

**Minutes of Donegal Electoral Area Committee Meeting
held on Monday 19th July 2005 at 2.00pm in the Council
Chamber, Donegal Public Services Centre**

Members Present

Cllr John Boyle
Cllr Thomas Pringle
Cllr Barry O'Neill
Cllr Brendan Byrne
Cllr Sean McEniff
Cllr Billy Grimes
Cllr Tiernan Brady

Officials in Attendance

Gerry Gilroy, Area Manager, Corporate Services
Enda Monaghan, Senior Staff Officer, Corporate Services
Mary Hannigan, Area Manager, Housing & Building
Peadar Thomas, Area Manager, Roads & Transportation
Barney McLaughlin, Community & Enterprise Development Officer
Michael Breslin, Area Manager, Water, Environment & Emergency Services
Paul Christie, A/Area Manager, Planning & Economic Development.
Simon Harron, Central Planning Unit
Jessica Hodgson, Marine & Water Leisure
Kevin O'Connor, Marine & Water Leisure
Thomas Fox, Donegal National Regional Design Office
Damian McDermott, Donegal National Regional Design Office
John McCarron, Housing Engineer
Kevin McCloskey, Beach Manager, Rossnowlagh.

Apologies

Denis Kelly, Area Manager, Planning & Economic Development

Cllr Boyle welcomed Cllr Grimes, Ballyshannon Town Council and Cllr Brady, Bundoran Town Council to this, their first meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee.

‘The Peter Kennedy Chamber’

Cllr Boyle Mentioning that this was the first meeting since his death, paid tribute to the late Cllr Peter Kennedy RIP, for his long service as a Councillor and for the contribution he made to the Donegal Electoral area. Cllr O’Neill also paid tribute to the late Cllr Peter Kennedy referring to his many achievements, including the new fire Station and the Public Service Centre. All Members concurred and associated themselves with the tribute.

On the proposal of Cllr O’Neill Members unanimously agreed that the Council Chamber in the Donegal PSC should be named **‘The Peter Kennedy Chamber’** in memory of the many achievements of the late Cllr Kennedy.

DEAC	24.00	Election of Cathaoirleach
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DEAC	24.01	Election of Cathaoirleach
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Cllr John Boyle thanked the Members for their co-operation and support in his role as Cathaoirleach of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee for the past year. He stated that meetings for the past year had lasted on average 3 hours, which he felt was a reasonable amount of time to get the business done at meetings. Members complimented Cllr Boyle in his role as Cathaoirleach for the past year.

Nominations were then sought for Cathaoirleach. On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Brady, Cllr Brendan Byrne was elected as Cathaoirleach of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee for the next year.

Cllr Byrne thanked Members for nominating and electing him as Cathaoirleach. He stated that he hoped to keep meetings as informal as possible and was clear that he would be starting meetings on time. Cllr Byrne also congratulated Cllr Boyle on the excellent job he had done as Cathaoirleach for the last year.

DEAC	25.00	Corporate Services
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Mr. G Gilroy, Area Manager, Corporate Services informed Members that the Agenda and reports had been communicated electronically to staff for this meeting by using the Council's internal Intranet. He confirmed that this was as part of the Council's proposals to produce all meeting material electronically and that the I S Department is currently working towards providing the same access to the Intranet for Members.

DEAC	25.01	Consideration of Minutes of meeting of the 16 th May 2005
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Consideration of Minutes of meeting of the 16th May 2005

On the proposal of Cllr Boyle, seconded by Cllr McEniff the minutes of the meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee of the 16th May 2005 were adopted.

It was further agreed that matters arising from the minutes would be dealt with under the various service headings.

DEAC	25.02	Consideration of Comments arising from Workshop (Rossnowlagh) on 4 th July 2005
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Consideration of comments arising from the Donegal EA Committee workshop of 4th July 2005 on the beach management pilot project at Rossnowlagh.

Mr. Kevin O'Connor, Marine & Water Leisure Section circulated and presented a report as a follow up to the workshop held on the 4th July

2005 on the Beach Management Pilot project at Rossnowlagh. The report included compromise proposals arising from the comments made at the workshop, and Members were asked to support Management in their implementation. The compromise proposals were as follows:

1. *Two way traffic flow on southern end of the beach marked by cones between Surf Club road and Ardeelan Hill road on quiet days. Parking on landside of traffic lane to be allowed at all times.*
2. *One-way traffic flow on busy days at the discretion of Beach Manager and Gardai, entering at the Surf Club road and exiting at Ardeelan Hill road.*
3. *Entirety of southern end of beach to be available for parking on busy days at discretion of Beach Manager and Gardai with traffic entering at Surf Club road and exiting at Ardeelan Hill road.*

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr O'Neill the revised proposals were adopted.

Cllr O'Neill commented that the compromise proposals had been well debated and represented a good compromise/alternative to the original proposals.

Cllr Grimes, while welcoming the proposals noted that some concerns had been expressed to him that there may be backlogs of traffic and that perhaps a one-way system from the Smugglers Creek might be an option to consider. It was agreed to note these concerns and that the proposal as adopted would be implemented and monitored.

DEAC	25.03	Consideration of Minutes of Workshop (Killybegs) on 5 th July 2005
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Consideration of minutes of the planning workshop on St Catherine's Well etc. Area and Development Pressures held on the 5th July 2005 in the Donegal Town PSC.

On the proposal on Cllr Pringle, seconded by Cllr Byrne, the minutes of the planning workshop on St Catherine's Well etc. Area and

Development Pressures held on the 5th July 2005 in the Donegal Town PSC were adopted.

DEAC	25.04	Consideration of Revised Schedule of Meetings for remainder of year.
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Meeting Schedule

Members noted the proposed revised schedule for meetings of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee to the end of the year. On the proposal of Cllr Boyle, seconded by Cllr Brady it was agreed that the remaining meetings would be held on the dates as per the schedule i.e. 20th September and 22nd November 2005.

DEAC	25.05	Budget Workshop on 20 th September 2005
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Mr. G Gilroy asked that the Members agree a time for a Budget Workshop to take place on the 20th September 2005. Following a short discussion it was agreed that the Donegal Electoral Area Committee meeting would take place at 11.00am on the 20th September with the Budget Workshop to be held in the afternoon. Members also agreed that lunch would be provided before the Budget Workshop in the afternoon.

DEAC	25.06	Activity Levels in the Donegal PSC
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Activity Levels in the Donegal PSC

Members noted the report on activity levels in the Donegal PSC for the period up to the 31st May 2005 as circulated with the Agenda.

DEAC	25.07	Submissions for Elected Members
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Submissions from Elected Members

No. 1

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Brady the following submission, which was submitted by Cllr McEniff and circulated with the Agenda, was adopted.

“That the Council erect Bollards on Main Street, Bundoran from Chef Peking to Railway Bar to prevent delivery lorries damaging the pavement.”

Mr Peadar Thomas was asked to investigate how this would be funded.

No. 2

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Brady, the following submission by Cllr McEniff and circulated with the Agenda was considered:

“That the Council in the new Co. Development Plan include the Following Areas for Housing and General Development at the request of Bundoran Town Council, from the Town Boundary to Bundrowes Bridge on the Road to Kinlough and the Lands within the Bundoran Bypass between the two Bundoran Roundabouts that are County Council Land.”

In relation to this matter, Mr. Simon Harron, Central Planning Unit advised Members that in order for this to take effect, and agreement to make variations would have to be agreed by both the Bundoran Town Council and the Donegal County Council. It was agreed that the Central Planning Unit would look at these proposals and prepare a report for consideration by the Council at the September meeting. A number of queries in relation to the matter were dealt with at the meeting.

No. 3.

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Brady the following submission by Cllr McEniff and circulated with the Agenda was considered:

“That Mullinasole Area be designated as a village in the County Development Plan.”

It was agreed that this matter be dealt with in a similar manner.

DEAC	26.00	Planning & Economic Development
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Mr. Paul Christy, A/Area Manager, Planning & Economic Development conveyed apologies from Mr. D Kelly, Area Manager who is off on leave at present.

DEAC	26.01	Local Area Plan Programme
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Local Area Plan Programme

Members noted the report on Local Area Plan Programme from Mr. G Richards, Central Planning Unit, circulated with the Agenda, which requested Members to agree a priority programme for the Donegal Electoral Area for the local area plan programme.

A number of queries were dealt with as follows:

In response to a query from Cllr O’Neill, Mr. S Harron confirmed that Donegal County Council was funding the Ballyshannon Town Plan. He also informed Members that it was hoped to have a draft plan for the Members to consider in the Autumn, prior to going to public consultation.

Following a short discussion on funding, Members agreed that the priority of the programme should take into account maximising alternative sources of funding.

DEAC	26.02	Consideration of recent refusals
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Consideration of recent refusals

Members noted the report detailing recent refusals for the period from the 1st May 2005 to the 30th June 2005 circulated with the Agenda.

DEAC	26.03	Planning Statistics
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Planning Statistics Report

Members noted the planning statistics report for the period up to the 30th June 2005 circulated with the Agenda. Members particularly noted that the number of applications remained high in the Donegal Electoral Area.

Following a short discussion in relation to the workloads Planners are dealing with, Members agreed that a recommendation should go from the Council to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government requesting the lifting of the embargo on recruitment of additional staff in order to allow for the recruitment of additional Planners to deal with these workloads. It was also agreed that the Council should make a recommendation to the DoEHLG, seeking an increase of Planning application fees to fund these additional Planner posts. The recommendation to the Department should also make reference to the geographical nature of the county, which members felt made in more difficult and time consuming, to deal with such numbers of applications.

DEAC	26.04	Planning Enforcement
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Planning Enforcement

Members noted the planning enforcement status report as at the 5th July 2005 circulated with the Agenda.

Mr. P Christie informed Members that the Council is in the process of deploying one additional member of staff to deal solely with enforcement. This person is due to start shortly. Members welcomed this stating that with the new dedicated person, a stronger message would go out to the public that they would be prosecuted if they breach the planning laws.

DEAC	27.00	Water, Environment & Emergency Services
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DEAC	27.01	Group Schemes
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Group Schemes Programme

Members noted the progress report on Group Schemes for the Donegal Electoral Area circulated with the agenda.

Cllr O'Neill queried information received by members of the Corker Rosstown Group Water Supply Scheme suggesting that if all the houses do not go ahead then the funding might not be forthcoming. He expressed concern that once the members of the group are willing to make their contribution that the scheme should go ahead and that it would be difficult for the members of the group to build the houses without the availability of water. In response to the queries raised, Mr. M Breslin undertook to look into the matter and to follow up with the Group Water Scheme Section and to revert to Cllr O'Neill in the matter.

DEAC	27.02	South West Donegal Water Supply DBO
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South West Donegal Water Supply DBO

Members noted the current status report on the South West Donegal Water Supply DBO circulated with the Agenda. A number of queries were dealt with as follows:

In response to a query from Cllr Pringle regarding advanced works to be carried out by direct labour on the South West Donegal Water Supply DBO, Mr. M Breslin confirmed that these works were going ahead. He also advised Members that there are two Part 8 'Planning Permissions' on the agenda for the Council meeting of Monday next. These must be passed at the Council meeting before any works can proceed.

DEAC	27.03	Major Capital Programme
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Major Capital Programme

Members noted the report on the Major Capital Programme for the Donegal Electoral Area circulated with the Agenda.

Ballyshannon Sewerage Scheme

In response to a query from Cllr Grimes regarding progress in relation to the Ballyshannon Sewerage Scheme, Mr. M Breslin informed Members that the Water Charging Policy is under preparation at present. Cllr Grimes advised that this was a major concern at the minute given a number of fish kills recently at the Mall Quay Area,

DEAC	27.04	Civic Amenity Site at Laghey
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Civic Amenity Site at Laghey

Members noted the update report on the Civic Amenity Site at Laghey, circulated with the Agenda.

DEAC	27.05	Restoration Programme
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Members noted the report on the Restoration Programme for the Donegal Electoral Area circulated with the Agenda.

A number of queries were dealt with as follows:

Dunkineely Sewerage Scheme Upgrade

In response to a query from Cllr Boyle as to when the works would commence on the Dunkineely Sewerage Scheme upgrade, Mr. M

Breslin informed Members that this work should start in the next few weeks. He undertook to follow up on the matter with the contractor and keep members informed.

Replacement of Water Main at Church Road, Bundoran.

Cllr McEniff referred to the urgent need to replace the water main at Church Road, Bundoran.

Mr. M Breslin informed Members that he was working with T Fox, Donegal National Road Design Office to have this included as part of the works to be carried out in the area as part of the Ballyshannon / Bundoran Bypass. He confirmed that they were working towards finalising the matter by September 2005.

Sewage Leak near the Bridge in Bundoran.

In response to concerns raised by Cllr McEniff regarding a leaking sewer near the Bridge at Bundoran (near the Tourist Office), Mr. M Breslin undertook to have the matter addressed immediately.

DEAC	28.00	Community, Culture and Enterprise
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DEAC	28.01	Report on Community & Enterprise Services
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Report on Community & Enterprise Services

Members noted the report on Community & Enterprise Services circulated under separate cover on the 14th July 2005 and presented by Mr. B McLaughlin, Community & Enterprise Development Officer.

In response to a query from Cllr Pringle if there would additional Peace II funding after the backlog of applications were dealt with, Mr.

G Martin informed Members that there was applications in the region of €300,000 on a reserve list, however these applicants would have to reapply for funding. This would leave a balance of €2.1m available after the reserve list has been dealt with.

DEAC	28.02	Tourism Report from Garry Martin, Divisional Manager
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Tourism Report

Mr. Garry Martin, Divisional Manager, Community & Enterprise Section gave a detailed presentation to Members on the Council's role in supporting tourism development in the County. He also referred to a report commissioned by the Irish Tourist Industry Confederation, copies of which were available for Members. He asked that Members study the report, as Members would be considering the current policy on tourism for the County in September with a view to deciding what the future policy would be.

Following the presentation a number of comments were made by Members including:

- No firm recommendations in the report
- Need to develop sustainable jobs in the Tourism Sector
- Need for more advertising
- Need for the industry to face up to the challenges and engage in workshops
- The contribution Daniel O'Donnell has made in promoting Donegal as a tourist location abroad
- Regional Issues need to be addressed by Government
- While the numbers of international visitors have decreased the home market is on the increase
- The need for a budget to assist with local festivals
- The need to provide facilities/services at our natural amenities e.g. fishing
- The need for the tourism industry to be brought together
- The need for charter flights into the region
- Concern in relation to what the new licensing laws might bring in terms of pressure on the existing pubs

- The need for a rail link into Donegal
- Lack on incentives for people to get involved in the Tourism Sector
- The need for a Motorway from Dublin into Donegal
- The need for cruise liners to land at existing ports in Donegal e.g. Killybegs
- The need to market Donegal as a unique package

Mr. G Martin advised Members that he had been to the other electoral area committee meetings recently and that similar issues had been raised. He confirmed that he had noted the issues raised and that they could be discussed in more detail in September at the proposed workshop.

DEAC	28.03	Report on Cultural Services
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Report on Cultural Services

Members noted the update report on Libraries in South Donegal circulated under separate cover on the 14th July 2005.

In response to a query as to when the Official Opening of the Library in Ballyshannon would be taking place, Mr. B McLaughlin undertook to check this and to revert to Members in the matter.

DEAC	28.04	Donegal Youth Council
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Donegal Youth Council

Mr. B McLaughlin conveyed apologies from the Youth Councillors who could not attend today's meeting and confirmed that a number of them would be attending the next meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee.

DEAC	29.00	Housing & Building Control
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DEAC	29.01	Follow up report on issues raised at previous meeting
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Attendance of Mr. John McCarron, Housing Engineer

Ms. M Hannigan introduced Mr. John McCarron, Housing Engineer who has taken up duty in the Housing Service for the Donegal Electoral Area to the meeting. Members welcomed Mr. McCarron and confirmed that they looked forward to working with him.

DEAC	29.02	Progress Report – Housing Capital Programme
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Housing Capital Report

Members noted the Housing Capital Report on progress as at the 30th June 2005 as circulated with the Agenda. Members also noted that the Turnkey development at Drumrooske, Donegal Town is now 50% complete.

Four Year Capital Programme

Cllr O'Neill enquired how many houses would be on the Four Year Housing Capital Programme for the Donegal Electoral Area. Ms. M Hannigan informed Members that a report would be going to the next Council meeting in relation to the proposed split between areas. Once this has been dealt with a full council level, the allocation within the Donegal Electoral Area can be dealt with at the next meeting of the Committee. Ms. Hannigan undertook to bring a recommendation to Members in this regard to the next meeting.

Land Bank

In response to a query from Cllr Boyle regarding if there was land bank at Killybegs and Ballyshannon, Ms. M Hannigan informed Members that there wasn't at present but that the housing service was continually on the look out for land. She also informed Members

that now that Mr. John McCarron had taken up duty that this would be one of his priorities.

Houses at Bruckless

Cllr Boyle referred to the houses recently constructed at Bruckless adding that the contractor had done an excellent job on this site and that this development was an excellent flagship for the Council. Members agreed with Cllr Boyle's comments. Ms. Hannigan undertook to convey the Members' comments to the contractor.

DEAC	29.03	Progress Report – Social Housing.
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Loans & Grants

Members noted the progress report on Loans and Grants as at the 8th July 2005 circulated with the Agenda.

DEAC	29.04	Casual Vacancies
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Casual Vacancies

Members noted the Report on Casual Vacancies as at the 7th July 2005 circulated with the Agenda.

A number of queries were dealt with as follows:

In relation to 7 Marine View Drive, Killybegs, Ms. M. Hannigan informed Members that this house had been offered but refused and asked if Members had any recommendations in relation to the letting of this house to convey same to her and also in relation to 33 Termon Villas, Pettigo.

Ms. Hannigan also advised Members that 77 Ernedale Heights would be vacant for some time as this dwelling required substantial refurbishment prior to re-letting. In response to a query from Cllr Grimes in relation to a timeframe for this house to be re-let, Ms. Hannigan informed Members that this was likely to be a period of a few months but that they would be working as quickly as possible to have this work carried out.

DEAC	29.05	Other Housing Matters
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Donegal Town Halting Site.

Members noted the report circulated at the meeting on the Donegal Town Halting Site from Mr. Fergus McAteer, Traveller Accommodation Officer, and presented by Ms. M Hannigan. Members noted that the Council has decided not to proceed with developing permanent accommodation on this site and will be examining potential sites in and around the Donegal Town area in accordance with the methodology set out in Section 7 of the Traveller Accommodation Programme 2005 – 2007.

Ballintra Transient Site

Members noted the update report on the Ballintra Transient Site from Mr. F McAteer, Traveller Accommodation Officer, circulated at the meeting and presented by Ms. M Hannigan.

Request for Signage at Ernedale Heights.

Cllr O'Neill referred to a request for signage to be erected at Ernedale Heights, Ballyshannon requesting an update on it. Ms. M Hannigan undertook to follow up on this.

Back road at Castleview, Dunkineely.

In response to a request from Cllr Pringle to have works carried out to repair potholes etc. on the road at the back of Castleview, Dunkineely, Ms. Hannigan undertook to have a look at this and to revert to Members in the matter.

DEAC	30.00	Roads and Transportation
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DEAC	30.01	Roadworks Programme 2005
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Road Works Programme 2005

Mr. P Thomas, Area Manager, Roads / Transportation welcomed the two new Members from the Town Councils to the Donegal Electoral Area Committee.

Members noted the progress report on the Road Works Programme 2005 as circulated with the Agenda.

Footpath Programme – 2005

Members noted the proposed Footpath Programme 2005 for the Donegal Electoral Area as circulated by Mr. P Thomas at the meeting. This is funded from the Development Contribution Scheme.

A number of comments were dealt with as follows:

Following a short discussion on the proposal of Cllr Brady, seconded by Cllr McEniff, Members agreed to a matching €40,000 contribution in order to carry out refurbishment works at the retaining wall at the Pier, Bundoran.

Further to a request from Cllr Pringle to complete the footpath at Church Road, Killybegs, Members agreed to the transferring of €10,000 - €15,000.00 from the funding allocated for the new footpath at Roshine Road to complete this work.

In response to a query from Cllr Byrne as to why there were no budgets for footpaths in Kilcar or Glencolmcille, Mr. P Thomas informed Members that the footpaths are funded through the Development Contribution Scheme and that funds raised under this scheme must be spent in the areas in which the charges are levied. In relation to Glencolmcille or Kilcar the Council only had the road maintenance budget. He also informed Members that he hoped to have all towns included for these works in future programmes.

In response to a request from Cllr Grimes regarding an ongoing issue at Cluain Barron, Ballyshannon, Mr. P Thomas undertook to try to have this issue sorted as soon as possible.

DEAC	30.02	2006 – 2008 Multi Annual Restoration Programme
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2006 – 2008 Multi Annual Restoration Programme

Members noted Circular Letter RLS 22/2005 in relation to 2006 to 2008 Multi Annual Restoration Programme circulated with the Agenda. Mr. P Thomas informed Members that this programme needs to be put together in the coming weeks and requested that Members agree to holding a workshop on same in the next few weeks. Members agreed to Mr. Thomas's request and a date is to be agreed.

DEAC	30.03	Local Improvements Schemes 2005
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Local Improvements Scheme 2005

Members noted the report on Local Improvements Scheme 2005 for the Donegal Electoral Area circulated with the Agenda. Mr. Thomas confirmed to Members that he anticipated that all the schemes listed would be completed by the end of the year to the value of approximately €0.5m.

DEAC	30.04	Update from the Donegal National Roads Design Office.
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N15 Ballyshannon/Bundoran Bypass Scheme Update

Members noted the N15 Ballyshannon/Bundoran Bypass Scheme Update Report on Land Acquisition circulated with the Agenda and presented by Mr. Damian McDermott, Executive Engineer, DNRDO.

A lengthy discussion took place in relation to the Station Road Tunnel / pedestrian underpass which is part of the scheme. Mr. McDermott informed Members that the tunnel would have to be built as part of the scheme. He pointed out that any changes to the scheme regarding the tunnel would have to go through the Part 8 Planning / Public Consultation Process before such changes could be effected. He suggested if the tunnel proved to be a difficulty consideration could be given to it being closed off or access restricted at certain times. He also confirmed that initial discussion had taken place with the relevant landowners regarding the possibility of a path being constructed. A number of differing opinions were expressed at the meeting in relation to how the matter could be best progressed. Following the discussion, on the proposal of Cllr O'Neill, seconded by Cllr Boyle it was agreed that the agreement with the landowner be concluded, the Part 8 process be initiated and that funding for the proposed footpath would be prioritised out of the €300,000 allocation within the Ballyshannon/Bundoran Bypass budget for additional works.

Mr. P Thomas undertook to prepare a report on the costing of the additional works for the next meeting of the Committee for member's consideration.

N15 Tullyearl Roundabout

Members noted the N15 Tullyearl Roundabout Scheme Update Report circulated at the meeting and presented by Mr. Damian McDermott, Executive Engineer, DNRDO.

N56 Mountcharles to Killybegs (Five Points) Progress Report

Members noted the N56 Mountcharles to Killybegs (Five Points) Progress Report – July 2005, circulated at the meeting and presented by Mr. D McDermott.

N15 / R280 Link

Members noted the progress report on the N15 / R280 Link as at the 19th July 2005 circulated at the meeting and presented by Mr. D McDermott.

DEAC	30.05	Other Roads Matters
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EU Priority Programme

Mr. P Thomas circulated the previously agreed EU Co-Funding Priority list 2005 for the Donegal Electoral Area Committee for discussion with Members. He informed Members that the Water Street Bridge was now complete and also that the Carpet Factory Junction, Killybegs would hopefully be completed before the end of 2005. In relation to the Rossnowlagh Link Road, Mr. Thomas informed Members that this project required approximately €900,000 funding, i.e. €300,000 to complete the works and a further €600,000 for land purchase and that it was hoped to have the link road opened in conjunction with the Ballyshannon/Bundoran Bypass. Following a short discussion, Members agreed that the priority list be as follows:

1. Killybegs – Malinbeg
2. Rossnowlagh Link Road
3. Industrial Estate, Killybegs
4. Laghey – Pettigo
5. Frosses – Glenties
6. Ardaghey – Ardara
7. Ballintra – Rossnowlagh
8. Ballintra – Rossnowlagh Junction
9. Fintra Bridge
10. Outer Relief Road, Killybegs
11. Mile Straight Junction, Rossnowlagh.

Ballyshannon Car Park

Mr. P Thomas informed Members that it was proposed that work go ahead on the new Car Park at Ballyshannon on the basis that all Car

Parks in Ballyshannon would become Pay & Display. Members also noted that preliminary work would take until January 2006.

Following a discussion, on the proposal of Cllr Grimes, seconded by Cllr McEniff, Members agreed that preliminary work towards the introduction of parking charges in Ballyshannon could proceed provided that charges could not be levied until work had started on the new Car Park. It was further agreed that charges would be introduced in one Car Park at a time and that the Market Yard would be the last area that charges would be introduced.

Members decided this approach so that residents in Ballyshannon would be aware that the money being collected from the charges was being re-invested in the Town. In response to a query from Cllr Grimes, Mr. P Thomas confirmed that any money collected from parking charges/ fines would be spent in the Town in which it is collected.

Revision of Speed Limits in Bundoran/ Ballyshannon

Mr. P Thomas referred to the discussion just before the meeting with Officials from the Donegal National Road Design Office in relation to proposals to revise speed limits in Bundoran and Ballyshannon as a result of the Bye Pass.

On the proposal of Cllr McEniff, seconded by Cllr Grimes, Members agreed to the speed limits as proposed. Mr. Thomas undertook to circulate a copy map indicating the locations and revised speed limits to Members for information. These proposals would now be published.

Flashing Lights / Speed Limits at Schools

Members confirmed that they had not put forward any proposals to increase speed limits in the Donegal Electoral Area.

In response to a request from Cllr Pringle for a programme of installing flashing lights at Schools in the County over a number of years, members agreed to proceed with the schools agreed at the last meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Donegal Electoral Area Committee would take place at 11.00am on the 20th September 2005 to be followed in the afternoon with the Budget 2006 Workshop.

This concluded the business of the meeting.