

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2007, IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE, DUNGLOE**

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**Members Present:** Cllr David Alcorn  
Cllr Enda Bonner  
Cllr Terence Slowey  
Cllr Pádraig Doherty  
Cllr Pearse Doherty  
Cllr Brian Ó Domhnaill

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Brendan Mc Fadden – Area Manager, Roads & Transportation  
Paul McGill – Area Manager, Housing & Building  
John Gallagher – Area Manager, Water & Environment  
Charles Sweeney – Administrative Officer, Community Enterprise & Cultural Services  
Shane Donaghey - Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development  
Sinead McClafferty - Executive Planner, Planning & Economic Development  
Steven Mc Crory – Assistant Engineer, Road Design  
Joanne Rooney – Storesperson, Machinery Yard  
Collette Beattie – Assistant Planner, Central Planning Unit  
Michael Rowsome – SSO, Corporate Services

**APOLOGIES:**

Virginia Mc Loone, Area Manager, Corporate Service  
Paul Kilcoyne, Capital Design Engineer

**GEA 108/07**

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

On the proposal of Cllr. Pádraig Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Enda Bonner, Cllr. Terence Slowey was elected Chairperson of the Glenties Electoral Area.

**GEA 109/07**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007**

On the proposal of Cllr. David Alcorn, seconded by Cllr. Enda Bonner, the minutes of meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2007 were agreed.

**GEA 110/07**

**REPORT FROM WORKSHOP HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007**

On the proposal of Cllr. David Alcorn, seconded by Cllr. Pádraig Doherty, the report from the Workshop held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2007 was agreed.

<b>ROADS &amp; TRANSPORTATION</b>
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**GEA 111/07                      DEVELOPMENT CHARGES – LOW COST ACCIDENT SAFETY MEASURES**

The Committee discussed the revised list (listed hereunder) circulated at the meeting and presented by Mr. Steven McCrory, Road Design Engineer.

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>ESTIMATES</u>
Ballintemple/Muckish Road Junction	€30,000
Glenhala Bridge Crossroads	€ 3,000
Toberkeen-Meenacross Junction	€20,000
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	€53,000
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On the proposal of Cllr. Pádraig Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Pearse Doherty, the Committee agreed funding of the above projects and further agreed that the projects at Wood Road, Ardara and at the Log Cabin will be prioritised for future funding.

Members also highlighted the following locations for the attention of the Roads Service: (i) Derrybeg Hall; (ii) Brae at Benny Quinn's, Portnoo, (iii) Hanging stone at Betha, Ardara.

**GEA 112/07                      PROPOSED SCHEMES FOR DOEHLG 2008 – LOW COST ACCIDENT FUNDING**

Members noted and agreed the following proposed schemes:

- (i) R245-7 at Brinalack (DOEHLG)
- (ii) N56-45 – Gweedore Station (NRA)
- (iii) N56-65 – Cashelmore (NRA)

**GEA 113/07                      COMMUNITY GROUPS**

The Committee commended the Roads Manager for meeting the Crollly and Coshclady Community Groups.

**GEA 114/07                      MEMBERS REPRESENTATIONS**

In response to Cllr Alcorn expressing increasing frustration at his inability to respond to constituents due to the non-acknowledgement of his submissions, the Roads Manager stated that Health & Safety legislation has had a major impact on staffing resources.

Cllr Alcorn requested that the Director of Roads as a matter of urgency deal with this issue.

**GEA115/07**

**ALLOCATION OF FUNDING**

The Committee requested the Roads Service to draft a report for the Members consideration, offering options for achievement of increased funding in the Glenties Electoral area for road maintenance and reconstruction.

**GEA 116/07**

**SPEED LIMIT SIGNAGE**

Cllr Pearse Doherty asked the Council to move speed limit signage in accordance with bye - laws agreed for Falcarragh and Coshclady.

**GEA 117/07**

**FOOTPATH – AN CRANNÓG**

In response to Members concerns regarding the condition at this location, the Roads Manager advised the Committee that funding expected in 2006 failed to materialise but that a budget was now available for completion of the necessary works.

**GEA 118/07**

**LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES**

In response to a query from Cllr Pearse Doherty regarding the quality of materials used in LIS Schemes in Donegal, the Roads Manager undertook to provide a comparative costing of tarmac versus wetmix double surface dress finish.

**GEA 119/07**

**ROAD MAINTENANCE**

The Committee highlighted the following issues for the attention of the Roads Service;

- Tully Bridge
- Glen Road
- Keadue to Kerrykeel Road
- Loughanure to Annagry Road
- Flooding at Clady River Bridge
- Footpath & Lighting – Belcruit
- Coiste Mhuire – Bin Collection Service

<b>WATER &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>
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**GEA 120/07 MAJOR CAPITAL SCHEME PROGRAMME**

The Committee discussed the reports circulated with the agenda outlining the status of major capital schemes in the Glenties Electoral area.

**120.1 GWEEDORE SEWERAGE SCHEME**

The Water Service Manager informed the Committee that the Oral Hearing in relation to the Gweedore Sewerage Scheme did not proceed due to objections raised on the day regarding the non-availability of documentation in Irish and not as stated in Minute GEA 97/07.

On the proposal of Cllr. Pearse Doherty, seconded by Cllr. Pádraig Doherty, the Committee requested the Water Service Manager to convene a focus meeting to be attended by Members, The County Manager and Capital Design Staff to discuss ongoing delays.

**120.2 BURTONPORT SEWERAGE SCHEME**

Cllr. Alcorn criticised the lack of progress and requested the Council to liaise with the Consultants to expedite the issuing of a response to the DOE.

**GEA 121/07 SMALL CAPITAL SCHEMES PROGRAMME**

Members noted the report circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Water Services Manager.

**GEA 122/07 GROUP WATER SCHEMES**

Members discussed the progress report on Group Water Schemes previously circulated and the Water Services Manager updated the Committee in relation to the status of the Shallogans Group Water Scheme.

Cllr. O Domhnaill and Cllr. Pádraig Doherty informed the Committee that Tory Islanders are boiling water for in excess of thirteen years and requested the Council to expedite this project.

**GEA 123/07 ENVIRONMENT**

The Committee discussed the reports circulated with the Agenda and commended the efforts of the Litter Warden to counteract illegal dumping activity in the Electoral Area.

Cllr. Pearse Doherty highlighted ongoing problems at the bottle bank site in Derrybeg and asked the Environment Service to seek a more suitable location.

**GEA 124/07 BURTONPORT PIER**

Cllr. Alcorn requested the Council to expedite the provision of a waiting room and toilet facilities for ferry passengers on Burtonport Pier.

**GEA 125/07 FIRE SERVICE**

The Committee noted the report circulated with the Agenda regarding the status of Dungloe, Glenties and Gweedore Fire Stations.

Cllr. Pádraig Doherty informed the Committee of the inadequacy of water pipes at Meenacladdy School in the event of an emergency.

<b>HOUSING AND BUILDING</b>
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**GEA 126/07 HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

The Committee discussed the progress report on the Housing Capital Programme as at the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007, previously circulated and presented by the Housing Manager.

Cllr. Alcorn and Cllr. Bonner expressed disappointment at the lack of development in the Dungloe area and requested the Council to proactively engage with Developers regarding the suitability of submitted social housing proposals.

Cllr. O Domhnaill asked the Council to consider turnkey schemes to address the housing need in the Dunfanaghy, Falcarragh and Gortahork areas.

Cllr. Slowey highlighted the need for the Council to provide adequate landbanks in the Glenties Electoral Area to service present and future housing requirements.

**GEA 127/07 SI PROGRAMME**

Cllr. Alcorn asked the Council to apply time limits to contracts signed with Developers and Cllr. Pádraig Doherty requested the Council to issue payments to Contractors promptly to expedite the completion of SI houses.

Cllr. Solway complimented the Housing Service for the improved SI reporting format.

**GEA 128/07 CASUAL VACANCIES**

Members noted the report on casual vacancies as at the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2007 circulated with the agenda.

<b>COMMUNITY, ENTERPRISE &amp; CULTURAL SERVICES</b>
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### GEA 129/07 WORKSHOP AGENDA

On the proposal of Cllr Alcorn, seconded by Cllr Ó Domhnaill the Committee agreed ;

(1) Development Fund Initiatives 2007 as per schedule listed hereunder,

<b>Group</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Donegal International Airport	Replacement of Fire Tender	€60,000.00
Rehab Donegal Person of the Year	Donegal Person of the Year Awards 2007	€1,500.00
Junior Achievement	Schools Programme 2007	€1,200.00
Glenties & Derryveagh Dyslexia Association	Provision of after school support programmes	€9,100.00 (to be divided equally between the two groups)
McGill Summer School	McGill Summer School & Arts Week 2007	€9,100.00
Gaelsaoire (Údarás na Gaeltachta)	An Baile Beo 2007	€9,100.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>€90,000.00</b>

(2) The following priorities for the Playground Development Programme 2007-2009

- 1. Loch an Iúir
- 2. Glenties
- 3. Dobhar
- 4. Machaire Rabhartaigh
- 5. Baile na Finne

(3) Funding of €14,600 from the Tourism Product Development Fund 2007 to be put towards the renovation of the car park / picnic area at Doe Castle.

### GEA 130/07 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Members noted the report circulated with the Agenda and presented by the Administrative Officer.

### GEA 131/07 PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the report previously circulated regarding the status of the Playground Development Programme.

**GEA 132/07 INTER-ORGANISATIONAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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The Committee noted the report circulated with the Agenda.

**GEA 133/07 CULTURAL SERVICE**

The Committee noted the report circulated with the Agenda.

**GEA 134/07 DONEGAL COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE**

Members noted the report previously circulated regarding the County Childcare Committee.

<b>PLANNING &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>
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**GEA 135/07 RECORD OF PROTECTED STRUCTURES**

The Committee noted the reports and photographs circulated with the Agenda in respect of proposed additions to the Record of Protected Structures and presented by Collette Beattie, Assistant Planner in the Central Planning Unit.

**GEA 136/07 STAFF CHANGES**

The Committee requested that updated staff contact details be issued to Members whenever any changes in personnel occur.

**GEA 137/07 CONSIDERATION OF RECENT REFUSALS**

Members noted the report circulated with the Agenda regarding refusals during the period from 28.4.2007 to 2.7.2007.

**GEA 138/07 PLANNING STATISTICS**

The Committee noted the statistical report circulated with the Agenda.

**GEA 139/07 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr. Alcorn welcomed Shane Donaghey and Sinéad Mc Clafferty to the meeting and commended them for the vast improvement in the workings of the Planning Service.

<b>CORPORATE SERVICES</b>
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**GEA 140/07** The Committee noted the report from the Corporate Manager detailing the comparative levels of business conducted in the Dungloe Public Service Centre during the periods from January to June 2006 and 2007.

**GEA 141/07 RECEPTION FOR AISTEOIRI GHAOTH DOBHAIR**

The Committee welcomed and thanked the Mayor, Cllr. John Boyle for his attendance and contribution to the reception held earlier in the day for Aisteoirí Ghaoth Dobhair.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.**

