



18ú Deireadh Fómhair 2022

**GACH BALL DE CHOISTE NA nOILEÁN
EACH MEMBER OF THE ISLANDS COMMITTEE**

A Chara

Beidh an chéad cruinniú eile de choiste na nOileán ar 8^ú lá de mhí na Samhna 2022 in oifigí na Comhairle Condae ar an Chlochán Liath ag a 10 a chlog r.n.

The next meeting of the Islands Committee is scheduled for November 8th, 2022 in Dungloe PSC, commencing at 10.00am.

Tá clár an chruinniú leagtha amach anseo.

The Agenda for the meeting is set out hereunder.

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair ag an chruinniú seo.

Please arrange to be in attendance.

Mise le meas

Micheál Rowsome

Bainisteoir Ceantair

Seirbhísí Corparáideacha

Ar son Riarthóir Cruinniú

CLÁR **AGENDA**

1. (a) Miontuairiscí Cruinniú 12ú Iúil, 2022.
Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 12th July, 2022

(b) Néithe ag éirí.
Matters arising from the Minutes.
2. Tógraí Oileán - Island Projects
3. Aon Gnó Eile - Any Other Business

**MINUTES OF ISLANDS COMMITTEE
HELD ON TORY ISLAND ON 12TH JULY 2022**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr Anthony Molloy Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Noreen McGarvey
Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh
Cllr. Michael McClafferty
Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig
Michéal Mac Giolla Easbuig (Udarás na Gaeltachta)
Marjorie Uí Chearbhall
Séamus Mac Ruairí
William Boyle
John O'Brien
Eddie Joe McGee
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Michael McGarvey - Director of Water & Environment Service
Michael Rowsome, A/Area Manager, Corporate & Housing
Brendan McFadden, SEE, Roads Manager
Jamie Gallagher - Roads Engineer
Stephen O'Brien – Graduate Planner
Anne Marie McCole – Community Dev. Staff Officer
Mary Boyle, A/SSO, Housing & Corporate
- OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Dónal Mac Giolla Chóill – Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach
- APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Ian McGarvey
Cllr. Marie Theresa Gallagher
Cathal Sweeney – Piers & Harbours Marine Engineer
Mairín Uí Fhearraigh
Bríd Ní Chonghaile – An Roinn
Noirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh
F. Laird Dinsmore
John McCafferty
Máire Uí Dochartaigh
David Friel – Coastal Officer

Islands Committee Meeting 12/7/22 on Tory Island

IC 29/22 Election of Cathoirleach & Leas Cathoirleach

On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Cllr. O'Fearraigh the Committee elected Cllr. Molloy as Cathoirleach of Coiste na nOileáin.
On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig the Committee elected Cllr. McClafferty as Leas Cathoirleach of Coiste na nOileáin.

Cllr. Molloy commended the outgoing Cathoirleach Cllr. Gallagher for her major contribution to the development of an Island Roads Policy. Cllr. Molloy complimented Marjorie Carroll for facilitating the visit of Members to Tory and conveyed his gratitude to William Rodgers for his guided tour of the Island. The Cathoirleach also welcomed the recent allocation of substantial Government Funding towards development of the Island Road network.

IC 30/22 **Minutes of Meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, seconded by William Boyle the Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2022.

IC 31/22 **Tory**

Marjorie Uí Chearbhall highlighted the following issues:

- Lighthouse road to be completed
- Repair of back of Island Road
- Slipway development
- Removal of old cars
- Recycling Centre to be completed

A Site specific risk assessment regarding works required to the Sea Wall on Tory was circulated at the meeting and Marjorie Uí Chearbhaill requested an extension of the Sea Wall to prevent erosion and in the interests of Health and Safety.

In response to queries from the Committee regarding responsibility for the Sea Wall the Director informed the meeting that the Council are awaiting clarification from an inter departmental group working on Marine infrastructure. The Director also advised that an application will be submitted to the Department for additional funding to complete the recycling centre.

The A/Area Manager for Housing advised the Committee that the Marine Engineer submitted a report as follows:

“Consultant being procured to carry out bathymetric survey to determine a solution for the slipway at Tory. Funding for this survey has been received from Dept. of Rural and Community Development.

Tender will issue shortly to replace inner lighting at Helipad. Funding has been received from Dep. Of Rural and Community Development.”

Michéal Mac Giolla Easbuig representing Údaras advised of their ongoing involvement with projects on Tory Island and updated members regarding the Men’s Shed Project.

The Roads Engineer updated the Committee of the status of roadworks on the Island.

John O'Brien requested information on any proposals in respect of a windfarm development North of Tory.

Cllr. McClafferty highlighted the necessity for a fast boat service to the Island and Cllr. Micheal Mac Giolla Easbuig requested that a letter issue to An Roinn regarding status of new boat.

Cllr. McClafferty suggested that An Roinn introduce a Village renewal Scheme for Islands.

IC 32/22

Arranmore

Cllr. Micheal Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to resolve traffic management issues on Arranmore and at Burtonport.

He also advised members that the official opening of the Arranmore Island Shore Front Amenity Development on Friday 22nd July '22 would also increase traffic volumes.

The Roads Engineer & Manager informed the Committee that additional Car Parking has been provided near the Lobster Pot and that additional Car Parking will also be available to assist the Burtonport Festival Committee.

Seamus Rodgers requested the takeover of the Doctor's Road.

The A/Area Manager informed Members that the Marine Engineer has provided the following update:

"Repair of Pollawaddy Slipway to be progressed in 2023. A Consultant is being procured to design the repair of Rannagh Pier. Funding is awaited for this development.

Works to be carried out later this year and will also include work to Wind Sock, Manhole Cover and Power Box."

IC 33/22

Inis Caorach

Philip Rodgers requested the addition of Inis Caorach to the Islands Roads Programme and maintenance of the defence wall.

IC 34/22

Inishboffin

John O'Brien highlighted the following issues for follow up by the relevant Council Services:

- Sea Wall on Inishboffin
- Group Water Scheme
- Community Centre
- Fishing Industry Support
- Road Service to liaise with Denis O'Brien in relation to drainage

The Director undertook to organise for Frank McGinley to meet Islanders in relation to the Group Water Scheme.

The A/Area Manager in Housing advised the Committee that the Marine Engineer has provided an update as follows in respect of Inishboffin:

"EK Marine have been awarded a contract to provide a crane and the works to commence the base wall commence next week. Works will also include ducting for light at the slipway and the lights at the Main Pier will also be repaired."

IC 35/22

Owey Island

William Boyle requested the Council to expedite roadworks, repair of dangerous steps on the pier, repair of broken railings and provision of adequate lighting.

The Report from the Marine Engineer advised that "Two new lights have been procured, similar to what has been provided at Magheragallon Pier. These will be installed during proposed road works on the island. Noel Breslin will be in Owey next week to access piers and carry out maintenance including repair of railings."

IC 36/22

Bunbeg Pier

William Boyle requested the repair of ladder rungs at the pier.

IC 37/22

Gola Island

Eddie Joe McGee raised the following issues requiring resolution:

- Provision of a public convenience
- Water pipe from the mainland to be secured
- Provision of a helipad
- Repair of Port a Chruinn Pier

The Director agreed to request an update from Irish Water in relation to the water pipe.

Members also noted the report from the Marine Engineer stating that “Undermining of Port a Chruinn Pier to be repaired in 2023 subject to funding.”

IC 38/22 **Magheraroarty Pier**

The Committee reiterated previous concerns regarding toilets, dredging, parking and capacity issues at the pier.

Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig requested Údaras, the Council and An Roinn to develop a masterplan for essential works at this location.

The Committee noted the report from the Marine Engineer advising that “A Consultant is being procured to determine if the approach channel to the pier can be deepened to allow access at all stages of the tide. Funding in this regard has been received from the Dept. of Rural and Community Development.”

John O’Brien highlighted the potential benefits of a crab storage facility in Magherarorty.

IC 39/22 **Rutland**

In response to a query from Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig, the Director advised that the Council are engaging with the Island representatives in relation to water supply.

IC 40/22 **Ferry Service to Smaller Islands**

In response to queries from the Committee regarding the provision of a barge/small ferry service to the smaller islands a number of times annually, the A/Area Corporate Manager stated that Colm Mac Donnacha from An Roinn has requested the submission of a business case from Island representatives.

IC 41/22 **Marine Services**

Cllr. Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Cathoirleach to liaise with Senior Management to ensure the attendance of a Marine representative at all Island Meetings.

The Committee noted the following reports:

Binwee (Magheragallon)

Works to raise the deck of the pier and provide new steps have been deferred until September so that current traffic to the island is not impacted.

Inishirrer

Works to repair damage to end of the pier have had to be cancelled a number of times this year due to poor weather conditions coinciding with the low spring tides required to carry out this work. New lights will be installed when these works proceed. Works are now scheduled for 12th August.

Inish Mhic an Doirn

Engineers from Donegal Co. Council will travel to Inis Mhic an Doirn to determine a suitable location for a pontoon here this week.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING