



5ú Márta 2024

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

A Chara,

Beidh an chéad cruinniú eile de choiste na nOileán ar 12^ú lá de Márta 2024 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 March 12th, 2024 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 14ú Samhain, 2023
Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th November, 2023
- (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 IN DUNGLOE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE ON
14th NOVEMBER 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Michael McClafferty (Cathaoirleach)
Cllr Anthony Molloy
Cllr. Micheal Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher
Mairín Uí Fhearraigh
William Boyle
Eddie Joe Mac Aoidh
Laird Dinsmore
Máire Uí Dhochartaigh
Marjorie Uí Chearbhall
Philip Rodgers
Seamus Rodgers
Michéal Mac Giolla Easbuig - Údarás na Gaeltachta
Margaret & Dinny McCullagh

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael McGarvey - Director of Water & Environment Service
Michael Rowsome, A/Area Manager, Corporate & Housing
Jamie Gallagher, Roads Engineer
Mary Boyle, A/SSO, Housing & Corporate
Sinéad McClafferty - Executive Planner
Lorna Ramsey - Executive Planner
Eugene Allen - Asst. Engineer, Marine & Harbours
Kevin McCloskey - Coastal Officer
Clíona Ní Ghallachóir - Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Noreen McGarvey
Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh
Noirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh
John O'Brien
John McCafferty

IC 55/23 Minutes of Meeting

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig and seconded by Máirín Uí Fhearraigh the Committee agreed the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2023.

IC 56/23 Tory Island

Majorie Uí Chearbhall commended works on the recycling centre and the playground.

The Tory Representative supported by the Committee requested the Council to resolve the following issues:

- Public Toilet Access in Magheroarty
- Sea Wall

After a lengthy discussion the Environmental Director undertook to liaise with Údarás na Gaeltachta to resolve ongoing issues and to expedite the immediate provision of access to public toilets.

The Environment Director informed the Committee that:

- (i) Internal discussions are ongoing involving roads, marine and environmental services.
- (ii) Council don't have a role in the protection of private property.
- (iii) Council will contact the OPW to progress matters in terms of responsibility for the Sea Wall and the availability of funding.

The Marine Engineer advised the Committee that repair works at the helipad are now complete and that the shelter at Magheroarty Pier will be constructed during Q4 2023 and Q1 2024.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted the importance of adequate storage facilities at the pier at Magheroarty.

IC 57/23 Arranmore Island

The Committee welcomed the Marine Report circulated with the Agenda regarding the following projects:

- Completion of works at Polawaddy Slipway
- Installation of Crane on Stackamore Pier
- Funding for Rannagh Pier will be sought in 2024.

Seamus Rodgers commended the activity of Roadworkers in the aftermath of the recent storm damage to infrastructure on the Islands.

In response to a query from Seamus Rodgers regarding the takeover of the Doctor's Road, the Roads Engineer clarified the current Island Road Takeover Policy and undertook to update Members regarding future recommendations in this regard.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig stated that toilet facilities in Arranmore are unsuitable for disabled users.

IC 58/23 Inish Mhic a Doirn (Rutland)

Laird Dinsmore informed the Committee of the:

1. Absence of the safe supply of water.
2. The necessity for another defibrillator.
3. Consultation with the Islanders in advance of a walkway development in light of the presence of rare and protected plants and species. Máire Uí Dhochartaigh stated the importance of consultation *visa vis* commonage implications. Máire Uí Fhearraigh advised that Joe Curran, Comhar na nOileán will assist the Community with their application.

In response to a query from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig regarding works carried out to the pier (Union Store), the Marine Engineer undertook to investigate ownership of same.

IC 59/23 Oileán Ruaidh (Roy)

Máire Uí Dhochartaigh requested an update on the provision of Fire Extinguishers and also highlighted safety concerns regarding the movement of rock armour.

IC 60/23 Oileán Ghabhla (Gola)

The Committee welcomed the Marine Report circulated with the Agenda regarding the completion of pier refurbishment work. Eddie Joe McGee requested the provision of an additional ladder, public lighting, ring buoys and further roadworks.

Máirín Uí Fhearraigh requested the Council to refurbish the pier at Trá na mBláthín. The Gola Representatives commended the completion of pier works and the provision of a toilet. Kevin McCloskey, Coastal Officer, advised of toilet maintenance arrangements.

The Marine Engineer advised that a foreshore application will be required to progress the provision of a pontoon in Bunbeg.

IC 61/23 Úaigh - Owey

William Boyle requested additional roadworks on the Island and the repair of the Counter. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig commended the Owey Representative for his assistance with the potential provision of toilets and requested the refurbishment of carparking facilities on the pier at Cruit.

IC 62/23 Inis Oirthear

Dinny Mc Cullagh informed the Committee of the infrastructural deficit on the Island. Cllrs. Mac Giolla Easbuig and McClafferty agreed to visit the Island along with the Marine and Roads Engineers.

IC 63/23 Inis Caorach

Philip Rodgers recommended the restoration of a R.O.W./walkway to improve access and to minimise the impact on bird nesting. He also requested the maintenance of the Sea Wall. The Roads Engineer

informed the Committee of efforts to source a mechanism of funding for roadworks.

IC 64/23 Barge Service

The Committee expressed disappointment of the absence of An Roinn representation at the meeting and requested an update on the provision of a barge service to the smaller Islands.

IC 65/23 Other Smaller Islands

Cllr. McClafferty requested the provision of lighting on Inisboffin. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Marine Service to repair Inis Cú slipway and to apply for funding for replacement steps at the head of Inis Meán Pier.

IC 66/23 National Broadband Ireland

Máirín Uí Fhearraigh advised the Committee of work in progress to deliver broadband to Island residents.

IC 67/23 Housing

Máirín Uí Fhearraigh advised Members that Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann/Comhar na nOileán will launch a report 'Ireland's Offshore Islands: Housing Needs Survey' on the 22nd November 2023 in Leinster House.

IC 68/23 Bravery Awards

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed disappointment that the Magheroarty Sea Rescue participants have yet to be publicly recognised for their bravery.

IC 69/23 Shelters

Kevin McCloskey circulated design proposals for outdoor swimming shelters and responded to a query from Máirín Uí Fhearraigh in this regard. The Regional Manager with Údarás na Gaeltachta undertook to investigate if assistance could be provided for boat repair shelter in Bunbeg.

IC 70/23 County Development Plan

Cllr. Gallagher stressed the importance of the incorporation of a dedicated Island policy within the County Development Plan.

IC 71/23 Foreshore Licence

Cllr. McClafferty expressed frustration that valuable funding is exiting the County as a consequence of the excessive time delays to acquire foreshore licences.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

March 2024 - Islands Meeting update

Piers & Harbours

Tory Island Helipad

- Outer ring lights repaired on Helipad.

Arranmore

- Funding sought to carry out structural repair/refurbishment of Rannagh Pier
- Minor repair works to be carried out on Ferry slipway week commencing 11/3/2024
- The crane on Stackamore pier has been installed.
- Funding sought to refurbish Aphort Pier crane.

Inishmeane

- Funding sought for replacement steps on Inishmeane Pier

Burtonport

- Funding sought to resurface Ferry slipway.

Magheroarty Pier

- Funding sought to install fenders in Ferry berth

Curransport

- Funding sought to install wave wall at top of Curransport slipway.

Priority	1	2	3	4
Project name	Arranmore Island - Pollawaddy Pier to Screig Rd jct	Arranmore Island - Screig Rd jct back towards Leabgarrow	Arranmore Island - Aphort Road	Arranmore Island - Surface Dressing 2023 Works
Start and end points (as coordinates or on a map)	Pollawaddy Road - Past RNLI Lifeboat Station (L-3113-1) in the townlands of Leabgarrow 118,190; 417115 to 167,905; 417,040	Pollawaddy Road - continuation of Scheme #1 heading back towards the main pier in the townlands of Leabgarrow 118,190; 417115 to 167,905; 417,041	Aphort Road (L-3143-1) in the townlands of Plughoge & Illion 167,110; 414,220 to 167,425; 414375	1 sections (Nightclub Road) 1) 168,170; 416,025 to 167,890; 416090
Road width	450m long and 3.5m wide	600m long and 3.5m wide	350m long and 4.0m wide	300m long and 3.5m wide
Type of surface proposed (e.g. depth of Clause 804/806, asphaltic concrete, surface dressing (single/double) etc)	Overlay with 60mm of AC14 including digging out numerous soft spots and reconstructing with appropriate material	Overlay with 60mm of AC14	Overlay with 60mm of AC14	Double Surface Dress with 6mm and a 10mm chip
Other relevant details, if applicable (e.g. drainage, lay-by, etc)	Minor prep works required including standard drainage works. There are various soft spots evident and works will include digging out and reconstructing to road level with appropriate material. Entrances to be completed after bitmac works.	Minor Prep work including drainage works. Domestic Entrances to be completed after bitmac works.	Minimal Prep work required	Minimal Prep work required
Is planning/Part 8 approval required for the proposed works? If yes, give details of the current status.	No	No	No	No
Plans/sketches/tender documents for the proposed works (if such information is relevant). (Attach to this template and describe the information which is being provided in the cell to the right.)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Is the road currently maintained by the County Council, and/or will it be when the proposed works have been completed?	Yes - L-3113-1. 90% Funding is required	Yes - L-3113-1. 90% Funding is required	Yes - L-3143-1. 90% Funding is required	No but the process to take in charge has already commenced. 100% Funding required to bring the road to the appropriate standard before take-over completion.
Cost of the proposed works - please provide a breakdown (e.g. drainage cost, Clause 804/806 cost, surface dressing cost etc).	Total Cost = €75,000 Surfacing Bitmac = 1575 x €40 = €63,000 Prep & After Works DCC Works = €12,000	Total Cost = €90,000 Surfacing Bitmac = 2100 x €40 = €84,000 Prep & After Works DCC Works = €6,000	Total Cost = €56,000 Surfacing Bitmac = 1400 x €40 = €56,000	Total Cost = €15,750 Surfacing DSD = 1050 x €14 = €15,750

ROADS - 2024 APPLICATION

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Arranmore Island - Ballard Road (Dipping Pond) to Ring Road	Arranmore Island - VRS Assessment & Report on 3 locations along the Lighthouse Road	Arranmore Island - Campbells Corner Junction Improvements	Tory Island - County Road to Sea Wall (West Town)	Tory Island - Poirin Glass Road (West Town)
166,765; 415,350 to 165,955; 416,040	166,100;417,145 to 164,310; 418,510	168,175;415,760 to 168,155; 415,805	185,455; 446,350 to 185,485; 446,300	185,475; 446,390 to 184,865; 447,075
1120m long and 3.5m wide	3 sections	45m long x 5.0m wide	60m long and 4.0m wide	1,000m long and 3.5m wide
Regulate with Clause 804 and Bitmac with 60mm AC14.	N/A	Overlay with 60mm of AC14	Overlay with 60mm of AC14	Regulate with Clause 804 and Bitmac with 60mm AC14.
Drainage works to be carried out prior to surfacing including replacement of road crossings.	The preparation of a VRS Assessment and Report has been recommended following the preparation of an in-house Road Safety Assessment	Improvements to Campbells corner is proposed by widening the carriageway on the approach from Phil Bans towards the junction on the western side. This will allow the stop line on the per road to be moved out to facilitate improved vision lines and turning circles.	Minimal Prep work required	Drainage works to be carried out prior to surfacing.
No	No	No	No	No
N/A	N/A	Awaiting final design from Road Design	N/A	N/A
No but will be taken in charge after the works have been completed. 100% Funding is required	Yes the road is in the process of being taken in charge - expected date End April 2024. 90% Funding is required	Yes - L-3113-1. 90% Funding is required	No but will be taken in charge after the works have been completed. 100% funding is required	No but will be taken in charge after the works have been completed. 100% funding is required
Total Cost = €195,000 Surfacing Bitmac = 3920 x €45 = €180,320 Prep & After Works Works = €14,780	Total Cost = €10,000 Prepare VRS Risk Assessment and Report (estimate only) = €10,000	Total Cost = €60,000 Surfacing Bitmac = 300 x €40 = €12,000 Widening and accommodation works DCC Works = €48,000	Total Cost = €25,000 Surfacing Overheads = €5,000 Bitmac = 240 x €75 = €18,000 Prep & After Works Overheads = €1,000 Works = €1,000	Total Cost = €275,000 Surfacing Bitmac = 3500 x €75 = €262,500 Prep & After Works Works = €12,500

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<p>Owey Island - Environmental Assessment</p> <p>171,915; 422,925 to 171,455; 422,975</p> <p>550m long and 3.0m wide</p>	<p>Placeholder - Final consideration of practicability and feasibility of surfacing on Smaller Islands to be carried out in conjunction with the department engineer in early 2024</p>
<p>Regulate with Clause 804 and Bitmac with 60mm AC14.</p>	
<p>Further to Island representations, an environmental assessment is required to assess the feasibility and appropriateness of a bound bitmac layer on the Island</p>	
<p>No</p>	
<p>N/A</p>	
<p>Yes the L-14632. 90% funding is required</p>	
<p>Total Cost = €5,000</p> <p>Prepare Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA Stage 1 & 2) = €5,000</p>	

Comharchumann na nOileán Beag

Seo a leanas na pointí a bheas mé a thogáil ag cruinniú Coiste na nOileán ar an 12 Márta:

Gabhla:

1. Tuarisc ar an obair ag cé Phort a Chruinn - dreimírí / Report on works carried out at Port a Chruinn pier
2. Maoiniú do choiriú boithre - iarratas istigh ag an Comhairle Contae / Funding for island road - application already with Council
3. An counter ag cé Thráigh na mBlathán - Fix counter at pier
4. Piosa breise a chur le cé Thráigh na nBlathán / Extension to main island pier.

Inis Mhic a Doirn

1. An pontoon a chur in ait / Install pontoon at island pier
2. Cosán siulóide a fhorbairt / Develop walkway
3. Eco-water system - Sand point wells / Water system - explore possibilities of Sand Point Wells

Inis Fraoigh

1. An bealach a choiriú /draenáil a dhéanamh / Repair roads/drainage
2. An t-ionad foscaidh ag an ché a choiriú / Repair shelter at pier
3. Cosán siulóide a fhorbairt / Develop island walk

Inis Bó Finne

1. Seirbhís farantóireachta deonaithe / Subsidised ferry service to island
2. Coiriú ar an ché - /A complete structural redevelopment plan for pier
3. Boithre - tá coiriú de dhith ar boithre ar chúl an oileáin / The road network at back of island needs a complete upgrade
4. Uas dhatú ar an chóras uisce - /Upgrade of water system

Inis Caorach

1. An balla cosanta a choiriú / Fix sea wall near the pier
2. Boithre an oileáin a chur ar liosta na Roinne / Get islands road on funding list of Roinn na Gaeltachta

Oileán Ruaidh

1. Creimiú costa / Repair costal erosion on north corner of island
2. An ráile sabháil ar an chabhsa a choiriú (an taobh iséal) /Fix safety rail on causeway (lower side)
3. Suiochán scríste ag taobh an chomhartha eolais / Erect a seat at causeway entrance

Ginearálta

1. Seirbhís lastais do na hoileáin bheaga / Subsidised cargo service to small islands
2. Ionad foscaidh ag cé an Phoirt Úir agus ar an ché i nGabhla / Shelters at Port Úr and Tráigh na mBlathán Pier for ferry passenger and swimmers
3. 2023 Polasaí Oileánda / Islands Policy 2023
4. Ganntanas oibríthe ag an Chomhairle Contae / Shortage of workers in County Council and impact on islands.
5. Muillte gaoithe ar muir / Windmills at sea - applications in Donegal

Le meas,

Máirín Uí Fhearraigh

Bainisteoir

Comharchumann na nOileán Beag

