

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DHUN NA nGALL

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe
Aras an Chontae
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3 Feabhra, 2004

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú Speisialta den Chomhairle ar siúl ar a 9 Feabhra, 2004 ag 12.00 le plé a dhéanamh ar na hábhair atá sa Chlár leis seo.

Mise, le meas

A. MacSuibhne

Riarthóir Cruinniu (RÚNAI CONTAE)

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
LIFFORD.

3rd February 2004

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Special Meeting of Donegal County Council will be held at 12 noon on Monday 9th February 2004 in the County House, Lifford.

TO EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Council. The Agenda is attached.

Yours sincerely

E. Sweeney

Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. To resolve to make Polling Scheme for the County of Donegal 2004.

2nd February 2004

To: Each Member of Donegal County Council

RE: MAKING OF POLLING SCHEME

Enclosed herewith Draft Polling Scheme for the County of Donegal 2004 setting out the proposed division of the County into Polling Districts and apportionment of Polling Places for each district.

The Draft Scheme incorporates amendments agreed with members at meetings of the six electoral area committees. It has also been circulated to Dail Deputies in the County and their comments are awaited.

Following consultation with the County Registrar, Ms Geraldine O'Connor and Council Revenue Collectors the following additional amendments are recommended:

Inishowen Electoral Area

- Townland of Inch Level included in Moness Polling District in Draft Scheme. Revenue Collector recommends that that section of Inch Level which was formerly part of Inch Polling District remain there.
- Townland of Glenagivney proposed in Draft to include with Greencastle Polling District. Revenue Collector recommends that it be included with Carrowmena Polling District as the Glenagivney electors were voting there.

Letterkenny Electoral Area

- Part of the townland of Killylastin, which was in the Milford Electoral Area, has been transferred by Statutory Instrument to the Letterkenny Electoral Area and included within the Letterkenny Town Boundary. Recommendation is that this be added to the Glencar Polling District.

Milford Electoral Area

- Rename Trentagh Polling District to Edewacarnan/Trentagh Polling District.

Donegal Electoral Area

- The former Polling District of Lettercran is proposed for amalgamation with Pettigo Polling District with Pettigo as the Polling Place. The County Registrar has requested that members review this proposal.

Note

Electors in Lettercran used to vote in Old School in Lettercran.

- It is recommended that Kilcar Polling District be renamed to Coguish/Kilcar.
- Lacrom Polling District – Polling Place has been Donegal Town for a number of years. Query whether it should remain there or be changed to Killymard.

Glenties Electoral Area

- Lergynasearagh Polling District proposed in Draft for amalgamation with Bracky Polling District with Bracky as the polling place. One townland from the former Polling District of Lergynasearagh (Owenteskiny) voted in Meenaneary National School at the General Election, however, Meenaneary is in the Donegal Electoral Area and all of Lergynasearagh Polling District is in the Glenties Electoral Area. There is, therefore, no alternative but to have Bracky as the polling place for the amalgamated Lergynasearagh and Bracky Polling Districts.
- Kilclooney Polling District
County Registrar recommends that Kilclooney Polling District be renamed as Kilclooney/Kiltorris.
- Brinalack/Lunnigh Polling District
The Draft Scheme shows the amalgamation of the Knockfolá, Bunnaninver and Lunnigh Polling Districts. County Registrar recommends that Knockfolá Polling District remains as a separate polling district. Polling place Knockfolá and polling station Knockfolá Community Centre.

Notes for Information of Members.

1. The selection of Polling Stations is the County Registrar's function and, therefore, the reference to Polling Stations is indicative only and will depend on the suitability of premises in terms of layout, electricity supply, access for persons with disability, etc.

2. The County Registrar has requested me to advise Members that she may have to relocate some of the polling stations from Ballyraine National School, Letterkenny due to the large increase in the population served by these stations.

E. Sweeney
Meetings Administrator

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
IN THE COUNTY HOUSE, LIFFORD ON THE 09TH FEBRUARY, 2004**

C/101/04 MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, A. Bonner, E. Bonner, J. Boyle, S. Campbell, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, A. Doherty, P. Doherty, R. Donaghey, J. Harte, P. Kelly, D. Larkin, M. McDonald, S. McEniff, B. McGlinchey, P. McGowan, B. McGuinness, D. McHugh, T. Pringle, J. Sheridan and T. Slowey.

C/102/04 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clr. Maloney who was unable to attend the meeting.

C/103/04 OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. M. McLoone, County Manager, Mr. S. Sheridan, Director Corporate Services, Mr. E. Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, Ms. A. M. Crawford, S.O. , Ms. S. McDaid, C.O.

C/104/04 TO RESOLVE TO MAKE POLLING SCHEME.

Members considered the report, circulated with the agenda, in relation to the above. Mr. E. Sweeney, Meetings Administrator, informed members that the production of the Draft Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for the County of Donegal 2004 had been a mammoth task involving meetings with the Local Electoral Area Committees, the County Registrar and Revenue Collectors. It was essential, he added, that members were satisfied with the document in question before adopting the scheme

Clr. McGowan requested that the new electronic voting machines be made available to the public, as soon as possible, in order to initiate the familiarisation process.

Clr. Harte queried the number of Polling Stations in the Letterkenny area and advised that every effort should be made to keep the general public informed on the location of the various polling booths, he asked whether polling cards would be used for the local elections.

Clr. Sheridan advised that he was concerned about the location of the polling station for the Fahan area in the townland of Tievebane. He contended that the increased population concentration in Lower Fahan

and Lisfannon surely warranted the re-opening of the Polling Station in Fahan Village.

Clr. Donaghey requested further clarification that voters from Ballymagan, Clonblosk and Hilltown were part of the Illies Electoral Division.

Mr. E. Sweeney, Meetings Administrator advised that there had been a number of changes in the Letterkenny Electoral Division as a result of the extension of the urban boundary. Every effort would be made, he stated, to publish information on the different townlands and to have it available in the relevant public offices.

A decision on the the issue of polling cards, Mr. Sweeney advised was a matter for the local authority. Clr. McGlinchey pointed out that the Council usually did not issue polling cards.

Responding to a number of queries that had been raised in relation to the location of polling booths, Mr. Sweeney confirmed that the local authority had no jurisdiction in the selection of polling stations. He agreed, however, to inform the County Registrar that members were in favour of formally reopening Fahan Village Polling Station.

Voters in the Townlands of Ballymagan Upper and Lower Hilltown and Clonbosk (Cockhill Polling District) would, he advised, vote in Cockhill School.

On the proposal of Clr. McGowan seconded by Clr. Harte, the following amendments to the Draft Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for the County of Donegal 2004 were agreed:-

County Electoral Area of Inishowen

- That voters from Inch Level currently voting in Inch Island continue to do so.
- That the townlands of Glenagivney remain with Carrowmena Polling District instead of being incorporated into Greencastle Polling District.
- The Townlands of Doon and Keddyarragh to be transferred from the Malin Polling District to Culdaff Polling District.

County Electoral Area of Glenties

- To transfer Ranaghmore Island from Falcarragh Polling District to Gortahork Polling District.
- That the part of the townland of Keeldrum Upper known as Keeldrum Upper/Meenacuing remain with the Dunlewey Polling District.

- The townlands of Brinlack, Bunninver and Glasagh to be transferred to the Knockfolia Polling District.
- The townlands of Carrick (Carrick Coyle, Carrick McCafferty and Carrick McGarvey to be transferred to Luinnigh Polling District.

County Electoral Area of Donegal

- That Lettercran be retained as a separate Polling District with the polling place being Lettercran.

Mr. E. Sweeney, acknowledged the invaluable input of the following into the preparation of the Draft Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for the County of Donegal 2004: -

The members of Donegal County Council.
 Mr. Eunan Kelly, Electoral Area Manager.
 Mr. Patrick Doherty, Town Clerk, Letterkenny Town Council.
 Mr. Paul Doyle, Town Clerk, Buncrana Town Council.
 Mr. Daragh McDonagh, Information Systems.
 Ms. Siobhan McDaid, Franchise and Elections.

The Cathaoirleach thanked members for their contribution to the scheme and complimented Mr. E. Sweeney and Ms. Siobhan McDaid on their excellent work in the preparation of the scheme.

C/105/04

RECOMMENDATION OF APPOINTMENT OF DONEGAL COUNTY MANAGER

The Cathaoirleach informed members that the Local Government Appointments Commission had recommended Mr. Michael McLoone for appointment as County Manager with effect from 14th February, 2004. Thus, he advised, a special meeting would be held on Monday 16th February, 2004 at 12 noon in the Letterkenny Public Services Centre for the making of the appointment.

This concluded the business of the meeting.