

05<sup>th</sup> June, 2007

TO : EACH MEMBER OF DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

A Special Meeting of Donegal County Council, requisitioned by the Mayor, will be held on *Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 at 12.00 noon* in the County House, Lifford, to consider the appended agenda.

You are hereby requested to attend.

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Joe Peoples  
A/Meetings Administrator

AGENDA

1. **Roads & Transportation**
  - (a) To agree priority list for the EU Co-Financed Projects in 2008. (Report to be circulated)
  - (b) To prioritise Development Charges monies for 2007. (Report to be circulated)
  
2. **Planning & Economic Development**
  - (a) To consider Manager's Report on the Draft Lifford Local Area Plan 2007 and adoption of the Plan.
  - (b) To consider Manager's Report on the Draft Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan 2007 and adoption of the Plan.
  
3. **Water, Environment & Emergency Services**

To approve the raising of a loan of €9,099,026 to fund:-

- (a) the cost of the Non-Domestic Metering Project (€6,075,000) and
- (b) the Non-Domestic Marginal Capital costs of the following projects:-

• Carndonagh Sewerage Scheme	€23,737
• Ardara Sewerage Scheme	€16,652
• Ballyshannon Sewerage Scheme	€16,652
• Rosstown Sewerage Scheme	€2,098
• Donegal Bay DBO Group A	€1,357,000
• Letterkenny Water Supply Boreholes	€20,809
• Lough Mourne/Letterkenny Phase 1 Advance Wks	€21,207
• Killybegs Water(Sludge) Scheme	€13,000
• Malin Sewerage Scheme	€2,053
• Killybegs Sewerage Scheme Contract 2 Network	€200,000
• Desertegney WSS Stage 1	€24,000
• Glencolmcille Sewerage (Reedbed)	€193,470
• Laghey Sewerage (Reedbed)	€0,000

It is intended that 50% of the loan will be sourced from the Housing Finance Agency with the remaining 50% being put out to tender.

The loan repayments will be re-couped through water service charges revenue in 2008 and subsequent years.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DONEGAL COUNTY  
COUNCIL HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2007 IN THE COUNTY HOUSE,  
LIFFORD.

C/280/07     MEMBERS PRESENT

Clrs. E. Bonner, Mayor, D. Alcorn, L. Blaney, J. Boyle, C. Brogan, B. Byrne, F. Conaghan, G. Crawford, R. Donaghey, D. Larkin, N. Mc Bride, T. McDaid, M. McDonald, S. McEniff, I. Mc Garvey, D. McGonagle, P. McGowan, B. McGuinness, P. MacLochlainn, P. O' Dochartaigh, B. O'Domhnaill, T. Pringle, J.J. Reid, T. Slowey.

C/281/07     OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Michael McLoone, County Manager, Mr. Liam Kelly, Assistant County Manager/Director Housing and Building. Mr. John Mc Laughlin, Director Roads and Transportation, Mr. Francie Coyle, Director Planning and Economic Development, Mr. Sean Sheridan, Director Corporate Services, Mr Gerry Richards, Senior Planner, Mr. Paul Kilcoyne, Senior Engineer, Water, Environment & Emergency Services, Mr. Michael Mc Garvey, Senior Engineer, Mr. Brendan Mc Fadden, Senior Executive Engineer, Mr. Peadar Thomas, Senior Executive Engineer. Mr. Simon Harron, Executive Planner, Mr. Joe Peoples, A/Meetings Administrator, Ms. Anne Marie Crawford, Staff Officer.

C/282/07     APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Clrs. J. Kennedy and B. O' Neill who were unable to attend the meeting.

C/283/07     TO AGREE PRIORITY LIST FOR THE EU CO-FINANCED PROJECTS IN 2008

Members considered the report circulated prior to the meeting in relation to the above.

## Electoral Area Priority Lists

### **Donegal**

On the proposal of Clr. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Boyle, the following priority listing was agreed for the Donegal Electoral Area: -

1. R231 Rossnowlagh Link Road
2. R263 Killybegs to Malinbeg
3. R232 Laghey to Pettigo
4. Killybegs Industrial Road
5. Ardaghey to Ardara

### **Glenties Electoral Area**

On the proposal of Clr. P. O' Doherty, seconded by Clr. Alcorn the following priority list for the Glenties Electoral Area was agreed: -

1. R251 Glenveagh to Dunlewey
2. R262 Frosses to Glenties
3. R252 Millwheel to Ballybofey
4. R257 Dore to Derrybeg to Magheroarty to Gortahork
5. LP2863 Ardara – Donegal (Wood Road)

### **Inishowen Electoral Area**

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness the following priority list for the Inishowen Electoral Electoral Area was agreed: -

1. Buncrana Inner Relief Road
2. R238 at Moville Community College
3. R238 Redcastle to Moville
4. Aghilly Road, Buncrana
5. Glentogher Road (should extra monies be available)
6. R237 Killea (should extra monies be available)

### **Letterkenny Electoral Area**

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid the following priority list for the Letterkenny Electoral Electoral Area was agreed: -

1. Woodlands to Cashelshanaghan

2. Sallaghagrane
3. Tullyowen
4. Woodlands – Cashelshanaghan Stage 2.

### **Milford Electoral Area**

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid the following priority list for the Letterkenny Electoral Electoral Area was agreed: -

1. R251 Foxhall to Churchill
2. R246 Kerrykeel to Eelburn
3. R245 Milford to Carrigart Road
4. R245 Milford to Ramelton to Letterkenny  
(should extra monies be available.)

### **Stranorlar Electoral Area**

On the proposal of Clr. J.J. Reid, seconded by Clr. Mc Gowan the following priority list for the Stranorlar Electoral Electoral Area was agreed: -

1. Mulrines Link Road
2. Castlefinn Bridge
3. Logues Bridge

### *Final County Wide Priority List for Improvement Works on Non- National Roads –2008.*

#### ***Donegal***

On the proposal of Clr. Byrne, seconded by Clr. Boyle it was agreed that the following projects together with the associated projected expenditure would be included on the County Wide Priority List for Improvement works on Non-National Roads – 2008

1. R231 Rossnowlagh Link Road (€300,000)
- 12.R263 Killybegs to Malinbeg (€350,000)
- 13.R232 Laghey to Pettigo (€300,000)
- 21.Killybegs Industrial Road (€300,000)
- 24.Killybegs Industrial Road Stage 2(€200,000)

#### ***Glenties***

On the proposal of Clr. Alcorn, seconded by Clr. P. O' Dochartaigh it was agreed that the following projects together with the associated projected expenditure would be

included on the County Wide Priority List for Improvement works on Non- National Roads – 2008

- 6. R251 Glenveagh to Dunlewey (€350,000)
- 7. R262 Frosses to Glenties (€300,000)
- 17.R252 Millwheel to Ballybofey (€300,000)
- 18.R257 Dore to Derrybeg to Magheroarty to Gortahork (€300,000)
- 25.LP2863 Ardara – Donegal (Wood Road) (€300,000)

### ***Inishowen***

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Donaghey it was agreed that the following projects together with the associated projected expenditure would be included on the County Wide Priority List for Improvement works on Non- National Roads – 2008

- 4. Buncrana Inner Relief Road (€300,000)
- 9. R238 at Moville Community College(€350,000)
- 15.R238 Redcastle to Moville(€350,000)
- 19.Aghilly Road, Buncrana (€300,000)
- 22.Buncrana Inner Relief Road (Stage 2) (€200,000)

### ***Letterkenny***

Members expressed disappointment that the allocations agreed previously with the Roads Division had been further amended and noted that the projected funding of €600,000 for the Tullyowen Road had been reduced by 50%.

The Director of Service Mr. John Mc Laughlin advised members that that it was not possible to apply for more than 120% funding. After a lengthy debate it was agreed that the following projects together with the associated projected expenditure would be included on the County Wide Priority List for Improvement works on Non- National Roads – 2008

- 2. Woodlands - Cashelshanaghan (€500,000)
- 10.Sallaghagrane (€300,000)
- 20.Tullyowen (€500,000)
- 22.Woodlands –Cashelshanaghan Stage 2 (€200,000)

### ***Milford***

On the proposal of Clr. Blaney, seconded by Clr. Mc Bride it was agreed that the following projects together with the

associated projected expenditure would be included on the County Wide Priority List for Improvement works on Non-National Roads – 2008

- 5. R251 Foxhall to Churchill.(€325,000)
- 8. R246 Kerrykeel to Eelburn (€325,000)
- 16.R245 Milford to Carrigart Road (€325,000)
- 27.R245 Milford to Ramelton to Letterkenny (€300,000)

### *Stranorlar*

On the proposal of Clr. Reid, seconded by Clr. Mc Gowan it was agreed that the following projects together with the associated projected expenditure would be included on the County Wide Priority List for Improvement works on Non-National Roads – 2008

- 3. Mulrines Link Road (€300,000)
- 10.Castlefinn Bridge (€300,000)
- 14.Logues Bridge (€300,000)
- 26.Castlefin Bridge Stage 2 (€335,000)

### *General Road Development Charges Allocation 2007*

On the proposal of Clr Mc Gowan, seconded by Clr. Alcorn it was agreed that General Road Development Charges would be allocated as per Budget Book 2007, and that priority listings would be drawn up by the respective Electoral Area Committees, subject to members being provided with an up to date analysis of all monies collected to date.

#### Allocations per Electoral Area

Donegal	€425,000
Glenties	€185,000
Inishowen	€715,000
Letterkenny	€330,000
Milford	€300,000
Stranorlar	€195,000
Total	€2,150,000

Mr. John Mc Laughlin, Director Roads and Transportation advised that it was now up to each Electoral Area to prioritise their works for the year. It was he advised intended to complete these works by the end of April 2008.

### *Low Cost Accident Development Charges*

Mr. Michael Mc Garvey, Senior Engineer advised that it was intended to allocate monies generated from development charges to a number of locations on the road network all of which were deemed suitable for low cost remedial works. These were he advised schemes which were not covered by NRA and DoEHLG funding.

A number of schemes he noted still had to be completed in respect of the 2006 allocation. He advised that 34 projects had been identified for consideration in 2007.

Mr. Mc Garvey advised that it was hoped to complete up to 50 such projects between now and the end of March 2008. The completion of a number of schemes on the 2006 priority list would he advised be progressed without any impact on 2007 funding levels. He agreed to forward a complete listing of all 50 schemes to the Members as soon as possible.

Members voiced concerns in relation to a number of locations throughout the county, which they felt should also be considered for funding under this programme.

On the proposal of Clr. Larkin, seconded by Clr. Crawford it agreed that the Low Cost Accident Development Charges 2007 be allocated as per Budget Book 2007. The Road Traffic Safety Fund list of potential schemes was also agreed with the exception of schemes in the Inishowen Electoral Area which are to be agreed at the next appropriate EA Meeting.

Electoral Area	No Schemes	Amount
Donegal	5	€17,000
Glenties	5	€3,000
Inishowen	5	€142,000
Letterkenny	4	€2,200
Milford	6	€175,000
Stranorlar	5	€ 50,000
Design Costs		€30,000

Total €19,200

Mr. Michael Mc Garvey, Senior Engineer agreed to provide updates to Clr. Crawford and Clr. Reid in respect of the following locations:

1. Remedial works at Gortgranagh, Lifford
2. Kilross Junction.

C/284/07 TO CONSIDER MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE DRAFT LIFFORD LOCAL AREA PLAN 2007 AND ADOPTION OF PLAN.

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

Mr. Francie Coyle, Director Planning and Economic Development informed members that the Draft Lifford Local Area Plan had been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2006, following extensive consultation with the public.

***Submission by Mr. Gerard Convie, Co/ Mrs Mary Mc Dermott, in respect of lands at the Roughan, Lifford.  
Map Reference 3-***

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Daid, seconded by Clr Crawford, it was agreed to amend Employment zoning to Residential (See Material Alteration No 1) and to reduce the extent of the park to a linear 10m corridor along the railway embankment as indicated on the attached map.(See Material Alteration No. 2) (Vide Appendix 1)

***Submission by Mr. Charles Dooher, in respect of lands at the Coneyburrow/ Curraghlane.  
Map Reference 9***

On the proposal of Clr Mc Daid, seconded By Clr. Crawford it was resolved to rezone the identified lands from Agricultural to Residential.

***Submission by Harley Newman Consultants, Co/ A. Daly in respect of lands at Townparks, Lifford.  
Map reference 14***

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid it was resolved to extend the extent of the Opportunity Site zoning as indicated on the attached map. (See Material Alteration No 5). (Vide Appendix 1)

***Submission by Harley Newman Consultants, Co/ A. Mc Cauley in respect of lands at Drumboy, Lifford.***

***Map reference 15***

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid it was resolved to extend the Local Area Plan Boundary and zone lands indicated on the attached map as Low Density Residential and Amenity. (See Material Alteration No. 3.) (Vide Appendix 1)

**Additional Submission**

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford, seconded by Clr. Mc Daid it was resolved that lands to the rear of St Judes Court be rezoned from Agricultural to Low Density Residential as indicated on the attached map.(See Material Alteration No 4.) (Vide Appendix 1)

Members acknowledged the commitment and unfailing co-operation of all of those involved in the preparation of the plan.

On the proposal of Clr. Crawford , seconded by Clr. Mc Daid, the Council resolved to make the Lifford Local Area Plan 2007- 2013 subject to the recommendations set out in the Manager's Report and to publish said amendments in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts 2000 – 2006.

C/285/07

**TO CONSIDER MANAGER'S REPORT ON THE DRAFT NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM LOCAL AREA PLAN 2007**

Members considered the report circulated with the agenda in relation to the above.

Clr. Conaghan extended sincere thanks to all of the Planning Staff involved in the compilation of the Draft Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan 2007.

***Submission by Brian Marshall, in respect of lands at Ballyhaskey.***

***Submission No.2***

Clr. Conaghan requested that recognition be given to the eastern approach road as having economic development potential with regard to the already established infrastructure.

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mac Lochlainn, it was resolved to extend the Plan Boundary and to realign the proposed new developer led road and to zone these additional lands for Low Density Residential use. (See Material Alteration No.12) (Vide Appendix 2)

***Submission by NRA Co/ Doreen Murray ,in respect of the N13.***

***Submission No.4***

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness it was resolved to amend the Draft Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan 2007 and include provision for a roundabout on the N13. (See Material Alteration No.4) (Vide Appendix 2)

***Submission by Newtowncunningham Community Development Initiative Co/ Frances Browne ,in respect of the overall plan.***

***Submission No.5***

***Item 5a***

Clr. Conaghan requested that sufficient recognition be given to the upgrading of existing culverts, and expressed concern that developers could argue in the long run that they had no obligation to carry out such works.

***Item 5e***

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mac Lochlainn it was resolved to amend the Draft Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan so as to facilitate the development of a new/improved Waste Water Treatment Plant and Associated Network. (See Material Alteration No. 3) (Vide Appendix 2)

***Item 5h***

It was agreed to consider the associated traffic implications for the area surrounding the Moyle School.

***Item 5i***

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness it was resolved to amend the Draft Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan and extend the plan

boundary to the Athletic Track, GAA Park, and to zone said lands as Amenity/Recreational/Public Utility.(See Material Alteration No. 3)(Vide Appendix 2)

Item 5s & 15a

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mac Lochlainn, it was resolved to extend the plan boundary and zone lands between J5 and J4 as : -

(a) Opportunity Site. (See Material Alteration No 10). (Vide Appendix 2)

(b) Commercial/Employment/Sale of Bulky Goods . See Material Alteration No.5 .(Vide Appendix 2)

Item 5u

On the proposal of Clr Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mac Lochlainn it was resolved to introduce a small slip road from the Main Street running adjacent to the former Potato Store and with direct access onto the N13.(See Material Alteration No. 6) .(Vide Appendix 2)

Items 5v &5w

Clr. Conaghan requested that further contextual information be provided in relation to the tourism product, i.e. in respect of the Grianan of Aileach and the Blanket Nook Project.

***Submission by James Mc Geady, Co/ Allan Associates,in respect of lands at Town Centre/Main Street.***

***Submission No. 7***

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness it was agreed to accept the County Manager's recommendation and revise the zoning from Amenity/Recreation to Opportunity Site No. 4.

***Submission by Planning Consultations, C/o Jim Harley on behalf of Mr. John Brown, in respect of the Town Centre.***

***Submission No. 10***

Item 10b

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness it was resolved to amend the Draft Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan and extend the Town Centre Area westwards and zone area as Mixed Use Residential/Retail. See Material Alteration No. 7. (Vide Appendix 2)

***Submission by MH Associates, Co/ John Masterson, in respect of lands at Hawthorn Hill***

***Item 11b***

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness it was resolved to accept the County Manager's recommendation and amend SER1 -4.6 to; "Any additional development immediately south of the Castlepark area and/or St Johnston shall be accessed via the Monfad road/new southern access road"

***Submission by Interchurch Committee Ltd, in respect of lands at New Road/Monfad Road***

***Item 13***

Members concerns in relation to additional traffic congestion at this location were noted.

***Submission by Richard Mc Fadden, in respect of the Town Centre .***

***Item 14a***

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness it was resolved to remove the indicative road coloured yellow within the town centre. (See attached Material Alteration No. 8) .(Vide Appendix 2)

***Submission by Richie Mc Bride, in respect of lands at Colehill.***

***Item 15b***

Mr. Simon Harron, Executive Planner, advised members that there had been a textual error in relation to this submission and that it was intended to rezone the lands concerned from Commercial/Employment for Sale of Bulky goods to High Quality Low Density Residential.

***Non- Material Amendments***

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness the Schedule of Non-Material Amendments was agreed.

On the proposal of Clr. Conaghan, seconded by Clr. Mc Guinness it was resolved to make the Newtowncunningham Local Area Plan 2007, subject to the recommendations set out in the Manager's Report and to publish said amendments in

accordance with the Planning and Development Acts 2000 - 2006.

C/286/07 RAISING OF A LOAN OF €9,099,026 TO FUND THE COST OF NON-DOMESTIC CAPITAL COSTS OF A NUMBER OF WATER SERVICES SCHEMES

On the proposal of Clr. Mc Gonagle, seconded by Clr. P. O' Dochartaigh it was resolved to approve the raising of a loan of €9,099,026 to fund : -

(a) the cost of the Non- Domestic Metering project (€6,075,000)

(b) the Non-Domestic Marginal Capital costs of the following projects:

Carndonagh Sewerage Scheme (€23,737),

Ardara Sewerage Scheme (€30,000),

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Rossnowlagh Sewerage Scheme (€2,098),

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Desertegney WSS Stage 1 (€24,000),

Glencolmcille Sewerage (Reedbed) (€193,470),

Laghey Sewerage (Reedbed) (€50,000).

This concluded the business of the meeting.