

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
HELD IN THE CHAMBER, CARNDONAGH PSC
ON THE 14th APRIL 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr John G. Mc Laughlin, Ms Lynda Mc Gavigan, Mr Seamus Hopkins, Ms Aideen Doherty, Ms Fran Horkan and Ms Marie Mulhern.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Mc Guinness.

The members extended their good wishes to Cllr Mc Guinness and wished him a speedy recovery.

**15/18 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN
ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
10th MARCH 2015**

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th March 2015 were agreed.

15.19 COASTAL EROSION

On the request of Cllr Crossan, the members agreed to suspend standing orders to discuss Cllr Doherty's request for a special meeting, seconded by Cllr Murray regarding coastal erosion. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with relevant bodies in the first instance.

15/20 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

20.01 Update Report

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

20.02 Chevron at Umricam Diner

A request has been forwarded to Road Design to investigate the location and propose appropriate traffic calming solutions.

20.03 Flooding at Magherinture Bridge

The flooding is caused by restrictions to the watercourse on private land upstream. The landowner has been informed of the issue.

20.04 Walk way from the castle to the beach in Buncrana

Discussions are continuing with the landowner with a view to improving this stretch of walkway.

20.05 Road at Glentogher near Patrick Kearney's property

Area roads are finalising the land transfer for approximately 100m along this stretch of road. Repair works are due to commence once the land transfer is completed.

20.06 Junction at Bridge Street and Station Road

Materials have been purchased to install a pedestrian island on the centre line of the road and to provide a barrier to tighten the turning radius at this junction. The work is to commence shortly.

20.07 Access to Lagg Beach

A meeting took place on site with the Council's Marine Engineer, National Parks and Wildlife Ranger together with the area roads staff. Significant erosion has taken place over the last 20 years, the level of erosion makes the provision of a durable access to the beach very difficult.

It is intended to regrade the slope to the beach to improve the access.

20.08 Remedial works to the road at Gortaran

This road has been allocated a road number and ongoing routine maintenance will be carried out. It is intended to include this road in the 2016 restoration programme.

20.09 Hard Shoulder at Balleighan, Manor

Drainage was improved at this location with the installation of a gully. Resurfacing this location may be considered as part of the 2016 roads programme.

20.10 Slab Road Junction, Burt

Surface water run off has caused erosion at this location. The exposed plastic is weedblock, installed to assist visibility for traffic exiting the Slab Road onto the N13. Rock armour will be installed at the location as part of the 2015 N13 maintenance programme.

20.11 Provision of arrows for junctions turning off the N13

A request has been forwarded to the NRDO to consider this work as part of the proposed N13 relining contract.

20.12 Provision of bus shelters

Road Design section undertook a procurement process for bus shelters in 2012 and the tender priced received were significantly lower than the previous 2010 tender.

Area roads intend to rerun a tender for the provision of bus shelters in 2015. Funding sources will then need to be identified.

20.13 Provision of a pedestrian crossing at Main Street, Moville

A site meeting was held with Road Design, Area Road staff and Cllr Farren, there are three designated crossing points within the town centre that have been upgraded and improved over the past few years. Road Design has confirmed that the current crossing within Moville provides a high level of pedestrian safety and very much in line with the current road safety requirements. Road Design advised that the provision of a traffic light controlled crossing would not automatically lead to an increase in pedestrian safety. Road Design have agreed to conduct a pedestrian and traffic count within the town in the next month or two in order to provide data that can be used to decide on the optimum solution for Moville. An update will be provided when the count is completed.

20.14 Pedestrian Crossing in Carndonagh Town Centre.

It is proposed to remove two of the cobbled crossings adjacent to the bus stop and replace them with coloured asphalt.

20.15 Development Plans for Coastal Communities

The issue is outside the area roads remit, it has been passed onto Community and Development.

20.16 Provision of ramps in housing estates

Area roads met with the Cllr Mc Dermott on site to discuss this issue. The Council is not in a position to provide ramps within private estates. However, advice and guidance can be provided to the residents.

20.17 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 the land purchase and payment process is being progressed. Cllr Donaghey requested that the issue be kept on the agenda, Cllr Murray concurred.

20.18 Provision of cats eyes on the slab road

Area roads are aware of this issue, strengthening works on the verges of the Slab road is required prior to the installation of a centre line or cats eyes. A funding source needs to be identified for this work.

20.19 Broadband for the Chamber

IS Section to provide an update.

20.20 Safe crossing for pedestrians at the Tank Road, Ludden.

Area roads met with the elected member on site to discuss this issue. Road design have been requested to investigate options for this location.

20.21 Provision of a yellow box at the old customs post in Muff

Area roads do not believe that a yellow box is the best solution for this location. However, Road Design has been requested to investigate options and revert with a recommendation.

20.22 New Disabled parking logo

Cllr Ryan advised that the students in Scoil Mhuire have designed a logo for disabled parking and a pilot programme has been launched.

The Town Engineer, Donal Walker, has agreed to paint the logo on one of the parking bays in the school grounds.

20.23 Cnoc an Uininn, Gleneely

Cllr Mc Dermott congratulated the works carried out.

Cllr Farren enquired as follows

1. Update on the funding for street lights at Merville and Malin
2. Update on Glencrow Junction
3. Direction sign for Merville at Birdstown
4. Carrickaroary Pier

Cllr Murray enquired as follows

1. Provision of a footpath at Sappagh going towards the Rock bar

Cllr Doherty enquired as follows

1. Inspection of the road at Altahalla and Ballinaboe, Clonmany
2. Lack of signage at the Corvish road
3. Signage from Derry City giving direction to Carndonagh

Cllr Mc Dermott enquired as follows

1. Roads in Altahalla
2. Sewer in Malin. John G agreed to follow up on the Public Safety Initiative works.
3. Cnoc an Uininn – congratulated the works carried out

Cllr Canning enquired as follows

1. Road lining at Magherabeg School
2. Installation of Ramps at Manor and Newtowncunningham
3. Roundabouts at Manor and Bridgend
4. Early cutting of grass at junctions this year
5. Footpath from Burnfoot to the Watery Road

Cllr Ryan enquired as follows

1. Footpath from the village of Burnfoot to the Watery Road
2. Cutting of the hedges at the Brae Road, Burnfoot
3. Junction at Dillon's on the N13, Manorcunningham
4. Meat factory, Carrigans update

Cllr Crossan enquired as follows

1. Investigation of the gullies at upper Main Street, as they are not working.
2. Watery road to Burnfoot

15/21 PLANNING

21.01 Update Report

Fran Horkan presented the update report and in particular referred to the following.

21.02 Summary of Planning Application

There has been a change in the nature of planning applications, with a range of applications received.

21.03 Pre-planning Enquiries

Any queries in relation to the planning process can be addressed at the pre planning stage, or queries can be sent in and a response can be issued.

21.04 Workshop on unfinished estates

It was proposed to arrange a workshop on unfinished estates.

15/22 COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT

22.01 Update Report

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

22.02 Strategic Development Fund

The final list of allocations was presented to members. Aideen Doherty requested that the list be approved by Members and this was proposed by Cllr Farren and seconded by Cllr Mc Dermott and agreed by all other elected members in attendance.

22.03 Barrack Hill Town Park

The park was officially opened on the 20th March 2015 by Sarah Brophy and Cathaoirleach Cllr John Campbell.

The community food project has been set up and they meet every Tuesday to manage the gardens. The final drawdown is to be completed and the project report will be completed by the end of May 2015.

22.04 Film Office Website

The website continues to attract new visitors. The IS department in Donegal County Council has created a map for the locations listed in the Film offices website.

22.05 Community Tourism Diaspora Project

The key objective of the fund is to provide support to local and community event organisers and activities/projects that will harness diaspora links for the benefit of local and community tourism. A county wide budget of €30,000 is available.

22.06 Donegal Youth Council

Maria Ferry, National Executive representative will be chairing an information session in the Dail for TD's on April 22nd 2015.

22.07 Donegal County Museum's Travelling Exhibitions

Donegal County Museum has developed a number of travelling exhibitions which are available for loan to organisations and venues throughout Donegal.

22.08 Donegal in 1916 Study Pack

The 'County Donegal is 1916' Heritage Education Pack is a collaborative effort between the Archives, Museum and Library Services and the Heritage office.

22.09 Bealtaine 2015 – library highlights

A wide and varied programme of events including art exhibitions, book promotions, storytelling, music, dance and crafts takes place in the libraries, Taobh Tíre Centre's and other venues throughout the county.

22.10 Ren Net

The Interreg IVA funded Renewable Energy Business Network (Ren Net) marked the end of its funding by hosting a Low Energy Buildings and Supply Chain Conference on the 27th February in Letterkenny.

22.11 Donegal Tourism

The Donegal Tourism launch took place for the Scottish market on Wednesday 25th March 2015 at Glasgow City Chamber.

22.12 Donegal Tourism Marketing Campaign

A TV advertising campaign is being investigated.

15/23 HOUSING & CORPORATE

CORPORATE

23.01 Strategic Issues

The Corporate Policy Group has agreed that there will be a standing item on the agenda for each CPG meeting under the title of 'Strategic Issues Arising at Municipal District Meetings'. Each Municipal District would have the opportunity to have a matter of strategic importance to their MD raised and discussed at the next available CPG meeting.

23.02 Questions to Plenary Council meeting

At the plenary Council meeting in January the Corporate Policy group was requested to consider whether or not to amend standing orders to allow elected members to table local questions at the plenary Council meeting. The CPG confirmed that local questions should be facilitated at MD level.

23.03 Request for Deputation from the Board of Management of Gaelscoil Bhun Cranncha

The members agreed to the deputation request from the Board of the Gaelscoil Bhun Cranncha. However it was agreed to update the Board in that the matter is currently with the Department.

HOUSING

23.04 Update report on Housing

Lynda Mc Gavigan presented the Housing report.

23.05 Housing Strategy

Cllr Farren advised that Minister for the Environment, Community & Local Development, Alan Kelly, TD announced the housing targets for each local authority area to 2017. Over €1.5 billion will be invested in a combination of building, buying and leasing schemes by local authorities. With an allocation of €34 million for Donegal.

The average cost of building a social housing unit is €185,000. Cllr Ryan advised that it would be more advantageous to buy rather than build. Expressions of interest should now be sought from interested parties. Cllr Mc Dermott suggested that rural areas should be prioritized and that a certain amount of social housing be built in rural areas.

23.06 MICA

Cllr Doherty advised that 2 houses are being investigated for MICA in the Inishowen area. Preliminary results show that further investigation is required.

23.07 Energy Efficiency Fabric Upgrade Programme

Thirty houses have been completed under the fabric upgrade programme and tenders are due back for another 52. The works to be completed under the programme are attic and cavity wall insulation.

15.24 Other Issues Arising

24.01 Development Contribution Scheme

The funding is still available for the purchase of land at Aghilly road.

24.02 Irish Water

Cllr Ryan requested that update be provided in relation to Irish Water.

24.03 Spring Clean Up

Cllr Donaghey advised that this years Spring Clean up was the biggest ever and thank all those involved for their participation.

24.04 Lifeboat

The member welcomed the arrival of the new Shannon life boat.

24.05 Environment

Cllr Canning suggested that someone from the Environment section attend the monthly meeting.

24.06 Interreg 5

Cllrs Ryan and Canning advised that funding is available to improve waste water facilities and suggested that consideration should be given to seeking funding.

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