

**MINUTES OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LETTERKENNY MEETING,  
HELD IN THE LETTERKENNY PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE,  
LETTERKENNY, ON TUESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2015 AT 2PM**

**MDL 375/15 MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllr. Liam Blaney  
Cllr. Ciaran Brogan  
Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh  
Cllr. Michael Mc Bride  
Cllr. James Pat McDaid  
Cllr Gerry Mc Monagle  
Cllr. John O'Donnell  
Cllr. Mike Quinn  
Cllr. Dessie Shiels

**MDL 376/15 OFFICIALS PRESENT**

Liam Ward, Director of Service  
Eunan Kelly, Area Manager, Corporate & Housing Services  
Fergal Doherty, S.E.E./Area Manager, Roads & Transportation  
Frances Friel, Staff Officer  
Ciaran Martin, Community & Enterprise  
Conal Mc Gettigan, A/Senior Executive Planner  
Dearn Mc Clintock, Waste Regulation Officer, Environment

**MDL 378/15 APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. I. Mc Garvey

The meeting was chaired by Mayor, Cllr. G. Mc Monagle

**MDL 379/15 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Brogan seconded by Cllr. J. Kavanagh, the Minutes of Municipal District of Letterkenny Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 were adopted.

**MDL 380/15 MOTIONS FROM CLLR. I. MC GARVEY**

In the absence of Cllr. I. Mc Garvey it was agreed that Cllr. Mc Garvey's motions (Agenda Item Numbers 2-4) would be deferred to the November Meeting.

**MDL 381/15 CCTV/SECURITY TOWN PARK**

On the proposal of Cllr. G. Mc Monagle seconded by Cllr. M. Quinn, the following motion was adopted;

*That this Council discuss the provision of CCTV and other security options to best protect those using the Bernard Mc Glinchey Park in Letterkenny.*

The Members were informed that;

*There was currently no identified funding for installation of CCTV at the Bernard Mc Glinchey Park. A cost estimate could be obtained for installation and maintenance of a CCTV system for discussion at budget allocation in 2016*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. G. Mc Monagle referred to recent attack on young lady in the Park and other events that were not reported. Cllr. G. Mc Monagle outlined that this had been discussed previously at Town Council level. Cllr. G. Mc Monagle referred to CCTV system in St. Conal's and the possibility of discussing with the HSE regarding availing of their system. On seconding the motion, Cllr. M. Quinn outlined that public safety should be paramount at all times. It was agreed that the Council make contact with the HSE in this regard.

#### **MDL 382/15 ROAD MARKINGS – LIDL MILFORD**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr. L. Blaney, the following motion was adopted;

*"Calling on this Council to carry out road markings as a matter of urgency at the Lidl site in Milford".*

The Members were informed that;

*These works were on the programme for carrying out. Due to inclement weather over the summer, much of the road marking programmes were behind, but will be completed when weather permits.*

#### **MDL 383/15 ROADWORKS – DOON WELL CROSSROADS TO LETTERFAD**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr. L. Blaney, the following motion was adopted;

*"Calling on this Council to lobby the NRA for the much needed funding for the road works on the N56 from Doon well crossroads to Letterfad Termon as there has being a number of accidents and fatalities on this stretch of road."*

The Members were informed that;

*The MDL had applied to the TII for funding for this section of the road and would re-apply in early 2016 as requested by the TII.*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. J. O'Donnell referred to the concern of the locals and to the recent fatality. Cllr. J. O'Donnell referred to the need to lobby the Minister in this regard and that deferring for another year was not an option. On seconding the motion, Cllr. L. Blaney outlined that this issue has been raised for more than 10 years. F. Doherty, Area Manager advised that an electronic application was submitted each year for these works and based on accident statistics no funding had been received this year but that the Council once again would submit a strong application.

#### **MDL 384/15 SCHOOL WARNING LIGHTS - CARRIGART**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr. L. Blaney, the following motion was adopted;

*“Calling this Council to repair the school warning lights at Carrigart national school and identify a pedestrian walkway for parents and children to cross the road to the car park.”*

The Members were informed that;

*The School Flashing Lights at Carrigart were recently reprogrammed by Donegal County Council (within the past few months), at which time all was in full working order. A further inspection of the lights would take place this week and appropriate measures taken. An appropriate location for the installation of a pedestrian walkway would be assessed.*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. J. O'Donnell welcomed response given outlining that he had recently met with Council Official on site and thanked the Council for their commitment to solve this issue.

#### **MDL 385/15 PARK WARDENS**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. C. Brogan, the following motion was adopted;

*That the Council employ park wardens over the summer months in our main parks.*

The Members were informed that;

*Employees from the Parks and Open Spaces section currently attended the main parks on a daily basis, albeit not for the full working day.*

*The current Work Force Plan did not allow for employment of increased numbers in the outdoor work crews.*

On proposing the motion Cllr. J. Kavanagh referred to representations from the public and in particular from young mothers regarding intimidation by young males in the Park. Cllr. J. Kavanagh also referred to recent tree damage in the Park and would like to see Park Warden's employed especially over the summer months. On seconding the motion, Cllr. C. Brogan referred to the great Parks in Letterkenny and with Letterkenny awarded Ireland's Tidiest Town that a strong message must be sent out that this behaviour will not be tolerated.

**MDL 386/15 BROADBAND**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. C. Brogan, the following motion was adopted;

*That the Council request broadband service providers to consider scheduling upgrades in the municipal area, so that towns and villages with a high dependency on tourism are completed before the commencement of the Summer holiday season in 2016.*

The Members were informed that;

*The Council were very keen to see investment in broadband facilities throughout the County and Members have identified broadband as one of the most important infrastructural projects needing enhancement throughout Donegal.*

*If the motion was passed the Council could contact the service providers, however it may not be reasonable to request a restriction in work from May to September each year. Such a restriction could mean that investment would be re-allocated to other places.*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. J. Kavanagh referred to complaints during the summer from tourists visiting villages such as Rathmullan etc with poor Broadband. Cllr. J. Kavanagh referred to the National Broadband Plan and asked that when works are being scheduled that priority be given to tourist areas etc and that works be carried out early in the New Year to be ready for the tourist season. On seconding the motion Cllr. C. Brogan asked that the Council write to the Service Providers requesting a meeting with the Council as a matter of urgency.

**MDL 387/15 TIDY ESTATES COMPETITION**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Kavanagh seconded by Cllr. C. Brogan the following motion was adopted;

*That the Council restore the Tidy Estates Competition in Letterkenny, to the same level that existed when we had a Town Council, in view of the fact that Letterkenny has now won the Tidy Towns competition and it is essential that those standards are maintained, for the good of the entire area.*

The Members were informed that;

*The County Council traditionally ran an annual countywide Local Authority Tidy Estates Competition which was advertised in June and the competition in the MDL this year was open to all Local Authority Estates in the MDL including the former Letterkenny Town Council area.*

*Letterkenny Town Council also ran a Tidy Estates competition up to 2014 that was open to Town Council estates and private estates within the Town Council area...*

*The restoration of the Tidy Estates competition for private estates could be considered in the context of the 2016 Budget. The Council could explore this in conjunction with Letterkenny Tidy Towns.*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. J. Kavanagh acknowledged that the Council were looking at the area of Tidy Estates with the Tidy Towns but that this was on a very small scale compared to former Town Council. Cllr. J. Kavanagh outlined that prize monies should be at level as awarded by the Town Council in the sum of approximately €7,000 and that it was imperative that the standard be kept especially following success of Letterkenny in this year's Tidy Towns Competition. On seconding the motion, Cllr. C. Brogan referred to the huge role played by residents associations in Letterkenny's recent Tidy Towns success. Cllr. C. Brogan outlined that no estate should be excluded from entering the Tidy Estates Competition and asked that the competition be restored for 2016.

#### **MDL 388/15 CAR POOLING**

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Pat Mc Daid seconded by Cllr. C. Brogan, the following motion as adopted;

*That this Council explore sites available for the availability of a much needed car pooling car park in Letterkenny.*

The Members were informed that;

*There were currently 3,000+ off street car parking spaces in Letterkenny, many of which were under utilised on a daily basis. There were currently no plans for the development of any further car parks.*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. J. P. Mc Daid advised that his motion was derived from representations from hoteliers and people carpooling at a location and then driving to their work. Cllr. J. P. Mc Daid outlined that a secure car park was needed such as Council lands across from Public Services Centre. Cllr. J. P. Mc Daid further outlined that such a car park could be provided at a low cost with a tar a chip finish and a few lights etc. On seconding the motion, Cllr. C. Brogan referred to previous discussion at Town Council level with parking issues for those travelling on buses to Dublin/Galway for Hospital appointments etc and agreed that Council lands on the Neil T. Blaney Road could be used on a short-term basis.

**MDL 389/15 TRAFFIC MOUNTAIN TOP AREA/RELIEF ROAD**

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Shiels, seconded by Cllr. M. Mc Bride, the following motion was adopted;

That this Council would observe and monitor the morning traffic situation at the Mountain Top area of Letterkenny to determine what the causes of serious traffic delays are in that area leading down to the Town Centre of Letterkenny as there have been delays of up to 40 minutes reported to me by persons travelling from the Mountain Top area to the Town Centre areas of Letterkenny, a matter which is also directly affecting persons travelling from Kilmacrennan and beyond to work in Letterkenny and that the Council would report back on these issues at the next meeting of this Municipal Council.

The Members were informed that;

*The Council had observed and were aware of the delays experienced by traffic on this approach to Letterkenny. The cause of the delay was that the existing infrastructure was inadequate to carry the existing volume of traffic, which could only be eased by the construction of the Bonagee Link Road. The Bonagee Link Road (Including Business Park Road and Roundabout at Unifi) had long been identified by the MDL as the number 1 priority requirement as documented in the Strategic Infrastructural Priorities Workshops held on 20<sup>th</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup> May this year. There was currently funding for furtherance of the roundabout section at Kilty, but not for the Link Road.*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. D. Shiels outlined that it would appear that the roundabout at the Mountain Top was not working and asked that the Council review and report back at next meeting. Cllr. D. Shiels also asked re the possibility of lights to solve the delays. On seconding the motion, Cllr. M. Mc Bride felt that the problem was sheer volume with business, hospitals, and drop off at Errigal College.

It was agreed to consider the following Motion at the same time as it was similar matter.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Brogan seconded by Cllr. J. Pat Mc Daid, the following motion was adopted;

*That this Council direct Road Design Office to look at options to provide a relief road from the Mountain Top to Lisnennan the new proposed roundabout at Kiltyoy to deal with the huge traffic congestion.*

The Members were informed that;

*This request had been referred to the Road Design Office for inclusion in their programme. Any update would be brought to a further MDL meeting.*

On proposal the motion, Cllr. C. Brogan outlined that he recently had Director of Roads looking at this issue. Cllr. C. Brogan asked that Road Design as a matter of urgency look at lands at Carnamuggagh to Lisnennan to put a line on map. Cllr. C. Brogan referred to the fact that there were currently no houses on this line and now would be an ideal opportunity.

A brief discussion following and it was agreed that following adoption of Cllr. D. Shiels motion and Cllr. C. Brogan's motion that Road Design revert back on this matter.

#### **MDL 390/15 INSTALLATION OF FOOTPATHS**

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Shiels seconded by Cllr. M. Mc Bride, the following motion was adopted;

That this Council would come up with some sort of new workable common sense policy to deal with particular situations where there is a need for installation of footpaths for pedestrians in particular areas including in many cases pedestrian school children attending school for example at the Lismonaghan Road, Letterkenny between the Maples and Rowan Park estates, at the Mountain Top leading out to the Illistrin National school and at College Farm Road, Glencar, Letterkenny all of which have obvious new footpath needs.

The Members were informed that;

*A footpath programme and priority list can be considered by members at the start of next year when agreeing budgets.*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. D. Shiels outlined that he would like to see a plan in place to deal with this issue and a policy whereby a

developer is developing beyond missing footpath area that the Council fill in the gap to join footpath. On seconding the motion, Cllr. M. Mc Bride referred to the massive deficit in footpaths in the Municipal District area and proposed that a priority list be drawn up.

### **MDL 391/15 FIRE HYDRANTS**

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Shiels, seconded by Cllr. G. Mc Monagle the following motion was adopted;

*That this Council through the Fire Service would carry out an audit of all fire hydrants in housing estates and develop a new policy to set out how often these hydrants are to be tested and remarked with appropriate markings (e.g. yellow paint) as it is vitally important that this Council and the Fire Service has up to date information as to the location of fire hydrants and their working order and further consideration does need to be given as to whether there are actually adequate numbers of fire hydrants in each estate should a fire arise at a particular location.*

The Members were informed that;

*Under section 29 of the Fire Services Acts, 1981 and 2003 the provision and maintenance of fire hydrants was a function of a sanitary authority. That responsibility now lies with Irish Water. We can refer this to Irish Water if the motion is passed.*

*The provision and maintenance of fire hydrants on private housing estates and other private property is the responsibility of the property owner.*

*A localised and ongoing programme of hydrant inspections is carried out by each Fire Brigade as part of their annual training programme. Fire hydrant inspection sheets are completed as part of this process and any issues arising are forwarded to the body having responsibility for the fire hydrants.*

*The location of fire hydrants throughout the County has been recorded on a map info. application by the Sanitary Authority and this has been made available to each Fire Brigade to assist in fire hydrant familiarisation.*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. D. Shiels referred to the recent tragedy in Halting Site in Carrickmines and that this motion was now very relevant. Cllr. D. Shiels welcomed the Minister's call for a fire and safety audit of all halting sites. Cllr. D. Shiels referred to reply given in that Irish Water was now responsible but he would like clarity that each Fire Authority is happy that all hydrants are working. Cllr. D.



Shiels asked that this motion be passed on to Irish Water for their response and also to seek clarity that Fire Service were happy with all fire hydrants in estates. On seconding the motion, Cllr. G. Mc Monagle referred to the reply given in relation to private estates but outlined that many developers have gone into liquidation and would like clarification in relation to private estates.

L. Ward, Director advised that clarification would be sought in relation to private estates. In relation to recent tragedy, L. Ward, Director referred to media reports advising of forthcoming communication from the Minister for each Local Authority to initiate a Fire Safety Audit of all Halting Sites. L. Ward, Director further advised that Donegal County Council have taken the initiative with Fire Safety Officer to carry out an audit in any event. This was welcomed by the Members.

#### **MDL 392/15 OLD TOURIST OFFICE SITE**

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Brogan seconded by Cllr. J. Kavanagh, the following motion was adopted;

*I propose that this Council take immediate steps to have plans done as to how we clean and tidy up our site at the Old Tourist Office in Letterkenny in conjunction with our Tidy Towns Committee with a view to possibly having signage erected where our local businesses could promote their business e.g. Lurgybrack Open Farm, Old Foundry Paintball, Alcorns, Letterkenny Karting Centre, Zip Rides, Arena 7, Glenveagh Castle, Doe Castle, Doonwell, Gartan, Fanad Lighthouse, Ferry Service and other facilities that attract people to our area.*

Conal Mc Gettigan, A/Senior Executive Planner advised that under the current signage policy in the County & Environs Development Plan, signs on approach roads were not encouraged. A successful blitz to remove signage in conjunction with the Tidy Towns was carried out in May and June 2015 prior to judging. C. Mc Gettigan referred to problem areas such as Mountain Top where warning letters have issued. Landowners have been approached re suggestion of a totem pole which may work in this area also.

It was agreed that C. Mc Gettigan, A/Senior Executive Planner would sit down with F. Doherty, Area Manager Roads to discuss and find a possible solution.

#### **MDL 393/15 IRELAND'S TIDIEST TOWN – SIGNAGE**

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Brogan seconded by Cllr. G. Mc Monagle, the following motion was adopted;

*I propose that we in conjunction with Letterkenny Towns Erect signage to recognise Letterkenny being awarded Ireland's Tidiest Town.*

The Members were informed that;

*These signs were currently being manufactured with a view to their being erected on the four main approaches to Letterkenny within the next 3 weeks.*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. C. Brogan outlined that he was delighted that a joint reception was being held in Lifford for the Tidy Towns Committee. Cllr. C. Brogan asked that as a matter of urgency that signage be erected in each of the approach roads into the town referring to past Members and employees who played a major role on this achievement. Cllr. C. Brogan paid tribute to David Donnelly, Town Gardener, F. Doherty, Area Manager all involved in the town's success. Cllr. C. Brogan also referred to the prestige of having the President of Ireland visit the winning town in January to erect a plaque. On seconding the motion Cllr. G. Mc Monagle requested that a sign be placed on all approach roads and not just the 4 as outlined.

#### **MDL 394/15 CARBON TAX – SMOKELESS FUEL**

On the proposal of Cllr. L. Blaney, seconded by Cllr. J. O'Donnell the following motion was adopted;

*That this MD requests the Minister for Finance to abolish the Carbon Tax on smokeless fuel.*

The Members were advised that

*If motion was passed a request can be made to the Minister in this regard.*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. L. Blaney referred to families struggling to buy smokeless coal at a cost of approximately €18 per bag compared to €11 per bag for cheaper less environmentally friendly coal. On seconding the motion Cllr. J. O'Donnell proposed that this matter be addressed as a Council and that as Chair of the SPC of Environment & Emergency Services that this matter would be brought up at their next meeting scheduled for Thursday of this week.

#### **MDL 395/15 WOODLANDS ROAD COMPLETION**

On the proposal of Cllr. L. Blaney seconded by Cllr. C. Brogan the following motion was adopted;

*That this MD requests that the road upgrade at Woodlands is completed by the end of this year.*

The Members were advised that:

*The Contract had been awarded for the completion of Woodlands, with works to be completed by the end of the year.*

On proposing the motion, Cllr. L. Blaney welcomed the commencement of works on the Woodlands Road but asked that if possible if works could be complete prior to Christmas rush to avoid further tailbacks..

F. Doherty, Area Manager advised that this was a 10-12 week contract but that he would keep pressure on to try and have it finished at the earliest possible date.

### **MDL 396/15 MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle, Mayor referred to the tragic death of 10 family members in the recent fire at Halting Site in Carrickmines. Cllr. G. Mc Monagle expressed his sincere sympathy and condolences to the families involved and asked that a letter be sent in this regard. Cllr. G. Mc Monagle welcomed Council's initiative to carry out fire and safety audit. Cllr. G. Mc Monagle also asked that private property also be included in audit. The Members were advised that a book of condolences was now open in all Council Offices & at D.T.P. Offices.

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle extended his sympathy to the family of the late Garda Tony Golden and asked that a letter be sent to the family and Garda Colleagues.

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle, Mayor paid tribute to all involved in the recent success of Letterkenny as Ireland's Tidiest Town. He also congratulated all towns in the Municipal District who scored excellent points especially Buncrana and Glenties on their success. Cllr. G. Mc Monagle hoped that towns throughout the MD could build on the success of Letterkenny going forward.

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle advised that he attended the following functions on behalf of the Council namely;

Young Entrepreneurs

Cultural Night

Simon Community – Sleep out in Market Square

Youth Council – Survey regarding the use of the Web

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle, Mayor also passed his sympathy to staff member, Martina Mc Brearty, Housing & Corporate on the recent death of her father Con Mc Brearty.

Cllr. D. Shiels referred to the recent death of Lizzy Maloney, mother of former Councillor, Sean Maloney and it was agreed that a letter of condolences be sent on behalf of the Members.

Cllr. G. Mc Monagle, Mayor referred to previous agreement to host a reception for the St Eunan's u'14 and it was agreed to host reception of 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015 at 7pm if date was suitable.

## **MDL 397/15 LETTERKENNY FORUM**

The Members considered report previously circulated in relation to the establishment of a Letterkenny Town Forum, with the following structure proposed for initial meeting to agree Terms of Reference;

### Attendance:

Elected Members	10 reps
Chamber of Commerce	(2 reps)
Tidy Towns Committee	(2 reps)
Gardaí	(2 reps)
Residents Associations	(2 reps)
Other Interest Groups – to be defined and agreed.	

### It was proposed that the Council will be represented by the following:

Housing & Corporate	Eunan Kelly, Frances Friel
Roads	Michael McFadden
Community & Enterprise	Ciaran Martin.

### Chair of Meetings

The meetings would be chaired by the Mayor of Letterkenny MD.

### Frequency and Duration of Meetings

It was proposed that the Forum would meet every two months with meetings taking place in the Letterkenny PSC – commencing at 4 p.m. with meetings to conclude no later than 6 p.m.

It was also suggested that Forum would not have any decision making powers as these rest with the M.D.L. and that a reporting mechanism would be put in place to allow issues arising at the Forum to feed into the next available meeting of the Letterkenny Municipal District.

L. Ward, Director advised the Members that formal request had issued to each of the groupings named above advising them of the Forum and asking them to nominate 2 representatives to attend the meetings.

Cllr. C. Brogan welcomed proposal but also requested that Letterkenny Heritage Group be invited to nominate 2 representatives. This was agreed by the Members. It was further agreed that the first meeting of the Town Forum would be held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 4pm in the

Letterkenny Public Services Centre and that the Public Participation Network (P.P.N.) would be contacted to seek nominations to ensure proper representation of other interest groups.

**MDL 398/15 RECEPTION OF DEPUTATIONS**

Eunan Kelly, Area Manager referred to request for reception of deputation from Swilly Seals Swimming Club. On the proposal of Cllr. C. Brogan seconded by Cllr. M. Mc Bride, it was agreed to receive deputation at the 1.30 pm at the November Municipal District Meeting to be held in the Milford Public Services Centre on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

E. Kelly, Area Manager also referred to scheduled reception of deputation from Donegal Youth Council who confirmed that they had a double booking for today's meeting. It was agreed that the Youth Council would also be invited to attend the November Municipal District Meeting at 1.45pm.

**MDL 399/15 PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

C. Mc Gettigan, Planning briefed Members in relation to report previously circulated which included;

1. Casual Trading – Suitable date for a Workshop
2. Summary of planning applications for each District
3. Appeals (Received & Decisions Notified)
4. Significant Cases (incl. Transboundary applications)
5. Other case types (Part 8's etc)

The contents of the report were noted by the Members.

It was agreed that Workshop on Casual Trading would be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015 at 6.00 p.m. prior to agreed reception for St. Eunan's U14s scheduled for 7.00 p.m.

**MDL 400/15 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE**

C. Martin briefed the Members on contents of report previously circulated with the following items noted;

- Fanad Lighthouse – Works complete on the three holiday accommodation units. Manager expected to be in place for the end of November.
- Ulster Dancing Championship 2015 – Launch to take place on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 in the Mount Errigal Hotel at 8.00 p.m.
- Letterkenny Educate Together Primary School – Complete purchase of site in the next couple of weeks.
- Playgrounds – Annual maintenance of playgrounds, Rospa Inspections and identification of necessary reports have been

carried out with a view to tendering for annual maintenance tender for 2015/2016 shortly.

- Wainfest – Events in County Museum on 13<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.
- Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2015 – 55 of the 64 funded Events have taken place. Hope to progress on submissions of Post Event Reports.
- County Donegal in 1916 – Heritage Education Park part of County Donegal Heritage Plan. 5,000 copies to be produced.
- Maritime Build Heritage Study – Part of the County Donegal Heritage Plan. Budget of €14,500 for Phase I
- Heritage Plan – The County Donegal Heritage Plan (2014-2019) adopted unanimously by elected members at meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2015.
- Public Participation Network (PPN) – Release of PPN newsletter in October
- Youth Council – Road Safety, Web Safety, Shake up Sports, Party in the Park, Donegal Young Carers, Mental Health, Nordland Youth Council-youth exchange

## **MDL 401/15 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

Fergal Doherty, S.E.E./Area Manager, Roads & Transportation briefed Members in relation to content of his report previously circulated. Report included the following updates;

### **1. Letterkenny Tidy Towns Winner**

F. Doherty, Area Manager paid tribute to the Tidy Towns Committee and the various teams in the Donegal County Council who worked in partnership with the Tidy Towns to achieve Ireland's Tidiest Town. F. Doherty read out a letter from the Chairperson of the Tidy Towns, Anne Mc Gowan thanking the Council for their support.

### **2. Public Lighting Workshop – 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015**

Following on from Public Lighting Workshop held on the 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, on the proposal of Cllr. J. O'Donnell seconded by Cllr. J. Pat Mc Daid the Members agreed to the following works from identified budget of €51,500 (€11,500 from 'Outstanding Capital Balances', €40,000 existing);

Market Square, Letterkenny	€8,193
Long Lane, Letterkenny	€25,072
Kerrykeel	€18,235
<b>Total:</b>	<b>€51,500</b>

**MDL 402/15 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

E. Kelly, Area Manager briefed Members on contents of report previously circulated and noted the following items;

- Progress Report – Grants/Loans Reports
- Progress Report – Casual Vacancies

The Members were informed of the following;

**Long Term Leasing.**

Applications were being assessed on an ongoing basis.

86 houses had been leased in the Letterkenny EA to-date and 5 were under consideration.

**R.A.S.**

There were currently 129 Rent Supplement Recipients who had transferred to R.A.S. in the Letterkenny E.A. and 2 other applications were being processed.

**2014 House Purchases**

Five house purchases completed and allocated.

**2015 House Purchases**

A number of properties were currently being assessed and four purchases were being processed.

**S.I. House**

One S.I. completed and allocated in July.

**Voluntary Housing.**

**Anvers Housing Association, Loughnagin, Letterkenny.**

Construction commenced on the construction of a new Group Home on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and was now completed. Official opening will be arranged in due course.

**STEER Housing Association.**

A number of other applications from STEER have obtained approval in principle from the Department and are being progressed by STEER. 15 additional Units being allocated at present.

**Cluid Housing Association**

Application received provisional approval from Department and being progressed by Cluid. Four houses expected to be available in next few weeks.

**Oaklee Housing Association**

Application received provisional approval from Department and being progressed by Oaklee.

A.P.E.X.

A.P.E.X. in consultation with the H.S.E. and the Council regarding an application in Letterkenny.

**Donegal Fabric Up-Grade Programme 2013**

Work completed on 415 houses to date. 87 houses to be advertised this week and a further 40 expected to be advertised in next few weeks.

This was a rolling programme funded by the Department and surveys being carried out on further housing units to identify units with low level insulation. Quotations/tenders would then be sought upon completion of the survey to upgrade the energy efficiency in units identified as having poor insulation etc.

**Housing Stock**

There were currently 1,282 housing units owned and 1,368 maintained by the Council in the Municipal District of Letterkenny.

**Housing Assistance Payment (H.A.P.).**

H.A.P. was introduced in Donegal for all new housing applicants who did not previously get Rent Supplement from 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Since 14<sup>th</sup> September the Council is dealing with applications from applicants on Rent Supplement moving accommodation and transferring them to H.A.P. The Council has also commenced an agreed phased transfer for all remaining applicants on Rent Supplement to H.A.P. with the intention that all applicants on Rent Supplement are transferred to H.A.P. within two years.

To date 71 HAP applications had been approved and 3 were being processed.

**Social Housing Investment Programme- SHIP 2015-2020**

Project Appraisal & Permission to Proceed to Design Stage submitted to the Department for 30 housing units on Council owned land at Long Lane, Letterkenny. The site was circa 2.8 acres and was located between Ard na Ri and Manor View.

The lands were zoned as “Primarily Residential” in the 2009-2015 Letterkenny & Environs Development Plan; however this site was re-zoned in Variation No.2 June 2013 of the plan as “Primary Residential” “PR7”.

Expressions of interest were sought from landowners for parcels of land they would be willing to sell for development of social housing in the Letterkenny area. The closing date for receipt of applications is 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.



### **Irish Water – Pump Station**

E. Kelly, Area Manager advised of proposal by Irish Water to apply for planning permission for a water pumping station on Council owned lands, Folio DL5800F adjacent to Council estate in Churchill. The Members were advised that if planning permission was granted that a Section 183 authorising disposal would be brought before the Council at a later date for their approval.

On the proposal of Cllr. C. Brogan, seconded by Cllr. J. Kavanagh the Members agreed to the consent of Irish Water to initially make a planning application on Council owned lands as outlined. It was agreed that a letter consenting to Irish Water making a planning application would be sent to Irish Water in this regard.

### **Unsold Affordable Housing in Letterkenny, Milford and Ramelton**

E. Kelly, Area Manager read extracts of report circulated with the agenda seeking members' approval to the continued leasing of units at Ramelton & Milford to A.P.E.X. Housing Association and the units in Letterkenny to North West Simon Community for a further period of five years. This proposal was agreed.

E, Kelly advised that the matter would now be brought before the full Council for adoption.

### ***MDL 403/15* ENVIRONMENT**

D. Mc Clintock, Waste Regulation Officer briefed the Members on contents of report previously circulated with updates on the following

- **Waste & Litter**

Enforcement – 700 complaints, 113 Fixed Penalty Notices, 39 referrals to Solicitor, 13 cases before Courts, 4 Convictions.

One clean up of a remote beach produced 1.1 tonnes of seaborne litter.

Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2015 enacted and will come into force next year. Act makes provision for the introduction of Fixed Penalty Notice under the Air Pollution Act 1987 and Waste Management Act 1996.

- **Backyard Burning & Bonfires**

Council would be actively ensuring the Prohibition on the Burning Waste Regulations were enforced coming up to Halloween

- **Bryson Recycling Ltd**

Update given on Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection

- **Letterkenny Ireland's Tidiest Town**

Congratulations to Letterkenny on historic Tidy Towns' success. A total of 36 groups from Donegal entered this year's competition and every group increased their marks from 2014.

Cllr. M. Mc Bride queried the provision of Dog Fouling Stations with D. Mc Clintock advising that bins/bags would be accommodated in areas provided community arranged to empty bins.

The Members thanked Dearn Mc Clintock for his comprehensive report. Cllr. C. Brogan paid tribute to Dearn on his assistance to Letterkenny's success in the Tidy Towns Competition with all Members associating themselves with this tribute

***MDL 404/15*** **BARRACK BRIDGE**

In answer to his question if this Municipal District will demand that the Barrack Bridge on the Illistrin Ballyare Road be improved, it is beyond belief that in this day and age such an issue can't be addressed, only by a Yield Sign, Cllr. I. Mc Garvey was advised that;

*Major improvements to the underside of the Barrack Bridge were carried out in recent years, where funding was not available for a full replacement of this bridge.*

***MDL 405/15*** **HOUSE MAINTENANCE**

In answer to his question if this Municipal District will insist on more money for House Maintenance in the Budget to meet demand, Cllr. I. Mc Garvey was advised that;

*There were a total of 1,362 units of accommodation maintained in the Municipal District of Letterkenny with an annual budget of €428,451 having been made available. The distribution of the budget was done on a pro-rata basis across all Municipal Districts having regard to the number of units to be maintained.*

*The allocation at Municipal District level was to enable routine maintenance to be carried out with funds being retained and managed centrally for the repair of casual vacancies as they arise. The funding for repair of casual vacancies was supplemented by allocations from the Department in accordance with the Return of Vacant Stock to Productive Use Programme.*

*The Housing & Corporate Services Strategic Policy Committee identified the review of the Tenant Handbook as its top priority when the work programme for the Committee was being considered at its inaugural meeting in March 2015.*

*Since that time extensive discussions and meetings have taken place which has culminated in a proposal now being presented to the Corporate Policy Group for consideration. The annual estimated cost of implementing the proposed revised policy in relation to maintenance is in excess of €475,000 which represents an increase of 55% on the 2015 revenue provision of €870,000 or 17% of the overall maintenance provision of €2.8 million.*

*Subject to the approval of the Corporate Policy Group, the matter would be presented to plenary Council for approval and the associated provision of the necessary funding as part of the budgetary process. Towards this end, as part of the preliminary work in the preparation of the draft budget 2016, a bid had been made for additional funds to cover the costs associated with the introduction of a revised policy.*

**MDL 406/15 COMMEMORATIVE GARDEN – BALLYMACOOL PARK**

In answer to his question if he can have an update on his motion in relation to a Commemorative Garden at Ballymacool Park to mark the 100 Anniversary of the 1916 Easter Rising, Cllr. G. Mc Monagle was advised that;

*The motion for a Commemorative Garden at the Ballymacool Park was to be part of the draft programme of events forwarded to the Ireland 2016 office as part of the County plans to mark the Centenary next year. All projects on the draft programme were subject to funding becoming available.*

**MDL 407/15 CAR WASHES**

In answer to his question if all car washes currently operating in Letterkenny are in receipt of Planning Permission and complying with all Water Treatment Legislation, Cllr. Gerry Mc Monagle was advised that;

*The Council (then LTC) in the last 5 years instigated legal challenges against 2 stand-alone car washes (i.e. those which were not located within service station sites).*

*The first operation is on the site formerly 'Tony Kelly Honda'. In 2011, the Council served an Enforcement Notice on the operation of a car wash, and ordered it to cease. The matter proceeded to the District Court, and the matter was contested by the owner of the lands, who argued there was a long established car wash dating back to the operation of the garage for car sales.*

*Judge Paul Kelly ruled against the Council on the matter (2012), and it was now the position this car wash is effectively authorised to continue in use.*

*The second site relates to the lands adjacent to Gleneany House (Pearse Road). The Council (then LTC) served an Enforcement Notice on the operator of the site, instructing the use of the site cease, and prosecuted the matter in the District Court when the EN was not complied with.*

*The Council secured a Court Order, ruling the use of the site was unauthorised, & instructing the use of the site cease, (with a 6 month stay being imposed on the order in mid-2012). The ongoing use of the site constitutes a continuing offence, the Council had experienced difficulties across the County effectively serving summons's on the operators of some car wash site's, and this had been the case in this instance: Planning Enforcement were currently examining options to have this matter expedited, and the non compliance with the Court Order prosecuted.*

**MDL 408/15 LIGHTS – MARKET SQUARE**

In answer to his question as to when will the lights at Market Square Letterkenny be replaced, Cllr. G. Mc Monagle was advised that;

*Airtricity had advised that the lights at the Market Square would be upgraded by the end of October.*

**MDL 409/15 ONE WAY SYSTEM - MILFORD**

In answer to his question as to what progress has being made to identify a way to highlight the One Way system in Milford to prevent traffic going the wrong way at all junctions, Cllr. J. O'Donnell was advised that;

*The signage and road markings in relation to the one way system at Milford had been reviewed and was all in accordance with guidelines. However in recognition of the concerns raised, additional signage, over and above that in existence, to reinforce the existence of the one way system was to be erected.*

**MDL 410/15 NEW STREET LIGHTS**

In answer to his question as to when will the work commence on the installation of new street lights in Kerrykeel, Market Square and Long Lane, Letterkenny as agreed at work shop on 5/10/15, Cllr. J. O'Donnell was advised that;

*Roads were liaising with the relevant installation contractor, regarding the upgrade of existing lights. A programme of works for their completion had not yet been agreed.*

**MDL 411/15 OLD ABBEY - KILMACRENNAN**

In answer to his question if an update can be given on what their plans are for the preservation of the Old Abbey in Kilmacrennan as it is now closed to the public and the people can visit the graves of their loved ones, Cllr. J. O'Donnell was advised that;

*There was currently no identified funding for the preservation of the Old Abbey at Kilmacrennan*

**MDL 412/15 RAMPS - GLENWOOD**

In answer to his question if the Council could refresh the ramps at Glenwood estate, as a visually impaired man recently had a nasty fall there as he didn't see a ramp at night time, Cllr. J. Kavanagh was advised that

*These works would be added to the roads maintenance programme for completion at the earliest.*

**MDL 413/15 GULLY – MANOR VIEW**

In answer to his question if the Council could look at the gully close to number 22 Manor View as it is not taking away the water and gardens in the vicinity get flooded as a result, Cllr. J. Kavanagh was advised that;

*These works would be added to the roads maintenance programme for completion at the earliest.*

**MDL 414/15 PORTSALON GOLF CLUB**

In answer to his question if there is any update or progress on the application for funding for works at Port Salon Golf Club as discussed at our last meeting, Cllr. J. Kavanagh was advised that a reply would be forwarded in due course.

**MDL 415/15 COUNCIL LANDS, NEIL T. BLANEY ROAD**

In answer to his question, in circumstances where Letterkenny is now officially Ireland's Tidiest Town, can the Council take steps to tidy up the Council owned site at Neil T Blaney Road, Letterkenny from its current state where it is presently partially being used as a type of builders yard and partially as a stoned area used causally for hosting visiting fairs etc. and can be substantially improved as regards the visual amenity of the Letterkenny Town Centre area, Cllr. D. Shiels was advised that;

*Works were carried out in recent years to grass the berm and plant hedging along part of the roads boundary to the site in question. There were plans to topsoil, grass and plant along the remaining section once resources permit. It was hoped that this will be carried out in spring of 2016. There are no short term plans for any works to be carried out within the site.*

**MDL 416/15 TRAFFIC SAFETY LISMONAGHAN ROAD**

In answer to his question if the Council can advise what exactly it has done in the last year to improve traffic safety on the Lismonaghan Road in Letterkenny where there are various traffic issues and where I have requested that speed reduction measures etc. be implemented, Cllr. D. Shiels was advised that;

*There were already speed reduction measures in place on the Lismonaghan Road. Refreshment of road markings were carried out on the upper section of this road in 2014, and further refreshment of road markings were programmed to be carried out on this road. The Council had identified that land-take was required adjacent to the Rowan Park for the installation of footpaths and securing of sightlines, that would improve vision on the exit from Rowan Park. The Road Design office were currently preparing land maps and costings to allow furtherance, which would be brought to a subsequent meeting. A footpath programme and priority list could be considered by Members at the start of next year when agreeing budgets. In the short-term, increased signage as recommended by the Road Safety Engineer would be erected on this road.*

**MDL 417/15 LETTERKENNY GENERAL HOSPITAL**

In answer to his question as to(a) How many planning applications were submitted by the HSE to regularise planning non-compliance issues at Letterkenny General Hospital in the last year and (b) what were the specific matters dealt with by these applications and (c) is this Council now satisfied from a planning perspective (having reviewed those various applications) that the HSE have put proper measures to ensure that there will be no further flooding issues at the new A&E building at Letterkenny General Hospital, Cllr. D. Shiels was advised that;

Answer: *The Planning Authority had processed a total of seven (7no.) applications in the year 2015 to date from the HSE and/or Letterkenny General Hospital and concerning the Letterkenny General Hospital site.*

(b) *Details of these applications are set out herein under:*

<i>Applicant &amp; Plan.Reg.No</i>	<i>Date Received</i>	<i>Nature of Permission</i>	<i>Nature of Dev.</i>	<i>Decision &amp; Date of Decision</i>
<i>HSE 15/50095</i>	<i>29/01/15</i>	<i>Permission</i>	<i>CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE STOREY RECEPTION LOBBY EXTENSION &amp; ACCESS RAMP TO THE EXISTING EDUCATION CENTRE UNIT.</i>	<i>Granted with Conditions 24/04/15</i>
<i>HSE 15/50498</i>	<i>16/04/15</i>	<i>Retention Permission</i>	<i>(A) 4 NO. STORAGE CONTAINER UNITS TO THE REAR OF THE MAIN BUILDING (B) 3 NO. STORAGE CONTAINER UNITS ADJACENT TO THE ACUTE MENTAL HEALTH BUILDING (C) 1 NO. STORAGE CONTAINER UNIT TO THE REAR OF THE NURSES HOME BUILDING AND PLANNING PERMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 1 NO. FENCED STORAGE COMPOUND TO THE REAR OF THE MAIN BUILDING AND 1 NO. FENCED STORAGE COMPOUND TO THE REAR OF THE NURSES HOME BUILDING AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS INCLUDING CONNECTION TO EXISTING FOUL/STORM SEWERS</i>	<i>Granted with Conditions 13/07/15</i>
<i>HSE 15/50499</i>	<i>16/04/15</i>	<i>Retention Permission</i>	<i>(A) 1 NO. PREFAB PARKING OFFICE LOCATED TO THE SOUTH WEST OF THE MAIN BUILDING AND ASSOCIATED COVERED PAY STATION, BARRIERS &amp; SIGNAGE ETC (B) 1 NO. AMBULANCE STORAGE UNIT BEHIND THE NURSES HOME BUILDING (C) CARPARKING AREA TO THE NORTH EASTERN BOUNDARY (D) EXCAVATED</i>	<i>Granted with Conditions 04/09/15.</i>

			<i>OPEN DRAIN ALONG THE NORTHERN SITE BOUNDARY (E) ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS INCLUDING CONNECTION TO EXISTING STORM SEWERS ALL ON THE LETTERKENNY GENERAL HOSPITAL SITE</i>	
<b>HSE</b> <b>15/50500</b>	16/04/15	<i>Retention Permission</i>	<i>(A) 1 NO. PREFAB OFFICE LOCATED TO THE NORTH WEST OF THE SITE (B) 4 NO. STORAGE CONTAINER UNITS TO THE REAR OF THE 1901 BUILDING (C) 5 NO. STORAGE CONTAINER UNITS LOCATED WITHIN THE WESTERN COURTYARD OF THE MAIN BUILDING (D) 1 NO. STORAGE SHED LOCATED WITHIN THE WESTERN COURTYARD OF THE MAIN BUILDING (E) STORE EXTENSION WITH OPEN CANOPY LOCATED WITHIN THE WESTERN COURTYARD OF THE MAIN BUILDING (F) 2 NO. COVERED SMOKING AREAS LOCATED IN TWO SEPARATE AREAS WITHIN THE EASTERN END OF THE MAIN BUILDING (G) ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS INCLUDING CONNECTION TO EXISTING STORM SEWERS AND ALL ON THE GROUNDS OF ST CONALS HOSPITAL (A STRUCTURE ON THE RPS REGISTER)</i>	<i>Granted with Conditions</i> <i>17/07/15</i>
<b>HSE</b> <b>15/50677</b>	25/05/15	<i>Retention Permission</i>	<i>(A) TEMPORARY INTERVENTION SUITE EXTENSION TO THE SOUTH EASTERN CORNER OF THE MAIN BUILDING WITH ACCESS STEPS AND RAMP (B) TEMPORARY ENDOSCOPY SUITE</i>	<i>Granted with Conditions</i> <i>18/08/15</i>



			<p><i>EXTENSION TO THE SOUTH WESTERN CORNER OF THE MAIN BUILDING WITH 2 NO. GENERATORS, ACCESS STEPS, RAILINGS AND RAISED CONCRETE PLINTH (C) PREFAB OFFICE EXTENSION TO THE REAR OF THE MAIN BUILDING (D) PREFAB OFFICE EXTENSION TO THE REAR OF THE OLD OUT PATIENTS DEPARTMENT (E) LAUNDRY STORE EXTENSION TO THE INTERNAL COURTYARD OF THE NEW MEDICAL BLOCK (F) ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS INCLUDING CONNECTION TO EXISTING FOUL/STORM SEWERS ALL ON THE LETTERKENNY GENERAL HOSPITAL SITE</i></p>	
<i>HSE</i>	<i>12/02/15</i>	<i>Permission</i>	<p><i>CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION OF 304SQM TO THE SOUTH OF THE EXISTING CORONARY CARE UNIT ABOVE; A NEW LOWER GROUND PLANT ROOM OF 211SQ AND A FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING ONCOLOGY HAEMATOLOGY UNIT BY 45SQM. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL TOTAL 560SQM OF INCREASED BUILDING AREA, AND ASSOCIATED DEMOLITION AND ANCILLARY WORKS; ALL TO MODERNISE PATIENT TREATMENT AND ACCOMMODATION. THE SITE IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO AN INTERNAL ACCESS ROAD WITHIN THE CAMPUS OF LETTERKENNY GENERAL HOSPITAL</i></p>	<i>Granted with Conditions 11/05/15</i>
<i>15/50152</i>				
<i>Letterkenny General</i>	<i>30/04/15</i>	<i>Permission</i>	<p><i>DEMOLITION OF SINGLE STOREY TEMPORARY</i></p>	<i>Granted with</i>

<p><i>Hospital</i> <i>15/50553</i></p>		<p><i>BUILDINGS, MEASURING 555M2, AND THEIR REPLACEMENT WITH A PERMANENT SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION WITH ROOF TOP PLANT ROOM TO THE EXISTING RADIOLOGY DEPARTMENT, MEASURING 470M2, COMPRISING OF AN INTERVENTIONAL SUITE, PATIENT FACILITIES, RADIOLOGY SCREENING ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE AREA, STAFF ROOM, AND SUPPORT ACCOMMODATION; ERECTION OF SCREENS TO BUILDING SERVICES AT ROOF LEVEL OF NEW AND EXISTING BUILDING; UPGRADING OF THE EXTERNAL ENVELOPE OF THE EXISTING BUILDING; AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS</i></p>	<p><i>Conditions</i> <i>04/08/15</i></p>
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- (c) *In determining the above-said applications specifically the Planning Authority had regard to all material considerations arising, including the planning history of the site, the relevant policy context and the proper planning and development of the area. The assessments in respect of these applications included an assessment of whether or not the development itself would be subject to a known flood risk, whether flood risks could be managed and whether or not the development would cause adverse impacts elsewhere. In deciding to grant planning permission in respect of the said developments the Planning Authority was satisfied that within the applicable parameters of the Flood Risk Assessment Guidelines the developments would not be subject to an unacceptable flood risk and would not cause unacceptable risk of flood risk impacts elsewhere.*

*Members may also wish to note that on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013, Letterkenny General Hospital sought planning permission for the construction of a 'storm flow routing pipe and all associated works'. This application was granted planning permission subject to conditions on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Plan.Reg.No. 13/80067 refers. The development permitted will put in place significant contingency arrangements which should ensure the management and disposal of storm and surface waters without an internal accommodation flood*

*risk where the specific circumstances of the 2013 storm event re-occurs.*

*Otherwise the management of flood risk within the broader Letterkenny General Hospital site was a matter for the HSE. In this regard it is understood that a HSE commissioned investigation is due to report on this matter in the near future.*

**MDL 418/15 BLUEBANKS ROAD**

In answer to his question if the Roads Section can confirm that the Bluebanks Coolbouy to Kilmacreann Road is ready to go to construction, Cllr. C. Brogan was advised that;

*The CPO for this scheme was confirmed at the end of 2014. Following on from that land acquisition, accommodation works detailing and final design has taken place. Detailed design and documentation were now being completed. This was now also including the likely provision of an upgrade of a concurrent section of the main Letterkenny-Lough Salt water main for IW. The Scheme will be ready for tender in January 2016.*

**MDL 419/15 STREET LIGHTING - LURGYBRACK**

In answer to his question will this Council erect street lighting at Lurgybrack entrance to the Cullion Road, Cllr. C. Brogan was advised that;

*Street lighting would be erected in accordance with programme agreed by members subject to identification of funding.*

**MDL 420/15 TIDY ESTATES**

In answer to his question will this Council confirm its position on the awarding of our Tidy Estate, Cllr. C. Brogan was advised that;

*The competition for the Best Kept Council Housing Scheme 2015 was advertised in June this year. The competition was divided into three categories; Small Schemes of 20 houses or less, Medium Schemes of between 21 and 50 houses and Large Schemes of 51 houses or more.*

*Prizes were awarded to Glendale Drive, Winner of Large Estate category, Cruach Mor, Winner of Medium Estate category and Ard na Glaise was awarded most improved estate.*

*The Certificates will be presented to the Resident Associations at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October in the Letterkenny Public Services Centre prior to the commencement of the Municipal District Meeting.*

***MDL 421/15*** **LIGHTING - KERRYKEEL**

In answer to his question as to when will the upgrade of the public lighting take place in Kerrykeel Village, Cllr. L. Blaney was advised that;

*Roads were liaising with the relevant installation contractor, regarding the upgrade of existing lights. A programme of works for their completion had not yet been agreed.*

***MDL 422/15*** **FOOTPATH – GREY ROCKS, MILFORD**

In answer to his question if he could have an up to date report on the delays in getting the footpath at Grey Rocks, Milford up to the required standard, Cllr. L. Blaney was advised that an enforcement notice has been issued and a further update would be issued.

***MDL 423/15*** **PORTSALON CROSSROADS**

In answer to his question as to when will the works to improve the vision lines at Portsalon Crossroads take place, Cllr. L. Blaney was advised that;

*These works were programmed to commence on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.*

***MDL 424/15*** **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 in the Milford Public Services Centre.