

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY, 2008 IN  
THE CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE**

**Councillors Present:**

Councillor Francis Conaghan

Councillor Rena Donaghey

Councillor Pádraig MacLochláinn

Councillor Marian McDonald

Councillor Denis McGonagle

Councillor Bernard McGuinness

Councillor Dermot McLaughlin, Mayor Buncrana Town Council

**Buncrana Town Council:**

Seamus Canning, A/Town Clerk

**Officials Present:**

**Community, Cultural & Enterprise Services:**

Aideen Doherty, Administrative Officer

**Corporate Services:**

Eunan Kelly, Area Manager

Marie Deeney, Acting Senior Staff Officer

**Housing & Building Services**

Eamon Mahon, Executive Engineer

**Planning & Economic Development Services:**

Paul Kelly, A/Area Manager

Emma Barron, Executive Planner

Simon Harron, Executive Planner

**Roads & Transportation Services:**

Stephen Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer/ Area Manager

Jim McLaughlin, Executive Engineer

Trevor Gordon, Executive Engineer

Damian McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer, NRDO

**Water, Environment & Emergency Services:**

Con McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer/Area Manager

**Apologies**

Patsy Lafferty, Area Manager, Housing

The Chairperson, Cllr Rena Donaghey, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and invited nominations for the election of Chairperson. Cllr Donaghey extended her thanks to her fellow colleagues for their support during her term in office.

Cllr Francis Conaghan congratulated Cllr Donaghey on her term as Chairperson of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee. On the proposal of Cllr Conaghan and seconded by Cllr Denis McGonagle, Cllr Bernard McGuinness was unanimously elected as Chairperson of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee for the year 2008/2009. There were no other nominations for the position.

Cllr McGuinness thanked Cllr Francis Conaghan and Cllr Denis McGonagle for proposing and seconding him and paid tribute to the outgoing Chairperson, Cllr Rena Donaghey, for her stewardship during the last year and pledged his support to continue the trend to get business done as quickly as possible.

#### **27.1 Buncrana Town Clerk**

Cllr Rena Donaghey extended her congratulations to Seamus Canning on his appointment as Town Clerk of Buncrana Town Council. Cllr Donaghey stated that the work will be very challenging but will also be very rewarding. Members expressed their agreement with Cllr Donaghey and joined with Cllr Donaghey in wishing Seamus every success in his new role.

**08/28 PRESENTATION FROM MCGILL PLANNING LTD/O  
MAHONEY PIKE ARCHITECTS/MC ALLISTER HOLDINGS LTD ON  
MASTERPLAN AREA FOR KILLEA**

The Chairman, Cllr Bernard McGuinness, on behalf of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee welcomed Trevor Sadler (McGill Planning), Nick Lord (McAllister Holdings) and Derbhile McDonagh (O'Mahony Pike Architects) to the meeting.

Nick Lord thanked the Members for allowing them the opportunity to make the presentation of Masterplan Lands at Kildrum Upper, Killea. Nick Lord briefly outlined to Members of the experience held by McAllister Holdings in the construction industry over the last 20 years. They have held a public meeting in Killea that was very positive. This was followed by a PowerPoint Presentation by Trevor Sadler and Derbhile McDonagh outlining details on the proposals for the Masterplan area. They also circulated copies of the presentation.

Derbhile McDonagh advised as to how the Masterplan would provide for a village centre with a mix of uses i.e. community health and education, residential and recreational areas with retail and employment uses. The plan would include pedestrian routes/parks, retail units, hotel/village inn, crèche, offices and an anchor store such as Tesco.

Members congratulated the group on their presentation and on their professionalism. Cllr Francis Conaghan queried if the basic infrastructure in relation to water, wastewater, roads etc was in place to provide the development proposed. Nick Lord confirmed that they are fairly advanced with negotiations with WEES regarding a Waste Water Treatment Plant and discussions are ongoing regarding the upgrading of the water supply.

A short discussion followed regarding possible variation required to the current Local Area Plan for Killea/Material Contravention. Members agreed that it is important that the local community is kept informed through public consultation.

The group thanked the Members for taking the time to view their presentation and departed from the meeting.

Simon Haran advised the Committee that the Killea LAP was adopted in 2004 and Eunan Quinn, C.P.U. has been liaising with the Developer and Mc Gill Planning Ltd. C.P.U. is supportive of the proposal to relocate the village centre to the Main Street. The Committee felt that the best way forward was by way of a variation/amendment to the Killea Local Area Plan.

Members requested that a response issue to McGill Planning, Agents for McAllister Holdings Ltd in relation to the proposals for Killea Masterplan area and clarify if a Material Contravention is required.

Simon Haran advised the Committee that the C.P.U. will take on board the member's recommendations that this should go to public consultation and assess if a Material Contravention is required and contact Mc Gill Planning Ltd.

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**30.2 Follow Ups from Previous Meeting**

Con McLaughlin circulated an Update Report on issues raised at the previous meeting (Appendix 1).

**30.2.1 Workshop on Environmental Issues**

The Committee were informed that the Director had scheduled to attend a Workshop in the Carndonagh Public Services Centre on the original date for the Electoral Area Meeting (14<sup>th</sup> July, 2008), however, due to the Electoral Area Committee Meeting having to be rescheduled, the date clashed with a prior commitment, an SMT Meeting in Milford. The Director sent his apologies.

**30.2.2 Beach Management**

Con McLaughlin advised Members that the legal advice sought in relation to the draft laws is proving to be a slow process and given the fact that there is a two-month consultation period, beach by-laws will not be in place for this season. It is hoped that the beach by-laws will give Gardaí an extra tool to deal with unsociable behaviour and that the role of the Lifeguards will be to be proactive reporting offenders and giving advice. Members expressed their appreciation to Beach Manager, Kevin McCloskey, on the good work being carried out.

Cllr Marian McDonald requested that the litter problem at Shrove beach be investigated and that consideration be given to a leaflet drop in the area regarding the unauthorised use of litter bins.

**30.2.3 Burnfoot, Bridgend, Carrigans, Killea and Tooban S.S.s**

Con McLaughlin informed the Committee that progress reports in relation to Sewerage Schemes for Burnfoot, Bridgend, Carrigans, Killea and Tooban were requested from Capital Design Office.

**30.2.4 Lower Road, Greencastle**

Con McLaughlin advised that investigations into the alleged sewerage discharge at Lower Road, Greencastle, have established that wastewater treatment plants serving two adjacent private estates would appear to

have effluent seeping from the units or percolation area into the adjoining roadside drain. The matter has been referred to the Laboratory for further investigation under the Water Pollution Act. A formal Section 12 Notice has been served on one developer that requires corrective action to be taken. It is likely that the same course of action will follow for the second site identified. Planning Service has also been notified in relation to enforcement proceedings.

### **30.2.5 Gortree Road**

Con Mc Laughlin advised the Committee that 9no. service connection applications have been processed on the Gortree Road, and following receipt of the outstanding fees licences will issue.

### **30.2.6 Carndonagh Civic Amenity Site**

Con McLaughlin advised that the construction start date in relation to the upgrading of the Carndonagh Civic Amenity Site has been delayed awaiting completion of paperwork from the Contractor. Detailed information in relation to the curtailed service that will be available during the 4-month construction period was distributed. This information also to be advertised shortly through the local media.

Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness requested that consideration be given to organising collection at designated times for items that cannot be disposed at the Carndonagh Civic Amenity Site during the upgrading works.

### **30.3 Buncrana Civic Amenity Site**

Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn requested an update in relation to the Buncrana Civic Amenity Site.

### **30.4 Recent Media Articles**

Con McLaughlin read out and circulated a detailed report (Appendix 1), regarding a burst watermain at Ludden, Buncrana, on 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2008, in response to recent media articles, which suggested that the Council's response was inadequate. The article did not reflect the scale of the situation and the work required to restore the water service. He felt obliged to raise the matter as the media article had caused a lot of grievance for the staff involved.

Cllr Francis Conaghan responded that this was the first time that he had seen the article and was happy to stand over it. Cllr Conaghan also stated that he had full confidence in staff and that he had no issue with staff, however, he considered that maintenance on this mains pipe needed

to be looked at as is management of the trunk main, with the possibility of back-up reserves.

### **30.5 East Inishowen Developments**

Con McLaughlin read out and circulated a detailed report (Appendix 1) in response to recent negative media for the Council in relation to further multiple housing developments in the East Inishowen Area. His report addressed both the negative press but also summarised again the situation regarding development at East Inishowen. He noted how:

*Elements of the required infrastructure are listed on the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government's funded Water Service Investment Programme, WSIP 2007-2009. The members will be aware that programme is not controlled by DCC and can best be thought of in terms of delivery over the future 5 - 10 year time period.*

The report further recalled the strategic needs for water supply for that area including costs involved. In particular regarding funding, the report noted:

*The Council's principle funding source for major capital works in water services is through the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government's Water Service Investment Programme. The current Water Service Investment Programme 2007-2009 includes the Inishowen Regional Water Supply Scheme under "schemes to 'advance through planning' ". An indicative cost estimate for that scheme is noted at €19m. This is not an allocation of €19 million, but is an approval to advance the scheme through the Department's process of project planning. This scheme will deliver works for the longer term and is not an immediate answer to the problems currently faced by development interests. There are also restrictions on the extent to which that programme can be used to fund future housing.*

Mr. McLaughlin concluded with reference to the good progress made with MH Associates, Architects and Surveyors, on behalf of the developers, with the Council throughout 2008 to establish if a developer led scheme could progress the matter in the meantime.

Members expressed their dissatisfaction/concerns regarding the lack of progress on this issue. Cllr Rena Donaghey advised that she had been in

contact with the Department prior to the meeting of developers and Council Officials back in 2007 and had been assured that funding in the sum of €19m was ready for drawdown pending receipt of all documentation from the Council.

Eunan Kelly read a letter to the Committee which had been received from the Construction Industry of Inishowen requesting a deputation at the next meeting of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee. Members agreed to invite the Construction Industry of Inishowen to the next Electoral Area Committee Meeting.

The members felt that a short press release was appropriate in the mean time.

Post meeting the following Press Release issued

*"The issue of housing development, at areas of East Inishowen in particular, was discussed at length at the July meeting of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee earlier today. The Committee agreed to a request from the Group recently formed to represent the developers, for a deputation to attend the September Electoral Area Committee Meeting. The Council will be making no further comment in that matter at this time."*

### **30.6 Merville/Greencastle S.S.**

At the request of Cllr Marian McDonald, Con McLaughlin agreed to update Cllr McDonald on the current position with regards to the Merville/Greencastle Sewerage Scheme.

### **30.7 Malin S.S.**

The Members sought a Progress Report on the Malin Sewerage Scheme which could be passed on to the Malin Development Association. Members agreed to receive a deputation and invite Malin Development Association to attend the next Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting.

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**31.2 Update Report**

Stephen Flynn circulated an Update Report on issues raised at the previous meeting.

**31.2.1 Dublin/Derry Road Project/A5**

Stephen Flynn advised the Committee that a presentation had been made to the General Purposes Committee at the June Meeting. Appendix R1 of the report already circulated refers.

**31.2.2 Local Improvement Schemes for 2008**

Members were informed that an additional scheme is to be added to the list of schemes for 2008, this refers to an application received from T. McGonigle, Cloontagh, Clonmany.

**31.2.3 Gleneely Corner**

Stephen Flynn advised Members that discussions have taken place with landowners at Gleneely Corner and proposals are being discussed. Stephen Flynn agreed to update the Committee on any developments.

**31.2.4 Balleighan Road**

The Committee were informed that the Balleighan Road is currently being addressed under the 2008 Surface Dressing Programme.

**31.2.5 White Wall, Merville**

Stephen Flynn advised that the Council had arranged for the White Wall at Merville to be independently inspected and it had been confirmed that the wall has been undermined by the roots of the mature trees adjacent to it. The Roads Directorate has also sought the advice of the Conservation Officer prior to finding any recommended action. Stephen Flynn agreed to follow up on this matter.

### **31.2.6 Movice Tidy Towns**

Following a request from Cllr Marian McDonald, Stephen Flynn confirmed that planters have now been delivered for the Movice Tidy Towns Committee.

### **31.2.7 Crossroads at Greencastle**

Stephen Flynn advised that under the LCA scheme, works are progressing at the Crossroads at Greencastle, and it is anticipated that these works shall be completed this quarter. This work includes advance warning signage.

### **31.2.8 Flush Road, Shrove**

The Committee were informed that the junction of Head Road and Shrove Upper will be white lined in conjunction with the Crossroads at Greencastle.

### **31.2.9 Drumfries Cycle Club**

Members were advised that the Council have arranged a meeting with the Drumfries Cycle Club to discuss outstanding issues, i.e. signage.

### **31.2.10 Signage at Cockhill Bridge**

Stephen Flynn advised that the signage at Cockhill Bridge had been reviewed. A suitable location is currently being sought to erect an advanced directional sign for Clonmany and Carndonagh.

### **31.2.11 Rockstown Road**

Members were informed that the Council is currently in discussions with the developers on the Rockstown Road in relation to works conditioned under their planning application.

### **31.2.12 Clonleigh Road**

Stephen Flynn advised the Committee that resurfacing works at Clonleigh Co-Op have now been completed and that it is anticipated that design work will be completed within the next month.

### **31.2.13 Doosh Road/Churchtown Road**

Members were informed that the Roads Directorate has made contact with the quarry owners and have held discussions with them in relation to the ongoing damage caused to the local roads. The Roads Directorate is

currently in discussions with the Council's Solicitors on how to resolve the matter outside the ongoing planning process, without prejudice to it. Members will continue to be updated on this matter.

#### **31.2.14 Moyle Road**

Following a previous request from Cllr Francis Conaghan that improvement works be carried out to the Moyle Road, Stephen Flynn advised that the road surface at the junction with the N13 will be improved as part of the overlay works for the National Primary during 2009. Consideration can also be given to Surface Dressing if required in 2009.

#### **31.2.15 Cycle Route Signs/Sustrans**

The Committee were informed that Cycle Route Signs will be erected during August, 2008.

#### **31.2.16 Carndonagh Pedestrian Crossing**

Stephen Flynn advised that the lights at the Pedestrian Crossing in Carndonagh have now been fixed.

### **31.3 Roadworks Programme 2008**

Stephen Flynn updated Members on the following Roadworks Programmes for 2008.

**Restoration Improvement Grants:** Approximately 5km of 40km to be completed in E.A. is now completed. A large proportion of remaining roads are to be contracted to private contractors. Members were advised that given the current status of Malin Town Sewage Scheme Works it would not be possible to complete the programmed works for the town in 2008, as sufficient consolidation of trenches would not have taken place to allow final reinstatement and resurfacing. This work would now be carried out in 2009. The allocation for 2008 shall now be spent on the Oldtown to Bocan Chapel section of the R238.

**Surface Dressing Programme:** Approximately 40km of 56km to be completed in E.A. is now completed. Balance of roads will be completed over the coming month.

#### **Non National Roads Specific Improvement Grants:**

Members agreed to the proposal to allocate funding for 2009 specific grants as follows:

Buncrana Inner Relief Road €1,000,000  
R238 Moville at College €800,000

**Accident Remedial Measures – Inishowen Electoral Area:** Members were requested to consider an updated list of potential sites, in the Inishowen area, for low cost accident remedial works funded from Development Charges as circulated with the Update Report, and their approval sought. Members were in agreement of the list as circulated. Approval for the countywide list to be sought at the July Council Meeting.

**Development Contribution Scheme:** Members were advised of the projects prioritised by Members in 2007 which have either been completed or have utilized their full allocation under the Development Contribution Scheme. Members to be presented with options for further expenditure as per the priority list agreed at the September Meeting.

#### **31.4 Brae Road and Carroghill Road**

Following a request from Cllr Francis Conaghan regarding the position on both the Brae Road and the Carroghill Road, Stephen Flynn confirmed that these roads are now included in the 2008 Programme.

#### **31.5 Shamrock Bridge**

In response to a query from Cllr Denis McGonagle, Trevor Gordon agreed to arrange a meeting with the landowner at Shamrock Bridge.

#### **31.6 Three Glens Residents Association**

At the request of Cllr Marian McDonald, Stephen Flynn agreed to explore funding options for commitments given to the Three Glens Residents Association.

#### **31.7 Moss Road**

Following a query from Cllr Denis McGonagle, Jim McLaughlin advised that 2no. sets of traffic calming measures have been set up on the Moss Road, Carndonagh by the Road Design Office. Speed checks using traffic counters were install to ascertain the effectiveness of the calming measures. These are currently being processed by Roads Design.

#### **31.8 Moville Yacht Club**

Cllr Marian McDonald advised of a letter she had received from Adrian Harkin, "Just Kayac", Watersports, who was requesting permission to lease the Yacht Club at Moville. Mr. Harkin is willing to carry out any necessary

works, which may be required to the Yacht Club. Stephen Flynn agreed to check out this matter and to contact Mr. Harkin.

### 31.9 National Primary Projects 2009

Stephen Flynn introduced Damian McDermott, National Road Design Office, to the meeting.

Damian McDermott made a presentation to Members on National Primary Pavement and Minor Improvement 2009 Funding Application AF1.

Members were advised that indications at this stage suggested that funding may be retained at 2008 levels for National Primary Routes, although this has yet to be confirmed. Grant allocation to the National Primary Projects for 2008 is approximately €3m. The main projects initially projected to be advanced in 2009 are as follows:

N14 Four Lane Road (Drainage and Pavement)	€1,700,000
N13 Newtowncunningham to Pluck Roundabout (Phase 1) (Pavement and ancillary works)	€1,000,000
N15 Stranorlar to Killygordon Overlay 2008 (Phase 1) (Final Account & Close Out)	€700,000
N3 Clyhore to County Boundary (Final Account & Close Out)	€75,000
National Primary Design	€300,000

Schemes currently proposed under the National Primary Design allocation are as follows:

- N13 Newtowncunningham to Pluck Roundabout (Phase 2)
- N15 Corcam (Stranorlar) to Killygordon
- N14 Lifford Mulinagung Gap
- N15 Barnesmore Gap.

Total allocation required based on these projects is €3,875,000 which exceeds the forecasted allocation. Applications will be sought before the end of July.

### **31.10 N13 Newtowncunningham to Pluck**

Cllr Francis Conaghan queried as to what works would be carried out to improve the junction at Moyle Road, the new Church junction and also the bad bends on the Letterkenny side of Newtowncunningham, under the N13 Newtowncunningham to Pluck Roundabout (Phase 2) Scheme. Damian McDermott advised that there would be no major changes on the junctions as the National Roads Authority were looking more at pavement improvements. At the request of Cllr Conaghan it was agreed that options be investigated to improve the Moyle Road junction (consider the provision of a roundabout), new Church junction and the bad bends on the Letterkenny side of Newtowncunningham.

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Aideen Doherty updated Members in relation to the Community, Culture and Enterprise Service Report that was circulated with the Agenda.

**32.2 Barrack Hill**

Aideen Doherty advised Members that works have now been completed at the woodland area of the Barrack Hill Town Park. However, the Contractor will not be planting or sewing out the area until September following advice received from Carndonagh Nurseries.

The Diarmuid Gavin office staff will now meet with the local playground committee and it is anticipated that a final design and tender package will be completed by September, 2008, date not yet confirmed.

**32.3 Ballyliffin Playground**

Members were informed that the closing date for receipt of tender documents in relation to the Ballyliffin Playground was Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2008

**32.4 Foyle Ferry/Swilly Ferry**

Aideen Doherty advised Members that work is currently being carried out on the tender documents in relation to the Foyle Ferry. It is anticipated that the documents will be issued by September with a view to having them returned prior to Christmas. Documents for the Swilly Ferry will also be completed in conjunction with the Foyle Ferry documents.

At the request of Cllr Bernard McGuinness it was agreed that the tender documents would be discussed with Members prior to being finalised. Members also requested that funding in relation to the Foyle Ferry be sought from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government/Department of Transport and that the Foyle Ferry be included on the Agenda for the September Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting.

### **32.5 HEART Project**

The Committee was informed that the Mayor of Donegal County Council would officially launch the HEART Project in Lifford on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008.

### **32.6 Merville Green**

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that a meeting had taken place with the relevant players, including NE Inishowen Development in relation to the management and development of Merville Green to discuss and agree a way forward.

### **32.7 Mini-Pitch**

Members were advised that contact will be made with both Carndonagh and Newtowncunningham within the next 2 - 3 weeks in relation to groundworks. Following their completion, mini-pitch contractors will be installing their unit. It is anticipated that groundworks construction period will be 2 - 3 weeks, with another 2 weeks for mini-pitch installation.

### **32.8 Inishowen Rural Development Ltd**

The Committee was informed that the offices of the Inishowen Rural Development Ltd are moving premises to the "sunny side" of Pound Street. It is hoped that the new offices will be up and running by week ending 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

### **32.9 Research and Policy Unit**

Members noted the statistical information requests received by the Research and Policy Unit for the period mid May to mid June, 2008.

### **32.10 Forest Link Project**

Aideen Doherty updated Members in relation to the Forest Link Project.

An Tánaiste, Mary Coughlan, launched the Donegal Woodland Owners Group at Raphoe on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

National Coverage on the Forest Link Project has been recognised in articles in the Farmers Journal and Irish Independent on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2008.

Chainsaw training ongoing.

A revised edition of the Forest Link Directory is due to be published in the coming months.

### **32.11 Heritage Project**

Aideen Doherty updated the Committee on events which have recently taken place in relation to Heritage. Heritage Week takes place from 24<sup>th</sup> August - 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2008. The deadline for registration of events for Heritage Week was 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

### **32.12 Football Community Development Officer**

Members noted the report, as circulated with the Agenda, from Trevor Scanlon, Football in the Community Development Officer. The report outlined all the major achievements for the last 3no. months, and proposals for the next 3no. months. At the request of Cllr Francis Conaghan, Aideen Doherty agreed to request Trevor Scanlon to make contact with Cllr Conaghan in relation to the mini pitch at Newtowncunningham.

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**33.2 Update Report**

Members noted the update report as circulated with the Agenda in relation to matters arising from the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2008.

**33.3 Local Area Plans**

In response to a query from Cllr Bernard McGuinness regarding Local Area Plans for Clonmany, Culdaff and Manorcunningham, Paul Kelly advised that because there are so many Local Area Plans to deal with, it is intended that they will be dealt with under each Electoral Area Plan. Cllr McGuinness queried if the Carndonagh plan has its environs included also, and requested that proposals for Local Area Plans be re-examined. It is intended that a Workshop will take place with the Members in September, at which Gerry Richards, Senior Planner, will attend to discuss the issues in relation to Local Area Plans.

**33.4 Multiple Developments**

Following a request from Cllr Bernard McGuinness, that Members be notified of all multiple development applications, Paul Kelly advised that Members could be notified when the application is received and due date for decision advised. Weekly lists could be highlighted and flagged at Electoral Area Committee Meetings. It was agreed that this request be considered and Members advised accordingly.

**33.5 Pre-Planning Enquiry Meetings**

Cllr Rena Donaghey pointed out that the current Pre-Planning Enquiry Meetings are not proving to be very successful and suggested that site meetings may be a more practical and beneficial way to go. It was agreed that this request be given consideration.

### **33.6 Tober Quarry**

In response to a query from Cllr Francis Conaghan regarding the state of the roads as a result of the use by the quarry owners, Paul Kelly advised that the Planning case is open and ongoing; it is extremely legalistic and delicate. Legal considerations have delayed matters and as a result the Planning Authority will not be in a position to conclude matters until September at the earliest.

Stephen Flynn advised that the Roads Act does offer some assistance and confirmed that he has already met with the quarry owners. The Roads Directorate is currently in discussions with the Council's Solicitors on how to resolve the matter outside the ongoing planning process, without prejudice to it.

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**34.2 Fahan Community Council**

Members considered correspondence received from Colm Ó Tuathaláin, Fahan Community Council, and requested that a letter issue in response to issues raised by Fahan Community Council.

**34.3 Requests for Deputations**

Members considered requests received from the following, to make presentations at the next Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting in September:-

Muff Community Development Co-Operative Society Ltd

Pedal Right

Construction Industry of Inishowen

It was agreed that all be invited to attend the next Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting to be held in September.

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**DATE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the IEAC will take place in the Carndonagh P.S.C. on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 commencing at 10.00 am.