

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF

### GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015, IN DUNGLOE PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr. Terence Slowey  
Cllr John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh  
Cllr Seamus Ó Domhnaill  
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher  
Cllr. Enda Bonner

**APOLOGIES** Cllr Michael Cholm Mac Giolla Easbaig

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Micheal O Heanaigh - Director of Community Culture & Development Planning  
Paul McGill - Area Manager, Housing & Corporate Services  
Brendan McFadden – S.E.E Area Manager, Roads & Transportation  
Charles Sweeney – Area Manager, Community & Culture  
Frank Sweeney- Executive Planner Enforcement South  
Michael Rowsome – SSO Corporate Service

**GMD 01/15**

**MINUTES OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

On the proposal of Cllr Ó Fearraigh, seconded by Cllr Ó Domhnaill the minutes of the Glenties Municipal District Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 were confirmed.

<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE</b>
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**GMD 02/15**

**DONEGAL COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC PLAN**

The Committee welcomed the report circulated at the meeting and presented by the Community & Culture Manager in relation to the status of this plan which will provide the basis for future funding programmes.

**GMD 03/15**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK**

Members noted that representatives from the Community and Voluntary sector have been selected onto Council Committees and structures.

**GMD 04/15**

**EU UNIT**

The Committee welcomed the report and update bulletin circulated at the meeting regarding the work of the EU Unit to proactively target external funding opportunities, influence policy and identify EU networks of benefit to the council

**GMD 05/15**

**DONEGAL AGE FRIENDLY COUNTY INITIATIVE**

Members noted the report circulated at the meeting and presented by the Community and Culture Manager.

**GMD 06/15**

**DONEGAL FILM**

The Community & Cultural Manager invited Members to the launch of the Donegal Film office website in Glenveagh National Park on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am

**GMD 07/15**

**PROPOSED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT AN EARAGAIL**

Members welcomed the Councils investigation of potential funding sources to develop a sustainable access to An Earagail.

**GMD 08/15**

**PUBLIC AREA ENHANCEMENT SCHEME**

The Committee welcomed the funding of projects at Magheraroarty Pier and Falcarragh to Creeslough Railway by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.

**GMD 09/15**

**DONEGAL GRAND JULY COLLECTION 1753-1899**

The Committee noted the report in relation to the digitisation of microfilm archives dating back to the mid eighteenth century.

**GMD 10/15**

**REN NET – RENEWABLE ENERGY NETWORK**

The Committee noted the report circulated at the meeting and presented by the Community & Cultural Manager.

**GMD 11/15**

**DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL**

Members noted the report circulated at the meeting regarding the commencement of the implementation of 2014-2016 Youth Council Work Programme.

**GMD 12/15**

**STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT FUND**

In response to queries from Cllr Ó Domhnaill & Cllr Ó Fearraigh regarding the strategic development fund, the Community & Culture Manager informed Members that he will convene a Workshop to discuss and agree 2015 allocations.

**GMD 13/15**

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

On the proposal of Cllr Gallagher seconded by Cllr Bonner the Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting to convene a workshop to meet a deputation from the Maghera Community Group in relation to emergency coastal erosion issues and to resume the Municipal District meeting on conclusion of the Workshop.

<b>PLANNING CONTROL</b>
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**GMD 14/15**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members noted the summary of planning applications circulated with the agenda and presented by the Planning Manager

**GMD 15/15**

**DUNGLOE TREATMENT PLANT**

Cllr Gallagher reiterated a previous request that a meeting be convened urgently to be attended by the Resident Engineer, Director of Water Services and Irish Water officials to respond to Members concerns regarding the cessation of construction activity at this location.

Cllr Slowey requested that a comprehensive report be compiled for the next Municipal meeting outlining reasons for the project delay. Cllr Bonner and Cllr Gallagher requested that the report address the role and input of Consultants to this project.

The Planning Manager undertook to liaise with the Director of Water Services and the Resident Engineer.

**GMD 16/15**

**APPEALS AND PART 8'S**

The Planning Manager informed members that there were no appeals received or appeal decisions notified during the period from 30/11/14 to 31/12/14.

**GMD 17/15**

**SOCIAL HOUSING PROGRAMME**

The Committee discussed the report circulated with the agenda and presented by the Housing Manager outlining the status of the following grant schemes as at 6/1/15;

- Housing Aid for Older People
- Housing Adaptation Grants
- Mobility Aid Grants

Cllr Gallagher expressed frustration at ongoing delays in relation to implementation of long awaited social housing legislation and also called for the Council to investigate the possibility of infill development in town centres to address housing shortages.

**GMD 18/15**

**DISPOSAL OF VACANT UNITS**

Cllr Gallagher and Cllr Ó Domhnaill requested that they be kept updated in relation to the majority decision taken at the December Municipal District meeting to dispose of vacant housing units at Maghera and Drimaneany. Cllr Ó Domhnaill also requested an update on the Glenties Municipal District decision taken to demolish 3 no. vacant older housing units in Dunfanaghy.

**GMD 19/15**

**HOUSING WAITING LIST**

In response to a query from Cllr Ó Domhnaill regarding the continual increase of applicants in the Falcarragh area on the waiting list, and particularly among single applicants, the Housing Manager advised that it is anticipated that the Housing Construction programme will recommence on announcement of the 6 year social Housing investment programme.

**GMD 20/15**

**HOUSING MAINTENANCE**

In response to queries from the Committee, the Housing Manager advised that a maintenance programme will be prepared for discussion and adoption by Members.

**GMD 21/15**

**TENANTS HANDBOOK**

Cllr Ó Domhnaill requested that the Committee be circulated with a copy of both the old and newly drafted tenant handbooks.

**GMD 22/15**

**CASUAL VACANCIES**

The Committee discussed the casual vacancy list as at the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 circulated previously and presented by the Housing Manager. In response to Cllr Bonners concerns regarding the apparent delay in letting of vacancies, the Housing Manager informed Members of the increasing number of applicants refusing to accept tenancy offers.

## **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**GMD 23/15**

### **FOLLOW UP ISSUES**

The Committee welcomed the report circulated with the agenda and Cllr Slowey also commended the Roads Manger for the E mail communications sent to Members in relation to outstanding issues highlighted at the December Municipal District Meeting.

**GMD 24/15**

### **MAINTENANCE & FLOODING**

The Committee highlighted the following locations for the attention of the Roads services;

- Glen Road Glenties at ‘the lab ‘ (flooding)
- Quay Road, Dungloe at Francie McGovern (Flooding)
- Edergole, Ardara (Flooding)
- Port Arthur Road
- Magheraroarty Meenlaragh Road

The Roads Manager responded to Members queries regarding the Community Involvement scheme and the proposals to acquire land for a future pedestrian crossing at Lower Main Street Dungloe.

**GMD 25/15**

### **DRAFT RESTORATION INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2015**

The Committee discussed the draft programme circulated with the agenda and presented by the Roads Manager. On the proposal of Cllr Bonner, seconded by Cllr Ó Domhnaill the Committee agreed the draft restoration improvement programme 2015 as presented with the exception of the following 3 road schemes;

<b><u>REF</u></b>	<b><u>Road ID</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
SD2	R259-7	Glen Road
SD8	L5593-1	Loughnanoran Road
SD10	L6043-1	Drumnacart Road (Reserve List)

In the absence of Cllr Mac Giolla Easbuig, Members agreed to meet prior to the Council meeting on 26/1/15 to finalise approval of the above schemes.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**