

**Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain**

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
Aras an Chontae  
Leifear  
15ú Iúil 2015

**FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 21ú Iúil 2015,  
**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**

*Lynda McGavigan*

*p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe*

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**Municipal District of Inishowen**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
15<sup>th</sup> July 2015

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015  
**at 1.00 p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

**Dear Councillor**

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

**Yours sincerely**

*Lynda McGavigan*

**for Liam Ward**

**Meetings Administrator**



## **AGENDA**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Annual General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015
3. Roads & Transportation
4. Housing & Corporate Services
5. Planning & Economic Development
6. Community, Enterprise & Cultural Services
7. Environment



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD IN THE CARNDONAGH PSC  
ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr John G. Mc Laughlin, Ms Lynda Mc Gavigan, Ms Aideen Doherty, Mr Seamus Hopkins and Ms Una Cresswell.

Cllr Nicholas Crossan, the outgoing Cathaoirleach addressed the members prior to the election of the new Cathaoirleach. Cllr Crossan stated that it had been an honour and a privilege to serve as Cathaoirleach over the last year. He said that it had been a busy year and would like to express his appreciation to his fellow members, the Chief Executive and staff of the Municipal District and the press for their support and cooperation throughout the year. He also acknowledged the commitment and work of community groups and particularly wanted to acknowledge the efforts and cooperation of the Community Group involved with the Barrack Hill Project.

The members collectively thanked Cllr Crossan for his efforts as the first Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District. They agreed that Cllr Crossan had been an excellent Cathaoirleach and that it had been a pleasure to work with him and wished him well. They also expressed their gratitude to the outgoing Leas-Chathaoirleach, Cllr Paul Canning for his efforts throughout the year.

John G McLaughlin, Municipal District Manager expressed his gratitude to the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas Chathaoirleach for their efforts and cooperation over the last year.

**1. Election of the Chathaoirleach**

Cllr Crossan invited nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach. Cllr Rena Donaghey was proposed by Cllr Paul Canning and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott. As there were no other nominations, Cllr Donaghey was duly elected as Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2015 – 2016

Cllr Rena Donaghey took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. Cllr Donaghey expressed her gratitude for the nomination and stated that she

was proud to be the first female Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District. She was happy to accept the responsibility of it and added that she would work hard over her tenure. She thanked Cllr Crossan for his hard work and impartiality over the last year and stated that she hoped to continue the work he had started in conjunction with the Chief Executive, council officials and community groups.

The members welcomed and congratulated Cllr Donaghey to the chair and wished her well.

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that as Deputy Chairperson of Donegal County Council in 2001, he was involved in a project that was considering the feasibility of developing a ferry service between Greencastle and Troon, South Ayrshire. Officials and members paid a visit to South Ayrshire to this effect at that time. Cllr Doherty stated that he was presented with a South Ayrshire Coat of Arms at the time and he would now like to present it to the new Cathaoirleach.

It was acknowledged the project had not taken off but should be reconsidered as it would forge links between Scotland and the North West of Ireland. Cllr Mc Guinness said such a service would enhance some of the other ongoing projects such as Sail West which was due to be launched officially. It was agreed that the feasibility of the project would be revisited and researched by the Community and Enterprise Section.

## **2. Election of the Leas-Chathaoirleach**

The Cathaoirleach invited nominations for the office of the Leas-Chathaoirleach. Cllr Martin McDermott was proposed by Cllr Rena Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Paul Canning. Accordingly, Cllr McDermott was then declared Leas-Chathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District for 2015-2016.

John G McLaughlin, Municipal District Manager, expressed his gratitude to the outgoing Cathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach for their efforts and cooperation over the last year. He welcomed the new Chathaoirleach and Leas Cathaoirleach and wished them well.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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**Cathaoirleach**

**Date:**

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**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING  
HELD IN THE CHAMBER, CARNDONAGH PSC  
ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 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.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr John G. Mc Laughlin, Ms Lynda Mc Gavigan, Ms Aideen Doherty, Mr Seamus Hopkins, Mr Michael McGarvey and Ms Una Cresswell.

Cllr Donaghey opened the meeting. It was agreed that Michael McGarvey, Senior Engineer with Water and Environment Section would deliver a presentation prior to the other items on the Agenda.

**15/32 Presentation by Mr Michael McGarvey, Senior Engineer – Water and Environment Services**

Cllr Donaghey welcomed Michael McGarvey, Senior Engineer, Water and Environment Services, to the meeting. He made a comprehensive presentation and presented a report to the members on recent legislation on environmental matters such as packaging, waste management and collection permits. The report provided a timeframe for the legislation and outlined its possible impact in the county. Many other issues were raised, discussed and clarified with Mr Mc Garvey including:

- Blue Flag Beaches - suitability of Kinnagoe Bay and Glenbullion
- Green Coast Status
- Community Clean Ups
- Lifeguards
- Water Quality
- Funding and Support for Tidy Towns Competition
- Waste Collection Services
- Litter Fines and Prosecutions
- Litter Wardens
- Toilet Facilities at Piers and Harbours
- Dog Fouling
- Lead piping
- Use of CCTV cameras and publicity
- Water Capital Programme

Michael McGarvey agreed to attend the Municipal District Meeting on a more regular basis to update the members on the matters raised. He stipulated that the council would have to work with the legislation and that this may be challenging in the future.

**15/33 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN  
ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015**

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015 were agreed.

**15.34 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

**CORPORATE SERVICES**

**34.01 Deputation from Donegal Youth Council**

It was agreed that a deputation from Donegal Youth Council would take place at the September 2015 Municipal District Meeting.

**34.02 Coastal Erosion - Ballyliffen Golf Club**

John G McLaughlin advised that a meeting has been sought with the Office of Public Works with a view to submitting a planning application on behalf of the Ballyliffen Golf Club. It was noted that, Cathal Sweeney, Engineer with the Marine Section of Donegal County Council has been keeping John Farren and the members of Ballyliffen Golf Club updated.

**34.03 MICA**

Cllr Albert Doherty requested the details of the Council's analysis of housing in relation to MICA.

**34.04 National Driver Licence Service (NDLS)**

Cllr Doherty expressed his concerns that the National Driver Licence Services in Letterkenny was very inconvenient for people who have to travel from Inishowen. He suggested that there should be an NDLS office in the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh. It was agreed by the members that information would be sought as to if and when the contract for the service expires with a view to the service being made available in Inishowen.

**HOUSING**

**34.05 Update Report on Housing**

Lynda McGavigan presented the Housing Update Report to the members.

**34.06 Fabric Upgrade Works**

Lynda McGavigan advised the members that €1.2 million has been made available for the Fabric Upgrade Works.

**34.07 Voids – Casual Vacancies**

It was noted that €392,000 has been made available for voids/casual vacancies.

**34.08 DPGs and Extensions**

€211,000 has been made available for DPGs and extensions.

**34.09 Tenant Purchase Scheme**

A circular from the Department of the Environment and Local Government regarding a new Tenant Purchase Scheme has been received advising that a commitment order was being sent to Minister Alan Kelly.



### **34.10 Back Lanes in Housing Estates**

Cllr McDermott enquired as to who is responsible for the maintenance of back lanes in housing estates. He was advised by John G McLaughlin that a budget was not currently available for these roads but it could be added as an item for consideration at the end of the year for the 2016 budget.

### **15/35 PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

It was noted that Paul Kelly, Executive Planner was unable to attend today's meeting and had sent his apologies.

### **15/36 COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT**

#### **36.01 Update Report**

Aideen presented the update report to the members.

#### **36.02 Culture Tourism Product and Creative Economy on the Wild Atlantic Way.**

A successful week long series of events were held to explore initiatives, strategies and ideas to promote the county's culture and its potential as a tourist destination. Guests included, Nancy Gardella, Executive Director, Martha's Vineyard Chamber of Commerce, Ann Burke, Vice President Economic Development Council, Western Massachusetts and Gloria O'Neill, President and CEO of Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Anchorage Alaska. A seminar took place at the Letterkenny institute of Technology where local input came from Joan Crawford, Fáilte Ireland North West and Noira Ní Ghallachoór.

#### **36.03 Grianán Sheep Sheering Event**

Cllr Paul Canning expressed his appreciation for the Grianán Sheep Sheering event which took place on 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 which was a huge success. Cllr John Ryan who is on the Grianán Sheep Sheering Committee stated that the event attracted a huge volume of people and was filmed by Irish TV.

#### **36.04 Green Gym, Buncrana**

The Buncrana Outdoor Gym in Buncrana is now complete and it was noted that it was very impressive and in a discreet location attracting many visitors. It was acknowledged by Cllr Jack Murray that the former Buncrana Town Councillor, Mary Kelly had been instrumental in bringing the idea of a Green Gym to Buncrana.

#### **36.05 Playgrounds**

Cllr Paul Canning asked if local Tidy Towns could avail of €200 for the maintenance of playgrounds. Aideen Doherty advised that there may be an insurance issue but she would look into it.

#### **36.06 Sail West Activities**

Cllr Bernard McGuinness complemented the Sail West Activities which were being developed and expressed his gratitude for the works to date particularly at Bunagee in Culdaff.

### **36.07 Buncrana School Campus**

Aideen Doherty confirmed that she would keep the members updated at each meeting on the status of the progress of the development of a three school campus in Buncrana.

### **36.08 West Ulster Railway Initiative**

Funding initiatives were being sought for the progression of developing a North West railway link possibly under part 5A of EU Programme Fund or Intereg Cross border sources.

### **36.09 Swan's Park, Buncrana**

Cllr Rena Doherty advised the members that Swan Park had been awarded a Certificate of Excellence Award by Tripadvisor due to the very positive reviews it had received on the internet. She said it was to the former Buncrana Town Council's credit who had invested heavily in developing Swan Park.

It was also noted that Nancy's Barn in Ballyliffen, the Ubiquitous Restaurant and the Drift Inn had also received Certificates of Excellence Awards from Tripadvisor.

## **15/37 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

### **37.01 Update Report**

Seamus Hopkins presented the update report on the Roadworks programme.

### **37.02 Restoration Improvement Programme 2015**

Seamus Hopkins advised the members that the proposed works at Bree – Urbelreagh was being deferred to 2016 as water mains rehabilitation was going to take place there and it made sense to complete this first. Works at Glentogher would take place instead.

Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness expressed his concerns that some of the Restoration Works were being carried out in the high tourist season. Seamus Hopkins advised that every opportunity was being used to complete the works subject to weather conditions.

Cllr Martin Farren expressed his gratitude for the ongoing roads and footpath works being carried out in Moville including the removal of lead piping.

### **37.03 Maintenance Works at Altahalla**

Maintenance works have taken place using the tar sprayer and further maintenance works will take place when a patching unit becomes available to Area Roads.

### **37.04 Parking for Coaches in Carndonagh**

DCS monies have been requested and Area Roads will undertake lining of the car park and erection of directional signage within the town, when this money becomes available.

### **37.05 Donagh Cross Sign, Carndonagh**

The tourism sign currently refers to "Carndonagh Crosses". Area Roads intend to replace the sign with one referring to "Donagh Cross".

### **37.06 Isle of Doagh Sign**

The tourism sign currently refers to "Doagh Isle". Area Roads intend to replace the sign with one referring to "Isle of Doagh".

### **37.07 New Road Carndonagh, Foot path Project**

This is to be delivered as part of the 2015 Footpath Programme.

### **37.08 Footpath to the Gaelic Pitch at Foden, Carndonagh**

This is not included in the Footpath Programme but it was agreed that Area Roads would meet with Cllr Doherty on site to discuss options at this location.

### **37.09 Junction at Dillon's, Manorcunningham**

Area Road staff have been in contact with NRDO Safety Engineer and have been informed that the proposed N13 relining contract planned for 2015 has been delayed until 2016. However, NRDO have agreed to prepare a design for this specific location and seek to fund it out of 2015 budgets.

### **37.10 Magherabeg School, Manorcunningham**

Discussions have taken place with the NRA Regional Safety Officer. Road Design have been asked to liaise with the NRDO Safety Engineer to establish options in relation to the possible relining of the road.

### **37.11 Provision of Cats' Eyes on Merville to Muff Road**

Road Design previously stated that there is no statutory requirement for the provision of cats' eyes along this route. However, Area Roads have requested Road Design to provide costing and to investigate funding options for their provision.

### **37.12 Cycle Path Bridgend to Buncrana**

Contact has been made with Sustrans who have been appointed to prepare a Greenway strategy for the county by the North West Regional Cross Border Group strategy. Area Roads are to meet with Sustrans in the coming weeks.

### **37.13 Drumfries Electronic Lights**

Area Roads can now reset the light directly with a specialised key. It is intended that a fault log be created to assist in determining the long term options in relation to the site.

### **37.14 Aghilly Road**

Aghilly Road Realignment/Widening was prioritised and advanced to CPO. The project has been approved and Road Design are working through the land purchase and payment process. Area Roads intend to undertake a targeted resurfacing programme on the road this year.

### **37.15 Salt Barn at Barrack Hill**

Seamus Hopkins advised that Area Roads will continue to liaise with the planning section in relation to a suitable location for the salt barn within the Barrack Hill location.

Cllr Farren enquired as follow:

1. That the entrance to the Glencrow Health Centre, Moville could be looked at as there were problems with lack of vision due to parking at the entrance. He suggested that the provision of yellow lines be considered to address the problem.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness enquired as follows:

1. Can an application made for roads such as the Greencastle to Muff Road, the Quigley's Point to Carndonagh Road and the Derry to Buncrana Road to be upgraded to National Roads in order to obtain extra funding.
2. Can a feasibility study into the Greenways and Old Railway Lines be considered?
3. Can additional lights be provided for Malin/Malin Bridge?

Cllr Paul Canning enquired as follows:

1. Salt Barn
2. Provision of Cycle Paths at Manorcunningham possibly using hard shoulder.

Cllr Martin McDermott enquired as follows:

1. Update on Station Road Junction.
2. Ballyliffen to Altashane Junction.
3. Crossings in Carndonagh.
4. Lights at Girls School.
5. Carpenter's Corner.
6. Provision of additional lights at Malin/Malin Bridge.

Cllr Doherty enquired as follows

1. Flooding problems and possible long term solutions at Millbrae/ Circular Road.
2. Repairing the barrier at the Boys School, Carndonagh.
3. Problems of flooding on the Glentogher Road.
4. Responsibility for maintenance at the Castle in Greencastle.
5. Lights at Girl's School, Carndonagh.

Cllr Nicholas Crossan enquired as follows:

1. Footpaths in Buncrana.
2. Update on Traffic Calming at Umricam.

Cllr John Ryan enquired as follows:

1. Update on turning lane at 19<sup>th</sup> Hole, Bridgend.
2. Update on Watery Lane, Burnfoot.

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Cathaoirleach

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2015**

**ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**AGENDA**

- 1. ROADS PROGRAMME UPDATE FOR THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**
- 2. FOLLOW UPS FROM THE 09<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015 MEETING**



# **Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting**

## **HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2015**

### **Corporate Services**

1. Request for Presentation from Annette McNelis

### **Housing Report**

1. Progress Reports
  - a. Grants
  - b. Loans
  - c. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Programme 2015

# Inishowen Municipal District

## Housing Grants Report at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2013	31	10	15	0	6
2014	36	22	5	0	9
2015	31	5	3	1	22

### Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2013	2	1	0	0	1
2014	4	2	1	0	1
2015	2	0	0	0	2

### Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2013	18	13	4	0	1
2014	21	12	7	1	1
2015	11	6	0	0	5



# Inishowen Electoral Area

## Housing Loan Report at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>REFUSED / CANCELLED</b>	<b>UNDECIDED</b>
<b>Standard Loans</b>	2013	0	0	0	1
	2014	5	0	4	1
	2015	0	0	0	0

## Casual Vacancy Report – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015

<b>DWELLING</b>	<b>BED</b>	<b>VACANT FROM</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
2 O’Gara Villas, Merville	1	March 2015	Offered & accepted
219 St. Paul’s Park, Greencastle	1	April 2015	Offered & accepted
27 Taobh an tSruthain, Buncrana	3	March 2015	Offered & accepted
31 Burwood, Buncrana <b>LTL</b>	3	May 2015	Offered & refused, reoffered
22 Four Acres, Buncrana	4	May 2015	Offered
16 Radharc na Trá Breige, Malin	2	March 2015	Offered & refused, to be reoffered
8 Allendale, Buncrana	3	May 2015	Offered & refused, to be reoffered
10 Bonemaine, Bridgend	2	February 2015	Under repair
2 Bonemaine, Bridgend	2	March 2015	Under repair
12 Radharc na Trá Breige, Malin	2	May 2015	Under repair
13 Summer Hill, Buncrana	4	May 2015	Under repair
29 Hawthorn Hill, Newtoncunningham	3	June 2015	To be repaired
12 The Meadows, Buncrana	4	July 2015	To be repaired

## Stock Movement Report

Municipal District of Inishowen	Total Stock	Offers of accommodation made from 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan–30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Tenancies created from 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan–30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Tenancies terminated from 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan–30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015	Current Vacancies
	1051	40	25	13	8



**Comhairle Contae  
Dhún na nGall**  
Donegal County Council

## Municipal District of Inishowen

21<sup>st</sup> July 2015

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### **Community, Development & Enterprise**

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## **REPORT**

- Update on C&E activities
- Cultural Services



# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2015

CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE