

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2005 IN THE CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICES  
CENTRE**

**Councillors Present:**

Councillor Francis Conaghan  
Councillor Rena Donaghey  
Councillor Marian McDonald  
Councillor Denis McGonagle  
Councillor Bernard McGuinness  
Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn

**Officials Present:**

**Community, Enterprise & Cultural Services:**

Ms. Aideen Doherty, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development Officer

**Corporate Services:**

Mr. Eunan Kelly, Area Manager  
Mr. Paddy Kennedy, Acting Senior Staff Officer

**Housing & Building Services:**

Mr. Patsy Lafferty, Area Manager

**Planning & Economic Development Services:**

Mr. Frank Sweeney, Acting Area Manager  
Ms. Patricia McIntyre Special Projects Officer

**Roads & Transportation Services:**

Mr. Pat Gillespie, Area Manager  
Mr. Jim McLaughlin, Executive Engineer

**Water, Environment & Emergency Services:**

Mr. Con McLaughlin, Area Manager  
Mr. Paul Kilcoyne, Senior Engineer, Water Services Design Office  
M/s Aisling Quigley, Executive Engineer, Water Services Design Office

Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn chaired the meeting.

**05/41 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> July 2005.**

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2005 were agreed.

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**Date for Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the IEAC will take place in the Carndonagh P.S.C. on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005 commencing at 10.00 a.m.

#### **42.1 Festival of the Peninsulas**

Aideen Doherty updated members in regard to the various issues in Community Consultation and Liaison and the launch of the Festival of the Peninsulas, which took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005.

Cllr. Denis McGonagle congratulated Aideen and the staff in the Community & Enterprise Section on the Festival of the Peninsula, which was a major success, Cllr. Pádraig MacLochlainn stated that the Festival of the Peninsula was also a major success that again was due to the efforts of all involved.

#### **42.2 Funding for Playgrounds.**

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that there were difficulties in relation to the site for the Playground at Moville.

The Committee recommended that in the event of the difficulties not being resolved that an application for funding be made in respect of a Playground in Culdaff.

#### **42.3 Sustrans**

The Committee noted the letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> September from Eamonn Brown, Sustrans Area Manager circulated at the meeting, which outlined the current situation with regards to the Sustrans Routes. A funding package of approx. €1 m. is in place for the first 50Km loop, of which approx. €100,000 has been secured for the Donegal section. Work is scheduled to commence in the Donegal section in October. This route follows the existing Foyle Valley Greenway in Derry, then passes through Carrigans Village, Newtowncunningham, and follows rural roads along the shore of Lough Swilly, returning to Derry along the Coshquin Road.

#### **42.4 EU Programme for P&R**

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that the EU Programme for P&R had been extended by a further two years for the period 2005-2006 and that a call for applications is being made under Priority Measure 3.3 - "Building Better Communities and Improving Rural Communities in the Border Region" Completed Applications must be submitted to the Task Force Secretariat not later than 30<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

The Committee considered Progress Report dated 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005 (Appendix 1), which was circulated with the Agenda.

#### **43.1 Unauthorised Demolition and Dumping in Moville**

Cllr Marian McDonald stated she had been contacted on a Saturday by members of the public regarding the dumping of rubble from the Manse in Moville which was demolished over a week-end, when she contacted the Litter Warden she was advised that he was unable to respond due to family commitments, and the dumping continued over the week-end.

Cllr. Pádraig MacLochlainn stated that he too was notified of the dumping and advised that the Litter Warden issued a Section 55 Notice under the Waste Management Act in relation to illegal dumping on his return to work on Monday morning.

He further stated that a clear message must be sent out to all that illegal dumping will not be tolerated.

Con McLaughlin stated that the Litter Warden was not on a 24-hour emergency call out and that there were no procedures in place at present to deal with out of hours dumping

#### **43.2 Proposed Level 3 Clean Up**

Con Mc Laughlin to notify Cllr. Pádraig MacLochlainn of a date where and when the Clean Up Campaign is to be launched with the elected members and press in attendance.

#### **43.3 Tidy Towns Awards.**

Cllr. Rena Donaghy informed the Committee that the Tidy Town Awards had been announced with Donegal County as a whole doing very well and the Inishowen Area in particular Malin Town and Buncrana getting Special Awards.

The Committee congratulated everyone who was involved and noted what could be achieved when all members of the community were working together.

#### **43.4 Major Capital Projects**

The Committee considered the Progress Report on the Major Capital Programme that was circulated with the Agenda.

#### **43.4.1 Moville/Greencastle Sewerage Scheme**

Cllr. Pádraig MacLochlainn on behalf of the Committee welcomed Aisling Quigley and Paul Kilcoyne to the meeting.

Paul Kilcoyne drew the Committees attention to the Draft Minutes of the first meeting of the Consultation Forum held on 24th August 2005, which had been sent out to the Committee. He also circulated a draft copy of the issues arising from that meeting and went through the contents of same.

It was agreed to hold the second meeting of the Consultation Forum in the Carndonagh P.S.C. on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00 p.m. It was agreed that Paul Kilcoyne would arrange for notifications to issue for this meeting and to send all details on the proposed scheme to Marian Harkin, M.E.P. and Cecelia Keaveney, T.D. as they may attend the next meeting.

#### **43.5 Package Treatment Plant at Stoneybridge Housing Estate**

The Committee considered the Report, which was circulated with the Agenda regarding the Package Treatment Plant at Stoneybridge Housing Estate. The Developer as part of his Planning Conditions was to install and operate the plant and enter into a five-year maintenance contract for the plant. Martin Flanagan has confirmed that a maintenance contract exists for the Treatment Plant in this estate. The current Council policy on take over of Housing Estates does not allow for the take over of mechanical & electrical treatment plant, pumping stations and green areas.

Cllr. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn felt the Council are not protecting the residents of Stoneybridge in that they are now left with a maintenance bill for the M&E plant he requested that the Service Land Initiative be speeded up.

Con Mc Laughlin advised that SLI were not the answer but that ensuring that Developers met their obligations and complied with Planning Conditions and where there was non-compliance with planning conditions that enforcement action be taken.

#### **43.6 Lagan Water Supply Scheme**

Con advised that the draft Water Audit report based on recorded information identified a number of anomalies in the meter readings. The contractor is repairing these meters and upon completion of the repairs the water audit report will be forwarded to the D.O.E.H.L.G.

#### **43.7 Malin Town Sewerage Scheme**

Con advised that he had received confirmation from John McElwaine, Acting SEE, Capital Design that the D.O.E.H.L.G have been requested to include sewer line E that includes the School and the housing scheme in the approval for the Preliminary Report Phasing and Approved Costs.

#### **44.1 Local Area Planning Programme**

Frank Sweeney referred to the recent Priority List for Local Area Plans agreed by Members at the Electoral Area Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2005 and requested that Members include Merville & Carndonagh on the list.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness highlighted the problems in Merville & Carndonagh and the statutory obligation to review the existing Town Plans.

Cllr. Francis Conaghan stated that there was an application for funding pending in relation to Development Plans for small towns & villages he was concerned that funding may be lost if these plans did not progress.

A discussion took place in regard to the statutory requirements to review the Merville & Carndonagh Development Plans. Frank Sweeney agreed to provide clarification regarding same.

The Committee recommended that the priority list be amended to include Merville & Carndonagh in the following order

1. Newtowncunningham
2. Merville
3. Carndonagh
4. Carrigans
5. Quigley's Point
6. Culdaff

#### **44.2 Merville Town Development Plan**

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed concern at the current zoning of land on the Derry Road. He argued that it's current zoning needed to be re-considered. Frank Sweeney stated that it was unlikely that a Variation would be done as it had not been done for the Casual Trading Area and would be considered within the context of a Local Area Plan for Merville.

#### **44.3 Control Points (Carndonagh)**

Cllr Rena Donaghy requested that clarification be given regarding the Control Points for Carndonagh as outlined in the Draft County Development Plan. Frank Sweeney agreed to circulate members with the Control Points for Carndonagh.

#### **44.4 Proposed Development of Lands at Barrack Hill, Carndonagh**

Cllr. Bernard McGuinness stated that he was unhappy that his representations were not considered and left the meeting prior to Patricia McIntyre giving an update on Barrack Hill.

Patricia Mc Intyre circulated a Progress Report dated 12<sup>th</sup> September 2005 (Appendix 2) regarding the Proposed Development of Lands at Barrack Hill, Carndonagh. The Report included details of the community groups and private investors interested in locating at Barrack Hill together with their requirements/proposals.

Eamonn Mahon has been appointed as Executive Engineer to the Project with Noreen Coll as Graduate Engineer. Mr. Mahon is due to take up his post on 03<sup>rd</sup> October 2005 and the next stage of the project will be a Public Consultation meeting which it is intended will be held in November at which members of the public will have an opportunity to convey their views and observations in relation to the development of these lands.

#### **44.5 Planning Statistics**

The members noted Planning Statistics and Recent Refusals.

#### **44.6 Unauthorised Development/ Compliance with Planning Conditions**

Cllr. Francis Conaghan enquired as to whom was dealing with Planning Enforcement Mr. Frank Sweeney advised that there was no dedicated person appointed as yet and the Planning Officer for the area in which the Unauthorised Development took place is responsible at the moment however it is intended to appoint a dedicated Enforcement Officers for the Inishowen and Letterkenny Electoral Areas in the near future.

Cllr. Conaghan requested that Planning Enforcement be kept at the top of Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Agenda.

#### **45.1 Car Parking By-Laws for Buncrana & Carndonagh**

The Committee agreed to hold a Workshop in the Carndonagh Public Service Centre on 29/09/2005 to consider Car Parking Byelaws for Buncrana and Carndonagh.

Pat Gillespie advised that a proposed three-year strengthening programme would also be considered at that Workshop as well as a report on the maintenance requirement for the Inishowen EA in 2006.

The members welcomed this agreeing that they needed to approach the Budget Meeting from a position of what was needed to deliver the basics. They also asked that a profile of past budget trends from own resources be presented as part of this consideration.

#### **45.2 NRA N13 Moness to Bohillion Pavement Strengthening Contract 2005**

Pat Gillespie informed the Committee that this project will commence approx. 200 m. on the Letterkenny side of the Moness Cottages tying into last years scheme and will terminate approx. 500m. on the Letterkenny side of Callaghan's Motorway Stores. The budget is €1.3m. The contractor had been appointed and is scheduled to commence work on the project on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Cllr. Conaghan requested that consideration be given to extending the public lightning at Blacks Bridge Junction as part of the contract.

#### **45.3 Speed Limits.**

The Committee recommended that Speed Limit signs and Weight Restriction Signs be put in place at Nurses Lane.

#### **45.4 LIS Schemes Clar Extra Allocation 2005**

On the proposal of Cllr. Francis Conaghan and seconded by Cllr. Rena Donaghey the Committee recommended that following list of Clar Extra Allocation for 2005, which was circulated at the Meeting be carried out:

0/3804	Jonathon Mc Daid, 36, Bunn, Culkenny, Malin	€7,417.00
0/3875	Declan Harkin, Muff, Culdaff	€5,232.50
0/3891	Liam Mc Kinney, Bootagh, Lecamy	€10,233.50

#### **45.5 Local Secondary & Tertiary Works**

On the proposal by Cllr. Francis Conaghan and seconded by Cllr. Rena Donaghey the Committee recommended the following expenditure for Class 2 & 3 Roads on the report which was circulated with the Agenda:

LS 5031/1 Moss Road, Malin Head	€20,000
LS 6091/1 Ballymacarthur Road	€20,000
LT 18311 Church Brae Cottages	€10,160
LT 69411 Denis Gillespies Road	€9,840
LS 7611 Ballyderowen	€20,000
Total	€80,000

#### **45.6 2006-2008 Multi-Annual Road Works Restoration Programme**

The Committee recommended that Cockhill Park be included in the Road Strengthening Programme for 2006 and that consideration be given to including Gulladuff Road & Cashel Corner also.

#### **45.7 Footpaths Strengthening /Repairs**

Cllr. Bernard McGuinness stated that the footpaths in Culdaff and Gleneely Corner need attention.

Cllr. Francis Conaghan stated that footpaths in the Newtowncunningham Area are also in need of repair.

Pat Gillespie agreed to have these areas inspected and an estimate prepared.

#### **45.8 Glen Residents Association**

Pat Gillespie informed the meeting that he had met members of the group and their requests would be borne in mind in consideration of any available funding.

#### **45.9 Clonmany Residents Association**

Cllr. Denis McGonagle informed the meeting that Clonmany Residents Group had borrowed money in order to get works completed in the village.

The Committee recommended that the Council provide €30,000 over the next 3 years from Discretionary Funding to this group.

#### **45.10 Traffic Lights/Pedestrian Crossing at Muff**

Cllr. Pádraig MacLochlainn presented a Petition from a number of Residents of Muff requesting that Traffic Lights and Pedestrian Crossing be installed at Muff. Some of the Committee members were unhappy that a Petition was handed in during the meeting without prior agreement and pointed out that these works are to be carried out by Developers as part of Planning Conditions.

It was agreed that in future petitions should be discussed with the Electoral Area Committee prior to submission.

#### **46.1 Housing Allocation**

Patsy Lafferty informed the Committee that:

- Allocation of 30 houses at Pairc na hAluine, Buncrana and the 4 units at Greencastle were complete and the keys given to the successful applicants in July.
- The 30 houses at Clós Padraig, Carndonagh will be allocated within the next few weeks.

#### **46.2 New Housing Estate Merville.**

On a proposal of Cllr. Marion McDonald and seconded by Cllr. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn the Committee recommended that the new estate under construction in Merville be named Ard an Ghuala Dhuibh (Gulladuff Heights)

#### **46.3 Central Heating Programme**

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that works are ongoing at Seaview Terrace, Culdaff and that electrical works are underway at Imlick Villas, Carigans.

#### **46.4 Remedial Works/Regeneration Programme 2005**

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that a decision is still awaited from the D.O.E.H.L.G. with regard to the funding application under this Programme.

#### **46.5 Social Housing Programme 2004-2008 Report.**

Patsy Lafferty circulated a Report on the Social Housing Programme 2004-2008 to the effect that the Inishowen E.A. had been allocated 176 starts for Scheme Housing under this Programme. The Report also included the proposed distribution of the starts between the various towns and villages in the Electoral Area based on demand in each area, other supply options and members requests over the past few years. Patsy Lafferty confirmed that this figure did not include the starts approved for Buncrana Town Council.

Cllr. Bernard McGuinness stated that he was concerned that the Council was centralising the housing stock in larger towns and as a result rural areas were losing out and stated that if houses were built in rural areas people would move to them.

There was also the question of rural schools, which were in danger of closing down if the housing stock was located in large towns/ urban areas.

After a long discussion the Committee recommended that the list be revised as follows:

<b>Ballyliffin</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Bridgend</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Buncrana</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Burnfoot</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Burt</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Carndonagh</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Carrigans</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Carrowmena</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Clonmany</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Culdaff</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Drumfries</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Fahan</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Gleneely</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Glengad</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Greencastle</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Inch</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Killea</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Malin</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Malin Head</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Moville</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Muff</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Newtowncunningham</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Quigleys Point</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Redcastle</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Urris</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>207</b>

Patsy Lafferty advised that the number of Scheme Houses available over the course of the Programme was 176, which was lower than the number of starts requested by Members. It was agreed that the above figures represented desired targets, and that the actual Permitted Starts was 176. The Committee accepted that while the Council would attempt to purchase land or acquire houses in smaller towns and villages that it may not be possible to do so in all areas requested.

**47.1 Deputation from Malin Head Community Association Ltd.**

Cllr. Pádraig MacLochlainn on behalf of the Electoral Area Committee welcomed the Deputation from Malin Head Community Association Ltd. to the meeting.

The Deputation consisted of:

Cathy O' Donnell

Carmel McLaughlin

Grace McCarron (Development Officer)

The Deputation circulated a document in relation to Malin Head entitled "What is the future? "Where do we go from here? " and made a Power Point presentation on same under the following headings:

- Malin Head - Our Plan
- The Land at the Tower
- Walking through Time
- Walk at Tower
- Malin Head National Park?
- Wildlife at the Head
- Malin Head Community Office Space & Tourism Information & Recreation Centre.
- Malin Head - the Facts
- What can be done?

The Deputation requested that the Council purchase 17.5 acres of land at Malin Head at a cost of €40,000 to provide a National Park which they feel has the potential to become a major Tourist Attraction for Donegal.

The presentation was followed by a series of questions from each of the Elected Members, which the Deputation responded to.

The Chairman thanked the Deputation for the presentation and advised that the Committee would consider their requests and would respond in due course.

After the Deputation left a discussion took place regarding the proposed project and the implications of same. Cllr. Francis Conaghan stated that Duchas & Wildlife Service would need to be consulted.

It was agreed that Ms. Aideen Doherty would:

- ❖ Examine the proposal in greater detail
- ❖ National Parks & Wildlife and the Planning Department to be consulted regarding possible developments at Malin Head
- ❖ Investigations are carried out on the lands and any leans on same and on issues relating to the Tower.
- ❖ Council consider purchasing the lands / or acquiring it by C.P.O
- ❖ Joe Gallagher, Heritage Officer to examine and discuss it with the Committee at 2.00 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005 in the Public Service Centre Carndonagh.

## **47.2 Deputation from North West Rural Development Ltd.**

(Celtic European Festival of the Sea 2006)

Cllr. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn on behalf of the Committee welcomed the Deputation from North West Rural Development Ltd. to the meeting that consisted of

Seamus Bovaird (Maritime Manager Greencastle Museum)

Catherine Watson (Community Affairs Manager)

The Deputation circulated a document and gave a presentation entitled:

Celtic European Festival of the Sea 2006

- Large Maritime Festival
- Celebrate a shared Maritime Heritage
- Engage Communities along the North Coast of Ireland
- Coastal day trips on Steamers
- Tall Ships
- Seafood Extravaganza
- Maritime Talks & Exhibitions
- Currach Building

The Deputation outlined the type of assistance they required of the Council e.g.

- Assistance from Community & Enterprise regarding Promotion/ Marketing /Liaison
- Assistance from Marine Division/Harbour Master
- Waste Management
- Sanitary Services
- Security/Traffic Control/Civil Defence
- Assistance from Roads Service for access to Parking Areas etc.
- Access to Water and Electricity
- Trading Licences for Market Stalls
- Fire and Safety Control Plans for Market

After the presentation a series of questions and answers /clarification followed between the Deputation and the Electoral Area Committee. Seamus Bovaird confirmed that no arrangements are being made to provide additional moorings. The Chairman Cllr. Pádraig MacLochlainn thanked the Deputation for their presentation and advised them that the Committee would consider their request and would be in contact in due course.

During the discussions that followed the Committee expressed reservations regarding such a huge Maritime Festival, in that there would be problems with berthing as at present there was an ongoing dredging problem around the Coast. It would also have implications for the Councils Budget and could lead to an embarrassing situation with no moorings in place for the ships to berth.

It was agreed that Aideen Doherty would examine the proposals and report back to the Electoral Area Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2005 with regard to the following:

- ❖ Examine the Celtic Festival of the Sea in greater detail
- ❖ Provide background information on the organising Committee / structures
- ❖ Seek clarification from Eamonn Molloy, Interreg regarding Celtic Festival of the Sea 2006 funding.

It was agreed that the Electoral Area Committee would receive only one deputation at future meetings.

## Appendix 1

### **WATER & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES**

Report to Inishowen EAC Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2005

#### **AGENDA Item no.2 - Update reports from previous meeting:**

From minutes of previous meeting 11<sup>th</sup> July 2005, using same notation

##### **35.1.1 Estate at Stoneybridge - package treatment plant:**

The planning conditions in the above regard in relation to future maintenance of the Package S.T. Plant stipulated how the developer was to install and operate the plant. Furthermore documentary evidence was to be forwarded to the Planning Authority detailing a five-year maintenance contract between the applicant and the suppliers of the package treatment system.

**In addition the developer was conditioned upon completion of the proposed development, that the developer shall establish a management company and membership of this company shall be compulsory for all persons owning property in the development. Full details of the management scheme shall be submitted to and be to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority prior to the first occupation of the first residential unit.**

**All communal areas and services, including effluent treatment system, public lighting, organisation and service of waste disposal for collection etc. shall be vested in the management company.**

**Martin Flanagan, Senior Executive Technician, Take-over Section (Private Housing Estates) has confirmed that a maintenance contract exists for the treatment plant at this estate. Details of same are being investigated.**

**Regarding details of the estates that have been taken over with Electrical and Mechanical Plants, Mr. Flanagan, advised that the Co. Council policy, as it exists today does not allow for the adoption of treatment plants; pumping stations & green areas. Furthermore no private housing estate within the Local Authority area has been adopted in its entirety since 1997.**

**The following reply was issued in this regard at a recent Council meeting:**

*A working party comprising senior staff of Donegal County Council and representatives of the Construction Industry Federation has been meeting for some time to agree protocols for the taking in charge of roads and other services developed as part of housing estates. A*

*report has been prepared and signed off by all parties. This report has been submitted to the Corporate Policy Group of the Council for their consideration. The report recommends that mechanical sewage treatment plants, and indeed all mechanical & electrical plant associated with water services, should not be taken in charge by the Council at this stage. Instead it has been agreed to examine each scheme, which is dependent on mechanical and electrical plant, and to identify who is responsible for its upkeep and what planning conditions are in force. Where there are service failures it is the council's intention to ensure that developers are meeting their legal responsibilities in this regard. A final report will be brought to council at the September meeting for consideration.*

### **35.1.2 Carndonagh W.S. (Small Scheme project - wayleave issue)**

Aishling Quigley, Executive Engineer, Capital Design office confirmed that the wayleave notice for the Ballyliffen bypass section was served by registered post (w/ending 28<sup>th</sup> August), agreement could not be reached with the landowners.

The wayleave notice is served under the public health act and informs the landowner that we intend to lay a main in his/her land.

The contractor is completing reinstatement on the Clonmany to Ballyliffen section and moving to start work at the beginning of September on the section between the Tir-na-league junction and the road up to Woodtop reservoir. The remaining sections will then be the Ballyliffin Bypass and the pumping station at Woodtop.

### **35.1.3 West Inishowen W.S. (alleged corrosion of copper plumbing)**

Recent complaints that the quality of the Pollan water may be causing corrosion in the copper piping in the Buncrana area continue to be investigated by both staff from the Council's Water Quality Laboratory and by Nicholas O'Dwyer's, the Consultant Engineer's involved in the design of the West Inishowen Water Supply process. I am advised that the water complies in all respects with EU Standards.

Whilst the Ph of the water is regarded as neutral, i.e. is not acidic, it has been agreed to boost the alkalinity and pH of the final water. In view of the complaints, we will continue to monitor the Langlier Index (a measure of the corrosiveness of the water), which is satisfactory. Any modifications to the process must not affect compliance with the EU standard for potable water.

The investigations in this regard have also involved obtaining samples of plumbing materials from the area for further analysis

#### **35.1.4 Lagan Water Supply Scheme (Water Audit / replacement of watermain)**

John McElwaine, Acting SEE, Capital Design has confirmed that the Water Audit is not yet completed. The associated Mechanical & Electrical works were substantially completed in mid July 2005, however the resulting draft water audit report based on the recorded information, identified a number of anomalies in the meter readings. The contractor is now repairing these meters. Upon completion of these repairs the water audit report can be finalised and forwarded to the Department of the Environment.

#### **35.5 Malin Town Sewerage Scheme (inclusion of sewer line to school / DCC housing)**

John McElwaine, Acting SEE, Capital Design has confirmed that DEHLG have been requested to include sewer line E in the approval for the Preliminary Report Phasing and Approved Costs. We now await this approval.

### **AGENDA Items no. 3-6 - Progress Reports:**

See attached updated progress reports for:

Capital Programmes:

- Major Capital Programme**
- Service Land Initiative (SLI's)**

Rural Water Programme:

- Small Capital Programme**
- Group Scheme Programme

Appendix 2

622/P&ED/262(g)

12<sup>th</sup> September 2005

TO: EACH MEMBER OF INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE

**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LANDS AT  
BARRACK HILL, CARNDONAGH**

I refer to the above and to my previous reports updating you on the progression of this scheme.

- Meetings were held in May with community groups and private investors, interested in locating at Barrack Hill. I list below the names of the community groups & private investors together with their requirements/proposals:

<b>DETAILS OF COMMUNITY GROUPS REQUIREMENTS</b>	
<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
1. 8 <sup>th</sup> Donegal Scout Group	$\frac{1}{2}$ acre site for individual building to consist of kitchen, storage area, large hall area & changing facilities.
2. Cumann Luthchleas Gael	Building consisting of handball alley with full-length glass back wall and external hurling wall, (could be incorporated into one of the other proposed buildings).
3. Carndonagh Boxing Club	$\frac{1}{2}$ acre site for individual building consisting of 1 main hall, small kitchen and ladies and gents changing/shower facilities. Group is willing to

	share parking spaces.
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4. Naiscoil Dhomhnach Óg	<p><math>\frac{1}{2}</math> acre site for individual building consisting of reception area, 2 large teaching rooms with adjoining toilet facilities, kitchen area, 6 no. staff parking areas and a one-way 'drop-off' and 'pick-up' area' for the ease of collection and drop off of children.</p> <p>It will be necessary for the entire site to be fenced off for safety reasons. The preferred/ideal location of the Naiscoil would be adjacent to the proposed play park.</p>
5. Carndonagh Playground Development Group	A minimum of 4 acres required. Toilet facilities and car parking also required.
6. Carndonagh Community & Rural Development Co. Ltd.	1.8-acre site for the development of start-up/enterprise units at a 'user friendly' rate.
7. Carndonagh Football Club	<p><math>2\frac{1}{2}</math> - 3 acre site to consist of playing field (to be at least 110m X 60m), terrace/spectator area and changing room/shower facilities.</p> <p>Willing to share car parking area and changing rooms etc. with other Groups/Clubs and they have consulted with the Inishowen Rugby Club in this regard.</p>
8. Inishowen Rugby Club	The Club was satisfied with the proposed acreage of 4.7 acres. The Club is agreeable to sharing facilities such as changing areas and car parking and in this regard, have had discussions with the Football Club.

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DETAILS OF PRIVATE INVESTORS	
Co. Name	Requirements/Proposals
1. Paddy Boyce Boyce Paints Ltd.	<p>0.8 - 1 acre is required for the development of a store and shop and approx. 15 no. car parking spaces.</p> <p>If possible, area between existing oil tankers and play park would be desirable.</p>

2. Harcourt Developments	Development of entire site to facilitate both community and business needs to include private housing, recreational areas for public use, playschool/crèche, commercial centre and industrial units.
3. J.J. Doherty Doherty Building Surveying	Meeting to be arranged however has stated requirements of 0.2 hectares for small-scale commercial facility to house the expansion of his business. Car parking spaces also required.

- Ms. Noreen Coll accepted the post of Graduate Engineer, Road Design and took up her post on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2005.
- Mr. Eamonn Mahon has accepted the post of Executive Engineer, Road Design and will take up his post on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2005. These appointments are warmly welcomed and will serve to strengthen the technical team dealing specifically with Planning & Economic Development projects.
- The next step in the progression of this project is to hold a Public Consultation meeting, which will allow the members of the public to convey their views and observations in relation to the development of these lands. It is envisaged that this meeting will be held in November once the Executive Engineer is brought up to speed with the development and has the opportunity to plot each site and services on an overall plan of the site, (draft form), for the consideration of the public.

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