

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN ELECTORAL AREA
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19th SEPTEMBER, 2008
IN THE CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE**

Councillors Present:

Councillor Francis Conaghan

Councillor Rena Donaghey

Councillor Pádraig MacLochláinn

Councillor Marian McDonald

Councillor Denis McGonagle

Councillor Bernard McGuinness

Councillor Dermot McLaughlin, Mayor Buncrana Town Council

Officials Present:

Community, Cultural & Enterprise Services:

Aideen Doherty, Administrative Officer

Corporate Services:

Eunan Kelly, Area Manager

Una Cresswell, Staff Officer

Housing & Building Services

Patsy Lafferty Area Manager

Planning & Economic Development Services:

Martin McDermott, Executive Planner

Roads & Transportation Services:

Stephen Flynn, Senior Executive Engineer/ Area Manager

Jim McLaughlin, Executive Engineer

Trevor Gordon, Executive Engineer

Garrett Doherty, Assistant Engineer, NRDO.

Water, Environment & Emergency Services:

Con McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer/Area Manager

Apologies

Paul Kelly, A/Area Manager

Emma Barron, Executive Planner

Seamus Canning Town Clerk, Buncrana

Marie Deeney, A/Senior Staff Officer

Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness chaired the meeting.

The Committee agreed that the Workshops in relation to Roads, Housing and Community and Enterprise should take place later in the day when the meeting and Deputations had concluded. Cllr Dermot McLaughlin, Mayor of Buncrana Town Council, queried the lack of Minutes for the previous Roads Workshop. Stephen Flynn, Area Manager for Roads and Transportation, confirmed that he would prepare a Report on the Workshop that he would issue at a later date.

37.1 Consideration of Minutes of Housing Workshop held on 19th June 2008

On the proposal of Cllr, Francis Conaghan, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald, the minutes of the Housing Workshop held on 19th June 2008 were agreed.

37.2 Updates and Various Issues

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

37.3 Affordable Housing in Buncrana

Patsy Lafferty, Area Manager, advised the Committee that tenders had been submitted for Affordable Housing Schemes in Buncrana and that Housing Construction were currently looking at them. However, he understands that none of the proposals received represent value for money and it is likely that the next step will be to purchase directly from the market.

A discussion took place on the demand for Affordable Housing. It was generally agreed that there was a long list of applicants and there were concerns that the Government may withdraw funds for Affordable Housing. Patsy Lafferty stated that he was not aware of any cut back in funding for Affordable Housing.

37.4 Social Housing - Merville

Patsy Lafferty informed the Members that tenants had moved into the scheme in Merville which comprised of 27 no. units.

37.5 Social Housing in Greencastle

Patsy Lafferty informed the Committee that the two four bed roomed units had been allocated and should be occupied in the next few weeks. He also advised the Committee that the scheme of eight houses is expected to be completed in a number of months and will be allocated when the keys are received.

On a proposal by Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Bernard McGuinness, the Committee recommended that the new housing scheme in Greencastle be named Parc UI Nuailain (Nolan Park.)

37.6 Social Housing in Rural Areas

A discussion took place on the need to purchase Social Housing in rural areas as people were moving to large centres due to housing policy. The Committee agreed that rural communities were being depopulated and consequently schools were losing teachers.

37.7 Property at Ard na Gulla, Merville

Cllr Marian Mc Donald requested that repairs be carried out on a property at Ard na Gulla, Merville. Patsy Lafferty agreed to follow up on this

37.8 Remedial Works/Regeneration Programme 2008

Patsy Lafferty informed the Meeting the successful tenderer had been selected for this programme and that the type of work being carried out included replacement of kitchens, bathrooms, insulation, windows, doors, smoke alarms etc in the older properties. He stated that work commenced on 1st September it was hoped this work would be completed in January of next year.

37.9 Central Heating Programme 2008

Patsy Lafferty advised the Committee that a tender had been accepted for this programme and that work was due to start on 15th October 2008.

37.10 Housing Progress Reports

At a request from the Members, Patsy Lafferty agreed to bring a full report on the Housing Programme to the next Inishowen Electoral Area Meeting.

38.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd July 2008

On the proposal of Cllr Denis McGonagle, seconded by Cllr Francis Conaghan the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2008 were agreed.

38.2 Barrack Hill Town Park

Aideen Doherty, Administrative Officer, advised the Members that a meeting was taking place on Tuesday 23rd September with Diarmuid Gavin and the client group in relation to the final design for the project. This meeting was taking place in the Aras at the Community School, Carndonagh at 11.00 a.m. and all Members were invited to attend. She added that a public meeting was also taking place at 8.00p.m. that evening. Diarmuid Gavin's staff had also met with the playground committee to update them on progress with the playground component.

Aideen Doherty informed the Members, that planting in the woodland area at Barrack Hill had started and that it was expected that this work would be completed in a couple of weeks and that the playground component of the project was going to tender shortly.

38.3 Ballyliffen Playground

Aideen advised the Members that tenders for Ballyliffen playground had been received and a suitable tender had been selected and that contracts were being drawn up

38.4 Movice Green

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that work was continuing with the Development Association, I.D.P., Community College, Gardai and local residents to implement the plan. She also thanked Cllr Marian McDonald for help with the HEART Project.

38.5 Mini Pitch at Carndonagh and Newtowncunningham

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that groundwork's were completed at Carndonagh and Newtowncunningham mini Pitches and that work should commence in 2 - 3 weeks with a one-week construction period.

A discussion took place regarding works due to be carried on the mini pitch at Newtowncunningham. Cllr Francis Conaghan suggested that the contractors for the project should be contacted in order to ensure cost

reductions. Aideen Doherty agreed to look into this matter and she stated that she would be fully cooperating with the contractors on this project.

39.6-Inch Level Project

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that this project had been nominated for a Chambers Ireland Award.

39.7 Donegal County Childcare Report

Aideen Doherty updated the Members in relation to the Donegal County Childcare Report that was circulated with the Agenda.

39.8 World Heart Day

Aideen Doherty informed the Members that World Heart Day was taking place on October 5th 2008 and the Irish heart Foundation was asking all communities and workplaces to get involved in organising a walk.

39.9 The "Keeping Warm Community Initiative 2008"

Aideen Doherty advised the Committee that the Council's Social Inclusion Unit and Energy Awareness Team was planning to implement a fuel poverty awareness raising campaign in the county over the coming months.

The two elements of the campaign are:

1. The "Keeping Warm Community Initiative 2008"
2. Fuel Poverty Seminar

40.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd July 2008

On the proposal of Cllr Marian McDonald, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2008 were agreed.

40.2 Update Report /Roadworks Programme 2008

Stephen Flynn circulated an Update Report to the Members on issues raised at the previous meeting.

40.2.1 Three Glens Residents Association:

Stephen Flynn confirmed that the Three Glens Residents Association had been advised that €40,000 would be set aside from the Development Contribution Scheme for the agreed work programme.

40.2.2 Movice Yacht Club:

Stephen Flynn advised the Members that there had been correspondence with the Yacht Club and that he would update Members regarding the lease at the next Inishowen Electoral Area meeting.

40.2.3 Malin Development Association:

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that the Members, the Water Environment and Emergency Service and Contractors meet with the Malin Development Association to discuss the re instatement of Malin Streets. It was agreed that this meeting would take place on 25th September at 10.30 a.m. in the Carndonagh Public Service Centre.

40.2.4 White Wall in Movice

Stephen Flynn advised the Members that the roots of trees were undermining the wall and that the Council did not own the wall. It was agreed that Stephen Flynn would meet with Cllr Marian McDonald and Community representatives to address all the issues concerned.

40.2.5 Dooish Road/Churchtown Road

A discussion took place concerning the damage to the roads by the heavy loads being transported by the Quarry business in the area. The Members wanted clarification on what options were available to get the roads repaired. Stephen Flynn, Area Manager stated that he would keep the Members informed of any action to be taken in order to solve the ongoing problems they were having with the road.

40.2.6 Cycle Route Signs

Stephen Flynn advised the Meeting that the erection of the Cycle Route signs would be completed this week.

40.2.7 Rockstown Road

Stephen Flynn advised the Members that ongoing discussions were taking place with the Developer with regard to works conditioned under their planning permissions. It is anticipated that the works will be completed before the end of the year, he added.

40 2.8. Clonleigh Co-Op

Stephen Flynn advised the Members that the design work has not been completed yet and stated that he would keep the Members updated with its progress.

40.2.9 Moyle Road

Stephen Flynn agreed to speak to the Engineer about improvement works at Moyle Road at the request of Cllr Francis Conaghan.

40.2.10 Cockhill Bridge

Cllr Rena Donaghey requested an update on the works at Cockhill Bridge. Trevor Gordon, Executive Engineer informed the Committee that a consultant had been appointed to design a suitable options for Cockhill Bridge and that lights, traffic calming etc would be considered.

40.2 11. Aghilly Road

Trevor Gordon advised the Members that landowners were being approached. Stephen Flynn stated that an update on Aghilly Road would be given to the Members even though the road is a Town Council Road. Cllr Dermot McLaughlin, Mayor of Buncrana Town Council, stated that he appreciated that Cahir Doherty; Town Engineer had spent time on this already but hoped it would progress soon.

40.2.12 Kearney's Pass

Trevor Gordon advised the Members that land acquisition was in progress, which would in turn allow the Developer to proceed with more works.

40 2.13 Carndonagh Pedestrian Crossing

Cllr Denis McGonagle queried the status of the Carndonagh Pedestrian Crossing. Jimmy McLaughlin, Executive Engineer stated that ongoing problems were being addressed.

40.2.14 Gleneely Corner

Stephen Flynn advised the Members that discussions were still taking place with landowners and that it is hoped that a satisfactory agreement can be put in place.

40.2.15 Moss Road Culdaff

At the request of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, arising from concerns of local residents, Stephen Flynn agreed to have a Health and Safety Assessment taken out on works carried out.

40.2.16 Balleighan Road - Francistown Junction, Malin

Jimmy McLaughlin advised the Members that work at this junction were being considered which required landowner's permission. He added that an update would be brought to the next Inishowen Electoral Area Meeting. Cllr Bernard McGuinness stated that this was a very dangerous junction that needed to be dealt with.

40.3 Roadworks carried out in Buncrana Town and Environs Boundary

Cllr Dermot McLaughlin requested details on how much was spent in the Buncrana Town and Environs Boundary. Stephen Flynn advised the Members that the Road Surfacing Programme was funded by the Department of Transport who make allocations to each local authority including Buncrana Town Council. Cllr Dermot McLaughlin stated that some of the roads in this area are in very bad condition and that he would like a full breakdown on the level of spending for such a large area. Stephen Flynn noted that the annual allocations for the Electoral Area were agreed with local members in February of each year as were multi-annual programmes.

40.4. Gortree Road

After some discussion with the Members, Stephen Flynn agreed to investigate the problem of overhanging and dead trees that were causing problems at Gortree Road.

40.5 LIS for 2008

Stephen Flynn referred the Members to his report. The Members noted that two additional projects had been added to the list. These were Cllr Denis McGonagle allocation for Cashel, Gleneely and Carthage Mountain.

40.6 Clar 2008

Stephen Flynn advised the Members of the four roads selected and listed in his report. Cllr Francis Conaghan proposed that these roads go ahead. Cllr Denis McGonagle seconded this.

40.7 Car Park at St Boden's Terrace, Culdaff

Cllr Bernard McGuinness stated that he was disappointed that the proposed car park for St Boden's Terrace in Culdaff had not been completed. Stephen Flynn advised the Members that he would explore funding options for this project.

40.8 Road Service Supervisors

It was noted that the Members expressed their best wishes to the two new Road Service Supervisors, Robert McLaughlin, Carndonagh and Ciaran Dowds, Newtowncunningham in their new posts.

40.9 Barrack Hill

Stephen Flynn informed the Committee that enabling works for the access road to Barrack Hill would commence in the next month. The Members expressed their satisfaction that this was to proceed. Stephen Flynn confirmed that the plans at the moment were only for the access road and that he would update them on the car park.

40.10 Newtowncunningham to Veagh - Pavement Strengthening Scheme (Design)

The Members welcomed Garrett Doherty from the National Roads Design Office to the meeting. Garret Doherty circulated an updated report in relation to the N13 Newtowncunningham to Veagh Pavement Strengthening Contract. The proposed Pavement Strengthening Scheme commences in Newtowncunningham adjacent to Donegal Potatoes Ltd and terminates at Veagh adjacent to Colm Dillon's Garage. The scheme involves that design, procurement and construction of a bituminous overlay to the existing road surfaces, new signing and lining, new safety fencing and ancillary work where required and new accommodation work for landowners affected by the works. An allocation of €100,000 has been received to progress the scheme in 2008.

He informed the Members that it was anticipated that design would be completed and contracts would be drawn up for the scheme to proceed to construction in early 2009. He also confirmed that the Moyle Road junction and all other junctions would be examined as part of the scheme.

08/41 PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 22 July 2008

On the proposal of Cllr Denis Mc Gonagle, seconded by Cllr Francis Conaghan, the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2008 were agreed.

48.1 Update Report

Members noted the update report as circulated with the Agenda in relation to matters arising from the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee held on 22nd July 2008.

48.2 Local Area Plans

The Members expressed their dissatisfaction that Gerry Richards, Senior Executive Planner was not present at the meeting to discuss issues relating to Local Area Plans. Martin Mc Dermott advised the Members that Gerry Richards would meet with them prior to the next Inishowen Electoral Area Meeting at the Member's convenience. Gerry Richards would deliver a presentation on the Local Area Plans and Killea Master Plan Area, at that meeting.

A discussion took place on how it was proposed to deal with Statutory Development Plan Reviews in Urban Generated Areas as part of proposed Electoral Area Plans.

48.3 Killea Local Area Plan

Eunan Quinn had written to Mc Gill Planning Ltd since the last meeting advising that that the most appropriate mechanism to deal with the amendment proposed to the Killea LAP was within the forthcoming review of the Killea Plan that was due to commence in September 2008 as part of the Local Area Plan programme. It was anticipated that this process would be completed in Spring 2009.

After some discussion and at the request of the Members, clarification was sought on the difference between Material Contravention and Variation/Amendment to Killea Area Plan.

48.5 Significant Applications

A list of significant applications received since the last IEAC Meeting was circulated with the agenda as agreed at the previous meeting.

Cllr Francis Conaghan requested for clarification from the Planning Authority on why a planning permission granted in Newtowncunningham

for 100 houses was not referred to Community and Enterprise under UB1 Policy.

48.6 Tober Quarry

Martin McDermott informed the Members that work was in progress in trying to solve the ongoing problems with the Quarry at Tober.

48.7 Cassey Road /Rocktown

At the request of Cllr Padraig MacLochlainn, Martin McDermott agreed to update the Members at the next meeting on proposals to develop Council lands at Cassey Road. The Members were advised that work was ongoing on this and that a Development Officer is going to be appointed to Buncrana Town Council who will assist in this project.

48.8 Pre Planning Enquiry Meetings

The Committee was advised that any review of current practices must be considered in a countywide context and that an update report would be provided in due course.

A discussion took place on the effectiveness of pre planning meetings. It was generally agreed by the Members that site meetings were more beneficial. Martin McDermott stated that this was being considered.

48.9. Enforcements

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested clarification on whether anonymous queries on unauthorised objections are being followed up and whether under Freedom of Information; a name of an objector can be obtained?

Some discussion took place on the delays in pursuing enforcement cases. Martin McDermott explained to the Members that owing to staffing problems there had been some delay in getting Enforcement cases finalised. However, he stressed that the more urgent cases were being dealt with.

48.10. Early Monitoring Report

It was agreed that Members would be updated on the possibility of an Early Warning Monitoring Report. Members had requested at previous Electoral Area Meetings that they be advised of planning decisions prior to applications being refused. Martin McDermott suggested that Architects should be met with to keep them up to speed in order to avoid unnecessary delays caused by invalid and refused applications.

49.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd July 2008

On the proposal of Cllr Marion McDonald, seconded by Cllr Francis Conaghan, the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2008 were agreed.

49.2 Follow Ups from Previous Meeting

Con McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer, circulated an Update Report dated 19th September 2008 (Appendix 1) on issues raised at the previous meeting

49.2.1 Beach Management - By Laws

Con McLaughlin, advised the members that a Workshop was going to take place on Beach By Laws. The Committee welcomed the proposed new By Laws as a positive response to addressing the problems on beaches.

49.2.2 Group Water Schemes/Small Capital Programme

Con McLaughlin circulated a report on the Group Scheme Programme and Small Capital Programme in the Inishowen Electoral Area. He informed the Committee that eighty per cent of the Carndonagh Water Supply Scheme was complete.

49.2.3 Sewerage Schemes at, Ballyliffen, Bridgend, Burnfoot Carrigans Killea and Tooban.

Con McLaughlin noted that updates on these Schemes were awaited from the Capital Design Team in Lifford A lengthy discussion took place on the status of Sewerage Schemes. Cllr Francis Conaghan expressed his frustration at not having received any reports on the status on all the above Sewerage Schemes despite having made requests for updates in the past. He asked for Peadar MacRory, A/D.O.S to be made aware of the delay.

49.2.4 Carndonagh Civic Amenity Site

Con McLaughlin advised the Members that the construction start date had been delayed awaiting paperwork from the contractor.

49.25 Malin Sewerage Scheme

Con McLaughlin advised the Members that the Capital Design Team in Lifford would provide a Progress Report on the project. Members had requested this report for the Malin Development Association.

49.3 East Inishowen Developments

There was a lengthy discussion on how to progress the problems associated with the lack of infrastructure in the East Inishowen Area. There was a general consensus by the Members that this would have to be addressed to enable further multiple developments in the East Inishowen Area. Con McLaughlin referred to his extensive update at the previous meeting and went on to advise the members that progress was being made with Architects and Developers looking at the possibility of a developer led scheme. He acknowledged the work of MH Associates over the past year including-detailed proposals for works by the private sector and considerations of temporary solutions where appropriate.

49.4 Muff Water Supply

Con McLaughlin confirmed that there had been low levels of bacterial contamination, which were above the limits set in current Drinking Water Legislation in the area served by Drumhaggart Reservoir, which covered the area from the Rock Bar into and including the village and onto Divers Builders Suppliers. A Boil Notice was issued to over 700 residents and notices were put on the local radio. He stated that investigations are continuing to determine the source of the contamination and that the system was flushed and the network and reservoir sterilised and that further samples tested that day had proved clear.

Cllr Francis Conaghan questioned who actually owned the Drumhaggart Reservoir in Muff.

49.5 Civic Amenity Site in Buncrana

Cllr Donaghey stated that there was huge demand in Buncrana for a Civic Amenity Site and Con McLaughlin agreed to request an update from the Capital Design Section for the Members.

49.6 Gortree Road

Con Mc Laughlin advised the Committee that it is proposed the Gortree Road Scheme would operate similar to a Group Water Scheme in relation to cost. Discussion took place on what happens if somebody opts to join the scheme at a later date that has not paid into it or if somebody wants to drop out of the scheme. Con McLaughlin agreed to write to the scheme promoter to help clarify these concerns.

49.7 Culdaff Water Supply

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his concerns about the lime content in the water in the Culdaff area. He stated that equipment was being damaged because of the high lime content in the water. He requested that investigations take place to determine if operational problems are responsible for the build up of lime in the supply.

Con McLaughlin advised the Members that the water supply in Culdaff meets EU standards but agreed to investigate the matter further.

49.8 Malin Water Scheme

Con McLaughlin agreed to update the Members on the extension of the Malin Water Scheme to Glengad/Portaleen area.

49.9 Recent Media Reports on future Water Shortages in the county

A discussion took place recent media reports on future water shortages in the county, which were considered inaccurate. The members recommended that the Council consider commenting on these media reports.

Cllr Padraig MacLochlainn joined the meeting at 1.45pm

49.10 Water Leak at An Grianan Estate

At the request of Cllr Francis Conaghan, it was agreed that the source of the alleged leak on private property be investigated. .

50.1 Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd July 2008

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Marian McDonald Donaghey, the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2008 were agreed.

50.2 Construction Industry of Inishowen

Eunan Kelly, Area Manager advised the Members that he had written to the Chairman of the Construction Industry of Inishowen as agreed at the last I.E.A.C. meeting requesting that they submit details of the issues they wished to discuss with the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee. The Construction Industry of Inishowen had not yet responded to this letter.

50.3 Funding for Publication of Poems for Rose Collins, Malin Head

Eunan Kelly advised the Members that Aideen Doherty, Community and Enterprise had forwarded the letter on to the Art's Officer, for consideration.

50.4 Changes to Electoral Area Boundaries

The Members discussed the changes to the Electoral Areas Boundaries and expressed their concerns that services may be affected.

**08/51 DEPUTATION FROM MUFF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.**

The Chairperson, Cllr Bernard McGuinness, on behalf of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee, welcomed Gerard McLaughlin, Mura McLaughlin and Bernard Breslin, to the meeting.

The Muff Community Development Cooperative Society thanked the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee for allowing them the opportunity to address the meeting.

A handout was distributed outlining the history of the group and detailing its future plans. The two main projects at the current time are a The Sports Field Project and an extension to St Mary's Hall.

The Deputation explained that Planning Permission had been obtained recently for their project, which they were grateful for. However, some of the planning conditions such as providing public lighting, bitmac lining of footpath and hard shoulder to join up with the existing footpath at Wheatfield Estate in Muff would prove to be an insurmountable costs for the group and could jeopardise the project. In recent times there had been a substantial growth in the population of Muff and yet Muff was lacking in many facilities, they added.

The Members thanked the Deputation for attending and congratulated them on all the work that had been carried out in Muff by the Muff Community Development Group and advised that they would discuss this in the context of funding from the Development Contribution Scheme.

08/52 DEPUTATION FROM PEDAL RIGHT CYCLING SCHOOL.

The Chairperson, Cllr Bernard McGuinness, on behalf of the Inishowen Electoral Area Committee, welcomed Mary Kelly and Maria Quinn, to the meeting.

Mary Kelly and Maria Quinn delivered a PowerPoint presentation on the Pedal Right Cycling School. They highlighted the benefits of cycling and stated how twelve pilot cycling lessons schemes had run in Donegal. This had been done in conjunction with Donegal County Council and the Road Safety Authority. Mary Kelly stated that she would like to thank Eamon Brown, Road Safety Education Officer for his assistance and support.

The Members thanked Mary and Maria for their very interesting presentation and stated that they were supportive of the project.

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DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the IEAC will take place in the Carndonagh P.S.C. on Monday 10th November 2008 commencing at 10.00 am.

Appendix 1
WATER & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES
Report to Inishowen EAC Meeting 19th Sept 2008

1.0 Consideration of Minutes of Inishowen Electoral Area Committee meeting held on 22nd July 2008

2.0 Update reports where required from previous meeting:

24.2.1 Workshop / Environmental Services -

I am advised that preparations are in hand for a workshop with the members in the coming weeks to discuss the Donegal Waste Management Plan. It is anticipated that provision of additional Civic Amenity Sites will be addressed at that forum.

24.5 Sewerage Schemes at Burnfoot, Bridgend, Carrigans, Killea and Tooban

Requests for progress reports in relation to sewerage schemes for the above villages were relayed to our Capital Design office. Feedback is awaited.

24.7 Alleged sewerage discharge - Lower Road Greencastle

In previous report it was noted that a Section 12 notice was served on one developer under the Water Pollution Act. I am advised that the corrective action to prevent effluent from the percolation area escaping into the roadside drain was to be completed this week. Dye testing will be used to verify that.

24.12 Carndonagh Civic Amenity Site - upgrade works

The construction start date has been delayed awaiting completion of paperwork with the Contractor. Progress has been in recent days and that process is expected to be complete next week, which will enable the Council to determine a start date and a construction programme for the works.

30.2 Movice/Greencastle S.S.

I refer to the reply given to Cllr McDonald at the recent Council meeting.

In letter from An Bord Pleanála dated 03 January 2008 An Bord Pleanála directed the Council to carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment for the Movice Greencastle Sewerage Scheme. The resulting Environmental Impact Statement has now been completed by the Councils consultants. The EIS will be published and submitted to An Bord Pleanála in parallel with the publication of the Compulsory Purchase Order documentation, both of which

will be dealt with by An Bord at one Oral Hearing. The delay has arisen in connection with finalising the CPO Notices and documentation from a legislative and legal perspective.

30.3 Malin S.S.

The Members sought a Progress Report on the Malin Sewerage Scheme, which could be passed on to the Malin Development Association. That request has been relayed to our Capital Design office who are supervising those works. Response awaited.

3.0 / 4.0 Progress Reports (Rural Water Programme)

See updated progress reports circulated with agenda for

- Small Capital Programme**
- Group Schemes Programme**

5.0 AOB:

5.1 Water Supply at Muff Village:

Donegal County Council have established from recent analysis of the public drinking water supply in the Muff Village area, that is the area served by the Drumhaggart Reservoir (from the Rock Bar into the and including the Village and out to Diver's Builder suppliers), that low levels of bacterial contamination which are above the limits set in the current drinking water legislation

The Council have consulted with the Health Service Executive and have been advised that in the interest of public health the water must be boiled before consumption. That action was released through local radio but also hand delivered notices were distributed to approx 700 premises on the 18th September 2008, with a further 40 delivered this morning.

Public Water supply to that area is delivered via a service reservoir at Drumhaggart. Analyses of water at the reservoir are clear; the problem showing up in the network in the Village area, which suggests the contamination, has entered the system in that local area. Our investigations are continuing to determine the source.

The Council's response has included flushing the system and sterilising the network, including the reservoir. Further analyses taken since that action began have shown clear. Further sampling and testing will continue over weekend and the Council will consult with the HSE about the lifting of the Boil Notice at the beginning of the week.

**C. McLaughlin, Senior Executive Engineer,
Water and Environment Service,
19th Sept 2008**

