

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBER, CARNDONAGH PSC
ON THE 09th DECEMBER 2014**

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, Mr Seamus Hopkins, Ms Aideen Doherty, Mr Paul Kelly and Ms Marie Mulhern.

Cllr Crossan opened and adjourned the meeting for 30 minutes, proposed by Cllr Ryan and seconded by Cllr Donaghey.

The members expressed their condolences to Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer, on the passing of his mother Mary-Bridget Gallagher.

**14/35 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN
ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
03rd NOVEMBER 2014**

On the proposal of Cllr Albert Doherty, seconded by Cllr Paul Canning, the minutes of the meeting held on the 03rd November 2014 were agreed.

14/36 COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT

36.01 Update Report

Aideen Doherty presented the update report and in particular referred to the following.

36.02 Barrack Hill Town Park

The building is complete and the training room is fully fitted out. Several training programmes are currently taking place. The CCTV is in operation and the outdoor fitness area is constructed.

36.03 Donegal Diaspora Project 2014

Radox Laboratories Ltd, an international clinical diagnostics company, is to establish a diagnostic manufacturing and research and development facility in Dungloe, Co. Donegal.

36.04 Film Office

The film office acts as the main resource for filmmakers in Donegal and those who wish to film in Donegal from all over the world. The launch of the website will take place in early 2015. The members were thanked for their DFI contribution to the Film Office.

36.05 Donegal Youth Council

The new Youth Council has been now been established. Comhairle na nOg National Showcase event was held on 20th November 2014 with 15 people attending. Louise Boyle from Stranorlar delivered a speech along with Taoiseach Enda Kenny.

36.06 Pride of Place 2014

Gaeltacht Beo Fhánada won the national pride of place award 2014.

36.07 Public Area Enhancement Scheme

All works, funded under the Public Enhancement Scheme are complete at the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh and St. Eugene's Hall, Moville.

36.08 New County Development Heritage Plan

The draft County Donegal Heritage Plan (2014-2019) was unanimously adopted by the Elected Members of Donegal County Council at the September 2014 meeting.

36.09 Rural Houses of Donegal Vernacular Architecture Seminar

The seminar took place as scheduled and over 130 people attended.

36.10 Remembering World War I: The Donegal Story

The exhibition opened in Donegal County Museum on the 24th September 2014 and will run to March 2015.

36.11 Sail West

Funding was approved for new pontoons and access gangways at Teelin, Mountcharles and Greencastle Pier.

36.12 O' Doherty Clan Reunion

Cllr Doherty welcomed the O' Doherty clan reunion scheduled to take place between 21st July and 30th July 2015 in Inishowen and Derry City.

36.13 Wild Atlantic Way

Máire Gardiner, Failte Ireland is carrying out a survey on the Wild Atlantic Way. Seamus Hopkins advised that all the signage should be in place.

36.14 North West Region Cross Border Group

Cllr Mc Guinness supported the establishment of links with the regional cross border group.

14/37 HOUSING

37.01 Update report on Housing

Lynda Mc Gavigan presented the Housing report.

37.02 Casual Vacancies

Cllr Doherty enquired if an analysis could be carried out on the terminated tenancies and the reasons for refusal of council properties.

37.03 Grants

Discussions are ongoing with the HSE to ascertain if changes are required to the eligibility and funding under the various grants.

37.04 Loans

A housing loan has been approved. A national policy outlines the qualifying criteria.

37.05 Fabric Upgrade Programme

€788,000 has been spent on the insulation of walls and attics through the fabric upgrade programme. A total of 513 units have been completed in the county with 91 units in Inishowen, this included estates and SI's. The programme is funded by the DOELG and is a rolling programme. The older housing stock was prioritised for the works.

37.06 SEAI Project

This project is funded by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; the works included a deeper retrofit, including solar panels and high condensing boiler. To date over a million euro has been spent. The project has run concurrently over the last 3 years.

Cllr Doherty suggested that a follow up be carried out on the properties completed under the fabric upgrade programme to analyze the benefits and issues that could be improved.

37.07 Capital Programme

The Part 8 process is ongoing for the 2 houses in Manorcunningham. Funding for the purchase of 3 properties in Inishowen has been received from the Department in November 2014.

37.08 Voluntary Housing

Discussions are at an early stage with 2 voluntary housing associations in relation to the provision of housing units. A one off house in Carndonagh is currently being acquired by a voluntary body and the Council is supporting the acquisition through funding from the Department.

37.09 Social Housing Strategy 2020

The new Social Housing Strategy is focused on eliminating waiting lists with a mixture of build and purchase of properties and supporting 75,000 households through an enhanced private rental sector.

No details are available to date on the new tenant purchase scheme.

37.10 SI Houses

Cllr Mc Guinness was advised that a review of the applicants that expressed a preference for an SI houses is currently ongoing.

37.11 Homeless Cases

Each case is assessed on an individual basis. The only emergency bed and breakfast accommodation for a limited number of nights is available in the Hostel in Letterkenny. Another available option and assistance can be provided through a homeless deposit.

14.38 Corporate

38.01 Schedule of meetings for 2015

The members discussed the schedule of meeting for 2015 and Lynda Mc Gavigan agreed to forward a schedule to the members, it was preliminary agreed to schedule the meetings for the second Tuesday of the month excluding August and November.

A date for the Finance workshop was discussed.

38.02 Presentation of the Best Kept Housing Estate

Cllr Crossan presented the Certificate for the Best Kept Housing Estate to Joe Mc Laughlin & Michael Davenport from the Ard Cill Bhride, housing estate in Carndonagh. Mr Mc Laughlin expressed his gratitude to the Council for their support and advised that it is of great benefit.

38.03 Fair Trade Products

Cllr Doherty proposed that the office support the use of Fair Trade products, this was seconded by Cllr Murray.

14/39 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

39.01 Update Report

Seamus Hopkins presented the update report and in particular referred to the following.

39.02 Work Programme update

The members were updated on the maintenance, restoration improvement, restoration maintenance, low cost safety and own resources specific programmes.

39.03 Traffic Lights at Muff

The traffic lights contract is due to start on the 10th December 2014.

39.04 Road works at Malin Head

The works are scheduled for spring next year. Cllr Mc Guinness enquired about the signage and road marking at the school. The School Safety officer has arranged to meet with the school Principal next week.

39.05 Cat's Eyes on Muff to Movice Road

The matter has been forwarded to Road Design, however the provision of cats eyes is not a requirement.

39.06 Salt Stock

The goal is to stock on an ongoing basis, replenishing what is being used.

39.07 N13

Seamus Hopkins agreed to meet Cllr Ryan to discuss the issue.

39.08 Lagg Beach, Malin

A durable solution is required to deal with the costal erosion.

39.09 Station Road, Carndonagh

A curve has been lined on the road at the junction and cones are going to put in place in regards to the new layout.

39.10 Chevron, Redcastle

The chevron has been moved.

39.11 Amazing Grace Sign

It was agreed that an onsite meeting would be the best solution to the location of the sign at Fahan.

39.12 Ballyloskey Road, Carndonagh

Road lining has been put in place.

39.13 Regional Road Bridge Rehabilitation Programme

The report from Road Design was discussed with the Members.

39.14 Taking in charge of Private Roads

Each road will be investigated and agree to what is proposed.

39.15 Proposed Disposal of land (by way if Lease) at the Public Green, Movice

It is proposed to prepare a section 183 notice for the next full Council meeting in January 2015 in relation to the lease of the Public Green. It is proposed to attach the following conditions to the lease.

1. The area of land is circa .02 acres and it is proposed that the club will be charged €24 per annum to be received every 3 years
2. The lease will be a term of 21 Years
3. The Lessee will be responsible for the maintenance of the land
4. The Council will be responsible for the legal costs associated with the lease
5. It will be a covenant that the lease can be re-negotiated in the event that a bowling green is not developed or falls into disuse.

Cllr Mc Guinness suggested a further condition that the Bowling Club would have the first option for renew when the term has elapsed.

39.16 Isle of Doagh

The members commended the work carried out at the Isle of Doagh.

39.17 Jetty at Bunagee, Culdaff

Cllr Mc Guinness proposed that the Council take over the Jetty at Bunagee, Cllr Mc Dermott seconded the motion.

Follow-ups

Cllr Ryan enquired as follows

1. The condition of the road between the slab road junction and the village of Burnfoot.
2. The condition of the road down to the meat factory in Carrigans

Cllr Canning enquired as follows

1. Investigation of the Dunmore Brae, Carrigans
2. If the works at the Magherabeg School could be carried out when the school is closed.
3. Provision of a footpath between the Halfway House to the village of Burnfoot
4. Roads in the housing estates that have applied for taking in charge could be investigated and that the take over of estates be kept on the agenda

Cllr Farren enquired as follows

1. If Shroove could be placed on the winter maintenance route
2. Extension of the footpath from the Moville Community College to Carrickaroarty

Cllr Mc Dermott enquired as follows

1. Provision of the pedestrian refuge at Station road, Carndonagh
2. Relocation of the bus stop in Carndonagh
3. Provision of signage to the car park in Carndonagh
4. Provision of road drainage

Cllr Doherty enquired as follows

1. Provision of a foot walk at Foden, Carndonagh
2. Condition of the road at Gortaran, Clonmany
3. School flashing lights at St Patrick's boys school, Carndonagh
4. Residents at Mill Brae Meadows, Ballyloskey, there are 2 junctions feeding into the Ballyloskey road exiting from the Barrack Hill Road
5. Provision of sand for collection by the public

Cllr Crossan enquired as follows

1. Mr Hopkins agreed to investigate the road at Mill Bridge, Buncrana, as it is very narrow and there a lot of roads feeding into the bridge.

2. Speed limit at Tooban School
3. Traffic calming at Umricam
4. Restoration of the pier at Fahan

Cllr Donaghey enquired as follows

1. If the traffic sign beside the school, Drumfries could be investigated as it is not working.

Cllr Murray enquired as follows

1. If a second crossing could be provided on the Derry side of Muff.
2. Pothole beside Alendale, Aghilly.
3. Removal of the fence at the orange hall, Newtown
4. Footpath at the Rock bar could be extended to Sappagh
5. Speed in Muff village
6. Provision of a light at the orange hall, Manor
7. Provision of a pedestrian crossing at Newtown
8. Provision of an island at the Tank Road, Ludden
9. Update on the designation of the bathing waters at Glenbournie.

14/40 PLANNING

40.01 Update Report

Paul Kelly presented the update report and in particular referred to the following.

40.02 Planning Applications

No significant upturn in the number of planning applications received, however there has been a significant increase in the number of commercial applications.

40.02 Unfinished Estates

Paul Kelly proposed that Paul Christy attend a workshop with the members before the January 2015 Municipal District Meeting.

40.03 Taking in Charge

The follow-up issues raised at the meeting on the 03rd November were addressed at the workshop held with Frank Sweeney, A/Senior Executive Planner in the morning.

40.04 Press response - Turbines at Crockbrack Hill, Carrowbeg & Meenletterbale, Merville.

Paul Kelly brought the member's attention to the press response that was issued to the Inish Times and BBC Radio Foyle in relation to the planning application for 2 no. turbines at Crockback Hill, Carrowbeg and Meenletterbale, Merville.

Cllr Mc Guinness expressed his concern in relation to the identification of the unconsecrated graveyard and the creation of a road through the unconsecrated graveyard.

The decision to approve was granted by An Bord Pleanála. Paul Kelly advised that persons concerned could bring the graveyard to the attention of DoAHG (National monuments) so that statutory protection could be considered and otherwise to the attention of the applicant, land owner and the pastoral authority in order that a sensitive pastoral solution might be considered. Paul Kelly advised that the location of the graveyard was unknown, a risk of impact was not established and the matter did not come up within the planning application process. Paul Kelly confirmed the matter to be outside planning control.

44.05 Transboundary applications

Only occur in relation to applications including Environmental Impact statements whereby the environment effects that are or maybe of transboundary effect.

Follow-Ups

Cllr Doherty enquired as follows

1. Part 8 at Malin, the proposal include road improvement, car parking and toilet facilities.
2. Ballyloskey Salt Barn

Cllr Canning enquired as follows

1. How many extension of duration has there been
2. Northern Ireland input in character assessment

Cllr Mc Guinness

1. Provisions of a planner 1 day per week in the Municipal District office, Carndonagh
2. Current situation in relation to the planning application for the turbines at Crockbrack

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