

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBER, CARNDONAGH PSC
ON THE 20th JANUARY 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, Mr Seamus Hopkins, Ms Aideen Doherty and Ms Marie Mulhern.

Cllr Crossan opened and adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes, proposed by Cllr Farren and seconded by Cllr Murray.

15.01 Request for Deputation from Inish Adventures

On proposal from Cllr Farren and seconded by Cllr Donaghey it was agreed to accept a deputation from Inish Adventures.

15/02 HOUSING

02.01 Update report on Housing

Lynda Mc Gavigan presented the Housing report.

02.02 Casual Vacancy Report

Some of the reasons that properties are coming back into stock are transfer to other properties, deaths, moving away or moving to other areas. 20 offers of accommodation have been refused up to the end of 2014 but there is no clear pattern for reasons for refusal.

02.03 Capital Programme

The allocation from the Housing Strategy has not yet been received, however work is being done in preparation for the funding. Cllr Donaghey was advised that the purchase of the 3 properties is almost complete.

02.04 Back lanes of Council Housing Estates

Cllr Mc Dermott was informed the back lanes of housing estates are the responsibility of the housing section.

02.05 Housing Strategy

Cllr Canning welcomed the €3.8 billion funding for the supply of 35,000 properties, however we need to ensure that funding is not only prioritized for Dublin. Cllr Mc Guinness suggested a countywide approach to seeking properties at a good price prior to the funding being made available. Cllr Mc Dermott added that it is important to seek accommodation in rural areas also. The decision to acquire properties is determined by the demand for housing in a location.

Cllr Ryan advised that plans need to be in place before the funding becomes available, Cllr Crossan concurred.

02.06 Voluntary Housing

Cllr Mc Guinness suggested a meeting with the Voluntary Housing groups to see if they require accommodation in the Inishowen area.

Discussions are ongoing with voluntary agencies.

02.07 Housing Information Packs

Lynda Mc Gavigan agreed to prepare an information pack and a workshop for the members providing information on the main aspects of Housing.

02.08 Muscovite Mica

Cllr Doherty was advised that there were no further developments in relation to Muscovite Mica since the previous meeting.

15.03 Corporate

03.01 Schedule of proposed Municipal District Works

It is a statutory requirement of the Municipal District to prepare a schedule of works, the schedule needs to be adopted by the end of March 2015.

15/04 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

04.01 Update Report

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

04.02 Work Programme update

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

The members congratulated all the works carried out by the roads service, in particular the road gritters and assisting in clearing the roads in the event of a bereavement. Cllr Murray advised that the information on the website was a great resource.

04.03 Road in the village at Burnfoot

The area roads staff are considering this road in the context of the 2015 programme. Area roads and planning staff are due to meet to examine the availability of development charges for this work.

04.04 Road at the Meat factory, Carrigans

Area roads staff are considering options with regard to this road in the context of 2015 programme.

04.05 Dunmore Brae, Carrigans

The location will be examined by the area roads staff.

04.06 Magherabeg School, Carrigans

Area road staff have visited the location with the NRA Safety Engineer. There is a N13 relining contract planned for 2015 and this may offer an opportunity to review lining arrangements at the school. A request will be issued to advise if the planned works can be planned to minimise disruption to the school.

04.07 Provision of footpath at Half Way House, Burnfoot

The provision of footpaths is currently being examined in the context of 2015 programme.

04.08 Take over of roads in Housing Estates

Area Road staff and Planning staff are due to meet to discuss the current status on this issue.

04.09 Winter Maintenance at Shroove

Shroove is a priority 3 route that was considering as part of the 2012/2013 countywide review that was discussed and agreed with the elected members. Winter maintenance and designation of routes is managed centrally and any review of routes would need to take place on a countywide basis. As a priority 3 route, winter maintenance staff will endeavour to keep this route serviceable once priority 1 and 2 routes have been treated, if resources are available.

04.10 Pedestrian refuge at Station Road, Carndonagh

An island is to be put in place and the works will progress in 2015.

04.11 Relocation of bus stop, Carndonagh

The feasibility of this option is to be investigated in conjunction with the service operators. The main service operator has been contacted and a site visit is to be arranged.

04.12 Signage to the Carndonagh Carpark

A review of this signage is to be undertaken with the elected members and more signage will be provided where necessary.

04.13 Road Drainage

Road drainage works forms an important and ongoing preventative maintenance programme within the district. The provision of proper drainage prevents damage and avoids the need for expensive repair works.

04.14 Footpath at Foden, Carndonagh

Footpath provision is currently being examined in the context of the 2015 work programme.

04.15 Road at Gortaran, Clonmany

Improvement works were undertaken on this road in December 2014 and it could be considered for a Community Involvement scheme.

04.16 School flashing lights at St Patrick boys' school, Carndonagh

School flashing lights are maintained centrally by the road design section, and they undertook a programme at the end of 2014 which confirmed that all lights were working. Area roads will keep road design informed of issues as they arise.

04.17 Ballyloskey road

Area roads will review in consultation with the elected members.

04.18 Collection of sand by the Public

Sand for winter gritting is available for collection by the public at the current depot at the Co-op Carndonagh.

04.19 Mill Bridge, Buncrana

Area roads staff have met with the elected members on site to review options for the site.

04.20 Speed Limit, Tooban

The matter has been discussed with the Council's road safety education officer who advised against any increase in the speed limits adjacent to the school.

04.21 Traffic Calming, Umricam

Roads area staff have met with the elected member on site to review options for the site. Road design will be asked for input.

04.22 Pier Restoration, Fahan

Area roads staff have meet with the elected member on site to review options for the site. Local historian to be contacted for input.

04.23 Traffic sign, Drumfries

This issue will be investigated.

04.24 Second crossing at Muff

Area roads staff are to install bollards at the drop kerb at this location.

04.25 Pothole at Alendale, Aghilly

The pothole has been repaired.

04.26 Removal of fence at the Orange Hall, Newtown

The fence has now been removed, however Cllr Canning clarified that it was not removed by Donegal County Council.

04.27 Provision of a footpath at the Rockbar, Muff

Footpath provision is currently being examined in the context of the 2015 work programme.

04.28 Speed in Muff Village

The installation of the pedestrian crossing should protect pedestrians. Area roads will keep under review.

04.29 Provision of a light at the Orange Hall, Manor

The Members funding is being investigated to provide a security light at this location.

04.30 Pedestrian crossing, Newtown

Road design have been made aware of this request and area roads will arrange to meet with road design staff to discuss the best options for this location.

04.31 Provision of an Island at Tank Road, Ludden

Area roads are seeking a meeting with road design to discuss options for this location.

04.32 Malin Head School & Junction

Cllr Mc Guinness was advised that the Council's Safety Officer was scheduled to revisit the location for investigation.

Cllr Mc Guinness

Enquired as follows

- If the footpath outside the Gleneely shop and school could be examined

Cllr Murray

Enquired as follows

- Issue of speeding could be investigated at the corner coming from Ballyarnett, Muff
- Provision of yellow hatched box at the custom post in Muff
- Tank Road – pedestrian crossing kept on the agenda
- Footpath at Sappagh

Cllr Farren

Enquired as follows

- If the Glencrow Junction could be investigated
- Rooskey Road at Whitecastle, needs to be widened

- Irishtown at three trees, surface is very poor
- Street lighting at Carnaff and Carnagarve

Cllr Mc Dermott

Enquired as follows

- Condition of the road in the bad weather going to Forward Emphasis
- Street lighting from Clonmany to Ballyliffen
- Health & Safety issue at Malin Town
- Damage to Piers from the storms

Cllr Canning

Enquired as follows

- Update on the provision of bus shelters
- Roundabout Sponsorship
- Update on the provision of the ramp at Newtown
- Height restriction for the entrance to the picnic area at Manor
- Priority of the Galdonagh Road Junction

Cllr Doherty

Enquired as follows

- Provision of yellow lines at the station road junction
- Roadside Glentogher on the riverside
- Approaching from the mountain road, the bridge heading to Sleabh Sneacht
- Safe movement to the Gaelic pitch

Cllr Farren

Enquired as follows

- If a bigger directional sign for Merville could be provided at Birdstown, Bridgend

Cllr Ryan

Enquired as follows

- Provision of a right turning lane at the Birdstown junction
- Provision of a left turning lane only at Harry's Café, Bridgend coming down from Bonemaine

Cllr Crossan

Enquired as follows

- Investigation of the drains on the Main Street, Buncrana, they are very deep and its causing difficulty to wheelchair users and prams
- Condition of the path from the Castle to the beach on the shore path, Buncrana

15/05 COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT

05.01 Update Report

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

05.02 Barrack Hill Town Park

Two Tus workers have commenced at the park. Training programmes are currently taking place and community engagement events including a community planting day, community training days, placing of bird boxes and outdoor pursuit days, are organised.

An exit strategy is currently being explored for the park including training the community to assist. One of the poly tunnels has been given to Carndonagh Tidy Towns. The official opening is scheduled for the 17th April 2015.

05.03 Donegal Film Office

The film office website was launched in Glenveagh National Park on 16th January 2015.

05.04 Daniel Doherty, Emigrant Exhibition

The exhibition is on view at the County Archives until the end of March 2015. It was suggested that exhibition also be placed on view in Carndonagh.

05.05 Sail West

The marketing plan for 2015 has been approved by the SEUPB and will continue promotion in 2015. Over 70% new visitors to the MalinWaters.com, the main visits are from the UK, Ireland, France, Germany and the US.

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