

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF**

### **GLENTIES ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2005, IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE, DUNGLOE**

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**Members Present:** Cllr. Enda Bonner  
Cllr. Pearse Doherty  
Cllr. Terence Slowey  
Cllr. Brian Ó Domhnaill  
Cllr. David Alcorn  
Cllr. Pádraig Doherty

**Officials in Attendance:**

Charles Sweeney-Community & Enterprise Development Officer  
John Gallagher- Area Manager, Water & Environment  
Paul McGill-Area Manager, Housing & Building  
Brendan Mc Fadden-Area Manager, Roads & Transportation  
Virginia McLoone-Area Manager, Corporate Services  
Michael Rowsome-SSO, Corporate Services  
Eunan Quinn-Area Manager, Planning & Economic Development  
Garry Martin-Divisional Manager, Community Culture & Enterprise Unit  
Anne McGeever-Youth Council Coordinator  
Sara Doherty-Youth Councillor

#### **GEA 103/05 ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

On the proposal of Cllr Terence Slowey, seconded by Cllr David Alcorn, Cllr Pádraig Doherty was elected to the position of Chairperson of the Glenties Electoral Area Committee.

#### **GEA 104/05 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2005**

On the proposal of Cllr Pearse Doherty, seconded by Cllr Terence Slowey, the minutes of meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2005 were agreed.

## **PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **GEA 105/05 PLANNING REFUSALS**

The Committee discussed the report circulated with the agenda in relation to planning refusals during the period from 27<sup>th</sup> April 05 to 29<sup>th</sup> June 05.

Cllr Pearse Doherty expressed his annoyance that the council had failed to address difficulties experienced by an applicant attempting to obtain planning permission on the Cronaguiggy Road.

The Road & Housing Managers agreed to address this issue.

### **GEA 106/05 PLANNING STATISTICS**

Members noted the reports circulated previously and at the meeting, outlining planning statistics for the Glenties Eletoral Area.

### **GEA 107/05 UPDATE ON DUNGLOE LOCAL AREA PLAN**

The Manager updated the Committee on proposals for the arrangement of a workshop in relation to the Dungloe Local Area Plan and he replied to Members queries in relation to the designation of facilities for the Dungloe Boxing Club.

### **GEA 108/05 LOCAL AREA PLANNING PROGRAMME**

On the proposal of Cllr Enda Bonner, seconded by Cllr David Alcorn, the Committee agreed the priority list of villages/settlements to be the subject of Local Area Plans, as circulated with the agenda.

In response to a query from Cllr Pádraig Doherty, the Area Manager advised the Committee that Colin Fulcher is engaged in the preparation of a planning strategy for offshore Islands.

### **GEA 109/05 QUARRY REGISTRATION**

The Area Planning Manager undertook to circulate members with a list of all applications processed to date.

### **GEA 110/05 CASUAL TRADING**

Cllr Pearse Doherty requested the Council to provide street traders with permits to enable them to operate until casual trading areas are designated.

## **GEA 111/05 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 111.1** The Area Manager circulated a report at the meeting outlining:-
- (a) Consultation undertaken in respect of the Draft County Development Plan
  - (b) Status of S.I. Housing applications
  - (c) Recruitment of 2 no.additional employees.

Cllr Pádraig Doherty requested the Planning Service to organise a public meeting in the Gweedore area to ascertain the views of the Gaeltacht community in relation to the Draft County Development Plan.

## **111.2 VILLAGE RENEWAL WORKS AT BUNBEG & DERRYBEG**

The Committee expressed dissatisfaction at the Councils failure to comprehensively address outstanding project issues raised by Coiste Mhuire. The Area Manager agreed to liase with the Director of Planning in this regard.

## **WATER, ENVIRONMENT & EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **GEA 112/05 MAJOR CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

The Committee discussed the report circulated with the agenda outlining the status of the Water and Sewerage Services Investment Programme 2004-2006. Cllr Pearse Doherty requested Council officials to respond to question raised by the local Committee in relation to the Gweedore Sewerage Scheme EIS. The Area Manager responded to concerns regarding the lack of progress with this project and advised Members that steering group meetings are regularly held to advance the project.

### **GEA 113/05 SMALL CAPITAL SCHEMES PROGRAMME**

The Committee discussed the report circulated with the agenda detailing the status of the Small Capital Schemes Programme and requested a report on water quality in the Fintown area.

### **GEA 114/05 GROUP SCHEMES**

Members discussed the report previously circulated and the Area Manager responded to queries in respect of Group Water Schemes.

### **GEA 115/05 PRIVATE GROUP SCHEMES**

The Committee noted the report circulated with the Agenda in respect of schemes at Tully, Lettercaugh, Meenamara, Meenalough and Meenabool.

### **GEA 116/05 ARDARA SEREWAGE SCHEME**

Members noted the report previously circulated outlining the status of the Ardara Sewerage Scheme.

### **GEA 117/05 REPLACEMENT PUMPS IN GORTAHORK & CREESLOUGH**

The Committee noted the report circulated with the agenda.

## **GEA 118/05 GORTAHORK WATER SUPPLY RESULTS**

The Committee welcomed the water quality test results as outlined in the report circulated with the agenda.

## **GEA 119/05 MEENABOLL LANDFILL**

The Committee discussed the report previously circulated and requested a more comprehensive report from the Senior Executive Chemist, to respond to questions raised by the local community.

Cllr Bonner expressed his annoyance that developments in relation to this issue are reported in the media prior to Members being updated by Council officials.

## **GEA 120/05 ILLEGAL DUMPING**

Members discussed the photographic evidence of illegal dumping circulated with the agenda and requested the Environment Service to prosecute offenders.

The Committee were also of the opinion that publication of offenders names in the local press would act as a deterrent in this regard.

## **GEA 121/05 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **121.1 BOTTLE BANKS – GWEEDORE**

Cllr Pearse Doherty requested the affixing of a ‘Cans Only’ label to the can bank and the emptying of the banks on a regular basis to prevent dumping in the vicinity of this location.

### **121.2 CIVIC AMENITY SITES**

In response to queries from the Committee regarding the urgent need for civic amenity sites in the Glenties Electorate Area, the Area Manager advised Members that an application for funding has been submitted to the DOE for a site in the Dungloe area.

## **HOUSING & BUILDING PROGRAMME**

### **GEA 122/05 PROGRESS REPORT – HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Members discussed the report circulated with the agenda in respect of progress on the Housing Capital Programme during the period to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

The Area Housing Manager informed Members of expected completion dates for schemes at Glenties, Ardara, Meenanillar, Gortahork and Annagry.

In response to criticism of the delayed commencement of the Doochary Scheme, the Area Manager informed Members that the Developer will begin work on completion of the Glenties Scheme.

### **GEA 123/05 PROGRESS REPORT – SOCIAL HOUSING**

The Committee discussed the reports circulated with the agenda in relation to social housing. Members requested that the S.I. report be updated & amended so that progress can be monitored.

Cllr Slowey requested the Council to expedite the processing of DPG & ERG applications.

Cllr Ó Domhnaill advised the Committee of the capacity of Donegal Timber Homes to provide S.I. housing on a competitive basis in an extremely short period of time. The Area Manager agreed to liaise with Housing Construction in this regard.

### **GEA 124/05 CASUAL VACANCIES**

The Committee noted the report circulated with the agenda listing casual vacancies at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

### **GEA 125/05 CENTRAL HEATING PROGRAMME**

The Area Manager updated Members on the status of this programme and following the circulation of details to Members, he expected that work would commence as quickly as possible.

### **GEA 126/05 REMEDIAL REGENERATION WORKS**

The Area Manager informed the Committee that a response was awaited from the Department in respect of the Council's submission for funding.

## CORPORATE SERVICES

### **GEA 127/05 REQUEST FOR DEPUTATION**

The Committee discussed correspondence received from Coiste Forbartha Chroithshlí and Togra Gleann Gaoth Barra requesting a meeting with the Glenties Electoral Area Committee.

The Area Manager also informed Members that Forbairt na Rossann and Loughanure Tidy Towns Committee were also seeking similar meetings.

On the proposal of Cllr Alcorn seconded by Cllr Ó'Domhnaill, the Committee agreed to receive the 4 deputations on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September in accordance with the protocol agreed for meeting Community groups.

**GEA 128/05 REPRESENTATION FROM DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL**

Ms Sara Doherty, Youth Councillor for the Glenties Electoral Area, circulated a report and made presentation to members detailing activities undertaken by Youth Councillors.

The Committee thanked both Ms Doherty for her presentation and Anne McGeever, Youth Council Co-Ordinator for her efforts in promoting the work of the Youth Council during her employment with Donegal County Council.

**GEA 129/05 TOURISM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT**

Garry Martin Divisional Manager, made a presentation to Members in relation to the role of the Council in directly supporting tourism in Donegal.

Issues covered in the presentation were as follows;

- Summary of Council's Role in supporting Tourism in the County
- Review of Investment in 2005 by the Council
- Recent Reviews & Studies
- Ongoing Role of North West Tourism and Donegal Tourism Ltd.
- Key Issues going forward
- Initial Feedback for Tourism Workshop scheduled for September 2005.

Members were requested to forward any suggestions to the Community & Enterprise Unit.

**GEA 130/05 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

Members discussed the report previously circulated.

Cllr Slowey congratulated the Community & Enterprise Development Officer for his assistance to the Glenties Tidy Towns Committee in advance of adjudication on the Entente Florale competition.

**GEA 131/05 FUNDING UPDATE**

The Committee noted the report circulated with the agenda.

**GEA 132/05 INTER ORGANISATIONAL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee noted the report circulated with the agenda outlining the status of Inter Organisational Local Development Projects.

## **GEA 133/05 COUNTY STRATEGY**

Members noted the report previously circulated listing ongoing activity.

## **GEA 134/05 RESEARCH AND POLICY**

The Committee noted the report previously circulated in relation to the above matter.

## **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION**

### **GEA 135/05 RECENT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS**

The Committee welcomed the reports circulated with the agenda in respect of funding allocations for;

1. Strategic Gaeltacht Roads 2005
2. Clár/Coillte Forestry Access Roads/Bridges 2005
3. Grant Allocations for L.I.S 2005
4. Scéim na mBóithre Aise 2005

### **GEA 136/05 2006 – 2008 MULTI ANNUAL RESTORATION PROGRAMME**

The Committee noted the report circulated with the agenda from the Assistant Principal, Roads & Local Services Section.

The Area Manager requested Members to submit a prioritised list of restoration improvement works to be carried out over the 2006-2008 period prior to the Workshop on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

### **GEA 137/05 EU CO-FINANCED DRAFT PRIORITY LIST 2005**

The Committee discussed the Draft Priority List 2005 circulated with the agenda. The Area Manager agreed to discuss the Priority list at the September Workshop.

### **GEA 138/05 D.O.E APPROVED IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES**

The Committee discussed the report circulated at the meeting listing the distribution of funding in Donegal.

On the proposal of Cllr Alcorn, seconded by Cllr Slowey it was agreed that funding in the sum of €86,000 be expended on the Sheskinarone Road.

### **GEA 139/05 ROAD MAINTENCE**

**139.1** The Committee requested the installation of extra litter- bins in Burtonport, Dungloe and Arranmore to cope with the additional litter generated during festival events.

**139.2** The Area Manager responded to Members concerns regarding road maintenance requirements at various locations throughout the electoral area.

**This concluded the business of the meeting.**