

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19th JANUARY, 2010 IN
THE CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE**

Councillors Present:

Councillor Mickey Doherty
Councillor Rena Donaghey
Councillor Martin Farren
Councillor Charlie McConalogue
Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn
Councillor Bernard McGuinness
Councillor John Ryan
Councillor Lee Tedstone, Mayor Buncrana Town Council

Officials Present:

Community, Cultural & Enterprise Services:

Aideen Doherty, Administrative Officer
Terre Duffy, Public Arts Manager

Corporate Services:

Eunan Kelly, Area Manager
Marie Deeney, A/Senior Staff Officer

Housing & Building Services

Patsy Lafferty, Area Manager

Planning & Economic Development Services:

Paul Kelly, A/Area Manager

Roads & Transportation Services:

Stephen Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer/Area Manager

Water, Environment & Emergency Services:

Con McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer/Area Manager

Apologies

Seamus Canning, Town Clerk

The Chairman, Cllr Bernard McGuinness, welcomed Terre Duffy, Public Arts Manager, to the meeting.

Terre Duffy thanked the Members for the opportunity for the Workshop. Ms. Duffy advised that her role is to manage the Percent for Arts Scheme in Donegal. Approximately 60/70 Public Art projects have been commissioned by Donegal County Council in the last 20 years. Other agency building projects also qualify under the scheme.

Details of Public Art Commission completed in Inishowen/Programme of Work for 2010 was circulated to the meeting. Projects already completed in Inishowen include:

- The Lifecycle of the Salmon Swan Park
- Buncrana Windows
- Farie Trees and Hill Forts
- Ark of Tides - Mountain Road
- Carndonagh Town Park - Barrack Hill Phase 1
- Moville Benches - Heart Sculpture
- The Fid, Locky Morris - Old Pier in Moville
- Scoil Eoghain, Moville

The Programme of Work for the Inishowen Electoral Area for 2010 include:

- North 55 Project
- Barrack Hill Phase 2

Terre Duffy further advised Members of County Wide Projects currently under way, including the "Lovely Weather" project. Donegal County Council's Public Art Office in partnership with the Regional Cultural Centre and Leonardo/OLATS have commissioned five residencies for Donegal, exploring how art can address issues around global warming and climate change in Co. Donegal. The artist, Seema Goal, has been selected for the Inishowen Electoral Area and all the projects will be presented in November 2010.

"Imaging Donegal" project, 5no. Photography artists have been commissioned, one artist to work in each of the five electoral areas. Photographer Chris Primrose has been selected for the Inishowen Electoral Area, and his project will focus on Fort Dunree.

Terre Duffy advised that the 2010 budget has already been finalised and requested themes for consideration for projects for the Inishowen area for 2011. Cllr Donaghy requested details of Public Art Projects in Buncrana Town Council area. Terre Duffy to check if S.I. Houses are included under the scheme.

Members put forward their suggestions for projects they wished to have considered under the Public Arts Scheme including Cooley Cross, Grianan of Aileach, Agnes Jones, Fahan Graveyard, Swan Mill, Fahan Railway Tavern, Father Hegarty's Rock, Famine Pot in Buncrana, Malin Head. Members can contact Terre Duffy directly also with suggestions for consideration.

Terre Duffy agreed to circulate Members with details on the Percent for Art Scheme.

Terre Duffy informed Members of the "Oatfield Sweet Factory" project which is scheduled to be screened on RTE Nationwide on Wednesday 27th January, 2010 at 7.00pm.

The Chariman thanked Terre Duffy for her presentation.

02.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 17th November, 2009.

Con McLaughlin distributed revised minutes in relation to the Water, Environment and Emergency Services to the meeting. On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November, 2009 were agreed.

02.2 Follow Ups from Previous Meeting

Con McLaughlin distributed at update report dated 19th January 2010 to Members on issues raised at the previous meeting (Appendix 1).

02.3 Christmas Period

Members unanimously expressed their appreciation and congratulations to all Water, Environment and Emergency Services staff involved in work carried out over the Christmas period and the recent spell of bad weather. The Chairman, Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested Con McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer/Area Manager, on behalf of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee, to relay sincere thanks to all staff involved, acknowledging that a lot of staff had gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Cllr John Ryan suggested that alternative options be investigated in relation to the operation of the Emergency Number in the future including the possibility of using Council/Former Council staff.

Con McLaughlin acknowledged the kind words from the members to the staff and agreed to relay this to the staff.

02.4 Toilets at Merville

Following a request from Cllr Martin Farren, Con McLaughlin agreed to look at options for the opening of Merville Public Toilets for the St. Patrick's and Easter periods.

02.5 Lead Pipes in Bunrana

Cllr Lee Tedstone requested that consideration be given to the replacement of lead pipes in Bunrana as they are currently out-dated. Con McLaughlin advised that lead pipes are to be found in older towns and are generally replaced as they are found. He noted that the Council has a countywide study presently underway in this regard, in conjunction with the H.S.E.

He went on to note that this matter is mainly found in service leads into properties and not in watermains.

02.6 Westbrook Bridge

Cllr Lee Tedstone advised that there is an issue in relation to the holding capacity of the Storm Retention Tanks at Westbrook Bridge beside the Crana river. Con McLaughlin advised that improvements have taken place at this location and the Capital Design Section are investigating funding options for increasing the capacity of the stormwater retention tanks.

02.7 Group Water Sewerage Scheme Report

At the request of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, Con McLaughlin agreed to submit an up-date report on Group Water Supply Scheme Grants to the next Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting.

02.8 Burnfoot to Iskaheen

Following a request from Cllr Mickey Doherty, that consideration be given to providing a back-up link from the existing supply from Burnfoot to Iskaheen, Con McLaughlin agreed to investigate the matter.

02.9 Ballyliffen Sewerage Scheme

In response to a query from Cllr Bernard McGuinness regarding Ballyliffen Sewerage Scheme, Con McLaughlin advised that a proposed development that has been granted planning permission is required to provide a new S.T.W., however, he was unsure as to when it would go ahead.

02.10 Gleneely Group Water Supply Scheme

At the request of Cllr Charlie McConalogue, it was agreed that assistance be given to a Group Water Scheme in the Gleneely area in detecting leaks following the recent severe weather problems.

02.11 Gortlush Group Water Scheme

Cllr John Ryan requested that an update on the Gortlush Group Water Supply Scheme, Newtowncunningham. Con McLaughlin updated the Councillor at the meeting referring to the Progress Report for Group Schemes included with the Agenda.

02.12 Civic Amenity Site at Carndonagh

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that consideration be given to reducing the charges for the Civic Amenity Site at Carndonagh by 50% and that a pilot scheme operate for a month in order to compare usage

levels. Cllr McGuinness also requested that a report on the current usage levels at the Civic Amenity Site be circulated.

02.13 Reservoir at Gulladuff

Cllr Mickey Doherty expressed concern from parents of children playing in the area of a disused reservoir at Gulladuff, Merville, which is not fenced off. Con McLaughlin agreed to investigate this matter.

02.14 Burnfoot Sewerage Treatment Works

Cllr John Ryan queried the position in relation to the proposed new Sewerage Treatment Plant for Burnfoot, and advised that the landowner is willing to offer land. Con McLaughlin agreed to follow up on this matter.

03.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 17th November, 2009.

On the proposal of Cllr Mickey Doherty, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November, 2009 were agreed.

03.2 Clos Padraig Playground

Aideen Doherty advised the Members that the contractor has been on site but work had to stop due to the recent bad weather conditions. A management committee of local residents is being set up for the play area.

03.3 Newtowncunningham Playground

Aideen Doherty informed the Committee that an agreement has been made with the Newtowncunningham group that the play area be re-located alongside the Mini Pitch at St. Colmcille's National School. Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn expressed his appreciation at the selected location.

03.4 Playground Technician

Members were advised that the playground technician, Barry Nelis' contract is due to expire on 31st March, 2010.

03.5 Interreg 4

Aideen Doherty advised Members that the Healthy Living and Sports application is due to be rolled out in the first quarter of 2010. Currently awaiting a date for a meeting with Strabane District Council in order to agree detail. Further detail to be provided at the next Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting.

03.4 Greencastle Magilligan Ferry

Members were informed that meetings are ongoing with Limavady Borough Council in relation to Tender outcomes. A further meeting was scheduled to take place tomorrow in the County House, Lifford.

03.5 Shine of Rainbows Film

Aideen Doherty thanked Members for their support/participation at the premiere on 2nd December, 2009 in Belfast. Aideen also advised that the proposed release date in North America by 21st Century Fox is 9th April, 2010.

03.6 National Childcare Investment Programme

Aideen Doherty updated Members in relation to the National Childcare Investment Programme which has been introduced by the Government from 2010 onwards. The application period has been extended for a further week due to the bad weather conditions.

03.7 Grianan of Aileach

At the request of Members, Aideen Doherty agreed to speak to Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer to ascertain if it was possible to have An Grianan of Aileach included on the Heritage Map of Ireland.

04.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 17th November, 2009.

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Charlie McConalogue, the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November, 2009 were agreed.

04.2 Cornfield Lane, Newtowncunningham

Paul Kelly updated Members on the ongoing problem of sewerage overflow/flooding at Cornfield Estate, Newtowncunningham, advising that consideration of a gravity connection to the public sewer would be an option to bring a permanent resolution to the problem, this would involve a way-leave through adjoining land. However, in order for the Council to consider this proposal, it would be necessary for either the developer and/or residents to submit the details to the Planning Section for consideration. It is likely that a planning application would be necessary to advance this proposal.

It is understood that the ESB have disconnected the supply to the pump due to outstanding arrears which has compounded the problem. The responsibility for payment for ESB rests with the developer and residents of the estate.

An investigation has commenced in order to assess the state of compliance with the terms, conditions and approved plans of the parent planning permission.

04.3 Local Area Plan

Members were advised that preparatory work on Carndonagh in relation to the review of the Local Area Plan has commenced. Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn welcomed the progress. Paul Kelly also advised that members of the public should now make submissions at this stage.

04.4 Merville Town Plan

Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn also queried the position in relation to Merville Town Plan, requesting that consideration be given to reviewing it as part of the Review of the County Development Plan.

04.5 Partially Completed/Abandoned Housing Estates

In response to a query from Cllr Mickey Doherty regarding progress on partially completed/abandoned housing estates, Paul Kelly advised that this matter is still receiving consideration. Senior Management have

been looking at the problems identified and how they can be resolved. The Committee recommended that this matter should now be advanced.

Members also requested that a report outlining the status of all private estates in the County be presented at the next Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting.

04.6 Non-Compliance with Planning Conditions at Gerard's Way, Malin Road, Carndonagh

The Committee was advised that an investigation has commenced regarding the matter of non-compliance with conditions of planning permission in respect of this development and that Warning Letters have issued at this stage.

04.7 Wind Farm at Muff

Cllr Rena Donaghey queried the current position in relation to the proposed Wind Farm at Muff. Paul Kelly advised that a pre-planning enquiry had been carried out on this application with a positive result. The matter is now being taken up with the Central Planning Unit.

04.8 Small Builders Policy

Following a query from Cllr John Ryan regarding the position on the Small Builders Policy in the County Development Plan, Paul Kelly agreed to clarify this matter.

04.9 Carndonagh PSC

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that consideration be given to locating staff from the Central Planning Unit, Lifford in the Public Services Centres, as they could assist with the preparation of Local Area Plans and the Review of the County Development Plan. It was agreed that this matter be investigated.

04.10 Los na Gréine, Burnfoot

Cllr Rena Donaghey queried the current position in relation to non-compliance of planning conditions at Los na Gréine Estate, Burnfoot. Paul Kelly agreed to follow-up on this matter.

04.11 Flood Assessment

In response to a query from Cllr Bernard McGuinness requesting that consideration be given to carrying out a flood assessment and identifying areas that are at risk to flooding, Paul Kelly responded that new guidelines had issued in the last few months in relation to accessing flood risk areas. Cllr McGuinness stated that a process needs to commence to

put a plan in place specific to the County. Paul Kelly advised that consideration could be given to including a section in the County Development Plan to cover this issue.

04.12 Casual Trading

Cllr Charlie McConalogue requested that consideration be given to designating Casual Trading Areas in Carndonagh and Moville as part of the review of the Carndonagh Town Plan/Review of the County Development Plan. Paul Kelly responded that this matter requires a separate process and will be carried out on a County wide basis.

04.13 Planning Costs to Buncrana Town Council

Cllr Lee Tedstone requested that the Planning Service provide Buncrana Town Council with a report detailing the cost of planning services provided by them. Paul Kelly agreed to request the Director of Service to clarify this matter.

04.14 Tetra Mast at Drumfries

In response to a query from Cllr John Ryan in relation to the controversial Tetra Mast site at Drumfries, Paul Kelly agreed that that the Planning Section would expediate a pre-planning assessment in the event of an alternative site being identified in Drumfries by Tetra.

05.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 17th November, 2009.

On the proposal of Cllr Mickey Doherty, seconded by Cllr John Ryan, the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November, 2009 were agreed.

05.2 Christmas Period

Members unanimously expressed their appreciation and congratulations to all Roads Service staff involved in work carried out over the Christmas period and the recent spell of bad weather. The Chairman, Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested Stephen Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer/Area Manager, on behalf of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee, to relay sincere thanks and congratulations to all staff involved.

The members requested that consideration be given to leaving sand/grit at locations for use by local committees.

05.3 Footbridge at Clonmany

Cllr Charlie McConalogue advised that there is potential for the Local Development Association to manage the provision of a footbridge at Clonmany. Stephen Flynn agreed that Cllr McConalogue's request would be examined.

05.4 Lights at Whitehill, Muff

Cllr Mickey Doherty advised that 20 no. lights are currently out of order at Whitehill, Muff, and requested clarification as to who is responsible for their repair.

05.5 Junction at Drumcarbit, Malin

Cllr Charlie McConalogue requested that funding options be explored in respect of the junction at Drumcarbit, Malin, as it is quite dangerous.

05.6 Cockhill Bridge

In response to a query from Cllr Rena Donaghey regarding the repair of the wall and fence at Cockhill Bridge, Stephen Flynn advised that a contractor has been appointed, however, the work had to be delayed again as the alternative route was not suitable for use due to damage to the alternative route in the recent bad weather conditions.

05.7 St. Mary's Road, Buncrana

At the request of Cllr Lee Tedstone it was agreed that maintenance works be carried out on St. Mary's Road, Buncrana, as it is currently in a state of disrepair.

05.8 Square to Ballynally Lane, Moville

At the request of Cllr Martin Farren it was agreed that resurfacing of the the section of road from the Square to Ballynally Lane, Moville Moville could be considered under the 2010 Surfacing Grant.

05.9 Moville Health Centre

Following a request from Cllr Martin Farren that footpaths be provided at Moville Health Centre, Stephen Flynn agreed to investigate this matter.

05.10 James Street, Moville

In response to a query regarding the re-alignment of kerbs at James Street, Moville, Stephen Flynn advised that Roads Design have reviewed the space available for turning vehicles and have prepared proposals to improve the junction.

05.11 Drung Village/Exit from Quigley's Point to Moville Road

Stephen Flynn advised Members that a road safety audit is currently being carried out at Drung Village and on the exit from Quigley's Point to the Moville Road. This report should be available within the next week and agreed to circulate same to Members.

05.12 Pedestrian Crossing & Footpaths at Muff

Stephen Flynn updated Members in relation to the progress on the provision of a pedestrian crossing and footpaths at Muff. A Road Safety report has also issued to Muff National School for the school's consideration.

05.13 Pedestrian Crossing at Burnfoot

Stephen Flynn advised Members that a report is currently being prepared by Road Design and same will be circulated to Members as soon as it is available.

05.14 Cloontagh National School

Stephen Flynn informed Members that an application is to be made under the 2010 National Low Cost Accident Scheme in respect of the junction at Cloontagh National School.

05.15 Boats at Buncrana Pier

Stephen Flynn advised the Committee that the issue of boats at Buncrana pier has been referred to the Senior Executive Engineer, Marine Section, requesting removal.

05.16 Flooding Issues in Inishowen

In response to issues raised at the November, 2009 Electoral Area Meeting regarding flooding at Pairc an Grianan, Burnfoot, and St. Peter's Park, Greencastle and Bog of Allen, Buncrana, Stephen Flynn updated Members on investigations carried out and the proposals for same.

05.17 Traffic Calming

Following a request from Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn that traffic calming be provided at Back Road, Killea and also at Doctor's Road, Newtowncunningham, Stephen Flynn agreed to investigate same.

05.18 Ludden Car Park

In response to a query from Cllr Rena Donaghey, Stephen Flynn agreed to explore funding options for the upgrading of the car park at Ludden.

05.19 Rumble Strips at Carrowkeel Brae

Stephen Flynn advised Members that the rumble strips at Carrowkeel Brae can be renewed during 2010.

05.20 Winter Maintenance

Stephen Flynn updated Members in relation to the 4no. winter maintenance priority routes in Inishowen which covers 191km of National, Regional and Local roads in the Electoral Area. Cllr Rena Donaghey and Cllr Bernard McGuinness, requested that consideration be given to including Inch Island, Carrowmena, Urris and Malin Head on the Gritting Programme.

Stepehn Flynn advised Members that the County Manager had agreed to provide a report to members at the April Council Meeting.

05.21 Disposal of Land

On the proposal of Cllr Mickey Doherty, and seconded by Cllr John Ryan, approval for the disposal of lands acquired by the Council as part of road widening schemes in the 1970s at the following locations was agreed:

John Joseph Gallagher - Lands at Moness, Burt.

Pat & Cathal Blee - Lands at Tonagh, Carrigans.

Bernard McErlean - Lands at Monglass, Newtowncunningham.

06.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 17th November, 2009.

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November, 2009 were agreed.

06.2 Updates on Various Issues

Patsy Lafferty updated Members in relation to various issues previously raised.

06.3 Affordable Housing

Patsy Lafferty advised Members that all of the units at Elm Park, Buncrana, have been allocated. Currently awaiting the keys for 2no. units at Gort na mBó, Buncrana. These 2no. units will be allocated immediately on receipt of the keys.

Also, a successful information evening was held in relation to the Affordable Housing in Carndonagh. Applications have been received and applicants interviewed. The houses will be offered to the successful applicants under the Council's Scheme of Letting Priorities within the next few weeks.

06.4 Leasing Initiative

Patsy Lafferty informed Members that the Department has issued approval that enables the Council to transfer a number of unsold Affordable Units and allocate them under the Leasing Initiative. The Department will fund the loan repayment costs on the dwellings which can be let in the normal way, and the units maintained by a Voluntary Housing Body who will collect the rents.

Tenants who are allocated units will have the option to purchase if their circumstances permit. There is currently only 1no. unit at Donagh Park, Carndonagh and 1no. unit at Na hInseain, Manorcunningham, applicable in Inishowen in this regard. All other units have either been sold or in the process of being sold.

06.5 Social Housing

Patsy Lafferty advised Members that applications received under the Leasing Initiative are currently being examined by the Housing Construction Section.

A number of houses have been purchased in areas where no leasing proposals have been received and these units will be allocated shortly.

A scheme of 12no. units at Newtowncunningham as been approved by the Department and is currently at pre-appointment tender stage. It is expected that this scheme will commence in February/March, 2010.

06.6 Remedial Works/Regeneration Programme 2009

Patsy Lafferty informed the Members that works are now complete at O'Gara Villas, Merville, with some final snagging issues to be examined. Proposals for the 2010 Remedial Works Programme to be presented at the next Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting.

06.7 Playground at Clós Phádraig, Carndonagh

Members were advised that groundworks at the new playground at Clós Phádraig has commenced and will proceed weather permitting.

06.8 Casual Vacancies

Patsy Lafferty updated Members on a number of changes in the Casual Vacancy Report since it had issued, namely:

No. 31 Ard na Ghuala Duibhe, Merville - now accepted

No. 2 Clós Phádraig, Carndonagh - now accepted.

No. 56 Convent Road, Carndonagh - Offered and Accepted.

06.9 Tidy Estates

At the request of Cllr Lee Tedstone, Patsy Lafferty agreed to forward information to Cllr Tedstone on the Tidy Estates Competiton.

06.10 Damaged Houses

Cllr Bernard McGuinness queried the number of houses damaged as a result of bursts due to the recent severe weather conditions. Patsy Lafferty advised that 5/6 houses in total had suffered damage. Initial emergency works have been carried out and the Insurance Accessors are now carrying out inspections of same.

06.11 Clerk-of-Works

The Chairman, Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that a letter issue on behalf of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee, to Mr. John O'Brien, Clerk-of-Works, Housing Service, thanking him most sincerely for all his work over the years and wishing him well on his retirement.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness also requested that arrangements be made to have the vacant Clerk-of-Works position filled as soon as possible.

07.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 17th November, 2009.

On the proposal of Cllr Mickey Doherty, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November, 2009 were agreed.

07.2 Schedule of Meetings for 2010

Members agreed the following Schedule of Meetings for 2010

Tuesday 9th March, 2010
Tuesday 18th May, 2010
Tuesday 13th July, 2010
Tuesday 14th September, 2010
Tuesday 16th November, 2010

07.3 I.D.A.

A discussion took place between Members in relation to the role of the I.D.A. and its responsibility for attracting industry to Inishowen. It was agreed that a meeting with an Tánaiste be arranged as soon as possible in order that a strong case for Inishowen be put forward.

07.4 Task Force

Cllr John Ryan requested clarification on the current status of the Employment Task Force Report.

07.5 Re-organisation Proposals

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Mickey Doherty, it was agreed that a meeting be requested with the County Manager to discuss the current re-organisation proposals.

07.6 Activity Report 2009

Members noted details on the Activity Report for 2009 as circulated with the Agenda.

Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness welcomed Colm Ó Tuathaláin, Peter Gurrie, and Charlie Doherty, from the Fahan Community Council to the meeting.

The deputation thanked the Committee for receiving them and handed in a copy of their presentation (Appendix 2). They also circulated copies of survey that had been undertaken in Fahan and also copies of photographs showing traffic and pedestrians in the village.

They raised the following issues:

1. Volume and speed of traffic through the village. Recent survey found approx. 560 vehicles per hour using the road - They stated that traffic needs to be slowed down.
2. Pedestrian Crossings to allow pedestrians and school children to cross the road because of speed and volume of traffic. This would also slow down traffic. Survey identifies two possible locations: bottom of Church Brae and close to Catholic Church.
3. Erection of public lights and handrails on the two sets of steps from the Upper Road to the Lower Road.
4. Lack of continuous footpaths through the village
5. Problems associated with the junction at Roneragh House Complex where traffic must cross the Main Road.
6. Filling and re-seeding grass areas along footpaths to make them easier to maintain.
7. Cutting overhanging hedges and branches.
8. Assistance with maintenance of access to St. Muras's Graveyard and St Mura's Well
9. Signage for St Mura's Graveyard, St Mura's Well, Fahan House, Laurentic Memorial and Graves.
10. Provision of Bins and the regular emptying of bins at Lisfannon Beach during the holiday period

The Committee thanked the deputation for their presentation. Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness advised the deputation that a response would issue to them in due course.

Aideen Doherty advised that Joe Gallagher, Heritage Officer and Judith Mc Carthy, Museum Curator were agreeable to meet with the group to discuss the best approach to be taken on the management of all heritage sites in the village.

Stephen Flynn agreed to meet with the Fahan Community Council in Fahan to examine the issues raised.

The Committee requested that a reply issue to this effect and that a report be prepared for the next IEAC Meeting on the issues raised.

10/09

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the IEAC will take place in the Carndonagh P.S.C. on Tuesday 9th March, 2010 commencing at 1.00pm.

Appendix 1

WATER & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES Report to Inishowen EAC Meeting 19th January 2010

1.0 Consideration of minutes of Inishowen Electoral Area Committee meeting held on 17th November 2009

2.0 Update reports where required from previous meeting:

44.2 Toilets at Movice

The hours of opening are being examined again given the proximity of the facility to the park and playground.

44.3 Bring banks at Bunrana

Provision of an additional Bring Bank site in Bunrana was discussed with the Recycling Officer who is keen to provide the additional site. He will work with the local Tidy Town Committee to progress that.

44.4 Water Supply at Drumhaggart

The problem of dropping levels at Drumhaggart reservoir was tackled over a number of weeks, including night checks to trace losses in water being pumped to the reservoir. The problem was never properly resolved before the onset of the severe weather conditions experienced in recent weeks. Further effort will involve 'breaking the line' with additional valves (smaller steps) to help locate losses. The areas served from that reservoir has since been reduced and is currently part served from Northern Ireland.

44.5 Dunmore, Carrigans

Reported problem of insufficient water pressure at Dunmore, Carrigans, were addressed in recent months with local network improvements in that area. The improved regime should offer protection to local consumers at times of increased demand from local industry.

44.6 Illegal Dumping

To note the initial press coverage of images recorded on covert cameras of various illegal dumping activities. It is hoped to repeat that periodically in the press as this work develops. With the success of the pilot in Inishowen it is the Council's intention to extend this initiative countywide in the current year.

3.0 Progress Reports

See updated progress reports included with agenda for

Rural Water Programme

- Small Capital Programme (page 6)**
- Group Schemes Programme (page 7 & 8)**

Major Capital Programme

- Major Capital Programme (page 9)**

4.0 Progress Report (Developer Led Scheme)

See updated progress report included with agenda

- Developer Led Schemes (page 10)**

Con McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer,
Water and Environment Service,
19th January 2010