

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2006 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, Enterprise & Cultural Services:**

Aideen Doherty, Community, Cultural & Enterprise Development Officer

**Corporate Services:**

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

**Housing & Building Services:**

Patsy Lafferty, Area Manager

**Planning & Economic Development Services:**

Frank Sweeney, Acting Area Manager

**Roads & Transportation Services:**

Pat Gillespie, Area Manager  
Jim McLaughlin, Executive Engineer

**Water, Environment & Emergency Services:**

Con McLaughlin, Area Manager

**Marine Services**

Vincent Lynn, Senior Engineer

**Apologies:**

Councillor Pdraig MacLochlainn  
Donal Walker Executive Engineer

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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 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 commencing at 10.00 a.m.

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**CHAIRPERSON**

In the absence of Councillor Padraig MacLochlainn (Chairman) the Committee selected Councillor Francis Conaghan to chair the meeting.

### **02.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005 were agreed.

#### **Follow-up Report**

Con McLaughlin circulated a report and updated members in regard to follow-ups and the various issues raised at the Electoral Area Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005 (Appendix 1).

#### **Small Capital Schemes.**

Con Mc Laughlin advised that the Reserve List for Future Small Schemes Projects was being reviewed and that proposals in this regard would be presented to members at a later date.

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested that Carrigans S.S. also be included on the Reserve List

#### **Clongash/Ahilly/Tullydish GWSS**

Con McLaughlin updated the Committee on the above schemes. Councillor Rena Donaghey stated that there were problems developing on this scheme in regard to pump houses and recommended that the Council make the decisions regarding this rather than the Trustees, as this could have a negative impact on other schemes. The Committee were advised that the Tullydish No. 1 GWSS was not taken over yet and forcing the issue may not be productive. Con McLaughlin also advised that the Executive Engineer for the area, Eamonn Barr had agreed to meet the Trustees of that group shortly to progress the matter.

#### **Moville Water Supply.**

Con Mc Laughlin in his Report updated the members re the situation & constraints in regard to Moville water supply, in particular the following estimates were noted:

Moville upgrade (Phase 1)	€551,500.00
Moville upgrade (Phase 2)	€227,000.00
Greencastle upgrade	€128,000.00

No funding has been agreed for the works, options for consideration include the Water Service Investment Programme or the Rural Water Programme (Small Capital Programme)

### **Illegal Water Connections**

Cllr Marian McDonald enquired regarding the situation where a Developer has made an illegal connection to another's local water connection. Con McLaughlin agreed to have the matter in question investigated.

### **Major Capital Projects/Small Capital Schemes/S.L.I.'s/Group Schemes**

Con McLaughlin updated the Committee on these Programme by means of Progress Reports, which were circulated at the meeting.

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

Con McLaughlin advised the Committee that the Council is awaiting DOEHLG approval of Contract Documents.

### **Moville / Greencastle Sewerage Scheme.**

Con McLaughlin advised the Committee that the closing date for Public Consultation was 16th January 2006.

Councillor Bernard McGuinness stated that he had not been updated on the history of the appointment of DP Barrys as Consultants for the present project as he had previously requested.

Eunan Kelly informed the Committee that the Committee for a Clean Estuary had requested and received Minutes of a number of Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meetings and had requested a number of additional Reports and Reports on Workshops. After a brief discussion the Committee requested that copies of all reports/documents given to any group be also forwarded to Members.

### **Lagan Water Supply Stage III**

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.

### **Buncrana Sewerage Schemes.**

The Committee recommended that sewerage collection from Lisfannon be included in the Buncrana S.S. Network proposals that are currently being prepared.

### **Bridgend Sewerage Schemes**

The Committee recommended that the Council proceed with C.P.O. of the site for the Bridgend S.S. as agreed at the WEES Workshop on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2005.

The Committee also requested that the Report on the WEES Workshop held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2005 to be forwarded to the Members.

## **Newtowncunningham SS**

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested that personnel from WEES make contact with householder in Colehill Housing Estate regarding a blocked sewer. Con McLaughlin agreed to discuss with Area Supervisor.

## **Buncrana Civic Amenity Site**

Cllr Francis Conaghan enquired as to the progress on the Civic Amenity Site for Buncrana. Con McLaughlin advised that Jim Holohan Director of Service WEES had been in correspondence with the Buncrana Town Clerk he would check details and revert back to the next Electoral Area Meeting.

Councillor Rena Donaghy stated that Buncrana & its Environs had a population in excess of 8,000 people and a Civic Amenity Site is essential for the Area.

She requested that she be kept updated on developments.

## **Illegal Dumping**

Cllr Marian McDonald stated that illegal dumping was taking place in Merville and wanted a tougher stance taken by the Council.

Con Mc Laughlin advised that over 100 fines had been issued last year in Inishowen area in relation to illegal dumping. Con also noted that the Environment Section were pursuing a number of cases through the legal system, however that process was not proving productive in the shorter-term.

Cllr Mc Donald requested that "No Dumping" signs to be provided at Merville Bring Banks

## **Special Development Contribution Scheme**

Con McLaughlin in his report briefed the Committee on summary details of Special DCS Charges (€1500 /unit) currently being applied to specific areas in Inishowen, on multiple developments, commercials, and wet industries, including areas at East Inishowen, Carndonagh/Clonmany and Culdaff.

## **Fullerton Pollan Dam Water Supply**

Con Mc Laughlin referred to a recent article in the Derry Journal in connection with the alleged corrosion of copper pipes in a number of houses that are supplied by the Fullerton Pollan Dam and made the following statement in response.

"The Council has been made aware of this matter in recent months and are responding.

Very important to note, despite the Journal's headlines, there is no public health issues associated with this matter. Water Quality at the Fullerton Pollan Dam continues to meet the prescribed drinking water standards.

That said complaints were made suggesting that the water supply in question was contributing to problems of corrosion in home plumbing systems, in the interest of customer service the Council took a sympathetic approach and began investigations. Those investigations are ongoing, involving the Council's laboratory staff and the Consultants involved in the process design at the Pollan Dam.

The Council's primary obligation in this regard is to provide potable water, which meets EU Drinking Water Standards and that has been consistently achieved at the Fullerton Pollan Dam since the works were commissioned in 2000. However we are keen to meet obligations beyond that and will pursue the matter of corrosion until a more informed position can be made.

Whilst the water quality remains within 'spec' adjustments have already been made to further refine the process as an added safeguard in response to this issue whilst investigations continue.

My own read of the Journals story is that it causes an unnecessary burden on the minds of consumers on that supply whilst doing nothing to progress the matter. The Council and its customers should be very proud of the resource available to us at the Fullerton Dam! "

**Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005 were agreed.

**Designation of Casual Trading Area - Merville.**

Frank Sweeney circulated a map and report and outlined to the Committee the position in regard to the designation of a Casual Trading Area For Merville.

**Progress to Date**

3 No possible sites were identified:

(a) Roadside verge on Greencastle side of Bath Terrace (opposite Church)

(b) Car Park adjacent to the Green

(c) East of Quay Street

The preferred option put forward to Members was Site (b) "Car Park adjacent to the Bath Green"

A public meeting was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2003 where again the preferred site was Site (b) Car Park at the Green. In order for this site to be designated a Casual Trading Area a Variation on the Merville Town Plan was required as the area is currently zoned "solely open space" on seeking legal advice from the County Solicitor the current Merville Town Plan cannot be varied. Site (b) can only be rezoned to allow Casual Trading to take place when the Local Area Plan for Merville is made.

The Merville Town Plan is placed 2<sup>nd</sup> on the Priority List of Local Area Plans for reviewing.

The Casual Trading Area can be designated when the Plan is up for adoption. The three options presented to the members are therefore not viable.

In the mean time, Frank Sweeney requested that the Committee approve that the Traders remain where they are at present in the Car Park which fronts onto the Main Street, otherwise the Council could be open to legal challenge from Traders on the grounds that not enough trading areas have been designated, subject to certain conditions. The existing car park, which fronts onto Main Street, shall be designated as a temporary Casual Trading Area subject to the following conditions

- Restricted to a period of 2 years or until such time as the Merville Town Local Plan is adopted, which will allow the rezoning of the car park adjacent to the Green to permit Casual Trading in that area.

- Trading Stalls to be orientated towards Market Square and all business transactions with the Traders to be carried out from the footpath
- No pedestrian access from the footpath between trading stalls to the public road shall be permitted.

On a proposal by Councillor Marian Mc Donald and seconded by Councillor Francis Conaghan the Committee agreed to this recommendation and requested that the review of Local Area Plans be proceeded with without delay.

### **Carndonagh Casual Trading.**

Pat Gillespie updated the Committee on his meeting with the local traders in regard to an alternative site when the Carndonagh Town Plan is being reviewed.

### **Planning Statistics**

The Committee noted the Planning Statistics and Recent Refusals.

### **Development Charges**

Frank Sweeney to provide clarification as to how Development Charges/Proposed DCS is to be allocated in 2006.

**Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005**

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghy, the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005 were agreed.

**Roads & Transportation Workshop**

It was agreed to hold a Roads Workshop in the Carndonagh Public Service Centre on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2006 at 10.00am to consider the following:

- Roadwork Programme for 2006.
- Surface Dressing Programme for 2006.
- Reports from Road Design on their consideration of the Westbrook and Cassey Road Junction in Buncrana

Staff from the Road Design Team to be in attendance

**Public Lighting Report on ESB Meeting.**

Pat Gillespie circulated draft minutes of a meeting held between Representatives of the political parties, and Council Officials with the ESB on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2005 regarding public lighting issues, the maintenance of same, Members Lights, Invoices/Quotations etc.

The ESB advised at this meeting that the entire network is patrolled 12 times per year by three patrol teams with greater frequency during the Winter months. ESB currently working on Members Lights ordered in May/June and 100 of these were to be completed by the end of January 2006. ESB agreed to a 6-month completion date target.

Councillor Rena Donaghey stated that she had been in contact with the ESB and had been given an assurance that the maintenance and repair of broken lights would be completed by the end of January 2006.

A discussion took place and the Committee requested that Pat Gillespie consider the following

- ❖ The provision of public lighting from Merville to Greencastle.
- ❖ Examine provision of a footpath and public lighting from Crooks Road to Steele's House
- ❖ Investigate lights at Newtowncunningham, which have not been lit to date.

**Road Design - On Going Programme of Works November, 2005.**

Pat Gillespie circulated a report, which was noted by the Committee.

### **Congratulations**

Councillor Rena Donaghy stated that she wished to put on record her congratulations to the Road Staff for the works carried out in Buncrana this was seconded by Councillor Denis McGonagle and congratulated staff on the work done on the Carndonagh Inner Relief Road.

Pat Gillespie agreed to pass this on to the relevant staff.

### **L.I.S.**

The Members requested that Pat Gillespie compare the benefits of the Local Improvement Scheme on the basis of Road Mileage versus Number of Applications per Electoral Area.

### **Mullanee Hill**

Councillor Denis McGonagle highlighted a potential danger at Mullanee Hill and stated that a crash barrier may have to be installed due to the removal of the hedge, as there was now a sheer drop.

Pat Gillespie to investigate the planning issues in relation to the removal of the hedge.

### **Con's Brae/Road to Carrigans Meat Plant**

Pat Gillespie undertook to up-date the members on the position regarding the proposed one-way traffic flow at Con's Brae, Carrigans and agreed to have a costing prepared for the realignment of the road to Carrigans Meat Factory on the lands offered to the Council.

### **Coxtown NS, Carrigans**

Councillor Francis Conaghan requested that road related issues and the provision of amber flashing lights at Coxtown NS Carrigans also are undertaken.

### **Road from Carrickrory Pier to Merville**

Councillor Marian McDonald stated that there were a total of 6 No. accidents over the Christmas period on the road from Carrickrory Pier to Merville and requested that road conditions be checked.

### **Riverside Walk, Carndonagh**

Councillor Denis McGonagle requested that the issue of extending the Riverside Walk in Carndonagh be considered as the Council maintained the walk at present from the Bridge to the James Connolly Hospital, as it was a Public Walkway.

### **Moville, Greencastle Shore Walk**

Councillor Marian McDonald requested that the Moville, Greencastle Shore Walk also be taken into consideration.

The Committee recommended that Pat Gillespie contact Jeremy Smith, Walking & Trails Development Officer and present a report on both walkways to the next Electoral Area Meeting.

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## **MARINE**

Vincent Lynn gave a verbal update to the Members on matters relating to Marine issues.

Councillor Bernard McGuinness queried as to the amount of monies allocated in the Budget Estimates for Moorings he requested that Vincent Lynn consult with the Department of Marine & Natural Resources regarding the relocation of Moorings Buoys in Culdaff Bay and Moville for next year

### **Erosion at Culdaff Playground**

Vincent Lynn stated that he was concerned that a walkway had developed between the Playground and the beach as a result of people using the area for access to the beach, which was greatly adding to the erosion. The Committee recommended that Vincent Lynn investigate the erosion and report back to the Committee on remedies for the situation.

### **Lagg Beach**

Vincent Lynn informed the Committee that the bales that had washed away would be replaced at the end of February,

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**Follow up Report.**

Patsy Lafferty updated Members on the follow-ups and various issues raised at the Electoral Area Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

**Housing Allocation**

Patsy Lafferty informed the Committee that:

- Allocation of houses at Gaddyduff, Clonmany was completed in December 2005.
- The allocation of houses at Ard an Ghuala Dhuibh, Merville would take place in the early summer. Assessment of applicants would commence within the next few months.

**Central Heating Programme 2005.**

Patsy Lafferty informed the Committee that the work was ongoing and would be complete next month.

The Committee requested that proposals for the Central Heating Programme 2006 be presented for consideration at the next Electoral Area Meeting.

**Remedial Works /Restoration Programme 2005.**

Patsy Lafferty stated that approval had been received from the Department to carry out work at Bonemaine (Old) Scheme in Bridgend. The works consist of internal refurbishment of remaining rented dwellings that are not being purchased by tenants under the Tenants Purchase Scheme, as well as resurfacing the back lane access road. Tender Documents are currently being prepared prior to advertisement for tenders.

**Landbanks**

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that a number of areas were currently being considered with a view to purchase and that he would update the Members when further information was available from the Design/Housing Construction Department.

Councillor Bernard McGuinness stated that he was most unhappy with regard to the housing land banks being located in built up / urban areas as opposed to rural

areas which were losing out. Councillor Francis Conaghan agreed and stated that rural areas be re-advertised. Councillor McGuinness highlighted the issue in Carndonagh where Voluntary Housing and Council Housing were being built without any proper co-ordination he stated same situation was happening in Moville. Councillor Conaghan requested that Housing Design/Construction take note as to what was happening.

The Committee also requested that the various options being considered for Inch View be circulated and conveyed to the tenants on the estate.

### **Turnkey at Bree Malin Head.**

Councillor Bernard McGuinness informed the Committee that the planning issues have been resolved and requested that the Turnkey Proposal at Malin Head be re-examined.

### **Loans & Grants**

The Progress Report on Loans & Grants which were circulated with the Agenda were noted by the Committee

### **Casual Vacancies**

A discussion took place regarding tenants of 2 bedroom dwellings who may be experiencing overcrowding and suitable for a transfer to a 3-bed dwelling and the allocation of 3bed dwellings to Single Parent Families. Patsy Lafferty agreed to examine these proposals and report back to the next Electoral Area Meeting

Councillor Rena Donaghey requested that Patsy Lafferty contact Paul Doyle, Town Clerk Buncrana Town Council in relation to a possible house swap for a disabled tenant.

### **Rent Supplement**

Councillor Rena Donaghey enquired if only applicants on the Councils Waiting List are entitled to Rent Supplement. Patsy Lafferty outlined to the Committee the situation with regard to the legal obligation when assessing applicants for rent supplement.

### **Farmers/Labourers, Cottages.**

Councillor Bernard McGuinness queried as to whom is responsible for repairs to these dwellings. Patsy Lafferty stated that it is the owner's responsibility for repairs. They may be entitled to apply for an Essential Repair or Disabled Person's Grant.

## **06/ COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND ENTERPRISE**

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### **Follow-up Report**

Aideen Doherty updated members in regard to follow-ups and the various issues raised at the Electoral Area Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005.

### **Community Consultation and Liaison.**

The members noted report on activities with regard to Community Consultation and Liaison

### **Applications for funding under Peace II Task Force**

Aideen Doherty advised the Members that there was in excess of 140 applications for funding under this measure.

### **Dormant Accounts**

The Committee noted the Press release in relation to funding under this measure that was circulated with the Agenda. Aideen Doherty advised that she would keep Members informed as to when the date for receipt of funding applications is announced.

### **Moville Green By-Laws**

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that she was working in co-operation with the Gardai in relation to the introduction of Byelaws for Moville Green, as there was a legal process to be followed in progressing the matter further.

### **Malin Head**

Aideen Doherty informed the meeting that she has been in contact with Grace McCarron, IRDL and was awaiting clarification regarding the ownership of the land at Malin Head. The Committee requested that after the land ownership had been clarified that a fully costed proposal for the development at Malin be investigated.

### **Playgrounds.**

Aideen Doherty informed the Committee that the application for funding for the Moville Playground has been lodged and is at present being evaluated. Councillor Bernard McGuinness queried if there was funding available for the maintenance of existing playground in Culdaff and who carried out the repairs. Aideen Doherty stated that there is a report on inspections carried out throughout the County on playgrounds.

**Leader/Partnership Companies.**

Councillor Bernard McGuinness stated that he was most unhappy that Leader/Partnership Companies taking up projects which the Local Authority should be dealing with e.g. Ferry Terminals etc., as this was a Marine matter. He further stated that as an Elected Member on the board of these companies he felt that Council officials should also attend the meetings to represent the Council. After a discussion the Committee recommended that there should be a staff nominee on all organisations that elected members are nominated to e.g. Leader City of Derry Airport etc. and the minutes forwarded to County House.

The Committee requested that Officials of the Local Development Companies be invited to the next meeting.

Councillor Francis Conaghan requested and it was agreed to invite Ms Geraldine Sullivan Forestry Link to attend the next meeting.

**Progress Report**

Eunan Kelly updated the Committee on the level of activities in regard to Motor Taxation, Cash Receipt, Personal Callers, Citizen Information and No. of Planning Applications that took place in the Public Service Centre from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005. The number of Motor Taxes, Driving Licences and Receipts increased in 2005.

**Outreach Services Buncrana.**

Councillor Francis Conaghan enquired as to the status of the proposed Outreach Service for Buncrana. Eunan Kelly advised that the provision of an Outreach Service in Buncrana is included in the Budget for 2006.

**Schedule of Meetings 2006.**

The Following Schedule of Meetings was agreed for 2006:

13<sup>th</sup> March

15<sup>th</sup> May

17<sup>th</sup> July

11<sup>th</sup> September

13<sup>th</sup> November

**Deputations**

Eunan Kelly informed the Committee that the Arais Aris deputation was unable to attend today's meeting it was agreed by the Members that the deputation attend the next Electoral area Meeting

**Deputation from Clonmany Town Renewal Committee**

Cllr. Francis Conaghan on behalf of the Electoral Area Committee welcomed the Deputation from Clonmany Town Renewal Committee to the meeting.

The Deputation consisted of

Rev. Peter Devlin

Mr. Packie Farren

Mr. John Friel

The Deputation circulated a document in relation to:

- Background history of the Committee
- Achievements to date (developments undertaken town improvements etc)
- Expenditure on developments/improvements.
- Funding drawn down

The Committee is totally voluntary and each member of the Deputation gave details as to their respective roles and their plans for future developments and requested that Clonmany be included in the list of Towns and Villages for Environmental Improvement Works. They also requested financial assistance from the Council in respect of clearing outstanding debts in respect of works already carried out in the village and further funding in 2006, which would allow the Committee to carry out further works. The next major project in the town is the town square which they would like turned into a tree lined, paved plaza area with limited parking

The presentation was followed by a series of questions from each of the Elected Members, which the Deputation responded to.

The Chairman thanked the deputation for the presentation and advised that the Committee would consider their requests and would respond in due course.

After the deputation left a discussion took place regarding the presentation.

It was agreed that Pat Gillespie Area Manager Roads would

- ❖ Examine the deputations request for assistance in improvement works including the relocation of the Council Depot

Patsy Lafferty Area Manager Housing

- ❖ To refer follow up action in relation to a Derelict Site in the village to Eamon Canney, Divisional Manager, Housing Design/Construction.

Cllr Denis Mc Gonagle advised that the members had discussed the possibility of financial assistance for the Committee with the County Manager at the Budget Meeting.

### **Deputation from Cashel Na Cor Learning Disability Association Ltd.**

Cllr. Francis Conaghan on behalf of the Committee welcomed the Deputation from Cashel Na Cor Learning Disability Association Ltd. to the meeting. The Deputation consisted of:

Mr. Alex McLaughlin

Mr. Joe Sheridan

The Deputation circulated a document, which gave a background history of Cashel Na Cor Learning Disability Association Ltd. Which was set up to provide training and training for young adults with special needs. They now have a State of the Art Centre for situated on the outskirts of Buncrana with 28 No Service Users at present.

They have now formed of Cashel Na Cor Housing Association Ltd. to provide support group homes for people with Special Needs in Inishowen. They have 10 people now waiting to be housed in support homes with another 10 people who will require housing within the next 5-10 years. They also pointed out that there are quite a lot of people from Inishowen living in institutions, as there is no appropriate housing available.

The Deputation outlined the type of assistance they required of the Council and advised that they had already met with the Councils Engineer, Eamon Canney who was dealing with the matter.

They advised that they were looking to purchase of land in the Councils ownership at Causeway Road Buncrana of approximately 1.5 Acres on the South Side of the site to provide Sheltered Accommodation to their clients. The Association stated that they would get funding from the DOEHLG for their project.

After the presentation a series of questions and answers /clarification followed between the Deputation and the Electoral Area Committee. The Chairman Cllr. Conaghan thanked the Deputation for their presentation and advised them that the Committee would consider their request and would be in contact in due course. The Committee recommended that Eamonn Canny, Senior Engineer, Housing Construction/Design be invited to attend the next Electoral Area Committee Meeting to discuss proposals/plans for the entire site, which consists of 9 Acres.

## Appendix 1

### **WATER & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES**

Report to Inishowen EAC Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> January 2006

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

From minutes of previous meeting 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005, using same notation

##### 51.8 Small Capital Schemes

The reserve list for future small capital scheme projects is currently being reviewed, including consideration of improvements at Ballyliffin sewerage scheme; proposals in this regard will be presented to the members in due course.

##### 51.9 Glengad W.S.

It was noted previously that improvements are planned as part of the approved rural water programme project for Glengad Head / replacement of source at Glentoskert. Bernard Cuning, Senior Executive Engineer has advised that 'taking over of the scheme is at an advanced stage and work is proceeding to acquire the sites for the proposed reservoir and pumping station. Hopefully construction will be possible later this year'.

##### 51.10 Carndonagh W.S. (Supply from Clonmany to Carndonagh):

Aisling Quigley Executive Engineer has advised that work on the scheme was at present being commissioned (in part), with a view to eliminating the White River Supply at Carn in the shorter term.

##### 51.11 Group Schemes

Clarification was sent separately to members on Clár funding for GWSS, in the context of alternative/additional funding for GWSS, which were not advancing due to high costs.

##### 51.11.1 Tober Castlethird GWSS

Bernard Cuning, Senior Executive Engineer has advised that the proposed upgrading work at Tober Castlethird GWSS is to proceed shortly. Contract Documents are presently being finalised and it is intended to go to tender shortly.

##### 51.12 Merville W.S.

## OVERVIEW / CONTEXT:

Inishowen Water Strategy study provides a framework for the strategic water supply needs for a twenty-year period throughout the peninsula, maximising the potential of the Fullerton Pollan Dam as a regional Water Supply scheme. This formed the basis for the Inishowen water supply requirements submitted by DCC to the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government in the 'Assessment of Needs', which is the driver for the Dept's Water Service Investment Programme. East Inishowen Water Supply Design Report expands on that theme and details the various elements required for the transmission of Pollan water to East Inishowen including Merville and Greencastle.

## EAST INISHOWEN - CONSTRAINTS IDENTIFIED:

- Merville WS - Insufficient capacity to meet current development needs (development currently regarded as premature)
- Greencastle WS - Water Quality issues / Insufficient capacity to meet current development needs
- East Inishowen (Redcastle) WS - Lough Fad source insufficient to meet future demands (Redcastle / Merville / Greencastle) - however not critical in immediate term

## STRATEGIC DESIGN:

The resolution of the constraints identified involves the following present-term items together with estimated costs:

	Estimated costs
• Merville upgrade (Phase 1)	551,500.00
(Bredagh Valley crossing, will allow the recent replacement of Merville water with Redcastle water to continue permanently. This would sufficiently strengthen the Merville situation to allow development to proceed.)	
• Merville upgrade (Phase 2)	227,000.00
(Reservoir and network, very essential to offer storage / security to the improved situation)	
• Greencastle upgrade	128,000.00
(800m network link / Booster pumps, to offer a short-term improvement to the water quality issue by blending with Redcastle supply)	

**TOTAL 906,500.00**

## FUNDING:

At this time no funding has been agreed for these works, options for consideration include the Water Service Investment Programme or the Rural Water Programme (Small Capital Programme).

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

See attached updated progress reports for:

Capital Programmes:

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

Rural Water Programme:

**Small Capital Programme**  
Group Scheme Programme

## **AGENDA Items no. 7 -Special Development Contribution Schemes:**

Included below for your information are summary details of Special DCS charges (€1500/unit) currently being applied to specific areas in Inishowen, on **multiple developments, commercials and wet industry:**

- East Inishowen - to include area from **Burnfoot Reservoir via Muff/Quigley's Point/ Moville and Greencastle, to include contribution towards improved distribution mains / additional storage**
- **Carndonagh / Clonmany – to include area from Clonmany, Ballyliffin, Carndonagh, and Malin, contribution towards improvements to bolster local network and also transmit supply from Lough Fad (West) to Carn / Malin areas**
- Culdaff – to include contribution towards storage (new reservoir at Culdaff) / 200mm dia. distribution main (**Carn - Culdaff reservoir**)

*C. McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer,  
Area Manager, Water and Environment,  
13<sup>th</sup> January 2006*

