

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18TH JULY, 2006 IN
THE CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE**

Councillors Present:

Councillor Francis Conaghan
Councillor Rena Donaghey
Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn
Councillor Marian McDonald
Councillor Denis McGonagle
Councillor Bernard McGuinness
Councillor Joe Doherty, Mayor Buncrana Town Council

Officials Present:

Community, Cultural & Enterprise Services:

Garry Martin, Divisional Manager
Richard Gibson, Acting Administrative Officer
Jeremy Smith, Trails & Walking Development Officer

Corporate Services:

Eunan Kelly, Area Manager
Marie Deeney, Staff Officer

Housing & Building Services:

Patsy Lafferty, Area Manager

Planning & Economic Development Services:

Frank Sweeney, Area Manager

Roads & Transportation Services:

Pat Gillespie, Area Manager

Water, Environment & Emergency Services:

Con McLaughlin, Area Manager

Councillor Rena Donaghey conveyed Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn, outgoing Chairperson's, apologies to the Committee. Cllr MacLochlainn was attending a radio interview and was, therefore, unable to be present for the start of the meeting.

Eunan Kelly then invited nominations for the election of Chairperson. On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Bernard McGuinness, Cllr Francis Conaghan was unanimously elected as Chairperson of the IEAC for the year 2006/2007. There were no other nominations for the position.

Councillor Francis Conaghan thanked his fellow Councillors for his election and stated that he looked forward to working with the Committee. He also offered this thanks to the outgoing Chairperson. Cllr Conaghan also welcomed Members and Officials to the meeting.

Councillor Conaghan gave a particular welcome to Cllr Marian McDonald, stating that it was good to see her at the meeting so soon after her recent ordeal. The Members unanimously expressed their condemnation and outrage at the despicable attack on Cllr McDonald in her own home. They also offered their strength in the solidarity of the Members to Cllr McDonald. Cllr McDonald thanked the Members and staff for their support during this difficult period.

The Chairman, Cllr Francis Conaghan, requested that a Press Release issue from the Committee, expressing the Members solidarity and condemnation of the attack on Cllr McDonald.

The Chairman also welcomed the newly elected Mayor of Buncrana Town Council, Cllr Joe Doherty, to the meeting and wished him well in his post.

32.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Bernard McGuinness, the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May, 2006 were agreed.

32.2 Carrowreagh Road

Frank Sweeney informed the Members that he had looked at the stretch of land in question with a view to the residents taking over the land, however, he believed that this is not a possibility.

Pat Gillespie agreed to get a price for a layer of tarmac for the particular stretch of road, and would examine if the works could be funded from Development Charges.

32.3 Planning Statistics

Frank Sweeney circulated details on Planning Statistics as at 30th April, 2006.

Frank Sweeney also informed the Committee that the employment of a Graduate Planner has now been approved. The Graduate Planner will be based in the Inishowen Office, however, this is a shared post between Letterkenny and Inishowen. Frank Sweeney thanked the Members for their input into getting the extra help. The Members welcomed the addition of another Planner, however, some concerns were expressed that it was a shared post, given the fact of the high number of applications in the Inishowen area. Members highlighted the need for a full time Planner for Buncrana and the Environs, and also the need for additional administrative staff.

32.4 Enforcement

In response to a query from Cllr Francis Conaghan in relation to enforcement, Frank Sweeney confirmed that the Enforcement Officer is currently carrying out the Technician's work, while also carrying out Enforcement works.

34.5 Consideration of Recent Refusals

Councillor Bernard McGuinness expressed his dissatisfaction in the manner in which refusals, forwarded to An Bord Pléanala on appeal, are dealt with. Cllr McGuinness suggested that a workshop should be held one day per month, whereby any refusals/appeals could be flagged, and Members would then have an opportunity to make their contributions.

Councillor Francis Conaghan enquired if it would be worthwhile to hold a Planning Workshop in relation to the new County Development Plan, and the issue of planning refusals in relation to the Members input could then be discussed.

On the proposal of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Francis Conaghan, it was agreed to hold a Planning Meeting one Wednesday morning per month on the alternative month to the Electoral Area Meeting.

34.6 Unauthorised Development at Merville and Bridgend

In response to a query from Cllr Marian McDonald in relation to a site at River Row, Merville, Frank Sweeney confirmed that unauthorised filling had been taking place at this site. Frank Sweeney also advised that the Planning Office had commenced enforcement in that Warning Letters had been issued. Frank agreed to investigate this matter further and to report back to Cllr McDonald.

Councillor Francis Conaghan highlighted two possible cases of unauthorised development at Bridgend. Frank Sweeney agreed to investigate and report back to Cllr Conaghan.

34.7 Unauthorised Caravan Parking on Beaches

Councillor Bernard McGuinness raised the issue of unauthorised caravan parking and camping at Culdaff Beach. As a result of the recent good weather, a large number of caravans had parked at Culdaff Beach over the weekend, leaving a trail of pollution and waste behind them.

Cllr Marian McDonald stated that a similar situation had occurred at Shroove Beach.

Cllr McGuinness queried as to what section/department of Donegal County Council should be addressing this problem, as the Council owns the land in question. Also, liaison needed to take place between Council Officials and the Gardai. Cllr Francis Conaghan suggested that the possibility of providing a designated area for the parking of caravans/campervans should be considered.

Frank Sweeney advised the Committee that there is Draft Bye Laws in relation to the management of beaches, which includes unauthorised camping/caravanning.

The Committee recommended that a coordinated approach be taken by all Services involved in the management of Culdaff Beach to address these issues including the introduction and policing of By Laws.

34.8 Unauthorised Caravan Parking

Frank Sweeney to investigate unauthorised caravan parking, and the increase of mobile homes on existing sites.

34.9 Housing Development at Buncrana

The Committee, recommended that Frank Sweeney carry out an inspection of the housing development under construction in Buncrana and clarify, if the development is in compliance with the planning conditions granted and advise Cllrs Joe, Doherty, Rena Donaghey and Pádraig MacLochlainn.

34.10 Playgrounds

The Committee recommended that consideration be given to including conditions on Multiple Housing Permissions for the provision of Playgrounds.

35.01 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May, 2006.

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Marion McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May, 2006 were agreed.

35.02 Consideration of Report of Roads Workshop held on 13th June, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Marion McDonald, the Report of the Roads Workshop held on 13th June, 2006 was agreed.

35.03 Roads Workshop

Pat Gillespie proposed that the Roads Agenda be adjourned until the forthcoming Roads Workshop to be held in the Carndonagh Public Services Centre on 25th July, 2006.

35.04 Pedestrian Crossing at Cockhill

Councillor Joe Doherty welcomed the installation of a Pedestrian Crossing at Cockhill, Bunrana, however, highlighted the issue of the timer of the lights, they may need adjusting. Pat Gillespie agreed to monitor the situation.

35.05 Riverside Walk, Carndonagh

Councillor Denis McGonagle queried if the letter had issued as yet from the Council's Solicitors to the Carndonagh Development Association in relation to the Riverside Walk. Pat Gillespie confirmed that it had not issued, and agreed to contact V.P. McMullin, Solicitors, and to report back to Cllr McGonagle.

35.06 Gulladuff Road

In response to a query from Cllr Marian McDonald, Pat Gillespie advised that Jim McLaughlin has been dealing with the issues relating to footpaths.

35.07 Ballylawn Corner

Councillor Marian McDonald requested what was the up-date position in relation to Ballylawn Corner.

Pat Gillespie advised that a design of the future road realignment past Ballylawn Junction had recently been received from Road Design and Jim McLaughlin, Roads Engineer is now in a position to negotiate with the landowner.

35.08 Local Improvement Schemes

Pat Gillespie circulated details of the Inishowen 2006 Local Improvement Schemes, and advised the Committee that it would be discussed at the forthcoming Roads Workshop. Pat Gillespie informed the Members that the first eleven schemes listed on the printout had generated Clar money. He also, requested the Members assistance to try and get the contribution from the applicants paid by Friday next 21st July, 2006.

35.09 Lights at Carrigans

Cllr Francis Conaghan stated that although the lights have been repaired at Carrigans, the broken ones have been left behind. Pat Gillespie agreed to check out this matter.

35.10 Pedestrian Crossing, Muff

Pat Gillespie informed the Members that the Developer is now in a position to proceed with the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing at Main Street, Muff. However, prior to this a double yellow line must be put in place, which first has to be advertised. This matter will be discussed at the forthcoming Roads Workshop.

35.11 Nurses Lane

Councillor Francis Conaghan queried the up to-date position in relation to the 3 Tonne Weight Restriction proposed for the Nurses Lane. Pat Gillespie confirmed that the signs are now on order and will be erected as soon as they are received.

35.12 Footpaths at Main Street, Newtowncunningham

Councillor Francis Conaghan stated his dissatisfaction in relation to the state of the footpaths at Main Street, Newtowncunningham. The hedges are growing out onto the footpaths, leaving very little room for people to pass by. Pat Gillespie agreed to follow up on this matter.

35.13 Footpaths at Culdaff

Following a request from Cllr Bernard McGuinness, Pat Gillespie agreed to follow up on the repairs required to the footpaths at Culdaff.

35.14 Binion Beach

At the request of Cllr Marian McDonald, Pat Gillespie agreed to follow up on repairs required on the road leading to Binion Beach.

35.15 Vision Lines at Cloontagh

Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn stated that there is an ongoing problem with the vision lines at Cloontagh. There is a pole there, which possibly needs to be removed. Pat Gillespie agreed to look into this matter.

35.16 Rasheeny National School

Councillor Pádraig MacLochlainn expressed the need to expedite the installation of lights at Rasheeny National School.

35.17 Ballintleave Road, Drumfries

Councillor Rena Donaghey queried the position with regard to repairs required to the Ballintleave Road, and stated that one half of this road is a Local Improvement Scheme, and the second half is Council Road, which was last tarred over 20 years ago. Pat Gillespie responded that it would be dealt with if maintenance money was available.

35.18 Mintagh Loch

Councillor Rena Donaghey stated that there are three bad corners at Mintagh Loch, which need to be addressed. There have been three bad accidents at this particular stretch of road since Christmas. Pat Gillespie to investigate same.

36.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May, 2006 were agreed.

36.2 Presentation by Garry Martin on the Development Contribution Scheme

A document relating to the DCS allocation for Community, Culture & Enterprise was circulated to the Members. An expected budget of €1,527,800.00 was outlined for C, C&E for the year 2006. It was explained that €400,000.00 was set-aside for the Regional Cultural Centre in Letterkenny and that that left €1,127,800.00 to be divided equally amongst the six electoral areas.

A proposal was outlined whereby, from Inishowen E.A.'s share of circa €188,000.00, €83,000.00 would be made available for the development of a playground, the next on the list being Ballyliffen (subject to adequate site etc.), and that €14,000.00 would be set-aside for Walking Route Development. Attention was drawn to proposed areas of expenditure for future years and a proposal to allocate a figure of €210,000.00 over two years for the development of a Community Enterprise Centre in Carndonagh was welcomed by the Members.

The members were made aware that the demand for funds would likely exceed resources. Hitting the objectives of the Development Contribution Scheme is dependent on the successful collection of Development Charges in the County.

The proposal to allocate €14,000.00 to Walking Route Development and €83,000.00 to Playground Development for the Inishowen Electoral Area was agreed by the members.

The Committee requested that DCS funding be spread evenly in the Inishowen Electoral Area.

36.3 Playground Funding

Richard Gibson outlined details of funding sourced for the development of playground facilities for the period 2005 - 2007. The annual capital

investment of €450,000 is sourced through a combination of Peace Funds, National Children's Office funds and other relevant funds. The balance of funding to be obtained through the Development Contribution Scheme.

Garry Martin advised the Members that €95,570 is required to complete the playground at Culdaff and develop Ballyliffin playground. It is hoped that the Ballyliffin playground would be completed by early Autumn, provided all the insurance requirements are in order.

Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness requested that work on Culdaff Playground be postponed until mid-August.

A call for further Expressions of Interests in relation to playgrounds will be advertised in the Autumn.

Garry Martin stated that he would recommend that the provision of playgrounds be incorporated into the conditions of a Planning Permission in respect of future multiple developments.

36.4 Members Development Fund

The Committee requested that C & E staff advise groups requesting assistance from the Members of the limited budget available to them to assist projects.

36.5 Lough Swilly Ferry Service

Members requested that consideration be given to extending the season for the Buncrana/Rathmullan ferry service, due to the delay in the commencement of the service this year.

36.6 Land at Malin Head

Richard Gibson updated the Members in relation to the purchase of land at Malin Head for the purpose of developing an Interpretive Centre, and indicated that the cost of the land in question is €40,000. A meeting took place on 6th June, 2006 between Grace McCarron and Terry Robinson and proposals were discussed as to the purpose of the centre and what facilities could be provided. It is proposed that the centre could incorporate the following activities/facilities:-

- Wildlife Centre incorporating bird watching, sea life, flora and fauna etc.
- Geological Centre addressing some of the geology unique to the area.

- ❑ Information on the historical aspects of the tower, addressing communications services, meteorological services, military, marine, old shipwrecks etc.
- ❑ Education and training.
- ❑ Establishment of a walking route (Walking Through Time).
- ❑ Erection of information signage.
- ❑ Coffee Shop, Gift Shop and toilet facilities.

The next stage would be to carry out a Feasibility Study with a view to purchasing the land. The Committee recommended that Richard Gibson proceed with an application to have a Feasibility Study completed.

36.7 Static Library in Newtowncunningham

Richard Gibson provided the Members with an up-date response from Eileen Burgess, Divisional Manager, Cultural Services, in relation to the provision of a Static Library in Newtowncunningham. The Council currently has an adopted list of priorities that will be reviewed during the preparation of the Strategic Plan. The Cross-Border Mobile Library currently services Newtowncunningham every Thursday.

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested that he be advised on the timescale for the preparation of a Strategic Plan for the Library Service.

36.8 Cultural Services Presentation

It was agreed that a presentation by Cultural Services would be made at the IEAC Meeting due to take place on 11th September, 2006.

36.9 Movice Bye-Laws

Richard Gibson informed the Committee that contact has been made with the local Gardai with a view to moving the issue of Movice Bye-Laws forward. It is intended that a meeting of relevant parties will take place shortly in order to progress this issue to the next stage.

36.10 HEART Project

Richard Gibson updated the Members in relation to the HEART Project. This is a cross-border project being jointly implemented by Donegal County Council and Strabane District Council. It is a €2.5m project being funded by Interreg IIIA, International Fund for Ireland and contributions from each Local Authority. Movice has been identified in Inishowen to benefit from this project. The funding targets three principal areas:-

- Environmental Improvement Works and signage
- Public Art
- Shop front scheme
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A dedicated Project Officer is due to commence work in mid August and it is the intention that this person would liaise with Community Groups on the ground with a view to identifying the works that may be carried out.

06/37 PRESENTATION BY JEREMY SMITH, WALKING DEVELOPMENT TRAILS OFFICER
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Jeremy Smith gave a presentation to the meeting in relation to the walking infrastructure within the County. He advised that a draft audit has recently been prepared for the County outlining short and medium term plans for each Electoral Area. The draft also highlighted a number of issues:-

- Walkways in Inishowen Electoral Area are relatively short
- The need for purchase of signage, marker posts etc.
- Lack of information available for tourists regarding walkways available - maps to be circulated to Tourist Information Offices

Jeremy Smith up-dated the Members in relation to the policy by Coillte to open up walkways and stated that there is a need for more Council and community involvement with Coillte regarding this matter, also additional walkways need to be introduced along old bog roads/lane tracks etc. however, in such cases there are parking issues which need to be addressed.

He also advised of the potential for development of the Inishowen Head route. This walkway would entail an all-Council road walk route however; path enhancement and signage would be required. The aim at present is to develop one walkway and get it up and running, this would then serve as a model for developing other walkways in the County.

In response to a query from Cllr Bernard McGuinness in relation to walkways not listed, in particular Bonagee to Glengad and also Culdaff Beach to Kinnego Bay, Jeremy Smith responded that there were issues

regarding right-of-ways, which need to be resolved with landowners and local groups. Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that consideration should be given to designating abandoned public roads as walk routes.

Councillor Francis Conaghan queried if the Sustrans Cycle Routes could be incorporated into developing walking routes. Jeremy Smith responded that he would be examining this possibility with the view that they would serve as a dual purpose, as this would be more acceptable.

Garry Martin informed the Members that it is proposed to use the Scotland Forestry Routes as a model as these routes have been established for some time now. It is proposed to send 2/3 Members to Scotland to view these routes. This proposal will go before the next Council Meeting for their approval.

The Members thanked Jeremy Smith for his presentation, and advised that they were fully supportive of the initiative to develop walkways.

The Chairman, Cllr Francis Conaghan, welcomed Maria Gallo to the Meeting.

Maria Gallo circulated documentation to the Members and gave a PowerPoint presentation in relation to the Donegal County Childcare Committee, which covered the following:-

- Role of Donegal County Childcare Committee
- County Childcare Context
- Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme 2000 - 2006
- EOCP and the Inishowen Electoral Area
- National Childcare Investment Programme 2006 - 2010
- NCIP Capital Funding
- Staffing Grants
- Role of DCCC in NCIP

After the presentation a series of questions and answers followed between the Members and Ms. Gallo.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Gallo for her presentation and advised that the Committee were fully supportive of the Donegal County Childcare Committee.

39.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May, 2006 were agreed.

Patsy Lafferty circulated a copy of the Agenda and reports to the Meeting.

39.2 Social Housing

Patsy Lafferty informed the Members that the 29no. unit scheme in Ard Na Guala Duibhe, Moville is almost ready. It is hoped to allocate these houses within the next week.

39.3 Voluntary Housing

Patsy Lafferty updated the Members in relation to proposals received from Muff Sheltered Housing Association for 31no. units. Recommendation for final Tender Approval is now with the Department.

39.4 Affordable Housing Carndonagh

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that the purchase of 6no. houses at Donagh Park, Carndonagh, under the Part V Legislation is in the process of being finalised. A final sale price now has to be agreed with the Department. Patsy Lafferty agreed to up-date the Members when further clarification is received.

39.5 Central Heating Programme 2006

Patsy Lafferty informed the Meeting that contractors have now been selected. It is expected that works will commence late August. Patsy Lafferty agreed to keep Members up-dated.

Councillor Bernard McGuinness queried if stoves/ranges can be repaired and allowed to remain in the house or replaced if irreparable, where central heating has been installed. Cllr Francis Conaghan recommended that this issue go before the Strategic Policy Committee at the meeting on Thursday, 20th July 2006, as this is a policy issue.

In response to a query from Cllr Joe Doherty in relation to the provision of central heating in houses which have back boilers, Patsy Lafferty

advised that all houses will be looked at eventually, however, any houses with no heating system at all will receive priority.

39.6 Remedial Works Bridgend

Works are presently ongoing and it is expected that they will be completed within the next month or so.

39.7 Clar Programme

Patsy Lafferty advised the Members that tenders are presently being sought in conjunction with the Roads Section in relation to this programme.

39.8 Cashel Na Cor

Councillor Rena Donaghey advised that Cashel Na Cor was ready to proceed with the Housing Project and queried as to what was the up-to-date position in relation to the disposal of land to Cashel Na Cor.

Eunan Kelly responded that at the Electoral Area Meeting held on 13th March, 2006 it was proposed that the team dealing with the Barrack Hill project be requested to take over the Cashel Na Cor project. However, a response has been received from Francie Coyle, Director of Services, Planning and Economic Development, stating that this is not possible at present, but agreed to review the matter again in September. Eunan Kelly agreed to talk with Francie Coyle again in relation to this matter in advance of the September meeting.

39.9 Inch Housing Scheme

Councillor Rena Donaghey requested an up-date in relation to the Housing Scheme at Inch. Pat Gillespie advised that both himself and Donal Walker are presently investigating the issue of vision lines in order to improve same.

39.10 Houses at Merville

In response to a query from Cllr Marian McDonald regarding signs to be erected and numbers put on doors at the houses in Merville, Patsy Lafferty agreed to look into this matter.

39.11 DPG Application

Councillor Bernard McGuinness raised the issue of a DPG applicant, suffering from M.S. and was seeking grant aid under the DPG Scheme to tarmac the street, however, these works are not catered for under this Scheme. Patsy Lafferty agreed to re-examine this application.

39.12 Disposal of Rural Cottage at Leitrim, Gleneely

On the proposal of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Denis McGonagle, the Committee recommended that the Council proceed to dispose of a Rural Cottage at Leitrim, Gleneely under Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

40.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn, the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May, 2006 were agreed, subject to the correction of minute 26.6 in relation to the introduction of charges at Civic Amenity Sites, as circulated by Con McLaughlin.

40.2 Follow-up Report

The Members considered the Report dated 18th July, 2006 (Appendix 1) circulated by Con McLaughlin in relation to follow-ups and the various issues raised at the Electoral Area Meeting hold on 15th May, 2006.

40.3 Roxtown, Clonmany

Following a request from Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn in relation to the shortage of water at Roxtown, Clonmany, which may possibly be caused by the proximity of the nearby Caravan Park, Con McLaughlin agreed to investigate this matter.

40.4 Corofin/Linsfort

The Committee requested that Con McLaughlin investigate the loss of water connection to 5no. houses at Corofin/Linsfort to establish if a new pump is required.

40.5 Small Capital Schemes

The following issues were raised in the context of the review of the Small Capital Scheme review, which was presented by Con McLaughlin:

40.5.1 Ballyliffin Sewerage Scheme

Cllr Denis Mc Gonagle welcomed the inclusion of Ballyliffin SS in the recommendation before the meeting. He queried if works could proceed on the existing site or if an alternative site was required. He referred to earlier commitments he got in Lifford that preparatory works would commence on that scheme. Con McLaughlin noted the difficulties with securing an alternative site and noted the benefits of the existing location.

40.5.2 Culdaff W.S.

Councillor Bernard McGuinness expressed his dissatisfaction and frustration in relation to the problem of the lime content in the Culdaff Water Supply.

In response Con McLaughlin noted the various updates previously given to the matter. He went on to note that the lime content is in fact naturally occurring and that the Culdaff water quality meets the requirements of the European Drinking Water Standards. He went on to acknowledge that whilst there may not be any health implications the precipitation of lime can cause problems in some kitchen appliances. However the Council have addressed these concerns with a number of measures, including installations of pressure filters, restoration of a devise design to redress the precipitation of lime and are now drawing comparison with recent works at another similar supply which may offer further improvement.

40.5.3 Small Capital Scheme Review

The Committee noted the growing list of Small Capital works required and difficulties the Council has in meeting growing demand from development of the area. The present level of funding under the Rural Water Programme for Small Capital projects was noted at €650,000 for the County for the year. The meeting was advised that this programme offers good flexibility to the Council for delivering projects under the Council's responsibility without prolonged approvals. The Committee recommended that additional funding be sought for Small Capital Schemes under the Rural Water Programme.

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Pádraig MacLochlainn, the proposed Priority Listing for the Small Capital Schemes, circulated at the meeting was agreed.

40.6 Milltown & Ballymacarry SLI

In response to a query from Cllr Joe Doherty in relation to the Milltown and Ballymarry Serviced Land Initiative, Con McLaughlin advised that the Council is still awaiting the 60% private funding required in advance of these schemes.

40.7 Buncrana Sewerage Scheme

Councillor Rena Donaghey requested that consideration be given to include the extension of Buncrana Sewerage Scheme to Lisfannon as part of the proposals to extend the Buncrana Scheme. Con McLaughlin agreed to examine this matter and report back to Cllr Donaghey.

40.8 Pumping Station at Wilson's Bridge

Councillor Joe Doherty advised the meeting that the pumping station at Wilson's Bridge, Crana Road, is unable to hold/pump in the event of heavy rainfall. Con McLaughlin responded that an up-grade is on going at present, and agreed to present an up-date report at the next IEAC to be held on 11th September, 2006.

40.9 Malin Sewerage Scheme

At the request of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, Con McLaughlin agreed to update the Malin Town Development Association in relation to the current position of the Malin Sewerage Scheme.

40.10 Sewerage Pumping Station Sites

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his dissatisfaction in relation to the lack of information in connection with Sewerage Pumping Stations.

The members requested that officials/consultants examining possible sites should be advised of the importance not to disclose any information to the public in relation to their findings, prior to the Members being informed first.

40.11 Blue Flag Beach at Shroove

Councillor Marian McDonald expressed her dissatisfaction at the deplorable state of Shroove Beach following the recent good weather, and queried if a Lifeguard would be appointed. Con Mc Laughlin noted that the advice he received in that regard is that it is not a requirement that a Blue Flag Beach has a Lifeguard. The Council was in fact seeking to recruit two Lifeguards for that beach but was unable to do so despite all efforts.

41.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 15th May, 2006

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Francis Conaghan, the minutes of the meeting held on 15th May, 2006 were agreed.

41.1 Request for Deputation

Eunan Kelly informed the Committee that he had received correspondence from Mr. Michael Burns, Milltown, Buncrana, requesting permission to make a presentation to the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee in relation to the Buncrana Outer Relief Road.

The Members agreed to receive the deputation after proposals have been presented to them regarding the Buncrana Outer Relief Road. Eunan Kelly to respond to Mr. Burns and advise him accordingly.

41.2 Press Release

At the request of the Members it was agreed that Eunan Kelly prepare and issue a Press Release in relation to the recent attack on Cllr Marian McDonald.

42.1 Action Inishowen

The Chairman, Cllr Francis Conaghan, on behalf of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee, welcomed Margaret Glackin, Action Inishowen, to the meeting.

Margaret Glackin circulated documentation/information pack in relation to her presentation regarding Action Inishowen. Margaret Glackin gave a presentation outlining the following:-

- Action Inishowen is a Community Development Project
- Funded by the Dept of Community Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs
- Working on social development throughout Inishowen
- Company Limited by Guarantee with Charitable Status
- Managed by a voluntary management committee
- Main objective is to tackle poverty, social exclusion & disadvantage
- Outlined target groups
- Outlined projects ongoing at present
- Advised of proposed projects for the future

After the presentation a series of questions and answers followed between the Members and Margaret Glackin.

The Chairman thanked Margaret Glackin for her presentation and advised that the Committee were fully supportive of Action Inishowen's aims and objectives.

42.2 Lough Foyle Ferry Company Limited

The Chairman, on behalf of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee welcomed Jim McClenaghan, Managing Director, and Jack McInerney, Lough Foyle Ferry Company Limited, to the meeting.

Jack McInerney addressed the meeting highlighting the major difficulties experienced by the company over the last two years while transporting the ferry vessels to and from Troone, Scotland, for their annual inspection and licensing.

While reputable towage companies have been employed by the Foyle Ferry Company, severe damage has been caused to the vessels while under tow, resulting in a delay in the commencement of service and also imposing great financial strain on the company.

The Foyle Ferry Company, in conjunction with the Department of Marine and officials from the Marine Section, Donegal County Council, have investigated and inspected options for a Hull Inspection Facility in both Lough Foyle and Lough Swilly. A site has now been identified in the inner harbour of Buncrana pier.

Jack McInerney further advised that the Foyle Ferry Company are now seeking the support of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee to put forward a motion to the next Council Meeting requesting the following:-
“That Consultants be appointed and instructed to undertake a design and apply for the relevant permissions and foreshore licence to construct a Hull Inspection Facility at Buncrana Inner Harbour, suitable for shallow draft vessels including ferry vessels and mussel dredgers.”

A series of questions and answers/clarification followed between the Deputation and the Elected Members. The Committee recommended the removal of the reference for a Marina in the proposals for Buncrana Harbour and re-negotiate Foreshore Lease with the Department of Marine and Natural Resources. It was further recommended that the Council progress the provision of a Hull Inspection facility, including design, leases and the preparation of a cost estimate.

The Chairman thanked Jim McClenaghan and Jack McInerney for their informative presentation and advised that Members were fully supportive of the deputation, and would respond to their request in due course.

06/43	DATE FOR NEXT MEETING
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The next meeting of the IEAC will take place in the Carndonagh P.S.C. on Monday 11th September, 2006 commencing at 10.00 am.

Appendix 1

WATER & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Report to Inishowen EAC Meeting 18th July 2006

AGENDA Item no.1 - consideration of minutes of Inishowen Electoral Area Committee meeting held on 15th May 2006:

26.6 Correction to previous minute – Charges at Civic Amenity Sites

In relation to the discussion re charges at the Civic Amenity Sites, reference was made to the area available for items accepted free of charge, the record should include for items of glass, cans and textiles only. These are the recycling facilities provided at the 58 bring bank sites around the county. All white electrical goods will also be accepted free of charge within the site. All other recycling facilities (paper, plastic, cardboard, batteries, etc) are charged for.

AGENDA Item no.2 – Update reports from previous meeting:

From minutes of previous meeting 15th May 2006, using same notation

26.4 Bridgend/Burnfoot Sewerage Schemes:

Progress noted at previous meeting re the negotiations with a developer with a view to developing a Wastewater treatment works in Burnfoot, which will ultimately be suitable for both villages. In relation to the Part 8 application Councillor Francis Conaghan requested that an examination be done as to the possibility of advertising Bridgend & Burnfoot simultaneously. Capital Design have advised that there is no point in advertising planning for a scheme in Bridgend until we know the scale of it. We are not leaving Bridgend behind but we have to stack it up economically.

26.9 Moville Fire Station:

Fitz Howard, S.E.E. has confirmed that the contract is presently being finalised with the Contractor, it is anticipated that work on the 36-week programme will commence before the end of the month.

26.12 Fullerton Pollan Dam:

At the May EAC Meeting the committee recommended that a specific application for funding is made for extending the Pollan supply to East Inishowen. The recommendation of the Committee has been referred to the Capital Design Office. The following describes the elements involved in such a link.

**Major capital works to extend Pollan Supply to augment East Inishowen WS:
Estimated costs:**

Final Water storage at Illies W.T.W., 2.5MLD	€300,000
Pumping Station at Illies	€150,000
Pumping Main to Meenaharnish Hill, 300mm, 5km	€665,000
Reservoir at Meenaharnish Hill, 2.5MLD	€15,000
Pipeline to Carrickmaquigley	
300mm dia, 2.1km	€279,000
250mm dia, 4.5km	€17,000
250mm dia, 7.0km	<u>€805,000</u>
Total (from 2002 estimates)	€3,031,000
(add 30% for indicative current estimate)	€3,940,300

Moville Water Supply.

From an earlier report to the EAC (January 2006) the following estimates were presented for immediate term works required in Moville Greencastle area

- Moville upgrade (Phase 1) €551,500.00 (Bredagh Valley crossing)
- Moville upgrade (Phase 2) €227,000.00 (Reservoir / networks)
- Greencastle upgrade €128,000.00 (networks / pumping stn)

26.13 Malin S.S:

The tenders for the civil works were due in on 7th July following which the Council will be submitting a construction budget to the DoE for approval. The M&E tender documents are currently being finalised.

26.15 Tober/Castlethird GWSS:

Confirmation from Adrian O'Donnell, Special Project unit that scheme has been tendered (9th June 2006), with a Contractor in the process of being appointed, including recommendation for appointment, processing Manager's Order / Insurances / tax clearance etc. Allowing for completion of that process and lead-in time for Contractor it is most likely that works will commence after the summer.

The updated position for the corresponding Glengad (Glentoskert) scheme from the Rural Water Programme is as follows:

Land agreements are being pursued together with the Part 8 Planning for the reservoir site. That process is anticipated to take some 4-5 months. Negotiations are also ongoing for the proposed pumping station site.

26.16 Gortree /Dooish watermain:

With reference to future connections required from watermain to be served by Lagan WS, Eamonn Barr, Executive Engineer has confirmed that ducting provided by Water Service has been laid by Roads opposite dwellings requiring service connections, all in advance of planned road surfacing works.

only, i.e. to bring a trunk main across the Bredagh Valley (not included are stage 2 works, including high level reservoir at Moville and network improvements and interconnection with supply from the Fullerton Pollan Dam)

- Ballyliffin Sewerage Scheme, which from recent analyses would appear to be grossly overloaded. It is recommended that the Council put a moratorium on further hotel and multi development in that catchment in the interim until upgrade works are completed.
- Bridgend SS is included as a potential co-funding for earlier proposals,

Funding allocations under the rural water programme under the heading of small capital schemes is currently €650,000 for the County for 2006.

AGENDA Items no. 6 - Environment (Level 3 Clean-up)

Areas for consideration were to be presented for agreement at the meeting, including areas at Cooks Hill, Ballymacarthur Road and the Twin Bridges on the Mountain Road raised at previous EAC meeting. However information is awaited from the Litter Warden on the recommended priority - this will be further progressed in the coming weeks.

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18th July 2006*

