

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING
HELD IN THE CIVIC OFFICES, BUNCRANA
ON THE 04TH SEPTEMBER 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 and Ms Marie Mulhern.

Cllr Crossan opened the meeting and welcomed everyone, John G. Mc Laughlin introduced Seamus Hopkins as the new Area Manager for Roads. The members offered their sympathies to Michael Ryan, Water Works Caretaker, Carndonagh on the death of his mother Mary Ryan.

**14/17 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN
ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
04th March 2014**

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the meeting held on the 04th March 2014 were agreed.

**14/18 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HELD ON
16TH JUNE 2014**

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th June 2014 were agreed.

14/19 CONSIDERATION OF THE THREE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR DONEGAL COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD 2014 – 2016 (REFERRED FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 28TH JULY 2014)

The members agreed to make an application for funding in 2015 for the Greencastle Harbour, John G. Mc Laughlin agreed to put the issue forward for the full Council meeting on the 26th September 2014. Cllr Mc Guinness suggested that perhaps a loan could be applied for to fund the entire project. However the members agreed that the number one project in Inishowen is the Cockhill Bridge.

14/20 ELECTION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY DONEGAL HERITAGE FORUM

Cllr Doherty was proposed by Cllr Rena Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Ryan for the position of representative to the County Donegal Heritage Forum.

14/21 REQUEST FOR DEPUTATION

(a) Cycle Inishowen

On the proposal of Cllr Farren and seconded by Cllr Ryan it was agreed to accept a deputation from Cycle Inishowen on the Wee Greenway Initiative.

(b) Irish Basking Shark Study Group

On proposal of Cllr Mc Guinness and seconded by Cllr Donaghey it was agreed to accept a deputation from the Irish Basking Shark Study Group on the development of marine tourism at Malin.

14/22 HOUSING

22.01 Update report on Housing

Lynda Mc Gavigan presented the Housing report and in particular referred to the following:

22.02 Fabric Upgrade Programme

The programme is ongoing with the installation of wall and attic insulation in Council dwellings through the whole of Inishowen. To date 140 dwellings have been completed with the overall aim of improving energy efficiency.

22.03 SEAI Project

71 houses have been ring fenced for deep retrofit in Buncrana, these include a mix of Council, Town Council and St Vincent de Paul dwellings. The works are divided into 3 separate contracts.

An application has been submitted for the Better Energies Communities Programme and the application has been approved. This will include locally the Maritime museum in Greencastle. Work will commence shortly.

A discussion then ensued on the removal of back boilers in Council dwellings.

14/23 CORPORATE SERVICES

23.01 Buncrana Twinning Committee

The members discussed the request from Buncrana Twinning Committee for a funding contribution in respect of the deputation from Frehel and Plevenon, Brittany. The former Buncrana Town Council agreed to make a funding contribution towards the project.

14/24 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

24.01 Update Report

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

24.02 Work Programme update

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

24.03 Restoration improvement programme 2014

The issue in relation to the Culdaff Rd, Malin is currently being dealt with within the planning section, negotiations are ongoing with the receiver regarding the use of bond monies to make good the sewerage system.

24.04 Slab road to Burnfoot village

This section of road was not included in the 2014 programme nor is it on the 3 year plan, however options for funding the resurfacing of this section of roadway will be investigated.

24.05 Storm Damage

The storm damage funding was available county wide based on where the storm damage had occurred.

24.06 Merville Shore Walk

The works on the Merville Shore walk have been completed in July 2014.

24.07 Footbridge Merville

Work has commenced on the footbridge in Merville at the beginning of August 2014.

24.08 Merville Community College

Work on the installation of a gulley and a drain in the footpath is due to commence in September 2014. Drainage within the school grounds may need to be addressed by the owners.

24.09 Main Street, Newtown

The lighting issue at Main Street has been resolved.

24.10 Galdonagh junction, Manor

The chevron at Galdonagh will be in place within the next 4 to 5 weeks.

24.11 Ramps at Manor and Newtown

The ramps are complete in Newtown and the ramp at Manor will be complete within the next for 4 or 5 weeks.

24.12 Drumbarnett, Manor

The Road Design section will investigate the options for the Drumbarnett junction and revert to the members.

24.13 Rasheeny School

The traffic calming works are complete at Rasheeny School.

24.14 Culdaff, Moss Road

Work is due to commence within the next 4 to 5 weeks.

24.15 Repairs to LIS roads

€10,000 has been made available to Inishowen for the repair of LIS roads. A workshop is to be arranged to agree the distribution of the allocation.

24.16 Uncontrolled crossing, Merville

Works are complete.

04.17 Ard Foyle, Merville

'Slow' and 'Slower' to be written on the road at this location as part of the road lining renewal contract.

24.18 Bridge Street, Carndonagh

Road marking are due to be put in place as part of the road lining renewal contract. Road design will be consulted regarding the overall solution to this situation.

24.19 Francis Town, Malin

Work complete.

24.20 Culoort, Malin

Works to be completed within the next 4 to 5 weeks.

24.21 Millbay, Inch

The works at Millbay have commenced and will be complete within the next 4 to 5 weeks.

24.22 Pairc an Ghrianan, Burnfoot

The flood prevention works at Pairc an Ghrianan, Burnfoot will be complete before the end of October 2014.

24.23 National Primary Route

It is intended to carry out patching works on the N13 between Burt and Bridgend within the next 4 to 5 weeks.

24.24 Newtown to Argony Pipe Road

Hedges and verges have been trimmed at the junction near the Argony pipe.

24.25 Fahan Village

The section of footpath opposite the Chapel of Ease will have the weeds removed within the next 2 weeks.

24.26 Bridgend School

Road markings are complete at the school.

24.27 Lisfannon Beach

Works at Lisfannon beach are complete.

24.28 Shore Road, Ballyliffin

CIS works at Shore Road, Ballyliffin are complete, the road will be surface dressed before the end of September.

24.29 Malin Bridge

Lights on the deck are working – lighting underneath the bridge deck requires significant upgrading to protect from future storm surge damage – this will cost in the region €40k - a budget for this work to be identified.

24.30 Salt Barn, Barrack Hill

The location of the proposed Salt Barn has been agreed with planners and planning notices will be published this week.

24.31 Footpath at James Street, Merville

Funding to be identified for this work

24.32 Glassmullan, Drumfries

This matter to be investigated and an update to be provided at the meeting.

24.33 Bus Shelters, Cashel na Cor

Area Engineer to undertake site visit with Cllr Donaghey

24.34 Coxstown, Carrigans

This matter to be investigated and an update to be provided at the meeting.

14/25 PLANNING

25.01 Update Report on Planning

The progress report was distributed to the members. John G. Mc Laughlin advised the members that Michael Heeney is now the Director for Forward Planning and Liam Ward is the Director for Development Management.

25.02 Unfinished Housing Estates

Cllr Canning advised that unfinished estates are a major problem in Inishowen and most problems are resulting from the situation. Applications for takeover of estate are submitted and on the day of inspection the situation is different from what the situation was when they applied.

Cllr Mc Guinness advised that there are 87 applications for take over in Inishowen and stated that we need to get to the bottom of the size of the problem.

Cllr Ryan welcomed the site resolution fund and advised that there are two sites in Bridgend requiring resolution.

14/26 COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT

26.01 Update report on Community & Development

Lynda Mc Gavigan distributed the Community & Development report.

26.02 Beach at Carnagarve

Cllr Murray requested that an application for the designation of the bathing waters at the beach at Carnagarve should be put forward. The members then discussed the issue, a lengthy discussion then ensued.

26.03 Wild Atlantic Way

Cllr Doherty stated that the Wild Atlantic Way has been a great success, and suggested an increase in the signposting for Carndonagh and Malin Head. The other members concurred.

26.04 Public Participation Network

Cllr Mc Dermott advised that community organisations and groups are now being offered the opportunity to register as a member of the County Donegal Public Participation Network and the closing date is 05th September 2014.

The members congratulated the

- The centenary celebrations for the Colgan Hall, Carndonagh.
- Work carried out by the RNLi in Inishowen and the welcomed the Shannon class life boat.
- Opening of the Sleabh Sneacht Centre, Drumfries.
- Tidy Towns Committees.

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