

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15TH MAY, 2006 IN
THE CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE**

Councillors Present:

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

Officials Present:

Community, Cultural & Enterprise Services:

Garry Martin, Divisional Manager
Richard Gibson, Acting Administrative Officer

Corporate Services:

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

Housing & Building Services:

Patsy Lafferty, Area Manager

Planning & Economic Development Services:

Frank Sweeney, Area Manager
Alana Green Executive Planner
Clare Cronin Executive Planner

Roads & Transportation Services:

Pat Gillespie, Area Manager
Martin Flanagan Senior Executive Technician
Niall Mc Cafferty Technician
Alison Steele Clerical Officer
Linda Vance Clerical Officer

Marine Services:

Vincent Lynn Senior Engineer

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

Also Present

Donna McDermott, Town Engineer Buncrana Town Council

Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn chaired the meeting.

06/22 VOTE OF SYMPATHY

The Committee passed a vote of sympathy in respect of Mary McDaid
Mother of Bernard McDaid, Housing.

23.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 13th March, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Denis McGonagle, the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2006 were agreed.

23.2 Review of the Buncrana Development Plan 2002 and Preparation of New Buncrana & Environs Development Plan 2008.

Alana Green and Clare Cronin circulated a report from Francie Coyle, Director of Services that will be considered at the Council Meeting on the 29th May 2006 and a report from Gerry Richards, Senior Planner recommending that Buncrana Town Council with the agreement of Donegal County Council should make a single Development Plan for Buncrana Town & Environs. A draft agreement document to be entered into by the two Councils was also circulated detailing the arrangements to be put in place in accordance with Section 9 (3) (b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000.

It was agreed that the document go forward for ratification to the Donegal County Council Meeting to be held in Lifford on 29th May 2006.

The Committee was also advised that:

- The administrative arrangements that have to be set in place in order to prepare a joint Plan between both Councils include a Joint Working Group between Town Council and IEAC.
- The decision on the Plan will be taken as normal at a formal meeting of each Council.
- Town Council will make final decision on matters pertaining to Town Council Area.
- Drop in Events arranged for Tuesday 16th May in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel.
- Advertisements have been placed in Local Press
- Initial work on the Plan involving research and survey is ongoing.
- Next step is the preparation of Managers Report on Public Consultation.
- A meeting of Joint Working Group will be convened in June to present progress report and deal with emerging issues.

23.3 Pre-Planning Consultation Procedures

Frank Sweeney circulated details on the Pre- Planning Consultation Procedure and outlined in detail procedures to be followed when making a Pre-Planning Enquiry, he also advised that in the Inishowen Electoral Area the morning of the last Wednesday of each month would be dedicated to the public for Pre-Planning Enquiries.

The new procedure would come into effect on Wednesday morning 31st May 2006 and thereafter each subsequent last Wednesday of the month. Councillor McGuinness stated that $\frac{1}{2}$ Day per month was inadequate time given to pre-planning enquiries. He would however monitor the situation and await developments.

Councillor Padraig MacLochlainn stated that due to the workload at present in the Planning Office, and the new Pre-Planning Procedures he requested the Committee recommend that an extra Planner be appointed to the Inishowen Electoral Area.

Councillor McGuinness stated that any new Planner appointed should cover Buncrana Town Environs and the greater Buncrana Area.

The Committee recommended that an additional Planner and Administrative Staff be approved for the Inishowen Electoral Area.

The Committee expressed appreciation to all Planning Staff on the work being done.

23.4 Planning Statistics / Refusals

The Committee noted the Planning Statistics and Recent Refusals.

23.5 Unauthorised Development

The Committee noted Unauthorised Development Report.

23.6 Take over of Private Residential Housing Estates Programme.

The following documents were circulated:

- **A Copy of the Adopted Policy Document on Private Housing Takeover and the Certified Minutes of Council Meeting of 26th September 2005.**
- **Application Form for Takeover of Housing Estate Services,**
- **Up to date position in relation to Pre 1996 Estates,**
- **Copy of the Private Housing Estate Document.**
- **Basic Information on Mechanical and Electoral Plant**

Vincent Lynn advised the Committee that an agreement had been made with the C.I.F. and Developers to take over Pre- 1996 Estates. Take Over of Pre 1996 Estates has to be done by Agreement and if a resident objects the Council do not get involved.

23.6.1 Pre 96 Estates

There are a total of 27 No. Estates in the Inishowen Electoral Area, of which 10 No. are complete and ready for Take-Over by the Council, work is ongoing in 7 No. Estates and 10 No. Estates are not progressing due to various issues in relation to completion of works etc.

23.6.2 Lisfannon Heights.

It was noted that contributions towards completion of roads and sanitary works had been returned to the resident's, as there were not enough participants to make the scheme viable.

The Committee recommended that consideration be given to extending the sewer to Lisfannon by either a Serviced Land Initiative or Buncrana Sewerage Scheme.

23.6.3 Post 96 Estates

There are a total of 128 No. Estates of which:

80 No. are ready for Take Over, however only 3 No. have applied for Take Over.

46 No. have privately operated Communal & Electrical Treatment Plants.

Martin Flanagan distributed files on a number of Mechanical & Electrical Treatment Plants, which are in a state of disrepair and advised that it will cost the Council vast sums of money to bring the equipment up to date.

Vincent Lynn gave details of estates whereby different planning conditions were imposed on the Grant of Planning Permission. He stated that an up to date policy was required.

A general discussion took place in which Councillor McGuinness stated that after the Developer had completed the development the Council must take responsibility for the services and if the Developer failed to comply with the conditions of planning, then the Planning Authority must pursue Enforcement Action. He further stated that Planning Permission for multiple developments should only be allowed when there were proposals to have a public sewerage system in place within the lifetime of planning enforcement.

Councillor Pádraig Mac Lochlainn stated that Developers have had a free hand in the estates and now the residents were being left with the problems, he requested that the Council consider issuing a Press Release advising the public of the procedure to be followed for Take-Over.

Vincent Lynn stated that the presentation was being delivered in each of the Electoral Areas and he would be happy to issue a Press Release when he has consulted all the Electoral Area Committees by the end of July.

On a proposal of Councillor Padraig MacLochlainn and seconded by Councillor Bernard McGuinness the Committee recommended that a press release be issued to the effect that Donegal County Council can Take Over Post 96 Residential Estates and advising of the procedure to be followed.

On a proposal from Councillor Bernard McGuinness and seconded by Councillor Rena Donaghey the Committee recommend that the C.P.G. review the present Policy on Take - Over of Post 1996 Private Housing Schemes agreed at the County Council Meeting on 26/09/2005 to include the Take-Over of Open Spaces.

23.6.4 Town Councils

Vincent Lynn informed the meeting that at present there was no policy in place regarding the take over of estates in the Town Councils, i.e. Ballyshannon, Buncrana, Bundoran & Letterkenny. He is encouraging Town Councils to adopt a similar policy to the County Council.

23.6.5 Carrowreagh Road.

Councillor Bernard McGuinness raised the issue of waste ground between the footpath and the front fence of the resident's dwellings, where the Road Services widened the stretch of road. A discussion took place as to the ownership of the land in question.

It was agreed that Pat Gillespie Area Manager Roads & Transportation would examine if funding from Development Charges would be available to carry out landscaping works.

24.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 13th March, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Marion McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March, 2006 were agreed.

24.2 Consideration of Report of Roads Workshop held on 03rd April, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the Report of the Roads Workshop held on 03rd April 2006 was agreed.

24.3 Traffic Calming Measures

Pat Gillespie agreed to present a report to the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee at the next meeting to be held on 17th July 2006.

24.4 Lights at Newtowncunningham & Carrigans

Cllr Francis Conaghan stated that he was most unhappy with the situation, as nothing has happened since he raised this issue at the last IEAC meeting.

He wants a strong stand taken with the ESB in regard to Public Lighting as the Council were paying in excess of €1 Million per annum and receiving a very bad service and in some cases no service at all.

Pat Gillespie agreed to contact the ESB again regarding these lights.

24.5 Public Lighting in Culdaff

Cllr Bernard McGuinness stated that underground cabling had not been done in Culdaff and queried if a private contractor could carry out the work.

Pat Gillespie advised that if a budget is available and that the work is not done by direct labour then the work could be carried out by a Private Contractor provided that it was carried out by a qualified person and done to ESB standards.

24.6 Public Light at Linsfort

On the request of Cllr McGuinness, Pat Gillespie advised that he would re-examine the request for the provision of a Public Light at Jimmy McRorys, Linsfort.

24.7 Public Lighting/ESB

Cllr Bernard McGuinness queried if the Council could get a quote from Energia regarding public lighting contracts, as there could be savings to be made and a message must be given to the ESB regarding their poor service.

Cllr Francis Conaghan informed the Committee that the Party Whips had a meeting with the ESB in the past and were informed that the Council does not have a list of lights in the County and therefore would be unable to quantify the number of lights for tendering purposes at present.

The Committee agreed to seek a meeting with the County Manager on Public Lighting and the provisions adopted at the 2006 Budget.

24.8 Junction of Shore Road at the Village Green, Culdaff.

In response to a request from Cllr Bernard McGuinness, Pat Gillespie agreed to investigate the problem of visibility at the Junction of Shore Road at the Village Green in Culdaff

24.9 Lower Main Street, Merville.

Cllr Marian McDonald stated she was unhappy with the ongoing works, which were very sporadic and were more times stopped and were at a standstill at present. Pat Gillespie agreed to contact Road Design on the matter.

24.10 Gulladuff Road.

Pat Gillespie informed Cllr Marian McDonald that monies had been provided for work on this road.

24.11 Pedestrian Crossing, Muff.

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan and seconded by Cllr Pádraig Mac Lochlainn the Committee recommended that the Council make contact with the Developer regarding the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing at Main Street Muff.

24.12 Buncrana Pedestrian Crossing.

On the proposal of Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn seconded by Cllr. Rena Donaghey the Committee recommended that serious consideration be given to not using the company involved in the provision of the Pedestrian Crossing at Buncrana due to the slowness in finishing the crossing on the Cockhill Road.

24.13 Nurses Lane,

On the proposal of Cllr. Francis Conaghan and seconded by Cllr. Rena Donaghey the Committee recommended that a 3 Tonne Weight Restriction be introduced at Nurses Lane and that this item be included on the Agenda of the Councils Meeting to be held on 29th May 2006.

24.14 Carndonagh Community School

It was agreed that Pat Gillespie would respond to correspondence received from the Community School advising that repairs to fence along the river walk is the schools responsibility.

24.15 Correspondence

Cllr. Bernard McGuinness stated he and other Councillors had received correspondence from a number of local community groups requesting assistance regarding problems/repairs and requests for additional signage.

Pat Gillespie was given copies of the correspondence and advised that the local engineers are in discussions with the various groups in the area and would respond to the correspondence accordingly.

24.16 Cashel Na Cor

Cllr Rena Donaghey informed the meeting that she had received a letter from the Cashel Na Cor Committee requesting the erection of a Bus Shelter and flashing amber lights at the Cashel Na Cor Centre Buncrana. Pat Gillespie agreed to examine the request and advise Cllr. Donaghey.

24.17 Discretionary Improvement Schemes

On a proposal from Cllr Francis Conaghan and seconded by Cllr Padraig MacLochlainn the Committee recommended that the Proposals for the Discretionary Improvement Schemes circulated with the Agenda be adopted.

24.18 Riverside Walk, Carndonagh

Pat Gillespie advised the Committee that the Carndonagh Development Association are in discussions with the Health Service Executive, with a proposal to extend the existing path which ends at the Hospital over HSE land along the river at Carndonagh and outlined the procedures to be

followed in order for the proposal to proceed further. Mr. Gillespie stated that Donegal County Council would not be involved in the works to be carried out and prior to the path being adopted, as a public path the Council must satisfy itself that the works carried out are to the Council's satisfaction.

He further advised that the Councils Solicitors would be asked to draft a letter to Carndonagh Development Association regarding the above.

On a proposal from Cllr. Denis McGonagle and seconded by Cllr. Bernard McGuinness the Committee agreed to proceed as recommended.

24.19 Opening of Carndonagh Inner Relief Road.

Cllr. Bernard McGuinness stated that he was most annoyed that the Taoiseach was invited to officially open a road that was not fully completed.

An open and frank discussion took place in which members voiced their views and it was agreed that it should have been done through the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee and that proper protocol was not followed in this instance.

24.20 Local Improvement Scheme Meeting.

It was agreed that a Workshop on Development Charges and Car Parking is to be held in the Carndonagh PSC on Tuesday 13th June 2006.

25.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 13th March, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March, 2006 were agreed.

25.2 Redcastle Housing Scheme

On a proposal from Cllr McGuinness and seconded by Cllr. MacLochlainn the Committee recommended that the open space at Redcastle is not developed for housing and that it be maintained as a green area.

25.3 Affordable Housing Carndonagh

Patsy Lafferty informed the meeting that the purchase of 6 No. units at Donagh Park under Part V Legislation was almost complete, and that an Information Session on Affordable Housing would be held in the Carndonagh PSC and applications would be invited from interested parties.

The Members requested that they be advised of the date.

25.4 Central Heating Programme 2006

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that advertisement seeking Expressions of Interest from contractors seeking to have their names added to select list of contractors have been published in the local press. Tenders will be sought shortly from the contractors on the select list.

The Members expressed their concern that oil fired heating was being installed in dwellings. Cllr. Rena Donaghey stated that the Council was encouraging and promoting the use of Renewable Energy and the Committee recommended that the Council should consider a pilot scheme on the use of wood chip pellet stoves/ burners.

25.5 Social Housing Programme 2004 2008

Mr. Lafferty circulated an update on the programme, which was noted by the Committee.

25.6 Loans and Grants

The Committee noted the up to date reports

25.7 House Exchange

Councillor Rena Donaghey requested that the housing situation of a disabled tenant in Buncrana be progressed as a matter of urgency. Patsy Lafferty said he was familiar with the case and had been advised that Buncrana Town Council had a plan of action in place to deal with the matter.

25.8 Senior Citizen's House at Killea

Councillor Francis Conaghan requested confirmation as to when a shower would be provided in a recently allocated Senior Citizen's House at Killea. The tenant is a DPG applicant, and there are presently no washing facilities available.

Patsy Lafferty agreed to contact Occupational Therapist to progress the matter further.

25.9 Inch Housing Scheme.

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested that staff from Housing Construction meet with Road staff to examine ways of achieving the required vision lines at the existing entrance to Inch H.S. rather than opening a new entrance to which there will be objections.

26.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 13th March, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March, 2006 were agreed subject to the following Amendment at 17.5 of the minutes.

17.5 Recycling Banks in Buncrana

"The Committee were opposed the removal of the Paper Banks in Buncrana and recommended that the provision of a Civic Amenity Site in Buncrana be included in the Draft Waste Management Plan.

Cllr Padraig MacLochlainn expressed his concern at the charge of €4.50 for the collection of recyclables."

26.2 Follow-up Report

The Committee considered the Report dated 15th May 2006 (Appendix 1) circulated at the meeting by Con McLaughlin in relation to follow-ups and the various issues raised at the Electoral Area Meeting held on 13th March 2006

26.3 Bridgend/Burnfoot Sewerage Schemes

Cllr Francis Conaghan queried the recent Part 8 Planning in relation to Burnfoot S.S. Con McLaughlin in response noted the background.

Councillor Francis Conaghan requested that an examination be done as to the possibility of advertising Bridgend & Burnfoot simultaneously.

26.4 Colehill, Newtowncunningham

Councillor Francis Conaghan stated that he wished to convey his thanks to the Council Staff who resolved the sewer problem.

26.5 Recycling Bring Banks in Buncrana

Con McLaughlin advised that public notices are being placed in the local papers advising that the Recycling Bring Banks are being relocated to the Car Park adjacent to the Tourist Office.

Councillor Padraig MacLochlainn stated that Buncrana Town Councillors were annoyed at not being notified in advance of the Recycling Bring Banks being relocated the first time round, and now once again another relocation is planned without them being informed. He further stated that as far as he was concerned there is no spirit of partnership and a total lack of communications being shown by Senior Council Staff.

A discussion followed regarding the removal of the Recycling Site from the Buncrana Town Council Offices and the issue of the disposal of recyclables.

Con McLaughlin in response noted the report from Jim Holohan to Town Council meeting in advance of earlier move from the existing site. He noted that the rollout of Kerbside Recycling was part of a national development and was included on the waste collection permits issued to all collectors. It was a requirement of those permits that an incentive to recycle is offered to consumers as part of their charging, which was the case in Buncrana.

The Committee recommended that the provision of a Civic Amenity Site in Buncrana should be given consideration.

26.6 Charges at Civic Amenity Sites

Con McLaughlin stated that a charge was in place at the Stranorlar CAS for trailers etc. there was a free area within the site for the recycling of cans, bottles, plastic, newspapers, etc

A discussion took place and it was agreed that a charge be introduced at the Carndonagh site in line with Stranorlar.

26.7 Illegal Dumping & Clean up

The Committee recommended that the week-end dumping at bring Banks be monitored and that Cooks Hill, Ballymacarthur Road and the Twin Bridges on the Mountain Road be included for consideration of 'Level 3' Clean Up's later in year.

26.8 Movice Fire Station

Con McLaughlin to update Cllr. Marion McDonald.

26.9 Movice/Greencastle Sewerage Scheme

Cllr. Bernard McGuinness stated that the Committee was still awaiting a response to the queries and issues raised by the Committee for a Clean Estuary and the cost implications for a Deep Sea Outfall or the possibility of the works placed at a higher level.

Con McLaughlin stated that he would contact the Capital Design Team and arrange a date for a Workshop.

It was agreed that Corporate Services write to the Committee for a Clean Estuary advising that the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee are awaiting clarification to their queries and will respond in due course.

26.10 Desertegney W.S

On a query from Cllr. Pádraig MacLochlainn Mr. Con McLaughlin advised that the Contract Documents were with the D.O.H.E.L.G. for approval.

26.11 Fullerton Pollan Dam.

On the proposal of Cllr. Denis McGonagle seconded by Cllr. Pádraig MacLochlainn the Committee recommended that estimates be prepared and an application for funding be submitted for extending the Pollan Dam water supply to supply East Inishowen as this is a priority area. Con McLaughlin noted that this is already included as part of the Inishowen Water Strategy Study and noted in the most recent Assessment of Needs document submitted to the DoEHLG. He undertook to brief the members on the detail involved, including costs.

26.12 Malin S.S

Cllr. Bernard McGuinness stated that the Malin Town Development Association have not been kept informed on the up to date situation with the scheme.

Con McLaughlin advised that he is available to update the Association any time if they contact him. He further noted a revised Part 8 Planning for one of the pumping stations to accommodate local agreement in that regard.

26.13 Culdaff W.S.

Cllr. Bernard McGuinness stated that there were problems with the water supply in Culdaff.

Con McLaughlin advised that there is a problem with the natural lime content in the supply and added that remedial works including the installation of filters had been put in place in an attempt to address same.

26.14 Tober/Castlethird GWSS

Cllr. Francis Conaghan requested that he be informed on the Take-Over of this scheme.

26.15 Gortree/Dooish GWSS.

The Committee requested coordination between the Road Services and Water & Environment regarding leaving connections available, as the road is due for tarring.

27.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 13th March, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Marion McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March, 2006 were agreed.

Garry Martin introduced Richard Gibson Acting Administrative Officer for the Inishowen and Letterkenny Electoral Areas and advised that Richard would be deputising for Aideen Doherty whilst she is on Maternity Leave.

The Chairman Cllr. Pdraig MacLochlainn on behalf of the Committee welcomed Richard to the meeting.

27.2 Youth Council Correspondence

Garry Martin circulated copies of letter dated 10th May 2006 from the Youth Council Co-Ordinator updating the Committee on the Youth Council's input into policies on anti-social behaviour and road safety.

27.3 Follow-up Report.

Garry Martin updated the members in regard to the follow-ups and the various issues raised at the Electoral Area Meeting held on the 13th March 2006.

27.4 Library Newtowncunningham.

Garry Martin advised that Richard Gibson would progress development of the Library in Newtowncunningham in response to a query from Cllr Francis Conaghan.

27.5 Land at Malin Head

Garry Martin informed the meeting that correspondence had been received from Grace McCarron, IRDL, identifying one landowner in relation to the ownership of land at Malin Head. He advised that Richard Gibson would now be progressing the matter further.

Cllr. MacLochlainn asked that Malin Head be given top priority, and agreement be reached on the type of Interpretative Centre to be provided and that Richard give it his full attention.

27.6 Playground Funding

Garry Martin outlined details on playground funding and the latest funding allocated to groups to date. He advised that there might be a possible shortfall, which would have to be made up from Development Funds.

27.7 Peace Funding

Garry Martin informed the meeting that a total of €9.5 million had been channelled through the peace programme funding under the Peace II Task Force. Funding under Peace III is to be modelled on Transboundary Committees and that the Councils Task Force may no longer be in existence.

Cllr Padraig MacLochlainn requested clarification if €37,500 was agreed in the Budget 2006 for each Electoral Area over the next 3 years. Garry Martin advised that Richard Gibson would check the Budget proposals and give clarification to Cllr. MacLochlainn.

27.8 Lough Swilly Ferry Service

Garry Martin informed the Committee that there would be a delay in the commencement the service this year due to technical difficulties and a Press Release to this effect would be issued the following day, the 16th May 2006. This will not involve any cost to the Council. No decision has been taken to extend service into September at this stage

27.9 Merville Green Byelaws

In response to a query from Cllr Marian McDonald, Garry Martin stated that Richard Gibson would report back to the next IEAC Meeting in relation to progress on the Merville Green Bye-Laws.

27.10 Presentations

The Committee agreed to receive presentations from Maria Gallo on behalf of the Donegal County Childcare Committee and Jeremy Smith, Walking Trails Development Officer at the next Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting due to take place on 17th July 2006.

28.1 Request for Deputation

Eunan Kelly informed the Committee that he had received correspondence from Action Inishowen requesting permission to make a presentation to the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee.

It was agreed to invite Action Inishowen to make a presentation at the next Inishowen Electoral Area Meeting, which will take place on Monday 17th July 2006 in the Carndonagh Public Service Centre.

28.2 Attendance at IEAC Meetings by Buncrana Town Clerk

Eunan Kelly informed the Committee that the Buncrana Town Clerk would be attending future IEAC meetings

28.3 Opening of Outreach Office in Buncrana

Eunan Kelly informed the Committee that it is intended to progress the opening of an Outreach Office in Buncrana now that the Outreach Office in Ballyshannon is opened.

Scoil Mhuire Parent's Council. Buncrana.

The Chairman, Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn on behalf of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee welcomed the Deputation from Scoil Mhuire Parent's Council to the meeting.

The deputation consisted of

Ms. Berenice Maher Chairperson Parent's Council
Ms Elaine Deery Vice-Chairperson Parent's Council
Mr. Frank McHale Chairperson Board of Management
Mr, Liam Rainey Principal Scoil Mhuire.

The Deputation circulated a map and documentation in relation to Health & Safety issues at St. Oran's Road and the Shore Front entrances to the School.

Ms. Berenice Maher gave a presentation in which she gave a detailed account of the issues involved and the interim measures which are being put in place at present in co-operation with the Roads and Town Engineer's namely.

- Shell Grip to be laid on stretch of road from St. Mary's Road to Scoil Mhuire and from Shore Road towards the school
- Warning signs SLOW SCHOOL AHEAD be painted on the road
- A "H" sign to be erected over the footpath at McGoldrick's.
- A new sign to be erected on the Shore Road

Ms. Maher then went on to highlight the long- term issues to be addressed

- Blind Spot opposite McGoldrick's traffic travelling at high speed
- Only one vehicular entrance to the school via St. Oran's Road
- The entrance is for all deliveries to the school
- The entrance is the main pedestrian arrival and departure point for students
- Bus bays needed on Shore Road no access to car park
- Pelican crossing & lights required on Shore Road
- Population of Buncrana on the increase, therefore student numbers will increase.
- The school is being considered for prioritisation in the Department of Education School Building Plan 2006-2010

After the presentation a series of questions and answers/clarification followed between the Deputation and the Electoral Area Committee. Pat Gillespie Area Manager Roads & Transportation gave an update on what stage the interim measures were at, and stated that a long- term view was needed to address the problems. Such as the possibility of the school acquiring/buying a green field site for a new school building, which would address the problems that the school was facing now and its plans for the future. It was noted from the discussion that the school had to scale back the number of students attending from 850 pupils to the present level of 650 pupils under Health & Safety issues.

The Committee agreed to write to the Minister for Education Ms. Mary Hanafin TD in support of the School in its endeavours to achieve a solution to the problems facing it.

The Chairman thanked Ms Maher for her presentation and advised that the Committee were fully supportive of the Deputation's aims and objectives and would respond to their requests in due course.

06/30	DATE FOR NEXT MEETING
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The next meeting of the IEAC will take place in the Carndonagh P.S.C. on Monday 17th July, 2006 commencing at 10.00 am.

Appendix 1

WATER & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Report to Inishowen EAC Meeting 15th May 2006

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

From minutes of previous meeting 13th March 2006, using same notation

17.2 Bridgend / Burnfoot Sewerage Scheme:

The Capital Design Office in Lifford have advised that they are in negotiations with a developer with a view to developing a Wastewater treatment works in Burnfoot, which will ultimately be suitable for both villages. The work being proposed with the current developer is the first phase of the works proposed and will be capable of expansion as further funding becomes available. A revised Part 8 Planning application is being advertised currently.

17.3 Milltown and Ballymacarry S.L.I.'s:

John McElwaine, Capital Design office has advised that both of these proposed SLI's are sewer extensions which are developer led schemes, which are 60% funded by developers. The Council has received no proposals for the 60% private funding required to advance these schemes.

17.4 Colehill, Newtowncunningham

Ongoing sewer problem at the above estate has been resolved by DCC staff.

17.5 Bring banks in Buncrana:

A further move is planned for the bring banks to the car park adjacent to the tourist office. Newspaper advertisements are running this week with the relocation planned for 22nd May 2006.

AGENDA Items no. 3-6 - Progress Reports:

See updated progress reports for following circulated in advance of meeting:

Capital Programmes:

Major Capital Programme

Service Land Initiative (SLI's)

Rural Water Programme:

Small Capital Programme

Group Scheme Programme

C. McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer,

Area Manager, Water and Environment,

15th May 2006

