

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13TH NOVEMBER, 2006
IN THE CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE**

Councillors Present:

Councillor Francis Conaghan
Councillor Rena Donaghey
Councillor Marian McDonald
Councillor Denis McGonagle
Councillor Bernard McGuinness
Councillor Joe Doherty, Mayor Buncrana Town Council

Buncrana Town Council:

Paul Doyle, Town Clerk

Officials Present:

Community, Cultural & Enterprise Services:

Richard Gibson, Acting Administrative Officer
Geraldine McHugh, Assistant Librarian

Corporate Services:

Eunan Kelly, Area Manager
Marie Deeney, Acting Senior Staff Officer

Housing & Building Services:

Patsy Lafferty, Area Manager

Planning & Economic Development Services:

Frank Sweeney, Area Manager
Clare Cronin, Area Manager

Roads & Transportation Services:

Pat Gillespie, Area Manager
Donal Walker, Executive Engineer
Jim McLaughlin, Executive Engineer
Cliodhna Campbell, Senior Executive Engineer, Road Design
Jim Bonner, Assistant Engineer, Road Design

Water, Environment & Emergency Services:
Con McLaughlin, Area Manager

Apologies:
Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn

06/54 NOMINATION OF CHAIR

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Joe Doherty, it was agreed that Cllr Denis McGonagle would act as Chairperson of the meeting in the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Francis Conaghan. Apologies were conveyed on behalf of Cllr Conaghan who had to attend an appointment in Letterkenny and would be attending the IEAC Meeting afterwards.

55.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 12th September, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Joe Doherty, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September, 2006 were agreed.

55.2 Update on Various Issues

Patsy Lafferty updated the Members on the various issues raised at the IEAC meeting held on 12th September, 2006.

55.3 Nameplate at Ard Na Guala Duibhe

Following a request from Cllr Marian McDonald regarding the erection of signs at the new Housing Scheme at Ard na Guala Duibhe, Moville, Patsy Lafferty agreed to check out this matter and report back to Cllr McDonald.

55.4 Footpath at Nailor's Row, Buncrana

Cllr Joe Doherty requested the up-to-date position in relation to the provision of a footpath at Nailor's Row, Buncrana. Patsy Lafferty advised that he had raised the issue with Mr. Liam Kelly, Assistant County Manager, and that Mr. Kelly has confirmed that he will arrange to have a report tabled at the Buncrana Town Council meeting shortly, outlining details of required works and funding proposals for same.

55.5 Affordable Housing, Carndonagh.

Cllr Denis McGonagle queried if prices had yet been agreed for the 6no. units in Carndonagh. Patsy Lafferty confirmed the following:-

2no. 3bedroomed semi-detached	-	€130,000 each
2no. 3bedroomed duplex	-	€105,000 each
2no. 2bedroomed apartments	-	€80,000 each

As soon as keys are received, same will be advertised.

55.6 Peace II Programme 2006

Patsy Lafferty up-dated the Members in relation to works ongoing under the Peace II Programme for 2006. Weather conditions are currently slowing work down, however, it is expected that works presently ongoing at Craig Park, Muff, will be completed within the next few weeks. Works at Convent Road, Carndonagh, will not commence until early in 2007.

55.7 Central Heating Programme 2006

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that works presently ongoing under the Central Heating Programme 2006 at O'Gara Villas, Moville, are due to be completed before Christmas.

55.8 Remedial Works/Regeneration Programme 2006- Works at Bonemaine, Bridgend

Patsy Lafferty informed the Members that works under this Programme at Bonemaine, Bridgend, would be completed within the next few weeks.

55.9 Remedial Works/Regeneration Programme 2007

Following a request from Patsy Lafferty, the Members agreed that funding is sought under the Remedial Works/Regeneration Programme to carry out works to SI Houses in 2007. Patsy Lafferty advised the Members that it is proposed to prioritise older dwellings in clusters first.

55.10 Tidy Housing Estates

Patsy Lafferty informed the Committee that the awards in relation to the Council's Tidy Housing Estate Competition were being presented later during the meeting. Consolation prizes had already issued in the post.

55.11 DPG Applications

In response to an issue raised by Cllr Denis McGonagle in relation to the lengthy delays in processing Disabled Persons' Grant applications, Patsy Lafferty responded that the Council has met with the Occupational Therapist Service, with a view to having the assessment by O.T.'s carried out more speedily.

55.12 Clár Programme

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that Tenders are being sought by the Roads Section in relation to this Programme.

56.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 12th September, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Joe Doherty, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September, 2006 were agreed.

56.2 Follow-up Report

The Members considered the Report dated 13th November, 2006 (Appendix 1) circulated by Con McLaughlin in relation to follow-ups and various issues raised at the Electoral Area Meeting held on 12th September, 2006.

56.3 Movice/Greencastle Sewerage Treatment Plant

In his report to the meeting, Con McLaughlin advised the Committee that a presentation on the Environmental Impact Statement for Movice/Greencastle Sewerage Treatment Plant would be made to the Members prior to publication.

The Members also queried if a response had issued from the DOEHLG to the Committee For A Clean Estuary, who are seeking clarification on the economic restrictions to selecting sites for Sewerage Treatment Works at higher altitudes. Con McLaughlin agreed to check out this matter and to update the Members.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested a response to his previous suggestion to relocate the site for the Movice/Greencastle Sewerage Treatment Works approximately 150m further back on the preferred site presently being examined, and also the cost of same. Con McLaughlin to update Cllr McGuinness on this matter.

56.4 Inishowen Regional Water Supply Scheme

In his report to the meeting, Con McLaughlin updated the Members in relation to the possibility of including the Inishowen Regional Water Supply Scheme on the Water Services Investment Programme. The Department have indicated that they will respond in that regard following the submission of a Revised Assessment of Needs.

56.5 Level 3 Clean Up

Con McLaughlin presented proposals with photographs for suitable sites for Level 3 clean-ups in Inishowen.

The proposals were agreed as follows:-

- 1) Loughfad
- 2) Burt/Bridgend
- 3) Drumnakeeragh, Carndonagh

56.6 Illegal Dumping opposite Rock Bar

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that illegal dumping on the road opposite the Rock Bar, Muff, be investigated. Cllr McGuinness also suggested that this should be a joint effort between Donegal County Council and Derry City Council.

56.7 Milltown & Ballymacarry SLI's

At the request of Cllr Joe Doherty, Con McLaughlin agreed to request the Capital Design Section to consider seeking advance funding from the Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government, under the Bunrana SS project on the WSIP in order to progress sewers at Milltown and Ballymacarry.

56.8 Bunrana Sewerage Scheme

Cllr Joe Doherty requested that a copy of the Draft Brief that was submitted to the Department in relation to Bunrana Sewerage Scheme be forwarded to Bunrana Town Council. Con McLaughlin agreed to request the Capital Design Section to do this.

56.9 Ned's Point, Bunrana

Cllr Joe Doherty informed the meeting that planning applications for Ned's Point cannot be considered due to lack of water. He requested that a report/costings be prepared in relation to the provision of a 4" watermain to the area.

56.10 Preparation of Outline Designs

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that consideration be given for the preparation of outline designs for towns and villages for future Sewerage Schemes.

56.11 Malin Sewerage Scheme

Con McLaughlin agreed to update the Members on the status of the Malin Sewerage Scheme.

56.12 Development of Boreholes and Package Sewerage Treatment Plants

Cllr Marian McDonald advised the meeting that a developer of a multi-development at Ballybrack, Merville is proposing to develop boreholes. Cllr Bernard McGuinness raised the issue of developers putting in Sewerage Treatment Plants and the lack of maintenance contracts and the responsibility is then falling on the Council. Con McLaughlin advised that there is a need to make these developers more aware that they are responsible for the future maintenance of any bore-holes/package Treatment plants they provide.

57.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 12th September, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Bernard McGuinness, the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September, 2006 were agreed.

57.2 Area Manager

Frank Sweeney introduced Clare Cronin, the new Planning Area Manager for the Inishowen and Letterkenny Electoral Areas to the meeting. The Members welcomed Clare Cronin to her new post. However, Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his dissatisfaction that the Area Manager post remains shared between two electoral areas, given the number of Planning Applications in the Inishowen Electoral Area. Cllr McGuinness requested that this issue be brought to the highest level in the Council.

On the proposal of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Denis McGonagle, the Members expressed their thanks to Frank Sweeney and wished him well in his new post.

57.3 Planning Staff

Frank Sweeney informed the Members that Fran Harkin is the new Assistant Planner assigned to the Inishowen Electoral Area. However, no replacement has, as yet, been received for the Technician's post. Catriona Kelly, Enforcement Officer, is currently carrying out this work with the result that Catriona is unable to carry out any work on enforcement. The Members requested that the Technician's post be filled in the Inishowen Planning Office in order to release Catriona Kelly to work on enforcement.

57.4 Planning Workshop with Agents

Frank Sweeney informed the Committee that a Planning Workshop would take place with the Agents in relation to the new County Development Plan.

57.5 Planning Statistic/Refusals

The Committee noted the planning statistics and recent refusals up to the 30th September 2006. It was pointed out that the statistics for both the Buncrana and Letterkenny Town Councils' are not included in these figures.

57.6 Enforcement Officer

Cllr Joe Doherty requested that consideration be given to providing an Enforcement Officer specifically for Buncrana Town Council.

On the proposal of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Denis McGonagle, the Committee recommended that consideration be given to extending the role of Enforcement Officer to cover all services of the Council.

57.7 County Development Plan

A discussion took place in relation to the definition of "Roots" as in the County Development Plan. Clare Cronin agreed to seek clarification on this matter.

57.8 Development Contribution Scheme

Following a discussion in relation to the Development Contribution Scheme, Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his concern and stated that he felt that indigenous people in Urban Generated Areas should be exempt from the Development Contribution Scheme.

57.9 Barrack Hill, Carndonagh

Following a request from the Members, Clare Cronin agreed to update the Members on the proposals to develop Barrack Hill.

57.10 Development Template

The Committee requested that consideration be given to the preparation of a Development Template and List of Contact People to be circulated in relation to planning applications within Control Points located in Urban Generated Rural Housing. Clare Cronin agreed to check out this matter and to report back to Members at next IEAC Meeting.

58.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 12th September, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Joe Doherty, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September, 2006 were agreed.

58.2 Draft Strategic Plan for Cultural Services 2007 - 2011

Richard Gibson introduced Geraldine McHugh, Assistant Librarian, to the meeting. Geraldine Mc Hugh advised the Committee that the Council is preparing a new Strategic Plan for it's Cultural Service Division which includes Library Service, Countywide Arts Service, Regional Cultural Centre, Public Art, Museum Service, Archives Service and Heritage Service. She also circulated and gave a short presentation on the Draft Strategic Plan, in which she outlined the goals and objectives of the Plan.

Geraldine also informed the meeting that the Draft Strategic Plan would be published in March, 2007, however, prior to the publication, public consultation meetings would take place in each of the Public Services Centres commencing on 27th November, 2006. Consultation Workshops would be held with Members in February, 2007. Also, any contributions/submissions would be most welcome.

The Committee requested that consideration be given into providing a Museum Service in Branch Libraries.

The Members thanked Geraldine McHugh for her informative presentation and looked forward to the implementation of this plan.

58.3 Lands at Malin Head

Richard Gibson updated the Committee in relation to the development of lands at Malin Head. It was reported that the Development Contribution Scheme may be a possible funding source for the purchase of the land. A figure of €40,000.00 has been indicated by the landowner. However, the Council will obtain a land valuation prior to any agreement to purchase, this should be arranged shortly. Community, Culture and Enterprise will also consider any initiatives in respect of marketing the location, erecting signage etc.

On the proposal of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Denis McGonagle, the Committee recommended that plans be prepared to

develop Malin Head similar to Mizen Head, and to submit these for funding.

58.4 Flight of the Earls

Richard Gibson informed the Committee that he would now have a direct administrative role in the management of the Flight of the Earls Project for 2007. The main tasks associated with the Flight of the Earls for 2007 being:-

- Ensuring a substantial and quality programme of events that will attract visitors to Donegal.
- Ensuring that existing events which are carried out by partner organisations, CDB partners, festival committees etc take on a flavour of Flight of the Earls for 2007.
- Ensuring that all funding opportunities are availed of.

The Community, Culture and Enterprise Unit is also currently working with partners such as The Ulster Scots Agency, Rathmullan 21, Donegal Historical Society, Donegal Ancestry, Inishowen Carnival Group and others.

Richard also stated that he would be keen to increase the number of events happening in Inishowen and invited any ideas the Members may have in this regard.

58.5 Culdaff Playground

Richard Gibson updated the Members in relation to the playground at Culdaff Beach. The playground was completed around the end of September, and it is anticipated that an official launch of the playground will take place early in 2007. Culdaff Development Association have, however, identified further works required to compliment the playground, these include the installation of a boardwalk and bench seating. Funding has been secured from IRDL for this purpose. There is also a proposal to extend the boardwalk right down to the beach, with the possibility of using Development Contribution Scheme monies, this will be given consideration in 2007.

58.6 HEART Project

Richard Gibson informed the Committee that a meeting of the HEART Project took place in Moville on 6th November, 2006. A presentation

outlining details of the HEART Project, and also "The Shop Front Scheme" was discussed at the meeting. Another meeting has been scheduled for the new year.

58.7 Youth Council Elections 2006

A report from Paddy Hannigan was circulated outlining details of the recent Youth Council Elections. A particular mention of thanks was given to Corporate Services, Eunan Kelly and staff for their involvement/support during the elections.

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Bernard McGuinness, a vote of congratulations was extended to the successful Youth Councillors.

58.8 Merville Bye Laws

Richard Gibson informed the Members, that following a request received from Cllr Marian McDonald, a meeting took place in October, with a representative of An Garda Siochana to discuss the detail of the proposed Bye Law. Richard Gibson outlined a number of details in relation to the proposed Bye Law which require attention. Once these issues have been dealt with, the draft Bye Law can then go before the full Council for approval and subsequently put on public display.

Cllr Francis Conaghan joined the meeting at this point and thanked Cllr Denis McGonagle for chairing of the meeting in his absence.

58.9 Heritage Workshop

It was agreed that consideration be given at the next IEAC Meeting to holding a Heritage Workshop to discuss heritage issues in the Inishowen Electoral Area, and that the Office of Public Works, and any other relevant bodies be invited to attend.

58.10 Taobh Tire Project

Richard Gibson updated the Members in relation to a special award received by the Council's Taobh Tire project at this year's Pride of Place Awards held recently in Co. Carlow.

58.11 Atlantic Drift Project

At the request of Cllr Francis Conaghan, the Members agreed that congratulations should be extended to the Atlantic Drift Project on winning a National Award from the Chamber of Commerce of Ireland, and

in particular, to Kevin O'Connor and Garry Martin who worked on the project.

The Committee also requested clarification as to why Members of the original Cross Border Group were not invited to the presentation of the award.

58.12 Ballyliffin Playground

Richard Gibson informed the Committee that works in relation to the Ballyliffin playground have commenced with the Development Association. €30,000 funding has been received from the Department and it is hoped that matching funding will be received from the Development Contribution Scheme monies.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his thanks to both Richard Gibson and Sandra Brennan for the tremendous work carried out in relation to the Ballyliffin playground.

58.13 CEDO

Richard Gibson informed the Members that Aideen Doherty is due to return to her role as CEDO on the 27th November, 2006 and that he would be moving to work on the Flight of the Earls project.

The Members thanked Richard for his contribution to the Electoral Area Meetings in the absence of Aideen Doherty.

59.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May, 2006.

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Francis Conaghan, the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September, 2006 were agreed.

59.2 Consideration of Special Roads Meeting held on 17th October, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the Special Roads Meeting held on 17th October, 2006 were agreed.

59.3 Buncrana Outer Relief Road

At the request of the Members, Paul Doyle, Town Clerk, agreed to arrange a Workshop between the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee and Buncrana Town Council in relation to the Buncrana Outer Relief Road. This Workshop to take place in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel on Thursday 30th November, 2006 at 3.00pm.

59.4 Burnfoot By-Pass

Clíodhna Campbell, Road Design advised the Committee that at the Workshop held on 17th October, 2006 she had presented new options that had emerged on the route for the Burnfoot By-Pass. At the Workshop it was agreed that Road Design would verify with the Planning Office what process needed to be followed regarding the need for an amendment to the Burnfoot Local Area Plan prior to the Part 8 Process, or simply proceed with the Part 8. The Committee had also requested that consideration be given to the continuation of the route to the N13 at Bridgend roundabout, bearing in mind the Council's request to the NRA to classify the Derry/Buncrana Road as a National Primary Road.

Clíodhna Campbell advised the Committee that she had consulted with the Planning Office and understood that the New Alignment to Route of Burnfoot By-Pass agreed would require an amendment to Burnfoot Local Area Plan and that this was an 18 week process.

The Committee recommended after a long discussion that the Council advance the option presented at the Workshop and proceed to vary the Burnfoot Local Area Plan.

59.5 Carrowreagh Road and Con's Brae

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Joe Doherty, the Committee recommended that Improvement Works be carried out on the Carrowreagh Road and on Cons Brae.

59.6 Pedestrian Crossing at Muff

Donal Walker circulated a copy of the advertisement, which is to be placed in the local papers in relation to the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing at Muff.

59.7 Take-Over of Roads

Following a request from the Members, Pat Gillespie agreed to get a copy of the policy on the Take-Over of Roads and to present it to the Members at the next I.E.A.C. Meeting.

59.8 Car Park at Ballybegley Pier

Pat Gillespie informed the Committee that a "No Dumping" sign has now been erected at the car park at Ballybegley Pier.

59.9 Mill Bridge

In response to a query from Cllr Joe Doherty, Pat Gillespie agreed to advise the Members when it is anticipated that work on the Mill Bridge is likely to commence.

59.10 Movice Road

Following a query from Cllr Marian McDonald, Pat Gillespie confirmed that the Compulsory Purchase Order in relation to the Movice Road is now ready for advertising.

59.11 Traffic Islands

In response to a query from Cllr Francis Conaghan regarding Traffic Islands on which the lights have been out of order this past 4 weeks on the N13 at Burt and Newtowncunningham, Pat Gillespie agreed to contact the ESB with a view to having same repaired as soon as possible. Cllr Joe Doherty also requested, that in the interest of safety that consideration is given to painting the kerbing on all traffic islands yellow.

59.12 Public Lights

In response to a query from Cllr Marian McDonald regarding a number of public lights requiring repair, Pat Gillespie confirmed that an update had

already been forwarded to Paul Doherty, ESB, advising him of the members feelings regarding the current state of progress with regard to the members allocation.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his dissatisfaction in relation to the delay in getting the public lights turned on at Culdaff. Cllr McGuinness further stated that public lights for a number of areas have been on order with the ESB for quite some time now, and some have not been erected as yet.

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Bernard McGuinness, the Committee recommended that the Council issue a further letter to the ESB expressing the dissatisfaction/disappointment of the Members at the delay in repairing public lights and also the erection of Members public lights.

59.13 Public Lighting Infill Programme

Pat Gillespie advised the members that €36,000 of the budgeted allocation for the Infill Lighting Programme would be spent in Inishowen. At the request of the Members, Pat Gillespie agreed to provide further information in relation to the Public Lighting Infill Programme.

59.14 Bends at Mintagh Lough

Cllr Rena Donaghey stated that there was a need to have the dangerous bends at Mintiaghs Lough included in the EU Programme.

59.15 Gleneely Corner

The Committee recommended that works be carried out at Gleneely corner to improve it.

59.16 Slow Signs at Movice

The Committee recommended that signs be erected requesting people to slow down in Movice, Bath Terrace and also Ballynally Lane.

59.17 Car Parking in Movice and Carndonagh

Pat Gillespie advised the Members that a meeting needs to take place to discuss the issue of private car park provision in both Movice and Carndonagh.

60.1 Request for Deputation

Eunan Kelly informed the Committee that he had received a request from the Ballyliffin Development Group in respect of a deputation at the next IEAC Meeting.

The Members agreed to receive the deputation from Ballyliffin Development at the next IEAC Meeting on 22nd January, 2007.

Quigley's Point Swifts

The Chairman, Cllr Francis Conaghan, on behalf of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee, welcomed Margaret McColgan and Terence Hegarty, Quigley's Point Swifts FC to the meeting.

Margaret McColgan thanked the Committee for receiving the deputation and informed the Members that the club has recently been successful in obtaining €95,000 from the Department of Arts, Sports and Tourism to develop an all weather facility in the Muff area. However, the cost of the project is €150,000, with the result that there is a deficit to be made up. Quigley's Point Swifts FC are, therefore, requesting the support of the Inishowen Electoral Committee to secure some funding from Donegal County Council in this regard. Margaret Mc Colgan continued with a short presentation outlining details of the following to the Members:

- Club Structure
- Management Committee
- Affiliation
- Club Achievements
- Organisational Support & Potential Users
- Club Development
- Proposed Future Development

A short discussion followed the presentation. Terence Hegarty stated that the access road to the club is very narrow and would require widening and also drainage, the erection of public lighting would also be of help.

The Chairman thanked the deputation for their presentation and confirmed that the Council may be able to assist with widening the road, drainage and the erection of public lights and that a written response would issue in relation to their requests.

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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 22nd January, 2007 commencing at 10.00 am.

Appendix 1

WATER & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES Report to Inishowen EAC Meeting 13th November 2006

AGENDA Item no.1 - consideration of minutes of Inishowen Electoral Area Committee meeting held on 12th Sept 2006

AGENDA Item no.2 – Update reports from previous meeting: From minutes of previous meeting 12th Sept 2006, using same notation

47.3 Milltown & Ballymacarry SLI's:

The Committee enquired at the September meeting regarding the possibility of part funding the Ballymacarry SLI from Development Charges paid in Ballymacarry. In response our Water Services capital office has advised that Milltown and Ballymacarry SLI's are not listed in the Development Contribution Scheme 2006 as schemes to be funded from General Development Contributions and therefore those contributions cannot be used to part fund those schemes. In common with all SLI schemes levying special development charges is the appropriate mechanism for part funding such schemes.

47.6 Burnfoot Sewerage Scheme

In response to a request from the Committee for an update on the upgrading of Burnfoot S.S., our Water Services capital office advises that some discussions have taken place with landowners and others with regard to identifying a suitable site for a viable wastewater treatment plant at Burnfoot, and a number of options are being examined. An update will be given at the next EA meeting.

47.7 Carrigans Sewerage Scheme

Cllr Conaghan queried if the Carrigans Sewerage Scheme can be improved in advance of Town Developments. I am advised by our Water Services Capital office that Carrigans is currently not on any programme and developments currently underway are as a result of historical planning permissions. Discussions have taken place with the landowner in the vicinity of the existing septic tank with regard to further land acquisition. The scheme will be kept under review.

47.8 Moville/Greencastle Sewerage Treatment Plant.

Our Water Services capital office has advised that a presentation on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be arranged before publication of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Also that office will also look at the questions submitted by CFCE in July and answer those that have not already been answered.

47.9 Culdaff W.S.

The improvement works noted previously, including replacement filter media remain outstanding awaiting delivery of material required, which is on order since mid October.

47.11 Inishowen Regional Water Scheme:

Water Services Capital recently raised the matter of this scheme with the Department and its possible inclusion on the Water Services Investment Programme. The Department have indicated that they will consider this when the Councils revised Assessment of Needs is submitted. This is expected to be done before the end of

November 2006.

47.12 Glengad (Glentoskert) G.W.S.S.

Bernard Cuning, S.E.E., Rural Water programme has advised that meetings were held with the Private Sourced Group water supply scheme to inform them of their responsibility under the E.U Drinking Water Directive.

A Take- Over document was prepared and to date the Council has 73% signatures of the members wishing to avail of an upgrade. The new Water Services Bill is due to pass through the Dail; this will allow the Council proceed with the Upgrade (66% Signatures required).

The project will include the installation of a new booster pumping station located at Umgall and a dedicated 1,300 metre long pumping main to a new high level reservoir. It is proposed to extend the existing Umgall Group Scheme by 1400metres to supply Glengad Housing Scheme and Glentoskert GWS. The scheme has been designed to allow for future connections such as the proposed Portaleen GWS.

A Part 8 application has been submitted and will be reported on at the November County Council meeting.

Work is ongoing to Take-Over the Umgall GWS and a number of land acquisitions are well advanced.

Donegal County Council intend proceeding to tender after the Part 8 application has been approved.

AGENDA Items no. 3-4 - Progress Reports:

See updated progress reports circulated with agenda for

Rural Water Programme:

Group Scheme Programme

Small Capital Schemes

AGENDA Items no. 5 – Environment Campaign – L3 Clean up:

Consider proposals for level 3 clean up of illegal dumping in Inishowen, options to be discussed at meeting following investigations by local Litter Warden. Such clean-ups are most effective where the capacity of the local communities to monitor the areas in question following clean ups is evident.

C.McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer,

Area Manager, Water and Environment,

13th November 2006