

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 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

**Corporate Services:**

Eunan Kelly, Area Manager  
Marie Deeney, Staff Officer

**Housing & Building Services:**

Patsy Lafferty, Area Manager  
Eamon Canney, Senior Engineer

**Planning & Economic Development Services:**

Frank Sweeney, Area Manager

**Roads & Transportation Services:**

Pat Gillespie, Area Manager  
Donal Walker, Executive Engineer  
James McLaughlin, Executive Engineer

**Marine Services:**

Brian Cullen, Marine Section

**Water, Environment & Emergency Services:**

Con McLaughlin, Area Manager  
John McElwaine, A/Senior Executive Engineer  
Aisling Quigley, Executive Engineer

Paul Kilcoyne, Senior Engineer

**Also Present:**

Philip Mc Carron, Youth Councillor

Lisa Burns, Youth Councillor

**Apologies:**

Paddy Kennedy, Corporate Services

Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn chaired the meeting.

**06/11 VOTE OF SYMPATHY**

The Committee passed a vote of sympathy and a minute's silence was observed in respect of the following: -

Sam Kelly, father of Eunan Kelly, Area Manager

Anna Lynn, mother of Vincent Lynn, Senior Engineer

Albert Fullerton, son of the late Councillor Eddie Fullerton

Victims of the recent road traffic accident at Lisfannon, Fahan

### 12.1 Harbour Bye-Laws:

The Chairman, Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn, on behalf of the Electoral Area Committee welcomed Brian Cullen, Marine Section to the meeting.

Brian Cullen addressed the meeting stating that it was proposed to amend the Bye-Laws and Harbour Dues at Greencastle Harbour and to introduce Bye-Laws and Harbour Dues at Moville, Carrickarory and Bunrana Harbours. Mr. Cullen said that he was now seeking the Members approval to go ahead with the public consultation process. He also confirmed that there was no proposals at present to introduce bye-laws to smaller piers & harbours as there was not sufficient funding available to employ Harbour Constables in all of these harbours. There are 153 piers & harbours in the county and it is proposed to introduce Byelaws to 14 of these.

Councillor Rena Donaghey stated that she welcomed the introduction of Byelaws to Bunrana Harbour and enquired as to what time frame would be involved in introducing same. Brian Cullen responded that he was presently visiting all of the Electoral Area Meetings and that the advertising of the public consultation process would begin early next month. As the consultation process takes approximately six weeks, he was proposing to report back to the July IEAC Meeting.

Councillor Bernard McGuinness suggested that we should be looking forwarded to extending the Byelaws to include all piers and harbours. Brian Cullen replied that the plan was intended to target the bigger piers first, and that the roll out would be on a gradual basis. Piers were being categorised as some would not warrant introducing charges.

Councillor Francis Conaghan welcomed the examining of all piers and harbours and requested that a report be submitted to a future Electoral Area Meeting for consideration.

The Chairman, Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn stated that he was happy to accept the four harbours now proposed and that suggested that consideration be given to including Leenan, Portmore, Malin Head, Dunaff, Bunagee, Inch Island and Glengad in the future.

On the proposal of Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the Members agreed to accept the four harbours as proposed.

**13.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006**

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 were agreed.

**13.2 Registration of Quarries**

Frank Sweeney circulated a report outlining the nine quarries, which have been placed on the register in the Inishowen Electoral Area. The Planning Authority shall publish notice of the registration of a quarry in a local paper and submissions can be made for 4 weeks after publication. Cllr Bernard McGuinness queried if Roadstone Quarry was included on this register. Frank Sweeney to check if Roadstone should be registered and report back to Cllr McGuinness.

**13.3 Allocation of Development Contribution Scheme**

Frank Sweeney informed the Committee that information on monies accrued under the Development Contribution Scheme would be made available to the Members following the quarterly report meeting with the County Manager in April, 2006.

**13.4 Planning Statistics**

The Committee noted the Planning Statistics and Recent Refusals.

**13.5 Unauthorised Development**

The Committee requested that Catriona Kelly, Unauthorised Development Officer attend the next IEAC Meeting to discuss Unauthorised Development.

Cllr Francis Conaghan welcomed and supported the appointment of Catriona Kelly as Unauthorised Development Officer and stated that she is doing a good job and is making progress.

**06/14 Request from CASHEL NA COR Group for land at Causeway Road, Buncrana**

The Chairman, Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn welcomed Eamon Canney, Senior Engineer, Housing to the meeting.

Eamon Canney updated the Members in relation to the 8.5 acres of land in the Council's possession at Causeway Road, Buncrana. He confirmed that he had met with the interested parties who were looking to purchase the land, which included HSE, Cashel Na Cor, Gael Scoil, St. Nicholas' Pre-School and Buncrana Community Play Group, on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2005. He acknowledged that both County Council Roads and Buncrana Town Council had expressed an interest in a portion of the lands for the construction of a depot. He had suggested to the groups involved, that they should get together and form one group among themselves to look at shared facilities and arrange to meet the Roads and Planning Area Managers in order to put forward their proposals and to establish if there was any conflict of interest.

Cllr Rena Donaghey stated that she had already met with most of the above groups. For some, funding would be readily available, however, for others it was not. Cllr Donaghey recommended that the groups which have funding available should be allowed to go ahead and purchase the land. She also confirmed that Cashel Na Cor would be in a position to move forward. As they presently have ten people with special needs requiring re-housing, she requested that the matter be expedited.

Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn stated that he was in agreement with Cllr Donaghey, and also noted that this project was similar to the Barrack Hill.

Eamon Canney stated that there was no objection in principle to disposing of the land, subject to the Member's approval and subject to recouping the cost of the land which was €159,000 per acre.

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn the Committee recommended that the Project Team dealing with the Barrack Hill project to take over the development of the 8.5 acres at Causeway Road, Buncrana as soon as possible, and to pull together all of the groups who have expressed an interest, and to report back to the Members within one month. Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn thanked Eamon Canney for attending the meeting.

**15.1    Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006**

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Denis McGonagle, the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 were agreed.

**15.2    Consideration of Report of Roads Workshop held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2006**

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn, the Report of the Roads Workshop held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2006 were agreed.

**15.3    Public Lighting Movice to Greencastle**

The Committee recommended that consideration to be given to the provision of public lighting from Movice to Greencastle under the Infill Programme.

**15.4    Crooks Road**

Pat Gillespie agreed to examine funding in relation to the provision of a footpath from Crooks Road to Steel's house.

**15.5    Lights at Newtowncunningham**

Pat Gillespie informed the Members that he would follow up with the Contractor in relation to the public lighting in Newtowncunningham, which has never been lit.

**15.6    L.I.S.**

In response to a request from Cllr Bernard McGuinness regarding the eligibility of Local Improvement Schemes on the basis of road mileage, Pat Gillespie stated this would not be possible, as this information was not recorded on the database.

**15.7    Con's Brae**

Pat Gillespie agreed to up-date the Members in relation to the position regarding the proposed one-way traffic flow at Con's Brae, Carrigans.

### **15.8 Coxtown N.S. Carrigans**

Donal Walker informed the Committee that he is presently in contact with Coxtown National School. He reported that the school are not anxious about removing the wall, however, it possibly will be replaced with bollards.

### **15.9 Riverside Walk, Carndonagh**

Councillor Denis McGonagle circulated a letter received from the H.S.E. in relation to the proposed extension to the Riverside Walk. Cllr McGonagle outlined that the main issue appeared to be that of insurance.

Pat Gillespie agreed to meet with the Development Committee and to arrange public consultation regarding the extension of the walkway.

### **15.10 Public Lighting/ESB**

Councillor Rena Donaghey expressed her dissatisfaction regarding the lack of progress in the erection of public lighting. Nothing has been done since the meeting with the ESB in November, 2005. Cllr Donaghey also stated that she would be putting a motion forward to the next Council Meeting regarding the delay in erecting public lights which have already been paid for. Pat Gillespie agreed to contact the ESB regarding this matter.

Councillor Francis Conaghan requested an update on the budget allocation in relation to the new Public Lighting Programme.

Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn requested that the new Public Lighting Programme be presented to the I.E.A.C.

### **15.11 Public Lights at Carrigans**

As the request of Cllr Francis Conaghan, Pat Gillespie undertook to contact the ESB regarding public lights at Carrigans, which are out of order, and also lights that are lit 24 hours a day, every day.

### **15.12 Chevron Signs**

At the request of Cllr Denis McGonagle that a safety barrier be erected at Mullawee Hill, Donal Walker agreed that Chevron Signs would be erected.

Councillor Francis Conaghan also proposed that Chevron Signs be erected at Rabbittes corner, Magherabeg, on the approach road to Inch Island.

### **15.13 Strengthening Programme for 2006**

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Francis Conaghan, the Committee recommended that the Strengthening Programme for 2006 be adopted.

### **15.14 Maintenance Allocation (Surface Dressing) 2006**

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Francis Conaghan, the Committee recommended that the Surface Dressing Programme for 2006 be adopted.

### **15.15 Roads in Merville**

At the request of Cllr Marian McDonald regarding the completion of the Lower Main Street in Merville, Pat Gillespie agreed to obtain a report from Road Design and update Cllr McDonald.

### **15.16 Westbrook and Cassey Road Junctions**

The Members recommended that an estimated cost be prepared in relation to the upgrading of both the Westbrook and Cassey Road junctions.

### **15.17 Traffic Calming**

The Committee recommended that an analysis be carried out of roads, which are eligible for traffic calming in Merville, Carndonagh and Bunrana.

### **15.18 Traffic Calming in Merville**

Following a request from Cllr Marian McDonald the Committee recommended that traffic calming be provided at St. Finian's Park and Ard Foyle, Merville Housing Estates, and also the Girls School, Merville.

### **16.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006**

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 were agreed.

### **16.2 Allocation of Houses**

Patsy Lafferty updated the Members in relation to schemes presently under construction/commencement stage:-

- Merville - should be ready for allocation August/September, 2006
- Carrigans - due to commence next month/ready early next year
- Bridgend - At tender stage/commencement date summer 2006

### **16.3 Central Heating Programme 2006**

Following an enquiry from Cllr Francis Conaghan regarding the Central Heating Programme for 2006, Patsy Lafferty responded that a Priority List had been agreed at the Workshop held in February. He advised that the next stage was for a select list to be compiled, and then tenders would be sought from the select list. He further advised that a countywide advertisement was to be placed in the coming weeks, inviting contractors to be included on the select list.

### **16.4 Remedial Works/Restoration Programme 2005**

Patsy Lafferty confirmed that approval had been received from the Department to carry out refurbishment works at Bonemaine, Bridgend. It is hoped to appoint the successful tenderer in April, 2006, and that the works would be ready to start in early June, 2006.

### **16.5 House Exchange**

Councillor Rena Donaghey requested that the house exchange in relation to the disabled tenant in Bunrana be expedited. Patsy Lafferty to follow up on this matter and update Cllr Donaghey.

### **16.6 Farmers/Labourers Cottages**

Following a request from Cllr Bernard McGuinness, Patsy Lafferty agreed to check, and advise Cllr McGuinness, if Small Farmers' Houses qualify for

the full grant under the Council's Essential Repairs/Disabled Person's Grant Schemes.

#### **16.7 Derelict Site at Back Street, Carrigans**

At the request of Cllr Francis Conaghan, Patsy Lafferty agreed to contact the Housing Construction Department and request follow up on the Derelict Site at Carrigans.

#### **16.8 Senior Citizen's House at Killea**

Councillor Francis Conaghan queried as to when a shower would be provided in the 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 follow up on same.

#### **16.9 Landbanks**

Councillor Bernard McGuinness queried if there had been any progress in relation to obtaining housing landbanks in rural areas as opposed to urban areas. Patsy Lafferty responded that the Council is presently in negotiations with a landowner in Carrowmena in relation to acquiring land.

#### **16.10 Greencastle Housing Scheme**

In response to a request from Cllr Marian McDonald, Patsy Lafferty agreed to contact the "Place Names Committee" with a view to examining options for a name for the New Housing Scheme in Greencastle.

#### **16.11 Housing Allocation Policy**

Following a request from Cllr Denis McGonagle the Committee recommended that vacant family type houses should be allocated to one parent families, provided that there was no families available, in order to prevent vandalism.

**17.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006**

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 were agreed.

**Follow-up Report**

The Committee considered the report dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 that had been circulated with the Agenda in relation to follow-ups and the various issues raised at the Electoral Area Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2006 (Appendix 1).

**17.2 Bridgend/Burnfoot Sewerage Schemes**

Councillor Rena Donaghey queried the update position on the provision of Sewerage Schemes for Bridgend and Burnfoot. She advised that there is a development of 44 houses presently under construction at Burnfoot, and suggested that the Council seriously consider as to where the Development Charges levied on this scheme are to be spent.

The Committee recommended that the possibility be examined of providing a joint Sewerage Scheme for both Bridgend and Burnfoot with the developer who is constructing the 44 houses in Burnfoot.

The Committee further requested that the Council consult with any potential developers in the Bridgend/Burnfoot areas regarding the development of a Sewerage Scheme.

**17.3 Milltown and Ballymacarry S.L.I.**

Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn queried the possibility of arranging a meeting with the developers in the Milltown and Ballymacarry area in an effort to advance the Serviced Land Initiatives approved for these areas.

Councillor Francis Conaghan stated that any future development needs to be linked into present development, and that both the Planning and Water, Environment and Emergency Services need to consult together to discuss options available and how they are to be progressed.

#### **17.4 Colehill, Newtowncunningham**

Councillor Francis Conaghan requested that the options now available in relation to the blocked sewer at Colehill Housing Estate, Newtowncunningham, be investigated.

#### **17.5 Recycling Bring Banks in Buncrana**

Con McLaughlin circulated a report prepared by Jim Holohan on the Recycling Bring Banks in Buncrana Town. The number of receptacles had been increased on site and due to its scale and proximity to housing at this stage would require planning approval and a Certificate of Registration from the EPA. There have also been ongoing complaints about nuisance from the facility including littering and illegal dumping and a solicitors Letter has also been received. The EPA Solicitors have advised the Council that all banks should be removed immediately to avoid legal action.

The Council's preferred option to address this issue is to: -

- Withdraw all Recycling Facilities from the site
- Relocate bring banks for glass, cans and textiles elsewhere in the town
- Call upon the population of Buncrana to use kerbside recycling offered by the local private collector
- Encourage the local collector to up his game and support him with publicity campaign
- Identify alternative sites for glass, cans and textiles

A discussion followed regarding the removal of the Recycling Site from the Buncrana Town Council Offices and the issue of the disposal of recyclables. The Committee recommended that the provision of a Civic Amenity Site in Buncrana should be given consideration.

#### **17.6 Movice Fire Station**

Con McLaughlin updated the Committee in relation to the new Fire Station in Movice. Progress is being made, with, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2006 being the closing date for receipt of tenders.

### **17.7 Consideration of Report of Workshop Held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2005**

On the proposal of Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the Committee agreed the Report of the Workshop held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2005, which was circulated at the meeting.

### **17.8 Movice/Greencastle Sewerage Scheme**

Paul Kilcoyne circulated a report and briefed the Members in relation to the "Report on Submissions Received in Response to December, 2005 Information Note" regarding the Movice/Greencastle Sewerage Scheme. This was issued in response to IEAC request that the public be given the opportunity to comment on the site selection process and public consultation that had taken place on the scheme since 1999.

Advertisements were placed in local papers advising the public of the availability of the brochure in various places in Movice and Greencastle. In total, two hundred and forty submissions were received, the majority being on standard type letters i.e. 19 unique letter types were received in the 240 individual submissions with 202 people submitting one particular standard type letter.

The Chairman, Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn thanked Paul Kilcoyne for his report. He stated, however, that the selection process in selecting the present site at Carnagarve, was fundamentally flawed, as it had never gone to public consultation. The people of Carnagarve were never informed of the selection of Carnagarve or of the 150 Buffer Zone. He also had concerns that the same mistakes were being made as that of the proposed landfill site at Meenaboll.

In response Paul Kilcoyne confirmed that a leaflet entitled 'Information Note April 2005' was distributed to households in the vicinity of the proposed Carnagarve site in April 2005 and that the leaflet stated that 'the preferred site is midway between Movice and Greencastle in Carnagarve Townland'. He also stated that himself, John McElwaine and Aisling Quigley had made themselves available to the residents of Carnagarve and wider area in McNamara's Hotel on 13 April 2005 and this represented the commencement of consultations on the Carnagarve site.

Councillor Francis Conaghan stated that it was highly regrettable that women and children had to come out to protest outside the meeting today to request a meeting.

Councillor Marian McDonald confirmed that she has met with different people in Merville and that the majority of people are in favour of the site at Carnagarve.

Both Councillors Rena Donaghey and Denis McGonagle expressed their concern and disappointment at Members being taped at a previous meeting with the Community For a Clean Estuary in Merville, however, both agreed their willingness to meet with the group again.

Councillor Bernard McGuinness stated that he felt uneasy at discussing this matter, and that he had been misrepresented at the Workshop held on 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2005. Cllr McGuinness proposed that the Capital Design Team investigate and prepare a cost of extending the outfall pipe from the proposed Merville/Greencastle Sewerage Scheme to outside the existing loch, irrespective of location of Sewerage Treatment Works. Cllr Francis Conaghan seconded this proposal.

Cllr MacLochlainn then requested if the Members would agree a date on which to meet with the Community For a Clean Estuary Group. Cllr Francis Conaghan enquired in relation to the Agenda and the terms of reference for the meeting. The Committee agreed that they were happy to meet the CFCE Group in Committee and discuss the issues in relation to the selection of the Carnagarve site, but were not prepared to discuss the issue of an alternative site at this stage. A date was set to meet with the Community For a Clean Estuary on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2006 at 2.00pm in the Carndonagh Public Services Centre. The Chairman, Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn thanked the Members and this concluded the discussion.

**18.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006**

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 were agreed.

**18.2 Youth Councillors**

The Chairman, Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn welcomed Youth Councillors, Philip McCarron and Lisa Burns to the meeting and apologised for the delay.

A report was circulated to the Committee. Philip and Lisa briefed the Members in relation to the Youth Council Agenda for 2006, which included:-

- Continue to work on issues raised in their survey in 2005
- School transport
- Youth facilities and opportunities
- Mental health issues for young people
- Road Safety and working with An Garda Síochána
- Looking at providing a central base for summer work and part time work for young people

Councillor Francis Conaghan thanked Philip and Lisa for their report and suggested that the Youth Council consider having an input into the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

Councillor Marian McDonald stated that she would welcome the Youth Council getting involved in the Policy of Road Safety.

Garry Martin stated that Inishowen Rural Development Ltd and the Inishowen Maritime Museum, Greencastle, are presently developing a pilot Roads Safety Programme, which is based upon a best practice model currently in use in Sweden. The objective is to educate children to the fundamentals of road and car safety, using innovative models developed in Sweden. It is intended that this pilot scheme would be rolled out initially in the schools and primary schools in Inishowen.

The Chairman, Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn, thanked Philip and Lisa for attending the meeting.

### **18.3 Congratulations**

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Francis Conaghan the Committee, proposed a vote of congratulations to Aideen Doherty on the recent birth of her baby boy.

### **18.4 Celtic Maritime Festival**

Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn expressed his concern in relation to the absence of a replacement for Aideen Doherty. Garry Martin responded that he is presently awaiting the forthcoming Grade 7 Panel to be formed in order to fill Aideen's post. In the meantime Kevin O'Connor, Tourism Marketing Executive, has been nominated as Local Liaison point to act on Aideen's behalf.

Pat Gillespie also confirmed that the Roads Directorate would be supportive regarding any roads issues, eg. roads clean-up etc. However, he was also a little concerned that the men would be expected to be available at unsociable hours.

### **18.5 Cultural Services**

In response to a query from Cllr Francis Conaghan regarding a Cultural Services Plan, Garry Martin confirmed that there is a plan, however, there are proposals for a review at present. Garry Martin agreed to get the exact detail of the proposed timescale in relation to the review of the Cultural Services Plan and to submit a full report to the Council.

### **18.6 Land at Malin Head**

At the request of Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn, Garry Martin agreed to seek clarification with Grace McCarron, IRDL in relation to the ownership of land at Malin Head.

### **18.7 Playgrounds**

In response to a query from Cllr Bernard McGuinness in relation to Culdaff playground, Garry Martin stated that there is a possible call for additional playground applications under the Peace II Task Force, and that a decision would be reached at the Task Force Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2006

Councillor Francis Conaghan proposed that the issue of funding for playgrounds should be re-visited.

### **18.8 Peace II Funding**

Following a query from Cllr Denis McGonagle regarding funding for Town and Village Renewals, Garry Martin confirmed that there are over 140 applications for funding under the Peace II Task Force. A decision would be reached at the Task Force Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2006.

### **18.9 Merville Green Bye-Laws**

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

### **19.1 Inishowen Partnership**

The Chairman, Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn welcomed Shauna McClenaghan, Inishowen Partnership Company, and Andrew Ward, IRDL to the meeting.

Shauna McClenaghan gave a PowerPoint presentation, updating the Committee on the on-going progress to-date in relation to the Inishowen Partnership Company. Topics covered included:-

- Company Objectives
- Actions for 2006 - Services to the Unemployed
- Community Development and Family Support
- Community Based Youth Initiatives
- New Activities in 2006
- Targets Achieved 2000 - 2005

The Chairman thanked Shauna for her presentation.

### **19.2 IRDL**

Andrew Ward briefed the Committee in relation to projects/work presently being carried out by IRDL. Works included:-

- Money available for Economic Strategy Co-Coordinator
- A number of training programmes on-going - working in conjunction with Inishowen Partnership Company.
- Assisting in developing links with Scotland
- The company will also be applying for new projects under the new company name when the amalgamation takes place.

The Chairman thanked Andrew for his presentation and welcomed the proposed amalgamation of IRDL with Inishowen Partnership Company. Cllr MacLochlainn also congratulated Andrew Ward on the Road Safety Initiative undertaken by IRDL.

At the request of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, the Members agreed that a joint approach between Donegal County Council and Leader be formalised in relation to the proposed ferry from Donegal to Scotland.

Both, Shauna McClenaghan and Andrew Ward thanked the Committee for listening to their presentations and departed from the meeting.

<b>06/20 CORPORATE SERVICES</b>
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**20.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006**

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Denis McGonagle, the minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2006 were agreed.

**20.2 Deputation Request**

On the proposal of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the Members agreed to a request for a deputation from Scoil Mhuire Parents Council at the next IEAC Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2006.

<b>06/21 DATE FOR NEXT MEETING</b>
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The next meeting of the IEAC will take place in the Carndonagh P.S.C. on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2006 commencing at 10.00 am.

## Appendix 1

### **WATER & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES**

Report to Inishowen EAC Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006

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

From minutes of previous meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2006, using same notation

##### **Clonglash-Aghilly / Tullydish GWSS:**

Despite the Council's best efforts, agreement could not be secured between the parties concerned in the recent debate regarding future pumping arrangements. Accordingly it has been agreed that Clonglash - Aghilly GWSS will construct a stand alone Pumphouse, which is now underway.

##### **Illegal Water Connection:**

Cllr. McDonald's enquiry regarding illegal connection to a private source would appear to be a private matter between three local parties.

##### **Newtowncunningham SS:**

Cllr Conaghan requested contact with householder in Colehill Housing Estate regarding a blocked sewer. Area Supervisor made contact in this regard and was refused access for required resolution. The council are now considering having that sewer offset by way of required improvement.

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

In relation to a civic amenity site for Buncrana, Jim Holohan Director of Service WEES noted in recent correspondence with the Buncrana Town Clerk the following position.

*Funding is made available to local authorities from the Waste Prevention and Recovery Section at the DoELG, in order that they may implement their Waste Management Plans with regard to recycling infrastructure. The fund is generated by the landfill levy and the plastic bag levy.*

*While there is nothing to prevent a town council, which is not a Waste Management Authority, from applying for funding, it is unlikely that such applications could be accommodated.*

*As far as the County Council is concerned, there is a general statement in the current Waste Management Plan about development of Civic Amenity Sites and this is now under review. The capital costs are significant, even to provide 25% matching funds, but the operational costs will be difficult to meet, approx €150,000 per site per annum.*

**In the context of the existing bring facility at Buncrana TC grounds; please note the following planned changes also.**

Work is currently underway to identify alternative sites for glass, cans & textiles around the town, it is hoped to compliment this move with an increase in the use of kerbside recycling offered by the local private collector. The council will be working closely with the local provider to add the required support including publicity campaign to encourage local use of the kerbside service, which is being rolled out countywide.

### **AGENDA Items no. 3-6 - Progress Reports:**

See attached updated progress reports for:

Capital Programmes:

**Major Capital Programme  
Service Land Initiative (SLI's)**

#### **Desertegney (West Inishowen Rural Water Supplies)**

**At the Steering Group meeting of 02 Feb 2006 between Donegal County Council officials and DEHLG officials the incoming Department Inspector undertook to visit both the areas to be served by Desertegney contract 3 and Lagan stage 3 with a view to submitting his technical report to the Department on both contracts. The visit was facilitated by staff in water services DCC. The Inspector did not highlight any matters that will prevent these contracts being advanced to construction and the likelihood is that both contracts will advance together. No written feedback has been received to date. The outstanding water charging report on Desertegney has now also been finalised.**

**Buncrana SS - the draft brief includes for an examination of the entire town to the control point limits except on the Derry Road where it has been extended for a kilometer, i.e. to the Mones development in Lisfannon.**

**Bridgend SS - CPO drawings are being progressed for Bridgend Wastewater Treatment Works Site in parallel with discussions with the landowner.**

**The notes on the WEES workshop held on 22 November 2005 will be presented at the IEAC meeting of 13 March 2006.**

**Moville / Greencastle Sewerage Scheme.**

Feedback on the response to the December Information Note will be presented at the IEAC meeting of 13 March 2006.

Information on the history of the appointment of the Consulting Engineers will be presented at the IEAC meeting of 13 March 2006.

**Lagan Water Supply Stage III**

From previous meeting, the Committee recommended that the Council contact the DOEHLG regarding approval for Lagan Water Supply Phase III and the inclusion of the upgrading of the Watermain between Bridgend/Burnfoot in the Tender Documents.

A submission concerning this proposal will be made after approval for Lagan 3 has been received from the DEHLG as a submission at this time may only slow that approval. When approved the likelihood is that Lagan 3 will be advanced along with Desertegney.

**Rural Water Programme:**

Small Capital Programme

Group Scheme Programme

**AGENDA Items no. 7 - Moville Fire Station:**

Following update received from Fitz Howard, Senior Executive Engineer (26<sup>th</sup> January 2006) –

Tender Notice for the Moville Fire Station has been posted on the E-Tender web site today. Closing date for receipt of submissions for documents is February 13<sup>th</sup> and the Tender deadline is March 13<sup>th</sup> 2006.

*C. Mc Laughlin, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Area Manager, Water and Environment,  
13<sup>th</sup> March 2006*