

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16TH NOVEMBER, 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
Frank McGrogan, Sail West Project 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
Jim McLaughlin, Executive Engineer
Damian McDermott, Senior Executive Engineer, N.R.D.O.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services:

Con McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer/Area Manager
Paul Kilcoyne, Senior Engineer
John McElwaine, A/Senior Executive Engineer

Apologies

Seamus Canning, Town Clerk

10/45

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN
ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
14TH SEPTEMBER, 2010**

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr John Ryan, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September, 2010 were agreed.

46.01 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th September, 2010.

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46.02 Boreholes at Culdaff

Cllr Bernard McGuinness raised a query in relation to the lime content in the water supply at Culdaff and suggesting it is causing problems with equipment burning out and having to be replaced at the customers' own expense.

Con McLaughlin advised that the lime content and the hardness of the water in Culdaff is natural occurring and that it meets the EU Drinking Water Standards, and as a result it is considered that there is no water quality issue. He went on to note that improvements had already been made at Culdaff and that he didn't think that anything more can be done to improve this problem. He did add that the longer term strategy was to replace that source but this was further down the road.

46.03 East Inishowen Water Scheme

Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn queried if the supply to the East Inishowen Water Scheme is now sufficient and that people in that area will not experience the problems caused by the severe winter of last year.

Con McLaughlin responded that some improvements have already been carried out in this area which has helped the situation at Iskaheen area. He also noted that that additional RAL funding (from the DoEHLG) has now been received to fund a number of projects which includes Burnfoot, and this in turn will further help the supply to the Muff area.

46.04 Buncrana Town Council Motions

Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn advised the meeting that at the last meeting of Buncrana Town Council a number of motions were passed, namely:

- 1) That Donegal County Council put a container in Buncrana to help with the disposal of large items such as televisions, washing machines etc.
- 2) That this Council call on Donegal County Council to submit an immediate application so that Lough Swilly is considered for Ramsar status.

Con McLaughlin advised that he understood that a recycle container was already in place in Buncrana, which Cllr Donaghey confirmed. He will check position regarding Ramsar status.

46.05 Gleneely Water Scheme

Cllr Charlie McConalogue advised that there is also an issue with the lime content in the water in the Gleneely area, with the condition having deteriorated recently. It is putting people in the area under hardship as they are having to replace electrical equipment frequently at their own expense.

Con McLaughlin again indicated that this is natural line from the groundwater source. He went on to note that it is the council intention to connect Gleneely to the Carndonagh water supply, possibly next year.

46.06 Movice/Greencastle S.S.

Cllr Mickey Doherty on behalf of the Committee welcomed Paul Kilcoyne and John Mc Elwaine from Capital Section and the residents from Movice/Greencastle to the meeting.

Paul Kilcoyne advised that they would respond to the issues raised at the previous meeting focussing principally on the current live processes and other recent matters in the public domain. The queries raised at the previous meeting of the IEAC were:

- 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 Pleanála in February?
- When was scheme likely to commence?

John Mc Elwaine then gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the E.I.A. & C.P.O. Process for the project:

1. Proposal included an 8,800 P.E. Tertiary W.W.T.W., 4 no. Pumping Stations and associated overflow pipes, Treated Effluent Outfall Pipe into Lough Foyle
2. Estimated Cost €14.8m(2006)
3. DCC applied to An Bord Pleanala in October 2008 for approval of the E.I.S. & C.P.O.
4. Public Participation Process was outlined including presentations, meetings/correspondence with Statutory and Non Statutory Bodies
5. E.I.S. was published. E.I.S. examines: the existing environment, alternatives considered, describes the likely significant effects, proposes mitigation measures, describes residential impacts and describes monitoring for these.
6. An Bord Pleanala held an Oral Hearing in June 2009
7. Submissions received by An Bord Pleanala in relation to the development in particular from the Loughs Agency.
8. For the initial treated effluent concentration of 50,000 C.F.U./100ml modelling carried out on the Councils behalf demonstrated that there were no instances of concentrations in excess of Blue Flag bathing Water standard (100C.F.U./100ml) occurring in the receiving waters outside the immediate mixing zone around the discharge. However the Loughs Agency highlighted their desire that the effluent be disinfected to such a level that the possibility of Shellsan Class A (14 C.F.U./100ml) could be met in the whole of Lough Foyle.
9. Council proposed at the Oral Hearing a change of the treated effluent concentration for faecal coliforms of 50,000 C.F.U./100ml to 2,000 C.F.U./100ml to alleviate any concerns the Loughs Agency had. Modern UV Disinfection Plant will typically achieve this concentration level provided there is good process control of the rest of the treatment units.
10. For the revised treated effluent concentration of 2,000 C.F.U./100ml modelling demonstrated that there were no instances of concentrations in excess of the Shellsan limits for Class A Shellfish waters (14 C.F.U./100ml) occurring in the receiving waters outside the immediate mixing zone around the discharge.
11. Maps were shown of the results of the tidal modelling and mixing zone for both the 50,000 and 2,000 C.F.U./100ml cases in respect of meeting the Blue flag bathing water standard and the Shellsan Class A standards respectively.
12. An Bord Pleanala Inspector dealt in detail with Outfall Modelling and submissions from Lough Agency and Mr Mike Quinnell, Oceanographer representing the local group at the Oral Hearing.

No significant difference in Interpretation of Modelling by Council and Mike Quinnell.

13. There have been no further queries from An Bord Pleanala in relation to Outfall Modelling
14. An Bord Pleanala queried a number of issues in February 2010 in relation to a broad overview of the sewerage network, Glenburnie P.S., Ground Conditions and justification of the proposed choice of configuration of P.S. and W.W.T.P.
15. Response issued to An Bord Pleanala in March 2010
16. An Bord Pleanala asked for more detailed information in July 2010 in relation to response given in relation to Ground Conditions and justification of the proposed choice of configuration of P.S. and W.W.T.P.
17. Council engaged a Site Investigation Contractor to collect information required by An Bord Pleanala and it expects that J.B. Barry Ltd, Consultants will respond by 24th November 2010
18. An Bord Pleanala can then further consider the proposed development
19. Scheme is included as Scheme for Planning in Water Services Investment Programme 2010-2012

The Costs incurred to date on the Project are as follows:

Preliminary Report (includes Site Selection)	€200,000
Outfall Modelling	€140,000
E.I.S./C.P.O.	€341,000
An Bord Pleanala Fee	€100,000
Oral Hearing	€278,000
Miscellaneous	€53,000

Total €1,112,000

Other Matters

It was considered as part of the process to locate the Outfall Pipe outside the Lough and an assessment was carried out.

The members then thanked Paul and John for the presentation and raised some further questions and made some observations/comments:

Cllr Padraig Mac Lochlainn

Disputed statement that there was no significant difference in interpretation of modelling results by the Council and Mike Quinnell as he felt that Mike Quinnell proved effluent would come back on shore so modelling prepared for the Council was fundamentally flawed.

Displayed map indicating that the measured flow direction for a flood tide to be 30 degrees different to that modelled.

Claimed that E.P.A. is on record that existing modelling is obsolete.

Asked if further modelling was required for reduced treated effluent concentration of 2,000 C.F.U./100ml

Suggested that the decision made to reduce treated effluent concentration from 50,000 C.F.U./100ml to 2,000 C.F.U./100ml was solely as a result of Mike Quinnell's evidence at the oral hearing?

Suggested that the outfall modelling had been a waste of money.

Claimed that outfall was to be 650m but reduced to 300m due to shipping lane.

When did Loughs Agency make submission on Shellsan?

Cllr Mc Guinness had motion passed to have outfall extended north of Greencastle.

Advised that this was not economically viable.

He understand that modelling carried out in 1990 was challenged as it showed that there would be a shoreward drift

Requested timeline of events for project.

Process from 2004 to 2010 should be independently investigated

Requested breakdown of €278,000 spent on Oral Hearing

Support independent Investigation of process from 2002 to 2010

Understand that current proposal was the majority view of members of the last Council.

Cllr Martin Farren

Moville/Greencastle needs a sewerage scheme

Never any proper consultation in the area, unacceptable how it was handled

Suggested that the advancement of the scheme had been handled badly and unprofessionally

Has concerns about the length of the Outfall Pipe and that Mike Quinnell had demonstrated that effluent would come back on shore

Understood that it had been agreed that there would not be a P.S. in Glenburnie

Will overflow pipes discharge untreated effluent?

Can vote be taken to investigate Site Selection Process?

Independent investigation required.

Cllr Charlie Mc McConalogue

How proposed site for the WWTW was arrived at is a problem for residents
Residents feel that there was never proper consultation and that they
have not been treated fairly

Questions raised need to be answered

Were there changes of staff during the process and what officials have
been dealing with the scheme since the start?

Different interpretations on the modelling results by two experts need to
be clarified

Is Mike Quinnell correct/is Council wrong? Clarification required.

Has modelling that was done previously demonstrated different results?

Is current modelling accurate?

Clarification required on effluent concentration and why it was reduced.

Was the reduced effluent concentration not achievable initially?

Is Blue Flag limit 100C.F.U./100ml?

In event of malfunction of WWTW will effluent discharge directly into
the Lough?

Require breakdown of €278,000 spent on the Oral Hearing

Need to exhaust all options before we seek an Independent Investigation

Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness

Motion passed in 1990 and again in 2007 to locate outfall outside the
Lough.

Council executive steamrolled this scheme on their own

Was advised previously that it would cost €400,000 to extend outfall
outside the Lough.

At what three locations was modelling carried out?

Proposed Council write letter to An Bord Pleanála supporting to An
Taisce's letter dated 27th August 2010

Outfall should be located outside the Lough.

Queried 150m-site buffer and 100m above sea level limit.

An Taisce letter should have been circulated to members.

Cllr John Ryan

Why were motions to locate outfall outside the Lough ignored?

Council executive went on a solo run on this scheme.

Were members aware of this?

Gross misuse of public funds on project.

Concerned about amount of money spent on the scheme and that C.F.U.
figure was reduced

Outfall should be located outside the Lough.

How much of money spent so far has been wasted?

Moville/Greencastle in dire need of a sewerage scheme.

Cllr Mickey Doherty

Why was treated effluent concentration not 2,000 C.F.U./100ml from start of process?

Was consideration given to locating outfall outside the Lough and was this option costed?

Paul Kilcoyne replied by advising that they had dealt with most issues raised at the previous meetings and that they will address any further queries.

County Manager had dealt with a lot of these issues at Council Meeting in 2007/ 2008, which discussed when the current live application should be lodged with An Bord Pleanala to determine if it was a valid and viable scheme.

Presentation made by John Mc Elwaine had dealt with a lot of the issues again.

He advised that John and himself have been involved in the scheme since 2004.

He also advised that the modelling was carried out by experts and is valid. A technical proposal to reduce the effluent concentration was made at the Oral Hearing to address matters raised by the Loughs Agency. Council has had no correspondence from An Bord Pleanala to suggest that modelling was defective in any way.

He was not aware of proposal to locate outfall 600m from shore

The modelling report is not obsolete and work carried out was not wasted. It is not usual to circulate all observations received to the members however they are all on public record.

He does not accept Cllr Mac Lochlainn's position that money was wasted, or that the EPA considered the modelling was obsolete.

He stated that he did not know how the Council could write letter to An Bord Pleanala supporting to An Taisce's letter dated 27th August 2010 given that the Council was the applicant for the proposed development.

John Mc Elwaine advised that Council has applied to the E.P.A. for a Wastewater Discharge Licence for the existing agglomeration, which contains details on the existing situation, and how the Council proposes to remedy the situation through the proposed scheme.

Limit of 50,000 C.F.U./100ml came about, as it was quite easily achievable.

The E.P.A. have asked for clarification on the proposal to reduce treated effluent concentration from 50,000 C.F.U./100ml to 2,000 C.F.U./100ml. Council have advised E.P.A. that the E.I.S. is currently being considered by An Bord Pleanala.

Vast majority of Lough Foyle achieves Shellsans limits and Loughs Agency wanted whole Lough to achieve this standard.

The An Taisce letter quotes Mike Quinnell report to the Oral Hearing. An Bord Pleanala will make an independent assessment of the proposal.

After some further discussion the members agreed to seek a meeting with the County Manager to express their concerns to him and to request that the application for approval of the current scheme be withdrawn from An Bord Pleanala/suspended pending an independent investigation of the process from 2000 to 2010.

The residents from Movice/Greencastle left the meeting at this stage.

46.07 Malin S.S.

Cllr Mickey Doherty raised letter he had received from Malin Development Association detailing the following snagging list of issues regarding the new Malin S.S. that they would like addressed.

John Mc Elwaine advised the Committee that he had looked into each of the issues raised by the Malin Development Association and responded as follows.

1 Riverbank at Millbrook Estate

This is on the snagging list for rectification by the contractor.

2 Car Park at St Patrick's Hall

This is a private issue that has not been affected by the Sewerage Scheme. Contractor made a private arrangement to use the car park and it had nothing to do with the Council. Hall was connected to the sewer.

3 Boundary Wall

Efforts were made by the Council's contractor to repair this wall, but the landowner stopped it. Council were not aware that it is in a dangerous condition and are investigating further.

4 Connections to Malin Sewerage Scheme

The main objective of the Malin S.S. was to provide the municipal sewer; connections were only made to those whose land D.C.C. went through. It was agreed that if residents concerned made applications to the Council to connect to the sewer that the Council would accommodate them and that Council staff will advise residents of nearest connection point.

He also noted that there may be road drainage connected to the discharge at Toner's Corner, but there is no foul sewage discharging at that location.

5. Culdaff Road Development

This sewer was not included in the Malin S.S. and was therefore not constructed.

Cllr Mc Guinness requested that consideration be given to extending the sewer at this location, as the developer involved was not responding. It was noted that Planning are considering enforcement proceedings with that developer.

It was agreed that John Mc Elwaine would confirm the response given to Cllr Doherty on the matter.

47.01 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th September, 2010.

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September, 2010 were agreed.

47.02 Community, Cultural and Enterprise Services Report

The Committee considered the report that was circulated with the agenda.

47.03 Community Consultation & Liaison

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that the lights have been switched on at the Mini Pitch at Ard Killbride and the local group are working in co-operation with the Council to manage the pitch.

The woodland area at Barrack Hill has been cleaned and winter proofed.

47.04 Interreg 4A - Smart Region Project.

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that she is working in co operation with relevant C.D.B. stakeholders and Derry City Council on an application that addresses the Broadband gaps and market potential of Project Kelvin to the relevant players.

47.05 Joint Policing Committee

The Committee was informed that a meeting took place on 8th October, 2010. Reports were presented by Road Safety Report Group, Anti Social Behaviour Report by Patsy Lafferty and Crime Figures and Policing Plan 2011 by An Garda Síochána.

47.06 Donegal Film Office

C & E are working with Public Art/Cinemagic/L.Y.I.T. and Film Office to profile Project Kelvin.

Film to be shot in Inishowen in January 2011. 70-100 cast and crew will stay in the area for four weeks.

47.07 Issue 9 - Donegal - Community In Touch

The Committee was informed that the "Donegal - Community in Touch" E-Zine arose from the Donegal Diaspora Project. Through this project Donegal is connecting with people in all parts of the world who have connection or interested in Donegal. The ninth edition was published in October. If any Member wished to add anyone who would be interested in

receiving the E-Zine or submit an article to contact Maria Ferguson or Roisin McBride.

47.08 Peace III

43 small grants awarded to a value of €1,0171,355. 26 projects have made claims to date to a value of €369,870.

14 Strategic Grants have been awarded to a value of €560,780. 10 projects have made claims to date to a value of €296,118.

47.09 Donegal Youth Elections

The Committee were informed that the Donegal Youth Elections were held and 36 new Youth Councillors have been elected from 56 candidates that stood for election.

47.10 Cultural Diversity Programme of Activities

The Committee were informed of the list of activities ongoing under the Cultural Diversity Programme as listed in the report circulated with the Agenda - Page 38-39.

47.11 Archives

The Committee were informed of the GAA in Donegal - A History & Archive which will be launched in January 2011 and the St Conal's Hospital Exhibition which will take place in December and January next in the County Museum. The Project is being funded by the Heritage Council.

47.12 Promotion of Grianan Of Aileach

The Members were advised that an inter agency meeting regarding the promotion of Grianan of Aileach was held on 30th September 2010 in the County Museum. A booklet entitled "The Grianan of Aileach, County Donegal - National Monument No. 140 will be available for sale. Improved signage will be provided in Spring 2011. Grianan will be included in O.P.W. and Failte Ireland publications, vehicle and visitor counter to be installed.

Committee requested that Heritage Officer email Progress Report on Audit of Heritage Signs to IEAC Members

47.13 Burt Castle

The Committee requested that Heritage Officer circulate Progress Report on Burt Castle to IEAC Members.

47.14 Follow Ups from C.D.B. Meeting held on 7th September 2010

Aideen Doherty referred to follow ups from C.D.B. Meeting held on the 7th September 2010 that were included in the report.

47.15 Ferries Report

Members agreed that a full report on the operation of the ferries be circulated at the next meeting of the Full Council.

The Chairman, Cllr Mickey Doherty, on behalf of the Committee, welcomed Frank McGrogan, Project Manager, to the meeting.

Frank McGrogan thanked the Members for allowing him the time to make his presentation at the meeting. Frank McGrogan advised that the project has been awarded €7,025,146 from INTERREG IVA and that the project was formally launched in Donegal Town in Spring of 2010. Donegal County Council is the "lead" administrative project partner, with 20no. partners from across the Republic of Ireland, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Frank McGrogan further advised that the project aims are:

- 1) To provide a cohesive marine leisure development strategy for the North West which links Donegal, the maritime counties of Northern Ireland and the West coast of Scotland.
- 2) To encourage the development of marine tourism across the entire region.

Members were advised that there are 4no. sailing zones in Scotland, with the Clyde and West zones being closest to Donegal, together these two zones account for 90% of the berths available in Scotland. Likewise sailing is estimated to be worth circa £250m per year to the Scottish economy. Approved capital and feasibility sub-Projects approved for the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland include:

- Bunagee Boat Station, Culdaff - €1.6m
- Foyle Access Study - €34k
- Portrush Harbour study - €168k
- Shore based facilities at Ballycastle - €696k

Frank McGrogan also advised of the key existing marinas in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and also the number of berths at each location. Key diving spots, sea angling and whale and dolphing watching sites were also outlined. Members were also advised of some of the historic and forthcoming key maritime events likely to be supported under Sail West which include:

- Laser World Championships - Largs 2010
- European Surfing Championships 2011 - Bundoran
- Fireball International 2011 - Sligo
- Tall Ships - Greenock/Campbeltown 2011
- Clipper Round the World Yacht Race 2012 - Derry

The key marketing objectives of the Sail West Project were also outlined to Members which include:

- Attracting new marine leisure visitors from outside the Sail West area.
- Encouraging a greater flow of marine leisure visitors within the Sail West area.
- Encouraging residents to participate in marine-leisure activities throughout the Sail West area.
- Promoting existing linkages, both cultural and physical, among the Sail West regions.

Frank McGrogan concluded his presentation by advising of the next steps in the marketing and implementation the the plan, i.e.

- Engage with all partners in the development and completion of the marketing plan.
- Ongoing planning/implementation of all approved sub-projects in line with SEUPB requirements.

Members unanimously congratulated Frank McGrogan on his excellent presentation.

Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn expressed his concern that owners of Fahan Marina had not been consulted in the drawing up of this project. He also noted that a recent High Court ruling has already been taken and won by the Fahan Marina versus the Dept of the Marine. Cllr MacLochlainn further advised that the Fahan Marina were currently seeking legal advise/help and requested that the Management Team, together with the Sail West Project consider entering into negotiations with Fahan Marina as a matter of urgency. Mr McGrogan highlighted that the project was the subject of an ongoing Freedom of Information enquiry recently submitted to Council by Fahan Marina.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested clarification if there had been private consultation with marina operators as part of the consultation process.

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Charlie McConologue, it was agreed that a Workshop be organised on how tourism in Inishowen can benefit from the Clipper Challenge in the Spring of 2011

Frank McGrogan left the meeting.

49.01 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th September, 2010.

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September, 2010 were agreed.

49.02 Follow Up Report on Matters Arising

Members considered the report as circulated by Paul Kelly at the meeting, in relation to the following:-

- Update on the status of the proposed variation to the Wind Energy policy in the County Development Plan, 2006 - 2012 (as varied)
- Investigation of complaints regarding the omission of dust from Roadstone Quarries at Carndonagh.

It was agreed that the problems caused by dust omission from Roadstone Quarries at Magherard, Carndonagh, continue to be investigated.

49.03 Planning Application in Moville

Cllr Mickey Doherty queried the excessive car parking charges levied on a recent planning application granted in respect of a change of use from a domestic dwelling to a hairdressers in Moville. Paul Kelly advised the charges are imposed in accordance with the conditions of the County Development Scheme, however, agreed to review the charges on receipt of a submission from the applicant.

49.04 Three Glens Glenagivney Group

Cllr Bernard McGuinness advised that the Three Glens Glenagivney Group, who are a community group, have been requested to make 7no. applications in respect of the erection of 7no. tourist signs at the cost of €45 per application. Cllr McGuinness queried if a community group could be considered as exempt from having to pay the fees involved given the fact of the good work which they are doing. Paul Kelly advised that there is a procedure involved in the erection of signage and agreed to discuss this matter further with Cllr McGuinness.

49.05 Dust from Roadstone Quarries

Paul Kelly advised the Committee that there is a condition on the planning permission in relation to dust levels and dust monitoring and it would appear that the development is operating in non-conformity with this

permission. Plan.Reg.No. 05/4669 and Condition No.8 refer. He will arrange to open an Unauthorised Development File on this and arrange for investigation and enforcement as necessary.

The Laboratory have also investigated and have reported that in the current wet & changeable weather, and given the low level of activity, there is unlikely to be a significant issue with dust from these facilities

It is also clear that the company was operating to an EPA standard. Laboratory have written to the company formally inform them that the limits relevant to these two Inishowen facilities are those quoted in the relevant Planning Permission, and that they will be required to implement an action programme designed to ensure compliance with same at all times, including dry, summer conditions, since their dust monitoring data has shown exceedances, (which substantiate the complaint that dust has been a problem in the recent past).

Analysis of samples of the discharging effluent has shown the quarries to be in compliance with conditions in their licence to discharge to waters.

The issue of trucks arriving at or leaving the site is primarily related to noise pollution and has been addressed by the company.

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On the proposal of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September, 2010 were agreed.

50.02 Various Issues

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

50.03 Affordable Housing

Patsy Lafferty advised Members that all units at Elm Park have now been sold with only 1no. remaining to be sold at Gort na mBó, Buncrana. It is anticipated that this one will be offered shortly.

2no. dwellings have been sold at Carndonagh, and 1no. is currently in the process of being sold. There are still 2no. units available for sale at Carndonagh.

50.04 Social Housing

Patsy Lafferty informed Members that applications received under the Leasing Initiative are being assessed on an ongoing basis by the Housing Construction Department. It is expected that a number will be approved in the coming months and Members will be updated at the time of approval.

Members were also advised that the scheme of 12no. units currently under construction at Newtowncunningham is approximately 40% complete. The completion date for this scheme being September, 2011. Also, 2no. S.I. Houses which are under construction at present are approximately 30% complete.

3no. extensions have also been completed recently.

50.05 Remedial Works/Regeneration Programme 2010

Patsy Lafferty updated Members in relation to the remedial works/regeneration programme for 2010:

Grove Cottages, Muff - Stage 1 completed

Moville/Greencastle - Stage 2 completed

Carndonagh - prices to be obtained for stage 3 shortly.

50.06 Rented Stock

Members were advised that an allocation has been received from the Department to carry out works to improve the standard of the Council's rented stock, with specific reference to safety and security. As the allocation must be spent by the end of the year, some of the older S.I. dwellings have been selected initially with a view to installing new windows, doors and heat detectors.

50.07 Long Term Leasing

Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn expressed his concern in regard to Long Term Leasing. Cllr MacLochlainn advised that it would be more preferable now to buy houses as opposed to long term leasing given the economic climate we are currently in. Cllr Mickey Doherty agreed with Cllr Mac Lochlainn's comments and stated that this matter needs to be addressed.

50.08 Incremental Purchase Scheme

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his concern and dissatisfaction in relation to letters which issued to tenants recently advising that the current Tenant Purchase Scheme will be replaced by an Incremental Purchase Scheme in 2012. However, the letter failed to provide tenants with details of the proposed new scheme.

Patsy Lafferty responded that the existing Tenant Purchase Scheme will cease in 2012, however, the criteria for the new scheme has not yet been received from the Department. Details should be available well in advance of the new Incremental Purchase Scheme commencing.

50.09 Erection of S.I. Houses

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that the Council promote the erection of S.I. houses as opposed to providing Scheme houses.

50.10 Tidy Estates Competition

In response to a query from Cllr Micky Doherty as to how the Tidy Estates Competition is assessed, Patsy Lafferty advised that there is a number of staff involved in the assessment and there is a set criteria which must be met.

51.01 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th September, 2010.

On the proposal of Cllr John Ryan, seconded by Cllr Charlie McConalogue, the minutes of the meeting held on 14th September, 2010 were agreed.

51.02 Cockhill Bridge

Stephen Flynn advised Members of the response received from the N.R.A. in relation to Members' request that the N.R.A. Inspector attend an Inishowen Electoral Area Committee Meeting to discuss the advancement of works on Cockhill Bridge.

The response stated that the NRA having no function in the disbursement of grants for Non National Roads only in the technical assessment of projects.

The Senior Engineer, Roads has been in discussions with the Senior Inspector of the Department of Transport. The Senior Inspector has advised the following:

1. The Department anticipate that there will be reduced funding for specific projects in 2011.
2. It is a matter for the Council to prioritise projects for funding within the allocations and applications.
3. It would be very unusual for the Department of Transport to participate in Council Meetings. The Department could, if requested, assist in the adjudication of projects for the county where a number of conflicting priorities arise".

Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn queried the special fund made available to the Mulroy Bridge and requested that the same special fund be made available for the Cockhill Bridge. Cllr MacLochlainn advised that Inishowen is now included in the "Gateway Triangle" and requested parity for Cockhill.

In response to a query from Cllr Bernard McGuinness, Stephen Flynn confirmed that the sum of €50,000 had been provided by the NRA for the Letterkenny bridge, this money would be spent on completing a site investigation.

Members unanimously expressed their dissatisfaction at the lack of parity between the Letterkenny Bridge and the Cockhill Bridge and requested that the Cockhill Bridge be progressed in parallel with the Letterkenny Bridge.

Members also requested clarification as to how the Mulroy Bridge was delivered. Stephen Flynn advised the Committee that the Department of Transport is responsible for overall grant allocation for Non-National Roads including Cockhill Bridge and that the N.R.A. are responsible for the allocations for National Roads including the N56. These latter roads are dealt with in the National Development Plan.

Stephen Flynn further advised that design tender documents have been sent to the Department for Cockhill Bridge and are still awaiting a reply.

51.03 A5 Dual Carriageway

Cllr Charlie McConalogue requested that a letter issue from the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee to the Minister for Transport restating the importance of the development of the A5 Dual Carriageway. This letter to issue prior to the Budget.

51.04 Station Road, Carndonagh.

Stephen Flynn outlined to Members the two design options showing the installation of a Pedestrian Refuge at Station Road, Carndonagh

It was agreed that a Pedestrian Refuge at the Station Road junction be provided initially, with the provision of lights to be evaluated and kept under review.

51.05 Wesley Hall

Stephen Flynn advised Members that in order to carry out further improvement works at Wesley Hall, it is necessary to meet with the landowner to progress the acquisition of land for the footpath at Wesley Hall. The landowner had made contact with the Council and a meeting would be arranged.

51.06 Newtowncunningham

Stephen Flynn agreed to circulate a Road Safety Report on Newtowncunningham to Cllr John Ryan and Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn when completed, following a meeting with area staff and the Road Safety Engineer.

51.07 Merville One-Way Traffic System

Stephen Flynn advised the Committee of a Feasibility Report which has been completed detailing the options available in relation to the provision of a one-way traffic system in Merville. It was proposed that Road Design set-up a public consultation in this regard and a report to issue to

Members. At the request of Cllr Martin Farren, Stephen Flynn agreed to include the provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing in the public consultation for Moville. Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn requested that every effort must be made to ensure that the public are made aware of the consultation.

51.08 Road at Tulnaree, Carndonagh

Following a query from Cllr Bernard McGuinness in relation to the re-opening of the road and making it a one-way traffic system at Tulnaree, Stephen Flynn agreed to request a report from the Road Design Office in this regard.

51.09 Francistown Junction, Malin

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested a meeting on site with Stephen Flynn in relation to the junction at Francistown, Malin. Stephen Flynn agreed to arrange this meeting when the landowner is available.

51.10 Cooley Cross, Moville

Following a query from Cllr Martin Farren requesting directional signage for Cooley Cross, Moville, Stephen Flynn advised that this matter has been raised with Kathleen Gill who is presently considering a strategy of all locations along the Inishowen 100. It was agreed to request Kathleen Gill to contact Cllr Farren regarding 3no. directional signs for Cooley Cross.

51.11 Burnfoot Village

Both Cllr John Ryan and Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn expressed their thanks and appreciation to Stephen Flynn, Trevor Gordon and also the Design Team for the traffic management works carried out to-date in Burnfoot village. Works are a good success and will greatly improve road safety in the village.

51.12 Pedestrian Crossing in Buncrana

Following a request from Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn Stephen Flynn advised of difficulties and ineffectiveness of in providing a controlled crossing on slow moving town streets in the past.

51.13 Flooding at Greencastle

Cllr Martin Farren conveyed his thanks and appreciation to the Engineer and the staff on the ground, and also to his fellow Members for all the assistance received to alleviate the flooding problem at Greencastle.

51.14 Bus Stop/Set Down/Shelter at the Diamond, Carndonagh

Cllr Mickey Doherty raised the issue of the provision of a bus stop at the Diamond, Carndonagh. Problems are currently being experienced on the Malin Road due to delays being caused by the North-West Busways.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness noted that previous discussions had taken place in relation to the development of the old Council offices as a bus station.

Stephen Flynn advised that if Members are happy with the location at the Diamond, Carndonagh, the provision of a bus stop/bus set-down and bus shelter could be further progressed.

51.15 Road Signage for Inishowen

Stephen Flynn advised Members that the N.R.A. have a Signage Upgrade Programme in operation over the last number of years, and that draft strategies have been created for the N13 and the N14. It is anticipated that these will be reviewed in 2011. Stephen Flynn agreed to forward a copy of the Programme to Members for their comments/observations.

51.16 Three Glens Residents Association

Following a request from Cllr Bernard McGuinness, Stephen Flynn agreed to progress the completion of works as agreed with the Three Glens Residents Association.

51.17 Burt Chapel/Slab Road Junction

Cllr John Ryan advised that no report had yet been received from Stephen Lambert, Regional Road Safety Engineer, in relation to the junction at Burt Chapel. Cllr Ryan also queried if consideration should be given to making the Slab Road one-way from the Burt Chapel junction as this junction has been the subject of many severe accidents over the last number of years. He also understood that the Slab Road was too narrow for white lining. Stephen Flynn agreed to follow up this matter and to request Stephen Lambert to contact Cllr Ryan in regard to the Low Cost Accident Survey already carried out.

51.18 Tulnaree Junction

Following a query from Cllr Charlie McConalogue regarding the junction at Tulnaree, it was agreed that the recommended works at the Tulnaree junction be carried out.

51.19 Carndonagh F.C. Pitch

Members agreed that pedestrian warning signs be erected on both approaches to the Carndonagh Football Club pitch.

51.20 Carndonagh Car Park

The Committee requested that resurfacing works at Carndonagh Car Park be progressed.

51.21 Funding for 2011

Members requested that funding for both C.A.S. and County Roads be provided in 2011.

51.22 Disposal of Land at Carltown Park, Drung

Jim McLaughlin requested the Members approval to the disposal of a section of land which had been purchased from Rena McCole, who is now deceased, at Carltown Park, Drung. The legal representatives of Rena McCole have now submitted a request to have this land returned.

On the proposal of Cllr Mickey Doherty, seconded by Cllr Charlie McConalogue, it was agreed to return this land to the original owner.

Jim McLaughlin advised Members that this request would now go before the full Council as a Section 183.

51.23 National Roads

Members welcomed Damian McDermott, from the Donegal County Council National Roads Design Office, to the meeting to deal with national roads issues and specifically the Pavement Programme for 2010.

Damian McDermott updated Members in relation to road maintenance works which had been ongoing for a number of months on the main N13 Letterkenny road from Newtowncunningham to Manorcunningham. Two major pavement overlay jobs were nearing completion in the Inishowen area. There are also some localised patching works ongoing. The total outturn value of works in the EA for 2010 is estimated at €3.3m. Damian McDermott advised that Donegal County Council Supervisory staff were fully happy with the contractor and the progress of work on both main sites. All works had been satisfactory completed in a safe and efficient manner. Whilst there were delays and some disruption to business this was unavoidable insofar as ensuring safety in accordance to the current standards.

However, Members did not agree with Damian McDermott in regard to the traffic management control. Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his

dissatisfaction, speaking of his own personal experience on a number of occasions, and in particular to a night of heavy fog when there were no lights to direct traffic in a safe manner. Damian McDermott accepted that the lights problem had been an issue on one particular evening but also insisted that the matter was addressed efficiently by the contractor and in accordance with the standards. Cllr Mickey Doherty also advised that he strongly agreed with Cllr McGuinness on this issue.

Cllr John Ryan advised of how one shop owner had been down €3,000 in turnover on one morning as a result of both entrances to the shop being blocked for a period while the road works were being carried out. Cllr Ryan also noted that the quality of the road is now second to none, however, lessons need to be learned from the mistakes which have occurred. Cllr Ryan queried the possibility of major road works being carried out at night-time or during off-peak hours in an effort to alleviate future traffic problems.

Members requested that a review of existing traffic management arrangements, particularly after dark, be undertaken. Damian McDermott noted Members comments and advised that night time working has been and is used but only at specific high volume junctions and difficult locations (such as urban roundabouts).

The Chairman, Cllr Mickey Doherty, thanked Damian McDermott for attending and he then departed from the meeting.

52.01 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th September, 2010.

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren seconded by Cllr Charlie Mc Conalogue the minutes of meeting held on 14th September 2010 were agreed.

52.02 Requests for Deputations to attend IEAC Meeting

The following requests were considered and agreed:

- Request from Loughs Agency to make a presentation on Lough Foyle Native Oyster Fishery
- Request from Inishowen Tourism to give Update on Projects and Plans for 2011/2012
- Request from Carndonagh Tidy Towns for meeting with I.E.A.C.
- Request from Mary Crossan, St Johnston & Carrigans, Family Resource Centre to address I.E.A.C.

Some of deputations to be invited to attend on day of a Workshop

52.03 Buncrana Town Council Motions

Eunan Kelly advised the Committee that the following motion that had been received from Buncrana Town Council had been forwarded to County Managers Office:

"That this Council in conjunction with Donegal County Council recommence the process of extending the town boundary."

52.04 Register of Electors

The Committee was advised the Draft Register of Electors is currently being prepared and that anyone who will be 18 years old before 15th February 2011 is entitled to be included on the Draft Register.

52.04 Date for Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Inishowen Electoral Area Committee would take place in the Carndonagh P.S.C. on Tuesday 18th January 2011 commencing at 1.00 p.m.