

Minutes of Donegal Electoral Area Committee Meeting held at 2.00pm  
on 13<sup>th</sup> November 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 Sean McEniff  
Cllr Jonathan Kennedy

**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 and Transportation  
Mary Hannigan, Area Manager, Housing & Building Control  
John McCarron, Executive Engineer, Housing & Building Control  
Declan Gillespie, Executive Engineer, Roads & Transportation  
Damian McDermott, Executive Engineer, DNRDO  
Thomas Fox, Executive Engineer, DNRDO  
Adrian KIELTY, Resident Engineer, WEE South Donegal  
Mark Sweeney, Resident Engineer, WEE South Donegal  
Peter Donaghy, Senior Executive Engineer, WEE Central Services  
Joe McNulty, Town Clerk, Bundoran Town Council  
Mary Daly, Town Clerk, Ballyshannon Town Council  
Paul Lyons, Executive Engineer, Water & Environment

**Apologies**

Cllr John Meehan, Cathaoirleach, Ballyshannon Town Council  
Cllr Philip McGlynn, Bundoran Town Council  
Paul Christie, A/Area Manager, Planning & Economic Development  
Michael Breslin, Area Manager, Water, Environment & Emergency Service

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>35.00 Corporate Services</b>
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DEAC	35.01. Consideration of Minutes
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**Consideration of minutes of meeting of Donegal Electoral Area Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006.**

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Kennedy the minutes of the meeting of Donegal Electoral Area Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006 were adopted.

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

DEAC	35.02 Activity Levels in the Donegal PSC
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**Activity Levels in the Donegal PSC**

Members noted the activity reports for the Donegal PSC as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006 circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. G Gilroy, Area Manager, Corporate Services.

DEAC	35.03 Correspondence
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**Rosstown Community Council**

Cllr. B Byrne referred to correspondence he had received, as Cathaoirleach of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee from Rosstown Community Council and which he requested be included on the agenda. The correspondence sought a response to issues raised by a deputation from the Rosstown Group to the May meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee. Cllr Byrne urged that any outstanding replies be issued immediately.

Mr. G Gilroy, Area Manager, Corporate Services, advised that a reply had issued from himself and the Community, Culture and Enterprise Division.

Written replies were still outstanding from the Roads and Transportation Service and the Water, Environment and Emergency Services.

In response, Mr. P Thomas, Roads Area Manager informed Members, that Mr. D Gillespie, Executive Engineer was in discussions with the affected landowners in relation to the request for a safety barrier to be erected on private lands adjacent to the road from the beach to Smugglers Creek. He confirmed that it was intended that these works would be carried out early in the New Year.

Cllr. Byrne while acknowledging that some progress had been made in relation to issues raised by the Group, stressed the importance of all Services advising the Group of the progress made and asked that the Roads and Water Services reply formally to them. The Services undertook to comply with the request as a matter of urgency.

In response to a query from Cllr. O'Neill regarding an update report on the Rossnowlagh Beach Management Plan, Mr. B McLaughlin, informed Members the report was currently being considered by the Senior Management Team and would be brought before Elected Members at a future Electoral Area Meeting. Mr. McLaughlin undertook to convey the urgency of the matter to his Director.

Following a request from the deputation, Cllr O'Neill asked that the development of the Rossnowlagh Sewerage Scheme be re-addressed and funding sought as soon as possible.

#### **Request for Deputation from Killybegs Group**

Cllr. Pringle queried if a Group in Killybegs had been in contact to request a deputation be received at the next meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area regarding issues of concern in relation to alleged unauthorised development of masts in the area. Mr. G Gilroy advised that he was not aware of such a request, but confirmed that Members could agree to receive a deputation from the Group at the next Electoral Area Committee Meeting. It was decided on the proposal of Cllr. Pringle, seconded by Cllr. Byrne, the deputation be received at the December meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area. Cllr. Pringle undertook to provide the contact details for the group to Mr. G Gilroy, Area Manager, Corporate Services.

DEAC	35.04 Other Corporate Matters
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#### **Acting Chair**

Cllr. Byrne apologised for having to leave the meeting early to attend a medical appointment. On the proposal of Cllr. Boyle, seconded by Cllr. Kennedy, it was agreed Cllr. O'Neill would chair the remainder of the meeting.

DEAC	35.05 Next Meeting
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#### **Date of Next Meeting**

Members discussed the need for a further meeting before the end of the year, particularly given the absence of the Planning and Water & Environment Area Managers.

On the proposal of Cllr. Byrne, seconded by Cllr. O'Neill, Members agreed that a further meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee be held on **18<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 4.00 p.m. in Bundoran.**

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>36.00 Housing &amp; Building</b>
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DEAC	36.01 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 October 2006 circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. M Hannigan, Area Manager, Housing & Building Control.

DEAC	36.02 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	36.03 Casual Vacancies
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**Casual Vacancies**

Members noted the Casual Vacancy Report circulated with the Agenda and presented by Ms. M Hannigan. In relation to a vacancy at Drimarone, Letterbarrow, Ms. Hannigan informed Members she would welcome representations from Members prior to the filling of this vacancy.

DEAC	36.04 Section 183 Notices
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**Section 183 Notices**

Members noted the Section 183 Notices circulated with the agenda and presented by Mr. J McCarron, Executive Engineer for the disposal of land from Donegal County Council to the following;

Aidan & Brenda Foy, 85 Emerald Drive, Killybegs;  
Claire & Declan McLaughlin, 5 Harbour View Drive, Killybegs;  
Michael Lafferty, 2 Conlin Road, Killybegs;  
Pat & Kathleen Cannon, 22 Conlin Road, Killybegs.

On the proposal of Cllr. Pringle, seconded by Cllr. Kennedy, Members confirmed their agreement to the disposal of lands and agreed the matter be put before the next full Council meeting.

DEAC	36.05 Other Housing Matters
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**Recent House lettings in Donegal Town**

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

**Housing Need**

Cllr. O'Neill referred to discussions at a recent Housing Workshop in Lifford and expressed concern regarding the continued high level of housing need in the Donegal Electoral Area. A report circulated at the Workshop anticipated a shortfall of 51 units after delivery of the starts in the next Capital Programme. Ms. M Hannigan stated she was aware of the shortfall in the area and stressed the difficulty in obtaining units in the Ballyshannon area in particular and advised the Housing Section is continuing to pursue the acquisition of land.

**Repair work at Ernedale Heights**

In response to a query from Cllr. O'Neill concerning the need for repair work to be carried out in the car-parking areas behind the houses at Ernedale Heights, Ms. Hannigan advised she would look into the matter and revert to Members.

**Derelict Buildings**

In response to a request from Cllr. O'Neill for a list of derelict buildings in the Ballyshannon area and also an update on progress on the pilot scheme proposed to deal with derelict buildings in the Ballyshannon area, Ms. Hannigan confirmed a list was available. She also advised that the scheme to deal with derelict buildings had not been implemented as of yet and advised Members would be kept informed of progress.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>37.00 Roads &amp; Transportation</b>
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DEAC	37.01 Local Improvement Schemes
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**Local Improvement Schemes**

Mr. P Thomas presented a final Local Improvement Scheme list for 2006 as circulated with the agenda.

DEAC	37.02 2006 Road Works Programme
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Members noted the Progress Report on the 2006 Road Works Programme circulated with the Agenda as presented by Mr. P Thomas, Area Manager, Roads and Transportation.

Members noted the extent of work completed with the end of November being the deadline for completion of major works. Members also noted that some works in Ballyshannon for which funding had been allocated in 2006 could not be carried out until outstanding works, such as; installation of the network for Broadband and the proposed Ballyshannon Sewerage Scheme were complete.

DEAC	37.03 Footpath Programme 2006
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**Footpath Programme 2006**

Mr. P Thomas presented the 2006 Footpath Programme to Members as circulated with the agenda and which had been presented to Members in Lifford. Following a lengthy discussion, on the proposal of Cllr. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Pringle, Members agreed the following amended Footpath Replacement Programme for 2006 as set out below. Members also agreed a number of priorities for the 2007 programme also set out below.

Mr. P Thomas pointed out that provision for the takeover of the storm water drain at Ardeskin, Donegal Town, which the Council agreed to take-over is included as No. 4 of the priority list for 2006.

**Donegal Electoral Area**  
**Development Charges 2006**

	Estimated Cost
1 <b>Donegal Town</b> Clarden Drive footpath	€ 30,000.00
2 <b>Donegal Town</b> Tirconnell Street footpath	€ 18,000.00
3 <b>Donegal Town</b> Marian Villas footpath	€ 14,000.00
4 <b>Donegal Town</b> Old Laghey Rd/Ardeskin footpath	€ 10,000.00
5 <b>Ballyshannon</b> College Street footpath	€ 40,000.00
6 <b>Ballyshannon</b> Station Road	€ 25,000.00

<b>8 Killybegs</b>	Continue new footpath along Roshine Road	€ 20,000.00
<b>9 Killybegs</b>	Renew footpath along the Shore Road/Main St	€ 15,000.00
<b>9a Killybegs</b>	Harbour View Drive/Marine Drive	€ 15,000.00
<b>10 Mountcharles</b>	Mainstreet footpath	€ 20,000.00
<b>11 Ballintra</b>	Main Street footpath	€ 18,000.00
<b>12 Dunkineely</b>	Killybegs Road	€ 15,000.00
<b>13 Laghey</b>	Main St footpath	€ 10,000.00
<b>14 Glencolmcille</b>	Renew existing footpath	€ 15,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>€ 265,000.00</b>

## **Donegal Electoral Area**

### **Development Charges 2007 - Draft**

**Ballyshannon** Bus Stop Footpath

**Ballyshannon** Replace/repair crossings at roundabout

DEAC	37.04 Update from DNRDO
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Mr. D McDermott, Executive Engineer, DNRDO and Mr. T Fox, Executive Engineer, DNRDO attended the meeting to address the following issues.

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

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

Cllr. Boyle referred to the proposed route selection as indicated in the report circulated and expressed concerns relayed to him regarding it. Members confirmed that they had not agreed this 'preferred' route.

Mr. T Fox outlined the procedure for progressing the N56 Mountcharles to Killybegs Scheme. He pointed out that the Scheme was being delivered in two phases, and that only Phase 1 is being designed at present. Mr. Fox confirmed the formal approval for the route selection would be dealt with as part of the Part 8 Planning process.

Mr Fox also confirmed that in relation to the second phase, Members would be consulted before detailed design work was carried out.

#### **N15 Ballyshannon / Bundoran Bypass Scheme Update**

Members noted the N15 Ballyshannon/Bundoran Bypass Scheme Update Report on Land acquisition as circulated at the meeting.

A number of matters were dealt with as follows:

#### **Funding Allocated for works in Ballyshannon and Bundoran**

Members again sought clarification of allocations made by the NRA to Ballyshannon and Bundoran Town Councils.

Cllr O'Neill expressed frustration at the lack of clarity with regard to the NRA funding for Ballyshannon and Bundoran and the lack of progress since the last meeting, and in particular that the agreed Workshop had not taken place.

Mr. J McNulty, Town Clerk, Bundoran Town Council, confirmed his Council had received a letter from Mr. M Dolan, NRA, in response to their request for specific works, advising of an allocation of €300,000.

Ms. M Daly, Town Clerk, confirmed Ballyshannon Town Council had also received written confirmation from the NRA of an allocation of €300,000 for specific works sought by them. Her Council sought clarification on when these monies would be spent.

Mr. P Thomas confirmed that expenditure in the Bundoran area in the region of €300,000 had been incurred and referred to the ongoing work in Ballyshannon on the installation of the Broadband network and the delays in work starting on the Sewage scheme, which prevented these road-works taking place this year.

Mr. D McDermott of the DNRDO confirmed that the letters in question had not been copied or issued to the Design Office, nor indeed to the Area Engineers. He suggested that if not readily apparent from the letters it would be a reasonable step to seek clarification from the NRA regarding the allocations referred to and confirmation of what funding would be available for works in Ballyshannon next year.

Mr. P Thomas undertook to write to Mr. M Nolan, NRA requesting written confirmation of the position in relation to funding for Bundoran and Ballyshannon and requesting a response as a matter of urgency.

Cllr. Pringle proposed and it was agreed that all Members should be circulated with copies of the relevant correspondence in advance of the next meeting of the Committee.

It was agreed that Mr Nolan's reply would be considered at the next Area Committee meeting in December and that in the meanwhile separate meetings can take place with the two Town Councils.

Mr. D McDermott advised that snagging of the project was ongoing and confirmed that such matters were for the contractor to closeout under the supervision of the site staff. Hugh Fox and Fergus Towey of the DCC site management team had already dealt with many of these issues at a recent meeting and would be available if any further update was required.

Mr. McDermott also confirmed that the DNRDO would be available to discuss land acquisition or any other query or issue with regard the bypass, and with any group, given adequate advance notice.

**Recommendation to General Purposes Committee:**

On the proposal of Cllr Barry O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Boyle, it was agreed that the following proposal be forwarded for inclusion on the next G P Agenda.

*That Donegal County Council seek a deputation to the National Roads Authority to specifically address the lack of progress on the poor state and the surface condition of the National Route on the main border crossing from Co. Fermanagh to Co. Donegal, i.e. the National Road between Belleek and Ballyshannon.*

<b>DEAC 37.05 Other Roads Matters</b>
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**Take-over of private Estate at Mountcharles**

In response to a request from Cllr. Kennedy to have the problems of inadequate lighting in the private housing estate in Mountcharles, which has been take over by the Council, rectified, Mr. P Thomas informed Members that he would discuss this matter with Mr. V Lynn, Senior Engineer, Roads Management with a view to having the problem resolved and this was agreed.

**Colhoun's Junction, Clar/Lough Eske**

Cllr. Kennedy raised his concern regarding what he considered the dangerous junction at Colhouns in Clar and sought urgent remedial action. Cllr. O'Neill supported this call.

Mr. P Thomas undertook to write to the NRDO requesting a review of the junction layout and that any required works be carried out at the junction. He undertook to brief Members at the next meeting.

**Road at Railway Park, Donegal Town.**

In response to a request from Cllr. Kennedy that action be taken regarding rubbish being disposed of illegally along the roadside at Railway Park, Donegal Town, Mr. P Lyons advised that arrangements would be made to remove the litter by the Water and Environment Section and undertook to follow up on same.

**Road from Mountcharles to Drumbeigh**

Cllr. Kennedy raised concern regarding the current state of the road surface at Mountcharles past the Toyota Garage. Mr. P Thomas informed Members that work would be carried out to the road in 2007 subject to funding being made available.

**Pedestrian Crossings, Donegal Town**

In response to the request from Cllr. Kennedy for upgrades to be made to the three crossings on the Diamond, Donegal Town, Mr. P Thomas informed Members that costings and funding resources would be looked at in 2007 with a view that work would be carried out then. Mr. P Thomas also advised Members that one of the proposed crossings would be difficult to achieve giving the current location of both the taxi rank and the bus stop. Cllr Kennedy referred to the particular problem of traffic movement on the Diamond around the taxi rank area and bus parking area and suggested that Bus Eireann be contacted to request the relocation of the bus stop. Mr. Thomas undertook to write to Bus Eireann outlining the difficulties that the current bus stop poses for traffic movement on the Diamond and with a view to agreeing an alternative location for a bus stop.

**'Ministers Bridge' in Glencolmcille**

Cllr. Pringle referred to works on the 'Ministers Bridge' in Glencolmcille and informed the meeting that stonemasons in the area have offered to repair the bridge and have located the particular type of stone to carryout the works. Mr. P Thomas welcomed the idea and stated that any necessary materials to assist in the repair of the bridge would be provided.

**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, and to bring a report on the matter to the next meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee for members consideration.

**Road at Old Railway Station, Ballintra**

In response to a request from Cllr. O'Neill for repairs to be carried out on the road down into the old railway station at Ballintra. Mr. P Thomas agreed to follow up on the issue and revert to Members at the next meeting.

**Request for Speed Ramps in Ballyshannon**

Cllr O'Neill questioned the up to date position with regard to the introduction of speed ramps at two locations at The Mall, Ballyshannon. Mr. D Gillespie stated a contractor was being appointed and it was anticipated works be carried out in the coming weeks.

**Road at John Bosco Centre, Donegal Town.**

In response to a query from Cllr. Kennedy regarding repair work on the road at the John Bosco Centre in Donegal, Mr. P Thomas advised the road would be included on the draft priority list in 2007.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>38.00 Planning &amp; Economic Development</b>
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Apologies were noted from Mr. Paul Christie, A/Area Manager, Planning & Economic Development for his inability to attend.

Cllr. Pringle raised concern at the 'patchy' attendance of Planning Officials at recent Electoral Area Meetings and requested that the Planning Department be represented at every future meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee.

Mr. G Gilroy informed Members of the difficulties within the Planning Department including current workload and staff changes at senior level.

It was agreed that Planning be the first item on the agenda at the next meeting of the Committee in December and that additional time be devoted to discuss current Planning issues.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>38.01 Consideration of Recent Refusals</b>
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**Consideration of recent refusals**

Members noted the recent refusals report for the period from 26/08/06 to 27/10/2006 circulated with the Agenda.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>38.02 Planning Enforcement</b>
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**Planning Enforcement**

Members noted the Planning Enforcement – current status – summary report as at the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2006 circulated with the Agenda.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>38.03 Planning Statistics</b>
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**Planning Statistics**

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

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>38.04 Urban &amp; Village Renewal – The Mall Park, Ballyshannon</b>
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**Urban & Village Renewal – The Mall Park, Ballyshannon**

Ms. Olivia Gallen and Mr. Paul McGee from the Planning and Economic Development Service attended the meeting to give a presentation to Members on the proposed upgrading works at the Mall Park, Ballyshannon under the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme a report had also been circulated with the agenda.

Mr. McGee presented a plan of the works to Members at the meeting. Ms. Gallen outlined the overview of the scheme, including the proposed works, costings and funding sources. She informed the meeting it is hoped works would commence in January/February 2007 and would take approximately 12-14 weeks to complete.

Cllr. O'Neill thanked both Ms. Gallen and Mr. McGee for the presentation and commented on the enhancement the development would be for the area.

Mr. P Thomas pointed out to Members, the importance of regular upkeep and maintenance works being carried out after the completion of this project, which should be considered in next years budget allocation by the Members.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>39.00 Water, Environment &amp; Emergency Services</b>
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Apologies were noted from Mr. M Breslin, Area Manager, Water, Environment and Emergency Services who was unable to attend the meeting. Mr Paul Lyons attended in his place.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>39.01 Group Schemes</b>
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**Group Schemes - Water Supply, Pettigo**

In response to a query from Cllr O'Neill in relation to a water quality issue at Pettigo, Mr. P Lyons informed Members that these problem had since been rectified with the new reservoir now in service.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>39.02 South West Donegal Water Supply</b>
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**South West Donegal Water Supply**

Mr. P Lyons informed Members that the closing date for the South West Donegal Water Supply contract was Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2006 and it was hoped to have both contracts finalised before the end of the year.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>39.03 Major Capital Programme</b>
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**Major Capital Programme**

Mr. Peter Donaghy, WEE Central Services attended the meeting to provide an up to date report on the Water Capital Programme and deal with a number of queries.

**Donegal Bay Waste Water DBO**

Mr. Donaghy introduced, the three Resident Engineers from the Donegal Bay Waste Water DBO Project. Mr. Cathal Sweeney, for Ballyshannon, Mr. Adrian Kielty for Donegal Town and Mr. Mark Sweeney for Rosstown. Members were advised all three were based in the Donegal PSC. Members were further advised that it was intended to arrange a site visit for Members in the spring of 2007. This was agreed.

**Special Development Scheme Programme**

Mr. P Donaghy briefed Members in relation to the operation of a Special Development Scheme Programme under which there was a potential to save 'lost' water.

It was proposed to allow a small limited increase in the number of houses permitted in the Rosstown area, and Charges levied under this Special Development Scheme would fund a project to detect and repair leaks in the Rosstown area, thus saving enough water to serve these additional houses.

Following a short discussion, and on the proposal of Cllr. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Kennedy, Members agreed this recommendation.

Mr. Donaghy agreed following consultation with the Planning Department to revert to Members with the proposed timescale and number of houses to be permitted at the next meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee.

### **Sewerage Scheme at Ballyshannon**

Cllr McEniff requested an update regarding the Sewerage Scheme at Ballyshannon. Mr. Peter Donaghy advised discussions have taken place and it is hoped that agreement can be reached with the new Contactor within the next two weeks. If so the contractor could be on site in approximately 2 to 3 months if contract documents can be agreed. If not it would be necessary to re-Tender the project.

In response to a query from Cllr. O'Neill if there would be a substantial increase in cost, Mr. Donaghy advised there is a price variation clause in all such contracts, which deals with additional costs in the event of delays outside of the contractor's control. Members will be kept informed of developments.

### **Sewerage Scheme at Killybegs**

In response to a query from Cllr. Pringle regarding an update on the Sewerage Scheme at Killybegs, Mr. P Donaghy informed Members a preliminary report had been approved and the Council were currently waiting on contract document approval. A number of issues remain to be resolved such as land acquisition. He advised Killybegs is grouped with Bundoran, as a Design Build Operate Contract. Cllr McEniff advised the report for Bundoran was approved. Members were advised it would be at least two years before a contractor would be on site in Killybegs. Cllr. Byrne asked if the process would be fast tracked in this case. Mr. Donaghy stated it was a DBO process, which will proceed to Pre Qualified Contractors stage and three months will be allowed for Tenders.

Cllr. Pringle and Cllr. Byrne expressed their concern at the timescale involved and asked that all efforts be made to speed up the process. It was agreed Members would be kept updated on progress in relation to the matter.

### **Glencolmcille Sewerage Scheme**

In response to a query from Cllr. Pringle regarding the update on the Glencolmcille Sewerage Scheme, Mr. Donaghy advised a review of the costings was resubmitted to the Department recently and a response was awaited. Mr. Donaghy also advised of the Department's intention to phase this scheme. Cllr. Pringle, together with Cllr, Byrne stressed the treatments works must have capacity to treat projected future needs. In response, Mr. P Donaghy confirmed that added capacity is included and it would be feasible to add to the treatment works as required.

### **Ballyshannon Water Scheme**

Cllr. O'Neill was informed approval of the Preliminary Report for the Ballyshannon Water Supply Scheme was awaited. In relation to treatment works at Merrymount, Mr. P Lyons advised that the proposal for the Ballyshannon Water Supply had somewhat changed to what was proposed in the 1980's. An alternative source of water supply is now being considered, therefore, Merrymount may no longer be required as a treatment works site.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Neill, seconded by Cllr. Kennedy, Members agreed that if the land acquired by CPO is no longer required by the Council, the landowner be permitted to buy it back.

Mr. P Lyons undertook to follow up on the matter and to revert to Members.

### **Leghowney Water Supply Scheme**

In response to a query from Cllr. Kennedy on the up to date position with regard to the Water Supply Scheme at Leghowney, Donegal Town, Mr. P Lyons informed Members that this Scheme would soon be connected to the Donegal Town supply which would address the water quality issue.

DEAC	39.04 Civic Amenity Site at Laghey
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### **Laghey Civic Amenity Site**

Mr. P Lyons advised Members construction on the Laghey Civic Amenity Site was progressing well, with anticipation of it opening early in the new year.

DEAC	32.04 Other Water & Environment Matters
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### **Sewerage problems at St. John's Bosco Centre**

Cllr. Kennedy highlighted his concern in relation to the foul odour in the area adjoining the St. John Bosco Centre and asked that the Water and Environment Section investigate the matter with a view to rectifying the problem. Mr. P Lyons referred to the possibility of a third party discharging of septic tank waste into the main sewer without authorisation which previously occurred and undertook to look into the matter and revert to Members at the next meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area.

### **Reinstatement of Road at Teelin Water Works**

In response to a query from Cllr Pringle regarding the update on the reinstatement of the road at Teelin Water Works, Mr. P Lyons undertook to follow up on this with Mr. B Cuning, Senior Executive Engineer, Water Capital Section, and to revert to Members in the matter.

### **Glencolmcille Water Supply**

In response to a query from Cllr. Pringle in relation to the North and South phases of the Glencolmcille Water Supply, Mr. Lyons informed Members the next stage of the project was 'Part 8' approval for the construction of a reservoir, which was awaited from the full Council, and once this approval has been granted it was hoped a contractor would begin works shortly. The question of phasing the north and south elements of the Glencolmcille contract would arise at a later date.

<b>DEAC</b>	<b>40.00 Community, Culture and Enterprise</b>
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DEAC	40.01 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. A number of issues were dealt with as follows:

**Community Consultation – Ballyshannon LAT**

Ms. M Daly, Town Clerk, Ballyshannon queried how the business people in Ballyshannon were notified of the HEART Project and the expressions of interest with regard to shop fronts support scheme. Mr. McLaughlin advised notification was provided through the local press and the Elected Members. On the request of Ms. Daly, Mr. McLaughlin agreed to forward the details to her for the forthcoming meeting of the Ballyshannon Chamber of Commerce.

**Inter Organisational Local Development - DLDC**

Mr. B McLaughlin sought Members approval for the regular attendance of an official from Donegal Local Development Company to provide a verbal presentation at future meetings of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee. On the proposal of Cllr. Kennedy, seconded by Cllr Pringle, agreement was made to have an official in attendance at the next Electoral Area meeting.

DEAC	40.02 Youth Council Elections
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Members noted the list of Youth Council Members elected recently circulated with the agenda and presented by Mr. McLaughlin. Members were advised members of the Youth Council would be in attendance at a meeting of the Electoral Area Committee in the new year.

DEAC	40.03 Cultural Services Report
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**Report on Cultural Services**

Members noted the Cultural Services updated report circulated with the Agenda. Mr. McLaughlin informed the meeting that Ms. T Duffy, Public Arts Manager would be in attendance at a future meeting of the Electoral Area Committee in the new year to provide an update for Members.

Members were advised that Ms. Maura Logue who recently took up the position with Donegal County Council Cultural Services as Community Arts and Arts Education Officer was contactable in the Donegal PSC. Cllr O'Neill congratulated Ms. Logue on her appointment.

DEAC	40.04 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	40.05 Cultural Services Strategic Plan
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**Cultural Services Division Strategic Plan 2007 – 2011 - Presentation**

Ms. E Burgess, Divisional Manager, Cultural Services made a presentation to Members on the goals and objectives of the new Strategic Plan from 2007 to 2011. A copy of the recent advertisement seeking observations/submissions regarding the new plan and a consultation document of the Draft Strategic Plan was circulated to Members at the meeting. Members noted the public consultation event for the Donegal Electoral Area was scheduled to take place in the Donegal PSC on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m and submissions could be made online or in writing to the Research and Policy Unit.

In response to a query from Cllr. O'Neill as to what projects were being listed, Ms. Burgess advised a priority list would be brought before Members in the near future. He also queried if the Plan would incorporate other Council divisions. Ms. Burgess advised consultation would have to take place with other Departments and liaison with groups as per list compiled previously by the Community, Cultural and Enterprise Division.

**Proposed Library in Donegal Town**

Cllr Boyle queried the level of funding that would be required for the development of a Library in Donegal Town. Ms. Burgess informed Members substantial funding would be necessary and no final decision was reached regarding a site in Donegal Town. Expressions of interest had been sought and were currently being examined. She advised 75% funding would come from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, with the balance funded through the Development Contribution Scheme.

**Taobh Tíre**

Cllr. Pringle referred to the success of the Taobh Tíre Programme and questioned if further funding was available to continue with the project. Ms. Burgess stated the Programme has been very successful and her wish was that funding would be made available to continue it.

**Ballyshannon Library**

Cllr. O'Neill paid tribute to the successful work carried out in the Ballyshannon Library to date.

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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.

**Killybegs Playground**

Cllr Pringle referred to the commitment on the priority list to provide a playground in Killybegs and requested an update, particularly when works would commence. Mr. B McLaughlin undertook to follow up on this matter and report back to the Donegal Electoral Area Committee.

**Next meeting.**

As agreed earlier the next meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee will be held on **18<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 4.00 p.m. in Bundoran.**

**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