of Playgrounds <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Culdaff Playground2. Merville Playground.3. Festival Park, Bunrana.4. Chlois Phadraig, Carndonagh.5. Ballyliffin Playground.6. Barrack Hill Town Park, Carndonagh7. Barrack Hill Outdoor Gym. Carndonagh8. Bunrana MUGA, Bunrana.
Budget (if applicable)	€6,444.79 incl. VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Works consists of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replacement of broken and damaged equipment.• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards.• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings , shackles, etc.• Carry out repairs along edges of safety surfaces. <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Rospa Inspection Reports have been completed with necessary repairs identified.• Quick Quotes tender requests issued on 10th December 2019 with a closing date of 10th January 2020.• Tenders assessed January 2020.• Annual Maintenance Tender awarded to Murphy Playground Services Ltd.• Contractor has commenced works on the various playgrounds.• <u>July 2021</u>• <u>Ballyliffin play park</u> <p>€16,500 funding has been awarded for the refurbishment of the playground in Ballyliffin.</p> <p><u>Culdaff playground</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Murphy Contractors has completed the works associated with the replenishment of the Playground in Culdaff
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>September 2021</u> The appointed maintenance contractor has been tasked with repair issues.
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Municipal District: Inishowen

Activity / Project Update No.8 September 2021

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Walks and Trails
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Maintenance, development and promotion of walks & trails in Donegal including cycle routes and Greenways.
Budget (if applicable)	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>ORIS 2020 The Tip O Neill trail funded project is now completed and open for usage a very big Thank you to Seamus Fullerton (Buncrana) and his team on an excellent job. Also thank you to the NWCD for been so involved and assisting the project getting to completion.</p> <p>ORIS 2021 Donegal County Council have submitted 7 number application to Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme on behalf of the local community Groups and IDP have submitted 3 applications on behalf of Inishowen municipal district we now await to get word from the funding body on awarded projects this is not expected until January 2022.</p> <p>Carndonagh A suitable date for meeting on site and complete a walk around of the riverside trail can now be arranged.</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To complete the ORIS 2021 applications for measures 2 & 3• Site visit to Carndonagh
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) 0873613811 dconnor@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update: September 2021

Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
Budget (if applicable)	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills</p> <p>Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in particular in relation to land acquisition, it has been agreed with the Department of Education and Skills that any further requests for updates or progress reports would be handled directly by the Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus.• The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4th December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers.• Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford.
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p><u>September 2021 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work is ongoing in this regard
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Activity / Project Update: September 2021

Activity / Project Title	2020 Clár Funding 2020. Measure 2: Community Recreation Areas – Portaleen, Glengad, Co. Donegal
Project Description/Activity	To create a Community Viewing Platform at the top of Portaleen Brae providing unobstructed views over and across the coastal landscape of Portaleen Pier and the Atlantic Ocean. This work will be done in collaboration with Glengad Community Centre.
Budget (if applicable)	Funding of €50,000 announced on the 2 nd November by the Department of Rural & Community Development €2,777.50 - Glengad Community Association €2,777.50 - Donegal County Council contribution
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p><u>Description of the works</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Re-surfacing of existing uneven ground surface 2. Enhanced boundary condition and associated landscaping 3. The provision of picnic benches and seating overlooking Portaleen Pier 4. Wayfinding and Interpretation Panel 5. Creating the infrastructure for an outdoor cinema event.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>September 2021</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plan, brief and Bill of Quantities is been finalised and quotations will be sought for all works including resurfacing and realignment of carpark, accommodation works and installation of interpretation signage and seating • Work is ongoing with the Glengad Community Association to progress the delivery of item no's 3 and 4.
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 3678954 and Mark Gallagher, Executive Engineer, 087 228 981



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

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1. Division: Economic Development (September, 2021)

1.1 Division: Economic Development – Economic Development Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Economic Development Unit
Outline of Work	<p>The Economic Development Unit proactively engages in economic development opportunities, supporting job creation and strategic investment in Donegal and is focusing on the following areas of work:</p> <p>#LoveDonegal: This year's #LoveDonegal Day campaign, which took place on August 18th, had a huge response across all social media platforms with the hashtag #LoveDonegal trending on Twitter for two days, as well as #DúnnanGallAbú, and reaching over 16 million social media users across the globe.</p> <p>More local businesses and entrepreneurs from across all sectors in Donegal got involved with this year's campaign, downloading and using the #LoveDonegal logos and creatives for their own marketing use across social media platforms including instagram and twitter.</p> <p>This year's campaign focused on several key areas to showcase the rich and unique offering Donegal has including remote working, doing business here, studying in Donegal, the culture, the people, the different communities and relocating to Donegal.</p> <p>#LoveDonegal also had a large media presence in the lead up and on the day with interviews and advertising on Highland Radio, Raidió na Gaeltachta, Ocean FM, The Irish Times and local print media.</p> <p>#BuyDonegal: The 2020 #BuyDonegal campaign has been nominated for a Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards for Promoting Economic Development. The award ceremony hosted by Mary Kennedy will take place on Thursday, 18 November 2021.</p> <p>Preparations are also underway for the 2021 campaign which will once again take place on the first weekend in November and run until the end of December. There will once again be a strong marketing campaign to support #BuyDonegal and we are in the process of updating the website buydonegal.com which will integrate with our new Donegal.ie site, to go</p>

live in the coming weeks.

Last year over 250 businesses across Donegal supported the #BuyDonegal initiative and the 2021 campaign will look to expand upon this number and benefit the Donegal economy during this important trading period.

Economic Development Covid-19 Recovery: The Unit is continuing to be proactive in supporting businesses during this Covid-19 pandemic and activities include:

The Outdoor Seating and Accessories for Tourism & Hospitality

Business Scheme: The focus of this scheme is to provide a level of financial support to tourism and hospitality businesses, in our town centres, to purchase or upgrade equipment to provide additional outdoor seating to create outdoor dining experiences in a regulated and accessible manner. Funding under the scheme is only available to existing businesses.

This scheme is open to attractions, hotels, restaurants, cafes, public houses or other tourism and hospitality business establishments. It is eligible to those premises that have no commercial rates outstanding to Donegal County Council or have a payment plan in place.

- The Scheme opened 12th April 2021 and will close 30th September 2021 at 4pm.
- Expenditure must be incurred between 1st April 2020 and 30th September 2021.
- The scheme will provide for up to 75% of the ex-VAT cost of equipment purchased/installed with a maximum allowable contribution of up to €4,000 per applicant.
- A total of 259 completed applications have been received with 37 grants paid out to date.

Communications on business supports: The EDU is proactively promoting and sharing information on the various supports available to businesses at this time including supports available through LEO, Enterprise Ireland, Failte Ireland and various Councils

initiatives on all our platform including Donegal County Council and Invest Donegal platforms.

Concierge Service:

Existing businesses, potential business start-ups or businesses looking to relocate or wishing to expand and who need advice on accessing a wide range of Council services and supports, can contact the Business Concierge Service by email

economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie. To date this year there have been 36 queries processed through the system.

Property Solutions: involves 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. The Unit is progressing 11 queries of property solution opportunities in various locations across the county.

Remote Working: On the 29th July, 2021, The EDU organised and hosted an online event called 'Working in Donegal' which presented a number of panellists speaking about their experiences relocating and remote working in Donegal, and the EDU speaking about the 'Donegal Remote Working Strategy for Business', which was officially launched June 24th, 2021.

This event proved to be very successful with 142 registrations for the event. The event also showcased the opportunities and benefits of working remotely in Donegal, and the impact on quality of life it can have.

The EDU are also working with the Grow Remote Chapters in Donegal and Arranmore on the development of a pilot app which will assist prospective remote workers in finding information and digital hub facilities, remote working resources, and an established network of remote workers.

The EDU collaborate and engage with various Innovation and Digital Hubs in Donegal and Connected Hubs to ensure that relevant and pertinent information on funding opportunities, marketing and promotion assistance, infrastructure improvements, etc are clearly communicated and supported.

The EDU is engaging with Donegal ETB on the development and the roll out of their new remote working training this September which will facilitate individuals seeking employment via remote working, and also

established remote workers and teams.

Caravan & Camping Study: KPMG Future Analytics is continuing to work on a study of the Caravan & Camping sector in Donegal with a view to making recommendations on the future development of this sector. A number of surveys have been conducted as part of this study with a large number of responses:

- Camper van/motorhome survey: 1195 responses
- Campsite Owner Survey: 61 responses
- Public Survey: 1792 responses

In addition to the above surveys there have been one to one indepth interviews and focus groups with various stakeholders including the elected members. The research team have also received a number of indepth submissions and these are also being considered as part of the study. A first draft of the study has been received and is currently being considered by the Economic Development Unit.

Alpha Innovation Centre: The project will support businesses and early idea entrepreneurs to develop their innovation capability and business resilience post Brexit and post Covid. The recruitment of the innovation team is being progressed. The position of Head of Innovation is currently being promoted through various social media and employment platforms.

InvestDonegal Communications Update: Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn and Twitter (@DonegalInvest) accounts are as follows;

	Impressions (last 28 days)	Total Followers
Linked In	71,100 (+19%)	2,519 (+212)
Twitter	222,000 (+93%)	1,476(+74)
Donegal.ie	2K Web Users +19% (4 weeks 29 July – 25 August 21 v prior period)	

10 News Items Published

The EDU continue to inform businesses of the range of government supports alongside insightful business and original content features.

	<p>In addition to the above accounts, the EDU works closely with the Council’s Communications Office to share information on the Councils corporate social media channels.</p> <p>The EDU thanks Elected Members for their continued engagement with InvestDonegal on our social platforms</p> <p>Global engagement: work is continuing to proactively target potential FDI opportunities in the US market in collaboration with Derry City & Strabane District Council and working to create a Donegal/North West bias for businesses interested in exploring investment opportunities in the EU and UK. Both Councils are currently overseeing a two tender process to procure a company to develop an Inward Investment strategy for the North West City region and a service provider for the development of a Talent Solution for the North West City Region.</p> <p>Collaboration: Working with our colleagues in Community Development and Planning Services to progress a range of strategic projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of RRDF projects were developed and submitted in July 2021. <p>Atlantic Economic Corridor: working with Local Authority partners along the western coast to progress mutually beneficial projects and initiatives.</p> <p>The EDU supported recent successful applications received totalling approximately €300,000 to the Connected Hubs funding, which was available to already established hubs. The successful applicants were Mevagh Family Resource Centre, the BASE Enterprise Centre in Stranorlar, gTeic @ Cill Charthaigh, the Business Hub in Letterkenny, Cowork Plus An Tearmann and Spraioi agus Spórt in Carndonagh.</p> <p>The Western Development Commission continue to promote an online booking engine for hubs www.Connectedhub.ie, the EDU are facilitating local hubs to sign up to this facility.</p>
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1.2 Division: Economic Development – Tourism Marketing Unit

2 Project / Activity Report

Title	Tourism Marketing Unit. Go Visit Donegal - Digital and Online Marketing. Data range: May and June 2021											
Outline of Work	<p>Year to Date Stats *as of 28th June</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="440 464 1243 600"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Numbers</th> <th>Performance vs 2020</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Page Views</td> <td>221,487</td> <td>Up 81.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Users</td> <td>78,550</td> <td>Up 70%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Traffic came from 158 countries in total. Top Ten Countries include: Ireland, UK, USA, Germany, China, Canada, Netherlands, France, Australia.</p> <p>Golf in Donegal Campaign- 14th June – 26th July 2021 inclusive (6 weeks). This is a domestic marketing campaign, targeting visitors from across the island of Ireland, to include NI visitors. The primary target audience for the campaign are golfers living on the island of Ireland who will potentially have an interest in experiencing what Donegal has to offer golfing enthusiasts. This campaign is integrated across channels in NI and ROI and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional PR campaign, targeting regional media and travel media - Paid-for media in NI and ROI - In-house digital campaign (govisitdonegal.com & Google Ads). <p>Work carried out in advance of the campaign incl. engagement with the trade regarding upload of offers on the govisitdonegal.com website, development of online assets, set up of campaigns.</p> <p>Printed media - Articles to be published across a number of leading golfing publications. These articles will be drawn from a selection specially produced for this campaign featuring a list of Donegal golfing ambassadors, and may be duplicated across a number of publications. All articles produced will be published on IrishGolfDesk.com.</p> <p>Outdoor Dining - Tourism Unit reached out the trade and tourism group in the county and put together a list of restaurants/cafés that offer outdoor dining seating across Donegal. Places are listed by location & mapped by IS Department of Donegal CoCo. Providers can contact Tourism Unit directly to get their business included. There are over 90 businesses listed is promoted via social media: https://www.govisitdonegal.com/outdoor-dining</p>				Numbers	Performance vs 2020	Page Views	221,487	Up 81.7%	Users	78,550	Up 70%
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New Donegal place brand- Go Visit Donegal brand has embraced the new logo on the website and across social media platforms following the last Donegal Tourism Board meeting.

- Staycation feature in the Public Service Magazine - (June 2021).
- Belfast Telegraph advertising - Full page advert on June 25th.
- Family Life will cover areas such as Fun Days Out, giving you a choice of places to take the family, eat & shop.

Partnership with Eoghan Corry & Destination Ireland - Donegal Tourism engaged in a summer promotion with Destination Ireland. They offer waves of promotions throughout a summer partnership to include digital promotions via Destination Ireland Guide, Eoghan Corry Vodcast interview via Vimeo, Podcast via Soundcloud / iTunes / Spotify etc, and regular posts directly to 20K+ followers on social media. They will also be using the promotion channels of their sister company, Destination Golf Travel, which is the World's Best Golf Travel Magazine.

City of Derry Airport - Engaging with the City of Derry Airport – providing brochures and submitting content for their website for cross-promotions.

Social media – ongoing promotions across Facebook, Instagram and Twitter promoting Donegal as a county with focus on each of the MD Regions

Irish Legends Golfing Event - Hosted by the McGinley Foundation at Rosapenna Hotel and Golf Resort, na Dúnaibh/Downings. The weekend kicked off with a Celebrity Series Pro Am with stars such as Keith Wood, James Nesbitt, Mike Tindall, Georgie Bingham, Daniel O'Donnell, Niall Quinn, Michael Murphy and others getting a chance to experience the old Tom Morris course with the likes of Paul Lawrie, Ian Woosnam, Mauricio Molina and Thomas Bjørn who won the Legends Tour title after a play off with Philip Price. This was a very successful event which showcased some of the great golf that Donegal has to offer. Highlights of the tournament were broadcast on Sky Sports Golf on Wednesday 25 August. As a result of Covid-19 restrictions spectators were not allowed at the event. However the Irish Legends will be returning to the Rosapenna in 2022 and will hopefully include a festival for the community.

TIDE – Atlantic Network for Developing Historical Maritime Tourism - The objective is to develop a niche historical maritime tourism package for Atlantic based on connecting & marketing assets from historical period across different regions. Three Pilot themes have been agreed by the Donegal Stakeholders – Napoleonic Era, Spanish Armada & World War 1. World War 2 & Emigration will be promoted through the TIDE Platform.

Donegal Tourism Strategy 2021-2025 - Tourism Development International has been appointed by Donegal County Council to develop a new 5 year tourism strategy for the County. Stage 2 has been completed and work is ongoing for the final Stage 3.

International marketing of Donegal, Sligo and Mayo implementation plan

Draft implementation plan for the international marketing of Ireland’s North West provided for three partnering local authorities by DHR

Communications consistent with strategic tourism planning in the North West region, bringing together the shared priorities of the counties’ tourism strategies. Research and consultations shaped this plan include group consultations with tourism trade (one per county), One-to-one interviews with national tourism experts and policy makers, group consultation with senior management in each local authority, an online survey of stakeholders which generated 157 responses. A list of objectives and recommendations has been set out to successfully market the region and this information will feed into the full cooperation project which is currently being worked on.

Donegal Tourism Marketing Campaign – Reset, Rediscover and Reconnect - Domestic Campaign

- Three new destination videos and a photo bank of 170 images were produced over the summer months that showcase the breath and beauty of Donegal. The Tourism Unit commissioned the creative company MMGY to produce these video which promote defined tourism themes that deliver a marketing message unique to the market segments identified by Fáilte Ireland with equal promotional representation for all regions the county. The campaign - Reset, Reconnect, Rediscover campaign will be rolled out in autumn and will be executed across TV, Radio, Press, PR, Social and Digital.

North West Tourism Product Development Programme - The mentoring is still ongoing with a number of tourism businesses as part of this programme

	<p>and is due to complete in mid September. We are currently working with the Tourism section of Derry Strabane District Council to deliver a Halloween event to help promote the region. This aim of this is to expand the Derry Halloween activity into Donegal.</p> <p>Other - Managing Donegal Tourism LinkedIn account. Submitting Tidy Towns team application for this year and planning ahead for collaboration ideas for tourism initiatives. Working with Donegal County Council on the communal outdoor dining project. Town Team working with DCC for ongoing Failte Ireland Destination Town project.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Barney Mc Laughlin Head of Tourism Unit barney.mclaughlin@donegalcoco.ie 74 24465</p>

1.3 Division: Economic Development – Trail Gazers Bid Project

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title.	Trail Gazers Bid Project.
Activity / Project Description.	‘To quantify the return to the local economy for every euro invested in walks and recreational trail infrastructure. ‘
Budget.	€2.6 M
Outline of Work.	<p>In 2018, Donegal County Council’s Research & Policy Unit successfully led an application to the Atlantic Area Programme under objective 4.2 ‘Enhancing natural and cultural assets to stimulate economic development’.</p> <p>This transnational project is managed by Donegal County Council (Lead Partner), working with 9 different partners located across Ireland, UK, France, Spain and Portugal.</p> <p>The project sets out to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantify the impact key strategic investments in walks and recreational trail infrastructure can have on stimulating rural communities, using sensors data, counters, surveys of users, businesses, communities etc. • Develop and trial a range of practical initiatives and interventions such as business to consumer initiatives, digital marketing tools etc to enhance the return. • Work with communities, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area to develop community plans and initiatives around the site.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a range of community trail ambassadors to champion the sites as catalysts for the development of rural economies. • Apply the key learning and methodology from our research site – Inch Levels - to other sites in the county and region through an extensive capitalisation programme. <p>SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS:</p> <p>Website: www.trailgazers.eu</p> <p>Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrailgazersB</p> <p>Twitter: twitter.com/hashtag/TrailGazers</p> <p>Instagram: www.instagram.com/trail.gazers</p> <p>https://www.linkedin.com/company/trailgazers</p> <p>#TrailGazers</p> <p>PROGRESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-site user surveys were conducted at Inch in late June/early July and involved over 100 participants. The data derived from these surveys will be used to establish site user needs and business/site development opportunities. • Workshops to progress the development of the Trail Gazers app were held on Friday 2nd July and Thursday 29th July. • A ‘Spin and Chat event’ will be held at Inch as part of Bike Week 2021 (12th-18th September). • Meetings scheduled for September include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Monthly Coordination meeting – Friday 3rd September; (ii) Steering Committee Meeting – Tuesday 21st September; (iii) Project Monitoring Committee Meeting – Wednesday 22nd September. • Work is ongoing in relation to identifying other trail sites and catchment areas in Donegal that can benefit from the learning and outputs from Trail Gazers.
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1.4 Division: Economic Development – Strategic Funding Unit

Project / Activity Report

Title	Strategic Funding Unit – exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024
Outline of Work	<p>SFU Webinar September 2021</p> <p>The next in the SFU series of webinars takes place on 8th September 2021 starting at 9.30am. The Strategic Funding Unit September webinar will cover the latest news on funding programmes and project development opportunities. Christopher Parker, Programme Manager for Project Development Support from the NPA (Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme) and Liz Gavin from EUR Digital Village will provide an overview of the latest funding programmes and calls opening in the coming weeks. This webinar will look at our various Directorate Strategic Objectives and to which funding programmes we can best align to achieve tangible results from future projects.</p> <p>Registration via Zoom is available here</p> <p>URBACT Playful Paradigm</p> <p>The Strategic Funding Unit has successfully applied for membership of the URBACT Playful Paradigm EU wide network which looks at innovative ways to develop public spaces for a variety of uses. As part of this project, a study visit to Cork City will take place in September 2021 with a view to learning more about the innovative public space schemes that have been rolled out in the city. The knowledge gained through URBACT will then be factored into the Masterplan for Donegal Town Pier and the Diamond.</p> <p>IABCN Membership</p> <p>In July 2021, Donegal County Council joined the IABCN (Irish American Business Chamber Network) with the aim of developing partnerships in the US and attracting inward investment to Donegal. IABCN is based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and promotes the common business interests of its members by seeking to develop economic and educational relationships between and among Irish and American members of the business community. IABCN has 300 + members across 8 US states, the UK, Northern Ireland and Ireland. The Council will avail</p>

	<p>of opportunities to promote Donegal through participation at events and networking.</p> <p>EU Belong Project Approved</p> <p>The EU Belong project has been successfully funded under the Asylum, Migration and Integration fund in the amount of €1.5 million. The SFU is currently working on the partnership agreement and early stage preparations before handover of the project to the Social Inclusion Unit in Donegal County Council for delivery. The EU-BELONG project will be led by the Assembly of European Regions and a partnership of 11 Regions, 3 technical partners. The expected impact of the Action is to improve migrants' socio-economic inclusion and sense of belonging through the development of Regional integration strategies based on a strong intercultural approach.</p> <p>Project Partnership & Development</p> <p>The SFU is currently exploring several partnership and project development opportunities with various network partners/consortiums in several key areas such as climate change, health/wellbeing, habitat/species preservation, skills/education and culture.</p> <p>Other areas of work included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU Funding Programme Reviews • Participation in project scoping meetings with potential partners • Participation in EU network meetings such as CPMR, AER etc. • Funding Needs Analysis of Council Divisions • Strategic Funding Webinars • Regular Strategic Funding Newsletters
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2. Local Enterprise Office

Project / Activity Report

Activity / Project Title	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
	The Local Enterprise Office (LEO) as part of the Economic Development, IS & Emergency Services Directorate, is the “first stop shop” for anyone planning, starting or growing a small business in Donegal. The LEO plays a major role in offering expertise, know-how and financial support to local small businesses, enabling them to grow and thrive. Supports available can be categorised under 4 core pillars, notably Business Advice, Financial, Capability Development, Enterprise Promotion and Economic & Other initiatives.

Outline of Work	<p>General Overview:</p> <p>Demand for the services of the Local Enterprise Office has remained high to date in 2021. The sense of confidence and resilience demonstrated by the businesses has been key to overcoming current challenges from Brexit and the covid situation.</p> <p>Many established businesses we deal with are continuing to invest and progress plans, whilst there are a growing number of people contacting the office with the view to setting up a business. This can be because of a review of their current situation due to covid or that they feel the time is right to progress an idea. This is evident through the number of enquiries and those that are taking up the Start Your Own Business Courses and Online Training.</p> <p>The office will continue to support those businesses facing the challenges of Covid through mentoring and business advice – mostly in relation to funding supports and sustainability of the business.</p> <hr/> <p>Covid Specific Supports: Key Covid specific supports which still active or being drawn down through the local enterprise office are</p> <p>Mentoring:</p>
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Between 3 and 12 hours of free one-to-one mentoring can be applied for by any business seeking assistance in addressing COVID -19 issues. It can be applied via this online link – [Online application](#)

Progress: To date in 2021, 71 COVID - Mentoring applications have been approved. In 2020, 136 mentoring supports were approved.

Covid - Trading Online Voucher Scheme: The Covid specific scheme was available on applications received up to 31st Dec 2020, the rate of support was 90% on expenditure up to a value of €2500. This greatly helped many businesses reach new customers while their physical business was closed to the public.

Progress:

COVID TOV's approved **520**

Paid out to date - **482** COVID TOV's to a value of **€1,139,477.33**

Microfinance Ireland Loan for COVID-19

The **COVID 19 Business Loan** from Microfinance Ireland (MFI) in association with the Local Enterprise Office is a government funded initiative to support small businesses through the current period of uncertainty and protect job creation/sustainment in Ireland. Loans up to €25,000 are available with a reduced interest fee of 4.5% as opposed to 5.5% available, if the application is submitted via the Local Enterprise Office. Interest Free and Repayment Fee for 6 months is available. For more information, click [here](#).

Progress: *During 2020 25 applications were submitted to MFI via the Local Enterprise Office of which 15 were approved. In 2021 five applications have been received and 3 submitted to MFI.*

*In addition, there is a **COVID–19 Working Capital Loan available from SBCI**. This is for eligible businesses impacted by COVID-19. Loans from €25,000 up to €1.5m will be available at reduced rates (max 4%), with up to the first €500,000 unsecured. Applications can be made through the SBCI website <https://sbci.gov.ie/>.*

Brexit Specific Supports:

Scorecards and Checklists

Scorecards and checklists are available to assess how a business may be impacted by Brexit.

Mentoring

One-to-one advice and guidance from an experienced mentor to deal with Brexit Related issues. The key challenge being raised by businesses is the increased requirements in dealing with customs related activities due to Brexit.

Customs Training

Customs change is here and the workshops help businesses adapt. Hundreds of local businesses have participated in the workshops in 2020 with further Workshops scheduled monthly. A workshop took place on the 31st of August. The next workshop is scheduled for 29th of September – bookings taken [here](#).

Ready for Customs Grant

Ready for Customs grant will assist businesses increase its capacity to manage the customs process after 1st January 2021. Up to €9,000 is available for each new Full Time employee engaged in Customs work.

Brexit Readiness Checker

The Brexit Readiness Checker develops a personalised report to help businesses prepare for Brexit.

Brexit Stimulus Package Programmes – Update

The Brexit Stimulus Programmes is made up five core topics. as outlined previously .Further information about programmes is available [here](#)

	Status	No of Participants
Retail Programme	Training & Mentoring Complete	36 Donegal businesses
Green for Micro	Phase 1 Complete, Phase 2 started.	19 phase one recipients, 2 of 10 phase 2 applications received.
Export Programme	Training & Mentoring complete. Final reports submitted.	9 Donegal businesses.
Finance Programme	Training & Mentoring complete	16 Donegal businesses

Innovation Programme	Training commenced and initial mentoring meeting held. Duration – 6months	8 Donegal businesses.
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Brexit Stimulus Funding & Capability Development

The government awarded brexit stimulus funding to previously grant aided clients. The clients received funding and the allocation of 3 days consultancy to help them with a specific need they identified. 41 Donegal businesses have received the allocated funding in 2020/2021.

Financial Supports – Measure 1 & Other Financial schemes.

Measure 1 Grant Aid: Details of funding and eligibility can be found via the LEO website [here](#). Businesses must meet the eligibility criteria and employing 10 or less people with the potential for employment growth.

- [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 €15,000

- [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.

Progress: To date in 2021, **30 applications have been approved €733,958** in funding. The next meeting of the Evaluation Committee is scheduled for 30th September and we are working with **8 further applications to prepare them for consideration.**

Previously in 2020, 32 grants were approved €769,630 in funding

creating a projected 81 jobs over the 3 year period.

Trading Online Vouchers – 50% Scheme. From 1st January 2021 the scheme is allocated to the DETE, where businesses can apply for a TOV to support the development of their online trading. Vouchers will be available to a maximum value of €2,500 or 50% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser for those businesses that meet the eligibility criteria. Applicants must first attend an information session. The next one is planned for [15th](#) September. It can be booked [here](#).

Progress: 2021 TOV's **72** Applications to date. **58** Approved to date to a value of **€114,003.32**. 12 Paid out to a value of **€23,111.50**

Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters –

Applicants can apply for a grant of up to €2500 or 50% of eligible expenditure on activities which are associated with developing their export sales. Demand for these in 2020 was lower, due to no trade fairs taking place. Businesses can apply for this to support online events/activities which are supports international sales development.

Progress – To date for 2021 – 4 applications for TAME have been received.

Measure 2: Training & Capability Development

A key objective of the LEO is to develop and support the capability and development of business owners and managers to help sustain and grow their businesses in Donegal. Due to Covid, much activity is being delivered online.

Profitnet - Peer Learning for Owner/Managers

Profitnet is a highly successful business development and support programme which has benefited 180 Donegal businesses to date.

The **Engineering Profitnet** meeting continues to host online meetings since the COVID -19 restrictions have been put in place, on a monthly basis from 7.30am to 10.30am. The next meeting of the group will take place on the 15th of September.

A new **Food Coast Profitnet** group has been established with 15

businesses from the food sector, both food production and services involved. The latest meeting of the group took place on the 1st September 2021.

Training

In 2021 to date **1714 participants** have availed of training through the LEO.

- **Business Information Session:** *A Monthly Information Session/Grant Aid Workshop is held online monthly on the last Friday of each month.*
- **Start Your Own Business** – 4 completed programmes - 4th programme to start on 20th September (evenings).
- **National Green for Micro** – SMEs can apply for consultancy to help review business in relation to green and sustainability issues to identify savings.
- **Lean for Micro** - 1 workshop hosted, 2nd workshop to be held August/September 2021. To date for 2021 - 9 LEAN projects commenced, a 3 drawing to a close and ready to report. Each Project has a value of up to €5k for each participating company.
- **Digital/Online Sales Online Training** – a series aimed at helping develop online trading capability
 - [Using Social Media for Business.](#)
 - [Online Advertising for Business.](#)
 - [Developing Online Marketing Strategy](#)
- **Export Programme** – procurement process has been completed and contracted will be awarded. Programme and workshops will take place in October 2021.
- **Cash Flow Management** – planned for September 2021. Can be booked [here](#).

AMBITION- Pre Accelerator for Women in Business.

Programme aims to support ambitious female founders to develop scalable businesses in Donegal. Application is now open. Application will close on the 20th of September at 12noon. Stakeholder briefing will take place on the 6th of September, Opening evening for potential applicants will take place on the 8th of September. Goal is to recruit 12 new participants for this intensive programme. This is open to applicants from the Donegal Diaspora.



Donegal SCALE-X – Technology Accelerator programme.

The ambition of this programme to develop the activity of technology based start-ups in Donegal.



The programme received 45 applications, following screening interviews and review – 12 participants were selected. 11 businesses have completed the programme.

The programme started online on the 9th of June. The final showcase, to feature guest speakers and participant pitches takes place on Wednesday 1st September at 6.30pm. There are currently 60 bookings confirmed for this final event of the programme.

3.0 Enterprise Promotion

To develop the ambition of the county and inspire current and future entrepreneurs, the LEO actively promotes the idea of setting up a business in Donegal by sharing news of those in business in Donegal and hosting events which aim to inspire

Core Annual Promotional Activities:

- Enterprise Awards
- Student Enterprise Awards
- Local Enterprise Week

LEO has presence on a number of social media platforms and aims to share news of relevant information for small businesses in Donegal as available.

- LinkedIn
- Facebook – 4900 Followers, 3259 people reached June 21.
- Instagram
- Twitter – 5272 Followers

Donegal Stories

A new Website <https://donegalstories.ie/> showcasing some of the Small Businesses supported by the Local Enterprise Office has been developed.

4.0 Economic & Other Initiatives

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

- **Enterprise Europe Network**

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) led up by Donegal County Council and the Local Enterprise Office is providing unique opportunities to businesses all over Ireland to make connections and meet internationally in ways we never thought possible until 2020. Two virtual meet the buyer events took earlier this year for the engineering and food sectors which facilitated almost 1200 one to one meetings for the attendees. Clients can explore opportunities to attend other international events, search and post on the profile database requests and offers in business, technology and research and development or get information on markets in almost 70 countries around the world.

Please contact Eileen Kelly, Enterprise Europe Network Coordinator eileen.kelly@leo.donegalcoco.ie for more information.

- **Donegal Diaspora**

The Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards nomination process is now closed for 2021. The names of the recipients

The awards ceremony is an initiative of the broader Donegal Diaspora project and has become a highlight of Donegal County Council's calendar of events. Enquiries relating to Donegal Diaspora can be directed to project executive joanne.kilmartin@leo.donegalcoco.ie

- **The Food Coast – Donegal's Good Food Initiative,**

The Food Coast is engaged in a wide range of initiatives to promote, develop and grow the potential of the Donegal Food sector.

Management Development Programme started 25th of May – 9 owner managers taking part. Receive training and mentoring.

A Food Starter – second programme planned for September 2021. Required for any producer hoping to apply for the Food Academy.

Food Academy:

3 Donegal producers currently on trial in 7 local stores – Filligans (Glenties), Love a Little Sauces (Ballyliffin) and Sinless Snacks (Buncrana). Call for next national programme sees two more Donegal businesses being awarded places on the programme – they will attend online classes before pitching to Supervalu for potential store trial. Training will start in August 2021.

An International marketing programme will be delivered in conjunction with St Josephs University, Philadelphia from 13th September over a six week period.

Food Coast Certification 2021 is now complete, with all businesses receiving their plaques this and last week. We also distributed branded face masks, aprons and pens to the successful applicants. There is a 32% increase in the number of businesses being approved from 2020 to 2021.

LEO Donegal Partners with LYIT on New Hospitality Course: Local Enterprise Office Donegal is joining forces with LYIT to present a Higher Diploma in Food Product Innovation and Enterprise (Level 8). For the academic year 2021/2022, this programme is co-funded by the Local

Enterprise Office, Donegal County Council. Places are limited and there is a remaining fee of €1,350 to be paid by the participant, which can be paid in instalments throughout the course.



- **The Creative Coast**

A new website for the creative sector is to be launched shortly.

Official launch new Creative Coast Website 22nd September 2021 with Creative industries expert Sonya Lennon. Nearly 200 creative businesses listed on database.

This will be followed by a skills audit of the sector.

[Management Development programme](#): Donegal LEO is managing the roll out of a management development programme for creative businesses in the North West – Building a Craft and Design Enterprise Programme – 18 businesses from the North West region are participating

- **Donegal Engineering Cluster**

Funding secured for Donegal Engineering Cluster for three year period and to be launched within next two months. Confirmed commitments to support and engage from LYIT, ETB, Udaras na Gaeltachta and IDA Ireland. An initial meeting with engineering businesses in the county The recruitment process for a co-ordinator has started, interviews will take place on the 8th September.

Engaged in peer learning group of national & international engineering cluster managers, to help offer insight and best practice for cluster management in Donegal.

- **European Programmes – SME related**

	<p>EIS – Internationalisation of SMES. Approved extension to consider impact of Covid on SMES and their internationalisation activities. Next meeting of partners will be online on 9th of September 2021.</p> <p>PASSPARTOOL – focused on innovation development within SMES and how to develop the opportunity for this within the partner regions.</p> <p>SinCE – AFC - objective to enhance the competitiveness of Donegal based SMEs in the agricultural, fisheries and aquaculture, food & drink manufacture, and wider food industries by promoting new ideas and fostering innovative circular opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enterprise Plan Draft of a new 10 year Strategic Enterprise Plan has been completed for Donegal through consultants, OCO Global.
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LEO Donegal - Performance Metrics

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE SUPPORTS 2020				
Supports	Applications Submitted	No of Approvals	Value of Approvals	Uplift from 2019 (applications)
Business Continuity Vouchers	678	574	€917,560	+678
Trading Online Vouchers	563	462	€1,116,165	+518
Mentoring	217	199	€137,294	+187
Measure 1 Grant Supports	38	32	€529,685	-
Micro Enterprise Assistance Fund	12	7	€6,750	+12
TOTAL	1,508	1,274	€2,707,454	1,395

3. Information Services

Activity/Project Update

Title	Information Systems COVID-19 Response
Outline of Work	<p>The Information Systems Department has implemented a range of services and solutions to deal with internal staffing and work rearrangements, remote working solutions as well as solutions for public information and communications.</p> <p>A range of planned information systems are being implemented on an on-going basis, as well as planned networking and communications infrastructure upgrades.</p>
Budget	
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<p style="text-align: center;">Operations Programme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rollout of remote working extended to an additional tranche of critical staff members. 2. eTenders procurement process completed for the replacement of the switch network infrastructure that supports the Council’s Local Area Networks (LAN) and Wide Area Network (WAN). 3. Migration to O365 Statement of Work reviewed and initial test phase completed. 4. County-wide Network Switch Replacement Project has commenced with the following sites now completed; The BASE Enterprise Centre – Stranorlar, Regional Training Centre – Stranorlar, Water Pollution Laboratory – Stranorlar, Civil Defence – Stranorlar, Central Library - Letterkenny, Library Administration Centre – Rosemount, Library Stores – Magherennan, Letterkenny Fire Station, County Museum, Local Enterprise Office, Bundoran Branch Library, Gweedore Branch Library, Bunrana Branch Library, Letterkenny PSC, Milford PSC, Dungloe PSC, Carndonagh PSC and the new Bunrana Outreach Office. 5. Infrastructure put in place to facilitate Climate Awareness Training for all staff during 2021. 6. 3249 online meetings on GoToMeeting to date in 2021, with roll

- out of GoToMeeting functionality to 140 different admin users.
7. Implementation of Rates Grants 2021 (SBASC) Small Business Assistance Scheme for COVID.
 8. Windows 7 to Windows 10 upgrade programme progressing.
 9. Ongoing configuration of new equipment and devices to facilitate Window upgrade. Supplier delivery timescales have deteriorated for high end workstations & laptops.
 10. Preparatory work ongoing for the rollout of the national ePlanning project
 11. New temporary Buncrana Outreach Office re-cabled for corporate network access and staff relocated on Wednesday June 23rd
 12. Phase 1 of the National upgrade of the CORE HR system to v28, which has been rebranded as People XD, has been completed
 13. Handover of the ICT elements of the upgraded Stranorlar WWTP from the contractor to Information Systems has been progressed
 14. Following extensive a 'Phishing' training platform has been selected for the HR/Training Department with the training of staff to be commenced in the coming weeks.
 15. 140 x staff members now migrated to Office365 platform for accessing their email and the latest versions of the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Powerpoint, Excel & Access).
 16. Upgraded all AutoCAD users at HQ Lifford and NRO Donegal Town to the single-user subscription model allowing them to access the latest versions of the AutoCAD Suite of products.

Systems Programme

17. Ongoing development and support of major online and backend support systems to facilitate management of the Defective Block Scheme which opened in 2020.
18. Ongoing upgrade of Dynamics CRM for a number of solutions to facilitate in house development of mobile applications.
19. Implementation and ongoing support of third party solution for PRD Inspections (Private Rented Dwellings).
20. Evaluating submitted IP Telephony tenders. This is a major tender to replace the current PSTN Lines based Corporate

	<p>Telephony with a VOIP unified communication Telephony system and an upgrade of the current Contact Centre System.</p> <p>21. Agricultural and Fisheries Committees added to eCouncil site for meetings' documentation</p> <p>GIS Programme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mapping support for Wind Energy variation, Letterkenny Transport Plan and Letterkenny Housing Capacity, thatched survey, Casual Trading survey, Knotweed survey, Winter maintenance service, 2. Public Tourism map created from multiple related datasets.
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Activity/Project Update

Title	WiFi4EU
Outline of Work	<p>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.</p> <p>Propose to install 75 outdoor public WiFi access points throughout County Donegal to create centres of public connectivity.</p>
Budget	€150,000

<p>Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status</p>	<p>Inishowen MD: Complete & Signed Off</p> <p>WiFi installed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ballyliffin – Atlantic Stores 2. Bunrana – David Henry Solicitors 3. Bunrana – Huttons Bar 4. Bunrana – Porter Computers 5. Burnfoot – Aileach Youth Club 6. Carrigans – The Village Shop 7. Clonmany – McFeelys Bar 8. Culdaff – McGuinnesses Bar 9. Greencastle – McLaughlins shop 10. Malin – Malin Hotel 11. Newtoncunningham – Credit Union 12. Manorcunningham – Community Centre 13. Movice – Library 14. Muff – Squealin Pig 15. Carndonagh – Diamond Cafe
<p>Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period</p>	<p>Submit co-financing application to Department of Rural and Community Development for all completed 4 voucher areas.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Daragh McDonough – Broadband Officer dmcdonough@donegalcoco.ie 074 9172450</p>

Activity/Project Update

Title	NBP – National Broadband Plan
Outline of Work	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Liaison with NBI is through the Broadband Officer in Donegal County Council and the Department of Rural and Community Development.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>During 2021 NBI will be carrying out route proofing and surveying in preparation for the main fibre rollout.</p>
Budget	
Progress to date within the last month-inclusive of current status	<p>Broadband Connection Points: BCP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amharclann Ghaoth Dobhair: Complete• An tSean Scoil Málainn Bhig: Complete• Comharchumann Oileáin Thoraí: Complete• Cranford Community Centre: Complete• Errigal training Centre Falcarragh: withdrawn• Fort Dunree: Complete• Glenveagh NP: Complete• Leghowney Community Hall: Complete• Malin Head: Complete• Meenreagh Hostel: Complete• Ranger Station Sliabh Liag: Complete• Ray Community Centre: Complete <p>Carrowmenagh Community Centre added as an additional BCP</p>

	<p>Progressing Access Cinema facilities at Tory Island BCP</p> <p>Progressing Digital Skills with Camara Ireland and Microsoft Dream Space with Ray Community Centre BCP</p> <p>Successfully secured €250,000 in funding for BCP network development through the Connected Hubs funding call at Malinbeg Leghowney Community Hall Ray Community Centre Comharchumann Oileáin Thoráí Carrigart Digital hub Sliabh Liag Ranger Station</p> <p>NBI Surveying started on 5 Islands NBI submitted pre consultation review for Section 254 Licence Application for New Poles in the Letterkenny Deployment Area.</p> <p>Successfully secured funding of €12,800 under Digital Innovation programme 2021 for Climate Stories App</p>
<p>Project Targets for the next monthly reporting period</p>	<p>Progress eHealth on TORY island project (held up due to HSE Cyberattack) – Tender for “pod” building Commence tendering for services through Connected Hubs fund. Liaise with NBI and DCC Service on Section 254 review and application Start Surveying for broadband connection at Carrowmenagh CC.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>Daragh McDonough – Broadband Officer dmcdonough@donegalcoco.ie 74 72450</p>

4. Emergency Services - Fire Services:

Project / Activity Report:

Activity	Number of: (June)*	Total for year
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	66	346
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	75	379
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	10	49
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	12	88
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	25	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	44	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	8	51
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	2
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	1
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	0	0
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	8	25
Fire Safety Complaints received:	1	5
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	1	5
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0

Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	4
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* Current data only available up to end of June 2021.

** Provisional Figures.

Activity	Number of: (July)*	Total for year
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	83	429
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	89	468
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	10	59
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	18	106
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	25	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	43	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	13	64
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	2
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	0	1
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	0	0
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	9	34
Fire Safety Complaints received:	2	7

Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	7
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	0	4

* Current data only available up to end of July 2021.

** Provisional Figures.

5. Emergency Services – Civil Defence:

Project / Activity Report:

Resources (Covid 19 Response)		Number
Availability to Civil Defence volunteers		14
Total Task Deployment July - August	Volunteer Man-hours (April – May)	Accumulative Monthly Deployment of Volunteers (2021)
10	87hrs	1423

Activity (Covid 19 Response) <i>(Support to the PRA's and wider community)</i>	No. of Tasking's
Patient Transfers to Ophthalmology Department, Sligo University Hospital with patients under the care of the National Council of the Blind (NBC)	3
Provision of transport for patients to outpatients clinics in Letterkenny University Hospital (Patients has no family and no transport of their own)	1
Assisting the Irish Blood Transfusion Services with administration and social spacing at the blood donor clinics in Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey	2 volunteers per clinic, 2 clinics per day for a period of 4 days
Civil Defence Officer participates in on line meetings with the Donegal Community Forum and the Civil Defence Branch/ Department Defence.	
Supported Agencies	Donegal Community Forum, Health Service Executive, Irish Blood Transfusion Board, MS Society, National Council of the Blind, ALONE, SAOLTA.
It is envisaged that following the anticipated further easing of restrictions by the Government on 20 th September, Civil Defence Covid Transport Support will cease.	

Training Activities (<i>Essential Training Only</i>)	Delivered to No. of Volunteers
Weekly Auxiliary Fire Fighting (Flood Response and Wild Land Fire training) has come to an end for this year and will recommence in the autumn. However, the service continues to be in a state of preparedness to assist the PRA's.	16
Emergency First Responder (EFR) Training continues weekly in the Civil Defence Headquarters, Stranorlar with exams scheduled for the 31 st August	8
Refresher Emergency First Responder Training continues monthly for certified EFR's. Exams scheduled for the 8 th September	28
Regional Rope Rescue Supervisor Skills training continuing on a regional basis between counties Meath, Donegal, Cavan and Monaghan in preparation for the Rope Rescue Instructor Course to be delivered through the Civil Defence Branch in October 2021	4
In preparation for the Autumn / Winter of 2021, a county training plan is being prepared, in line with government restrictions and the Civil Defence College training programme.	

Non-Emergency Community Support	A gradual return to 'normal' business for Civil Defence has commenced with Civil Defence assisting communities with ambulance and medical cover at non emergency events and An Garda Siochanna with their Annual Public Order training for their members.
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New projects	Civil Defence are working with the Community Development section of the Local Authority, to develop a list of defibrillator locations county wide, to be shared on social media platforms, in support of a motion raised at the last Stranorlar MD Meeting by Cllr Gary Doherty.
Staffing	The closing date for receipt of applications for the position of an Assistant Civil Officer was 9 th August.
Contact Person	Edel Flynn – Civil Defence Officer edel.flynn@donegalcoco.ie 074 9175665

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT
Municipal District of Inishowen
14th September 2021

Corporate Services

- Consider date for Budget 2022 Workshop - Wednesday 6th October at 2.00pm
- Consider date for Budget 2022 Meeting - Wednesday 27th October at 2.00pm
- Consider date for Roads Workshop
- Consider proposal for sod turning in conjunction with ERNACT and Enterprise Ireland to mark the beginning of works at the new) Inishowen Digital Hub?

Housing Services

- Progress Reports

**Summary of Casual Vacancies
Inishowen MD as 8th September 2021**

Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	8
Properties being refurbished	8
Properties to be refurbished	6

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2021	Offers refused from 01/01/2021	Tenancies created from 01/01/2021	Tenancies Terminated from 01/01/2021
42	11	31	8

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancies	Allocated
Buncrana	Steer	4	1	Allocated
Carndonagh	Apex	10	2	1 Allocated
Muff	Muff Housing	1	1	Allocated
Buncrana	SVP	4	2	1 Allocated & 1 Pending
Carndonagh	SVP	4	2	Pending

**Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List
as 8TH September 2021**

Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	622
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	442
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	38
Net Social Housing Waiting List	142

Gross Need by Approved Bedrooms Numbers and Location

8th September 2021

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	3	2	0	0	0	4
	Bridgend	2	9	5	2	0	0	18
	Buncrana	15	148	84	11	1	1	260
	Burnfoot	0	11	2	1	0	0	14
	Burt	0	3	4	0	0	0	7
	Carndonagh	14	59	30	5	0	0	108
	Carrigans	2	7	4	0	0	0	13
	Clonmany	1	15	10	1	1	0	28
	Culdaff	0	5	3	0	0	0	8
	Fahan	1	3	2	0	0	0	6
	Gleneely	0	4	4	0	0	0	8
	Glengad	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
	Greencastle	0	10	1	0	0	0	11
	Inch	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Killea	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
	Malin	0	3	7	0	1	0	11
	Malin Head	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Moville	1	28	9	1	0	0	40
	Muff	0	15	7	1	0	0	23
	Newtowncunningham	1	34	5	0	1	0	41
Quigleys Point	1	0	3	0	0	0	4	
Redcastle	0	3	4	0	0	0	7	
Tooban	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
Total		39	365	191	22	4	1	622

Housing Grants Report at 6th Sept 2021

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2019	51	34	3	5	9	0
2020	47	34	1	6	3	3
2021	32	20	1	5	1	5

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2019	51	25	1	14	11	0
2020	39	20	0	12	6	1
2021	34	27	0	7	0	0

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2019	36	34	1	1	0	0
2020	58	42	4	9	1	2
2021	82	65	8	8	1	0

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting September 2021

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

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

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Rockytown Buncrana Phase 1	Works ongoing on site. Due for completion Q1 2022.	21
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	Preparation of tender documents.	16
Preliminary Design Stage (No of units subject to change)		
Rockytown, Buncrana (Phase 2)	Preliminary Design Stage	50
Total		87

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

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

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

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

In order to safeguard the nature of the process and bearing in mind the commercial sensitivities of the process as well as the extent of the approvals required, the Council will continue to provide Elected Members with detailed information of the proposals upon receipt of final departmental approval (i.e. stage 4). The following development has received stage 4 approval and is progressing on site, subject to contract.

Construction works are ongoing to an approved turnkey acquisition at Convent Road, Carndonagh by Developer GDC (Irl) Ltd. The development will be completed in 3 phases and will provide a total of 58 social housing units made up of 26 no. 2 bedroom apartments, 6 no. 2 bedroom houses, 21 no. 3 bedroom houses, 2 no. 4 bedroom houses plus 3 no. special needs units.

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

3. Single Rural Dwellings (SRD)

Part 8 approval has been obtained for this proposal. In advance of works commencing on site, the lands must be transferred to the Council in conjunction with McMullin Solicitors.

4. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

The Council is planning to develop further projects on existing landbank in various locations throughout the county. Preliminary designs have been prepared for these sites and these proposed schemes will supplement the existing delivery plan. Land negotiations are ongoing to acquire additional lands for housing in areas of need.

There is an open advertisement on the Council's website for expressions of interest for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing. A significant response has been received. A number of suitable parcels of land have been identified and the Council is progressing to conveyance stage on a number of land acquisitions.

MD Report – Defective Concrete Blocks Grant
Scheme.
Sept 2021 Update

Stage 1 Applications (Confirmation of Eligibility)

- Applications Received: 446
- Applications Approved: 327
- Awaiting Further Information or Being Assessed: 119
- Stage 1 Fees – Payments to date:
 - Number: 288
 - Value: €1,384,721.89

Stage 2 Applications (Grant Approval)

- Applications received: 49
- Decided / Approved: 30
- Value of approvals: €4,339,142.72
- Awaiting further information or being assessed: 19

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

14th September 2021

Maintenance Programme 2021

RSS	Engineer	Job Code	Road Name	Budget	Expenditure	Balance	Notes
Moville	Inish North	1B304001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 104,176.00	€ 49,104.91	€ 55,071.09	
Moville	Inish North	1B404002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 339,850.00	€ 226,922.11	€ 112,927.89	
Moville	Inish North	1B404009	Works Overheads	€ 95,884.00	€ 81,133.87	€ 14,750.13	
Moville Total				€539,910.00	€357,160.89	€182,749.11	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B303001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 124,724.00	€ 44,567.74	€ 80,156.26	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B403002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 406,887.00	€ 337,023.77	€ 69,863.23	
Carndonagh	Inish North	1B303010	Works Overheads	€ 104,600.00	€ 81,668.96	€ 22,931.04	
Carndonagh Total				€636,211.00	€463,260.47	€172,950.53	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B306001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 127,484.00	€ 58,098.69	€ 69,385.31	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B406002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 373,260.00	€ 379,693.43	-€ 6,433.43	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B306012	Works Overheads	€ 104,601.00	€ 91,339.17	€ 13,261.83	
Buncrana Rural Total				€605,345.00	€529,131.29	€76,213.71	
Buncrana	Inish South	1B402004	Own Resources Non-National Roads Buncrana Urban	€ 251,187.00	€ 83,466.89	€ 167,720.11	
Buncrana Urban Total				€251,187.00	€83,466.89	€167,720.11	
Newtown	Inish South	1B305001	Own Resources Regional Roads	€ 88,830.00	€ 51,188.35	€ 37,641.65	
Newtown	Inish South	1B405002	Own Resources Local Roads	€ 289,792.00	€ 262,910.22	€ 26,881.78	
Newtown	Inish South	1B305013	Works Overheads	€ 95,884.00	€ 84,700.82	€ 11,183.18	
Newtown Total				€474,506.00	€398,799.39	€75,706.61	
Grand Total				€ 2,507,159.00		€675,340.07	

Restoration Improvement Programme 2021

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	L	LP1811-1	Aught Road (half)	RR	700	Complete	Complete	Churchhill
Moville	Inish North	L	LP1821-2	Tromaty (half)	RR	1,000	Complete	Complete	Churchhill
Moville	Inish North	L	LS6191-4&5	Puckin School Rd	SR	850	Complete	Complete	Churchhill
Moville	Inish North	R	R238-44&45	R238 Drung	RR	1,000	End Aug	End Aug	Northstone
Moville	Inish North	L	L7311-1	St Patricks Well Rd	SR	500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L1391-6	Lough Inn Rd	RR	1800	End Aug	End Aug	Northstone
Moville	Inish North	L	L1751-1	Shore Rd QP	RR	300	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	L6411-1	Gulladoo	SR	500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R238-40	Gleneely Rd Moville	RR	500	End Aug	End Aug	16th Aug RC - plaining required - Noones Br to Glencrow
Moville	Inish North	R	L-6091-2	Poundtown	RR	600	Complete	Complete	
Moville Total 2021									
Carn	Inish North	R	R238-28	Malin Rd Carn	RR	600	Sept	Sept	Footpaths to be completed
Carn	Inish North	R	R242-5	Mossedged	RR	1,000	Complete	Complete	9th Aug RC
Carn	Inish North	L	No Number	Ard Colgan MR	SR	150	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	L	LS5311-1	Beagh Doon Rd	RR	1,400	End July	End July	
Carn	Inish North	L	L10813	Culkeeny	SR	1,000	End July	End July	
Carn	Inish North	R	R240-3	Glentogher Sch	RR	600	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	L	LS5871-4	Lough Rd	SR	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	L	LP1221-2	GlashaX Tiernaleague	RR	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	L	LP1081-2	Malin Glengad	SR	1,300	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	L	L-5371-2	Culdaff Back Rd II	SR	1,200	Complete	Complete	
Carn	Inish North	L	L-5591-1	Tiernaleague	SR	700	Complete	Complete	
Carn Total 2021									
Buncrana	Inish South	R	L-5231-1	Isle of Doagh (Phase 2)		1,000	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-6831-1	Altahalla / Bocharna Link Rd		800	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1551-2	Straid Main Rd Clonmany (Phase 1)	SR	900	Complete	Complete	To be SD
Buncrana	Inish South	L	R-238-12/13	Shandrum Rd R238 - 13 at Kinnego crossroads (Phase 1)	SR	800	2021	2021	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-7011-4	Old Road Shandrum	RR	1,200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	L		Owenboy Rd Drumfries	RR	650	Complete	Complete	To be SD
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-17311-0	Illies Horse shoe rd	RR	1,000	Complete	Complete	To be SD
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-6891-2	Green Road Old Mountain		900	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-16411-0	Gortleck Rd		500	Complete	Complete	To be SD
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-6971-2	Claggan Brae		600	Complete	Complete	To be SD
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-16612-0	Jacks Road		500	Complete	Complete	To be SD
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-7241-2	Tullydish Upper Phase 1		900	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-7221-1	Gransha / Trillick Link Rd		900	2021	2021	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-7091-1	Clonblosk to Magherinture		800	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-7091-2	Fegart Point Rd		800	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana R Total 2021									
Buncrana	Inish South	L/U	L-10162, L-50961	Marion Park Back Lanes		1,300	2021	2021	
Buncrana	Inish South	L/U	L-10964 /3 / 2	Lough View Housing Estate		450	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	L/U	L-5316-0	Lisnakelly		600	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana U Total 2021									
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-7491-1	Inch Pier Rd to Grange - Inch Island		900	2021	2021	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-8421-1	Garshooey to Kildrum Lower	SR	600	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-1941-1	Road that passes Wild Ireland	SR	1,000	2021	2021	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-7831-1	Glar Road Newtown	RR	1,300	2021	2021	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-8261-1	Jack Porter Lustical	RR	1550	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-8341-1	Bairds Road (Ph 1)		700	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-8111-1	Slate Hill Rd (Phase 2)		825	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2161-1	Imlick Rd to Carrigans (Phase 2)		600	2021	2021	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-7981-1	Carrowreagh Rd (Phase 1)		460	Complete	Complete	
Newtown Total 2021									
IMD TOTAL									

Bridge Strengthening Programme 2021

Area	Engineer	Road Class	Bridge Number	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Carndonagh	Road Design	LS	2323	Effishmore	Replacement Bridge	2021	2021	Complete
Carndonagh	Road Design	LT	2363	Freehold	Replacement Bridge	2021	2021	Complete
Carndonagh Total								
Buncrana	Road Design	R	1623	Victoria Bridge	Replacement Bridge	2021	2021	Complete
Grand Total								

Low Cost Safety Programme 2021

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R238	Dunross, Culdaff	R238, Dunross, Culdaff	Complete	Complete	The R238 Regional Road at Dunross, Culdaff is subject to a 80kph speed limit. The road links Culdaff with Gleneely and Moville. The location includes hidden dips and crests on a narrow carriageway. The location also includes two junctions (R238/L-1301-1 & R238/L-5881-1) on sweepings bends with poor visibility in each direction.
Carndonagh Total								
Moville	Inish North	R	R238	Admiralty House Moville	R238, Admiralty House Moville	2021	2021	The R238 Regional Road at Admiralty House, Moville is subject to a 60kph speed limit. The location is subject to a series of sweeping bends with poor forward visibility and concealed entrances. An existing substandard footpath is located to the west of the carriageway which does not provide adequate protection for pedestrians. The existing carriageway is wide which promotes high speeds within the urban area and is a common location for collisions and near misses.
Moville Total								
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R-238	Umricam	R238, Umricam, Buncrana	2021	2021	The R238 Regional Road at Umricam, Buncrana is subject to an 80kph speed limit. The location is subject to a series of sweeping bends and hidden dips. There are also a number of junctions and concealed private entrances within the extent of the scheme. There have been a number of collisions along this section of road, with a marked increase in the last number of years.
Buncrana Total								
Newtown	Inish South		R239 / L-75311	Slab Road Junction	Slab Road Junction, Burt	2021	2021	The R239 / L-75311 Junction on the Slab Road is subject to an 80kph speed limit. The R239 road links the N13 (Derry Road) with Buncrana and North Inishowen. The location includes a 90deg bend on the regional road at a junction with a local road (L-75311) and private access lane to a large commercial farm enterprise. The 90deg bend is concealed and visibility splays from the adjoining local road and private access lane also poor. Vehicles enter the bend at too high a speed for the existing alignment to accommodate resulting in off road excursions and collisions with oncoming traffic.
Newtown Total								
Grand Total								

Footpath Provision Programme 2021 Additional Works

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	R	Various	Ard Foyle/Bath Tce/Ballynally	Footpath repair	500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-238-42	Community College Phase II	Provision of 150m of footpath	150	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-241-1	Main street Moville/Rd to Greencastle	Footpath repair	60	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R-238-50	Muff Main street	New footpath at St Mary's Hall	200	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R+L	L-1341-1/ L-1342-1	Moville (Glencrow /Quay St)	Replacement and New infill footpath to connect Moville Business Park, House Estates, Football Pitch and Health Centre to the Town Centre and Quay Street and the Pier and provide a safe walking route and infill lighting over a 1.2km distance.	860	2021	2021	(160m of replacement FP and 700m of new infill FP and 200m of infill Lighting and 40m of Retaining Wall)
Moville	Inish North	R+L	L-1891-3 R-238-50	Muff Village	Construct FP to connect Muff Village with the school, chapel, grave yd, football pitches and playpark.	400	2021	2021	
Moville	Inish North	L	LP1901	Muff to Grove at Border	Footpath repair and surface	120	Complete	Complete	Ongoing - 3 lights required
Moville	Inish North	L	Various	O'Gara Villas and St Finians Pk	Footpath repair	200	2021	2021	Kerbing in place
Moville	Inish North	R+L	Various	Greencastle	Footpath repair	100approx	2021	2021	Wall issue
Moville	Inish North	R+L	Various	Moville	Footpath repair	100approx	2021	2021	Pedestrian lights
Moville Total						910			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-35	Gleneely Main street Ph I	New footpath from Crossroads to school	225	Complete	Complete	Final overlay to one section (100m)
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-1041-2	Carpender's Corner Phase II	Extension of footpath	50	Complete	Complete	Specific Development Charge - in cooperation with development group.
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	L-12713	Bridge St	Provision of 50m of footpath	50	Complete	Complete	Contractor works complete, accommodation works for landowner
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	R-240	Convent Rd	Provision of 75m of footpath	75	2021	2021	Extend footpath to improve safety at junction with Circular Rd
Carndonagh	Inish North	L/R	R-238-27 R-244-1 L-1231-1	Churchtown/Derry rd	Replacement and New infill footpath to connect up 2 Hospitals, 2 National Schools , 3 house Estates, Carn Community School and Carn Chapel and provide a safe walking route over a 2 km circuit.	800	2021	2021	(400m of replacement and 400m of new infill)
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-28	Malin Rd	Replacement and New infill footpath to connect Malin Rd with the commercial centre of the town and Schools and Church and Hospitals.	600	2021	2021	(200m of replacement and 500m of new infill)
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238-33	Bocan Culdaff	Construct 200m of footpath to connect the Play School , Community Hall, Chapel, Bocan Stone Circle and Temple of Deen at Bocan with Culdaff Village and provide a safe walking route link.	200	2021	2021	
Carndonagh	Inish North		No Number	Ard Colgan old housing est	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-240	At Grave Yd Wall	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-238	Ard Colgan new housing est	Footpath repair	50	Complete	Complete	Donagh bridge
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	LP1121	Bunagee Rd Culdaff	New FP (after bridge works)	100	2021	2021	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L	LP1131	Middle Lane Culdaff	Footpath resurface and repair	170	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R+L	Various	Carndonagh	Footpath repair/slabs/paving Town Ctr	120approx	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R+L	Various	Malin Town	Footpath repair	100approx	2021	2021	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R-240-1	Malin St Carndonagh	Repair of 100m of footpath & drainage		Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh Total						2,420			
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R-238-4	Rockhead Burnfoot - Phase I	Provision of 750m of Hard Shoulder including rock armour retention - land aquisition		2018	2021	Land aquisition negotiations concluded awaiting a response
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Westbrooke / Cockhill Road	100m of New Surfacing to footpath	100	2021	2021	Location of Public Liability Claims (x2) from Westbrooke along Cockhill Road
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238 / Main St	Main St Buncrana	Replacement of circa old drainage channels and upgrade of footpaths	800	2021	2021	Cast channel successfully installed - Wor from Lower main street towards Market Square to commence after Christmas
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1036-0	Millfield Heights	Replacement of surface on concrete Footpaths on Millfield brae	200	Complete	Complete	Ralumac surface with Concrete pathing beforehand
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Fahan Village	Replacement of surface on Bitmac Footpaths through Village		Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Lisfannon - Tank Road Safety Improvements	Provision of new footpaths and crossing facilities	200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana - At Victoria Bridge (McKenna's Shop)	Provision widened footpaths	200	2020	2021	Works Started
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana - Cockhill Road crossing	Pedestrian Safety Improvements	200	2020	2021	
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Ballyliffin Village - Carn Rd	100 meters of footpath within the speedlimits (Phase 1)	100	2021	2021	Requires landowner consent / agreement
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Ballyliffin Village	Repairs to existing footpaths within the speedlimits	100	2021	2021	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1551-2	Straid Rd / Clonmany Village to GAA Pitch (Phase 1)	250 meters of hardshoulder and accommodation works	250	2021	2021	Requires landowner consent / agreement
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238-6/7	Fahan Village (Phase 2)	150 meters of resurfacing of footpath within the speedlimits	150	Complete	Complete	Bitmac replacement to footpaths
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-1671-1	Buncrana Slavery Rd	250 meters of new footpath and accommodation works	250	2021	2021	Requires landowner consent / agreement
Buncrana	Inish South	N/A	N/A	Buncrana Urban Footpaths repairs / Claim issues	Various locations in Buncrana and the locations identified by IPB (10 NO)	1	2021	2021	10 locations to be identified by IPB - Additional Locations to be identified by Walkability Audit
Buncrana	Inish South	L	L-5156-0	Buncrana Swilly rd and Buncrana Pier Area	250 meters of repairs and replacement to footpaths	250	Complete	Complete	Patch and remove concrete and overlay with Ralumac - Contracted
Buncrana	Inish South	R	R238	Buncrana Road to North West Golf Links	Patch and Resurface existing footpath	500	Complete	Complete	Ralumac thin surfacing - to be contracted
Buncrana Total						3,301			
Newtown	Inish South	R	R-239-5	Sappagh Phase II	Provision of 400m of hard shoulder	400	Complete	Complete	100m to complete 2018 - Continue with Hard shoulder works - works commenced
Newtown	Inish South	L	Various	Colehill Housing estate Newtown	Removal of old Concrete footpaths and placement of new Bitmac footpaths with kerbing	1000	2021	2021	80% COMPLETE REST TO BE FINISHED BEFORE END OF 2021
Newtown	Inish South	R+L	R-237-1 L-2031-1 L-2131-1	Killea Village PHASE I	Provision of 750m PHASE I of new Footpath including the installation of 3 crossings with tactile paving and street lighting from the Village of Killea in a walking loop. The works will formalise the existing walking route around Killea Village by removing persons who are currently walking on the carriageway. This new footpath will link the village, chapel, soccer pitches, school and 4 housing estates. The project will utilise both private and public lands. Points A, C, G in eligibility criteria - project is ready to go.	750	2021	2021	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2141-2	Rushfield Rd Carrigans Village (L-2141-2 / R236)	Completion of the Rushfield road Footpath with tactile crossing to serve and link Coxtown National School with 4 housing estates (60 units) and IMD Rushfield Rd Carrigans Village (L-2141-2 / R236) Carrigan's Main Street - local village shops. €45k for 50meters of new footpath and 50m of retain wall for the same. - This project will also include for a 2 no raised platform crossings with tactiles and cycle stands in the village (€25k) - please refer to - Points A,B, C in eligibility criteria - this project is shovel ready	70	2021	2021	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L-2051-1	Newtown village towards Castlefordard	250 meters Construction of New Footpath	250	Complete	Complete	250 meters of new footpath and accommodation works
Newtown	Inish South	Various	Various	Killea Village	General Patch and Repair works	100	2021	2021	Patch and remove defects on concrete and bitmac footpaths
Newtown	Inish South	Various	Various	Carrigans Village	General Patch and Repair works	100	Complete	Complete	Patch and remove defects on concrete and bitmac footpaths
Newtown	Inish South	Various	Various	Bridgend - Footpaths at Bonemanie	General Patch and Repair works	100	2021	2021	Patch and remove defects on concrete and bitmac footpaths
Newtown Total						1,400			
Grand Total									

Active Travel

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Lighting Provision Programme 2021 Additional Works

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	Battery Brae Greencastle	Connection of existing lights and provision of 2 additional lights	2018	2021	Airtricity to install - Need to be connected
Moville	Inish North	Moville (Glencrow /Quay St)	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2021	(160m of replacement FP and 700m of new infill FP and 200m of infill Lighting and 40m of Retaining Wall)
Moville	Inish North	Muff Village	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2021	
Moville	Inish North	Muff Village	Route Lighting Upgrade by Lighting Central Reqd	2021	2021	Infills required
Moville	Inish North	Redcastle	Provision of additional lights & civils	2021	2021	3No pots & ducting installed
Moville	Inish North	Greencastle and Drumaweer	Repairs and Replacements in 'dark' areas	2021	2021	Infills required
Moville	Inish North	Moville	Repair to decorative lighting COLUMNS	2021	2021	ESB to repair
Moville	Inish North	Moville	Repair to decorative lighting	Complete	Complete	Complete but under review
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Bridge, Culdaff	Provision of 4 additional lights & civils	2018	2021	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Gleneely	Provision of 6 additional lights	Complete	Complete	Wearing course to be installed on footpath
Carndonagh	Inish North	Barrack Hill and Decorative Tn Ctr	Problem with low level and decorative lighting	Complete	Complete	Barrack Hill complete
Carndonagh	Inish North	Churchtown/Derry rd	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2021	(400m of replacement and 400m of new infill)
Carndonagh	Inish North	Malin Rd	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2021	(200m of replacement and 500m of new infill)
Carndonagh	Inish North	Bocan Culdaff	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2021	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Carrick Brea (Back road walk route)	Provision of 2 additional lights & civils	2021	2021	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Simpsons to Carrowreagh Rd Jn	Provision of 6 additional lights & civils	2021	2021	Planning issue
Carndonagh	Inish North	Malin Bridge Lights	Repairs and Replacements to Deck and Arch	2021	2021	Deck lighting to be repaired
Carndonagh	Inish North	New FP Black Mtn Rd Malin	Provision of 7 additional lights & civils	2021	2021	
Carndonagh	Inish North	Bocan Chapel Jn/Carpark	Provision of 1 additional lights & civils	2021	2021	
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Ludden Junction	Provision of 4 additional lights	Complete	Complete	Airtricity design for 300m requested
Buncrana	Inish South	Ballyliffen to Clonmany	Assistance for Clonmany TT and Ballyliffen TT with Provision of 15 lights	Complete	Complete	TT assisting with costs
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Car Park Shore Front	Replacement of 4 x 10m lights	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Pier Car Park	Replacement of 2 x 10m lights (columns x 2)	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana St Marys Rd Car Park	Provision of upgrade Lighting to St Marys Car Park	Complete	Complete	Anti - social issue with Library and Car Park - more lighting needed
Buncrana	Inish South	Lisfannon - Tank Road Safety Improvements	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana - At Victoria Bridge (McKenna's Shop)	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2020	2021	
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana - Cockhill Road crossing	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2020	2021	
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Village	Provision of 4 new lights to existing poles on R238 into Clonmany	2021	2021	4 New lights from speed limit in / Awaiting quote from Airtricity
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Rooskey Rd	Provision of 1 new light before bridge on the Rooskey Rd	2021	2021	1 New light to be erected from a previous agreement -Awaiting quote from Airtricity
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Castle Park Junction	Provision of 2 new lights for pedesatrian safety	2021	2021	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Buncrana Walkers Lane - Pedestrian Access	Provision of New lighting to the Pedestrian Arch walkers lane Buncrana	2021	2021	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Clonmany Village	Provision of 1 light on Access Rd to Community Center	2021	2021	Airtricity to install light
Buncrana	Inish South	Linsfort / Desertegney School	Provision of 4 upgraded lights at Desertegney school / Chapel and supply of 1 new light	2021	2021	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Tooban - Dispensary Junction with R238	Provision of 2 no 8 meter columns for Road / Junction safety	2021	2021	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Buncrana	Inish South	Replacement and Upgrade of 3 no Pedestrian Crossing Lights	Pedestrian crossing along R238 Cockhill Road	2021	2021	Active travel
Buncrana Total						
Newtown	Inish South	19th Hole footpath	Provision of 2 additional lights on existing wooden poles	2018	2021	Planning application pending
Newtown	Inish South	Burt Graveyard - along side N13	Provision of 2 - 6M additional lights	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Low Cost Safety	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils complete - Airtricity to install
Newtown	Inish South	Killea Village PHASE I	Provision of any additional infill lights & civils	2021	2021	
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (Derry Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	Complete	Complete	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Newtown	Inish South	N13 to Bonmenaine / Bridgend school (Phase 1)	Provision of 10 - 6M lights inside the speed limit	2021	2021	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Newtown	Inish South	Burnfoot village / Slab Rd Junction	Provision of 3 - 8M additional lights	2021	2021	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Newtown	Inish South	Carrigans Main Street (St Johnston side Side)	Provision of 3 - 8M lights	2021	2021	Civils to be undertaken By DCC Roads
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

Active Travel

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Drainage Provision Programme 2021

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	St Finions Pk	100m of drainage required to prevent flooding (Kerbing + Gullies +MH) .	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R238 at Riverwood Moville	50m of drainage and manhole construction.(HRA + Gullies)	2021	2021	
Moville	Inish North	L6411 Gulladoo Rd	To prevent roadside collapse .(Some work done last year on this rd also)	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L1411 Cullineen	Drainage required to prevent road edge scour and flooding on road. 100m approx.	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R238 Claggan Moville	Drainage and investigation to prevent road flooding. 80m. (HRA+ TM)	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L6221 Rooskey	Drainage at various locations + Link Rd + Gullies/MH. 100m approx	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L6191 Drung	Deep open drain falling in, needs to be piped to support road edge. 100m	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L60911 Ballymacarthur	Deep open sheuch falling in, needs to be piped to support road edge. 90m	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L61711 Gortnashade	Pipe roadside sheugh to river to prevent rd and shed flooding. 140m	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R238 Lower Cabry	Culvert in bad state of repair to be replaced. 20m approx road crossing.	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R238 Muff Village	Investigate and replace collapsed drains in Muff Village. 4 locations	Ongoing IW	Ongoing IW	
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	R244 Gleneely HG	200mts of Drainage	2021	2021	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L1221 Moss Rd carn	450m of drainage and manholes	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L5371 Keadycara	Road Crossing and drainage repairs	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L1011 North Tn MH	New Drainage system and Gullies	Ongoing	Ongoing	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L5861 Carrowmore	100m of drainage and repair ditch	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L5881 Cloncha Rd	Repair works on drainage and Gullies	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L5761 Hollymount	Road Crossing and drainage repairs	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L55214 Porters Shore	Gabion cages and embankment reconstruction	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L1111 Portaleen Br	Gabion cages and embankment reconstruction	Ongoing	Ongoing	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L1041 Black Mountain	180 mts of drainage and gullies	2021	2021	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L5161 Ballagh	Repair Drainage works	Ongoing	Ongoing	
Carndonagh	Inish North	R242 Ballygorman	100 Replace Drainage works and install new gulley system	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	L5661 Cashel Glentogher	New drainage system and Road Gullies	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Gaddyduff Clonmany R238-20	Clean sheugh / cut back bushes and improve drainage catchment	2021	2021	
Buncrana	Inish South	Ludden Buncrana	100 metre of 300mm pipe @ €100 per metre No6 Gullies @ €150 each and No2 Manhole @ € 600 each	2021	2021	
Buncrana	Inish South	Muineagh Brae	100 metre of 300 mm pipe @ €100 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Liafin Harry O Connor	50 metre of 450 mm pipe @ € 120 per metre and No1 Gully @ €150 and No1 Mahole @ €600	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Binnion Clonmany	60 metre of 300mm pipe @ € 100 per metre No3 Gullies ' €150 each and No1 Manhole @ €600	2021	2021	
Buncrana	Inish South	Mamore Gap Praish side	70 metre of layby with 450 mm pipe @ € 120 per metre	2021	2021	
Buncrana	Inish South	Tullydish	100 metre of 300 mm pipe @ €100 per metre and No2 Gullies @ €150 each	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Monreagh Burnfoot	120 metre of 300 mm pipe @ €100 per metre and No3 Gullies @ € 150 each	2021	2021	Land owner issue
Buncrana	Inish South	Rodden,s Brae Liafin	60 metre of 450 mm pipe with Rock @ €150 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Stragill Linsfort	65 metre of 30mm pipe @ € 100 per metre and No1 Gully @ €150 and No1 Manhole @ €600	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Magherabeg Inch road	No1 Road crossing 10 metre @ € 314 .50 per metre	2021	2021	
Buncrana	Inish South	Gransha - Drainage - S Clarke	80 m of 300mm pipe and 2 gullies @ €150 each	2021	2021	
Buncrana	Inish South	Altahalla Drainage (Along house frontages)	150m of 300 pipe and 4 gullies @ €150 each	2021	2021	
Buncrana Total						
Newtown	Inish South	Bunnamayne Road Lower L2031-1	1 roads crossing and 4 gullies, 120 metres of 300mm pipe	2021	2021	
Newtown	Inish South	Imlick Road L-2161	Lay 240m of 300mm storm line with manholes and gullies	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Gortree road L-2071-1	Lay 140m of 300mm Twinwall pipe with manholes and gullies	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	Strahack Inch L-7491-2	Side slip, pipe 50metres of open drain to support side of existing road	2021	2021	
Newtown	Inish South	Carrowreagh Burt L-7981-1	Lay new Storm line 250m with manholes and gullies to take water out of existing blocked pipeline out of private gardens onto public road	Complete	Complete	
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

North West Greenway Network

Route 1 – Buncrana to Derry, approx. 32kms (includes spur to Newtowncunningham)

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Planning Application are being finalised by the consultants, McAdam Design. Unfortunately, this has taken longer than anticipated, but the greenway team is confident that the application will be submitted to An Bord Pleanála in the coming weeks. In parallel, the Compulsory Purchase Order schedule will be published in the regional press.

In Derry, the planning application taking the route from the grounds of St Columb's College to the border with Bridgend was lodged on Friday 26 June 2020. Despite recent media coverage, the planning application has yet to be considered by the Council’s Planning Committee.

Route 2 – Muff to Derry, 10.6kms (2.1kms in Donegal)

The contract for construction was awarded to E. Quinn Civils Ltd. The contract value is approximately 700,000€. Mobilisation is ongoing and construction will commence on or before 13 September. The project should be completed by Spring 2022.

In Derry, limited work has begun on Culmore Point Road and by Thornhill College. While this work is part of the greenway infrastructure, the Department for Infrastructure has advanced this without planning being required, as the works are within the highway boundary. Full planning permission was secured during Q1 2021 and construction will commence during Q2, 2022.

	
<p>SEUPB project sign, Main Street, Muff.</p>	<p>A section of the final route in Lifford.</p>

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