

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23rd FEBRUARY, 2007
IN THE INISHOWEN GATEWAY HOTEL, BUNCRANA.**

Councillors Present:

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

Officials Present:

Housing Services

Patsy Lafferty, Area Manager

Affordable Housing, Carndonagh.

Members welcomed the news of the Affordable Housing in Carndonagh. Patsy Lafferty confirmed that he expected the keys shortly for the units, and that an advertisement would then be placed seeking applications from interested parties. He also advised that an Information session would be held in the Carndonagh PSC.

Capital.

Cllr. Conaghan asked that the Housing Construction Division outline their plans for housing at Swilly View, Inch.

Grants.

Patsy Lafferty outlined that discussions were ongoing with the OT Service, on a more streamlined procedure for dealing with DPGs that may involve Council staff carrying out assessment for straightforward cases. He advised that options were currently being examined, in consultation with the HSE.

Playground at Clós Phádraig, Carndonagh.

Members welcomed the report that a playground is being provided at Clós Phadraig, Carndonagh.

Peace 2006.

Members noted report from Mr. Lafferty.

Central Heating Programme 2006.

Members noted report from Mr. Lafferty.

Remedial Works/Regeneration Programme 2006 and 2007.

Members noted report from Mr. Lafferty.

Clar Programme.

Members noted report from Mr. Lafferty.

Loans, Grants and casual vacancies.

Members noted reports from Mr. Lafferty.

Staffing Issues:

Members expressed their dissatisfaction at continued staffing inadequacies in the Inishowen Electoral Area.

The issues raised were as follows:

- Lack of replacement of Area Housing Engineer for over a year.
Members requested an immediate appointment.
- Lack of staffing in Planning Department.
- Staffing issues within the Roads Department.

Members asked that E. Kelly, Area Manager, Corporate Services convey their views to the County Manager and request that a meeting be set up to discuss same.