

Litter Summit 2013

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Fermanagh District Council



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Fermanagh - the Context

- County Fermanagh is situated in the South Western region of Northern Ireland and makes up one eighth of Northern Ireland's land mass.
- Fermanagh District Council represents the largest local government district in geographical terms in Northern Ireland.
- One fifth of the area is covered by water which gives the richness of diversity in terms of horticulture and biodiversity.
- The County has a growing population of around 62,500, of which 70% live in rural areas. It is estimated that the population is growing at a rate of 2.5% pa
- Enniskillen is the main urban centre and County town with a population of 14,500 people.

Fermanagh District Council

Awards Pedigree

- Awards stretching back since 1972 when Ballinamallard won Best Kept Small Village.
- 5 awards in the 70's
- 3 awards in the 80's
- 12 awards in the 90's
- 9 times winners of Best Kept Large Town since 1995
- 11 awards in the 'Noughties'
- 8 awards won already from 2010 onward
- Fermanagh were awarded Best Kept Large Urban Centre 2013 in competition against Tralee and Galway
- Most recently for 2013 Enniskillen again secured awards for Best Kept Large Town - Enniskillen and Best Kept Small Village - Lack

Recent Showcase Events

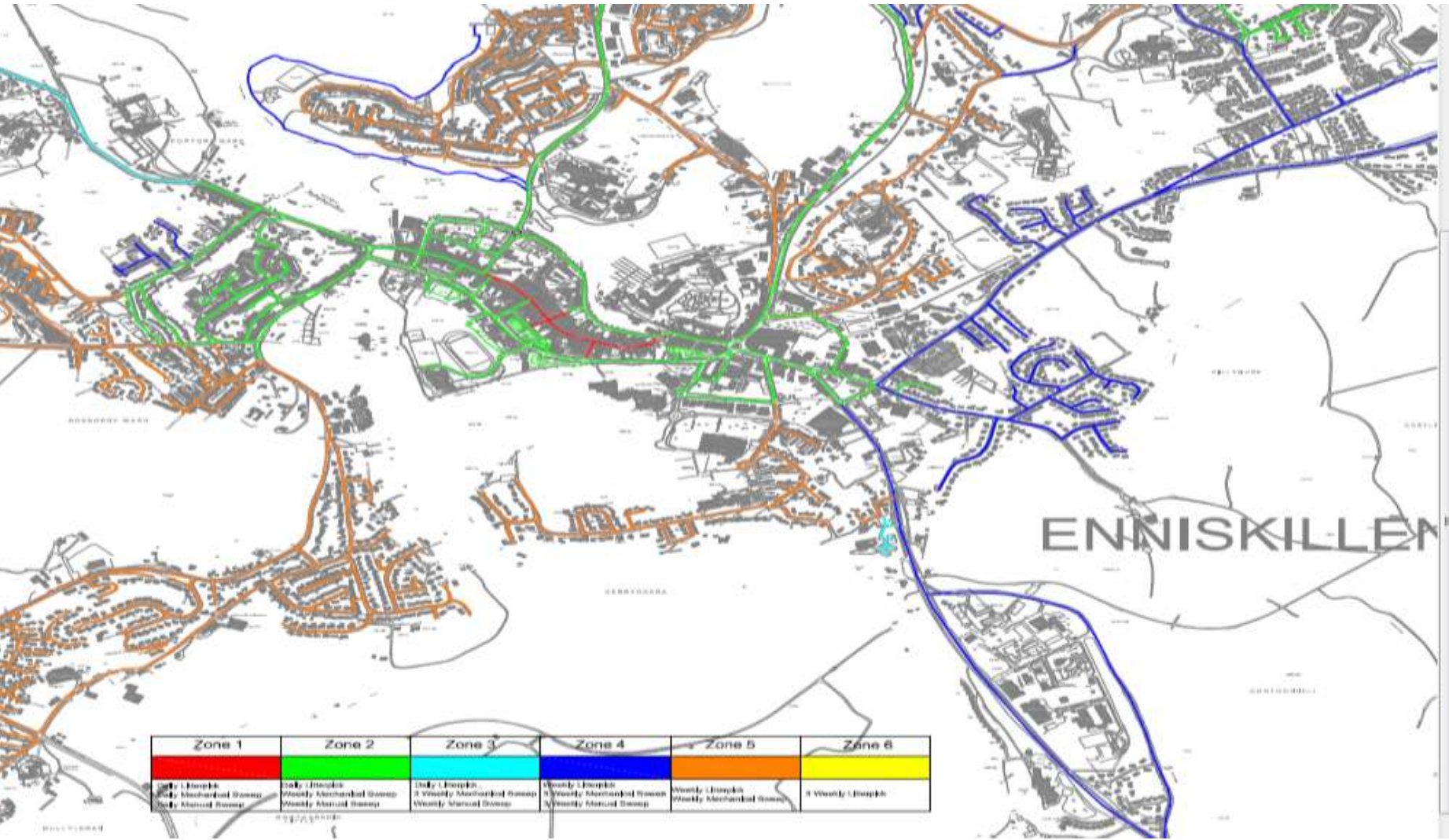
- G8 Summit
- Beckett Festival
- Ulster Rally
- The Classic Annual Fishing Tournament
- Waterskiing & Wakeboarding Competitions
-Plus Many, Many More

Methodology

- Management Hierarchy:-
- Chief Executive.
- Director of Technical Services
- Assistant Director of Technical Services
- Waste Manager
- 1 x Technical Officer,
- 1 x Refuse Collection Supervisor,
- 1 x Environmental Compliance officer,
- 1 x Waste & Recycling Education Officer,
- Also a litter warden has now been employed.

Methodology

- Operational Organisation:-
- £1,087,269 Annual Budget for Street cleansing 13-14
- 37 frontline staff dedicated to street cleansing, bin emptying, public conveniences, flyposting removal , graffiti removal and other general minor works in the public realm.
- Street sweepers and precinct sweepers are in use around car parks and housing areas.
- Regular street audits are conducted by management.
- Lough Shore Clean ups around the island of Enniskillen by private contractor in conjunction with our own staff.
- Rapid response to requests from the public, other agencies and internal Council staff.
- Inter agency relationships including Roads Service, PSNI, NIHE, Waterways Ireland etc.



Organisation of workforce

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- 5 no. Village Orderlies
- 4 no. litterpick/sweep estates and approach roads
- 2no. maintain 3 no. Parks

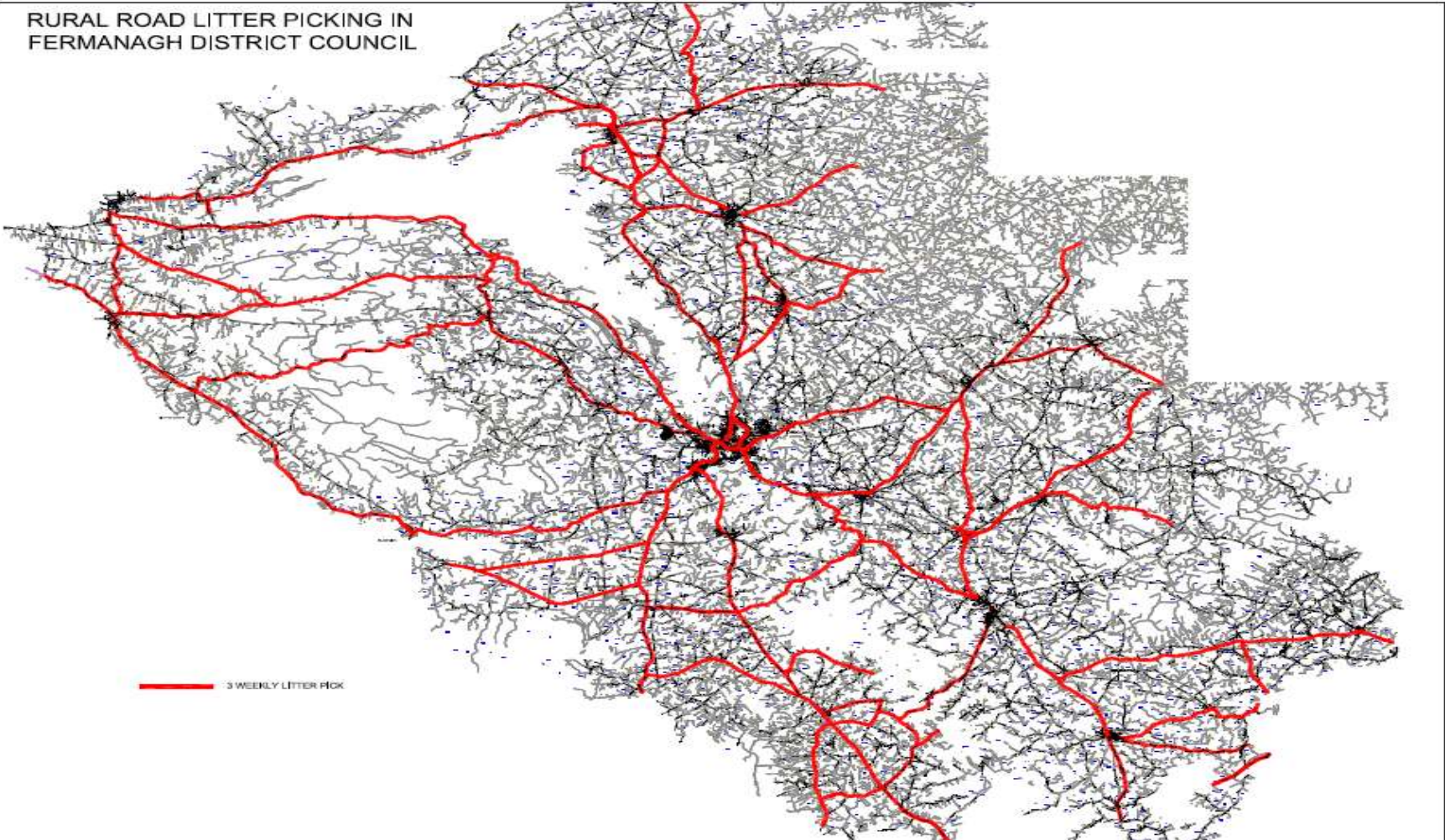
- TOWNS/VILLAGES/HAMLETS
- 20no. Village Orderlies cover remaining Towns/Villages/Hamlets
- Most have full time Orderly with hamlets sharing Orderlies

Organisation of Workforce

RURAL ORDERLIES

- 5no. Orderlies assigned to specific geographical areas
- Litterpick roads on 3 weekly cycle plus some Hamlets daily
- Spray weeds in towns/villages in their area in summer
- Provide quick response to 'dumping'
- Provide cover on Recycling Centres
- Supplied with vans

RURAL ROAD LITTER PICKING IN
FERMANAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL



— 3 WEEKLY LITTER PICK

Typical Orderly Duties

- Litterpicking/manual sweep streets and estates
- Open, Close, clean Public Toilets
- Grasscutting, minor maintenance, report defects.
- Inspect, litterpick Playareas
- Cover Recycling Centres
- Assist with bin loading on 2 man crew lorry when in their town
- Assist Mechanical sweeper
- Salt footpaths in their village as necessary in winter

Organisation of workforce

MECHANICAL SWEEPING

- 2 no. staff in mechanical Precinct and Large Sweeper – Enniskillen Full-time
- Daily sweep town centre
- 3 weekly cycle around estates
- 2 no. staff in mechanical Large Sweepers
- Weekly sweep of Lisnaskea and Irvinestown
- 3 week cycle sweeping all towns/villages

Responsive Cleansing

- In response to requests from the public, we have a messaging system which relays requests to the appropriate operative to ensure reaction to the request.
- Flexibility of being able to call on additional resource from maintenance teams and refuse teams for larger clean-ups.
- Future proposals to look at use of GIS to log request 'hot spots' and target areas for action. Also to perhaps amalgamate services to deploy larger team and have a quicker turnaround.

Thank You for listening!

- “Strategy for litter picking and street cleansing isn’t difficult, you just pick it up as you go along”

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