

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER, 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

Officials Present:

Community, Cultural & Enterprise Services:

Aideen Doherty, Administrative Officer

Corporate Services:

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

**10/37 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN
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38.01 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 20th July, 2010.

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38.02 Follow Ups from Previous Meeting

Stephen Flynn circulated a Follow Up Report to Members that had not been included with the Agenda.

38.03 New Department of Transport Guidelines on Road Grants

Stephen Flynn advised Members that the Department of Transport has confirmed that the new Circular in relation to grants is to be implemented from 1st December 2010.

38.04 Cockhill Bridge

Members had requested at the last meeting that the Department Inspector be requested to attend the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting in relation to the advancement of works on Cockhill Bridge. Stephen Flynn advised that this request has been forwarded on, but that no reply had been received to date. He pointed out that design for the bridge was being progressed with the Department of Transport. Cllr McGuinness expressed his disappointment at this response and proposed that the N.R.A. to be written to requesting a Department Inspector to meet with the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee as soon as possible and also express disappointment that previous requests were not acknowledged. Cllr Rena Donaghey seconded this proposal.

38.05 Station Road, Carndonagh

Stephen Flynn advised Members that Road Design are currently carrying out a survey of the junction in order to make a recommendation as to whether traffic lights or a pedestrian refuge located on Station Road provides the best solution with available funds. On the one hand Traffic Lights will give pedestrians equal rights to vehicles but will delay traffic. Alternatively a pedestrian refuge in the middle of the junction could be considered which would continue to allow free flow of traffic. It is intended to present a solution to members at the November Electoral Area Meeting.

Cllr McConlogue stated that problems arise due the to school traffic and the additional traffic created due to children being dropped off and collected by parents rather than by school buses.

Stephen Flynn informed the Members that a traffic count and Safety Check could be carried out at Station Road at Carndonagh Community School and St Patrick's N.S to take account of the issues raised by Cllr Mc Conalogue. He also informed the Members that as there was no accident history at this junction, funding was unlikely from the Low Fund Accident Scheme.

38.06 Wesley Hall

Stephen Flynn informed the Members that a number of discussions and meetings were held with landowners in relation to the Council obtaining land for a footpath at Bridge Street. A reply was received from one of the landowners while others have not replied. Road Design has been requested to prepare documentation for public consultation in accordance with Part 8 of the Planning and Development Act. If the Council is unable to reach agreement with landowners then it may be necessary to obtain land using the Compulsory Purchase Order procedures. In response to a query by Cllr McGuinness regarding how long that the CPO was likely to take, Stephen Flynn advised that the estimated time scale would be 2 years.

It was agreed to arrange to meet with Cllr MacLochlainn to discuss provision of ramp and repairs to footpaths at this location.

38.07 Inishowen 100 Signage

Following a presentation by Inishowen Tourism at the last Inishowen Electoral Committee Meeting a full audit was carried out on the entire route and circulated at the meeting. Currently 71 junctions are considered to need signposts along the route. Currently 60 of these are signposted along the route with signposts either missing or vandalised at other locations. The missing signs will be replaced in the coming weeks. Inishowen Tourism wishes to consider two options:

1. Replacement of the existing signage to a new standard which would cost €8,000 to €16,000
2. Upgrade of additional junctions all to a new standard. There are 196 junctions on the route and this would cost €20,000 to €40,000.

Stephen Flynn to discuss matter further with Inishowen Tourism regarding locations for additional pull in areas along the Inishowen 100 and funding for the new signage.

38.08 Road Works Programme 2010

Details of the Roadworks Programme undertaken in 2010 was circulated was noted by the members.

- Work at Westbrook Junction and Moville have been completed.
- Remaining Discretionary Works including Burnfoot Traffic Calming, Muff Traffic Lights and Cloontagh N.S. Junction improvements will be completed in coming month.
- Works on the R238 at Clonmany to Ballyliffen are ongoing and this years work is expected to be completed by the end of November.

38.09 Burt Chapel

Cllr John Ryan requested a follow up meeting with Stephen Lambert Regional Road Safety Engineer in relation to the National Primary at at Burt Chapel. Stephen Flynn to follow this up with Stephen Lambert.

38.10 Newtowncunningham

Stephen Flynn agreed to arrange for a Safety Audit to be carried out at Main Street Newtowncunningham. It was also agreed to carry out Traffic Audit at Newtowncunningham N.S.

A meeting to be arranged with Cllr John Ryan and Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn when this Audit is to take place.

38.11 Moville

Cllr Martin Farren requested that Road Design be requested to investigate the trial of a one way system at James Street, Moville for a period of six months.

Cllr Martin Farren also requested that a controlled Pedestrian Crossing be put in place at Main Street, Moville.

Stephen Flynn agreed to follow these matters up with Road Design.

38.12 Buncrana Main Street

Cllr MacLochlainn queried the possibility of the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing at the Post Office, Buncrana Main Street noting that the Town Council had approved this

Stephen Flynn will discuss this with Donal Walker, Town Engineer.

38.13 Francistown Junction, Malin

Cllr McGuinness raised the issue of the junction at Francistown. Cllr McGuinness stated that the road is very dangerous and queried the possibility of lowering the road or acquiring additional lands to make the junction safer.

38.14 Junction at Tulnaree, Carndonagh

Cllr McGuinness raised the issue of the need for more signage at the junction at the bridge at Tulnaree, Carndonagh. Cllr McGuinness queried

the possibility of opening the old road as one way system or the possibility of providing a footbridge. He also requested that costings be prepared for a pedestrian bridge.

Stephen Flynn advised the Committee that there is a Road Safety Report being prepared on this location.

The Committee also requested that fencing on the Station Road be completed.

38.15 Road Signage for Inishowen

The Members raised the issue of having proper signage for Inishowen from N.I. and from south Donegal. Cllr MacLochlainn proposed that the Department of Transport and Roads Service (NI) be contacted regarding the provision of signage for towns in Inishowen and Malin Head on A2/A5, in Derry and on N15. Stephen Flynn to circulate the Signage Policy to Members.

Members also requested that Minister for Transport be contacted and requested to ensure that signage for Donegal is included as part of A2/A5 Upgrade.

38.16 Carndonagh F.C. Pitch

Members raised concerns over the safety issues at the temporary Carndonagh FC football pitch. The members requested that a Safety Report to be prepared and improvements works to be carried out.

38.17 Directional Signage for Cooley Cross, Moville

Cllr Martin Farren queried the possibility of erecting 3no. Signs for Cooley Cross - 2no. Signs at Summerhill Road and 1 no. Sign in Moville.

38.18 Local Improvement Schemes

Stephen Flynn advised the Committee that L.I.S. works are to be completed over the coming weeks as weather conditions permit

38.19 Restoration Improvement Application 2010-2013

On the proposal of Cllr Charlie Mc Conalogue seconded by Cllr John Ryan the Committee recommended that the Restoration Programme Application 2010-2013 as circulated be submitted.

38.20 Specific Improvement Grants 2011

On the proposal of Cllr Charlie Mc Conalogue seconded by Cllr John Ryan the Committee recommended that the Specific Improvement Grant Application 2011 as circulated be submitted.

38.21 National Routes Update

Stephen Flynn advised the Committee that work is ongoing on the overlay of the section of road at Newtowncunningham and that a full overlay has been approved by the N.R.A. on the section of road from Manorcunningham Roundabout to the Picnic Area.

38.22 Traffic Management at Newtowncunningham

Cllr John Ryan expressed his disappointment that Damian McDermott, NRDO did not attend the IEAC Meeting to discuss traffic management at the overlay works being carried out at Newtowncunningham.

It was agreed that Mr McDermott be contacted and requested to contact Members.

38.23 Kilderry, Muff

The members requested that the turning off lane at Kilderry, Muff be examined as there have been a number of accidents.

38.24 Naming of New Section of Road in Carndonagh

The Committee requested that the new section of road in Carndonagh be officially named.

38.26 Quigley's Point Road

Cllr Doherty requested that the continuous white line from Quigley's Point to the Northies be inspected to check if it is all necessary.

39.01 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 20th July, 2010.

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr McGuinness, the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July, 2010 were agreed.

39.02 Follow Ups from Previous Meeting

Con McLaughlin circulated a Follow Up Report and updated Members on issues raised at the previous meeting.

39.03 Capital Report

Con McLaughlin circulated a Status Report on Water Services Investment Programme 2010/2012, Rural Water Programme 2010/2012 and Developer Led Schemes which was noted by the Members. No new commitments can be entered for new Group Schemes, Water Quality Deficient Schemes or Small Schemes until existing contracts/commitments are funded through grant aid from the Department. Construction is expected to commence on improvements to Greencastle Water Supply in the next few weeks.

39.04 Movice/Greencastle Sewerage Scheme

A long discussion took place regarding the recent submission from An Taisce in relation to the Movice/Greencastle Sewerage Scheme and regarding issues raised at a meeting in Movice the previous day which a number of Members had attended.

Members requested clarification from the Capital Sections on the following:

- How much has been paid to J. B. Barry, Consultant Engineers?
- How much did Site Selection Study cost?
- How much did the modelling survey/report cost?
- How was level of discharge reduced from 50,000 C.F.U. to 2,000 C.F.U. at the oral hearing?
- Explanation required on conflict in opinions of Consultants on the tidal modelling.
- Consultants should listen to the locals and the fishermen's knowledge of tides.
- Can outfall be located outside the lough?
- Why was Ground Survey and cost of pumping not submitted to An Bord Pleanala in February?
- When was scheme likely to commence?

Members agreed that there was a serious pollution issue in Movice and that the Sewerage Scheme needs to be delivered to address this.

However they require answers to the issues listed and felt that public consultation on this project could be improved and that there was now an opportunity to address these issues.

Cllr McGuinness also requested if a temporary package plant could be put in place to address the pollution problems in the Bredagh River.

Con McLaughlin advised the members that he had just been handed a copy of the An Taisce correspondence, which didn't appear to raise anything new. He also outlined how the Council deliver major projects like this and how the DoEHLG as primary funders will have a key input into decisions, for instance taking the discharge outside of the Lough. He went on to remind the meeting that there were a number of other sewerage treatment works discharging into the Lough and that a modern sewerage treatment works will eliminate the pollution risk to the Foyle from Moville/Greencastle. He undertook to request clarification on the issues raised from the Capital Section:

39.05 Roadstone Quarries, Carndonagh

Cllr Doherty requested that an investigation be carried out regarding the dust problems caused by Roadstone Quarries, Magherard, Carndonagh.

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On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr John Ryan, the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July, 2010 were agreed.

40.02 Barrack Hill Town Park

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that tenders for this project was advertised the previous week.

40.03 County Development Plan

Guidelines on making a submission on the Review of the County Development Plan were included with the Agenda.

40.03 Culture Night

The Committee were informed in a brochure circulated at the meeting of the Culture Night to take place between 6.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. on 24th September with a wide variety of events scheduled which are all free. The Members congratulated all involved in organising this event.

40.04 Development Fund Initiative

The Committee was informed that the second payment issued to the Lough Foyle Ferry Company for the Bunrana to Rathmullan Service. Numbers were well down this year and a full report on the 2010 service will be presented at the November Meeting.

A Meeting with Limavady Borough Council was scheduled to take place on 30th September at 2.30 pm in Limavady.

40.05 Joint Policing Committee

The Committee was informed that a workshop took place on the 30th July and that a Draft Work Plan established which would be presented at the next Joint Policing Committee Meeting arranged for the 8th October 2010.

40.06 Donegal Pride of Place Competition 2010

The Committee was informed that the All Ireland Pride of Place Judges visited five community groups in Donegal during 21st to 23rd July.

40.07 Peace III

43 small grants were awarded to a value of €1, 0171,355.26. 26 Projects have made claims to date to a value of €369,870.05.

14 Strategic Grants have been awarded to a value of €560,780. 3 projects have made claims to date to a value of €84,905.

40.08 D.C.C.C.

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that there are early indications of an 11% cut in the Budgets for 2011.

40.09 Sail West

The Committee was informed that two new members of staff have recently joined the Community & Enterprise Division under the EU funded Sail West Project. Mr Frank McGrogan was appointed as Project Manager while Ms Lee Anne Doherty was appointed as Marketing Officer. The project, led by Donegal County Council, is the result of an extensive collaboration of 20 partners from the West of Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland. The €7m tourism initiative is funded through the EU's INTERREG ICA Programme, managed by the special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB). The Members welcomed the two new members of staff officially to Donegal County Council and requested that they be invited to make presentation to November meeting.

40.10 Burt Castle

The Members requested that the Heritage Officer contact the owners of Burt Castle and carry out inspection and report back for the next meeting in November.

40.11 Grianan of Aileach

Cllr MacLochlainn requested that the Heritage Officer update the Committee on the position of Grianan of Aileach for the next Meeting in November.

40.12 Heritage Signs

The Members also requested that the Heritage Officer circulate report on Audit of Heritage Signs.

40.13 Inishowen 100 Signage

It was agreed that Aideen Doherty would assist with funding application for signage for the Inishowen 100.

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On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr John Ryan, the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July, 2010 were agreed.

41.02 Follow Up Report on Matters Arising

The Committee considered the report that was circulated with the agenda and Paul Kelly highlighted a number of issues.

41.03 Carndonagh/Moville Local Area Plans

Paul Kelly advised Members that a series of workshops in respect of Carndonagh, Moville and all LAP's will be arranged and these workshops will take place separately to the workshops in respect of the Review of the County Development Plan. There is presently no schedule for these workshops, however C.P.U. have confirmed that notice will be given in advance.

41.04 County Development Plan Workshops

Paul Kelly advised Members of the schedule of public workshops in respect of the Review of the County Development Plan. The Members were also advised that the public have until 4.30 on Friday 8th October 2010 in which to make submissions.

41.05 Windmills Glackmore Hill

Cllr Donaghey requested an update on the progress of the Windfarm at Glackmore Hill.

Members also requested an update on decision to review EHSA status in Inishowen.

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On the proposal of Cllr Charlie McConalogue, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July, 2010 were agreed.

42.02 Various Issues

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

42.03 Affordable Housing Buncrana

Patsy Lafferty advised Members that two of the Elm Park dwellings are sold and occupied. The third dwelling at Elm Park is now in the process of being sold. Regarding the two properties at Gort na mBó, one property is in the process of being sold and the other dwelling will be offered shortly.

42.04 Affordable Housing Buncrana

Patsy Lafferty advised Members that two of the dwellings at Cherry Avenue are now sold and occupied. Three are still available.

42.05 Social Housing

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that the Construction Section is currently assessing applications received in relation to the Social Leasing Initiative. A number of applications to be approved in the coming months. Members to be updated further.

Patsy Lafferty advised Members that the block work has commenced at the Scheme of 12 units at Newtowncunningham and also 1no. S.I. had commenced with another due to start shortly.

42.06 Competition for Best Kept Council Housing Scheme 2010

Patsy Lafferty updated Members on the winners of the Tidy Estates Competition for 2009. Details of all winners and entrants to be circulated to the Members.

42.07 Derelict Sites at Bridgend

Cllr Ryan stated that there was a lot of derelict buildings in the Burnfoot/Bridgend area and requested that appropriate action be taken. Patsy Lafferty advised that details would be sent to the Capital Section in order to initiate an investigation.

42.08 Remedial Works/Regeneration Programme 2010

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that the position in relation to this programme is as follows:

Grove Cottages, Muff - Stage 1 works complete subject to final snagging

Moville/Greencastle - Stage 2 works are ongoing and are 50% complete

Carndonagh Area - Prices will be obtained for Stage 3 works and if costs are in order it is hoped to commence works in the next few months.

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On the proposal of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July, 2010 were agreed.

43.02 Inishowen Tourism

Cllr McGuinness expressed his disappointment at the temporary signage which was used at present. Eunan Kelly to contact Inishowen Tourism regarding permanent signage.

43.03 Derry U.K. City of Culture 2013

The Members recommended that the Council assist in the development of a programme for Donegal to benefit from Derry being UK City of Culture 2013.

10/44	Date for Next Meeting
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The Next meeting of the IEAC will take place in the Carndonagh PSC on Tuesday 16th November 2010 commencing at 1.00 p.m.