

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2008 IN THE  
CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE**

**Councillors Present:**

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

**Officials Present:**

**Community, Cultural & Enterprise Services:**

Aideen Doherty, Administrative Officer  
Declan Sheehan, Public Art Assistant

**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

**Roads & Transportation Services:**

Stephen Flynn, Area Manager/Senior Executive Engineer  
Jim McLaughlin, Executive Engineer  
Donal Walker, Executive Engineer  
Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer, NRDO

**Water, Environment & Emergency Services:**

Con McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer/Area Manager

**Apologies:**

Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn

## **08/18 WELCOME ADDRESS**

The Chairperson, Cllr Rena Donaghey, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and conveyed the apologies of Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn who was unable to attend the meeting.

**19.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008**

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Denis McGonagle, the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 were agreed.

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

**19.2 Barrack Hill**

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that Diarmuid Gavin, Gardener, had visited Carndonagh again on the 21<sup>st</sup> April and would be returning on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2008 to give a final presentation on the plans/design for the playground at Barrack Hill Town Park. Copies of the concepts are available for viewing in C&E.

**19.3 Donegal Film Commission**

The Committee were informed that Sepia Films Canada/Octagon Films Ireland, was due to start shooting the film, "A Shine of Rainbows" in Malin Head that morning, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2008. Aideen Doherty thanked Area Managers and staff for their due care and attention to the film crew during their occupation of the offices in the Carndonagh Public Services Centre.

Aideen further advised that the film crew were using all local facilities and it was expected that shooting would take up to six weeks. Malin Head Fishermen's Co-Op was providing assistance with boats etc, which are required for the film and Malin G.A.A., was renting space to the Film Company for interior set for 10 weeks.

Aideen Doherty also advised the Committee that another film was due to commence filming in Pettigo for a six weeks shoot.

**19.4 Munreagh Manse, Carrigans**

Aideen Doherty advised that a meeting has been arranged with the coordinator of Munreagh Manse in relation to the Ulster Scots in order to examine the project and to provide guidance.

### **19.5 Development Fund 2008**

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that €90,000 was allocated on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008 and communities may submit applications by the end of May.

### **19.6 Walking Routes**

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that work is ongoing and nearing completion in respect of upgrading the Inishowen Head Loop Walk. A seating area. Map Boards and Interpretive Panels will be provided. Work is ongoing with community groups to identify potential routes for inclusion in the draft Inishowen EA Trails Plan. Support has also been given to the new Culdaff Slí Na Slainte Route that was to be opened on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

There is also due to be a Walking Week commencing on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

### **19.6 HEART, Merville**

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that it had been necessary to reallocate the Public Art Monies into 15 designed benches which were due to be installed in August. Cllr Marian Mc Donald requested that they be installed earlier in time for the tourist season and that additional benches were required.

The Locky Morris Spire will be installed in late September and the railings will be installed in the coming weeks.

### **19.7 Pride of Place Awards**

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee of the results of this year's Pride of Place Awards and that three entries will go forward to represent County Donegal in the National Pride of Place 2008 Competition.

### **19.8 Ulster Scots Agency**

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that the Ulster Scots Agency is holding the second "Fitba Day" on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2008. The event is aimed at young people between ages of 6 and 16.

### **19.9 Members Development Fund Allocations**

The Committee noted details of Members Development Allocations totalling €16,950 for 2008.

The Committee requested clarification on source of funding agreed for GAA and Rugby in the county.

### **19.10 Presentation by Declan Sheehan, Public Arts Assistant on Public Art In Inishowen**

Declan Sheehan, Public Arts Assistant made a Power point Presentation to the Committee on Public Art in Inishowen (Appendix 1), which included details on the status of Public Arts Projects in Inishowen.

He also advised the Committee that the Nominated Elected Members would be invited to the Public Arts Selection Panels for the "Lovely Weather Residency Project" which was due to take place in the autumn of 2008. The Public Arts Fund will utilise monies from the Electoral Areas under the "Percent for Housing Scheme" to initiate a series of residencies for artists and scientists to examine on the ground the effect of climate change in Donegal. These residencies will allow for in depth analysis of science, biology and art and will accommodate a series of workshops and educational projects with school children, farmers, fishermen, community groups and the general public.

Cllr Rena Donaghey on behalf of the Committee thanked Declan Sheehan for his excellent presentation.

### **19.11 Scottish Ferry Operators**

The Committee requested an update on the meetings that were held a number of years ago with the Scottish ferry operators.

### **19.12 Cultural Services Report**

Aideen Doherty circulated the Cultural Services Report dated May 2008.

**08.21 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

On the proposal of Cllr Denis Mc Gonagle seconded by Cllr Marian Mc Donald the minutes of meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were agreed.

**21.1 Affordable Housing**

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that an advertisement has been sent to the local newspapers inviting applications under this scheme from all areas of Inishowen with a view to determining interest in the scheme in different locations.

The Housing Construction Department have sought submission for the provision of Affordable Housing by Public Tender in Bunrana.

**21.2 Social Housing.**

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that the next Social Housing Scheme that will be ready for allocation are in Merville and Greencastle. It is expected that these schemes will be completed in June/July, and will be allocated immediately on receipt of keys.

Patsy Lafferty also advised the Committee that Newtowncunningham, Gleneely and Carrowmena will be going to tender later in the year.

**21.2.1 Footpaths**

Cllr Marian Mc Donald requested that the footpaths to Ard Na Gulla Dubha be completed.

**21.3 Remedial Works / Regeneration Programme 2008.**

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that this has gone to tender. The closing date for receipt of tenders was 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008, tenders were opened on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008, and were currently being assessed.

When a tenderer has been selected, pre contract meetings will then be held with a view to commencement late June or early July.

**21.4 Central Heating Programme 2008.**

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that tender documents were being prepared and it is intended to advertise in June.

### **21.5 Progress Reports**

The Committee noted the contents of the Progress Reports on the Capital Programme, Loans, Grants and Casual Vacancies that was circulated with the Agenda.

### **21.6 Castle Park, Newtowncunningham**

Patsy Lafferty advised that the Tenant Liaison Officer had been in touch with the Residents Representative who was to revert to him regarding a meeting of Residents.

**22.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008**

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness, the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 were agreed.

**22.2 N13 Newtowncunningham to Drumbarnett/Veagh PSC (Design)**

Eamon Boyle, NRDO circulated a Scheme Update Report on the N13 Newtowncunningham to Drumbarnett/Veagh PSC (Design). This scheme involves the design and overlay and construction of approximately 4.4 Km of N.P.R. The road type for the scheme is a single carriageway with a hard shoulder. The scheme involves the strengthening of the existing pavement, placement of drainage, kerbing, accommodation works as well as signing and lining of the new road surface.

An allocation of €100,000 has been made to progress the scheme in 2008. The Design Team is in the process of completing the survey of the carriageway for the two schemes on the N13 from Newtowncunningham to Pluck Roundabout:

1. N13 Newtowncunningham to Drumbarnett/Veagh
2. Veagh to Pluck Roundabout

Tenders will be sought from specialised contractors to carry out pavement analysis on the N13 within the next two months and this will be followed by Horizontal and Vertical Design, Drainage Design etc

It is proposed to complete a detailed design by the end of the year and to prepare Contract Documents, advertise for tenderers and commence construction in 2009 subject to NRA Approval.

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested clarification on when funding will be made available for the design to be advanced to improve the Moyle Junction including the provision of a roundabout, New Church Junction, bad bends on the Letterkenny side of Newtowncunningham, the right turning lane at Kiernan's Shop, traffic calming, access to playing fields. Vehicles crossing the road.

**22.2.1 Dublin/Derry Road Project/A5**

Stephen Flynn advised the Committee that Roads Service (N.I.) are conducting public consultation on the A5 and welcome comments on [www.A5.wwc.com](http://www.A5.wwc.com). The Committee requested an update on the status of

the Dublin/Derry Road Project and requested that the Consultants for the A5 make a presentation to the Council.

### **22.3 Matters Arising**

The Committee noted the contents of the Matters Arising Report circulated with the Agenda (Appendix 2).

### **22.4 Update on Roadwork's Programme 2008**

The Committee noted the Update on the Roadwork's Programme 2008, which was circulated with the Agenda.

### **22.5 Local Improvement Schemes for 2008**

Stephen Flynn advised the Committee that a total of €227,034 had been allocated to the Inishowen Electoral Area in 2008 and circulated a list of the approved schemes to be carried out using this funding.

### **22.6 Workshop for Local and Regional Road Design**

The Committee noted the contents of the report circulated with the Agenda, which advised that there were currently approximately 50 project ongoing within Road Design for the Inishowen Electoral Area. He suggested that a Workshop be arranged with Road Design staff to discuss the current status of and priority accorded to these projects.

### **22.7 Gleneely Corner**

The Committee requested that a meeting be arranged with the landowners at Gleneely Corner.

### **22.8 Moss Road**

Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness requested that works be advanced on the dangerous section of Moss Road and that the height of the road be reduced. Stephen Flynn stated that the current allocation of €200,000, which would be spent this year, would allow for a good strengthening job to be carried out. This approach has been used in the past in other sections between Culdaff and Malin and has worked out well. The design prepared by Road Design is for a high quality Regional Road but there is not funding available for this.

### **22.9 Balleighan Road**

The Committee recommended that the possibility of using Community Assist on the Balleighan road be explored.

### **22.10 White Wall, Movice**

Cllr Marian Mc Donald requested that the cause of the collapse of the White Wall be ascertained and that the wall be replaced even if the location had to be moved. Jim Mc Laughlin stated that he is of the opinion that the roots of the trees caused the damage to the wall and advised that he has requested a Tree Surgeon to give a report on the trees in the vicinity.

### **22.11 Derry Road, Movice**

Cllr Marian Mc Donald requested that the works on the Derry Road, Movice be advanced, as the footpath is very high. Stephen Flynn in his report circulated with the agenda advised that an Oral Hearing was held by An Bord Pleanala in relation to the C.P.O. and the Council is currently awaiting the Boards decision in relation to this.

### **22.12 Movice Tidy Towns**

Cllr Marian Mc Donald requested that arrangements be made to deliver the planters to Movice Tidy Towns. Jimmy Mc Laughlin agreed to organise this.

### **22.13 Crossroads at Greencastle**

Cllr Marian Mc Donald raised safety issues at Greencastle Crossroads. Jim McLaughlin advised that the junction was a clearly marked but would examine the possibility of erecting advance warning signs for the junction and building up the road and pushing the junction out.

### **22.14 Flush Road, Shroove**

Cllr Marian Mc Donald requested that the white line on the Flush Road be replaced. Jimmy Mc Laughlin agreed to examine this request.

### **22.15 Footbridge at Cockhill, Buncrana**

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that the provision of a footbridge at Cockhill be advanced. Stephen Flynn in his report circulated with the agenda advised that a procurement process for the design of the footbridge is currently being undertaken. This process would include preparation of drawings for public consultation along with tender documents for a construction contract. It will also be necessary for the Town Council to follow up with the developer regarding the complying with planning conditions.

### **22.16 Drumfries Cycle Club**

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that consideration be given to the erection of signage in the area to make motorists aware of the cyclists in the area. Stephen Flynn agreed to examine the matter.

### **22.17 Signage at Cockhill, Bridge**

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested that consideration be given to relocation the signage for Clonmany and Carndonagh to the Buncrana side of Cockhill Bridge. Stephen Flynn agreed to investigate this matter.

### **22.18 Brae Road and Carroghill Road**

The Committee requested that options be explored to include Brae Road and Carroghill Road in the roads that will be funded in 2008, as these roads had been included in the list agreed in September 2007. Cllr Francis Conaghan requested clarification if the adoption of the Roads programme was an executive or a reserved function. Stephen Flynn suggested that half of the Brae Road be done this year and delay Bredins Road to 2009 with help of Community Assist monies. Stephen Flynn stated that John Mc Laughlin, D.O.S. has agreed to discuss this at the Roads Workshop.

### **22.19 Car Park in Carndonagh**

The Committee requested that this be progressed and requested options be investigated in relation to obtaining funding for the completion of the car park, including links to the Diamond and Bridge Street. Jimmy Mc Laughlin advised the Committee that it would cost €380,000/€400,000 to complete the car park and that there was no funding available. This could also be discussed at the Roads Workshop.

### **22.20 Shamrock Bridge**

The Committee requested that a meeting be arranged with the landowner at the Shamrock Bridge. Donal Walker confirmed that contact has been made with the landowner and that funding is available for bridge replacement.

### **22.21 Kilderry Road**

The Committee recommended that the Kilderry Road be improved in lieu of the Racecourse Road.

#### **22.22 Brae Road/Bredins Road**

The Committee recommended that the Brae Road and Bredin's Road are included on the Agenda for the next Roads Workshop.

#### **22.23 Next Restoration Programme - Gortyarn Road**

The Committee recommended that Gortyarn Road needs attention and that it be considered for inclusion in the next Restoration Programme. Donal Walker confirmed that repairs would be carried out.

#### **22.24 Rockstown Road**

The Committee requested that consideration be given to including Rockstown Road in the 2008 Programme if Bredins Road could be held over to 2009 with maintenance works.

It was also agreed to follow up with the Developer on the Rockstown Road.

#### **22.25 Church Road, Newtowncunningham**

The Committee recommended that Roads and WEES meet to discuss the reinstatement of the Church Road as it is in a bad state of repair.

#### **22.26 Clonleigh Road**

The Committee recommended that the laying of the asphalt on the Clonleigh Road be advanced.

#### **22.27 Dooish Road/Churchtown Road**

The Committee recommended that consideration be given to meeting the quarry operators on a "without prejudice" basis to discuss the reinstatement of the roads as it could be a number of years before the planning issues are resolved.

#### **22.28 Moyle Road**

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested that options to improve the Moyle Road be explored.

#### **22.29 Nurses Road, Burnfoot**

The Committee recommended that works on the Nurses Lane be advanced

#### **22.30 Cycle Route Signs/Sustrans**

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested that the Cycle Route Signs be erected as soon as possible.

### **22.31 Carndonagh Pedestrian Crossing**

Cllr Denis Mc Gonagle requested that arrangements are made to replace the bulbs that are out of order on the lights at the Pedestrian Crossing. Jimmy Mc Laughlin agreed to arrange this.

### **22.32 List of Non National Roads Schemes to be Funded from 2008-2010 Restoration Improvement Grants**

Stephen Flynn circulated the three Lists of Non National Roads Schemes to be Funded from 2008- 2010 Restoration Improvement Grants for the Inishowen Electoral Area.

### **22.33 Take Over of Road in Newtowncunningham**

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested an update on the Take Over of the road at Newtowncunningham. Stephen Flynn advised that the take over of roads at this and other locations had been placed on the Agenda of the C.P.G. Meeting for action.

### **22.34 Roads Engineer**

Cllr Rena Donaghey on behalf of the Committee wished Donal Walker every success in his year off and welcomed Trevor Gordon his replacement.

### **22.35 St Boden's Terrace, Culdaff**

Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness requested an update on the refurbishment of the car Park at St Boden's Terrace, Culdaff. He had been advised previously that this would be funded from Clar. Stephen Flynn advised that there is no Clar money available currently for any projects in the county.

Paul Kelly advised the Committee that Clare Cronin is presently on leave and was moving to Cork to take up a new appointment. He had been appointed Acting Area Manager until 6<sup>th</sup> June 2008. He understood that a permanent appointment would be made from the panel that existed. Cllr Rena Donaghey on behalf of the Committee wished him well in his new post and wished Clare Cronin well in her new job in Cork.

### **23.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008**

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Francis Conaghan, the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 were agreed.

### **23.2 Matters Arising**

The Members considered the report circulated with the agenda on matters arising from the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008.

### **23.3 Invalid Applications**

Paul Kelly advised that it was agreed at the previous IEAC Meeting that a meeting be arranged between the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Members, Helena O'Toole and Denis Kelly, Senior Planners, in order to discuss issues/concerns which have been raised at previous Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meetings regarding Invalid Applications. Helena O Toole, Senior Planner has agreed to contact the IEAC through the Chairperson of the Committee. It is understood that this process has already commenced. However it was agreed with Ms. Helena O'Toole, that should the Members have any outstanding concerns or issues in relation to planning matters then in the first instance such concerns should be addressed to the Area Manager, only escalating to Senior Planner level if the Members remain dissatisfied thereafter. All Members are therefore encouraged, as some have already done, to make their concerns/issues known to the A/Area Manager, who will endeavour to examine and redress said concerns, if possible, as a matter of priority.

### **23.4 - Tober Quarry**

Paul Kelly advised the Committee that the Planning Authority was presently conducting a thorough investigation into the quarry use of the subject site by Tober Quarry Ltd. This investigation is in response to a third party complaint. Said investigation is proving to be a complex matter and a lengthy process, however progress is being made in bringing this matter to a conclusion. Given that the investigation concerns an alleged unauthorised development, it is considered, that for reasons of due process and safety of evidence, it is not appropriate to discuss the material considerations of this investigation whilst the case remains open and ongoing. He also advised that this could involve a lengthy legal process.

### **23.5 Local Area Plans for Inishowen Electoral Area.**

Paul Kelly advised the Committee that a request was forwarded to the Central Planning Unit regarding the request for a presentation at the Inishowen Electoral Area Meeting on the concept document in relation to the preparation of Local Area Plans for the Inishowen Electoral Area. To date the Central Planning Unit have been unable to confirm whether or not said presentation will take place. If Central Planning Unit is unable to make a presentation in respect of the said concept document to the next Electoral Area Committee Meeting, then a written update on same and/or alternative date for said presentation would be confirmed on the day of meeting.

Cllr Francis Conaghan stated that LAP's are required for small towns and villages to take into account Urban Generated Areas.

The Committee recommended that Gerry Richards, Senior Planner be requested to make a presentation on LAPS at the next IEAC Meeting.

### **23.6 Fahan Local Area Plan**

Paul Kelly advised the Committee that a request was forwarded to the Central Planning Unit regarding an update on the progress of a Local Area Plan for Fahan. To date a response from the Central Planning Unit is outstanding. It is hoped to provide a written update on said Local Area Plan from the Central Planning Unit on day of next Electoral Area Committee Meeting.

### **23.7 Progress Reports**

The Committee noted the contents of the Reports on Consideration of Recent Refusals, Planning Statistics and Unauthorised Development that was circulated with the agenda.

### **23.8 Crawford Square, Merville**

Cllr Marian Mc Donald requested that Planning follow up with the developer of Crawford Square, Merville regarding the outstanding works.

**24.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008**

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 were agreed.

**24.2 Follow Ups from Previous Meeting**

Con Mc Laughlin circulated an Update Report on issues raised at the previous meeting (Appendix 3).

**24.2.1 Workshop on Environmental Issues**

It was agreed that the WEES Workshop to discuss a number of issues raised at the previous IEAC Meeting would be held after the July IEAC Meeting. Chris Lyons, Director of Service has agreed to attend.

**24.2.2 Gleneely Sewerage Scheme**

The Committee noted the contents of the report circulated at the meeting, which outlined the background, developments to date, and improvement works completed and planned to the scheme.

**24.2.3 Beach Management**

The Committee noted that it is proposed to have the Draft Beach By Laws on public consultation in May and June and to be considered by the Council at the July Meeting.

Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness requested clarification on how it is proposed to police the proposed Beach by Laws. He suggested that Beach Lifeguards and Litter Wardens be authorised to police the By Laws.

**24.3 Shroove Beach**

Cllr Marian Mc Donald requested that Litter Bins be provided and the Blue Flag Beach Sign replaced at Shroove Beach.

**24.4 Newtowncunningham S.T.W.**

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested that the alleged discharge from Newtowncunningham STW be investigated.

**24.5 Burnfoot, Bridgend, Carrigans, Killea and Tooban S.S.'s**

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested progress reports on the status of Burnfoot, Bridgend, Carrigans, Killea and Tooban S.S.'s.

#### **24.6 Ballyliffen S.S.**

Cllr Denis Mc Gonagle raised the issue of the Special Development Charge of €9,000 per house in Ballyliffen. Con Mc Laughlin noted a significant development proposed for that area which may have a bearing and agreed to liaise with the developer of six houses in Ballyliffen.

#### **24.7 Raw Sewerage**

Con Mc Laughlin agreed to investigate the alleged discharge of raw sewerage on the Lower Road, Greencastle.

#### **24.8 Developments in East Inishowen**

In response to a query from Cllr Donaghey, Con McLaughlin noted that the Council continue to explore if a viable scheme can be progressed by Developers, however to date no scheme is agreed. He went on to confirm that applications for multiple development in that area remain premature.

#### **24.9 Moyle Road**

The Committee requested that the Moyle Road be reinstated where it was damaged by a burst main.

#### **24.10 Gortree Road**

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested that the Applications for Service Connections on the Gortree Road be processed.

#### **24.11 Buncrana/Burt Interconnector**

Con Mc Laughlin advised the Committee that Water Services are putting funding proposals together for the Capital Replacement Programme for the short-term replacement of the remaining connections to avoid any further disruptions to that supply.

#### **24.12 Carndonagh C.A.S.**

Con Mc Laughlin advised the Committee that the C.A.S. would be upgraded shortly. During the upgrading some recycling services will be curtailed. When the upgrade is completed there will be a "gate fee" on most items but some items will remain free.

**25.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008**

On the proposal of Cllr Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness, the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2008 were agreed.

**25.2 Fahan Community Council**

Eunan Kelly advised the Committee that he had written to the Fahan Community Council as agreed at the last IEAC Meeting, and requested them to submit details of the issues which they wish to discuss with the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee, but that he had not received a response. Cllr Rena Donaghey advised that the group had contacted her and advised that they wished to raise the issues that they had raised when they met the Committee last year.

Cllr Donaghey asked that a thank you letter issue to the Fahan Community Council for the recent successful clean up of the area.

**25.3 Request for Deputation from Mc Gill Planning Ltd**

The Committee considered the request received from Mc Gill Planning Ltd to make a presentation at the next Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting on behalf of their clients Mc Allister Holdings Ltd. in relation to a proposed residential and mixed-use scheme being proposed for the LAP Masterplan lands at Killea.

After some discussion it was agreed that that Mc Gill Planning Ltd be requested to forward information on what the agenda for the presentation would be and to outline proposals on the timing to consult the local community.

It was also agreed that the deputation could make a presentation at the July Meeting provided satisfactory replies were received to these queries.

08/26	DATE FOR NEXT MEETING
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The next meeting of the IEAC will take place in the Carndonagh P.S.C. on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 commencing at 10.00 am.

## Appendix 1 - WEES

### **WATER & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES Report to Inishowen EAC Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

**1.0 - Consideration of minutes** of Inishowen Electoral Area Committee meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**2.0 - Update reports where required from previous meeting:**

**15.4 Workshop / Environmental Services -**

The proposed workshop with the Director of Service to discuss various Environmental issues, was postponed as this meeting clashed with the proposed official opening of the new CAS at Laghey. The Director has scheduled to attend a workshop following the next EAC in July

**15.10 Gleneely Sewerage Scheme:**

The following report is based on information provided by Eamonn Barr, Executive Engineer on the background and plans for further development of the **site**.

**Background:**

In 2001, a local developer entered negotiations with DCC (Mr. Kevin Swift, Capital Design Office) for construction of 85no dwellings in Gleneely together with the provision of a modular Sewage Treatment Plant. That plant was to serve the proposed 85 dwellings, in addition 6 no new Council houses and also provide a site of adequate size to facilitate the modular expansion of the works for the future growth of the village. In June 2002, that deal was completed and the Treatment Plant Site was sold to this Council by the developer for a nominal amount, thereafter the Council were responsible for maintenance of the works. The primary advantage to DCC is the acquisition of strategically located site for wastewater treatment for serving future requirements of the village.

**Developments to date:**

The Developer employed a company called Aqua Bryson Enviro Ltd, who installed a modular secondary treatment plant (consisting of a small control building, 2no Air Blowers sized for 350no pe, 8 no Aeration Chambers within a covered underground tank and 2 no pumps discharging to percolation area).

52 no housing units together with the further 6 no DCC houses have been connected to date.

Construction of the treatment works, initially to service the private housing development proceeded and when taken over were found to be lacking and operating at substandard level.

**Improvement works completed and planned:**

Substantial improvement works were carried out under the Capital Replacement Programme in 2005 / 2006 (including repair to blowers, new effluent and sludge return pumps, fencing, upsizing of control house, install new panel, isolators and re-stoning of access) at a cost of €36,560.

To cater for the further expansion of Gleneely village, our Capital Design office has considered the expansion of treatment at this site and advised of the following requirements:

The Water Services Design Section in Lifford have prepared a preliminary design for the expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WwTP) in Gleneely at an estimated cost of €667,750 which includes preliminary works, screening and secondary treatment.

A special development charge will be introduced to raise funding for the proposed works.

**15.11 Buncrana / Burt Interconnector**

The issue of recurring bursts and associated disruption has been noted. The Council are examining the cause and in particular the failure of some bolted connections. Arrangements have been made for materials used in the connections to be tested. The Water Service are also putting funding proposals together for the short-term replacement of the remaining connections to avoid any further disruptions to that supply.

**15.12 Portaleen Group Water Scheme:**

Progress on that scheme awaits 'Plan Preparation' to be submitted by the Group. The proposed scheme will be supplied from the Glengad /Glentooskert scheme which is presently in construction and due for completion in August 2008.

**3.0 - Progress Reports (Rural Water Programme)**

See updated progress reports circulated with agenda for

Group Scheme Programme & Small Capital Schemes

**Progress Reports (Beach Management)**

Kevin McCloskey, Beach Manager has advised of the following progress re Beach Bye-Laws

To public consultation (two month period) May -June  
Consideration by Council - end July

C.McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Water and Environment Service,  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2008

## Appendix 2 - ROADS

### B. Matters Arising:

- Item 11.3 Takeover of roads at Newtown Cunningham N.S and other locations. This item has been placed on the agenda of the CPG for action.
- Item 11.4 Senior Engineer V. Lynn has confirmed that these are now lit.
- Item 11.5 A procurement process for the Consultant for the Design of the Cockhill Bridge is currently been undertaken. This process will include preparation of drawings for public consultation in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations along with tender documentation for a construction contract. See also item F
- Item 11.8 Traffic Surveys are currently being conducted at Moville and Tiernaleague Road with a view to ascertaining the most appropriate speed reducing measures. In relation to Back Road, Killea the Council proposes to address traffic calming in this area through the planning process and DSC schemes as traffic calming forms one of the physical infrastructure policies of the Local Area Plan for Killea.
- Item 11.10. The Developer has applied to have the Woods taken-over and has been liaising with Council in preparation for road surfacing. The development incorporates a sewage pump station.
- Lights in the woods haven't yet been taken-over. The number of lights on the ESB cert didn't tally with the number in estate. This is being addressed by the developer.
- Item 11.13 The lighting has been taken over by the Council and a repair request has been submitted to the ESB.
- Item 11.14 Civil Works for this lighting are complete. Lighting is expected to be complete next week.
- Item 11.18 See item C.
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- Item 11.22 Carrahoney Road: The road has been inspected and has been addressed.
- Item 11.24 See item F.

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Item 11.30 No policy exists with respect to refusing a road opening licenses pending compliance with Roads related planning condition. The Roads & Transportation and Planning and Economic Development Directorates are currently consulting in relation to how Roads related planning conditions may be improved such as to provide clarity to developers and enforce planning conditions where required.

Item 11.31 Road Strengthening Programme – See item C.

### C. Update on Roadworks Programme 2008

#### **Restoration Improvement Grants:**

To date a number of roads have been completed. In general projects requiring DBM base courses are to be tendered with the successful prequalifying contractors for 2008-2009 in the coming weeks.

#### **Surface Dressing Programme:**

Preparation works for surface dressing are ongoing in the north of the Electoral Area with many roads in the South of the Electoral Area now complete. The Council's surfaced dressing plant continue to be in the Electoral Area until early July to complete these works subject to appropriate weather conditions. Progress will be monitored in relation to this and reported to the members at the next Electoral Area Meeting

#### **EU Co-Financed / Specific Improvement Grants:**

##### Mill Bridge Buncrana Inner Relief Road:

Currently revised tender documents in accordance with the new Government contracts are being drawn up. It is anticipated that these shall be completed by late summer with a tender process complete by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the year.

##### Moville:

An oral hearing was held by An Bord Pleanála in relation to the Compulsory Purchase Order by Donegal County Council. The Council currently awaits the decision of the Bord in relation to this.

### D. Local Improvement Scheme for 2008.

A total of €27,034 has been allocated to the Inishowen Electoral Area in 2008 under this scheme. The list of approved schemes to be carried out using this funding shall be tabled at the meeting.

### **E. Workshop for Local and Regional Road Design:**

Currently there are approximately fifty projects ongoing within Roads Design for the Inishowen Electoral Area. I wish to arrange a workshop with members and Roads Design Staff to discuss the current status of

and priority accorded to these projects along with any observations members wish to make.

**F. Gleneely Junction:**

At the request of members this item is placed on the agenda for discussion at the meeting.

## Appendix 3