

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17th JULY, 2007 IN
THE CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE**

Councillors Present:

Councillor Francis Conaghan
Councillor Rena Donaghey
Councillor Marian McDonald
Councillor Denis McGonagle
Councillor Bernard McGuinness
Councillor Padraig Mac Lochlainn
Councillor Paul Bradley, Mayor Buncrana Town Council

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:

Patsy Lafferty, Area Manager

Planning & Economic Development Services:

Paul Kelly, A/Area Manager
Collette Beattie, Assistant Planner

Roads & Transportation Services:

Pat Gillespie, Area Manager/Senior Executive Engineer
Donal Walker, Executive Engineer
Steven McCrory, Assistant Engineer

Water, Environment & Emergency Services:

Jim Hyland, A/Area Manager/ Senior Executive Engineer
Eamon Barr, Executive Engineer

07/29 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

The outgoing Chairman, Cllr Francis Conaghan, welcomed the newly elected Mayor of Buncrana Town Council, Cllr Paul Bradley to the meeting. He thanked Cllr Joe Doherty previous Mayor of Buncrana for his contribution during his year on the Committee. He welcomed the Press and Paul Kelly, Acting Area Manager, in the absence of Clare Cronin, Area Manager, Planning and Economic Development Section.

Cllr Conaghan extended his sincere thanks to his fellow colleagues for their support during his term in office, which he stated, was a very constructive and important year. Cllr Conaghan thanked the Council Officials/Area Managers, and in particular, to Eunan Kelly, and staff for facilitating the Electoral Area Meetings. He also extended his thanks to the Press for the important work, which they carry out.

Cllr Conaghan then invited nominations for the election of Chairperson. On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald and seconded by Cllr Paul Bradley, Cllr Rena Donaghey was unanimously elected as Chairperson of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee for the year 2007/2008. There were no other nominations for the position. Cllr Conaghan congratulated Cllr Rena Donaghey on her election.

Cllr Donaghey thanked her fellow Councillors for her election and paid tribute to the outgoing Chairperson, Cllr Francis Conaghan on his year as Chairman of the Committee, when he was always fair and impartial. Cllr Donaghey welcomed Jim Hyland, A/Area Manager, Water, Environment and Emergency Services, and wished him well in his new post. Cllr Donaghey also extended her good wishes to Con McLaughlin, in his new post in Lifford. Cllr Donaghey also welcomed Collette Beattie, Central Planning Unit, Lifford and Steven McCrory, Road Design, Lifford, to the meeting.

07/30 VOTE OF SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was passed by the Committee on behalf of the following:-

Paul Kilcoyne, Senior Engineer, on the death of his father
Virginia McLoone, Area Manager, on the death of her brother
Donna McDermott, Assistant Engineer, Buncrana Town Council on
the death of her father.

31.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th May 2007

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr, Bernard McGuinness the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2007 were agreed.

31.2 Consideration of Record of Roads Workshop held on 5th June, 2007

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Denis McGonagle the Record of the Roads Workshop held on 5th June, 2007 was agreed.

31.3 Carndonagh Pedestrian Crossing

In response to a query from Cllr Denis McGonagle regarding the lights, which are out of order at the new Pedestrian Crossing in Carndonagh, Pat Gillespie stated that a new circuit board had recently been installed. This matter will now have to be referred back to the suppliers who installed the lights for investigation.

At the request of Cllr McGonagle, Pat Gillespie agreed to have a look at the footpath which is jutting out onto the road

31.4 Flashing Lights/Signage at Movice Schools

Cllr Marian McDonald queried the position in relation to the flashing lights/signage which were to be provided at Movice schools. Pat Gillespie stated that he would check the matter of providing flashing lights with Stephen McCrory, Road Design Office, for inclusion under the Clar Programme and report back to Cllr McDonald. It was also agreed to monitor traffic movement to and from the school at Bath Terrace Lane.

31.5 Disabled Parking in Movice

Cllr Marian McDonald stated that there are 2no. new Disabled Hackney vehicles in Movice and requested that the possibility of having Disabled Parking spaces allocated. Pat Gillespie responded that as there are no Taxi Ranks in Movice therefore Disabled Parking spaces for Hackneys cannot be provided.

31.6 Litter Bins/Road Sweeper for Movice

In response to a query from Cllr Marian McDonald regarding the provision of Litter Bins for Movice, Pat Gillespie stated that if the local businesses

were to sponsor the provision of extra bins, to an acceptable specification then the Council would have no problem emptying them.

Cllr McDonald also queried as to how often the Road Sweeper comes into Merville. Pat Gillespie responded that due to the year-round allocation of men to sweep Merville the Road Sweeper would be very seldom in the town, usually either before or after a festival.

31.7 Footpath at Gillen's Supermarket, Merville

Cllr Marian McDonald expressed her dissatisfaction in that nothing has been done in relation to the dropped footpath at Gillen's Supermarket in Merville. Pat Gillespie confirmed that this matter had been referred to Brian Burke, Assistant Engineer, Road Design Office, regarding repair and completion of kerbing under Merville E.I.S. He agreed to follow up on this matter and report back to Cllr McDonald.

31.8 Slab Road Junction

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested an update in relation to the possibility of having the Slab Road junction re-surfaced up to the Pump House. Pat Gillespie confirmed that this work will be carried out and will be included in the next Roadworks Programme.

31.9 Pedestrian Bridge and Footpath at Cockhill

Cllr Rena Donaghey queried if the Pedestrian Bridge and footpath at Cockhill would be ready in time for the children going back to school in September. Pat Gillespie confirmed that it would not as it would be another 4 to 6 months before it would be ready.

Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn asked as to why the 40no. houses built recently had been allocated before the footbridge was ready. Patsy Lafferty stated that the Town Council had purchased the units, and the County Council, therefore, had no involvement in the allocation of same.

31.10 Mill Bridge

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested an update in relation to the Mill Bridge. Pat Gillespie stated that it is proposed to start the works in September. A recommendation is presently with the Department requesting approval of the contractor. Pat Gillespie agreed to update Members as to when works will commence.

31.11 Roads Workshop

The Committee agreed that a Roads Workshop would be held on 6th September commencing at 10.00 a.m. The following to be included on the Agenda:-

- Damage to roads at Tober, Carrigans
- Section 183 for disposal of land on Mart Road, Carndonagh
- St. Boden's Terrace, Culdaff
- Development of Access Road to Barrack Hill - Present Progress Report
 - National Roads Design Office to be requested to attend Workshop to discuss Low Cost Accident Measures etc.
- Gleneely Corner
- Francistown
- Report on Conn's Brae
- Gortree Junction
- Inishleigh Junction
- Crash Barrier at Moness
- Cloontagh Junction

31.12 Malin to Culdaff Road

Cllr Bernard McGuinness stated that he has already supplied the list of landowners on the Malin to Culdaff Road to the Roads Section, however, no contact has been made to-date. Pat Gillespie agreed to follow up on the matter.

31.13 Barrack Hill

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his concerns regarding the delay in the development of the access road to Barrack Hill. Pat Gillespie stated that the road will be done by contract and that Eamon Mahon is presently preparing documents for tender. At the request of Cllr McGuinness it was agreed that a Progress Report on Barrack Hill be presented at the Roads Workshop on 6th September.

31.14 Back Lane, Killea

Following a request from Cllr Francis Conaghan, it was agreed to investigate funding for the tarring of Back Lane, Killea.

31.15 Buncrana Outer Relief Road

Cllr Paul Bradley informed the meeting that he had received a request for a meeting from the residents of the Moyle Road in relation to the Buncrana Outer Relief Road. Pat Gillespie stated that revised proposals

have been received from the landowners for the Buncrana Outer Relief Road. These proposals have been submitted to the Road Design Office, for consideration/examination. No request has been received to-date, from the residents of the Moyle Road to meet with the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee.

31.16 Surface Dressing Schemes

The Members considered the report circulated by Pat Gillespie in relation to Surface Dressing Schemes. Donal Walker updated Members in relation to the schemes listed in his area .

31.17 Adoption of Roads as Public Roads

The Members considered the report circulated at the meeting by Pat Gillespie in relation to the Adoption of Roads Public Roads. The Report outlined why the following roads cannot be recommended for consideration for adoption as a public road:

Drim Road, Malin Head
Upper Annaugh Road, Clonmany.

and why the following road can be recommended for consideration for adoption as a public road:

Road past Newtowncunningham School
Connaugh-Kinnego

The Committee recommended that the Adoption of Roads as Public Roads be forwarded to the Senior Engineer for progression.

31.18 White Wall, Movice Green

At the request of Cllr Marian McDonald, Pat Gillespie agreed to have the collapsed parts of the White Wall on Movice Green examined and made safe.

31.19 Movice Pier

Following a request from Cllr Marian McDonald, Pat Gillespie agreed to request the Marine Section to investigate and carry out any repairs required to the surface of Movice pier.

Pat Gillespie also agreed to request the Marine Section to clarify as to who is responsible for any damage caused to Merville Rowing Club's boats that use Merville pier.

31.20 White Bay Beach

Cllr Marian McDonald requested that the blocking of the access road to White Bay Beach, which is located between Shroove and Greencastle, be investigated. Cllr McDonald stated that she had received a telephone call stating that a local resident had ordered children off the beach, and queried if this person had the authority to do so.

31.21 HGV's Using Private Road

Following a request from Cllr Francis Conaghan regarding 40ft lorries using a private road at Kearnan's Supermarket/beside the school at Newtowncunningham, at school opening and closing times, Pat Gillespie pointed out that the adoption of that road as a public road related to all vehicles and could not have restrictions. Traffic Calming could be considered.

31.22 Muff Pedestrian Crossing

Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn queried the present position in relation to the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing at Muff. Pat Gillespie agreed to follow up on this matter and update the Committee.

31.23 Provision of Ramps/Hedge Cutting

At the request of Cllr Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Pat Gillespie agreed to clarify to Members, the policy adopted on the provision of ramps and on the cutting of hedges.

Following a request from Cllr Francis Conaghan regarding funding available for hedge cutting, Donal Walker outlined the costs involved in the cutting of hedges. Pat Gillespie agreed to investigate funding available and to report back to Cllr Conaghan.

31.24 Sweeping of Streets in Carndonagh

Cllr Denis McGonagle queried the possibility of having the streets in Carndonagh swept at the week-ends when there was much more litter about, even if this resulted in them not being swept every day during the week.

31.25 Provision of Ramps at Priestown, Carndonagh

At the request of Cllr Denis McGonagle, Pat Gillespie agreed to examine the possibility of providing ramps at Priestown, Carndonagh.

31.26 Gleneely Corner

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his frustration that no works have been carried out to-date at Gleneely Corner. It was agreed to discuss this matter with the Road Design Office and to include on the Agenda for the Workshop on 6th September.

31.27 LIS Schemes 2007

The Committee agreed the LIS Schemes Proposals for 2007 circulated with the Agenda.

31.28 Clar Funded Schemes 2007

The Committee agreed the Clar Funded Local, Secondary and Tertiary Road Improvement Works Schemes 2007 circulated with the Agenda.

31.30 Development Charges 2007

Steven McCrory, Road Design Office circulated a Draft List of Low Cost Accident Measures, which had been distributed at the recent Development Charges Workshop. He also circulated a Revised List prepared following discussions with the Area Engineers, which included all schemes in original list but also included a scheme to "Improve Vision Lines at Gortfad Corner at estimated cost of €3,000". Steven Mc Crory conveyed his apologies to the Members that the list had not being ready in advance of the meeting. He advised the Members that this list was now being presented to them in an effort to finalise the complete list of projects to be funded from Development Charges for 2007. It was intended to present the list to the County Council Meeting on 30th July 2007 for adoption.

The Members discussed various projects that had been discussed at Electoral Area Meetings that were not included on this list, these included :

- Crossroads, Greencastle
- Gleneely Corner/Francistown
- Gortree Junction
- Kilverry Junction, Newtowncunningham
- Crash Barriers at Moness, Burt
- Inishleigh Junction

- Cloontagh Junction
- Conn's Brae

It was agreed that the N.R.D.O. be requested to attend the Workshop on 6th September to discuss the Development Charges, Low Cost Accident Measures, and a full list of all identified locations be presented. It was also agreed that an explanation should be presented as to why locations were not included and identify all issues including, land acquisition/own resources in Road Design/available funding etc.

Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness requested that consideration be given to taking immediate action at locations that are considered dangerous e.g. signage/road markings.

31.32 Low Cost Accident Funding

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the Committee recommended that the following funding applications as circulated by Steven McCrory be submitted:

- Proposed Schemes for DoEHLG 2008 Low Cost Accident Funding - application due in August
- Proposed Schemes for 2008 NRA Low Cost Accident Funding - application due in August.

The Members thanked Steven Mc Crory for his attendance, and Steven then departed from the meeting.

31.33 Section 183 Proposals for Lands along the New Road/Relief Road/Mart Road

Pat Gillespie advised the Committee that requests had been made by four local landowners along the Old Mart Road section to acquire ownership of the lands in front of their dwellings. He also advised that valuations are being obtained and Section 183 documentation will be prepared for consideration at the September Council Meeting.

32.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th May 2007

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr, Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2007 were agreed.

32.2 Various Issues

Patsy Lafferty updated Members in relation to various issues raised at the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting on 14th May, 2007.

32.2.1 Affordable Housing, Carndonagh

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that the applications have been assessed and letters of offer would issue to the six successful applicants in the next few days.

32.2.2 Affordable Housing, Moville

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that agreement had been reached for the provision of three Affordable houses in Moville with a sale price of €130,000. It is proposed to advertise these shortly and to hold an information evening for prospective applicants.

32.2.3 Peace 11 Programme

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that works have commenced at Convent Road, Carndonagh and should be completed shortly.

32.2.4 Remedial Works/Regeneration Programme 2007

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that it is intended to seek tenders in relation to this Programme in the coming weeks and that he would update the Committee at the September Meeting.

Following a request from Cllr Francis Conaghan in relation to the Regeneration Works Programme 2007, Patsy Lafferty agreed to update Cllr. Conaghan further.

32.2.5 Clar Programme

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that tenders have been sought and work is due to commence shortly at Seaview Terrace, Glangad and St Boden's Terrace, Culdaff.

32.2.6 Central Heating Programme

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that tenders have been received and it is intended to write to the lowest tenderer this week.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness queried if solid fuel central heating could be provided in lieu of oil-fired central heating for people who preferred solid fuel. Patsy Lafferty advised that as far as he was aware the scheme provided for the installation of OFCH only, but he agreed to check and revert to Cllr McGuinness.

32.4 Housing Engineer

Patsy Lafferty informed the Committee that the new Housing Engineer, Mr. Eamon Mahon, is due to commence in the next few weeks.

32.5 New Housing Scheme at Carrigans

Patsy Lafferty advised the Members that the tenants for the new Housing Scheme at Carrigans would be receiving their keys tomorrow.

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested that Members be notified of house allocations on the same day as the successful applicants, and not on the day after as was current practice. Patsy Lafferty agreed to investigate this matter.

32.6 Swilly View, Inch Island

At the request of Cllr Francis Conaghan, Patsy Lafferty agreed to liaise with the Roads and Transportation Section in relation to vision lines at Swilly View, Inch Island.

32.7 Multiple Council Housing Schemes in Rural Areas

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his dissatisfaction at the lack of multiple Council Housing Schemes in rural areas.

32.8 Ramps at Ard Bríde, Carndonagh

Following a request from Cllr Denis McGonagle regarding the provision of ramps at Ard Bríde, Carndonagh, Patsy Lafferty agreed to investigate this matter.

32.9 Central Heating for Dwelling in Foyle View Crescent

At the request of Cllr Marian McDonald, Patsy Lafferty agreed to investigate the provision of central heating for an elderly resident in a

dwelling in Foyle View Crescent, Moville. Cllr. McDonald to furnish details of the tenant in question after the meeting.

32.10 New Housing Estate at Gulladuff

Cllr Marian McDonald queried if tenants resident in Council Housing in Letterkenny could be transferred to the new Housing Estate at Gulladuff, Moville. Patsy Lafferty responded that they would need to submit an application for a transfer in order to be considered.

32.11 Loans and Grants

The Committee noted the Progress Report on Housing Loans and Grants as circulated with the Agenda.

32.12 S.I. Application

Cllr Rena Donaghey expressed her dissatisfaction that an applicant for an S.I. House had been refused on the basis that they were currently residing in a Council Housing Scheme house, even though the Scheme House would be returned to the Council for re-allocation. Patsy Lafferty advised that the current policy was that existing tenants could not be approved for an SI, where their housing need had already been met.

32.13 Disabled Housing Applicant

Following a request from Cllr Rena Donaghey regarding the needs of a disabled housing applicant, Patsy Lafferty agreed to consult with Buncrana Town Council on this matter.

32.14 Proposed Housing Scheme at Newtowncunningham

Cllr Francis Conaghan queried the number of houses proposed for Newtowncunningham. Patsy Lafferty responded that there is a total number of 20no. units, however, it may be over 2no. phases. Cllr Conaghan felt that there may be an issue in relation to the UB1 Policy, which must now be raised with the Planning Section.

32.15 St. Michael's Court, Moville

Cllr Marian McDonald queried as to who is responsible for the cutting of the grass at St. Michael's Court, Moville. Patsy Lafferty advised that SV de Paul would be responsible.

32.16 Flooding at Ard Patrick, Carndonagh

In response to a query from Cllr Denis McGonagle regarding flooding at Ard Patrick, Carndonagh, Patsy Lafferty advised that the Construction Department were satisfied that the matter was in hand.

32.17 Casual Vacancies

The Committee noted the Progress Report on Casual Vacancies as circulated with the Agenda.

33.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th May 2007

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2007 were agreed.

33.2 Quarry at Tober, Carrigans

Paul Kelly, A/Area Manager, apologised to Members that a report was not available in relation to the Quarry at Tober, Carrigans. Paul Kelly advised that Martin McDermott, Executive Planner, is presently working on investigating the quarry, and that there is evidence of long-standing quarry operation on site. Paul Kelly agreed that a full report would be presented at the next Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting.

33.3 Barrack Hill, Carndonagh

Paul Kelly informed the Members that discussions with interested groups in relation to the Barrack Hill Project are presently under way and are at an advanced stage. When this is completed a date for a Workshop on the project will be arranged.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his dissatisfaction/concern stating that Members are receiving conflicting reports. Cllr McGuinness stated that "Friends of the Handicapped" have issued a letter to the Council withdrawing their consent regarding development of the entrance to Barrack Hill.

Cllr Rena Donaghey queried as to who is leading the Barrack Hill Project now that the Engineer is moving to the Housing Section. Paul Kelly responded that Clare Cronin, Area Manager, Francie Coyle, Director of Service and Eamonn Mahon, Executive Engineer, are currently leading the project.

In conclusion, Members requested the following:

- Development of Barrack Hill to be advanced
- Delays in advancing the project to be addressed
- Staffing levels to be reviewed
- Engineer to be replaced as soon as possible
- Clarification required on current situation regarding development of entrance to Barrack Hill

- Clarification required in relation to planning in respect of the Marners site

33.4 Section 47 Agreements

Paul Kelly apologised to Members that no report was available to the Meeting, and advised that this matter was referred to Helena O'Toole, Senior Planner. At the request of the Members, Paul Kelly agreed to seek clarification in relation to Section 47 Agreements.

33.5 Transfer of Planner to Enforcement

Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn expressed his concerns at the transfer of a Planner from Development Control to Enforcement, stating that this was an unsustainable situation due to the large volumes of planning applications that the Planners in the Inishowen Electoral Area had to deal with, and requested that a Planner be replaced in Development Control as soon as possible.

33.6 Consideration to be given to advising Councillors and Agents of refusals in advance of decision issuing

Paul Kelly advised the Committee that this matter was referred to Helena O Toole, Senior Planner who has advised that the question of keeping members informed where they have made representations/expressed a view will be considered as part of a protocol on access and interaction with members.

33.7 Consider Co-Ordinated approach to Enforcement -Central Enforcement Office

Paul Kelly advised the Members that this was referred to Helena O Toole, Senior Planner who advised that this could be considered as part of a co-ordinated review of service delivery but has implications across the Council, which would need to be considered in tandem with budgetary considerations. He considered that the only sustainable solution in relation to enforcement for the foreseeable future, is the current plan that he work on enforcement issues. Cllr Bernard McGuinness conveyed his good wishes to Paul Kelly in his new post as enforcement officer, stating that this is a difficult task.

33.8 UB1 Workshop

Following a request from Cllr Rena Donaghey in relation to the UB1 Workshop for Agents, the Committee recommended that a Workshop on UB1 Policy be organised for the Agents as soon as possible, as Agents are

currently advising their clients to contact their local Member as opposed to contacting themselves.

33.9 White Bay Beach

At the request of Cllr Marian McDonald, it was agreed to investigate the erection of a fence by a resident at White Bay Beach as it may be blocking vision lines.

33.10 Proposed Additions to record of Protected Structures

The Members considered the report on the Record of Protected Structures as circulated with the Agenda. Collette Beattie, Central Planning Unit, advised Members that this report was brought before them as in information item only before it would go to the full Council Meeting on 30th July, 2007. There are 5no. buildings listed in the Inishowen Electoral Area, 3no. of which were nominated by the owners and 2no. were put forward by members of the public.

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested that the roof over the gate at Colehill Church of Ireland be included in the Record of Protected Structures Additions Report.

In response to a query from Cllr Bernard McGuinness regarding the implications of Protected Structures in relation to planning, Collette Beattie responded that there are policies in place regarding Protected Structures which must be taken into consideration when applications are received for any development on land beside/adjacent to protected structures. Cllr Paul Bradley urged Members on the level of caution on the numbers of protected structures being added to the list.

Members recommended that the Record of Protected Structures Report be discussed at a *General Purposes Meeting* before it is brought to a full Council Meeting.

33.11 Planning Statistics & Recent Refusals

The Committee noted the Planning Statistics and Recent Refusals as circulated with the Agenda.

Cllr Paul Bradley noted in particular, planning reference number 07/70499 in the name of Paul McLaughlin who had been refused permission for the erection of a storage unit for storage of materials from recycling facility and associated siteworks at Umrycam, Buncrana.

Cllr Bradley considered that Donegal County Council was not living up to its remit in relation to recycling as there is currently no facility for the recycling of paper/plastic in Buncrana. Paul Kelly responded that the Planning Section have already been in contact with the Agent associated with this application in relation to outstanding matters, and have also advised him that the Planning Authority are in favour of providing this facility.

33.12 Planning Phones

In response to a query from Cllr Rena Donaghey regarding the new telephone arrangements for members of the public and agents, Paul Kelly confirmed that the phone situation has improved since the additional Planner arrived. Uptake from the Agents in the afternoons however, is relatively slow. Agents are still permitted to contact the office during the slot in the morning which is allocated to members of the public.

34.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th May 2007

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Bernard McGuinness, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2007 were agreed.

34.2 Follow Up Report

Aideen Doherty updated Members in regard to follow-ups and the various issues raised at the Electoral Area Meeting held on 14th May, 2007.

34.3 Agnes Jones Launch

Aideen Doherty extended her thanks to Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn on facilitating the Agnes Jones Launch on 2nd July, 2007 in the absence of Cllr Francis Conaghan.

34.4 Diaspora Project

Aideen Doherty updated Members in relation to the Diaspora Project, recently commenced between Donegal County Council and Derry City Council, in an effort to trace Irish people living and working abroad and to encourage them to return and set up business/contribute back into the county. The project is lead by Project Officer, Miss Aeidín McCarter, who is based at Station Island, Lifford.

34.5 Members Development Fund

Aideen Doherty thanked the Members for their contributions to all the local organisations from the Members Development Fund.

34.6 Flight of the Earls

Aideen Doherty updated Members in relation to the Flight of the Earls brochure recently published outlining all the significant events over the July, August, September, 2007 period. Some of the listed events include:

- Flight of the Earls Banquet in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny on 13th September, 2007
- Boat trips on the tall ship "Jeanie Johnston" 12th - 16th September.
- Carnival on 15th September, 2007
- Inishowen Carnival Parade on 15th September, 2007
- Closing Concert on 16th September, 2007

Aideen Doherty advised Members that they would receive a brochure in the post shortly and asked if they would try and attend as many of these events as possible.

34.7 HEART Project

Members were updated in relation to the HEART Project regarding the following:

- Environmental Works which may be funded through the HEART Project
- Employment of artist, Locky Morris, to commence the research Phase for the public art element of the HEART Project
- Phase II of the HEART Shopfront Scheme

Further details to be provided at the September Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting.

34.8 Playgrounds

The Members considered the report outlining the position in relation to playgrounds in the Inishowen area as circulated by Aideen Doherty.

34.9 Tourism Projects

The Members considered the report circulated by Aideen Doherty, updating in relation to the following projects:

- Donegal Natural Resource and Built Heritage & Cultural Interpretation Project
- Failte Ireland - Environmental Management Infrastructure Funding - Inch Lake Development
- Inishowen Head Loop Walk Initiative

34.10 Tourism Workshop

It was agreed to hold a Workshop on Thursday 6th September, 2007 commencing at 2.30pm to progress the following:

- Development of Inch Level/Grianan of Aileach
- Development of Banbas Crown
- Tourism Project for Buncrana
- Development of Dunree Fort

It was also agreed that a report be presented at the Workshop outlining the projects and the timescales involved, and also a list of agencies who

should attend a future Workshop. Copies of funding applications also to be forwarded to people attending the second Workshop.

34.11 Grianan of Aileach

Members requested that details on works and the estimated completion dates on works presently being carried out at an Grianan of Aileach be obtained from Duchas.

34.12 Cashel na Cor

At the request of Cllr Rena Donaghey it was agreed that a letter would issue to Cashel Na Cor Group congratulating them on being listed for the "Pride of Place" Awards.

34.13 Beach Manager

Aideen Doherty to update the members on the appointment of a Beach Manager for the county.

35.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th May 2007

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Denis McGonagle, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2007 were agreed.

35.2 Follow Up Reports

The Members considered the report from Jim Hyland dated 10th July, 2007 in relation to follow-ups from the Inishowen Electoral Area Meeting held on 14th May, 2007. (Appendix 1)

35.3 Bunrana Sewerage Scheme

Cllr Rena Donaghey expressed her dissatisfaction at the delay in progressing the S.L.I.'s for both the Umricam and Tullyarvan areas in relation to the upgrading of Bunrana Sewerage Scheme.

Cllr Rena Donaghey also stated that with the recent spell of bad weather, the manholes in the streets were lifting and requested that the infrastructure in relation to the Bunrana Sewerage Scheme be upgraded as it is extremely poor and totally inadequate to cater for the large amount of permitted development. In response, Jim Hyland stated that he would forward the points raised by Cllr Donaghey on to the Capital Section in Lifford.

35.4 Malin Sewerage Scheme

Following a request from Cllr Bernard McGuinness, Jim Hyland agreed to advise Members as to why the stretch of road from the Lagg Road to the Glengad Road, Malin Town is not being serviced by the proposed sewer.

35.5 Clonmany Sewerage Treatment Works

In response to a query from Cllr Denis McGonagle regarding the delay in producing a report on the Clonmany Sewerage Treatment Works, Jim Hyland agreed to circulate a report to the Members in relation to same.

35.6 Ballyliffin Sewerage Scheme

At the request of the Members, Jim Hyland agreed to raise the issue of Ballyliffin Sewerage Scheme with the Capital Section, Lifford, and to report back.

35.7 Litter Warden

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that a replacement Litter Warden be put in place in Inishowen due to the absence on Sick Leave of the current Litter Warden. Jim Hyland confirmed that the Litter Warden on Sick Leave is due back to work today, and that Martin Roarty, Letterkenny E.A. was covering one day per week in the Inishowen area, while Paul Strawbridge, Supervisor, also had the power to issue Litter Fines.

35.8 Beach Manager

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his appreciation in relation to the good work being carried out by the beach cleaning staff on the beaches. In response to a query from Cllr McGuinness, Jim Hyland agreed to update Members on the appointment of a Beach Manager at Culdaff beach.

35.9 Bunagee Pier

Cllr Bernard McGuinness noted that 2no. portaloos had been left at Bunagee Pier for the water sports event last Sunday, and requested that consideration be given to leaving 1no. portaloos there for the rest of the summer. Jim Hyland agreed to check out on this matter.

35.10 Blue Flag at Merville

Cllr Marian McDonald expressed her disappointment that due to Health and Safety reasons, the Blue Flag for the beach at Merville lay for two weeks before it was erected. Pat Gillespie agreed to check out this matter with Vincent Lynn.

35.11 Civic Amenity Site, Bunrana

Following a request from Cllr Paul Bradley, it was agreed that Members be updated in relation to the provision of a Civic Amenity Site for Bunrana at the next Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting.

35.12 Planning Conditions

Cllr Rena Donaghey expressed her dissatisfaction that a developer, who had extended a Group Water Scheme at a cost in excess of €40,000, in respect of a development of 4no. houses between Kinnego and the Illies, was informed that the water would be cut off in order to correct the connection which had been left at the wrong end of the development. Jim Hyland stated that he would clarify the planning conditions in relation to this application and report back to Cllr Donaghey.

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DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the IEAC will take place in the Carndonagh P.S.C. on Monday 10th September, 2007 commencing at 10.00 am.

WATER & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Report to Inishowen EAC Meeting 17th July 2007

1.0 - Consideration of minutes of Inishowen Electoral Area Committee meeting held on 14th May 2007

2.0 – Update reports from previous meeting:

(From minutes of previous meeting 14th May 2007, using same notation)

25.6 Lagan Water Supply / Desertegney Water Supply

I understand that the issue regarding the reservoir site is being resolved between the landowners and their solicitor.

Details re. insurances etc. are being finalised with contractor, and work is expected to proceed in August.

25.7 Glengad Water Supply

Consultants are currently examining Tender Report and the scheme is expected to proceed in Aug./Sept..

25.8 Malin Sewerage Scheme

Details re. Insurances etc. are being finalised with contractor, and work is expected to proceed in Aug./Sept..

25.9 Movice/Greencastle Sewage Treatment Plant

E.I.S is published and public consultation is complete

An Bord Pleanála may hold oral hearings for E.I.S and C.P.O. together.

25.12 Litter Bins at Shroove Beach

These have been provided since the start of the season.

25.13 Public Toilets in Movice

The toilets have been open since the start of the Summer season.

3.0 & 4.0 - Progress Reports Rural Water Programme:

(Updated progress reports included with agenda):

- Group Scheme Programme
- Small Capital Schemes

J. Hyland, A/Senior Executive Engineer/Area Manager.

Water and Environment Service,

10th July 2007