

MINUTES OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LETTERKENNY, HELD IN THE MILFORD PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 2016.

MDL 408/16 MEMBERS PRESENT

Cllr. Liam Blaney
Cllr. Ciaran Brogan
Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh
Cllr. Michael McBride
Cllr. James McDaid
Cllr. Ian McGarvey
Cllr. Gerry McMonagle
Cllr. John O'Donnell
Cllr. Mick Quinn

MDL409/16 OFFICIALS PRESENT

Eunan Kelly, Area Manager, Corporate & Housing Services
Frank Sweeney, Executive Planner
Fergal Doherty, S.E.E./Area Manager, Roads & Transportation
Ciaran Martin, Development Officer
Linda McCann, Senior Staff Officer
Liam Ward, Director of Service

MDL 410/16 APOLOGIES

Cllr. Dessie Shiels
Suzanne Bogan, Waste Information Officer

The meeting was chaired by Mayor, Cllr. James Pat McDaid,

MDL411/16 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MDL MEETING HELD ON 11TH OCTOBER 2016

On the proposal of Cllr. Ian McGarvey and seconded by Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, the Minutes of MDL Meeting held on 11th October, 2016 were adopted.

MDL412/16 ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF MDL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2016

On the proposal of Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride, the Minutes of MDL Budget Meeting held on 11th October, 2016 were adopted.

MDL413/16 ROAD TAKE-OVER AT TERARGUS, TRENTAGH

On the proposal of Cllr. John O'Donnell and seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride, the following motion was adopted:

Calling on this Council to take over the road at Terargus, Trentagh which connects the Kilmore, Trentagh Road and the Churchill to Glenveagh Road.

The Members were advised that;

Roads would consider this in accordance with Roads Take Over Policy adopted at SPC. It was intended that all requested similar motions to date would be considered in the coming months, whereupon a decision would be brought to a subsequent meeting.

On proposing the motion Cllr. O'Donnell asked for the members support on this motion as this road has been raised previously and he submitted a signed letter from residents.

On seconding the motion Cllr. McBride said he fully supported the motion.

MDL414/16 SLIEVE SNEACHT / MEADOWBANK

On the proposal of Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council close off the laneway between Slieve Sneacht and Meadowbank as requested by the local residents association.

The Members were advised that;

The closing off, of the laneway specified, would require the legal extinguishment of the existing right of way (likely irreversible), and further erection of access preventative measures, with associated legal and resource costs. These measures would generally only be undertaken if there was strong evidence to suggest that the extinguishment of the right of way was to the long term benefit of both estates, and that the current reasons for the request could not be overcome by alternative means.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Kavanagh said this was raised and agreed at a time with the former Letterkenny Town Council. This area is used as an escape from anti-social behaviour. He advised that there is an alternative lane-way which could be used.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. McBride asked that the area is closed for the protection of residents.

Cllr. Kavanagh asked that the Council re-visit this matter.

MDL415/16 LETTERKENNY GAELTACHT SERVICE TOWN

On the proposal of Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh and seconded by Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council invite the organisers of Letterkenny as a Gaeltacht Service Town, to give a presentation to a future meeting of the Municipal Council.

The Members were advised that;

Letterkenny was named as one of the towns that could apply to achieve recognition as a Gaeltacht Service Town under the Gaeltacht Act 2012.

A meeting took place Letterkenny on Tuesday 25th October 2016 to form a committee to put in place a plan to have Letterkenny designated as a Gaeltacht Service Town. The process of forming a formal committee was ongoing.

A presentation would be arranged at a future MDL Meeting when the committee were preparing the draft plan if the motion was passed.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Kavanagh highlighted the opportunity for the town and Members having an input.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. McMonagle said he was unable to attend the meeting on the 25th October and would like details on the project.

Liam Ward agreed that a presentation would be made to Members when the Committee was formed.

MDL416/16 ROAD AT OLD UNIFI SITE – WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL

Cllr. Michael McBride proposed that the new section of road recently opened through the old Unifi site in Letterkenny be named after William C. Campbell who was recently honoured by Donegal County Council.

The Members were advised that;

The naming of a street or place (not previously named) was a matter for the local authority requiring a resolution to be passed by Donegal County Council.

Cllr. Michael McBride withdrew this motion on considering a similar motion submitted by Cllr. Ian McGarvey.

MDL417/16 FLASHING LIGHTS AT KILMACRENNAN

On the proposal of Cllr. Michael McBride and seconded by Cllr. John O'Donnell, the following motion was adopted:

That speed limit flashing lights be installed on both approach roads to the village of Kilmacrennan on the N56.

The Members were advised that;

Regulatory Speed limits could only be signed in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual which dictated in Chapter 5 that the common round signs (RUS 039 to 44) be used to denote permanent speed limits.

Where Periodic Speed Limits were introduced, which were imposed for a specified period or periods during any day the electronic Periodic Speed Limit Sign, RUS 045, was available for this purpose.

“This sign was similar to the normal Speed Limit Sign except the numerals and texts were white on a black background. Sign RUS 045 would be internally illuminated and the roundel would be 600mm or 750mm in diameter. At periods when the speed limit was not in operation, the sign would show a blank black disc. The sign may be mounted on its own, or on a grey backing board as part of an assembly in combination with appropriate warning or information signs. For example, the sign may be erected on a grey backing board with School Ahead and Flashing Amber Signals.”

On proposing the motion Cllr. Michael McBride acknowledged the traffic calming measures put in place, however, stated that traffic was travelling too fast in a populated area with dangerous junctions and asked that in the interest of safety that flashing lights were put in place.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. John O'Donnell supported the motion and requested that the Council write to TII calling solutions to the concerns raised by constituents. Cllr. O'Donnell highlighted that previous motions were raised on this matter.

Fergal Doherty advised that installing flashing lights had to be in accordance with regulations as detailed in the reply.

Cllr. O'Donnell asked for a response to a letter submitted to TII within the month.

MDL418/16 ROUNDABOUT AT ILLISTRIN

On the proposal of Cllr. Michael McBride and seconded by Cllr. Ian McGarvey, the following motion was adopted:

That this Municipal District support the construction of a roundabout at Illistrin School/Race End (Ballyare Road) in the interest of health and safety.

The Members were advised that;

This would be referred to the appropriate Department if the motion was passed.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Michael McBride highlighted the problems around traffic using the national school and the campaign to reduce the speed limit from Mountain Top to 60 kph. Cllr. McBride asked that a roundabout is put in place on the approach to the national school where there were also four junctions on this stretch of road in order to reduce the speed and ensure safety for traffic crossing this road.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Ian McGarvey supported the motion and raised the safety concerns of residents and school traffic.

Fergal Doherty advised that a roundabout was not the solution as there was insufficient volume of traffic and the slope down into the area. He advised the Members to prepare a list of issues including this for the upcoming meeting with the TII.

MDL419/16 BERNARD MC GLINCHEY TOWN PARK

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. Mick Quinn, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council carry out a Review and Inspection of the area covered by the Bernard Mc Glinchey Town Park with a view to modernising and making more open the back area of the Park.

The Members were advised that;

The section of the park referred to within the Bernard Mc Glinchey Town Park was part of St Conals Old Walled Garden. This area was more secluded and regularly used by the public. The area comprises of a setting of old wall stead's and mature trees including Ash & Oak. Any changes to this section of the park would be a departure from the original design and heritage from St Conals. Any redesign would require a budgetary allocation and may also require planning permission. There were currently no plans to modern or open up this section of the park.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Gerry McMonagle raised public / groups concerns in relation to the layout of the park, in particular, the back of the park which was considered secluded and open to anti-social behaviour and asked that the play facilities was increased. Cllr. McMonagle asked that more public lighting, CCTV and security was put in place.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Mick Quinn asked if the Council would reconsider the cost implications where there was anti-social behaviour.

Fergal Doherty stated that there was cost in providing a Park Attendant and the rear of the park was designed to use old existing walls and trees.

Cllr. McMonagle acknowledged the cost implications but asked that the Council identify a budget and develop a plan of works for this Park.

MDL420/16 **CCTV SYSTEM IN LETTERKENNY**

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle and seconded by Cllr. Mick Quinn, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council, as a matter of urgency, explore all avenues open to them to enable an upgrade and expansion of our CCTV system in Letterkenny.

The Members were advised that;

The CCTV system was originally installed following a community based funding application by the Chamber of Commerce and facilitated by the former Letterkenny Town Council. Each potential additional location was subject to access to the fibre network, an appropriate power source and a suitable location. The Council priced additional cameras in 2015 and would continue to investigate funds for these.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Gerry McMonagle emphasised the importance of the CCTV system in Letterkenny in light of the recent attack in the town. Cllr. McMonagle asked that the Council make a case to the Department of Justice for funding to extend the current system to other areas in the town and to carry out essential maintenance on the existing system.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Mick Quinn formally agreed with the motion.

MDL421/16 **BRIDGE ON R250 AT BREENAGH**

On the proposal of Cllr. James McDaid and seconded by Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh, the following motion was adopted:

Can this Council repair the parapet at the Bridge on the R250 at Breenagh which had collapsed and was very dangerous to the public and road users?

The Members were advised that;

This parapet was on the programme for repair over the coming months. Pending its repair, the parapet was temporarily fenced such that its absence did not pose a hazard.

On proposing the motion Cllr. James McDaid welcomed the response received to his motion.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh formally supported the motion.

MDL422/16 GRITTING ROUTE

On the proposal of Cllr. James McDaid and seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride, the following motion was adopted:

I propose that this Council when carrying out the gritting route from Glenswilly to Kilmacrennan that the whole road must be gritted from the junction on the R251 known as the Ardin Row Drummacanoo right down to the cross roads in Kilmacrennan N56 and if the capacity is available to grit the Churchill bray right down to the Station Crossroads through the townlands of Roisin and Keelogs.

The Members were advised that;

The routes currently being gritted under the Winter Maintenance Plan were those formally agreed by Members at various Winter Maintenance review workshops. Any changes to the programme must be agreed at a further countywide workshop.

On proposing the motion Cllr. James McDaid requested clarification that this road was included in the gritting plant as it is a continuous road from Glenswilly to Kilmacrennan Road.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Michael McBride asked that this route was included on the gritting programme.

Fergal Doherty stated the gritting programme was as per the map circulated by Brendan O'Donnell to the Members. He agreed to circulate the map to all Members for clarification.

MDL423/16 LETTERKENNY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

On the proposal of Cllr. James McDaid and seconded by Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, the following motion was adopted:

I propose that this Council do everything in their power to facilitate the Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce to provide Christmas lighting for the Lower Main Street in Letterkenny.

The Members were advised that;

The Roads Department were working with the Chamber of Commerce and ESB Networks on the provision of an additional power point at Lower Main Street to facilitate the Christmas Lights.

On proposing the motion Cllr. James McDaid asked that the Council support the continuous efforts of the Chamber of Commerce in particular in lighting up Lower

Main Street during Christmas. Cllr. McDaid stressed the importance of inclusiveness for businesses in the town.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle agreed with Cllr. McDaid and welcomed that the Chamber of Commerce, Donegal County Council and the ESB were working together.

MDL424/16 **PUBLIC LIGHTS RAY, RAMELTON**

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Blaney and seconded by Cllr. Ian McGarvey, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council install two Public Lights at Ray, Ramelton.

The Members were advised that;

There was currently no funded programme for the erection of new public lights at any location. If funding became available this location would be considered together with the various other requests

On proposing the motion Cllr. Liam Blaney highlighted the high volume of running groups using the Ray Community Centre and asked that the Council seek to install a light at Ramelton / Rathmullan road and at the Moss Road Junction in the interest of safety. Existing poles were in place.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Ian McGarvey formally agreed with the motion.

Fergal Doherty agreed to engage with Airtricity to determine the cost and the potential of using two existing poles.

Cllr. Blaney welcomed the response.

MDL425/16 **FOOTPATH AT ILLISTRIN**

On the proposal of Cllr. Liam Blaney and seconded by Cllr. John O'Donnell, the following motion was adopted:

That this Council construct a footpath along the road from the shop at Illistrin to the T- Junction on the Curraghlea Road.

The Members were advised that;

There was currently no identified budget for the construction of the footpath referred to.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Liam Blaney asked that the stretch of road at Kelly's shop running parallel for 1 Km on the left hand side which was very narrow be put

on a roads programme. Cllr. Blaney stated that there was a high number of pedestrians using this road and the remaining road was already piped and widened.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. John O'Donnell highlighted the large amount of development on this stretch of road of which contributed through development charges, etc. and asked that in the interest of safety the road was widened.

Fergal Doherty agreed to assess this road to determine if it was suitable to be included in the restoration and improvement programme which the Members would consider in early 2017.

Cllr. Blaney thanked Mr. Doherty for his response and asked that the road was widened in the interim.

MDL426/16 **COUNCIL LAND ADJACENT TO WINDMILL VIEW**

On the proposal of Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, the following motion was adopted:

I propose that this Council as a matter of urgency move in and make safe Council owned land at Glencar next to Windmill View (previously 2 houses purchased by the Council over 10 years ago), erect proper fencing and identify a proper use for these lands as it has turned into a real eyesore and only used for all the wrong reasons.

The Members were advised that;

The Council were aware of the ongoing issues on this site and were currently working to identify suitable solutions to rectify these in the coming months.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Ciaran Brogan stated that this site was becoming a concern for the residents in becoming an eyesore. He asked that the Council look at the opportunity of doing something with this land that would improve the area in early 2017.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle fully supported the motion.

Liam Ward advised that the Council were moving to seek a resolution to this in the coming months.

Ciaran Brogan welcomed the plan for this area.

MDL427/16 **LUTS STUDY**

On the proposal of Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride, the following motion was adopted:

I propose again that our LUTS Study be revisited again and we the members of the Municipal District of Letterkenny meet with senior roads management in the Council to address the lack of action in this area in the last number of years despite efforts by all our elected Members.

The Members were advised that;

The findings of the Letterkenny Urban Transport Study, identified a number of major infrastructural requirements that were required to address current traffic movements in Letterkenny, with funding representing the reasons why these have not been implemented. Roads continue to strive to address traffic movements within the resources available. Updating of the LUTS Study could be carried out on an 'as required' basis, in tandem with identified funding streams. If motion was adopted, a meeting as requested can be set up.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Ciaran Brogan requested that senior management would facilitate a workshop to discuss the traffic problems in Letterkenny with a view to implementing the Study.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Michael McBride fully supported the motion and spoke of the traffic congestion in the town and impact on businesses.

Fergal Doherty agreed to seek a workshop with roads senior management and Members.

MDL428/16 **TII – ILLISTRIN ACTION GROUP**

On the proposal of Cllr. Ciaran Brogan and seconded by Cllr. Michael McBride, the following motion was adopted:

I propose that this Council ask members of our team and Transport Infrastructure Ireland to meet with the Illistrin Action Group to listen to their serious concerns of traffic movement at Illistrin.

The Members were advised that;

The request for such meeting would be put to the TII and members advised presently.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Ciaran Brogan requested an on-site meeting at the school between 2.45 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. with the Action Group and roads staff. Cllr. Brogan suggested traffic lights as the best option.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle fully supported the motion and requested the TII on site to see first hand the difficulties parents encounter.

Fergal Doherty advised Members to bring this up directly with TII in the arranged meeting between TII and Members.

Cllr. McMonagle asked the Council to use its influence and request the TII to meet on-site as well as Members making representations.

Cllr. Brogan also requested a meeting on-site and develop a solution to put to the TII to request funding and requested the Council to facilitate the meeting.

Fergal Doherty agreed to facilitate a meeting and was fully supportive of the Action Group and Members.

MDL429/16 **WILLIAM C. CAMPBELL**

On the proposal of Cllr. Ian McGarvey and seconded by Cllr. Ciaran Brogan, the following motion was adopted:

That this Municipal District consider the opportunity to name an agreed street or place in Ramelton in recognition of the achievement of Mr. William C. Campbell.

The Members were advised that;

The naming of a street or place (not previously named) is a matter for the local authority requiring a resolution to be passed by Donegal County Council.

On proposing the motion Cllr. Ian McGarvey stated that Ramelton was steeped in history and he wished to recognise the worldwide achievement of Prof. William C. Campbell by naming a place in Ramelton to identify where he came from.

On seconding the motion, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan fully supported the motion and spoke of the honour for Donegal and the country on Prof. Campbell's achievements.

MDL430/16 **MAYORS BUSINESS**

Cllr. James McDaid, Mayor expressed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late James Doherty, Waterworks Inspector.

Cllr. McDaid congratulated:

- The Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce and CDP on the success of the Halloween celebrations and competition in the Letterkenny.
- The Bonagee Football Club on the switching on of the new lights and on the state of the art facilities.
- Letterkenny Tidy Towns on their Communities in Bloom Award
- Glenswilly Senior Footballer on winning the Senior County Title.

Cllr. McDaid wished:

- Letterkenny Chamber success on their upcoming Business Awards night and the switching on of the Christmas Lights at Market Square on 25th November, 2016.
- Cllr. McDaid wished all the Members and staff a Happy Christmas and New Year.

MDL431/16 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Members agreed to defer the Community Heritage Group Deputation to the meeting scheduled in February 2017 at the request of the Community Heritage Group.

MDL432/16 **PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Members considered the report circulated with the Agenda which included:

1. Summary of planning applications for the District
2. Appeals (Received & Decisions Notified).
3. Significant Cases (incl. Transboundary applications)
4. Other case types [Part 8's etc]

432.1 **Taking in Charge of a Number of Estates**

Liam Ward sought the Members consideration of a resolution to the Taking in Charge of a number of estates circulated at the meeting and discussed in a Workshop prior to the meeting.

On the proposal of Cllr. Gerry McMonagle, seconded by Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000-2015 for the creation of public rights of way over the estate roads within those housing estates listed in Schedule A (attached Appendix A) and set out on the attached maps which were circulated at the meeting, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of these estates.

On the proposal of Cllr. Michael McBride, seconded by Cllr. Mick Quinn it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Roads Act, 1993 to declare the estate roads within those housing estates listed in Schedule B (attached Appendix B) circulated at the meeting to be public roads and note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4)(a) and (c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council would also take in charge the public open spaces within the attendant grounds of the housing estates and further would request Irish Water as Water Services Authority to take in charge the water services within the estates comprising sewers, watermains and service connections.

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Planning Applications

Cllr. Gerry McMonagle welcomed the planning application from the Little Angels School who were currently working in very cramped facilities.

Cllr. Liam Blaney asked that a meeting was considered with Agents and applicants in an effort to reduce the number of invalid applications received, 274 noted in the report circulated.

Frank Sweeney agreed to assess the number of invalid applications and if a trend is evident would liaise with Agents. Liam Ward advised that the Planning Department would seek to engage with Agents at Municipal District level.

The Members raised concerns in the difficulties for applicants in apply for Planning Permission and being refused in particular in rural areas.

Liam Ward advised that the Council was in the process of reviewing the County Development Plan and a number of workshops would be held for Members at which time discussion can be held on how people with housing needs in rural areas could be accommodated. There would also be public consultations and the County Development Plan should reflect the Members and public views on sustaining our rural areas.

MDL433/16 ENVIRONMENT

Apologies were noted from Suzanne Bogan and the Members considered the report circulated with the Agenda.

MDL434/16 COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE & CULTURAL SERVICES

The Members noted the content of a report circulated with the Agenda. Ciaran Martin informed the meeting of the following:

The meeting scheduled with Lough Swilly Ferry Service did not take place and agreed to circulate a report to Members by email.

Cllr. Blaney asked if the same Operator would be in place for the 5 consecutive years and asked that the start date was advertised well in advance of it's first sailing. Ciaran Martin advised that he understood that a 4 year contract was in place.

Ciaran Martin advised that 9 groups attended the Social Enterprise Building Open Day which was being included in a consultation document. Mr. Martin advised that others had made contact since and had also been met with. Mr. Martin advised that any other interested groups should contact him.

Cllr. John O'Donnell enquired about further funding for strategic projects along the Wild Atlantic Way and asked if cycle/walk ways could receive funding, in particular, works necessary on a 2.3 km stretch of road from Carrigart to Downings.

Liam Ward advised that funding on the Wild Atlantic Way was coordinated through Failte Ireland and there was funding for large capital grant schemes in August 2016 and anticipate further funding in January 2017 on projects up to €200,000.

MDL435/16 **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION**

The Members noted the content of the Roads report circulated with the Agenda. Fergal Doherty advised that the:

- Roads SPC sanctioned an allocation of €31,083 from Development Charges to upgrade/replace school flashing lights at 12 schools identified by Road Design as listed in his report.
- A delegation of Councillors were to meet the TII (NRA) in December to highlight areas of the National Network where intervention was required.
- 30 kph speed limit signs at housing estates were to be erected at over 100 locations within Municipal District of Letterkenny.
- Winter Maintenance Season commenced on 17th October and would continue to 30th April, 2017.

Cllr. Liam Blaney asked for details on the criteria used to identify the 50 local access roads submitted as part of an application for funding on the Clar Scheme. Cllr. Blaney acknowledged the short time frame given and asked that this was brought to the Minister seeking more time to submit applications.

Fergal Doherty advised that Roads made a submission for the Municipal District of Letterkenny to Lifford HQ and agreed to report back to Members on the criteria used on the final application to the Department.

MDL436/16 **HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

The Members considered a report circulated with the Agenda on Housing and Corporate Services.

Cllr. John O'Donnell raised concern on issues in the Tenant Purchase Scheme in particular pension ineligibility to purchase. Cllr. Gerry McMonagle advised that the Housing SPC had discussed a review of the current Scheme and a submission of the issues identified had been made to the DOEHLG.

436.1 **Notice under Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 and Notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 Disposal of property at Drum, Portsalon, Co. Donegal to Mr. Gerard Crossan.**

The members considered the notice circulated with the agenda regarding the disposal of property at Drum, Portsalon and agreed that it be referred to the full Council for consideration.

MDL437/16 FOOTPATH BETWEEN CARRIGART & DOWNINGS

In an answer to his question requesting an update on the survey of the wild flower that needs to be done before the Carrigart to Downings footpath can be considered, Cllr. John O'Donnell was advised that:

Due to the fact that approximately half of the proposed 2.3km of footpath between Carrigart and Downings goes through a Special Area of Conservation (SAC), and following pre-planning submissions to the DAH&G as was a requirement, a full Appropriate Assessment (AA) was required to be submitted along with any Part 8 application for planning permission for the footpath.

The estimated cost of the AA was €3.5k and at this moment in time, the Council had not identified funding for its procurement. In the event that funding was identified for the AA, then the Council would further matters and seek to procure Part 8 planning permission for the footpath.

The construction of the footpath was estimated to cost in excess of €200k for the 2.3km of footpath.

MDL438/16 TAKING IN CHARGE OF ESTATES

In an answer to his question was there any further update on the taking-in-charge of estates in the area, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised that:

A Workshop had been arranged for 8th November 2016 at which an update would be given on the Taking in Charge of Estates.

MDL439/16 TRAFFIC LIGHTS

In an answer to his question Can the Council examine the frequency of the traffic light changes coming up Justice Walsh Road at the Courthouse/Permanent tsb, as motorists were complaining that the lights changed every couple of cars, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised that:

The Roads Department would review timings of these lights over the coming months.

MDL440/16 SOCIAL ENTERPRISE BUILDING

In an answer to his question that the Members have an update on the consultation process on the proposed new Social Enterprise Building that took place on the 25th October, Cllr. Jimmy Kavanagh was advised that:

Staff of the Council met with a number of groups in one to one consultations on 25th October 2016. The meetings allowed the community groups to input their needs in terms of office space, storage, accessibility issues and future plans. The feedback from these meetings would now help inform the design brief for the building which was currently being drafted.

MDL441/16 GLENVEAGH JUNCTION, TERMON

In an answer to his question on when would the footpath recently constructed at the Glenveagh Junction at Termon be tarred, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised that:

In accordance with the design the Island at the corner of the Glenveagh Junction was to be finished with topsoil. A request had been sent to the TII for funding to construct a path way at the back of the Island.

MDL442/16 JUNCTION AT TRENTAGH/SOCAR

In an answer to his question, would the Council revisit the recently tarred junction Trentagh/Socar road as there was a massive dip on the inside of the junction while turning onto the Socar Road, Cllr. Michael McBride was advised that:

This would be inspected and any modifications deemed required, would be implemented.

MDL443/16 MEMBERS DEVELOPMENT FUND

In an answer to his question could the Council please clarify if Members Development Fund could be used to pay Residents Associations for grass cutting in their estates, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle was advised that:

Resident Associations cannot currently claim for grass-cutting under the Members Development fund as per point 3 under eligibility criteria: "It is important to note that costs such as administration costs, operational costs or costs of a recurring nature are not eligible for funding e.g. grass cutting, bus hire, energy costs, the provision of refreshments etc". The guidelines were due to be reviewed in SPC early in 2017.

MDL444/16 RAMPS IN LETTERKENNY

In an answer to his question could the ramps around Letterkenny be inspected and those that need repairing or replaced be repaired, Cllr. Gerry McMonagle was advised that:

The refurbishment of ramps can be assessed under the 2017 Road works Programme.

MDL445/16 RAREAGH ROAD, NEW MILLS

In an answer to his question could this Council address the drainage and numerous potholes issues in the Rareagh Road, New Mills? This road breaks up every year in the winter and the drainage issues really need addressed and a thorough patching job done on the potholes, Cllr. James McDaid was advised that:

This patching will be done at start of December 2016

MDL446/16 N56 BLUEBANKS

In an answer to his question what was the latest update regarding works being carried out on the N56 at the Bluebanks area, why was their no progress being made, were there any obstacles which may cause further delay and when could we expect works to start and approximately finish, Cllr. James McDaid was advised that:

The current status on the N56 Coolboy to Kilmacreannan Scheme (including the 'Blue banks') was that the Tender Documents were complete subject to conclusion of ongoing external document reviews/checks.

As well as all roadworks, the scheme included all waterman upgrade details as designed and documented by IW.

Subject to approval and funding from both TII and IW, the scheme may proceed to tender. The entire tender and appointment process would take up to 6 months. Construction duration was estimated at 18 months.

MDL447/16 CLAR FUNDING

In an answer to his question had this Council made any applications for Clar money to carry out resurfacing works on private roads used by the public leading into graveyards and other publicly used areas? If so, where did the Council propose to carryout works if successful, Cllr. James McDaid was advised that:

The MDL Roads Section had submitted an application for several such roads. Members would be advised on the results of the application. The timeframe for carrying out the works in the event that the applications were successful would depend on the conditions associated with the granted funding and the existing programme of works that was being undertaken.

MDL448/16 RATHMULLAN TOILETS

In an answer to his question for an update regarding the proposed new Public Toilets and Showering Facilities at Rathmullan, Cllr. Liam Blaney was advised that:

McCabe Architects were appointed in July 2016. The Architects held a site meeting on Friday 21st October, 2016 with Area Engineers and Council Personnel involved in the project and detailed design work was ongoing.

An Archaeologist would have to carry out pre-development testing at the site and forward a report to the Heritage Department in accordance with planning permission.

The design and specifications of the proposed project was currently being worked on and would be finalised in the coming weeks.

It was envisaged that the request for tenders would be done by the end of the year with a view to appointing a contractor early in the New Year.

MDL449/16 EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

In an answer to his question what out of hours service was available for Environment and Housing, Cllr. Liam Blaney was advised that:

Out of hours emergency contact numbers were available primarily for Roads and Water Services (as advertised on the Council website and phone system). Where emergencies arose in relation to any Council service requiring an exceptional emergency intervention these generally take place through the same contact or contact direct to the local operations management and staff. Situations were assessed in terms of the need for a response outside of normal working time having regard to the nature of the matter reported.

MDL450/16 OLD TOURIST OFFICE SITE

In an answer to his question What plans, if any, had this Council for the Old Tourist Office site at the Port Road or had any effort been made on my previous motion to use these Council owned lands to erect proper signage to promote our many tourism attractions and facilities that we have in our area, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan was advised that:

This would be examined and a report would be presented at a future MDL meeting.

MDL451/16 FANAD LIGHTHOUSE SIGNAGE

In an answer to his question if this Council would erect more signage in Letterkenny for Fanad Lighthouse, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan was advised that:

The Council were currently working with Fanad Lighthouse to increase signage provision to the facility. There was currently no funding available for this work. Planning Permission was also required.

MDL452/16 TOWN & VILLAGE SCHEME RAMELTON

In an answer to his question what progress had been made to finalise application for Ramelton works under our Towns and Villages Scheme, Cllr. Ciaran Brogan was advised that:

All applications made by the Council under the Towns and Village Renewal Scheme were still with the Department for consideration.

MDL453/16 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next MDL Meeting would be held on 10th January, 2017 in the Letterkenny Public Services Centre commencing at 2:00 p.m.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mayor

Meetings Administrator

APPENDIX A

Schedule A

<i>1</i>	Solomons Court, Glencar, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Glencar
<i>2</i>	Solomons Hill, Glencar, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Glencar
<i>3</i>	Solomons Grove, Glencar, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Glencar
<i>4</i>	Chestnut Grove, Glencar, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Glencar
<i>5</i>	The Grange (Phase 1), Glencar, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Glencar
<i>6</i>	The Grange (Phase 2), Glencar, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Glencar
<i>7</i>	The Grange (Phase 3), Glencar, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Glencar
<i>8</i>	The Grange (Phase4), Glencar, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Glencar
<i>9</i>	Fairways, Glebe, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Glebe
<i>10</i>	Woodvale Court, Knockybrin, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Knockybrin
<i>11</i>	Ceanann View, Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Carnamuggagh

APPENDIX

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<i>11</i>	Ceanann View, Carnamuggagh, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Carnamuggagh
<i>12</i>	Hideout View/Charles Collins Terrace, Oldtown, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Oldtown
<i>13</i>	Riverdale, Oldtown, Letterkenny	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Oldtown
<i>14</i>	Firmount, Milford	Service roads (not including individual private driveways) within the housing development in the townland of Milford