

Minutes of Donegal Electoral Area Committee Meeting held at 2.00pm  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006 in the Peter Kennedy Chamber, Donegal  
Public Services Centre.

**Members Present:**

Cllr Brendan Byrne  
Cllr Barry O'Neill  
Cllr John Boyle,  
Cllr Thomas Pringle,  
Cllr John Meehan  
Cllr Philip McGlynn  
Cllr Sean McEniff

**Officials in Attendance**

Gerry Gilroy, Area Manager, Corporate Services  
Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services  
Sharleen Tinney, Staff Officer, Corporate Services  
Barney McLaughlin, Community & Enterprise Development Officer  
Peadar Thomas, Area Manager, Roads / Transportation  
Damian McDermott, Executive Engineer, DNRDO  
Hugh Fox, Senior Resident Engineer, Ballyshannon Bypass  
Michael McDonagh, Archaeologist, DNRDO  
Mary Hannigan, Area Manager, Housing & Building  
John McCarron, Executive Engineer, Housing & Building  
Michael Breslin, Area Manager, Water & Environment  
Mary Daly, Town Clerk, Ballyshannon Town Council  
Jessica Hodgson, Project Manager, Marine & Water Leisure  
Kevin O'Connor, Marine & Water Leisure Coordinator  
Sally Murphy, Flight of the Earls Coordinator  
Terri Duffy, Public Arts Manager

**Apologies**

Cllr Jonathan Kennedy,  
Denis Kelly, Area Manager, Planning & Economic Development  
Joe McNulty, Town Clerk, Bundoran Town Council  
Aidan O'Doherty, Senior Engineer, DNRDO

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>29.00 Corporate Services</b>
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<b>DEAC</b>	<b>29.01. Consideration of Minutes</b>
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**Consideration of minutes of meeting Donegal Electoral Area Committee held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006**

Cllr Pringle referred to Minute Reference DEAC 24.05, Class 3 Tertiary Roads and advised the minute should have read 'Baltony Hill' and not Battery Hill. This amendment was agreed.

On the proposal of Cllr Boyle, seconded by Cllr Meehan the minutes of the meeting Donegal Electoral Area Committee held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006 were adopted as amended.

It was further agreed that matters arising from the minutes would be dealt with under the various service headings.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>29.02 Activity Levels in the Donegal PSC</b>
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**Activity Levels in the Donegal PSC**

Members noted the activity reports for the Donegal PSC up to the end of July 2006 circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. G Gilroy, Area Manager, Corporate Services.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>29.03 Other Corporate Matters</b>
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**Votes of Sympathy**

Members unanimously passed a vote of sympathy to Mr. Willie Freney, Executive Engineer, Roads and Transportation on the recent death of his Aunt.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Members noted and confirmed that the date of the next meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006 as per the agreed schedule.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>30.00 Roads / Transportation</b>
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DEAC	30.01 2006 Road Works Programme
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**2006 Roads Work Programme**

Members noted the Roads Work Programme Progress Report circulated with the Agenda as presented by Mr. P Thomas, Area Manager, Roads / Transportation. Mr. P Thomas advised Members that with a number of factors including health & safety requirements, land purchase etc., which may prove difficult to complete the full programme in 2006 but that every effort would be made to do so. He also informed Members that he had only lately received confirmation of Clar II and Clar III Tertiary roads funding and had proceeded to programme the work in advance of consultations with Members, owing to time constraints and circulated the planned programme. On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Pringle, Members confirmed their agreement to the programme as circulated.

In response to a query from Cllr Boyle if funding could be diverted to carry out alternative works where e.g. land purchase is delaying works, Mr. P Thomas informed Members that this would not be possible as it is non-discretionary funding. He also informed Members that works are now being programmed on a 2 – 3 year plan in anticipation of funding in the future and that issues should be addressed in advance to avoid such blockages in the future.

**EU Co-funded Priority List**

Mr. P Thomas referred to the discussion at the previous meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee regarding a request to include a road at Ballyshannon in the EU Co-funded priority list and advised that he had discussed the matter with his Senior Engineer but that it would not qualify for funding. In response to a query from Cllr Meehan as to why it did not qualify, Mr. P Thomas informed Members that to qualify for EU Co-funding the road has to be a strategic Road with Regional or Tourism significance.

Mr. P Thomas recommended the following priority as the up to date EU Co-funding Priority list for the Donegal Electoral Area:

1. Killybegs Malinbeg
2. Laghey – Pettigo
3. Industrial Road, Killybegs
4. Balintra – Rossnowlagh
5. Frosses – Glenties
6. Ardaghey – Ardara
7. Ballintra – Rossnowlagh Junction
8. Fintra Bridge
9. Outer Relief Road, Killybegs
10. Mile Straight Junction, Rossnowlagh

Following a short discussion, on the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Pringle, Members agreed the recommended priority list.

**Co Funded Secondary and Tertiary Roads.**

Members noted report circulated at the meeting.

Cllr Pringle referred to the previous meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee and the request to have repairs carried out on the Baltony Hill road expressing his disappointment that it was not included in the Class 3 Tertiary Road Programme. In response Mr. P Thomas undertook to follow up on this as a matter of urgency.

DEAC	30.02 Local Improvement Schemes
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**Local Improvement Schemes**

Mr. P Thomas circulated an updated Local Improvement Scheme Programme for 2006. He had only recently received confirmation of the Clar allocation and Members noted and agreed the proposed programme.

He advised Members that as a result of the high number of projects to be completed by the end of the year any works not on the programme could not be included.

DEAC	30.03 Update from DNRDO
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**N 15 Ballyshannon / Bundoran Bypass Scheme Update**

Members noted the N 15 Ballyshannon / Bundoran Bypass Scheme Update Report on Land acquisition and also report in response to a query from Cllr McEniff regarding signage on the Rosstown Link Road, circulated with the Agenda as presented by Mr. Damian McDermott, Executive Engineer, DNRDO. He informed Members of the up to date position in relation to Land Acquisition and also that it is hoped that any outstanding accommodation works will be completed before the end of the year.

A number of other matters were dealt with as follows:

**Disposal of unused land acquired for the bypass.**

Members referred to unused land acquired for the bypass and recommended the Council facilitate the disposal of this unused land back to the original landowners. Members also agreed that the disposal price should be no higher than the original purchase price.

Mr. D McDermott informed Members that a review of CPO'd lands was currently taking place. He reiterated the procedure by which anyone wishing to buy back such land should apply in writing to the Area Manager, Roads and a recommendation from the respective sections of the council including Road Design, Water and Environmental services etc. would be brought to the Members thereafter for consideration.

### **Defects/Snagging**

Mr. Hugh Fox, Senior Resident Engineer, Ballyshannon Bypass informed Members that the contractor is due back on site shortly to deal with snagging issues / defects. As these did not impact on traffic using the road a 'take over certificate' had been issued. The Contractor would be programming this list to determine when outstanding works would be dealt with.

### **Green Areas**

In response to a query from Cllr McGlynn as to who would be responsible for maintaining the green areas around the bypass, Mr. H Fox informed Members that the Contractor would normally do the first cut of vegetation and this has largely been completed. He also confirmed that there were some outstanding issues, which would be dealt with as part of the snagging and following the resolution of these issues, future maintenance would be a matter for the local Roads and Transportation Section.

### **Pedestrian Bridge**

Mr. H Fox informed Members that the Pedestrian Bridge had been late in opening but that issues with the bridge had been remedied. Members were also advised that lighting had now been installed and the official opening of the footbridge was scheduled to take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006 with a time to be confirmed. Cllr O'Neill asked that consideration be given to the footbridge being 'caged in' to ensure no-one can climb out over the railing provided and fall from the bridge.

### **Signage**

Members expressed concern at the lack of signage on the Bypass in particular in relation to tourism/amenity signs and referred to previous discussions, which the Bundoran Town Council had with the National Roads Authority where agreement was reached in relation to signs. In response to the concerns raised Mr. D McDermott, informed Members that the Contractor still had some 'generic' signage to erect as part of the contract and this would be addressed as part of the snagging. Other signs, which would be in addition to the contracted signs, would be erected after the contractor has completed the 'snagging'. He undertook to revert to Members in relation to this matter within a two-week period.

### **Safety Issues**

Cllr O'Neill referred to a number of issues he had submitted by e-mail for consideration including the railings on new bridge, Higginstown Road to Sminver Bridge, the Heritage Site. He referred to a site meeting held in April 2006 with Mr. A O'Doherty, Senior Engineer, DNRDO in relation to a number of safety concerns and queried what progress had been made to address the concerns he had raised in particular in relation to the Rosnowlagh Roundabout.

Mr. D McDermott informed Members that the contractor and designer for the project SIACWILL JV had engaged a consultant to undertake a Safety Audit for the entire project as is required under the standards. The issue at the Rosnowlagh Road Roundabout, raised by the public/Cllr. O'Neill, had been reverted to and addressed by the contractor / designer during the design and construction. The issue had also

subsequently been specifically addressed and reviewed as part of the independent Safety audit. This Safety audit had not recommended any changes. Mr. Fox confirmed that while there are no safety issues as per the safety audit, he undertook to review the concerns raised with the contractor again.

### **Heritage Site**

Mr. M McDonagh, Senior Archaeologist, DNRDO, informed Members that proposals were being drawn up in relation to the Heritage Site off the bypass in consultation with the Office of Public Works. An access audit is currently underway and this will determine if the site is to be made Wheelchair accessible which will also determine the access location, heights of signs etc. He confirmed that the floor area of the old church would be gravel finish. There will also be the issue of maintenance, which will have to be addressed.

Members confirmed that it was their wish that the site be designed in such a manner to enable wheelchair access. In response to a request from Members that proposals/plans for the Heritage Site be brought to the Donegal Electoral Area Committee for consideration prior to proceeding, Mr. M McDonagh confirmed that this would happen.

### **Funding Allocation to Ballyshannon / Bundoran**

A discussion took place in relation to the amount of funding available to carry out works following the completion of the bypass in Ballyshannon and Bundoran. Mr. P Thomas, Area Manager, Roads / Transportation informed Members that he understood there was a total allocation of €300,000 for the Area to carry out works. Cllr McGlynn referred to a meeting with Mr. Michael Dolan of the National Roads Authority where Bundoran Town Council had requested 12 items be dealt with and the NRA agreed to consider, including upgrading of the approach roads.

Ms. Mary Daly, Town Clerk, Ballyshannon Town Council informed Members that her Council had received a written communication from the National Roads Authority as a follow up to their meeting which gave details of an allocation of €300,000 for specific roads. She undertook to forward details to Mr. P Thomas. Cllr McGlynn also referred to correspondence with the NRA a copy of which would also be given to Mr Thomas.

Following a short discussion, it was agreed that clarification be obtained in relation to what funding was available and that a meeting be convened with the appropriate officials and members of the two Town Councils and Donegal Electoral Area Committee during the week beginning the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2006 to discuss this and the issue of signage referred to earlier.

Corporate Services agreed to assist with arrangements for this meeting.

### **Pavement Strengthening at Laghey**

Members noted the report circulated under separate cover to the agenda in advance of the meeting and presented by Mr. D McDermott in relation to pavement strengthening works at Laghey, which included speed restrictions on this stretch of road. Members were advised that these works would continue up to Christmas.

**N56 Mountcharles to Killybegs (Five Points) Scheme Update**

Members noted the N56 Mountcharles to Killybegs (Five Points) Scheme Update Report circulated under separate cover in advance of the meeting.

**DEAC**

**30.04 Other Roads Matters**

**Footpath Programme**

In response to a request from Cllr Pringle regarding a footpath programme, Mr. P Thomas informed Members that same would be available for discussion at the next meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee.

**‘Ministers Bridge’ in Glencolmcille**

In response to a query from Cllr Pringle as to when works on the ‘Ministers Bridge’ in Glencolmcille would be completed, Mr. P Thomas informed members that this work would be completed before the end of the year.

**Request for Waiting Boxes at Erne Enterprise Centre, on Finner Road, Bundoran.**

In response to a proposal from Cllr O’Neill, seconded by Cllr McEniff that waiting boxes be painted on the Finner Road, Bundoran adjacent to the Erne Enterprise Centre, Mr. P Thomas undertook to arrange this as long as there was sufficient land to allow for traffic flow and no requirement to purchase additional land.

**Request to dispose of a small portion of land to Coyle Family at East Port Road, Ballyshannon.**

In response to a request from Cllr O’Neill that a small portion of land at East Port Road, Ballyshannon, be disposed of to the Coyle Family, Mr. P Thomas undertook to look into same following receipt of the details from Cllr O’Neill, and to bring the matter to the next meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee for members consideration.

**Request for an additional parking ticket Machine at the Mall, Ballyshannon**

In response to a request for the provision of an additional parking ticket machine at the Mall, Ballyshannon, Mr. P Thomas undertook to have a look at same but advised Members that this might not be a viable option given the cost of the machines.

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**31.00 Planning & Economic Development**

Apologies were noted from Mr. Denis Kelly, Area Manager, Planning & Economic Development for his inability to attend, owing to an in-house training day for all planning staff.

**DEAC**

**31.01 Consideration of Recent Refusals**

**Consideration of recent refusals**

Members noted the recent refusals report for the period from 1/7/2006 to 25/8/2006 circulated with the Agenda.

DEAC	31.02 Planning Enforcement
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**Planning Enforcement**

Members noted the Planning Enforcement – current status – summary report as at the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006 circulated with the Agenda.

DEAC	31.03 Planning Statistics
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**Planning Statistics**

Members noted the planning statistics report for the period up to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006, circulated with the Agenda.

DEAC	<b>32.00 Water, Environment &amp; Emergency Services</b>
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DEAC	32.01 Group Schemes
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**Group Schemes**

Mr. M Breslin, Area Manager, Water & Environment, circulated and presented an update report on Group Water Supply Schemes in the Donegal Electoral Area. A number of queries were dealt with as follows:

**Tullaintain GWS**

In response to a query from Cllr Boyle as to when the Tullaintain Group Water Scheme would be connected, Mr. M Breslin informed Members that this would happen in the next week or two.

DEAC	32.02 South West Donegal Water Supply
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**South West Donegal Water Supply**

Members noted as per the report circulated with the Agenda that the direct labour contract was progressing well in relation to the South West Donegal Water Supply.

DEAC	32.03 Major Capital Programme
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**Major Capital Programme**

Cllr Pringle referred to the previous meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee where Members had requested a more up to date report on the Water Capital Programme be provided for each meeting and enquired what progress had

been made in relation to this matter. In response to the query, Mr. M Breslin informed Members that the Water Capital Section would be represented at the next meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee to both provide an update to Members and to deal with any queries they might have.

#### **Ballyshannon Sewerage Scheme**

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill regarding an earlier request that 12 houses at Carrickboy, Ballyshannon be included in the Ballyshannon Sewerage Scheme, Mr. M Breslin informed Members that the request had been forwarded to the Water Capital Section. Members to be advised of the outcome of this matter at an early date.

#### **Donegal Bay Waste Water Project**

Mr. M Breslin referred to the Donegal Bay Waste Water Project in Donegal Town, Ballyshannon and Rossnowlagh which is ongoing and informed Members that the Resident Engineer had confirmed that they can arrange a site visit for Members if they wished to avail of same.

DEAC	32.04 Other Water & Environment Matters
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#### **Reinstatement of Road at Teelin Water Works**

In response to a request from Cllr Byrne to ensure that the road is reinstated at Teelin Water Works, Mr. M Breslin undertook to follow up on this with Mr. B Cuning, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Capital Section, and to revert to Members in the matter.

#### **Replacement of Water Main at Church Road, Bundoran.**

Cllr McEniff referred to discussion at previous meetings of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee in relation to the replacement of the Water Main at Church Road, Bundoran and asked what the up to date position was. He referred to an allocation included in this years Budget and enquired if this was part of the contract for the works undertaken at this location. He expressed dissatisfaction that this matter had not been dealt with before now and the lack of information available to members. In response to the request, Mr. M Breslin undertook to check the matter and to revert to Members as a matter of urgency.

#### **Water Supply, Pettigo**

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill in relation to a water quality issue at Pettigo, Mr. M Breslin informed Members that owing to the dry weather the ground water source at Pettigo had to be supplemented by connecting the old supply which reduced the water quality and as a result 'Boiling Notices' had issued to consumers. He advised a new well had been drilled last week and the Council was awaiting the results of water testing of this new source. It was hoped this would rectify the problem. He confirmed that if the results of the tests were satisfactory, the Boiling Notice would be withdrawn.

#### **Request to Dredge the River Erne**

Cllr O'Neill referred to the dredger, which was currently working in the Donegal Bay Area laying pipes as part of the Donegal Bay Waster Water Project, and enquired if it was possible to get the area where the sand bar was restricting navigation dredged to

allow easier access for boats going up and down the estuary. He submitted that this may not be too expensive as the dredger was already working at this location. In response to the query, Mr. Kevin O'Connor, Marine & Water Leisure Section, informed Members that it would not be as straight forward as suggested as he felt there would be a need for a detailed engineering assessment of the area prior to such works being carried out. He also referred to the study that was carried out in relation to the Erne Canal, which would have a bearing on the matter if that project came to fruition.

Mr. M Breslin undertook to refer the request onto the Water Capital Section for their consideration and to revert to Members.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>33.00 Community, Culture and Enterprise</b>
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DEAC	33.01 Report on Community & Enterprise Services
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**Report on Community & Enterprise Services.**

Members noted the update report on Community & Enterprise Services circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. B McLaughlin, Community & Enterprise Development Officer.

DEAC	33.02 Marine & Water Leisure Report
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**Presentation by Jessica Hodgson on Eske Fishery – Lowreymore Fish Pass.**

Ms. Jessica Hodgson, Project Manager, Marine & Water Leisure provided a detailed presentation to Members in relation to a proposed fish pass on the Lowreymore River. Members were informed of the background to the project, the advantages to the fishery and details of the costs involved.

Mr. Kevin O'Connor, Marine & Water Leisure Coordinator confirmed the advantages to the proposed stepped fish pass on the river. Members were advised that the total cost of the project was €40,000 of which Donegal County Council was being asked to contribute €27,000 with the balance to come from the Northern Regional Fisheries Board.

In response to a query from Cllr Meehan in relation to who would be responsible for maintenance of the fish pass in the future, Mr. K O'Connor informed Members that it was intended that the Fisheries Board would undertake the maintenance of the fish pass.

Following a short discussion, on the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Boyle, Members confirmed their agreement to and support for the project.

DEAC	33.03 Cultural Services Report
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**Report on Cultural Services**

Members noted the Cultural Services update report circulated with the Agenda.

DEAC	33.04 Members Fund Allocations 2006
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**Donegal Electoral Area Members Fund Allocations 2006**

Members noted the report for the Members Grant allocations for 2006, circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. Mc Laughlin.

DEAC	33.05 County Childcare Committee
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**Donegal County Childcare Committee**

Members noted the 2006 Action Plan progress report from Donegal County Childcare Committee Ltd. circulated with the Agenda.

DEAC	33.06 Presentation by Sally Murphy Flight of the Earls Coordinator.
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**Presentation by Sally Murphy, Flight of the Earls Coordinator**

Ms. Sally Murphy, Flight of the Earls Coordinator circulated a detailed report on the Flight of the Earls project, which is scheduled to take place in 2007 to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event. The presentation covered the following areas:

- Background
- Wider context to the Commemorations
- Partner Organisations
- Louvain 2007
- Community Development
- Education and Outreach
- Tourism
- Funding
- 2007 Programme of Events

She confirmed to Members that it was important that details of events planned in relation to the Flight of the Earls were conveyed to her by Christmas for inclusion in the Programme of Events to be launched in March 2007. She also informed Members that she had written to organisations in an effort to make as many aware as possible of the proposals for next year and confirmed that she is available to assist with making applications for funding for events associated with the project. She also confirmed there was quite an amount of interest throughout the county but had not been made aware of any events proposed for the Donegal Town Area. She also advised that the Flight of the Earls Logo is available to download for anyone who wishes to do so.

A number of queries were dealt with as follows:

Cllr Meehan referred to a proposed parade in Ballyshannon in 2007 and the intention to commemorate Michael O' Cleirigh at this event and the possibility of naming the new bridge at Ballyshannon after him. He also advised that the Ballyshannon Town Council/Town Clerk would be available to assist in so far as possible and also that the Ballyshannon Business Chamber would liaise in relation to the project.

In response to a query from Cllr McEniff if Ms Murphy had been in contact with Mr. Matt Britton, Ms. Murphy confirmed that she had made contact with Mr Britton some time ago and would follow up this contact.

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill if there was any copyright attached to the logo, Ms. Murphy said there was not and it was available to download in 'jpeg' format.

Cllr Pringle commended Ms. Murphy on her work stating it was a huge project with great potential and wished her every success.

Cllr Boyle pointed out the importance of Donegal Town being involved in the project and enquired if all events would be funded. In response, Ms. Murphy advised that there was less than 8 weeks to get the funding proposals ready for submission to the International Fund for Ireland, however she was hopeful of substantial funding being made available. She confirmed that if proposed events were not to proceed because of a lack of funding the event programme would have to reflect this and she needed to be made aware at an early stage.

### **Location of Bronze Sculpture to commemorate Red Hugh O'Donnell**

Members considered report circulated with the agenda.

Ms. Terri Duffy, Public Arts Manager was in attendance to discuss with Members proposals in relation to the best location of a Bronze Sculpture, which was being commissioned to commemorate Red Hugh O'Donnell. Following a discussion on three possible locations, the Diamond, the Castle and the Pier area, Members unanimously agreed that the sculpture should be located at the Pier with the exact location being agreed following consultation with interested parties.

DEAC	<b>34.00 Housing &amp; Building</b>
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DEAC	34.01 Progress Report – Housing Capital Programme
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**Housing Capital Programme.**

Members noted the Housing Capital Programme progress report as at the end of August 2006 circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. M Hannigan, Area Manager, Housing & Building.

DEAC	34.02 Follow up report on issues raised at meeting held on the 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2006
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**Report on Implementation of Part V of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 – 2002**

Members noted the report on Implementation of Part V of the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 – 2002 circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. M Hannigan.

In response to a query from Cllr Pringle Ms. Hannigan acknowledged that there were a number of issues still to be addressed and suggested that the Housing Section would facilitate a workshop in the matter if felt useful by Members. Members confirmed their agreement to a workshop.

DEAC	34.03 Progress Report - Social Housing
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**Progress Report - Social Housing**

Members noted the progress report on Loans and Grants circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. M Hannigan.

DEAC	34.04 Casual Vacancies
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**Casual Vacancies**

Members noted the Casual Vacancy Report circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. M Hannigan.

DEAC	34.05 Section 183 Notices
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**Section 183 Notices.**

Members noted the Section 183 Notice circulated at the meeting and presented by Ms. M Hannigan, which detailed the reasons she was recommending the disposal of a derelict S I cottage at Trummon, Laghey to Mr Raymond McGrory. On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr McGlynn Members confirmed their agreement to the disposal and agreed this matter be put before the full Council.

DEAC	34.06 Other Housing Matters
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**New Voluntary Housing Group – Steer Ireland**

Ms. M Hannigan informed Members that she had been approached by a new Voluntary Housing Group, Steer Ireland, who were interested in providing sheltered housing in the County. She advised Members that the group prioritise people with mental health issues for housing and that she has been approached by Steer Ireland, with a proposal for a site. She confirmed that Mr. J McCarron, Executive Engineer, Housing and Building would be assessing the site in the coming weeks. Steer Ireland liase with the Health Services Executive as well as the local authorities, in providing this type of accommodation to integrate people with mental health issues back into communities with supports.

In response to queries from Members, Ms. M Hannigan advised that occupants of this type of housing project would have varying degrees of disability but people on the housing waiting list would also be considered for housing in the same project. She also confirmed that the proposed project was for 30 – 35 units.

Members confirmed their support for such an integrated project.

**Recent House lettings in Donegal Town**

Cllr Byrne complemented Ms. M Hannigan and her staff on the recent house lettings in Donegal Town.

**Presentations to future meetings.**

Members expressed their concern regarding the number of presentations being made which are not scheduled on the agenda. Following a short discussion it was agreed that in future only one presentation per service to be included on the agenda.

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It was further agreed that in exceptional circumstances if additional presentations are necessary, details to be submitted to the Corporate Area Manager before the agenda issues and he would consult with the Cathaoirleach.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**

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Gerry Gilroy,  
Area Manager,  
Corporate Services.

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Cathaoirleach,  
Donegal Electoral Area Committee