#### **Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain**

Oifig Riarthóir na gCruinnithe Aras an Chontae Leifear 7 Eanáir 2016

#### **FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Céadaoin 13 Eanáir 2016, **ag 1.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach.** 

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

#### A Chara,

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcruinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

| Mise, le meas   |
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| Aideen Doherty  |
| <i>p.p.</i> Riarthóir Cruinnithe  *********************************** |
| Municipal District of Inishowen                                       |

Office of Meetings Administrator **County House** Lifford 7<sup>th</sup> January 2016

#### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Wednesday 13th January 2016 at 1.00 p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh.

| TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN   |    |
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| Dear Councillor   |    |
| You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen. Agenda is attached. | Th |
| Yours sincerely   |    |
| Aideen Doherty  |    |
| for Liam Ward Meetings Administrator  |    |
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### **AGENDA**

- 1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 8th December 2015
- 2. Environment Services (Blue)
- 3. Roads & Transportation (Orange)
- 4. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services (Yellow)
- 5. Community & Enterprise
- 6. Planning Services

# MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, CARNDONAGH PSC ON THE 08<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllrs Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin Mc Dermott, Bernard Mc Guinness, Jack Murray and John Ryan.

#### **OFFICALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr John G. Mc Laughlin, Ms Aideen Doherty, Mr Seamus Hopkins, Ms Sharon Mc Morran, Ms Suzanne Brogan, Mr Seamus Canning and Ms Marie Mulhern.

#### 15.59 Presentation of Certificates for the Best Kept Housing Estates

Cllr Donaghey congratulated the residents from Colehill, Newtown and Abbey Villas, Manor on winning in their categories of the Best Kept Housing Estate. It took a great amount of effort and hard work to achieve the prize, its great to see the civic pride. Thanks to the Council for collecting the rubbish and issuing the bags and litter pickers etc. Cllr Donaghey congratulated all the tidy town committees that won prizes in this year's tidy town's competition. Cllr Donaghey presented the prize for category 3 to the Colehill residents association and the category 2 prize to Abbey Villas.

Cllr Canning congratulated all the effort put in by both estates and suggested the Council support all the tidytown committees in their work.

#### 15.60 Sympathy

The members observed a minutes silence in respect of the recent passing of Agatha Stewart, aunt of Aideen Doherty.

# 15.61 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015

On the proposal of Cllr Albert Doherty, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were agreed.

# 15.62 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT BUDGET MEETING HELD ON THE $05^{TH}$ NOVEMBER 2015.

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning, seconded by Cllr Martin Mc Dermott, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Budget meeting held on the 05<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were agreed.

#### **15.63 PLANNING**

Sharon Mc Morran presented the planning update report.

#### **63.01 Tier Two Towns**

Cllr Farren advised that he met with Denis Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, to discuss the tier two towns and he suggested that Moville could be included as

a heritage town. Cllr Farren enquired if he could be kept up to speed on the matter.

#### 63.02 Planning in Carndonagh

Cllr Canning suggested, that considering the number of planning applications for the Inishowen area, that the Council would consider bringing a service back to Inishowen. Cllr Mc Guinness concurred and suggested that a Planner be available one day per week in Carndonagh and a liaison officer be assigned full time. Cllr Farren stated that Planning should never have left, and that it is much more difficult for a public representative to do their job as a result.

#### **15.64 ENVIRONMENT**

Suzanne Brogan presented the Environment update report.

#### 64.01 Adopt a Road 2015/2016

Applications have been issued to tidy towns groups that entered the 2015 national competition. The closing date for applications was 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015. Cllr Canning stated that this is an excellent funding mechanism for the tidy towns groups.

#### 64.02 Environmental Partnership Grant 2015

This is an annual grant administered by the Department of Environment. Donegal County Council has received an allocation of €15,700 with matching funding to be provided by Donegal County Council. 19 applications have been awarded funding for a wide variety of projects.

Cllr Doherty advised that there are a number of properties on Pound Street, Carndonagh that are unoccupied and the owners cannot be located.

#### 64.03 Halloween Bonfires

Donegal County Council's mobile litter unit and litter wardens were involved in the removal of waste materials stored at 5 locations around the county. Additionally 500 tyres illegally dumped were removed on the run up to Halloween.

#### **64.05 Beach Improvements Works**

Work continues at a number of our beaches to improve access for visitors of all abilities. This includes Murvagh, Fintra, Carrickfinn and Shrove. Cllr Farren commended the work done at Shrove and paid tribute to Donegal County Council's David Friel.

#### 64.06 Carnagarve, Moville

Cllr Murray enquired about an update on designation of the bathing waters at Carnagarve.

#### 64.07 Pairc an Ghrianan, Burnfoot

Cllr Murray advised that the residents are living in fear in relation to flooding because of their proximity to the sewerage treatment plant. Cllr Ryan concurred and expressed his concerns in the same regard.

Cllr Donaghey congratulated the Council staff on the work to alleviate the problem during recent storms.

#### 64.08 Westbrook, Buncrana

Cllr Crossan advised that as result of the flooding there were problems with the tanks at Westbrook and requested an update on the position.

#### 64.09 Irish Water

Cllr Ryan enquired if a representative from Irish Water could attend the Municipal District meetings to update the members. This was seconded by Cllr Murray.

#### 64.10 Coastal Erosion

Cllr Mc Guinness proposed that a person be assigned to deal with coastal erosion and flooding in this area. This was seconded by Cllr Doherty and Canning. John Mc Laughlin advised that applications for specific works need to be submitted at budget time in order that funding can be put in place.

#### 64.11 Newtown

Cllr Canning enquired if the OPW could create more of a holding area to help with the tidal issue in Newtown.

The Director of Service and MD Manager John McLaughlin stated that the OPW is the body charged with implementing the requirements of the EU Floods Directive, as well as to deliver on core components of the 2004 National Flood Policy. In this regard the North Western – Neagh Bann CFRAM study has been commissioned and will run until the end of 2016.

#### **64.12 Loughs Agency**

Cllr Mc Guinness enquired if a letter could issue to the Loughs Agency thanking them for the works done to date, in cooperation with David Friel, Environment Section.

# 15/65 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION 65.01 Update Report

Seamus Hopkins presented the update report on the roadwork's programme.

#### 65.02 Westbrook and Millbridge, Buncrana

These are narrow bridges that create traffic restrictions. Area roads intend to keep the management of traffic at the bridges under review. However, resolving the issue will require bridge widening works which would entail significant cost.

#### 65.03 Resurfacing of the Aghilly Road

Area roads are currently preparing surfacing works on the Aghilly Road. The Contractor is due on site on Thursday  $10^{th}$  December 2015 and local residents and businesses have been informed.

#### 65.04 Road between the Rockey Town and Kearney's pass

Area roads are aware of the issues on this road which forms part of the inner relief road and will keep them under review, however, funding would have to be identified for significant improvements at this location.

#### 65.05 Footpath to the Fodden grounds, Carndonagh

This particular stretch of footpath has not been included in our footpath programme, however area roads will investigate options at this location.

#### 65.06 Limestone on the riverside walk beside O' Doherty's

Area roads are intending to meet with Cllr Doherty at this location to discuss options.

#### 65.07. Dunegard, Mountain road

Area roads intend to undertake drainage works at this location.

#### **65.08 Lining on National Primary Routes**

Chapter 7 of the Road Traffic Manual is currently under review but no formal policy on this has been issued.

#### 65.09 Flooding problem at the school at Newtown

Area roads have been in contact with locals and a meeting is to take place next week on the flooding issue at the school.

#### 65.10 Wall at Castlepark, Buncrana

Area roads are aware of this issue and have offered to provide materials to repair this wall, however, area roads do not consider that we are in a position to repair this wall directly.

#### 65.11 Provision of cat's eyes on the road from Muff to Moville

Area roads have submitted a low cost safety application in relation to the provision of cats eyes on this road.

#### 65.12 Stone wall jutting out at the Battery Brae, Greencastle

Area roads have contacted planning section to establish the legal status of this wall.

#### 65.13 Update on Rock Head, Burnfoot

Area roads are investigating solutions and intend to include work at this location as part of the 2016 programme.

#### 65.14 Speeding on the secondary road, behind Leo's café in Burnfoot

This is a narrow road and could be considered as part of the speed limit review. Area roads will contact the local Gardai regarding enforcement.

#### 65.15 Do we have any jurisdiction over speed limits

An update on the current county wide speed limit review is included in today's agenda.

#### 65.16 Update on the take over of the 3 small roads

Area roads have completed surveys of the roads in question and can proceed with the take over process in accordance with the recently agreed take over of roads policy. Cllr Mc Guinness formally proposed the take over of the

roads in question and this was seconded by Cllr Doherty. Cllr Donaghey advised that she had requested that a road be taken over also and it proceeded to an advanced stage, she requested that she would like this road to be taken over also. Seamus Hopkins proposed that the particular roads be brought up formally at the next meeting. The policy is a draft policy and any issues can be brought up for discussion at the full council meeting.

#### 65.17 Provision of a footpath at the Bunagee Road

The upgrading and overlaying of the Bunagee road is now complete. Area roads will be investigating the provision of a footpath along this road in conjunction with the local FAS scheme.

#### 65.18 Drainage issue at the Beleighan road east

Ledging works have taken place at this location – area roads staff will meet with ClIr Mc Guinness on site to discuss any specific issues.

#### 65.19 Relocation of the chip depot at Mc Sheffrey's Bridge

Area roads long term intention is to relocate this chip depot once a suitable alternative location can be identified.

#### 65.20 Riverside walk, Carn

Area roads have met with the tidy towns committee and discussed the walk. Area roads are intending to meet with elected members at this location to discuss options.

**65.21** Directional signs for heritage sites/Screening of derelict sites Area roads have met with the tidy towns committee to discuss the above issues in the context of the recently announced REDZ funding.

# 65.22 Update on the provision of public lighting at Ballyloskey and the Annagh to Clonmany road

Area roads have discussed the lighting at the Boxing Club with Community & Development and it is intended to restore lighting here in consultation with the local residents. Lighting columns have been installed on the Annagh – Clonmany road, area roads will seek to get these connected to a supply.

#### 65.23 Safety measures on the road from Killea to Newtown

Area roads staff will meet with Cllr Murray on site to discuss any specific issues.

**65.24** Relining of the entrance to the back of the houses beside the **Vodafone shop on the main street, Buncrana. Gap needs to be widened.** Area roads are intending to include relining these entrances in junction with the pay & display section.

#### 65.25 Update on the Aghilly road

Aghilly Road realignment/widening was prioritised and advanced to CPO as it was identified as an important and needed project. The CPO has been approved and road design and are now working through the land purchase and payment process. Area roads are currently undertaking a targeted resurfacing programme on this road.

#### 65.26 speed limit review update

The members were briefed on the current position in relation to the speed limit review.

#### 65.27 Regional road bridge rehabilitation programme

The bridges in the worst condition were selected for rehabilitation and the two selected in Inishowen are Carrndoagh and Cloughfin.

#### 65.28 Cockhill Bridge

Negotiations are ongoing in relation to the land acquisition and it was confirmed that the council would be pursuing a compulsory purchase as the best way forward.

#### Cllr Farren enquired as follows

- 1. How far the budget of €25,000 for the provision of cat's eyes would extend and could the black spots be completed firstly.
- 2. A solution needs to be found for the wall at Battery Brae, Greeencastle.
- 3. Street light at the Fort Hotel, Greencastle are not working.
- 4. Provision of a footpath at Gulladuff on the Carn to Moville road.
- 5. Bridge at the Redcastle beside the hotel needs to be investigated.
- 6. Extension of the footpath at Scoil Mhuire, Moville.

#### Cllr Murray

1. Safety issue at the school at Magherabeg, Manor.

#### Cllr Ryan

- 1. Turning lanes on the National Primary road, in particular the junction near Dillon's garage, above Murray's garage and the location close to the recent accident
- 2. Road safety at the Magherabeg School
- 3. Extension of the preferential parking bays into other public areas like the Clinic, Buncrana
- 4. Public light not working beside Carey's amusements, Bridgend
- 5. Update on the funding for the school campus in Buncrana

#### Cllr Mc Guinness

- 1. Extension of the footpath at Gleneely School. A letter would be required from the Council for the Department to agree to use part of the grounds for the footpath
- 2. Flooding issue at the pier at Bunagee, Culdaff
- 3. Public light required for the bridge at Culdaff

#### **Cllr Canning**

- 1. Update on the provision of bus shelters
- 2. Surface on the national primary needs investigated
- 3. Road surface at Main Street, Newtown
- 4. Lighting at Main Street, Newtown, street is dark
- 5. Update on the provision of ramps at Manor

#### Cllr Crossan

- 1. Pedestrian crossing at Westbrook, Buncrana
- 2. Investigation of the one way system at the bottom of Maginn, Buncrana
- 3. Cockhill bridge update
- 4. Investigation of the traffic lights at the West End, Buncrana
- 5. Lights at the Castle Bridge
- 6. Street lights off at upper Main Street, Buncrana

#### Cllr Doherty

- 1. Provision of a hard shoulder at the Gaelic grounds, Carndonagh
- 2. Safety issue at the St Patrick's girls school, Carn
- 3. Surface at the bridge is very rough in Carndonagh
- 4. Condition of the road beside the Livestock mart in Carndonagh
- 5. Funding for LIS roads
- 6. Road safety issues at Davey's corner, Urris
- 7. Signage to the Cloontagh school
- 8. Refurbishment of the bridge going into the Isle of Doagh

#### Cllr Donaghey

- 1. Update on the bridges at Mill bridge and Westbrook, Buncrana
- 2. Over growth on the road behind Leo's café in Burnfoot
- 3. Provision of ramps at Tullyarvan lane, Buncrana
- 4. Condition of the bridge at the Dirren road, Umricam

# 15.66 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES HOUSING

#### **66.01 Update Report on Housing**

Aideen Doherty presented the Housing Update Report to the members.

#### **66.02 Tenant Purchase Scheme**

The current position is that the current stock is being examined to determine the properties that can be sold under the new scheme.

#### 66.03 MICA

Further to the announcement by Paudie Coffee TD, Cllr Doherty enquired if any contact had been made with housing in Inishowen and requested a monthly report between now and the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016. Cllr Mc Guinness welcomed the setting up of an expert group by the minister and stated that he would like to have seen a representative from Donegal County Council on the board.

#### **66.04 Purchase of Houses**

Cllr Canning suggested that the Council should be ready in the event that funds become available for the purchase of properties.

Cllr Doherty was advised that former Council owned properties may not be reacquired by the Council in line with the policy agreed by the Housing SPC.

#### **66.05 Grants**

Cllr Canning enquired as to how many of the grants on the list of 22 have qualified under the new regulations.

# 15.67 COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT 67.01 Update Report

Aideen Doherty presented the update report to the members.

#### 67.02 Public participation network & European newsletter

The member's attention was brought to Donegal Public Participation Network newsletter and the EU Unit update newsletter. Cllr Doherty welcomed the inclusion of the newsletters.

#### 67.03 Diaspora

The Minister for the Diaspora, Jimmy Deehan, launched the Diaspora Toolkit on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Cllr Donaghey thanked Aideen Doherty for all the hard work done. Cllr Farren concurred.

#### **67.04 Foyle Ferry**

Cllr Farren expressed the importance of the retention of the Foyle ferry.

#### **67.05 Playgrounds**

Cllr Doherty enquired if equipment could be provided in the Carndonagh play park for children with disabilities.

Schedule of Municipal District Meetings 2016

- 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- 09<sup>th</sup> February 2016
- 08<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016
- 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016
- 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016
- 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016
- 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016
- 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (possible date for budget meeting)
- 06<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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|            | Cathaoirleach |  |
| Date:      |               |  |

### **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN MEETING**

**13**<sup>TH</sup> **JANUARY 2016** 

### **ENVIRONMENT**

### **AGENDA**

1. ENVIRONMENT UPDATE FOR THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

#### Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall

**Donegal County Council** 

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#### ENVIRONMENT SECTION REPORT DECEMBER 2015.

#### Waste Enforcement Report

#### Operations Consolidation.

In early 2015 Donegal County Council consolidated the supervision of the County's Mobile Litter Units and Litter Wardens into one office. Looking back over the year this appears to have produced significant efficiencies to these services and the Council looks forward to building on this in 2016.

However the main contributors to ensuring that our roads, streets and countryside is kept clean is the community volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the year. The Environment Section of the Council is currently preparing for the community work ahead for 2016, both through grant applications and operational assistance.

#### Recycling.

Through the Councils 70 Bring Bank sites which involves over 330 Glass and Cans Recycling Banks around the county 2762 tonnes of glass and cans were sent on for recycling in 2015, as compared to 2609 in 2014. Additionally the Council operates 70 textile banks, which also allows for the public to ensure that clothing can also be recycled.

The Council ensures that the Bring Bank sites are kept clean and free of fly tipping by monitoring the sites through CCTV and site inspections by the Mobile Litter Units and the Litter Wardens. Where abuse of these sites is occurring the Council will ensure that appropriate enforcement proceedings are conducted to deter similar occurrences in the future.

Donegal County Council also provided a free hazardous Household Waste Collection service in the Autumn of 2015 and will now plan for a similar service in 2016. Similarly there was a Waste Electrical and Electronic

Equipment collection in 2015 in conjunction with WEEE Ireland and this will also be considered in 2016.

Donegal County Council is currently engaging in the annual collection of Christmas Trees.

#### Enforcement.

2015 was a busy year for waste enforcement with 1049 Environmental complaints of which 949 are Waste/Litter made during the year.

The Council issued 135 Fixed Penalty Notices in 2015, of which 60 were paid, which is 44%

There were 17 Fixed Penalty Notices to NI addresses in 2015, of which 2 were paid.

Currently there are 12 unpaid Fixed Penalty Notices before the courts.

The Council had 5 successful prosecutions for unpaid Fixed Penalty Notices in 2015.

#### Beach Report.

#### The Charles Thomson Award

The Royal Lifesaving Society Ulster Branch, Republic of Ireland Branch and Irish Water Safety have worked together for many years to promote improved water safety practices on our island. The work completed by the Local Authorities is a key factor in reducing the number of drownings each year. In recognition of this fact the three bodies have agreed that the Local Authority who contributed most to promoting water safety should be recognised. Donegal County Council won the Charles Thomson Award for our contribution to water safety in 2014. This was based on our level of infrastructure, training, co-operation with other organisations and operating procedures. The award was presented to Michael Mc Garvey, DoS Water and Environment Section, and David Friel, Coastal Officer, by Mr. Alan Kelly T.D., Minister for the Environment, at a function in Dublin Castle.

#### Beaches

Applications have been made to An Taisce for Donegal's Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches heading in to the 2016 season. Conditions have become stricter, coupled with increasing pressures on our coastline.

However, despite these challenges, we are optimistic we can retain the coveted flags.

The Murvagh beach boardwalk has been completed and is of a very high standard. Access to the beach is better for visitors of all abilities and one dedicated access route reduces pressure on the local dunes system. Chestnut paling fencing has also been erected along the car park and new signage erected re the local dunes.



# NATURAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING LOCATIONS (5th - 16th January)

#### DOMESTIC TREES ONLY

| LOCATION          | <u>SITE</u>                    |  |  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| CARNDONAGH        | Carndonagh Recycling Centre    |  |  |
| BUNCRANA          | Nailors Row Car Park, Buncrana |  |  |
| MOVILLE           | Council Chip Depot             |  |  |
| NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM | Council Chip Depot             |  |  |
| LETTERKENNY       | Letterkenny Recycling Centre   |  |  |
| LIFFORD           | Council Machinery Yard         |  |  |
| MILFORD           | Milford Recycling Centre       |  |  |
| GLENTIES          | Council Yard, Gortnamucklagh   |  |  |
| DUNGLOE           | Dungloe Recycling Centre       |  |  |
| BUNBEG            | Council Chip Yard, Coshclady   |  |  |
| FALCARRAGH        | Kilult Quarry                  |  |  |
| STRANORLAR        | Stranorlar Recycling Centre    |  |  |
| KILLYBEGS         | Council Yard, Bridge Street    |  |  |
| LAGHEY            | Laghey Recycling Centre        |  |  |
| BALLYSHANNON      | Council Yard, The Rock         |  |  |
| BUNDORAN          | Sea Front Car Park             |  |  |

#### OPENING TIMES Council Chip Yards

Open: Monday - Thursday 9.00am - 4.00pm, Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm

<u>Carndonagh Recycling Centre</u>
Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 8.30am - 4.30pm

Dungloe & Laghey Recycling Centres

Thursday 10.30am – 5pm, Friday 8.30am – 2.30pm, Saturday 8.30am – 2.30pm.

#### Letterkenny Recycling Centre

Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am - 2pm, Thursday 10.30am - 7pm, Friday 8.30am - 5pm, Saturday 8.30am - 2pm

#### Milford Recycling Centre

Wednesday 10.30am - 7pm, Friday 8.30am - 5pm, Saturday 8.30am - 2pm

#### Stranorlar Recycling Centre

Tuesday 8.30am - 5pm, Thursday 10.30am - 7pm, Saturday 8.30am - 2pm.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE TREES OUTSIDE COUNCIL PREMISES AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIMES! TREES LEFT AT SITES NOT LISTED ABOVE WILL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL DUMPING.

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN MEETING

### **13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016**

### **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

### **AGENDA**

- 2. ROADS PROGRAMME UPDATE FOR THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
- 3. FOLLOW UPS FROM THE 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015 MEETING

### **Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting**

### **HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

# 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### **Corporate Services**

- 1. Request for deputation by Aghilly Road residents, Buncrana
- 2. Date to be arranged for workshop on the Swilly Ferry Service

### **Housing Services**

- Progress Reports
  - Grants
  - Loans
  - Casual Vacancies
  - HAP Applications
  - Miscellaneous

# **Inishowen Municipal District**

## **Housing Grants Report at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

### **Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability**

| YEAR | TOTAL<br>RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN | FURTHER INFO. | PENDING |
|------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------|---------|
| 2013 | 31                | 10       | 16                  | 0             | 5       |
| 2014 | 36                | 24       | 8                   | 3             | 1       |
| 2015 | 56                | 25       | 7                   | 17            | 7       |

#### **Mobility Aids Grant**

| YEAR | TOTAL<br>RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN | FURTHER<br>INFO. | PENDING |
|------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------|---------|
| 2013 | 2                 | 1        | 0                   | 0                | 1       |
| 2014 | 4                 | 2        | 1                   | 0                | 1       |
| 2015 | 3                 | 2        | 0                   | 1                | 0       |

#### **Housing Aid for Older People Grant**

| YEAR | TOTAL<br>RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN | FURTHER INFO. | PENDING |
|------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------|---------|
| 2013 | 18                | 13       | 5                   | 0             | 0       |
| 2014 | 21                | 13       | 8                   | 0             | 0       |
| 2015 | 21                | 16       | 2                   | 3             | 0       |

## **Housing Loan Report at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

|                | YEAR | TOTAL<br>RECEIVED | APPROVED | REFUSED / | UNDECIDED |
|----------------|------|-------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Standard Loans | 2013 | 0                 | 0        | 0         | 1         |
|                | 2014 | 5                 | 1        | 4         | 0         |
|                | 2015 | 0                 | 0        | 0         | 0         |

#### **CASUAL VACANCY INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

| DWELLING                         | BED | VACANT FROM | DETAILS          |
|----------------------------------|-----|-------------|------------------|
| 489 Colehill, Newtowncunningham  | 3   | Jun-15      | Offered          |
| 32 Bun na Mine, Bridgend         | 2   | Jul-15      | Offered          |
| 12 The Meadows, Buncrana         | 4   | Jul-15      | Offered          |
| 48 Cloncool Park, Buncrana       | 4   | Jul-15      | Offered          |
| 28 Abbey Park Manorcunningham    | 3   | Sep-15      | Offered          |
| 15 Radharc na Trá Bréige Malin   | 2   | Oct-15      | Offered          |
| 42B Dun na nIarlai Buncrana      | 2   | Aug-15      | Available to let |
| 21 Crana View, Buncrana, Lifford | 3   | Oct-15      | Under Repair     |
| 6 Dún Na nIarlaí, Buncrana       | 3   | Oct-15      | Under Repair     |
| 7 An Teampall Maol               | 2   | Nov-15      | Under Repair     |
| 57 Ard Ban, Muff, Co Donegal     | 3   | Nov-15      | Under Repair     |
| 80 Millfield crescent, Buncrana  | 3   | Nov-15      | Under Repair     |
| 5A Cluain Mhuire, Buncrana       | 3   | Nov-15      | Under Repair     |
| 17 Foyleview Cresent, Moville    | 2   | Nov-15      | Under Repair     |
| 25 Knockalla Drive, Buncrana     | 1   | Nov-15      | Under Repair     |
| 29 Gaddyduff                     | 2   | Nov-15      | Under Repair     |
| 34 Abbotts Wood, Carndonagh      | 3   | Oct-15      | To be repaired   |
| 32 Convent Road, Carnodnagh      | 3   | Nov-15      | To be repaired   |
| 14 Radharc na Trabreige, Malin   | 2   | Nov-15      | To be repaired   |
| 219 St Pauls Park Greencastle    | 1   | Nov-15      | To be repaired   |
|                                  |     |             |                  |

| STOCK MOVEMENT REPORT |               |               |               |                   |  |
|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|--|
|                       | Offers of     |               | Tenancies     |                   |  |
|                       | accommodation | Tenancies     | terminated    |                   |  |
|                       | made from     | created from  | from          |                   |  |
| Total                 | 1/01/2015 to  | 01/01/2015 to | 01/01/2015 to |                   |  |
| Stock                 | 01/12/2015    | 01/12/2015    | 01/12/2015    | Current vacancies |  |
|                       |               |               |               | 7                 |  |
|                       |               |               |               | 0.6% of total MD  |  |
| 1052                  | 56            | 37            | 42            | stock             |  |

#### **HAP Tenancies**

| Municipal District | Number |
|--------------------|--------|
| Donegal            | 49     |
| Letterkenny        | 287    |
| Glenties           | 29     |
| Stranorlar         | 65     |
| Inishowen          | 62     |
| Total              | 492    |

#### **MICA**

Donegal County Council is undertaking a study of all Council owned houses in the Inishowen Municipal District at present.

These dwellings will be categorised according to the level of cracking present at the time of the inspection and the results will form part of a submission to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government.

This submission will include the number of dwellings affected, an assessment of the impact and suggested remedial works, with an estimate of costs and a programme of remediation to assist the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government in their considerations.

It is expected that the expert group formed by Minister Coffey, with which Donegal County Council will liaise closely, will also have proposals and suggestions regarding suitable remedial works.

#### **HNA 2016**

An Assessment of Housing Need will be carried out in 2016. Preparatory work has begun and staff are currently carrying out an audit of the information and records contained within the iHouse, the Council's Housing management system.

# **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN**

# **DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**(To be Agreed)

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