



## Municipal District of Glenties

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Dungloe

2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2022

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Municipal District of Glenties Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at **11.00 a.m. in  
Dungloe Public Service Centre.**

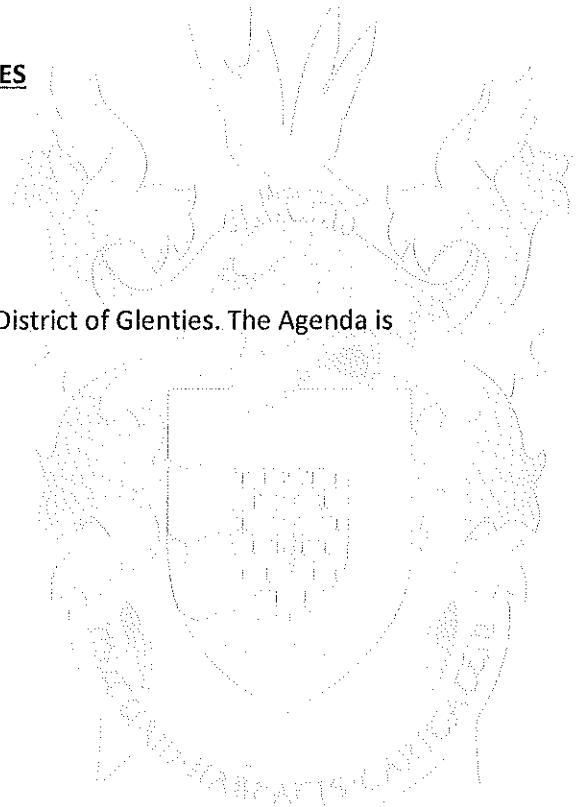
### TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Municipal District of Glenties. The Agenda is attached hereto.

Yours Sincerely,

**Michael Rowsome**  
**Meetings Administrator**





## Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
Ionad Seirbhísí  
Clochán Liath

2ú Márta, 2022

### FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar an **8ú Márta 2022**, ag **11.00 r.n. in Ionad Seirbhísí Clochán Liath.**

### DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniu seo Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí. Ta Clár an Cruinnithe le seo.

Mise, le meas

**Micheál Rowsome**  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

## AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 11.00
2. Schedule of Municipal District Works 11.05
3. Community Development & Cultural Services 11.25
4. Environment 11.45
5. Planning 12.05
6. Economic Development, I.S. & Emergency Services 12.25
7. Roads & Transportation 12.45
8. Housing & Corporate Services 13.05

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

**HELD REMOTELY ON 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher (Cathaoirleach)  
Cllr. Anthony Molloy (Leas Cathaoirleach)  
Cllr. Noreen McGarvey  
Cllr. Michael McClafferty  
Cllr. Michéal Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig  
Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Michael McGarvey, A/Director Water & Environment  
Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Housing & Corporate  
Brendan McFadden - SEE, Area Roads Manager  
Donna Callaghan - Area Planner  
Ciaran Martin - Senior Enterprise Development Officer  
David Friel - Coastal Officer  
Ann Marie McCole - Community Development Staff Officer  
Marie Martin - A/S.O. Housing/Corporate

**Others in Attendance:** Róise Ni Laifeartaigh - Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach  
Sean Ó Daimhin- Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

**GMD 09/22**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Committee meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Cllr. O' Fearraigh , the minutes of the Glenties Municipal District meetings held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 were confirmed.

GMD 10/22

### Planning

The Committee noted the following reports circulated with the Agenda:

- Development applications statistics for the year ended 31/12/2021.
- Enforcement cases.
- Quarterly Schedule of planning clinics.
- Rural regeneration & development fund projects.
- Central planning unit reports.

The Committee welcomed Donna Callaghan to her first meeting of the Glenties Municipal District.

10.1

### N56 Developments

Members outlined their continuing concerns in relation to development proposals in proximity to the N56 and requested the Central Planning Unit to meet Transport Infrastructure Ireland to expedite a resolution.

10.2

### Wind Energy

The Committee unanimously expressed their concerns regarding the scale of wind energy structures and requested a workshop with the Senior Executive Planner to clarify the proposed variation to the County Development Plan.

GMD 11/22

### Community Development

The Committee noted the following reports circulated with the agenda:

- Community Development Projects.
- Rural Development Programme.

- Healthy Ireland Fund.

Members agreed to schedule a development fund initiative workshop on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.am.

Cllr. Molloy commended the CD Staff Officer and her colleagues for meeting with the community in Ardara.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested an update on Polla tSnámh, Ranafast proposals.

**GMD 12/22**

### **Economic Development IS & Emergency**

The SEDO presented reports circulated with the agenda regarding the following:

- Economic Development Unit.
- Tourism Marketing Unit.
- Strategic Funding Unit.
- Project - Trail Gazers bid
- Local Enterprise Office.
- Emergency Services.

**12.1**

### **Caravan & Camping Study**

In response to query from Cllr. O' Fearraigh the SEDO informed the Committee that the Economic Development Unit are engaging with key stakeholders on the implementation of the recommendations of the study with a review to prioritising actions in 2022.

**12.2**

### **Talent Solutions**

The SEDO advised the Committee that the Council in conjunction with Derry City & Strabane District Council are working with Abodoo to develop a mapping platform to demonstrate the range of skills to aid foreign direct investment into the North West.

12.3

**Wild Atlantic Camp, Creeslough**

Cllr. McClafferty & Cllr. McGarvey welcomed the success of the above facility on being named as "Ireland's Best Campsite" for 2022.

12.4

**Broadband**

In response to queries from Cllr. McGarvey & , Cllr. McClafferty the SEDO advised that the Broadband Officer is contactable at (DaraMcDonagh) [broadband@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:broadband@donegalcoco.ie).

12.5

**Digital Hubs**

Cllr. Molloy & Cllr. McClafferty requested the Council to promote the development of digital hubs throughout the Municipal District. The SEDO informed members of the availability of RRDF and Town & Village funding for the development of digital hubs and that information in this regard will be circulated to the Committee.

12.6

**Economic Development Plan**

Cllr. Gallagher requested both Udaras and the Council to prepare a strategic economic development plan to guide the economic growth and development of communities in West Donegal in consultation with relevant stakeholders.

Environment

The Committee noted the following report circulated previously:

- Recycling centres - commencement of new contract.
- School campaigns & competitions.
- Rural Water Programme.
- Coastal Management.

Cllr. Gallagher requested the availability of 24 hr recycling facilities in Dungloe and the Coastal Officer undertook to get an update on this request. Members were also advised that the facility in Dungloe is now open on Tuesdays with an expanded range of materials accepted for recycling.

Cllr. O'Fearraigh requested the Council to carry out maintenance at the toilets of Inisboffin in advance of the tourist season and the Coastal Officer informed the Committee that he will be meeting the Development Group next week.

Cllr. Molloy requested an update on the status of the 'Changing Places' toilet facilities at Narin and the Coastal Officer informed members that he is in the process of sourcing a supplier for provision of a privacy screen.

Members were further advised that the Council intend to launch both the 'Changing Places' facility and the de-fibrillator prior to St. Patrick's weekend.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested an update on work in progress to repair damaged boardwalks following recent storms.



GMD 14/22

## Roads

14.1

### NRDO Report

The Committee welcomed the report circulated with the agenda and presented by the Roads Manager in relation to:

1. Major and Minor N56 roads projects.
2. Pavement asset repair & renewal on the N56 from Crolly to Meenacuing.

14.2

### Follow up issues

The Roads Manager advised that responses issued to members in advance of today's meeting. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig confirmed that he had overlooked an email dated 3/2/2022 in relation to issues that he had raised at the January Municipal District meeting.

14.3

### Workshop

The Roads Manager requested the Committee to agree dates for workshops in relation to a number of programme items.

14.4

### Miscellaneous Roads Issues

The Committee highlighted the following issues for the attention of the Roads Service:

- Poll a tSnamh Road overgrowth.
- Glen road drainage.
- Completion of Community Enhancement Scheme on the Tearman Road, Maghery.
- Traffic calming measures on the back road at Fairhill.
- Broken barriers at An Chuir picnic area.

- Provision of Public lighting from Pete's Bar to Teach Andie Ward.
- Provision of load of gravel in proximity to dangerous bend on back of Errigal road.
- Liaise with Department of Education in relation to takeover of section of roadway near Cloughaneely Golf Club.

In response to query from Cllr. O'Fearraigh the Roads Manager informed the Committee that an engineering consultant has been appointed to progress Bunbeg footbridge project to preliminary design & planning consent stage.

The Roads Manager updated members on the status of the takeover of a number of roads in the Municipal District following a query from Cllr. McGarvey.

## **GMD 15/22**

### **Housing & Corporate Services**

#### **15.1**

#### **Grants**

The Committee noted the reports circulated with the agenda and presented by the A/Area Manager.

#### **15.2**

#### **Casual Vacancies**

The Committee noted the report circulated previously and presented by the Housing Manager in relation to the status of 14 No. Casual vacancies as at 01/02/2022.

### 15.3

#### Monthly Reports

The Committee noted statistical information in respect of the following:

- Housing need.
- HAP Scheme.
- Rental Accommodation Scheme.
- Tenant Purchase.

### 15.4

#### Housing Capital

Members welcomed the recent agreement of housing capital to meet with the Municipal District quarterly and noted the report on the status of Social Housing Development listed on the previously circulated report.

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Housing Manager to liaise with Headquarters in respect of the Part 8 Planning proposal for 45 Social Housing Units at Chapel Road, Dungloe.

### 15.5

#### Approved Housing Bodies

Cllr. Gallagher referred to the recent correspondence submitted by the Chief Executives of both Respond & Cluid.

Members welcomed the positive response from the Chief Executive Officer of Respond regarding the completion of a Bill of Quantities specifically requested by the Department of Housing. Members were unhappy with the response from the Chief Executive Officer of Cluid Housing and Cllr. Gallagher requested the A/Area Manager to liaise with the Director of Housing to expedite resolution of ongoing issues.

The Acting Area Manager updated the Committee on the proposal submitted by the Ardara Sheltered Housing Association. Members were advised that the Roads & Housing Engineers had met on site to assess the proposal.

15.6

Doochary

In response to a query from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig regarding the presence of caravans on Council land near Droim an Droichid, the A/Area Manager advised that he has contacted the owner in this regard.

15.7

Aranmore

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Housing Manager to liaise with Seamus Bonner representing the Island Council.

15.8

Corporate - Deputations

The Housing Manager reminded members that a workshop has been arranged on the 17<sup>th</sup> February in relation to :

- 9.30am Fire Service.
- 11.00 am Inisboffin Development Group.

Members were also advised of the ongoing difficulties in arranging a workshop with the Doochary Development Group. The Housing Manager undertook to revert to the group to ascertain their preferred method of progressing issues. The Housing Manager agreed to liaise with the Council Secretariat regarding Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig's recommendation to live stream meetings of the Municipal District and the necessity for Housing to be a stand- alone Directorate.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING