

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain ar siúl Dé Mháirt 15ú Deireadh Fómhair 2024, **ag 1.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara

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

Mise, le meas



Una Cresswell

Riathóir Cruinnithe

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
09 October 2024

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 15th October 2024 **at 1.00 p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Canrdonagh, Co. Donegal.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

Dear Councillor

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

Yours sincerely



Una Cresswell

Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 03rd September 2024
2. Planning
3. Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services
4. Environment
5. Community Development
6. Roads & Transportation
7. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
8. Correspondence

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
03RD SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 2.30 PM IN CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE**

Councillors Present:

Cllrs Joy Beard, Fionán Bradley, Paul Canning, Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty, Ali Farren (online), Martin Farren, Martin McDermott and Jack Murray.

Officials Present:

Bryan Cannon, Director of Service Roads & Transportation , Una Cresswell, A/ Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services, Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation, Garrett Doherty, Senior Executive Engineer, Donegal National Rads Office, Donal Walker, A/Senior Engineer, Housing Capital, Dolores Lafferty, A/Senior Staff Officer, Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner, Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer (online), Joy Browne, Senior Economic Development Officer, Economic Development, Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development (online).

The meeting was opened by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr Jack Murray who welcomed all to the meeting.

24.42 Expression of Sympathy

As requested by Cllr Jack Murray, a minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Patricia McBrearty mother of Brian McBrearty, Waste Enforcement Officer.

24.43 Consideration of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 01st July 2024

On the proposal of Cllr Terry Crossan, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District held on 01st July 2024 were agreed.

24.44 Consideration of the Minutes of the Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on 01st July 2024

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 01st July 2024 were agreed.

24.46 PLANNING

Ryan Nolan, Executive Planner presented the planning report to members, and it was taken as read.

24.46.01 Tús Nua Project, Carndonagh

In response to a request from Cllr Albert Doherty at the previous Inishowen Municipal District meeting, Ryan Nolan advised that the Capital Projects Delivery Unit keep members updated regarding any developments regarding the Tús Nua project, Carndonagh.

24.46.02 Merville Health Check and Regeneration Plan

Cllr Martin Farren acknowledged the update in relation to the Merville Regeneration Plan and encouraged everyone to attend an upcoming community drop in event on Thursday 19th September from 3pm to 8pm in Glencrow Hall, Merville.

24.46.03 County Donegal Development Plan 2024-2030

Following a request from Cllr Paul Canning at the previous Inishowen Municipal District meeting, Ryan Nolan advised that a planning workshop will be arranged towards the end of the year.

24.46.04 National Parks & Wildlife Service

Ryan Nolan advised members that he would follow up with the National Parks & Wildlife Service to arrange a meeting to discuss the matters raised at the previous Inishowen Municipal District meeting regarding the ongoing corncrake survey. Cllr Martin McDermott requested that this meeting be arranged urgently and raised concerns in the difficulty in obtaining planning permission in the rural areas. Cllr Ali Farren concurred with these comments and highlighted the issues for communities and schools due to difficulties in obtaining planning permission in the rural areas. Ryan Nolan advised that National Parks & Wildlife Service is responsible for the Nautra 2000 zoning areas and the Council cannot change this.

24.46.05 Planning Applications

Cllr Paul Canning welcomed the E-Planning portal and stated that the system is working well. He asked if a system could be put in place regarding file retrieval particularly when information is required when applying for the Defective Concrete Grant Scheme.

24.46.06 Croí Cónaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme

Ryan Nolan gave an update to members in relation to the Croí Cónaithe vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme and advised that the value of the grant paid to date was €2.3m.

24.47 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Joy Browne, Senior Economic Development Officer, Economic Development presented the report, and it was taken as read. She highlighted the following items from the report –

- #LoveDonegalDay 2024 will take place on 25th September.
- Disrupt by the Sea Event will take place on 26th September.
- Tip O'Neil Irish Diaspora Awards will take place on 27th September.
- Wonder of Weave event which took place in Edinburgh earlier this year is shortlisted for the 2024 Excellence in Local Government Award.
- London Irish Vintage Club Day will take place on 08th September.
- Autumn/Winter Marketing Campaign will be launched in October.
- Northwest City Region – Promotional video and brochure to attract golfers and golf touring groups will be launched in October.
- Night-Time Economy Officer has commenced in Buncrana.
- Stakeholder engagement meeting will be held on 18th September at 8pm in St Mary's Hall in Buncrana to establish the Buncrana Town Team.
- Energy Efficiency Grants is now available. Businesses with less than 50 employees can avail of a new 75% grant support to a maximum of €10,000.

24.47.01 Fire Hydrants

Cllr Paul Canning requested that the fire hydrants for the area be inspected to ensure that they are working properly. Joy Browne agreed to follow up.

24.47.02 Water Tanker

Cllr Martin McDermott queried when the new water tanker would be delivered to the Inishowen Municipal District.

24.47.03 Tourism – Inishowen

Cllr Martin McDermott reiterated concerns that he raised at the previous Inishowen Municipal District meeting when he requested that adequate funding be provided to Go Visit Inishowen for the promotion of the peninsula in line with the rest of the County. Cllr Martin Farren concurred with these comments. Cllr Ali Farren also outlined the importance of progressing the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan for the peninsula and asked that this be prioritised.

24.47.04 Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness Testing - CVRT

Cllr Albert Doherty called for the provision of a CVRT centre to be located in the Peninsula and acknowledged the support provided by Daniel McCrystal, Senior Enterprise Development Officer, Economic Development.

24.47.05 Night-Time Economy (NTE) Buncrana

Following a request from Cllr Fionán Bradley, Joy Brown agreed to keep members updated on any developments relating to the Night-Time Economy project in Buncrana.

24.47.06 CranaFest 2024

Cllr Jack Murray requested that assistance be provide for the upcoming CranaFest event taking place in Buncrana from 18th to 20th October.

24.48 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community & Enterprise presented the report, and it was taken as read.

24.48.01 Malin Head Visitor Management Plan

Fiona Doherty advised members that Liam Ward, Director of Community Development & Planning Services circulated an update to members in August regarding the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. She advised that both the Senior Engineer and Executive Engineer will be available in the Public Service Centre, Carndonagh on Friday 06th September to discuss the project with property owners. She advised that members were also welcome to attend.

24.48.02 Friar Hegarty Coastal Walk

Fiona Doherty advised members that an artist has now been appointed for the Friar Hegarty Costal Walk Enhancement and Artwork Project. She also advised that the tender documents have also been returned for the Capital works. This project is due to compete by end of November.

24.48.03 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) projects

Fiona Doherty provided the members with an updated in relation to the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) projects at Culdaff and Moville. Cllr Martin Farren welcomed the commencement of works at Shore Path, Moville.

24.48.04 Donegal Walks and Trails

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the report where Sport Ireland Outdoor are to inspect walks and trails at the end of the month. He requested that the walk at Craigtown/Glenagannon, would also be included.

24.48.05 Sliabh Sneacht

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that funding be explored for the maintenance for the trail at Sliabh Sneacht as it important for tourism in the area. Fiona Doherty agreed to refer this to the Walks and Trails officer.

24.48.06 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project

Following a query from Cllr Martin Farren at the previous Inishowen Municipal District Meeting, Fiona Doherty advised that the contractor would follow up on maintenance work for the outdoor gym equipment at Moville. Cllr Martin Farren also queried when the basketball court would be completed in Moville. Fiona Doherty advised that snagging would take place by the contractor shortly.

24.48.07 Clar Funded Projects

Fiona Doherty advised that the works are due to commence for the Clar Funded projects at Malin GAA, Carrowmenagh and Gleneely Colts.

24.48.08 Buncrana Town Team Meeting

Donegal County Council will host a meeting on 11th September 2024 from 3pm to 6pm in St Mary's Hall, Buncrana to establish Expressions of Interest for the Buncrana Town Team. Cllr Fionán Bradley requested further information in relation to this.

24.48.09 Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Fiona Doherty advised members that the Town and Village Renewal Scheme is scheduled to launch in October 2024.

24.48.10 Vacant Building - Carndonagh

Cllr Albert Doherty referred to his previous query in relation to a derelict Council building and asked that all avenues be explored in reinstating the building for use by various community groups.

24.48.11 School Campus – Buncrana

Cllr Fionán Bradley requested a status update in relation to the proposed three-school campus for Buncrana. Fiona Doherty agreed to follow up with the relevant service.

24.49 ENVIRONMENT

Matthew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer presented the report, and it was taken as read. He highlighted the following items form the report –

- Water Quality in relation to good agricultural practice.
- National Agricultural Inspection Plan.
- Bathing Waters 2024 season.
- Septic Tank Inspections.
- Anti-Dumping Initiative.
- Household Hazardous Waste Project.

24.49.01 Septic Tank Inspections

Matthew Byrne advised members that the Environment Section are currently seeking additional staff to fill a number of vacancies within the service. This was in response to a query raised by Cllr Paul Canning at the previous Inishowen Municipal District Meeting in relation to the requirement for additional resources for the inspection of septic tanks.

Cllr Paul Canning also raised concerns that that delays in the inspection of septic tanks was causing issues in availing of the septic tank grant.

24.49.02 Biodiversity

Following points raised by Cllr Albert Doherty at the previous Inishowen Municipal District Meeting, Matthew Byrne advised that the Biodiversity Officer for Donegal County Council would engage with members to integrate best practice in relation to biodiversity.

24.49.03 Bottle Bank – Merville

The Council have agreed to carry out works at the bottle bank site in Merville. Cllr Martin Farren requested that this work be carried out immediately.

24.49.04 Defective Concrete Blocks

Cllr Paul Canning queried if it was possible for someone to obtain a waste permit for the disposal of Defective Concrete Blocks. Matthew Byrne advised that a homeowner could bring their own waste to a facility providing it weighs less than two tonnes. He also outlined the process in applying for a waste permit through the National Waste Collection Permit Office and agreed to provide further details to the members in relation to this.

Cllr Joy Beard asked if there were any guidelines available in relation to the disposal of the different household materials in an environmentally friendly way. Matthew Byrne agreed to follow up with Cllr Joy Beard.

24.49.05 Public Amenities

Cllr Ali Farren raised concerns regarding the upkeep and condition of public amenities in Culdaff and other areas of Inishowen. He requested that they are cleaned on a more frequent basis as it was a poor reflection of the area. Cllr Martin Farren concurred with these comments and raised concerns with the portaloo in Greencastle. He asked that if the portaloo was not cleaned and maintained, it should be removed from the area.

24.49.06 Sewerage - Merville

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update in relation to a sewerage issue at Ard Na Guala Duibhe, Moville which was previously reported.

24.49.07 Muff to Quigleys Point Greenway

Cllr Terry Crossan requested that bins be regularly emptied at the Muff to Quigleys Point Greenway.

He also requested that signage be erected at each end of the Greenway outlined the requirements for the control of dogs along the greenway.

24.49.08 Ned's Point

Cllr Jack Murray requested an updated following his previous requests for the provision of a handrail at Ned's Point.

Cllr Jack Murray also requested that the current signage at Ned's Point needs to be updated and clarified regarding the use of jet skis in the area.

24.49.09 Walking Dogs in Public

Cllr Terry Crossan requested that signage be erected at each end of the Greenway.

24.50 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

Michael McFadden, A/Senior Executive Engineer, Roads, and Transportation presented the report to the members, and it was taken as read. The members were provided with an update on the following -

- **Restoration Improvement Programme 2024**
- **Restoration Maintenance Programme 2024**
- **Drainage Provision Programme 2024**
- **Low-Cost Safety Programme 2024**
- **Bridge Strengthening Programme 2024**
- **Irish Water – Reinstatement Works** - Some reinstatement works were carried out by Irish Water at Cockhill Road, Buncrana. It is envisaged that works may be included in Restoration Improvement Programme for next year. Irish Water have appointed a contractor to carryout reinstatement works in North Inishowen and these works should be complete by year end.
- **Mill Bridge, Buncrana** - Mill Bridge, Buncrana is a protected structure and will be incorporated within the Buncrana Relief Project. In the meantime, the provision of yield/give way signage will be explored.
- **Provision of Bus Shelters in Inishowen** - The National Transport Authority has the remit for the provision and maintenance of bus shelters and there is an ongoing review in coordination with the Road Central Office.
- **Traffic Calming Measures** – All request for traffic calming measures will be referred to the Area Engineer and Road Design.

- **Road Crossing – Tooban, Burnfoot** - Discussion are required with all parties concerned and subject to available funding.
- **Signage at Shore Front, Buncrana** - sign was funded by the Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme. As the scheme was now complete, there is no funding available to remove or relocate the sign.

24.50.01 Inishowen Roads Services – Boundary Areas

Michael McFadden presented the members with a proposal to change the boundaries within the roads service of the Inishowen Municipal District to reflect the existing electoral areas. On the proposal of Cllr Jack Murray and seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan, the changes were agreed.

24.50.02 Workshop - Restoration Improvement Programme Speed Limit Review (2025 – 2027)

It was agreed that a workshop for Speed Limit Review would be held online on Wednesday 15th October at 10am.

24.50.03 St Orans Road, Buncrana

Cllr Fionán Bradley requested the relining of St Orans Road at junction with the Main Street as visitors to the town are turning onto the one-way system.

Cllr Fionán Bradley also advised that residents in St Orans Oaks, Buncrana are having issues with vehicles turning in this area which is causing traffic congestion and have blocked residents in the area during school drop off and pick up times. Michael McFadden agreed to arrange a site visit during peak traffic times.

24.50.04 Flags and Bunting

Cllr Fionán Bradley queried if Donegal County Council have a policy/guideline on the erection of flags and bunting in towns. He outlined that in certain cases, flags and bunting can become unsightly if left in place for an extended period and can cause an issue for Tidy Towns.

24.50.05 Kinnego Crossroads

Cllr Jack Murray raised concerns about Kinnego Crossroads, Buncrana and asked that this area be investigated.

24.50.06 Buncrana Golf Club, Buncrana

Cllr Jack Murray referred to land that is currently leased by Buncrana Golf Club from Donegal County Council on an ongoing basis. He queried if it was possible that land could be transferred to the golf club to enable them to apply for Sports Capital Grants

24.50.07 Accessible Carparking Space

Cllr Jack Murray requested that an accessible car parking space be provided at junction between St Patricks Road and Church Street, Buncrana.

24.50.08 Burt – N14

Cllr Jack Murray requested additional signage at the junction at Burt GAA.

24.50.09 Streetlights

Cllr Jack Murray advised that the streetlights at Knockalla and Marian Park, Buncrana has not been working for some time and requested that this matter be followed up.

24.50.10 Traffic Calming Measures

Cllr Martin Farren requested an update on his request to have a traffic counter put in place at Clar corner, Moville. Michael McFadden advised that this scheme was listed under the Strategic Funding Projects but to date the Department of Transport have not provided funding. Low-Cost Safety Funding was used to develop a crash barrier design but to date, no further funding is in place to complete the project.

Cllr Albert Doherty Raised concerns about speeding along the Carrowreagh Road, Carndonagh. He also requested that appropriate traffic calming measures be put in place at Cedar Grove, Cherry Avenue and Donagh Park, Carndonagh.

24.50.11 Road Improvement Works

Cllr Martin Farren requested interim improvement works be carried out at Greencastle crossroads to Shroove road.

Cllr Terry Crossan requested that improvement works be carried out along the section of road between Carnamoyle to Barrs Quarry road.

24.50.12 Hedge Cutting

Cllr Terry Crossan requested that the hedges be maintained along the Ballyarnet Road, Muff.

24.50.13 Road Markings

Cllr Martin Farren requested that road markings be reinstated following resurfacing works that were carried out at Malin Road, Moville (Bakery Corner).

Cllr Ali Farren requested that road markings be refreshed at Collon, Carndonagh and Malin Head areas.

24.50.14 Footpaths

Cllr Jack Murray requested the provision of a footpath from Slavery Road, Buncrana to the Town Centre.

Cllr Ali Farren requested that the footpath at Gleneely be extended towards the Moville area.

Cllr Martin McDermott requested the footpath at Malin to Glengad Road needs to be progressed.

Cllr Paul Canning requested an extension to the footpath at Burt Chapel.

Cllr Paul Canning requested the provision of a hard shoulder/footpath at Killea and advised that he would meet the area engineer to discuss options. He also requested the provision of a hard shoulder/footpath at Quigleys Point. Cllr Terry Crossan concurred with these comments.

Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the footpath at Foden, Carndonagh be extended.

24.50.15 Speed Signs

Cllr Ali Farren requested an update regarding speed signage at Kilbride, Carndonagh.

24.50.16 Francistown Junction

Cllr Martin McDermott referred to Francistown Junction as discussed at previous meetings. He stated that solution needs to be found soon.

24.50.17 Glentogher Road

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update in relation to R244 Glentogher Road and seek funding for further works.

24.50.18 Speed Ramp

Cllr Paul Canning requested an update on the provision of a speed ramp in Killea and at Bridgend National School.

24.50.19 Newtowncunningham

Cllr Paul Canning requested traffic be diverted at Keshends, Newtowncunningham junction and asked that Road Design investigate this option further. He also requested the realignment of the Birdstown Tee Junction.

24.50.20 – Carndonagh Junction

Cllr Albert Doherty requested improvement measures be put in place at the junction at White's Corner, Carndonagh where four lanes of traffic meet.

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update in relation to the Pound Street/Old Co-Op programme as outlined in the Restoration Improvement Programme 2024.

24.50.21

Junction at Public Service Centre, Carndonagh

Michael McFadden advised members that funding was received from the National Transport Authority to carry out improvement works at the Carndonagh roundabout in front of Public Service Centre. He advised members that works would include the installation of pedestrian speed table at each approach.

24.50.22 Piers and Harbours

Cllr Ali Farren requested that harbour master be available for the piers in the Inishowen Municipal District.

Cllr Jack Murray left the meeting at 4.50pm

Cllr Martin Farren left the meeting at 5pm

24.51 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

Una Cresswell, A/Area Manager, presented the Housing and Corporate report, and it was taken as read.

24.51.01 Budget 2025

It was agreed that there will be a Budget Workshop held on Thursday 03rd October 2023 at 2pm. It was also agreed that an online Budget meeting will be held on Thursday 24th October at 2pm.

24.51.02 Consider date for Workshop with Fáilte Ireland

Date to be confirmed regarding possible date for a workshop with Failte Ireland.

24.51.03 Committee Nominations –

- **Board of Fort Dunree Military Museum – 2 no. members**
Cllr Fionán Bradley and Cllr Joy Beard.
- **Donegal Tourism Associate Members Committee – 1 no. members**
Cllr Martin McDermott, Cllr Ali Farren, Cllr Albert Doherty (as previously agreed at AGM)
The members were not in agreement to reducing the number of nominations to one and stated that it was previously agreed that the number would be increased to three members. Una Cresswell agreed to follow up.

24.51.04 Consider Disposal of Land

Donegal County Council had proposed (CE Order 2023/R/H/0171) to dispose of 2 no. plots of land comprising of 0.1735 hectares and 0.2166 hectares respectively at Ardmore, Muff to Anne McLaughlin, Firdale, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal. It is herein proposed to amend the area of said plots, as agreed with Anne McLaughlin, and the Council now proposes to dispose of 2 no. plots of land comprising of 0.1268 hectares and 0.1767 hectares respectively at Ardmore, Muff to Anne McLaughlin, Firdale, Ardmore, Muff, Co. Donegal.

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

It was recommended that this land disposal under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001 is presented to the full Council at the next Plenary Council Meeting.

24.51.05 St. Charles-Inishowen Sister Cities Partnership

Una Cresswell advised members that the mayor of the City of St. Charles had extended an invitation to the Inishowen Councilors to visit St Charles for the Missouri River Irish Festival which will take place on 23 to 25th May 2025.

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning, and seconded by Cllr Terry Crossan, it was agreed that Cllr Jack Murray should attend this event as the Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District.

24.51.06 Succession of Tenancy

Cllr Martin McDermott requested that tenants be reminded of the policy in relation to the succession of tenancy for social houses. He outlined the difficulties facing families when a tenant is deceased and in some cases the property is returned to the Council for reallocation. He asked that this policy be reviewed. Cllr Albert Doherty concurred with these comments.

Una Cresswell agreed to refer this request to the Director of Service.

24.51.07 Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability

Cllr Terry Crossan referred to the backlog in relation to the grant applications and asked if measures will be put in place to manage this. Una Cresswell advised that the position of Clerk of Works will be filled shortly. She advised that the Council continue to prioritize urgent grant applications.

24.51.08 Social Housing – Vacant Properties

Cllr Fionán Bradley referred to the number of refusals of offers of tenancies that were outlined in the report and asked for a breakdown on the reasons why the offers were refused. He also requested when the vacant properties are likely to be offered.

24.51.09 Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting to be held on 15th October 2024 at 1pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Certified:

Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Area Manager

Date: _____



Inishowen MD Meeting
15th October 2024

	Item	Update	
1	Development Applications		
	(1) Statistics	Inishowen MD Totals Year to End Sept 2024	
		Applications received	481
		Granted	343
		Refused	27
		Deferred	129
		Invalid	88

Applications to End December 2024

Status	Stranorlar	Letterkenny	Inishowen	Glenties	Donegal
Invalid	26	70	88	49	53
Deferred	56	111	109	123	63
Refused	8	21	27	20	22
Granted	145	339	343	225	193
Apps Recd	192	442	481	343	293



2	Enforcement		
		Inishowen MD	To end Sept 2024
		New Cases	50
		Closed Cases	36
		Outstanding cases on record since 2012	319
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	<p>Pre planning clinics are on a telephone call only basis (ring 074 9153900) between 9.00am and 12.30pm on the dates outlined below.</p> <p>The pre planning clinic calls will be taken by the Executive Planners and shall be for substantial applications only.</p> <p>Planning Clinics 2024: 24th October 2024 7th November 2024 21st November 2024 5th December 2024 Please see website for further dates. http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/planning-clinics/</p>	
4	Casual Trading		
5	Regeneration & Development	See Appendix A	
6	Building Control & Taking in Charge	See Appendix B	
7	Central Planning Unit		
8	Capital Projects Delivery Unit	See Appendix C	
9	Conservation		
10	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<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.iePlanning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/Planning Application Online Query – https://www.eplanning.ie/DonegalCC/SearchTypes <p>File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and planning search requests: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf</p>	

APPENDIX A
Regeneration & Development Team
Community Development and Planning Services

REPORT TO THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETINGS
OCTOBER 2024

1.0 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund (RRDF)

Funding is provided from the Department of Rural and Community Development and calls for application to the Fund are sought under two categories. **Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

1.1 Summary update of Projects

Table 1 below provides a summary update on the status and delivery of projects under the RRDF.

Table 1: Rural Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Project	Type	Value (includes DCC co- funding)	Current Status/Delivery
Back to Ballyshannon	Category 2 (2020)	€247,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further screening to be arranged. Tender to procure topographical survey and structural survey underway. To be targeted for future Category 1 Funding
Ramelton Re-imagined/Historic Town Centre	Category 2	€249,159	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project with CPDU for delivery.
	Category 1 (2022)	€7,949,868	
Repowering Buncrana	Category 2 (3 rd Call)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property with CPDU for delivery.
Rathmullan (in partnership with The Way Forward Rathmullan CLG).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 8 approved February 2023. Unsuccessful for funding under Call 5 in May 2024. Options being explored to position project for future funding opportunities.

Milford Town Centre First Plan		€100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Centre First Plan launched November 2023 GM Design Associates preparing a statutory planning scheme for the lands at Lower Mount Marian. Recent workshop held with Members to update on status of project. DCC to progress other priority projects identified in the Plan. Projects to be targeted for future funding calls.
Glenties Town Centre First Plan		€30,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External consultancy services tendered and appointment of successful tenderer imminent.
Creeslough Village Plan and Community Regeneration Project (in association with the Creeslough Working Group, Creeslough Community Association and Arup).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Plan launched 21st March 2024. Part 8 for Community Regeneration Project approved in September 2023. Project successfully awarded funding of €12.1m under Call 5 in May 2024 (total project value is €13.5m). Funding agreement received and returned to the Department in August 2024. Project with CPDU for delivery.
Moville Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan.		€24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GM Design Associates appointed to prepare plan. Community drop-in event held on September 19, 2024. GM Design working to prepare a draft Plan for further consultation. Further workshop to be arranged with Members in due course.
Dungloe		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding allocation under Town and Village Renewal to advance design and planning consent for public realm works at Main Stret, Dungloe. Tender being prepared to procure external design team.
Creeslough Minor Tourism Works		€50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works being designed in-house and contractor to be procured. Works to be completed by year end 2024.
Bundoran Regeneration Plan		€15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early inception meetings in-house have been arranged.

Glenties Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town team established in August 2024 to represent the community in the preparation and delivery of the Glenties Town Centre First Plan.
Creeslough Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options being explored to establish a Town Team to deliver the Creeslough Village Plan with support from the Regeneration Team. Funding of €10,000 allocated from the DRCD to support town team capacity building. External consultancy services procured to deliver team capacity building training to the Town Team.
Buncrana Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allocation of €10,000 from the DRCD to support the establishment of a Buncrana Town Team. Town Team established in September 2024. External consultancy services procured to deliver team capacity building training to the Town Team.
Ballybofey-Stranorlar Town Team		€10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion ongoing with BASICC with a view to establishing a Town Team to deliver the Ballybofey and Stranorlar Regeneration Strategy with support from the Regeneration Team. Funding of €10,000 allocated from the DRCD to support town team capacity building.
Moville Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial discussions ongoing to establish a Moville Town Team.
Milford Town Team			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to commence to establish a Town Team to deliver the Milford Town Centre First Plan with support from Donegal County Council.

2.0 Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).

Funding is provided from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for towns with a population more than 10,000 which includes Letterkenny in this County, with calls for application to the Fund sought under two categories. **Category 1** relates to projects with all necessary planning and other consents in place and which are ready to proceed, i.e shovel ready. **Category 2** projects are those which require further development to become ready for Category 1 status.

2.1 Summary update of Projects

Table 2 below provides a summary update on the current status and delivery of projects under the URDF.

Table 2: Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Projects

Call	Value of Project (includes DCC co-funding).	Projects and current Status/Delivery
Call 1 (approved September 2019) 3 Sub-Projects	€3m	1 Prepare Letterkenny 2040 Regeneration Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed 2022. 2 Letterkenny Urban Regeneration site. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DCC took possession of the former ESB site and adjacent lands through a CPO in 2023. Site to be developed for the Alpha/Beta Office accommodation, public realm and Housing. 3 Public Realm/Linear Park Phase 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opened June 2023.
Call 2 (May 2020 and approved March 2021) 6 Sub Projects	€19.3m (€4.8m DCC co-funding)	1. Reimagine public space at Market Square. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project with CPDU for delivery. 2. Cathedral Quarter Park and Church Lane Shared Surface Scheme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. Tendering process undertaken and appointment of external design team imminent.

		<p>3. Renewal at Lower Main Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuations obtained and land acquisition offers made. • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • Council to consider further offers and advance any acquisitions/CPOs. <p>4. Revival of the Courthouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPIC Heritage Consulting Ltd appointed to prepare a Visitor Experience Plan/ Product Identification Plan and Business Plan for the development of a major visitor attraction at the Courthouse. • Funding of €10,000 secured in March 2024 from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme for minor repair works. • Funding of €199,969 allocated under THRIVE Strand 1 from the Northern and Western Regional Assembly. • Workshop held with Members on the 10th September 2024. • EPIC working on Interpretation and Business Plan. • Further community consultation event arranged for later this month. <p>5. Strategic acquisition to enable a Regional Transport Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avison Young appointed to take forward all previous engagement and act on Councils behalf as regards further offers/ acquisitions/ CPO. • Funding commitment secured from the NTA to enable the engagement of consultancy services to move the project forward to the next level as regards scale, scope, further engagement with transport providers and operational requirements. • Consultation with Local Link ongoing in relation to private bus operators. • Land acquisition offers to be made shortly.
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		<p>6. Strategic acquisition to enable LK Green Connect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 in relation to the Cultural Corridor element of the project approved by Donegal County Council at the November 2023 Plenary meeting. • In-house team has commenced steps to develop a Part 8 for Phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road). • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to phase 2 (from constructed Phase 1 to Pearse Road) and lands required for the Cultural Corridor element of the Scheme. • All landowners engaged. • Topographical survey well advanced. • Tenders for AA/EIA screening opened but no response to advertisement – to reopen tender again. • Tender advertised for external structural/civil engineering consultative services for site investigation services – closing date October 7, 2024.
Call 3 (March 2023 and approved July 2023).	€4m	<p>Revolving fund for acquisition costs of long-term vacant property or sites</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 46 properties on the programme and all owners have been engaged with. • A number of properties already activated or being activated through the Croi Conaithe grant scheme and other schemes. • Workshop held on 4th September 2024 to brief Members on the outputs to-date and next steps. • Valuation Services engaged in relation to property valuations. • Council to advance 12 properties for acquisition/CPO. • Derelict Sites Register to be updated also.
“The Eat Out’ Outdoor Dining Infrastructure Project		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction completed. • Please refer to the report from Community Development who are delivering this project.
Letterkenny Cultural Corridor		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 approved November 2023. • Valuation services of Avison Young being engaged in relation to lands required for the delivery of the Scheme. • Services of Quantity Surveyor engaged to provide cost estimates for the scheme. • To be targeted for future URDF funding call.

Youth/Community focused project at Lower Main Street		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early engagements with Letterkenny Youth Club and Donegal Youth Services have commenced. • Avison Young appointed in Q4 2023 to take forward all previous engagement and act on Council's behalf as regards further offers/acquisitions/CPO. • In tandem, targeted to carry out capacity testing of potential lands available to clarify viability of the project and to undertake further engagement with stakeholders.
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3.0 Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme.

The Croi Conaithe Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Scheme opened for applications in July 2022 and **Table 3** below provides further details of the applications received to-date.

Table 3: Summary of Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant Applications

Applications Received	927
Applications Finalised	614
• Approved	588
• Deemed not eligible (eligibility criteria not met – vacancy/proposed works).	26
In progress (first technical inspection/awaiting information from applicant).	280
Withdrawn (by applicant)	33
Grants paid	58
Value of Grants paid to applicants	€2.9m

- To date, 38 drop in events have been held to promote the Scheme. Next round of drop in events provisionally planned for October 2024 and details will be circulated in advance.

Regeneration and Development Team.
October 2024.

APPENDIX B

Municipal District of Inishowen October 2024

Building Control & Taking in Charge
Community Development & Planning Services

REPORT

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

Building Control Activity

a. Commencement Notices

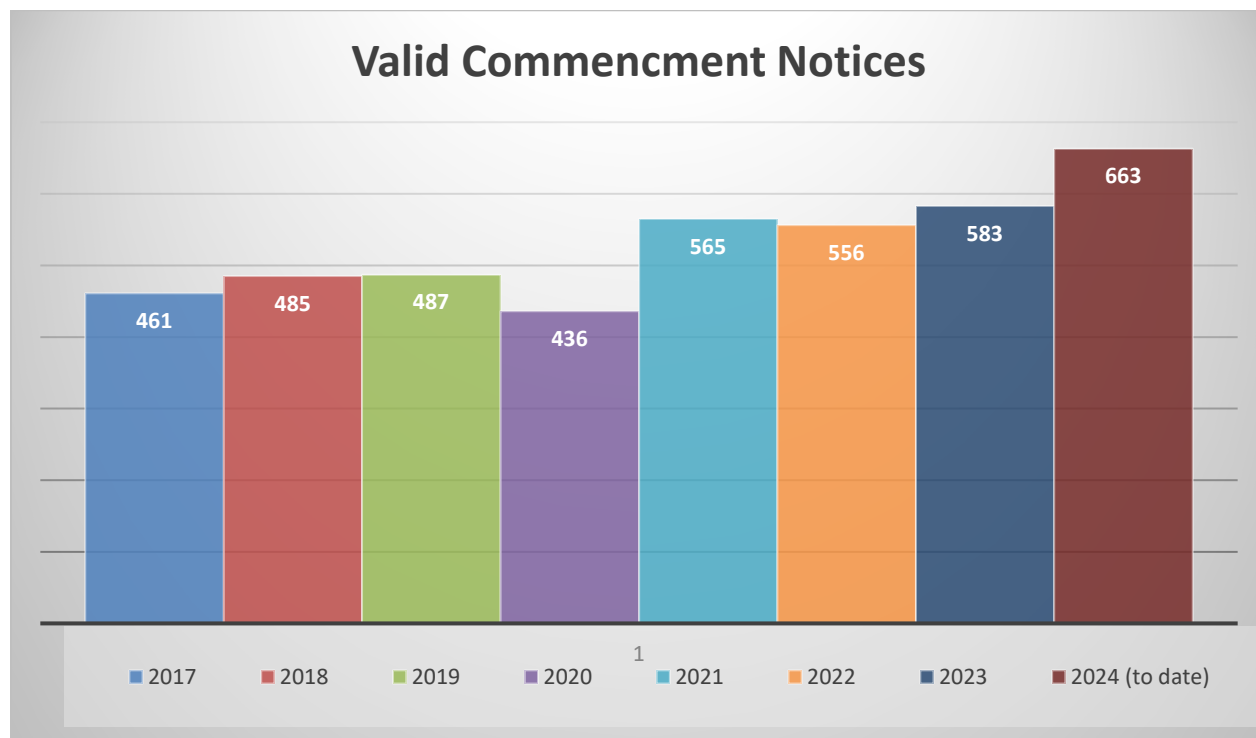
In 2023, 583 Commencement notices were submitted, representing 616 new buildings and 167 building alterations or extensions.

So far in 2024 (up until September 30th) there have been 663 Commencement Notices submitted, representing 1031 new builds and 174 building alterations or extensions. The number of new builds notified as having been commenced so far in 2024 exceeds the total figure notified in 2023 by 410 units.

This compares with 556 Commencement Notices in 2022 representing 429 new buildings and 127 building alterations or extensions and 565 Commencement notices in 2021 representing 634 new builds and 138 building alterations or extensions.

The number of “Opt-out” Commencement Notices submitted in 2023 was 299, 52% of the overall total submitted. Already in 2024, there have been 363 “Opt-out” Commencement Notices submitted (55%).

As reported previously, this consistent level of submission of these type of Commencement Notices remains a concern. Where these types of Commencement Notices are being used the owners have declared themselves to be competent to ensure that the works comply with the Building Regulations and are therefore taking on ALL the responsibility for ensuring compliance with the Regulations. The 2024 notices indicate that there is an increase in the number of multiple developments started so far as compared with previous years.



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.

2024- Jan 1st to September 30th			
Type	No. Of CNs	New Builds	Building Alterations/Extensions
CN with Documentation	212	698	55
7 day notice	24	9	15
CN without Documentation	64	34	31
CN with Opt Out	363	290	73
Total	663	1031	174

b. Disability Access Certificates (DAC):

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.

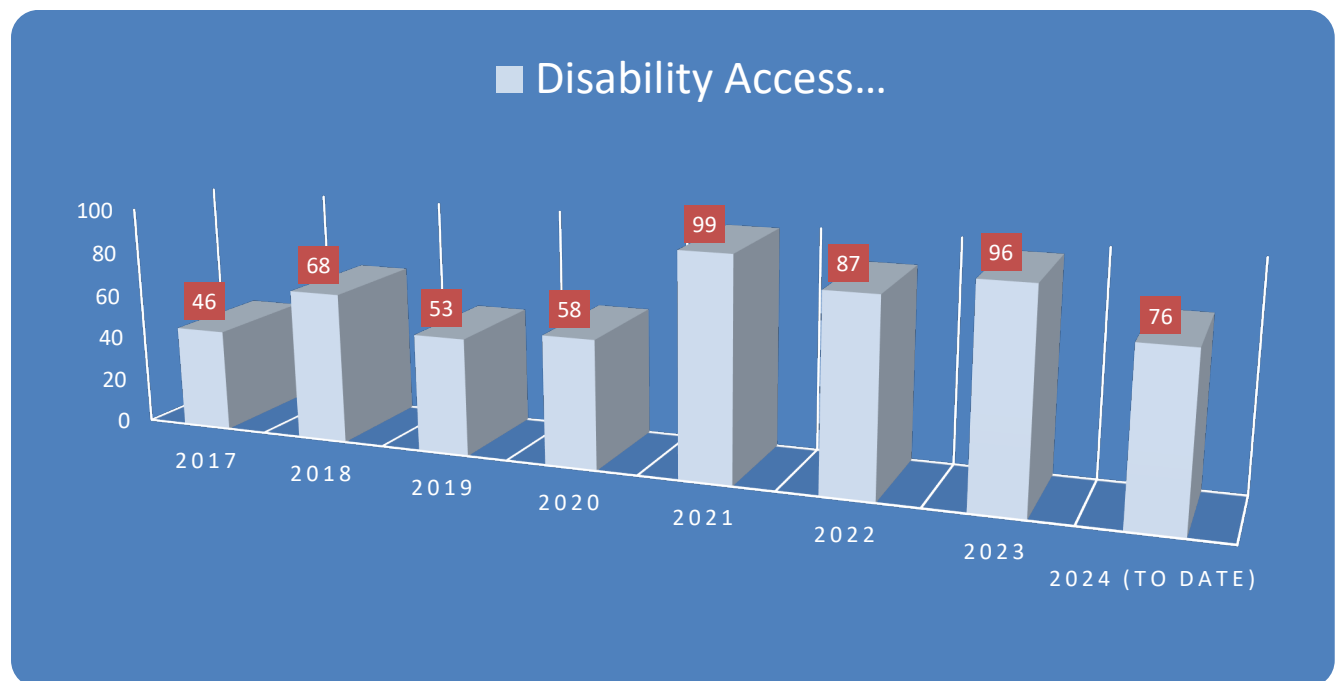
Except for houses and certain agricultural buildings, a DAC is generally required for all new buildings, including apartments and flats. A certificate is also required for material changes of use and certain alterations and extensions to buildings.

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

The Building Control Authority is obliged to determine all DAC applications within 8 weeks of receipt unless an extension of time is agreed with the applicant.

The Building Control Department received 96 DAC applications in 2023 which compares with 87 DAC applications in 2022, 99 applications in 2021, 58 applications in 2020 and 53 in 2019.

So far in 2024, we have received 76 DAC applications.



Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates.

The Taking in Charge team is today presenting the following estates in the Municipal District to Members seeking approval to complete the Taking in Charge process:

- Lios na Greine, Burnfoot

Where it is proposed to Declare a road to be a Public Road under Section 11 of the Roads Act, Members are obliged, under subsection (1)(b)(ii) to consider the financial implications for the Authority of the proposed declaration.

However, in the case of a development which has not been completed satisfactorily and an application for takeover has been received and the Planning Authority has not commenced enforcement proceedings within the appropriate period, subsection (1)(b)(ii) of section 11 of the Roads Act shall be disregarded.

In this instance however, the financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within the estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.

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

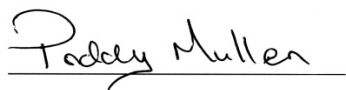
The Planning Authority for the Inishowen Municipal District is seeking a resolution for the making of an **ORDER**, in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Lios na Greine, Burnfoot** 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 **Lios na Greine, Burnfoot** over which a public right-of-way will now exist, as shown on the attached map, are hereby declared to be a public road.

It is **noted** that consequent on the making of this Order, the Council is required to take in charge any sewers, watermains, or service connections and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development in accordance with Section 180(4)(a) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended).

When water services infrastructure is taken in charge by a planning authority pursuant to section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended), the water services legislation provides that it will be subsequently transferred to Irish Water by Ministerial Order.

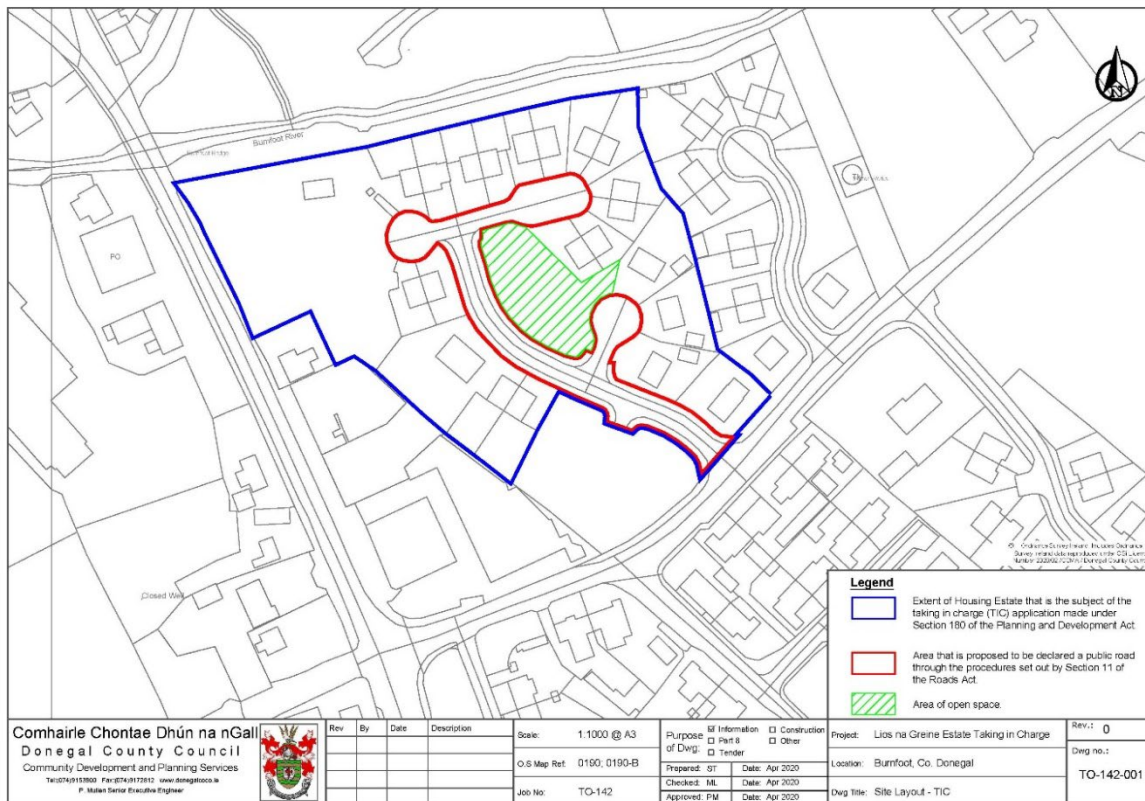
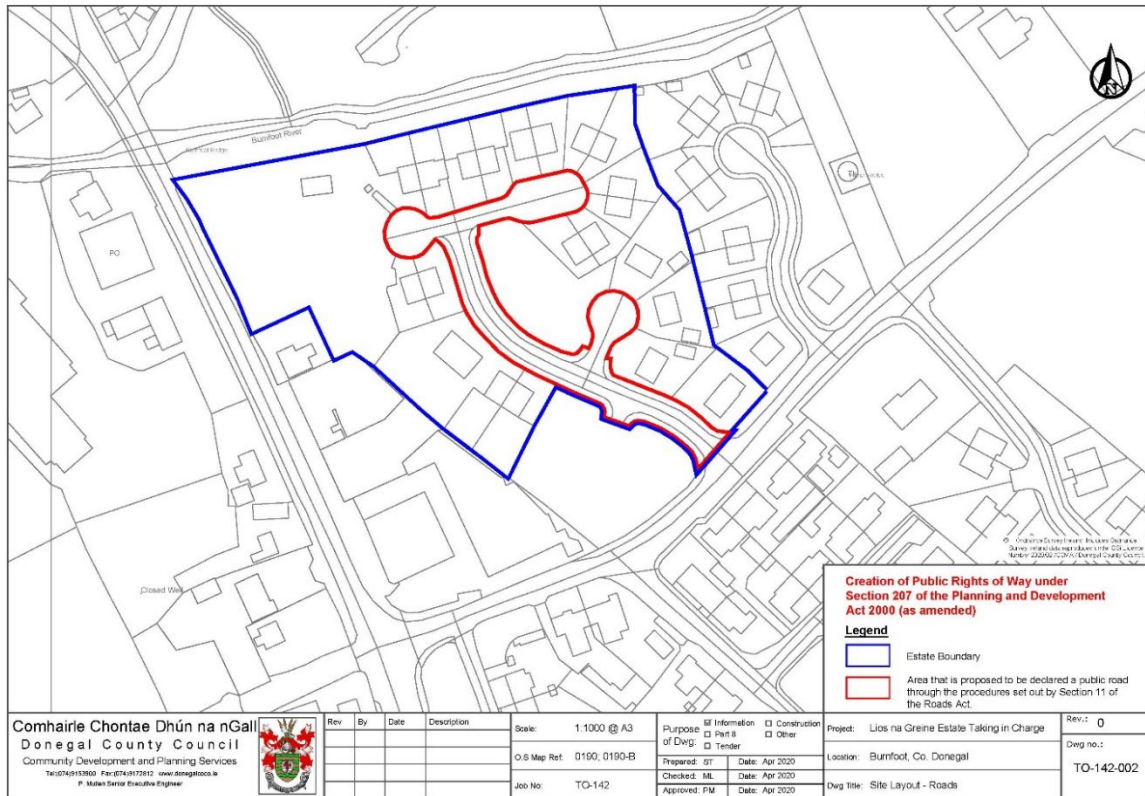
Section 11 of the Roads Act requires that the financial implications of the declaration as a public road be considered. The financial implications are not significant, with no specific issues within this estate being raised by the Area Roads Engineers.



Paddy Mullen
Senior Executive Engineer
Community & Planning Services

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an Order** in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate **Lios na Greine, Burnfoot** as set out in the attached maps, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor _____ seconded by Councillor _____ it is **resolved** that the Council **make an Order** in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within the housing estate **Lios na Greine, Burnfoot** to be a public road and **note** the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.



Appendix C

CAPITAL PROJECTS DELIVERY UNIT

Community Development and Planning Services
Report to Inishowen Municipal District Members: Oct 2024

Activity / Project Title	Tús Nua Project
Project Description/Activity	<p>The Tús Nua Project is a transformative town centre regeneration project in Carndonagh.</p> <p>The project elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alteration of the former Leprechaun Bar to create a new through access and public amenities including a changing places facility, • Restoration, alteration and extension of a former Department Store and associated outbuildings to the rear providing for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. a new Digital Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) and co-working Hub (CoLabora), office space, ii. a Social Space for Young People and Teenagers iii. a community Kitchen, iv. Communal storage, and v. A public realm courtyard with sensory garden. • Creation of a new Pedestrian Street and public realm park between Pound Street/Bank Place and the Supervalu Retail Complex, • The restoration and alteration of a stone outbuilding to a Creative Makers Hub for creative and craft industries. • New demountable canopy feature(s) in the existing Diamond area civic space. • New public realm improvements on Back Lane connecting the Diamond to the Town Car Park and Bridge Street. • Acquisition of a town centre site (The Mart) which will enable separate progression of a town centre housing development by the Councils Housing Capital Team at an estimated value of €5-5.5m.
Budget	€ 9.6m
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>Cost estimate have been submitted to DRCD.</p> <p>Detailed design completed and associated tender documents are being reviewed. BOQ is completed.</p> <p>Oral Hearing has been completed on the 10th Sept. Awaiting decision from An Bord Pleanala.</p> <p>Back Lane Tenders have assessed. Contractor to be appointed shortly. Works to begin shortly.</p>

Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	Works should be on going on the back lane.
Contact Person(s)	Hugh Trearty, Executive Engineer Ardal McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer

Activity / Project Title	Fort Dunree
Project Description/Activity	<p>Donegal County Council (DCC) has been awarded grant funding of €9,251,000 for Fort Dunree, Co. Donegal under Fáilte Irelands, Capital investment scheme Platform for Growth – A Programme for Tourism Investment, Platform 1: Immersive Heritage and Cultural Attractions.</p> <p>This will be supported by €3.2 million match funding committed by Donegal County Council providing a total Project value of €12.5 million investment.</p> <p>The transformational tourism project at Fort Dunree is informed by a vision to reimagine the visitor experience at this spectacular Fort and Discovery Point along the Wild Atlantic Way.</p> <p>The project will physically link the 3 unique elements of Fort Dunree: Lough Swilly below the Fort; the Promontory Fort and the High Fort (Redoubt). Along the visitor journey, immersive heritage and cultural touch-points will be provided with modern intervention view points and imaginative interpretive installations. The ambition is to reposition this defensive site to allow visitors to imagine its past and experience its beauty.</p> <p>The proposed Project comprises of the following key components.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High Fort: Works to improve existing High Fort 2. High Guns: Restoration of the High Guns 3. Lighthouse: Conservation & refurbishment works 4. Northern Walkway: New projecting walkway 5. Lower Fort Walkway: construction of new walkway & upgrade of access route and drawbridge. 6. The Village: Conservation & upgrade of existing buildings to facilitate, welcome building, toilets, souvenir shop, café etc. 7. Car Park: Provision of improved distribution roads & a new car parking facility 8. Walkways & Watchtower: Upgraded and new walkways and watchtower conservation works. 9. Access Routes: Reparatory works to existing pathways and steps.
Budget	€12.5m

Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<p>Following the An Bord Pleanála determination that a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is required for the project, the Part 8 planning application has been withdrawn and a new application was submitted to An Bord Pleanála on the 1st of August 2024 for assessment.</p> <p>The design team is currently working on Stage 2b (Detailed Design) and the development of the construction tender documentation.</p> <p>The Visitor Experience & Interpretation Consultant is continuing to develop the story of Fort Dunree to fit within the construction project. In addition, they are developing the branding strategy for the site.</p> <p>An updated cost plan has been received that is significantly higher than the funding award and engagement is ongoing with both Failte Ireland and the IDT to manage costs.</p> <p>The Project Program has been updated as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Stage</th><th>Start Date</th><th>Finish Date</th></tr><tr><td>Stage 2a Scheme Design</td><td>Jun 2024</td><td>Dec 2025</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 2b Detailed Design **</td><td>Jan 2024</td><td>Jun 2026</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 3 Tender Action, Evaluation & Award</td><td>Jul 2026</td><td>Dec 2026</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 4 Construction</td><td>Jan 2027</td><td>Sept 2028</td></tr><tr><td>Stage 5 Handover, Client Fit Out, training</td><td>Oct 2028</td><td>June 2029</td></tr></table> <p>** The duration of the ABP planning process unknown and estimated at 16 months.</p>	Stage	Start Date	Finish Date	Stage 2a Scheme Design	Jun 2024	Dec 2025	Stage 2b Detailed Design **	Jan 2024	Jun 2026	Stage 3 Tender Action, Evaluation & Award	Jul 2026	Dec 2026	Stage 4 Construction	Jan 2027	Sept 2028	Stage 5 Handover, Client Fit Out, training	Oct 2028	June 2029
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Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>Engage with An Bord Pleanála.</p> <p>Continue detailed design.</p>																		
Contact Person(s)	<p>Patrick Brennan, Project Manager</p> <p>Shane Sweeney, A/ Senior Executive Engineer</p> <p>Brendan O'Donnell, Senior Engineer</p>																		



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Economic Development, Information Systems & Emergency Services Directorate

Master Municipal District Report **October 2024**

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1. Economic Development

1.1. Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location / Further Info	Point of Contact
3rd – 4th October	Donegal Emigrant Working Lives in Scotland Event	Outreach project with DCC Heritage Officer to capture first hand accounts of Donegal people's experiences in selected occupations in Scotland and develop a cultural exhibition. Diaspora Officer supporting work of Heritage Team	Joseph Gallagher (Heritage Officer) - heritgae@donegalcoc.o.ie
2nd Wed of each month	Innovation Campfire	Hosted by Alpha Innovation - Our 10-minute sessions showcase inspiring innovation stories from around the world; learn from the experiments, tests, fails, quick wins, and big successes of others; enable participants to be part of a growing community of like-minded individuals; and allow participants to shape future sessions by volunteering to tell a story they are passionate about. You can watch back by visiting ALPHA Innovation Innovation Campfire — ALPHAInnovation.eu	Kevin Sexton - kevinsexton@alphainnovation.eu

1.2 Economic Development Unit

Marketing & Campaigns Updates

Invest Donegal Communications Update

Latest key stats for the InvestDonegal LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram and web accounts are as follows:

Impressions (last 28 days)

Total Followers

Linked In	10,330	5,382 (+127)
Twitter	4,400	3,416
Instagram	37.2k	4,854 (+390)
Facebook	2,892	2,167 (+60)

Donegal.ie 5.4K Web Users

8 News Items Published.

20th August 2024 – 7th September 2024

Inward Investment Brochure

The Economic Development team are currently progressing work to develop a new brochure promoting the value proposition for inward investment in County Donegal and highlighting County Donegal as a great place to live, work, study and do business. This brochure will be available in print and digital format.

Inward Investment/Relocation Marketing Campaign

Donegal County Council is working with marketing agency BigO on a new marketing campaign promoting Donegal as a great place to live, work, study, invest and do business. On 10 and 11 September the team from BigO were in County Donegal filming for the marketing campaign. The campaign will include a new hero video, short videos/reels, social media and website promotion of County Donegal. The campaign will start to roll out by the end of September, with a launch event planned for October. This campaign will be a follow-on campaign building upon the success of the previous #MovetoDonegal relocation campaign and will be launched in the Autumn.

Move West Series on TG4

Donegal County Council is working with the WDC (Western Development Commission) to produce an episode of the Move West series that is focused on County Donegal. The Donegal episode will be hosted by Mary Kennedy and will air on TG4 in November 2024. Exact date will be confirmed asap.

#LoveDonegalDay: #LoveDonegal day 2024, now in its 6th year took place on 25th September 2024, in conjunction with other events promoting the county including Disrupt by the Sea and the Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards. The 2023 campaign reached a global audience of 85 million across social media, this year's campaign beat this record and expanded greatly in its reach, attracting a global reach of 90.3 million on the day itself then reaching 144.5 million between the 25th and 29th of September.

A Communications Plan was developed detailing several actions around promoting #LoveDonegal Day in 2024 including engagement with key influencers, businesses and communities. Donegal County Council lit up the Council buildings green/gold on the day, a #LoveDonegal stamp was included on all Council post and staff took part in a photo shoot using #LoveDonegal props.

Donegal Airport took part in a photo shoot and Donegal Castle was be illuminated with the #LoveDonegal logo projected onto the building in the run up to and on the day. There were many other activities planned such as digital advertising, an e-mail marketing campaign and promotion on Donegal.ie. To take part, people had to use #LoveDonegal or #DúnnanGallAbú when tagging on social media posts.

The Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2024: The Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Awards 2024 took place in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel Buncrana of Friday 27th of September. Three awardees honoured this year were Billy Higgins, Caroleann Gallagher and David McCourt. The evenings event was a great success with over 170 guests in attendance at the awards acknowledging their outstanding achievements in their fields.

The awardees also participated in an event that morning in the University of Ulster discussion their success to date and connections to Ireland, Donegal and the Global Irish Community. The event was covered by various media outlets locally and internationally and promotion of all aspects for the awards will be ongoing for the coming weeks.

#BuyDonegal: The 2024 #BuyDonegal campaign will launch in November of this year and will run over a series of 6- 8 weeks, covering a range of sectors, themes and events promoting Donegal businesses to a global audience.

Donegal Tech Advocates: Donegal County Council, in collaboration with regional stakeholders, developed and launched the Donegal Tech Advocates group in April 2024. The focus of this group is to promote, grow and empower the dynamic and innovative tech sector across the county. The third Donegal Tech Advocates event took place in Donegal ETB Letterkenny with the theme "The Opportunities and Challenges for Tech in Donegal" which saw three companies present on their experiences and resources utilised for upskilling their staff.

Business Concierge Service

The Councils Economic Development Division provides a Business Concierge Service for businesses looking at access Council Services and supports. This service can be accessed by emailing economicdevelopment@donegalcoco.ie

Donegal 2040 DAC

Board and Corporate Governance

The Board of Donegal 2040 DAC is continuing to meet on a regular basis to progress a range of areas including the below.

Update on Projects:

Alpha Innovation Centre and Beta Business Centre

Current Status: Enabling works / Demolition works on site are nearing completion. Main construction contract to be tendered. Estimated project completion date: Q3 2026, subject to funding.

ALPHA Innovation is an initiative of *Donegal 2040 DAC*, supported by *Donegal County Council's Economic Development Unit* and *Enterprise Ireland*. It was set up to accelerate and enable ambitious individuals, SME businesses, startups & scaleups to innovate and build globally ambitious ventures across the county.

Ireland's Top Scaleups Returns to Donegal for Disrupt By The Sea 2024: Disrupt by the Sea now in its second year was held on Thursday 26th of September in McDaid's Courtyard on the Quays in Ramelton, Co Donegal. ALPHA welcomed a live audience of over 80 entrepreneurs, startups, ecosystem partners and visitors from the USA to the Atlantic Coast.

Of the six business pitching at the event for investment from the judges, the entrepreneur Oliver Begley, founder of the company "Biota", secured €100,000 cash investment. Biota provides biodiversity monitoring from space, using satellites and machine learning AI. They service large corporates, for example current customer *Dole*, who have multiple production plants across the globe.

The event also saw Head of Innovation, Kevin Sexton, moderate a fireside chat with founders that have come through ALPHA's programmes:

ALPHA Innovation part of the National AI Challenge 2024: *ALPHA Innovation*, in association with *WiSAR Lab and Technology Gateway & CoLab*, is the North West regional innovation location for this year's [TechIreland National AI Challenge](#). From Fri 23 - Sat 31 August, teams will work on propositions shaped on Ireland's National AI Challenge 'AI - Here For Good'.

ALPHA is bringing together teams, mentors and coaches to work on propositions throughout the challenge through in-person workshops in CoLab (on Sat 24 & Sat 31 August) and national remote sessions online. 1 team from the North West will be chosen to represent the region at the National AI Meet in Galway on Thursday 5 September.

If you would like to come along to one of the in-person workshops, email conordoherty@alphainnovation.eu before Friday 23 August.

Remote Working Hub Carrigart:

Status: In operation. Annual management agreement in place.

Details: One storey building with 18 Hot Desks in an open space floor plan. Meeting room, private phone booths, kitchen facilities and bicycle parking.

Operation & Management of Island House, Killybegs (Post Construction)

Current Status: Under Construction. Estimated Completion Date: Autumn 2024

Marketing Campaign: to commence Q4 2024.

Operation & Management of Burtonport Enterprise Centre (Post Construction)

Current Status: Contractor appointment. Construction to commence Q3 2024.
Current Estimated Completion date: Q4 2025.

Operation & Management of The Ritz, Ballybofey (Post Construction)

Current Status: Detailed design.

Current Estimated Completion date of overall Seed Project: Q1 2026.

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Inward Investment Activity

North West City Region

Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission 2024

Plans for Golden Bridges and the US Trade Mission 2024 are in motion in collaboration with partners and stakeholders in Donegal and the wider North West City Region. Marketing agency BigO have been appointed to develop a new promotional video for the North West City Region. A new promotional flyer is also being developed. Both will be targeted at a US audience of potential investors and will be showcased during the US Trade Mission 2024.

Promoting the NWCR

The North West City Region is promoted online via the website www.irelandnw.com and social media on LinkedIn and X on a regular basis and in collaboration with Derry City and Strabane District Council.

NWCR on LinkedIn has 798 followers.

NWCR on X (formerly Twitter @NwIreland) has 248 followers.

Website: www.irelandnw.com

NWCR Information Dashboard

An online dashboard for sharing information related to living, working, studying, investing and doing business in the NWCR is in development and will be shared with partners such as INI and the IDA to provide a store of information on the various aspects of the value proposition of the NWCR for potential investors.

National Planning Framework Revision

The National Planning Framework (NPF) was published in 2018 to provide a strategy for managing growth across Ireland including more balanced development between the three regions. In July 2024, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage published a draft revision of the NPF for public consultation, with a deadline of 12th September 2024. Donegal County Council in partnership with Derry City & Strabane District Council submitted a joint submission on behalf of the North West City Region by the deadline.

Service Land Initiative at The Commons, Lifford

Planning application for enabling infrastructure has been approved An Bord Pleanála and detailed designs are complete. Procurement for construction of enabling infrastructure will take place in the

coming weeks. The EDU is engaging with various potential site users including Social Housing, Community Health, Recreation and businesses and it is expected that enabling infrastructure will be complete by Q4 2024.

Disposal of Council owned Land to support Economic Development

The team are dealing with a number of requests for disposal of lands for economic development in Ballyshannon, Letterkenny and Buncrana.

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1.2: Tourism Marketing Unit

Project Activity

Autumn/Winter Marketing Campaign

Filming for our new Autumn Winter campaign has taken place and the launch will be in early October. This campaign will leverage on the success of our 2023/24 campaigns and follow on as a 'season two' style approach.

Background: Donegal is a year-round destination and what makes it a special place to visit is the warm welcome, unique culture, stunning landscapes, and artisan food experiences. Our campaign aims to highlight the diverse experiences and activities and to inspire the audience to discover personalised and immersive experiences year-round, fostering a deeper connection to the people and spirit of the county. We envision an audience that is not just inspired by Donegal's beauty but empowered to seek their own unique adventure within it.

North West City Region

In collaboration with Derry/Strabane District Council and Visit Derry the tourism unit filming has taken place for a promotional video that will promote the range of golf available in the North West City Region. The accompanying brochure is also nearing completion and will be signed off in mid-September.

Donegal Airport Marketing

Artwork is being completed to promote the county in Donegal Airport to complement existing artwork. It is estimated that this will be installed before year end.

IGTM Golf Trade Show

In preparation for this show in Lisbon, Portugal (October 14th-18th) and to familiarise themselves with the golf product in the county, two team members undertook a tour of all golf clubs in the county to meet with representatives from the industry and see first-hand the facilities available at each of the 17 clubs in the county.

Accommodation for The Open 2025 (Portrush)

Tourism Unit is working with Visit Derry to secure accommodation for a group for The Open, which will take place in Portrush in 2025. This collaboration ensures that Donegal plays a significant role in supporting the influx of visitors during the event, offering accommodation options that benefit both Donegal and the event organisers.

Fam trip to Emerald Guitars

The team were given a preview of the Emerald Guitars facility and their new public tour which is now open. Emerald Guitars is based in Saint Johnston. They brought up to 40 people on their music tour of Donegal (w/c 8th September) from all over the world for which Go Visit Donegal provided items for the gift bags.

Spanish Armada

Donegal were delighted to welcome the Spanish Armada into Killybegs on the 19th September ahead of their commemoration weekend in Sligo. Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Niamh Kennedy formerly welcomed them

ashore. They spent an afternoon in Donegal before departing for Sligo. In Donegal, there are several Armada groups that work closely with Spanish Armada Ireland, and this event was evidence of further work being undertaken to develop Donegal and Sligo as a destination for people interested in Armada and maritime heritage.

TBEX Puerto Rico

Donegal County Council in association with Donegal Tourism is delighted to announce that County Donegal has been named as the host destination for TBEX (Travel Blog Exchange) 2025, the world's largest conference and community of travel creators and influencers. TBEX brings together thousands of travel bloggers, writers, photographers, videographers, and social media influencers from around the world for a week of education, networking, and destination exploration. The conference will be held in September 2025 and is expected to attract many attendees.

Night-Time Economy (NTE) Buncrana

Stakeholder Engagement taking place on 18th September. Culture Night Late in Buncrana will deliver a range of funded events in Buncrana for the first time on 20th September. Survey is approved and ready to launch and will be open for four weeks in September/October. October will see seed funding used to develop ideas from local groups and businesses to diversify the night-time economy in Buncrana. The Night-Time Economy Committee will have their first meeting in November.

TOURBO

The TOURBO project is now in its 3rd Semester. TOURBO's next interregional partner meeting will take place from 24th - 25th September in Ancona, Italy. David Leonard (Fáilte Ireland) will be presenting 'Carbon Calculator for Businesses' and 'Digital that Delivers' as Good Practices in Digital and Sustainable Transition on behalf of partner Donegal County Council.

Sustainable Arctic and Peripheral Biking Tourism Project

DCC Tourism Staff attended the 3rd SUB Interregional Meeting in Sweden. Work has begun on the planning of x4 regional workshops, aimed at tourism entrepreneurs and network actors within the region and, on the planning of a peer-to-peer learning exchange in April 2025.

Caravan & Camping Workshop for Festival and Event Organisers

As part of Donegal County Council commitment to supporting festivals and events an online workshop has been organised. The workshop focuses on the importance and benefits of providing space for caravan and camping at festivals and events. The goal is to educate organisers on how caravan and camping facilities can enhance visitor experiences and contribute to the success of their events.

Development of a Comprehensive Tourism Provider Database

Work is ongoing on the creation of a new, comprehensive database that will list every establishment, business, activity, and tourism provider throughout Donegal.

Age Friendly/Disability Strategy

Donegal Tourism continues to participate in both groups to see where the Tourism Industry in the county can learn from consultation.

GoVisitDonegal.com Website

Go Visit Donegal Website

Behind the scenes preparations are underway for the upgrade of the current website. This includes the cleaning of databases and compilation of comprehensive trade business listings to ensure full coverage of the county. Registration on the website by all trade will be encouraged.

2024 (Aug 16 – Sep 12) - Users 37K- Page Views 98K

Festival and Events continues to be the most viewed page – views 18K

Places to see is the second most viewed page – views 4K

Online & Social Media Updates – Go Visit Donegal Aug 16 – Sep 12, 2024

Facebook: Facebook had a reach of 111.7K. Organic-78K and from Ads 39K

Instagram: Instagram had a reach of 13.7K.

LinkedIn: 1,824 followers. 41 new followers in the last 30 days. 6.7K Impressions.

X: 10.3K posts. 16.2K followers.

TikTok: TikTok has 475 followers.

Donegal Tourism CLG

The Associates Committee had a meeting on September 11th in Sweeneys Hotel Dungloe.

The board meeting for Donegal Tourism took place on September 17th in the Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny.

Grant Schemes

Minor Tourism Related Works Grant Scheme

Successful projects under the 2024 scheme have been notified and projects have commenced. Funding for this scheme must be drawn down by June 30th, 2025.

The 2024 projects are nearing completion, and the tourism team are following up with each of the groups in relation to drawing down the grant.

Regional Festival & Events Grant Scheme

Festival and Events under the 2024 scheme are well underway. Just under €50,000 (€49,750 was awarded to 33 festivals and events). The tourism team are following up with each of the festival groups in relation to drawing down the funding.

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1.4: Strategic Funding Unit

Strategic Funding Unit – Exploring EU and National Funding Opportunities that support the objectives set out in the **Donegal County Council Corporate Plan 2020 – 2024**

INTERREG Europe Projects

Green Hydra

The Green Hydra project focusing on the barriers and opportunities around innovation in hydrogen as a renewable energy source kicked off in April 2024. The scope of this project is to improve national, regional or local policies for involving SME's across the whole hydrogen value chain. The first in person partner Steering Committee meeting took place in Ravenna, Italy on 18th and 19th September and this included a capacity building workshop focused on 'Understanding the green hydrogen value chain', a study visit to Marina di Ravenna Energy and Sea Research Centre and SAPIR port terminal to see how other regions are working with green hydrogen as a renewable energy source.

EDIN

The EDIN project focusing on promoting Donegal to remote workers and digital nomads commenced on in April 2024. The next Steering Committee meeting will take place in Norway in October 2024. Donegal County Council is the Communications and Marketing lead for the project and is currently working on e-mail and newsletter marketing assets for the project.

NomadÉire

A digital nomad conference called NomadÉire was held from August 28 to September 1 in Donegal in the Gaeltacht, Dungloe and Gweedore. This provided an opportunity to promote the EDIN project while the visiting digital nomads heard from both international and regional expert speakers on topics such as remote recruitment, virtual entrepreneurship and business growth, the importance of branding, and the right to disconnect, all while discovering the amazing communities, unique culture, stunning landscapes and the world-class remote capabilities Donegal can offers. Visiting digital nomads were offered vouchers for Digital Hubs in the area such as Gteic.

ICC – Intelligent Cities Challenge

Donegal County Council is a partner along with Derry City and Strabane District Council on the EU funded Intelligent Cities Challenge project led by ERNACT. As one of 64 cities and city regions across Europe, Ireland's North-West City Region is actively participating in the European Commission's Intelligent Cities Challenge 2.0 initiative (ICC). This project requires a Local Green Deal (LGD), aimed at creating tangible actions for change through strategic public-private partnerships. These partnerships bring together businesses, local authorities, and communities to drive sustainable initiatives forward.

In Donegal the "Grow Eat Compost Repeat" LGD showcases a circular economy solution where organic waste is converted into regenerative soil. This soil is then used by communities and businesses alike. Led by KPM Soils and supported by Donegal County Council, this initiative brings together a large community of organic waste donors and regenerative soil users to create a community-wide circular economy solution. The official launch of the "Grow Eat Compost Repeat" LGD took place in Clonmany Community Centre on 10 September.

The CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions)

Cllr Jack Murray has been confirmed as Donegal County Council's new political representative on the CPMR. Cllr. Murray will be attending the next General Assembly, which will take place in Gozo (Malta) on

2-4 October 2024. The event includes a meeting of the Atlantic Arc Commission, the Political Bureau, a seminar on transport and tourism in peripheral regions and meetings of the Migration Working Group, the Energy Working Group and the Maritime Working Group and much more. This will also be attended by representatives from the European Parliament and European Commission and provides an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities in Donegal and the wider North West region.

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2. Local Enterprise Office

August 2024 (Year to Date Supports)

Grant Aid (M1) – Five Evaluation Committee meetings to have taken place for 2024 with the following approvals:

- 35 Businesses have been approved Grant Aid
- The total value of Grant Aid Approvals is €890,463.
- The next EVAC meeting is taking place on 5th November 2024.

Trading Online Vouchers: 43 Businesses approved trading online support to a value of €97,275.

Mentoring: 296 business applicants approved up to 12 hours expert mentoring.

Training: 1208 Attendees on 61 Courses held.

Digital Start: 6 applications approved for this support to a value of €27,000.

Green for Business: 22 applicants approved for this support to a value of €48,708.

Energy Efficiency Grants: 6 applicants approved for this support to a value of €40,000.

Lean For Business: 16 applicants approved for this support to a value of €82,000.

Energy Efficiency Grant: The newly updated Energy Efficiency Grant is now live. Businesses with less than 50 employees can avail of a new 75% grant support to a maximum of €10,000. The previous grant was 50% support to a maximum of €5,000.

Grow Digital: A new digital support to facilitate businesses seeking to automate digitise processes has just been confirmed. This will part fund software purchase and/or training up to 50%/€5,000 match funding and for now run in tandem with Trading Online Vouchers (TOVs).

Export Development Programme: 4 LEO clients have undertaken an export readiness exercise with Full Circle Consultancy and are now engaging in a programme to identify suitable markets for export. This will be followed by market visits and buyer meetings in these markets.

Get Exporting Programme: Clients from each Local Enterprise Office region are being invited to register their interest for the new 'Get Exporting Programme' being rolled out by Enterprise Ireland. This programme is aimed at LEO clients that currently have limited export sales and would like to develop a strategy to enter international markets. Regional clinics are being run across the country from 25th September until 8th October. The Northwest clinic is being held on 3rd October in Sligo Park Hotel.

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN): Work is continuing in this EU funded project which LEO Donegal, as the lead LEO partner. Several international trade missions are scheduled for the coming months.

Several international trade missions are scheduled for the coming months, including missions to Paris and the UK for the Food, Digital HealthTech and Creative sectors in October and November.

Start Your Own Business Training Programme: The final Start Your Own Business Programme for 2024 is commencing on 1st October, 2024.

National Women's Enterprise Day, Ireland's largest female enterprise event promotes, encourages, and stimulates female entrepreneurship across Ireland. It is designed and led by women and is an

annual high point in promoting entrepreneurship to women in Ireland. The Local Enterprise Office Donegal will host an event in Lough Eske Castle at 6pm on Thursday 17th October 2024. MC for the event is former star of The Apprentice, radio presenter, entrepreneur, content creator and make-up artist Grainne Mc Coy. Keynote speaker is Dr Sabrina Brennan, chartered health psychologist and neuroscientist, host of the Super Brain podcast and author.

LEO Business Supports Clinic take place twice per month – on-line and in-person at locations throughout the county. As well as learning of LEO supports, all attendees will get the opportunity for one-to-one business advice.

To book a place at any of the aforementioned events go to [Online Bookings - Donegal \(localenterprise.ie\)](https://localenterprise.ie)

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3. Information Services

Information Services (IS)

National Broadband Plan

The rollout of the NBP continues in County Donegal. This is a government investment of €128m into the telecommunications infrastructure in the county, bringing fibre broadband to every premises in the Intervention Area. The Letterkenny, Creeslough, Termon, St. Johnston, Bunbeg and small Island deployment areas are complete and actively connecting customers. The attached video link features the rollout of high-speed fibre broadband to Rutland Island. [Rutland Island \(youtube.com\)](#).

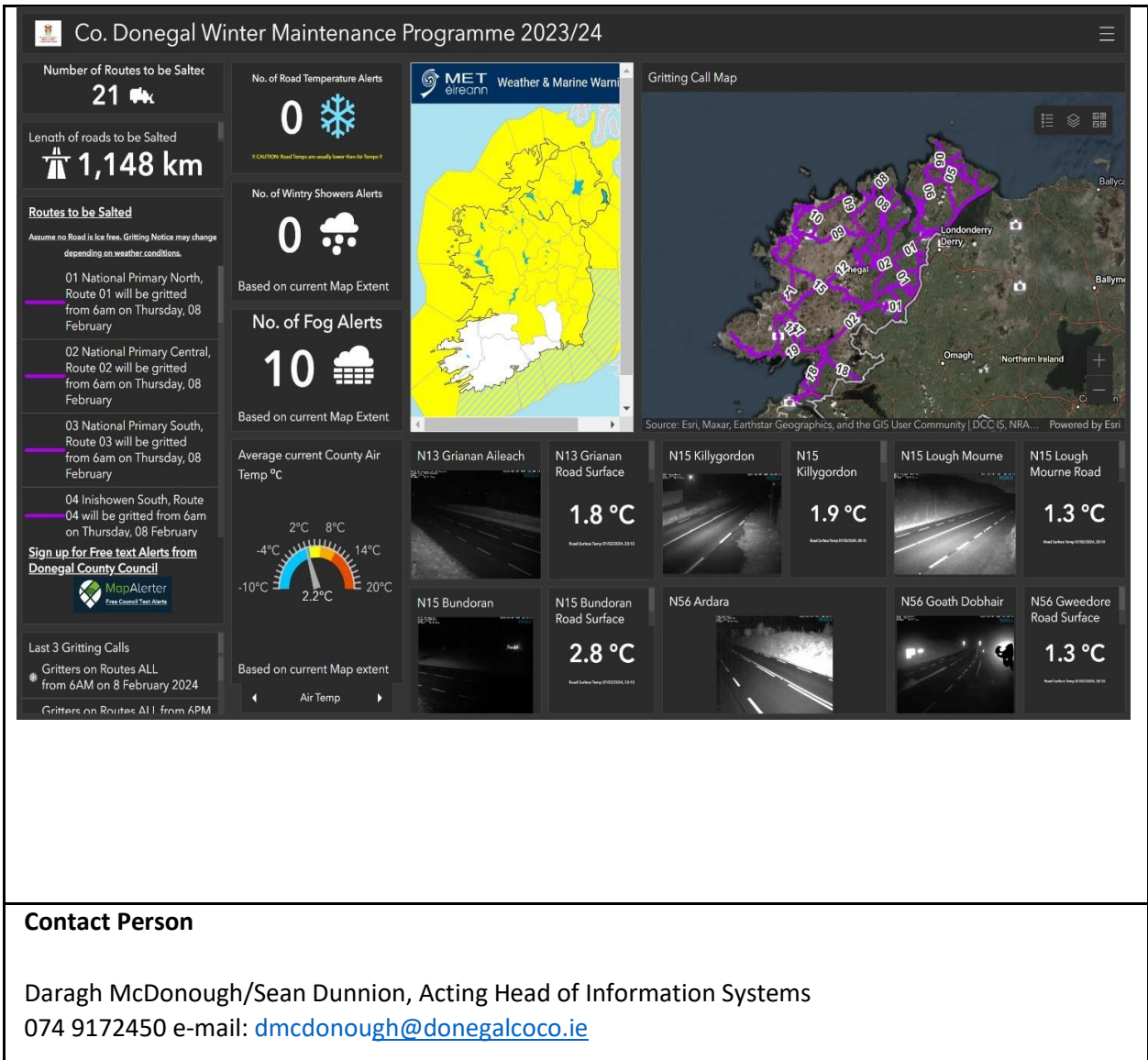
These deployment areas cover 12,041 premises or 36% of the Intervention Area. Network build is in progress in the 6 deployment areas of Fintown, Carndonagh, Buncrana, Moville, Bundoran, Ballyshannon and totalling 11,011 premises or 33% of the IA. Surveying is complete in the Ardara, Arranmore & Tory Island deployment areas covering 2,153 premises or 6% of the IA. 8,005 premises, or 24% of the IA, in the deployment areas of Donegal, Kilcar, Pettigo and Ballybofey/Stranorlar are at survey pending stage. NBI are currently planning Active Equipment Module builds on the islands to connect to the mainland. We have been informed that surveying will commence shortly in the Kilcar Deployment Area, and NBI branded vans and crews will be visible out and about checking ducts, chambers and overhead lines.

To keep informed of the rollout plan in Donegal we encourage people to register their interest with; <https://www.nbi.ie>

Winter Maintenance Programme

The winter maintenance dashboard, developed by the GIS team, has been nominated for an Ireland eGov award in September 2024 in the SMART Cities and Urban Development category.

<https://donegal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/989516ab92554f10ae6b3b7338e80063>



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4. Emergency Services

4.1 – Fire Service

Fire Service Monthly MD Report (October)

Activity	Number of: (August) ¹		Total for year	
<u>Fire Service Operations</u>				
Fire Brigade incidents within County Donegal**:	61		530	
Mobilisations (by Donegal Fire Service Brigades)**:	79		626	
Mobilisations into Donegal (by NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS))**:	11		76	
<u>Operational Activity Breakdown August 2024</u>	Turnouts		Incidents in County	
	Fires	Special Services	Fires	Special Services
Donegal Fire Service	29	50	15	37
Northern Ireland Fire Service	7	4	5	4
Sub Total	36	54	20	41
Total	90		61	
<u>Fire Prevention</u>				
Fire Safety Certificate applications received:	13		139	
Fire Safety Certificates waiting to be assessed:	32		N/A	

Fire Safety Certificate applications assessed by Fire Officer and waiting for Further Information from Applicant / Agent:	58	N/A
Fire Safety Certificate decisions made:	10	108
Applications for Dangerous Substance Licences received:	0	8
Dangerous Substance Licences issued:	1	3
Form of notice received under the Explosives Act, 1875:	0	28
Inspections and Auditing carried out (Fire Services Act 1981 & 2003, Annual Licensing, DSA 1972, Explosive Stores, Pyrotechnics, BCA 1992 & 2007):	66	154
Fire Safety Complaints received:	0	17
Fire Safety Complaints dealt with:	2	17
During Performance Inspections carried out:	0	0
Fire Safety awareness presentations delivered:	6 ²	86



1. **Current data is only available up to the end of August 2024.**
2. **As part of its community fire safety programme, Donegal Fire Service facilitated fire station open days in Letterkenny, Falcarragh, Killybegs & Glencolmcille whilst Bundoran & Ballyshannon fire brigades attended events at the RNLI emergency services open day and the Ballyshannon agricultural show respectively.**






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ENVIRONMENT MD REPORT – October 2024


CLIMATE ACTION

Activity / Project Title	Carndonagh Decarbonising Zone – Carndonagh Community Conversations
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The Council's Climate Action Unit recently joined TASC - Think-Tank for Action on Social Change and Inishowen Development Partnership for Community Conversations events. We had great engagement from the Carndonagh community on what it means to be in a Decarbonising Zone. We will be taking the findings forward in the further development of climate actions for the area.</p> <div></div>
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Activity / Project Title	An Fálcarrach/Gort an Choire Decarbonising Zone – Pathways 2 Resilience EU Project
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The Climate Action Unit and Cill Ulta (Northwest Bioeconomy Hub) as part of our Climate Action Plan Decarbonising Zone have been successful in an application to the Horizon Europe Pathways 2 Resilience Programme. Donegal is one of 40 regions selected across Europe, and one of 2 regions in Ireland.</p> <p>Funding of €210k has been granted for a capacity building and demonstration project focussing on Building Rural Biobased Resilience in the DZ. The project will focus on the uses and benefits of Biochar in horticulture and farming as part of a regenerative and circular economy that helps with climate resilience and mitigation wider pathway 2 climate.</p> <p>The team will also take part in a wider EU training programme focussed on developing pathways 2 climate resilience as part of the project.</p> <p>Further information here: 40 Regions Unite to Build Climate Resilience for 53 Million Europeans - Pathway2Resilience (pathways2resilience.eu)</p> <p>Press-Release-P2R-Regions-Announcement.pdf (pathways2resilience.eu)</p> <div data-bbox="485 968 1138 1621">  </div>
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Activity / Project Title	Climate Actions Work – Funding call
Project Description/ Activity	<div data-bbox="683 302 837 344">  Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland </div> <div data-bbox="735 417 1044 627"> <h1>CLIMATE ACTIONS WORK</h1> </div> <div data-bbox="683 701 876 758"> For information and resources go to gov.ie/climateactionswork </div> <div data-bbox="894 275 1177 787">  </div> <p>If you are an existing or newly formed community group or organisation, the Climate Actions Work Fund is specifically aimed to support you to communicate about climate actions you may be undertaking in your community.</p> <p>This fund has been launched by the government to support groups or organisations working to bring people together and share information on climate action in communities.</p> <p>Applications are invited under three strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Awareness • Community Engagement • Community Activation <p>The funding will be administered through Community Foundation Ireland and is being promoted by Donegal County Council through its social media pages etc. The closing date for applications is 4pm, 4th October 2024.</p> <p>Queries in relation to the fund can be directed through info@foundation.ie</p> <p>For further information visit gov.ie/climateactionswork. The Council has promoted this fund through its social media pages and networks.</p>
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Activity / Project Title	Climate Action Unit at the AGM of the Older Persons Council in Donegal
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The Climate Action Unit was delighted to attend the AGM of the Older Persons Council in Ionad Naomh Pádraig Dobhar recently, the team listened to and answered queries of those in attendance and provided information on taking positive climate actions.</p> 
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Activity / Project Title	UN Sustainable Development Goals Week – 20 – 29th September 2024
Project Description/ Activity	 <p>DCC Inaugural Climate Action Team Meeting</p> <p>The first meeting of Donegal County Council’s Climate Action Team was held on Thursday 19th September. This Team will meet on a quarterly basis to monitor implementation of the</p>

	<p>Local Authority Climate Action Plan and ensure integration of Climate Action throughout the organisation.</p> <p>UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Week is an annual week of action, awareness and accountability for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.</p> <p>Ireland's Second National Implementation Plan for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) called on all sectors including Local Authorities to renew efforts in Goal achievement as Ireland moves towards Agenda 2030. It is a Strategic Objective of the Plan to "Integrate the SDGs into Local Authority work to better support localisation of the SDGs" including embedding them in Governance and reporting frameworks and incorporation within local planning frameworks.</p> <p>To this end, Donegal County Council has recently procured software that will enable the Council to integrate and raise awareness of the SDGs throughout the services of the Council. The Accelerating Action tool will be used to assess plans, policies and projects against the SDGs and enable the work undertaken by DCC to be closely aligned with their targets.</p> <p>The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice.</p> <p>For more information visit: https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/</p>
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Activity / Project Title	<p>Community Climate Action Fund</p> <p>Over €1 million funding approved for climate action projects</p>
Project Description/ Activity	<p>The Community Climate Action Fund opened earlier this year, to support small and large, rural and urban communities take climate action at a local level. The objective of the fund is to build low carbon, sustainable communities, which will, in turn contribute to the national climate and energy targets.</p> <p>There were two strands of funding available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strand 1: focused on direct climate action, building low carbon communities. €699,000 was allocated Co. Donegal.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strand 1A: focused on cross-border projects in partnership with communities and organisations in Northern Ireland. €3 million was allocated nationally <p>Funding of over €1 million has been approved by the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications for 25 Donegal community-led, climate action projects with 5 Northern Ireland partners approved for funding under Strand 1A.</p> <p>This funding will support a wide range of climate actions including the retrofitting of buildings, renewable energy generation, biodiversity enhancement and circular economy projects.</p> <p>The Council is currently in the Contracting Phase of the Programme and will be moving to the Delivery Phase once Grant Agreements are co-signed with community groups and Donegal County Council in Q4 of 2024.</p>
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Meeting 1 pm on Tuesday 15th October 2024

1. Reallocation of 2024 Development Fund Initiative
2. Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
3. 2024 Community Recognition Fund Round 2
4. An Grianán of Aileach Fort
5. Friar Hegarty Walk project.
6. Playground Maintenance
7. Donegal Walks and Trails
8. Buncrana School Campus
9. 2021 Town and Village Renewal – Newtoncunningham
10. 2021 Town and Village Renewal funding – Moville
11. 2021 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee
12. 2021 Clár funding for Killea Community Park – Community Pod
13. 2022 Town and Village Renewal funding – Barrack Hill Town Park
14. Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
15. Rural Development Programme/LEADER
16. 2023 Clár funding for Malin GAA, Carrowmenagh and Gleneely Colts.
17. PEACEPLUS Programme 2022 to 2027
18. Social Inclusion Unit
19. Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN)
20. Donegal Youth Council
21. Healthy Donegal



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2024 Development Fund Initiative Re-allocation

A Resolution is required to re- allocate €5,000 Development Fund Initiative to Killea Tidy Towns. This grant was originally awarded to Newtoncunningham Focus Group under the 2024 Development Fund Initiative.

Proposed by Cllr _____

Seconded by Cllr _____



Municipal District: Inishowen Activity / Project Update: October 2024

Activity / Project Title	Malin Head Visitor Management Plan
Activity / Project Description	<p><u>Malin Head Access & Amenity Improvement Project.</u> Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements</p>
<p>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* - inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p><u>Visitor Management Plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donegal County Council following consultation with Failte Ireland has completed the tendering competition for the procurement of multi-disciplinary services for the delivery of a visitor management plan for Malin Head Signatory point.• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects have been appointed to Design the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan and Concept design.• Keys and Monaghan Architects together with Cooney Architects , a multi-disciplinary team have been appointed to provide a Visitor Management Plan and concept design for Malin Head.• There were four successful Stakeholder Engagement workshops held on the 8th May in Malin Head Community Centre, 9th May McGrorys Hotel Culdaff, Tuesday 14th May in the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and Malin Village hall on the 15th May with over 310 people in attendance over the four evenings.• Donegal Council remains committed, in partnership with Failte Ireland and with the support of the local community, to deliver on the ambitious objectives within the draft Malin Head Visitor Management Plan.• Phase 1 of the project includes the delivery of major works at Malin Head to create the 'Must See' visitor attraction. This also includes the provision of additional car parking close to Banba's Crown and the implementation of traffic management arrangements.• To proceed with this, the Council must acquire the necessary lands upon which the development is to proceed.• A workshop took place on the 28th November 2023• The Community Development directorate are working on a roadmap/timeline for the advancement of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. This will be circulated to the Elected Members by the end of January. This commitment was provided by Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service at the workshop meeting held on the 28th of November 2023.• Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated a report on Wednesday 31st January, 2024 outlining a roadmap with timelines to deliver the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan.• Mr. Liam Ward, Director of Service circulated an update to the Elected Members on Friday 9th August in relation to the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. James Kelly, Senior Engineer and John Deeney, Executive Engineer will be available in the Carndonagh PSC Chamber on Friday 6th September from 9am to 4pm to discuss the project with property owners.

<p>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</p>	<p>Malin Head Visitor Management Plan</p> <p><u>October 2024 update</u></p> <p>James Kelly and the Community Development Engineers are working to progress the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan project.</p>
<p>Contact Person</p>	<p>James Kelly, A/Senior Engineer at 087 2236923</p>

Activity / Project Update October 2024

Activity / Project Title File:	Community Recognition Fund 2024
Project Description/Activity	Funding Programme aimed to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.
Budget (if applicable)	€3,391,917
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>The Community Recognition Fund 2024 aims to support the development of community infrastructure and facilities in recognition of the contribution being made by communities across the country in welcoming and hosting significant numbers of arrivals from Ukraine and other countries.</p> <p>The funding is specifically targeted at projects that are located in communities, towns and villages that are hosting the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection and/or International Protection Applicants. Projects situated in towns or villages that do not have high levels of new arrivals will not be deemed eligible.</p> <p>The Fund aims to support the development of facilities that will be used in the future by all members of the community. It is separate in its objectives and scope to any other public funding streams which aim to support the development of public service needs arising from the significant number of arrivals from Ukraine.</p> <p>County Donegal was allocated €3,391,917 under this Fund</p> <p>The first funding application period was open for application until 18th July and following evaluation process, projects which were ranked highest were forwarded to the Department of Rural and Community Development for consideration for award on 30th September. A final decision on these applications is awaited from the Department.</p> <p>A portion of the overall allocation was retained to allow for a second and final window for application for funding under the Community Recognition Fund. This opened on 7th October and applications can be submitted up until the deadline of 3.30pm on 14th November 2024.</p> <p>All applicants to date have been notified and made aware of the status of their application. Applications which were submitted for first application window but not forwarded to the Department for consideration for funding will be included in the evaluation of applications in the next round of funding and relevant applicants have been made aware that they can make amendments to their original application if they wish. Further details and application form will be available at:</p> <p>https://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/fundingforyourgroup/communityrecognitionfund2024/</p>
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>The closing date for receipt of applications is 3.30pm on Thursday, 14th November 2024.</p> <p>Ciaran Martin, Administrative Officer, Community Development Section crf24@donegalcoco.ie</p>



Activity / Project Update: October 2024

Activity / Project Title	An Grianán of Aileach Fort
Project Description/Activity	Development /Improvement of Visitor facilities/Conservation Plan
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i></p>	<p>Historical background</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting took place on Tuesday 7th February 2017 with Mr. Frank Shalvey and Mr. Eoghan Moyla, senior OPW officials, 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. 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 A meeting with the Office of Public works and the Elected Members has again been requested regarding the Conservation and Management plan. A response has not yet been received. A request by the Members to meet with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland regarding enhancing the visitor experience at An Grianan of Aileach was issued. A positive response was received from OPW to Fáilte Ireland with suggested dates for a meeting to follow. The Area Roads Manager and Development Officer met with Fáilte Ireland & the OPW with the objective to improve the visitor experience at the site A Memorandum of Understanding document is been signed highlighting the Council, OPW and Fáilte Irelands shared ambition to significantly enhance the visitor experience of Grianán of Aileach through the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the Conservation Management Plan for the Grianán of Aileach and also contained within the Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP). The document will serve as a basis to establish a workshop meeting date with the Elected Members, Fáilte Ireland, Council Officials and the OPW.

Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<div data-bbox="738 85 1165 125" data-label="Section-Header"><p>An Grianán of Aileach Fort</p></div> <div data-bbox="839 161 1061 201" data-label="Text"><p><u>October 2024</u></p></div> <div data-bbox="541 237 1362 624" data-label="Text"><p>The Office of Public works is responsible for An Grianan of Aileach monument. Donegal County Council have agreed in principle to agree a Memorandum of Understanding with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland. Donegal County Council are committed to working in collaboration with all Agencies & Stakeholders to meet the objectives of Fáilte Irelands Inishowen Peninsula Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP) with the shared ambition to enhance the visitor experience in line with the successful execution of the various site management actions highlighted within the OPWs Conservation and Management plan for the site.</p></div> <div data-bbox="541 660 1362 835" data-label="Text"><p>The Community Development Officer and the Area Manager, Roads and Transportation continue to engage with Fáilte Ireland and the other relevant agencies to achieve these objectives and work to facilitate a workshop meeting with the Elected Members.</p></div> <div data-bbox="541 871 1362 1003"><table><tr><td data-bbox="541 871 804 1003">Contact Person</td><td data-bbox="804 871 1362 1003">Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development & Planning and Michael McFadden, Manager, Roads and Transportation, Inishowen MD.</td></tr></table></div>	Contact Person	Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development & Planning and Michael McFadden, Manager, Roads and Transportation, Inishowen MD.
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Activity / Project Update October 2024

Activity / Project Title	
<u>2023 Community Recognition Fund Buncrana</u>	
File:	Friar Hegarty/ Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement and Artwork Project € 80,000 Community Recognition fund and funding Contribution from Cultural Services
Budget	
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friar Hegarty Public Artwork• Enhancement of the walk/trail• Accessible seating• Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps• Improved Accessible Access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites and relevant study/plans• Capital/drainage improvements
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The work is been scoped out and will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024.• Site assessments have taken place along with a few meetings on site with relevant parties and Councillors.• The final scope of agreed works will be contained in next month's report.• A Two Stage Open Competition through which an artist will be invited to create a suitable public artwork in response to Friar Hegarty's story and deliver the commission
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p><u>Two Stage Open Artwork Competition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Two Stage Open Art Competition was advertised on Tuesday 2nd April, 2024. Artists were invited to create a suitable public artwork in response to Friar Hegarty's story and deliver the commission.• There was 13 no applications submitted under the 1st Stage Public Commission deadline of Monday 29th April 2024. A Selection Panel has been set up and will meet next week to consider and shortlist up to 5 Artists to go forward to Stage Two of the Artwork competition.• The shortlisted Artists will present their final design to the selection panel in July 2024. The successful Artist will be chosen thereafter.• Engagement with Landowner has taken place.• Tender documents are being prepared for the project together with all appropriate studies and reports.• Five shortlisted Artists will present their final design.• An Artist has been selected and will be officially appointed soon.• An Ecologist and Archaeologist has also been appointed. <p><u>Capital work</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tender documents are being prepared for the project together with all appropriate studies and reports.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhancement of the walk• Capital/drainage improvements.• Accessible seating• Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites, Friar Hegarty's Grave and the Porthaw Holy Well and Celtic cross <p>Friar Hegarty/ Buncrana Coastal Walk Enhancement and Artwork Project</p> <p><u>October 2024 update</u></p> <p><u>Public Artwork</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Artist has been appointed and the Public Artwork will be completed at the end of the year An Ecologist and Archaeologist have carried out a scoping exercise on the project site <p><u>Capital work.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contractor will be appointed soon for the following:- Enhancement of the walk Capital/drainage improvements. Accessible seating Trail Head/Interpretation panels/maps Improved access to the 2 no. Archaeological sites, Friar Hegarty's Grave and the Porthaw Holy Well and Celtic cross
Contact Details	<p>Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, 087 367895</p> <p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, 087 6202947</p>



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Activity / Project Update: October 2024

Activity / Project Title	PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE 2022/23
Project Description/Activity	List of Playgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Culdaff Playground• Moville Playground• Buncrana Festival Park Playground• Clós Phádraig Playground• Barrack Hill Playground• Cill Bhríde MUGA• Ballyliffin Playground• Manorcunningham Playground• Killea Playground
Budget (if applicable)	€6,444.79 incl. VAT
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The funding works associated with Ballyliffin playpark phase 1 is completed.• Annual maintenance of playgrounds, annual ROSPA inspection reports completed with necessary repairs identified. Proposed successful playground maintenance contractor identified appointed.• Repairs have been identified and a tender competition has been published to secure a playground maintenance contractor for 2024. Tender submissions are due back in February.• 2024 Playground maintenance contractor appointed. <u>Ballyliffin Playground Refurbishment Phase 2</u>• Designs have been prepared to replace several items of playground equipment at the Ballyliffin playground which are approaching the end of their serviceable life. Works have been tendered and a contractor has been identified to undertake the works. Pre-contract meeting held with the contractor.• Contractor to confirm proposed works programme. Expected works to be undertaken in Q4 2023/Q1 2024 with the playground closed for 4/5 weeks.• Works are completed and the playground is open <u>Festival Park Playground (Buncrana)</u>• A local community group are working under the guidance of the playground Engineer to install a wheelchair swing and other inclusive equipment
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<u>October 2024 update – Maintenance</u> Tender assessment completed. Maintenance contractor appointed. Playground maintenance in progress.

	<p><u>Buncrana Festival Park Playground</u></p> <p>The local group 'Fun for All' fund raised to improve the park and with assistance from John Deeney, playground Engineer installed the following inclusive playground equipment:-</p> <p>A wheelchair swing, wheelchair accessible picnic tables and sensory play equipment. A few snagging items are being addressed.</p> <p>The 'Fun For All' group have arranged an official opening of the new Inclusive equipment at 3pm on Friday 25th of October,2024. All are welcome</p>
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer, 087 7197619

	<p><u>Butlers Glen Trail:</u> Tender Documents are been prepared for improvement works to link the Dorris Russo and Mamore Gap trails.</p> <p><u>Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure scheme 2024</u> It is expected that the ORRIS fund will be launched in September. The Council are preparing a list of proposals for each Municipal District. Please contact Darryl Connor, Outdoor Recreational & Maintenance Officer at the number below with regards to the establishment of new walks or Trails or the enhancement or extension to existing walks and Trials in Inishowen.</p>
Contact Person	<p>Darryl Connor (Outdoor Recreational Development Officer) (087)3613811 email dconnor@donegalcoco.ie</p>



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Activity / Project Title	Buncrana School Campus
Project Description/Activity	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three-school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
Budget (if applicable)	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>*Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>Work has been on-going over the past few years and Donegal County Council are currently reviewing additional sites in Buncrana environs on behalf of the Department of Education and skills. Given the sensitive nature of such discussions, in relation to land acquisition, it has been agreed with the Department of Education and Skills that any further requests for updates or progress reports would be handled directly by the Department.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donegal County Council are working on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills in securing the preferred identified site for the Buncrana School Campus.• The Compulsory Purchase Order process was instigated on the 4th December 2020. Public notices were published in the local newspapers.• Copies of the Public Notice and maps relating to the CPO was available for inspection at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh, the Buncrana office and DCC headquarters in Lifford.• The 'Notice to Treat' was issued in December, 2021 to the parties with an interest in the site proposed for the Buncrana School Campus.• It is intended that the 'Notice to Enter' will be issued at the end of January. This will allow the Department of Education & Skills access to the land to carry out surveys, site investigations, etc.• Work is ongoing to progress the acquisition of the land
	<p><u>October 2024</u></p> <p>Donegal County Council continue to assist The Department of Education and Skills with the technical elements of the project and this work is on-going.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The CPO is concluded.• The process is ongoing with valuers on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills and Donegal County Council.• Negotiations are ongoing with all parties with an interest in the lands with a view to finalising land compensation costs.• The Department of Education and Skills have commenced works on progressing the delivery of the school Campus design.
Contact person	Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, 087 178 8623 eamonb@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update October 2024

Activity / Project Title	2021 Newtoncunningham Town and Village Renewal
Project Description/Activity	<p>€100,000 funding allocation €11,500 Match funding by Donegal County Council Budget for Capital works €75,500 Budget for consultancy work €36,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The provision of a centrally located outdoor space for young people to 'hangout/stay' in the centre of the village designed in consultation with the local school/youth community exploring the themes of place and identity. The preparation of a Strategy and Action Plan for Newtowncunningham and Environs to inform the strategic sustainable development of the village and setting.
<p>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</p> <p><i>* Delete irrelevant reporting per</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have issued a Request for Quotations for Consultancy Services to prepare a Regeneration Strategy for Newtowncunningham & Environs. This work will inform the capital element relating to the Outdoor Space. The Newtoncunningham Focus Group are working with the Council in relation to the procurement and appointment of consultants to produce a Regeneration Strategy, Action Plan and Health check for the village and Environs. <p>It is envisaged that the outcome of this will inform the capital element of the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Newtoncunningham Focus Group have appointed a consultant and the Council are working with the group to progress a master plan for Newtoncunningham which will also inform the capital element of the project A successful community engagement 'Drop In' event took place on the 9th February from 2pm to 8pm. The appointed consultants are working to produce a draft document. Following the public engagement event. GM Consultants are working on a draft document incorporating submissions and observations The Community are considering options for The Multi-functional Pod Stage one of the Regeneration and Strategy Action plan is complete and The Newtoncunningham Focus Group and consultants GM Designs held another community engagement event on the 14th June at the Columban Hall. There were no tenders received from the e-tenders procurement process for the capital works
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>October 2024 update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This capital project work is completed. A Draft Strategic and Action plan has been developed.
Contact Person	<p>Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer – Capital element Claire McCallan, Architect in the community – Action Plan enquires.</p>



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Activity / Project Update No.4

October 2024

Activity / Project Title	2021 Moville Town and Village Renewal Project Funding Allocation of €100,000 from the Department on 25 th February, 2022z. Match funding €11,500 by Donegal County Council
File:	
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancement of existing Outdoor Recreational Amenities at The Bath Green, Moville • Health Check and Regeneration Plan for Moville
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<p>The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation for the 2021 Town and Village Renewal scheme on the 25th February, 2022. Several meetings have taken place with the community group, Executive Engineer and the Development Officer scoping out and advancing the capital works associated with the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers. • Tenders for the capital work will be advertised on e-tenders this month • Draft design drawings have been considered by the group and are now been finalised by the Engineers • A meeting is taken place with Donegal County Council and members of the group on Friday 14th October to scope out the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal project and the recently announced Clár funding for the outdoor gym. • A meeting took place on the 14th October with the community group to agree and finalise the nature of the work associated with the Town and Village Renewal funding and the Clár funding for the provision of an Outdoor Gym • Tenders have issued on e-tenders inviting contractors to submit tenders for the Town and Village Renewal project and Clár funded project. • One contractor will be selected to provide the work associated with both projects. • The deadline for receipt of tenders is 19th January 2023. • The Contractor, Garden escapes Ltd have been appointed and work is due to commence within the next few weeks with an 8 week delivery deadline • The Health Check and regeneration plan will be progressed and a meeting will take place on Friday 23rd February with the Town Centre First Manager
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p><u>October 2024 Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The capital works are completed with minor elements to be installed this month. • All work will be completed at the end of 2024. • The Health Check and regeneration plan are been progressed by Town Centre First Officer and recent public consultations took place, the report is to be completed by the end of this year.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer (capital works) Patricia McIntyre (Regeneration plan)



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Activity / Project Update No.4 October 2024

Activity / Project Title File:	Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) project Development Measure for a pontoon at the existing jetty in Bunagee, Culdaff €50,000 for Project Development
Project Description/Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation work for Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A meeting took place with the Culdaff Development Association and Donegal County Council's Executive Engineer and Development Officer.• The next steps were discussed and the way forward to deliver the project agreed.• Tenders are being prepared for Appropriate Assessment and all relevant documentation and reports necessary to deliver the capital works.• A Consultant is to be appointed to carry out an Appropriate Assessment.• The relevant documentation to deliver the capital design of the project element is been prepared.• The Tender documents for a design are completed and will issue this week for a consultant to design the project.• The consultants 'Greentrack' have been appointed to carry out an ecology screening report.• A consultant is now appointed and has commenced the design process.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>October 2024 Update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The consultant is currently working on the design of the structure and completed at the end of this year.
Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer



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Activity / Project Update October 2024

Activity / Project Title File:	2022 Killea Clár funded project. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding Allocation of €50,000 from the Department on 25th February, 2022• Match funding €2,500 by Donegal County Council and €2,500 from Killea Tidy Towns
Project Description/Activity	To install a Community Pod providing a meeting space and ancillary services for the community sited within the Killea Community Park
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Minister for Rural and Community Development announced the funding allocation under the 2022 Clár programme.• John Deeney, Executive Engineer has met with the committee and provided technical guidance and outlined the pathway forward to advance the project.• The Project is being led by the Killea Tidy Towns community group with guidance and support from the Executive Engineer within Community Development.• A Provisional letter of offer has been issued to the group.• The Group are to prepare documents to seek quotations from a contractor to undertake the proposed construction works.• Works underway on site for the construction of the new Community Hub
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>October 2024</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The new community structure is almost completed, final snagging work will be done this month.
Contact Person	John Deeney, Executive Engineer,



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Activity / Project Update: October 2024

Activity / Project Title File 622/P&ED/422 (8)	2022 Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Barrack Hill Town Park, Carndonagh An Accessible sheltered outdoor structure/ space for all the community cited within Barrack Hill Town Park
Project Description/Activity	
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	€121,230
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Preliminary meeting has taken place with the group to scope out the deliverables.• The Department issued the 'Letter of Funding Offer' in March.• A recent meeting has now taken place finalising the desired design and details of the project.• The Department issued the letter of funding offer to Donegal County Council in March 2023• The Community Development Officer and Engineers have engaged with the Barrack Hill Town Park Committee and agreed the final design and details with the group.• Tender documents will then be prepared and advertised on e-tenders.• The Barrack Hill Town Park Committee have been issued a letter of offer and work under the guidance of the Engineers to deliver the project.• A recent meeting took place with the group and a design has been agreed for progression• The tenders have been returned and currently being reviewed.• A contractor will be appointed next month.• A contractor is appointed and will commence work on the site in the next few weeks.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<u>October 2024</u> Work commenced on site. Ducts for bringing water and power from Community Gardens centre to the new structure laid and ground made good. Site removal works complete and foundations shuttered and ready to be poured. Delivery of timber for structure middle of week beginning 7 th October with part assemble in contractor yard before delivery to site. Work to be completed at the end of the year
Contact Person	Adrian Duffy / Brian Keogh E-mail: aduffy@donegalcoco.ie / bkeogh@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update **October 2024**

Activity / Project Title	Moville Shore Path Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme
File:	€200,000
Project Description/Activity	Upgrade and Enhancement of a portion of Moville shore walk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Works • Interpretation work /seating
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Progress to date</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Project is at Design Stage establishing the scope. • The work will be tendered in the 1st quarter of 2024 • A site meeting took place with the Tidy Towns Committee and Community Development staff, • The tendering work has been finalised and the work will be tendered after consultation with other internal directorates. • It is anticipated that the capital work will commence in April 2024 • The Tender documents are currently being assessed for all works associated with the project. A contractor will be appointed next month. • A Contractor has commenced work on the site. The project work will be completed in Q4 of 2024. <p style="text-align: center;"><u>October 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initial phase of construction, installing the concrete footpaths Steps and handrails is now complete. • The conservation Report on the Liam McCormack Shelter Houses is complete. • The tender documents for the remaining works are being prepared. • The Interpretation content and design is been agreed and finalised.

Contact Person	Brian Keogh, Executive Engineer, Fiona Doherty
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Activity / Project Title	Rural Development Programme/LEADER 2023-2027
Project Description/Activity	Donegal LCDC are the Local Action Group for County Donegal, with responsibility for the LEADER/RDP Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022 and the New LEADER programme 2023-2027.
Budget (if applicable)	€13,413,875 (Additional funding received 2019) <i>Note: Project costs €10,063,586, administration and animation costs €3,350,289. 1st April 2021 – 31st December 2022</i> €2,861,598 project costs. €953,866 for Administration & Animation. €10.4m for RDP/LEADER 2023-2027
Progress to date within the last quarter - inclusive of current status <i>* Delete irrelevant reporting period</i>	Implementing Partners within the county; Donegal Local Development CLG (DLDC), Inishowen Development Partnership (IDP), Údarás Na Gaeltachta and Comhar na nOileán, are closing out and completing the LEADER Transitional programme on behalf of the LAG. The New LEADER Programme 2023-2027 is now open for Expressions of Interest across the 4 Implementing Partners and respective areas. Donegal has been awarded approximately €10.4m in allocation for the delivery of programme to cover the period. All IPs have also recently signed a protocol with Donegal LEO setting out how the partners will work to avoid overlap on enterprise projects.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	LDCs will continue to engage with promoters on the ground to finish out outstanding projects from LEADER/RDP Programme 2014-2020 & Transitional LEADER Programme 2021-2022. The Implementing Partners are also signing off on a collective Terms of Reference for all Evaluation Committees, at the October LCDC. Members can access further information on the programme at https://www.donegalcoco.ie/community/leader/
Contact Person	Ciaran Martin cmartin@donegalcoco.ie Administrative Officer, Community Development division. Donegal County Council



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CLAR 2023

Activity / Project Title Disabled Toilet and kitchen upgrade	<u>Malin GAA CLAR Measure 1 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer issued.• Project currently out for tender• The construction works are ongoing. <p>The project is due to be complete December 2024</p>
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Project Title External insulation and windows for the Community Centre	<u>CARROWMENAGH CLÁR PROJECT 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer issued.• The project is currently out for tender.• The construction works are ongoing. <p>The project is due to be complete December 2024</p>
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Project Title CARPARK SURFACING	<u>GLENEELY COLTS FC CLÁR PROJECT 2023</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings with the Group• Provisional letter of offer issued.• The project is currently out for tender.• The construction works are ongoing. <p>The project is due to be complete December 2024</p>
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Project Update PEACEPLUS October 2024

Activity / Project Title File:	PEACEPLUS Programme 2022-2027 Investment Area 1.1 – Co-designed Local PEACEPLUS Action Plans
Project Description/Activity	<p>The financial allocation awarded to Donegal County Council is €7,635,396.00 which will be allocated across the three core themes as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local community regeneration and transformation (Six infrastructure investments countywide) 2. Thriving and peaceful communities (Eight countywide programmes and five MD focused) 3. Building respect for all cultural identities (Eight countywide programmes and five MD focused) <p>PEACEPLUS Call The SEUPB opened for submission of PEACEPLUS Plans on 14th June 2023, with a closing period of June 2024.</p>
Progress to date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-design Process (Stage1-3) Carried out throughout each Electoral Area during 2023. Application Submitted to the SEUPB on 8th of February 2024. Plan approved at SEUPB Steering Committee on 17th June of 2024. Funding Application for PEACEPLUS Programme – 1.1 Local Area Action Plan for Donegal application Letter received 20th of June 2024. Outlining pre-Commencement & project Implementation Conditions. Press & social media: 24th June 2024, Funding Announcement & Overview of Programme released. Letter of Offer scheduled week ending 6th September 2024.
Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period	<p>Last Quarter 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEACEPLUS Information Session on Friday 6th September 2024. Community/Public Online Pre-Tender Support Training for Donegal PEACEPLUS Theme 1.1 Action Plan: Tuesday 10th September 2024. Development of procurement plan, and subsequent roll out of tender process for Themes 2&3 Launch of Programme October/ November 2024 Commencement of Six Capital Project Under Theme 1 early- mid 2025.
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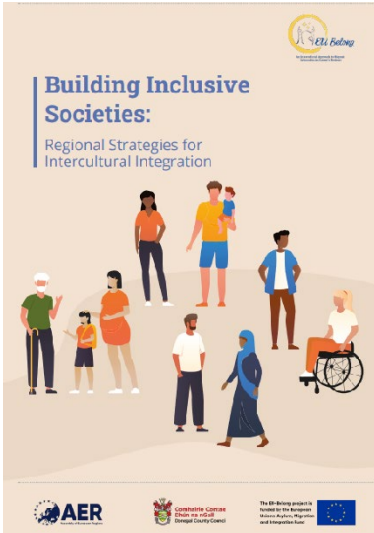
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Municipal District: Countywide

**Activity / Project Update
2024**

October

Activity / Project Title File:	Social Inclusion Unit
Project Description/Activity	The role of the Social Inclusion Unit is to raise awareness about inclusion and poverty and to deliver inclusive services and resources, achieved through the involvement of Council in multi-agency structures, projects and initiatives.
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>EU Belong</p> <p>Building Inclusive Societies: Regional Strategies for Intercultural Integration was officially launched in Brussels on September 5th. Donegal County Council, in collaboration with the Assembly of European Regions (AER), took the lead in coordinating this significant part of the EU Belong project, working alongside 10 regional authorities to present the collective results. This publication serves as both a practical guide for regional authorities, beginning with an overview, methodology, ten fact sheets that highlight the unique approaches of each participating region, with a comprehensive explanation of the goals, stakeholders and strategies employed, as well as the timelines for implementation. The fact sheets emphasise key challenges encountered, and pilot actions taken to initiate the implementation phase. Each sheet also includes a direct contact point for further engagement. Readers are encouraged to connect with EU-Belong partner regions to share ideas and collaborate on expanding intercultural integration initiatives across Europe. The publication concludes with key takeaways and insights, the next steps to ensure the continued success of this vital project. To view the full document, please click here.</p> 

Building Together: Recovery, Diversity, and Inclusion in Donegal

Donegal County Council, with support from Healthy Ireland, is partnering with Alcohol Forum Ireland to host the seminar "Building Recovery Together: Recovery, Diversity, and Inclusion in Donegal" on September 27th at the Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny.



The event will address the impact of alcohol harm on diverse communities and include a panel discussion featuring Christina O'Donnell from Donegal County Council, who leads the Black and Minority Ethnic Inclusion Strategy and the EU Belong project. She will be joined by Senator Eileen Flynn and other experts in the field to explore collaborative approaches to fostering inclusivity in recovery efforts.

EU Belong and Donegal County Council at European Week of Regions and Cities 2024

Donegal County Council, represented by Andrew McNulty, Arts and Cultural Diversity Officer, will participate in the prestigious European Week of Regions and Cities (#EURegionsWeek) 2024, held in Brussels from October 7-10.



Andrew will speak at the workshop titled "Skills: EU Belong Here – How Intercultural Strategies Can Boost Talent Attraction and Retention" on October 9, demonstrating how intercultural policies can play a pivotal role in driving regions' competitiveness, amid green, digital, and

demographic transitions. The session will be moderated by Emanuela Pisanó from the Assembly of European Regions.

#EURegionsWeek 2024 is a vital platform for knowledge exchange among regional and local authorities, experts and academics, with over 100 sessions covering key themes including green transition, digital transformation, and social inclusion. This workshop provides a timely opportunity for Donegal County Council to showcase the EU Belong project and its intercultural approach to boosting local and regional prosperity.

For more information and to register for the event, visit [website link](#).

Age Friendly Programme

The development of the local Age Friendly Programme to support older people in the community is part of the multi stakeholder response to populations ageing. The Programme works closely with the Older Persons Council and their Executive ensuring active participation in local projects and collaborating on delivery.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Programme Manager is responsible for co-ordinating all age friendly activity with partners of the Alliance, including progressing projects & initiatives. ▪ The annual OPC AGM took place at Ionad Naomh Padraig, Dore on 2nd October with an EOI for the new OPE executive, surveys and facilitated discussion. <p>Jim McGuinness and Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh provided inspirational interviews, along with talks on Healthy Homes, Patient Advocacy, the Age Friendly Programme in Donegal, and Ceol agus Craic with our Age Friendly Ambassador Moya Brennan. Service Providers with information stands were in attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The preparation of the new Age Friendly Strategy is underway with a consultant appointed to deliver the multi-agency strategy in conjunction with all Alliance stakeholders and the Older Persons Council ▪ The second Healthy Islands Initiative health & wellbeing day took place on Tory Island on 26th September which focussed on health housing and supports, information and stands in conjunction with Slaintecare. ▪ Planning is underway for another event on Arranmore on 11th October Islands through community engagement for sustainable healthy initiatives, focussing on physical activity and healthy eating. ▪ The Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme in conjunction with Local Enterprise Office and Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce to make businesses more age friendly, took place on 1st October, primarily targeting the retail sector in Letterkenny with plans to roll out the programme to other towns.
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**Activity / Project Update
September/October 2024**

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Public Participation Network (Donegal PPN)
Project Description/Activity	Link through which organisations from the Community & Voluntary, Social Inclusion & Environment Sectors have a voice on Council decision making bodies and other structures. Networking, Information & Capacity Building for Community Groups.
Budget (if applicable)	€120,700 per annum
Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status	<p>PPN membership now stands at 753 registered organisations. Donegal MD 152, Glenties MD 173, Inishowen MD 136, Letterkenny MD 204, Stranorlar MD 88. Donegal PPN have 62 Representatives on 24 different Committees and Boards.</p> <p>National PPN Conference Limerick City – October 16th – 18th</p> <p>Donegal PPN Plenary Event Donegal PPN second Plenary will take place on the 7th November.</p> <p>PPN Representatives New Representatives will be needed for the Council's SPC Committees Details will be sent to PPN registered groups when the DCC SPC Plan is introduced.</p> <p>Property Marking Events Donegal PPN in conjunction with An Garda Síochána will be holding Property Marking Events in October/November. Dates TBD</p> <p>Training for Quarters 3/4 NorthWest Regional PPN - Online Workshop for members interested in becoming PPN Representatives on SPC's. Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm. Email donegalppn@donegalcoco.ie to register. First Aid & CPR - TBD</p>
Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period	<p>National PPN Meeting - 7th October PPN National Conference 16th – 18th October, Limerick Secretariat Meeting - 23rd October PPN AGM/Plenary - 7th November Regional PPN Meeting – 2nd December, Sligo</p>
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	<p>Mary Clyde / Annette McGrenra 074 9153900 donegalppn@donegalcoco.ie</p>




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Municipal District: Letterkenny Milford

Activity / Project Update

October 2024

Activity / Project Title	Donegal Youth Council
File:	
Project Description/Activity	Donegal Youth Council
Budget <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p><u>Cruinniú na nÓg:</u> Members sat on the Cruinniú na nÓg committee. They were involved in planning, reviewing, granting applications and promoting these events. This year members also teamed up with Foróige in Letterkenny to run an event as part of Cruinniú na nÓg. On the 15th of June, members held a Retro Game Show event. Members along with young people from Foróige, took part in a quiz, creative competitions, and other activities. This event was hosted by one of the members of the Donegal Youth Council.</p>  <p><u>Wave Length:</u> On the 14th of August, the Donegal Youth Council hosted a Well-being Day called Wave Length. The event aimed to equip young people with simple, practical activities to improve their mental health and well-being. Activities included football, frisbee, arts and crafts and mindfulness,</p>

among others. The day also highlighted Civic Dollars, Geocaching and other resources available to young people in their communities but often overlooked.



Celebration Event:

The Donegal Youth Council marked the end of the term on the 24th of August by holding a celebration event to reflect on their work this term. In attendance were Cathaoirleach Niamh Kennedy, councillors from Donegal County Council, members from the HSE, other stakeholders and the family members of the Youth Councillors. This was a great opportunity for members to reflect on their work and share their experiences with everyone present.



Project Targets for the next Bi-monthly / quarterly reporting period

Period Product Report:

	<p>Members of the Youth Council created a survey to gather information on the systems in place to provide period products within their schools. The aim was to identify what works well or not and how access to these products can be improved. It is hoped that this information will be shared with schools to help improve the accessibility and affordability of these products. The Donegal Youth Council members feel that young people face many stresses, but this should not be one of them. A report is being drafted and will be shared with schools in the new term.</p> <p><u>Vaping Graphics:</u> Members have been designing vaping graphics to raise awareness among young people about the impacts of vaping. These will be shared on social media and in schools and public spaces where possible. The designs will be colourful and eye-catching to attract the attention of young people. On the 3rd of May, members met with the National Tobacco Lead and the local Tobacco Lead from the HSE. Following this meeting, members refocused some ideas and met with a designer.</p> <p><u>Elections:</u> As the current term of the Donegal Youth Council is coming to a close, the focus is now shifting to the election of new members through schools and youth organizations. Elections are planned to take place in October.</p>
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Municipal District: Countywide

Activity / Project Update

September 2024

Programme	Healthy Ireland Fund
Project Description/Activity	<p>Healthy Ireland</p> <p>The objective of the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023 – 2025 is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities living in Ireland through the implementation of the Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025.</p>
Budget	€233,122.42 Round 4 Funding
Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status	<p>Healthy Ireland Round 4</p> <p>The Healthy Ireland Round 4 Programme (HIF 2023-2025) represents a more evidenced-based outcomes led approach, with a longer 3-year timeframe. The grant period for Round 4 will run from 1 June 2022 to 31 December 2025, with the outcomes led approach to be delivered from 2023-2025.</p> <p>Alcohol Forum – Building Recovery Together</p>  <p>September was Addiction Recovery month, an all-important reminder that addiction can happen to anyone at any point in life.</p> <p>Donegal County Council through Healthy Donegal was delighted to support the Alcohol Forum at their 'Building Recovery Together: Recovery, Diversity and Inclusion in Donegal' Seminar on 27th September in Letterkenny. The seminar included an inspiring line up of speakers including Senator Eileen Flynn, Jackie <u>McBrearty</u> – a recovery voice from the Blind Community, <u>Tolulope</u></p>

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Babatunde (MindEase), Fadl Mustapha and Barbara Ozga (Polish Alcohol Service, Dublin) and Mena McGinlay (Donegal Travellers Project).

The event highlighted and explored the disproportionate impact of alcohol harm on diverse communities, including ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+ communities and those with physical and sensory disabilities.

Age Friendly Donegal – Healthy Islands Initiative



Social isolation and loss of social links has a negative effect on the overall health and wellbeing of those impacted, particularly population groups who are hard to reach. Islands, by their nature are remote and those living there may experience feelings of isolation and social disconnection.

Age Friendly Donegal in conjunction with HSE Healthy Ireland invited Healthy Donegal to engage with the local community on Tory Island as part of their information day, with resources and supports on quitting smoking, reducing alcohol consumption, healthy eating, mental health, physical activity and the new Age Friendly Ireland Healthy Home initiative which aims to support people to live in their own home with dignity and independence, for as long as possible. Throughout the day healthy food and refreshments were served, with local musicians providing entertainment.

Step Up - Donegal County Council Staff Walking Challenge 2024



Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. John G McLaughlin and Mr. Patsy Lafferty, Director of Service, Housing and Corporate Services pictured with the winners and participants of the Donegal County Council Staff Walking Challenge 2024.

This year, Donegal County Council's Staff Walking Challenge prize giving event coincided with Workplace Walking Day during National Walking Week and National Make Way Day – the public awareness event to highlight the needs of people with disabilities in the public spaces we all share.

The workplace walking challenge was launched earlier this year by Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr John G. McLaughlin to encourage staff to get more physically active and promote healthy habits. Mr. McLaughlin said "As a progressive Local Authority, Donegal County Council endeavours to provide opportunities for our staff to enjoy a culture of positive physical and mental health and wellbeing. Starting a healthy routine can be difficult but this is our third year running the staff walking challenge with feedback informing us that the annual event helps get staff active after the shorter, darker winter days."

Over the four-week challenge, teams collectively walked over 6,000km - the equivalent of walking around Ireland six times. Donegal County Council, through its Health and Wellbeing team is committed to supporting and encouraging staff to make exercise a part of their everyday lives; as there is significant evidence that physical activity of moderate intensity promotes wellbeing, physical and mental health, prevents disease, improves quality of life, and has economic, social and cultural benefits.

The winners were announced at a presentation held on Friday 27th September. Prizes, which had a health and wellbeing theme, were all from local Donegal businesses and were awarded by Donegal County Council Chief Executive, Mr. McLaughlin.



Pictured clockwise I-r: Overall Prize Winners; Best Team Name; Participation Prize; Best Photograph

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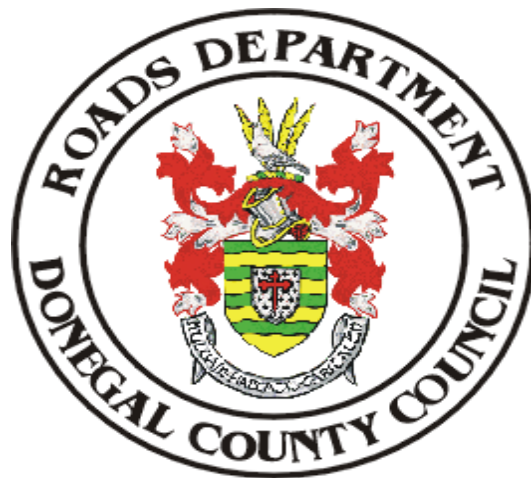
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ROADS & TRANSPORTATION UPDATE



Inishowen Municipal District

15th October 2024

Draft Restoration Improvement Programme 2024

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Draft Restoration Maintenance Programme 2024

RSS	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Road Name	Works Type	Length or work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	LT	L72811	Spinks Glackmore	SD	1,600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7721-1	Lisnagra	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LT	L18913	Kilderry Lane	SD	600	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1341-3	Tiryrone Ph1	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1361-1	Glenagivney	SD	2,000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L13916	Mc Coles Drung	SD	400	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	R	R238-38	Noones Br/Mt Scurge	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LS	L7731-1	Mullanaghy	SD	800	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1371-3	Drumaweer	SD	1,300	Complete	Complete	?
Moville	Inish North	LP	L1411-1/2	Crucknanonia	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	L	No Number	Grove Cottages	SD	390	Complete	Complete	
Moville	Inish North	LT	L13211	Drumley Lough Rd	SD	850	Complete	Complete	
Moville Total						12,940			
Carndonagh	Inish North	R	R242-2	Lagg Rd Malin	SD	2,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1011-1	X Rds MH/Port Ronan X Rds	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1211-1/2	Tirernaleague/Corvish	SD	1,500	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1081-2	Urbelreagh	SD	2,200	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L51611	Killen Mast Rd done	SD	690	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5051-1	Culort/Ballygorman	SD	1,700	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L10311-0	Cahirs Hill Rd	SD	600	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LS	L5811-1	Gortyarn/Hill Hd	SD	1,100	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1391-4	Lough Inn	SD	1,900	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1081-3	Urbelreagh 2	SD	1,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LT	L57811 and 12	Foxhole/Buildings Rd	SD	1,900	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP	L1301-2	Drumagessan	SD	2,000	Complete	Complete	
Carndonagh Total						17,590			
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 17214	Big Hill	SD	1,475	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 7061	Upper Kinngeo	SD	1,700	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 6981	Upper Liafin	SD	1300	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 6921	Upper Sharagore	SD	760	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 6941	Blackland	SD	780	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 1831	Church Brae	SD	1,200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L1831	Boosom	SD	1,200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L7321 /L7331	Roskey	SD	3,500	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L 5441	Culcross coal yard to Annagh	SD	1,150	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L1161	Upper Annagh to Culcross road	SD	2,200	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural	Inish South	L	L16112	Adderville	SD	2,400	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Rural Total						17,665			
Newtown	Inish South	L	L 7491-2	Brigg to Strachack	SD	1750	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L2041-2	Moyle Road	SD	1720	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L8271-2	Creve road Upper	SD	1000	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L8261-2	Jack Porters road	SD	1450	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L 8111-1	Hardys to Millbay Inch Island	SD	1300	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L1881-1	Bray Roads Phase 2	SD	1650	Complete	Complete	
Newtown	Inish South	L	L7961-1	Glebe Road Burt	SD	850	Complete	Complete	
Newtown Total						9,720			
IMD TOTAL						57,915			

Drainage Provision Programme 2024

Overseer	Engineer	Location	Description of Works	Start	Finish	Notes
Moville	Inish North	R238 at Noones Bridge	200m of road edge protection & signage	Complete	Complete	Road edge collapsing into sheuch
Moville	Inish North	R238 at Bayview	100m of 300 dia pipes & road crossings	Complete	Complete	Ongoing water on road and flooding
Moville	Inish North	Illies Road LP1731	2no 600m diam crossings & head walls	Complete	Complete	600 dia crossings required at 2 locations
Moville	Inish North	Whitehill Rd LS7721	50m of 375 dia pipe & replace road crossings	Complete	Complete	Ongoing flooding problems
Moville	Inish North	Clanilly School Rd LP1821	180m of 450 dia pipes & road crossing	2024	2024	Ongoing flooding problems
Moville	Inish North	New Road Shroove LS6541	70mm of 375 dia pipes & road crossing	Complete	Complete	Flooding problem
Moville	Inish North	LP1451 Post Denis Barrs	Rockbreaking & 80 m of 300 dia pipes	Complete	Complete	Flooding problem
Moville	Inish North	Upper Rd Shrooveat James O'Donnells/Roads side collapse	50m of deep gabions, fencing & relocate Eir pole	2024	2024	IW to contribute also
Moville Total						
Carndonagh	Inish North	Drumcarbit Road LS5261	150m of 300 dia pipes and road crossing, gullies & manholes	Complete	Complete	Ongoing drainage problem
Carndonagh	Inish North	R238 Drumville (at Henry John Henry's)	70m of 300 dia pipes, manhole & gabions	2024	2024	road collapsing into sheuch
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP1071 at Ballynahona, Glengad	20m of deep gabions & 300 dia pipes	Complete	Complete	road side collapse
Carndonagh	Inish North	R240 at The Mullins (at Charlie Devlins)	80m of 600 dia pipes, manholes & Headwalls	Complete	Complete	ongoing flooding problem
Carndonagh	Inish North	Carrowreagh Rd LP 1391 to River (at Bussies)	250m of 600 dia pipe, road crossing & manholes	Complete	Complete	ongoing flooding problem
Carndonagh	Inish North	LP1071 Culkeeney (at Anthony McColgan)	20m of deep gabions & 300 dia pipe	Complete	Complete	roadside collapse
Carndonagh Total						
Buncrana	Inish South	Sharagore Praish	122 metre of 450mm pipe@ €112.00 per metre No2 gullies	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Tullydish	120 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per m	Complete	Complete	complete drainage works from 2023
Buncrana	Inish South	Annaslee	144 metre of 300mm pipe No 4 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €110 per metre	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Crislamore	120metre of 450mm pipe @ € 115.23per metre and Manhole	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Monreagh Burnfoot	72 metre of 300 mm pipe, No 3 Gullies and No1 Manhole @ €104.73 per metre	2024	2024	Oct-24
Buncrana	Inish South	Coolcross	60 metre of 300mm pipe and No1 Manhole @ €102.35 per metre	Complete	Complete	blocked drains
Buncrana	Inish South	Green road	120metre of 300mm pipe @ € 86.75 per metre	Complete	Complete	protect side of narrow road road
Buncrana	Inish South	Umrycam	12m road crossing 600mm pipe	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana	Inish South	Hill Head Road Buncrana	50m of 450mm pipe, filled and surface dressed	Complete	Complete	
Buncrana Total						
Newtown	Inish South	Bellstown L-20201	Extend Bridge at junction to Grainan of Aileach	2024	2024	to improve access for larger vehicles and prevent flooding
Newtown	Inish South	Bray Road L- 881-1	120m of 300mm pipe 3 gullies and 1 Manhloe	Complete	Complete	to protect side of public road
Newtown	Inish South	Birdstown to Muff Reg	4 no. gullies required with associated works	Complete	Complete	surface water on carriage way
Newtown	Inish South	Inch island L-7531-4	110m of 300mm pipe to preserve side of public road	Complete	Complete	to protect side of public road
Newtown	Inish South	Watery Road L-1841-4	180m of 300mm pipe, 4 gullies and 2 Manholes	2024	2024	to protect side of public road
Newtown Total						
Grand Total						

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Low Cost Safety Programme 2024

Overseer	Engineer	Road Class	Road Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
B Moyne	Jim McLaughlin	R	R238	Three Trees Tromaty, Quigleys Point	VRS installation contract	1400	2024	2024	VRS contractor completed on site pending 2025 funding.
Moville Total						1,400			
James Gill	Kevin Lake	R	R238	Lisfannon	Junction realignment	150	2024	2024	Junction realignment, Signs delivered and ready for insallation
Buncrana Total						150			
Paddy Mc Laughlin	Jim McLaughlin	R/L	LP1411/R224/R238/	Gleneely	Junction realignment	30	2024	2024	Redsign complete awaiting setting
Candonagh Total						0			

Bridge Strengthening Programme 2024

Area	Engineer	Road Class	Bridge Number	Location	Description of Works	Length of work (m)	Start	Finish	Notes
2023 Bridge Strengthening Programme (Discretionary)									
Newtown	Road Design	LS-8261-2	2570	Corncamble	Strengthening	6	Complete	Complete	contract
Buncrana	Road Design	LP1641/2	175	Old Mountain	Strengthening	6	Complete	Complete	contract started
2023 DOT Funding Application									
Buncrana	Road Design	R-244-5	2069	Magheraboy	Strengthening	2	Complete	Complete	
	Road Design	LP1111/1	117	Portaleen	Strengthening	2	Complete	Complete	
2023 Specific Improvement Grants									
Moville	Area Roads	R240	DLR240-011	Coyles/Beggars Bridge	Widening/realignment	20	2024	2024	Ongoing



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HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Municipal District of Inishowen

15th October 2024

Corporate Services

- **Committee Nomination** - Donegal Tourism Associate Members Committee

Housing Service

- **Progress Reports**

Summary of Casual Vacancies Inishowen MD as 15 th October 2024	
Properties Refurbished and at Offer Stage	2
Properties being refurbished	5
Properties to be refurbished	8

Summary of DCC Housing Offers and Tenancies

Offers issued from 01/01/2024	Offers refused from 01/01/2024	Tenancies created from 01/01/2024
38	11	27

Summary of DCC Nominations to AHBs

Area	AHB	Nominated	Vacancy	Allocated
Carndonagh	SVP	4	1	1
Buncrana	SVP	2	1	1
Moville	Apex	16	4	4

Inishowen MD Housing Waiting List January 2024	
Gross Number of Approved Applicants on Social Housing Waiting List	647
Applicants currently accommodated with HAP assistance but who have remained on the Council Social Housing list	408
Tenants currently accommodated in Council Social Housing and who are approved for a Transfer	50
Net Social Housing Waiting List	189

Gross Need - by approved bedrooms – October 2024

Municipal District		1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Inishowen	Ballyliffin	0	4	4	2	0	0	10
	Bridgend	1	14	3	1	0	0	19
	Buncrana	15	171	72	15	0	0	273
	Burnfoot	1	10	4	0	0	0	15
	Burt	0	4	4	0	0	0	8
	Carndonagh	13	68	42	5	0	0	128
	Carrigans	2	7	6	1	0	0	16
	Clonmany	1	7	12	1	0	0	21
	Culdaff	0	7	3	0	0	0	10
	Fahan	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
	Gleneely	0	4	3	0	0	0	7
	Glengad	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
	Greencastle	0	9	4	0	0	0	13
	Inch	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Killea	0	4	1	1	0	0	6
	Malin	1	3	8	0	0	0	12
	Malin Head	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Moville	6	14	9	1	0	0	30
	Muff	0	20	7	1	0	0	28
	Newtowncunningham	6	25	6	0	1	0	38
	Redcastle	0	1	2	0	0	0	3
Total		47	378	193	28	1	0	647

Housing Grants Report at 7th October 2024

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	68	59	0	9	0	0
2023	79	55	3	12	9	0
2024	66	30	0	4	3	29

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	42	28	1	12	1	0
2023	41	30	0	10	1	0
2024	19	7	0	5	1	6

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED	WITHDRAWN /CANCELLED/ INVALID	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2022	126	114	6	5	1	0
2023	175	158	7	10	0	0
2024	168	105	4	13	10	36

Housing Capital Update Report Inishowen Municipal District Meeting

15th October 2024

1. Social Housing Developments – Construction Schemes

Donegal County Council is currently progressing the following social housing developments in the Inishowen Municipal District:

Location	Status	No. of Units
Construction Stage		
Crana Crescent, Buncrana	Construction works are programmed to complete in December 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> External works to housing units 90% complete. Paving and landscaping significantly advanced. Internal 2nd fix works significantly advanced. 	16
Detailed Design / Tender Stage		
Rockytown, Phase 2	Construction works advertised on eTenders and OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) for 54no. social housing units and all associated site development works with a closing date of 28 th August 2024. Tender assessment is finalised and Letter of Intent to successful Contractor has been issued.	54
Barrack Hill, Carndonagh	Project progressing, Design & Build Tender competition for the Barrack Hill Carndonagh Project complete, awaiting Dept Stage 4 approval to award the contract. Contractor appointment expected in November 2024.	21
Carn Road, Gleneely	Project progressing, Design & Build Tender competition for the Carn Road Gleneely Project complete, awaiting Dept Stage 4 approval to award the contract. Contractor appointment expected in November 2024.	10
Malin, Radharc na Tra Breige, (Ph 4)	Project progressing, Design & Build Tender competition for the Radharc na Tra Breige Malin Project complete, awaiting Dept Stage 4 approval to award the contract. Contractor appointment expected in November 2024.	9
Former Garda Station & Residence Malin (SHIP Renewal)	Project progressing, Part 8 presented and approved at the September 2024 plenary meeting. Tenders being evaluated and Departmental approval to be sought during October. Contractor to be appointed following receipt of Departmental approval.	2
Total		112

2. Social Housing through Turnkey Acquisition

The Council has a current county-wide turnkey acquisition process open, which will remain open until the 30th of September 2026. ETenders (reference RFT 2461070) refers, where all documentation and information can be obtained. Submissions are currently being accepted and must be made in accordance with the requirements of the procurement documentation.

The process has been opened to help address social housing needs across the county. Proposals are being accepted for 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom housing units in towns or villages throughout the county, on lands suitable for housing purposes.

Council staff continue to engage with Developers in Inishowen MD in relation to this turnkey process with significant interest received. As this is a competitive tender process, specific details can only be shared upon receipt of a final tender.

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

3. SI Dwellings

The Council is progressing the delivery of 3 no. SI dwellings in Inishowen Municipal District as follows:

- a) Dunaff, Clonmany
- b) Kinnea, Clonmany &
- c) Ballyliffin.

These projects are progressing and are currently at the same stage of development. Single Stage approval has been sought for these proposals on an individual basis. The proposals will be presented at the November 2024 plenary Council meeting for decision.

4. House Acquisitions

- a) The Council has completed on the acquisition of the former Garda Station at Malin. (see table on page 1 for detail on works to be undertaken).
- b) The Council expects to close on the acquisition of a property in Buncrana in the coming week. Essential works will then be procured and carried out to the property.
- c) A further 2 tenant-in-situ house acquisitions are at contract stage in Moville.

5. Lands / Property for Social Housing Purposes

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

In parallel with the construction and turnkey programmes outlined above, 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 / shortfall. In addition to the current expression of interest advertisement on the Councils' website for parcels of land, derelict sites / buildings with the potential to deliver social housing, the Council is also separately identifying parcels of land with social housing potential in areas of need.

A number of suitable land parcels have been identified in towns and villages across the Inishowen MD and engagement / negotiations are ongoing directly with multiple landowners / agents, to acquire these lands.

Acquisition of a site at Newtowncunningham has been completed with potential for 20+ housing units. The Council has currently an offer accepted (subject to contract) for lands in Moville (potential for 30 housing units).

Going forward, the land team will continue to identify further land parcels across the MD and work with the Council's local service team to assess their suitability for new social housing.