

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT 'Go To MEETING' HELD ON TUESDAY 12th October 2021 at 1.00pm

Councillors Present:

Cllrs Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Terry Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin McDermott

Officials Present:

John McLaughlin, Chief Executive Officer, Patricia McIntyre, Acting Divisional Manager, Housing. Una Cresswell, A/Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services, Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager, Roads and Transportation, Edward Gallagher, Assistant Fire Officer, Killian Smith, Executive Planner, Brian McBrearty, Litter Officer, Leona Finlay, Assistant Planner and Fiona Doherty, Development Officer, Community Development

Apologies

Cllr Jack Murray

Aideen Doherty, Area Manager, Housing & Corporate

21.72 Protocol for Remote Meetings

The leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr Nicholas Crossan welcomed everybody to the meeting and apologised for the delay. He reminded the attendees of the meeting of the protocol for remote participation as previously advised in the amendment to standing orders.

21.73 Consideration of the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District "goto web meeting" held on 13th July 2021

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held 13th July 2021 were agreed.

21.74 Consideration of the minutes of the (Adjourned) Inishowen Municipal District "gotoweb meeting" held on 12th September 2021

On the proposal of Cllr Terry Crossan and seconded by Cllr Paul Canning, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held 12th September 2021 (which was adjourned) were agreed.

21.75 Business of Adjourned Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District web meeting" held on 14th September 2021

It was agreed by the members that each service would conclude the business of the September meeting prior to the business of the current October Meeting.

21.76 PLANNING

21.76.01 Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates

The Taking in Charge team as detailed in the Planning Report for the Inishowen Municipal District meeting, presented five estates, as listed below in the Inishowen MD to Members and sought approval to complete the Taking in Charge process.

1. Aughrim Close, Clonmany.
2. Stoneybridge, Bridgend,
3. Logan Close, Luddan, Buncrana,
4. Westfield, Newtoncunningham,
5. Carrowmullan, Fahan.

The Planning Authority is satisfied that there is a need for a Public Right of Way over the estate roads and sought approval from Members to make an order to create these Rights of Way in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act.

Approval was sought from Members, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning & Development Act to initiate the procedures under Section 11 of the Roads Act to declare the roads within these estates to be public roads and thereby complete the Taking in Charge of the estates.

Aughrim Close, Clonmany.

On the proposal of Councillor Albert Doherty seconded by Councillor Martin McDermott, it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Aughrim Close, Ballyliffin as set out in the maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor Albert Doherty ,seconded by Councillor Martin McDermott 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 the housing estate Aughrim Close, Ballyliffin to be a public road and note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.

Stoneybridge, Bunnamayne, Bridgend

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Canning seconded by Councillor Terry Crossan it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Stoneybridge, Bunnamayne, Bridgend as set out in the attached maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Canning seconded by Councillor Terry Crossan 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 the housing estate Stoneybridge, Bunnamayne, Bridgend to be a public road and note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public

open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.

Logan Close, Luddan, Buncrana,

On the proposal of Councillor Rena Donaghey seconded by Councillor Nicholas Crossan, it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Logan Close, Luddan, Buncrana as set out in the attached maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor Rena Donaghey seconded by Councillor Nicholas Crossan 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 the housing estate Logan Close, Luddan, Buncrana to be a public road and note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.

Westfield, Newtowncunningham

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Canning seconded by Councillor Terry Crossan it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Westfield, Newtowncunningham as set out in the attached maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor Paul Canning seconded by Councillor Terry Crossan 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 the housing estate Westfield, Newtowncunningham to be a public road and note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.

Carrowmullan, Fahan

On the proposal of Councillor Nicholas Crossan seconded by Councillor Rena Donaghey it was resolved that the Council make an order in accordance with Section 207 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the creation of a public right of way over the estate roads within the housing estate Carrowmullan, Fahan as set out in the attached maps in the report, to enable it to proceed with the taking in charge of the estates.

On the proposal of Councillor Nicholas Crossan seconded by Councillor Nicholas Crossan 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 the housing estate Carrowmullan, Fahan to be a public road and

note the consequential provisions contained in Section 180(4) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) whereby this Council will also take in charge the water services infrastructure and the public open spaces or car park within the attendant grounds of the development and will subsequently transfer the water services within the estate to Irish Water.

As noted in the Planning report in relation to the estate at Carrowmullan, Fahan, there is potential for additional costs in accordance with Section 11. 1(b) (ii) of the Roads Act, the financial implications for the authority of the proposed declaration of the road as a public road.

The members welcomed the Taking in Charge of Private Residential Estates and recognised it as a positive step forward for all residents.

21.76.02 Wind Energy Policy Workshop - Variation to County Development Plan

Killian Smith, Executive Planner advised the members that Paul Christie, Senior Executive Planner has requested a workshop with the members to discuss Wind Energy Variation to the CDP 2018-2024(As varied). It was suggested that this could take place after the Budget 2022 meeting that was being held on 27th October, at 3.00pm. This was agreed by the members.

21.76.03 Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration Project

As noted in the Planning report a Letter of Offer and Funding Agreement in respect of the Carndonagh Tús Nua Regeneration project was received on 23rd July 2021. These documents have been accepted, signed and returned on 30th July 2021. Donegal County Council has now been invited to prepare and submit a Procurement Strategy for approval and in order for the project to commence. This progress was welcomed by the members. Cllr Albert Doherty said he would like an update on the project as it is now six months since the project was approved in April He suggested that a workshop take place.

21.76.04 The 'Repowering Buncrana' Regeneration Project

The 'Repowering Buncrana' regeneration project as detailed in the report was welcomed by the members and acknowledged as a very exciting proposal. Killian Smith advised that the Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, announced the third call for Category 2 applications to the €1 billion Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The deadline for applications presented a very challenging timeframe set at 30th July 2021. The Regeneration Team developed and submitted a Category 2 application for the Tier 2A Strategic Town of Buncrana under this call. The overall value of this Category 2 project (Design services and acquisition) is €1,355,865 inclusive of match funding commitment of €271,173 (20%)

Cllr Nicholas Crossan said he very much appreciated the submission of the application and said that hopefully the submission would be successful.

21.76.05 Moville Regeneration Project

Cllr Martin Farren referred to his previous request to meet with Paul Kelly, Senior Executive Planner regarding a potential regeneration project for Moville.

21.76.06 Rural Areas in Environs of Buncrana

Cllr Paul Canning suggested that a revised housing policy for rural areas is required. Cllr Rena Donaghey proposed that a workshop should take place on this issue and this was agreed and seconded by Cllr Paul Canning. It was acknowledged that it was very difficult for locals to obtain planning permission in the Buncrana Environs and there were serious issues. The consensus was that this needed to be addressed and considered as part of the Buncrana Local Area Plan as highlighted at previous meetings of Inishowen Municipal District.

Killian Smith advised that he will bring forward the proposal for a workshop on zoning issues and inconsistencies but added that the general interpretation of the policy goes beyond Inishowen, and usually planners would take the most generous interpretation of the policy.

21.76.07 Planning and Enforcement

Cllr Albert Doherty said that surveillance of the manufacture of construction products at quarries was required by the Planning Authority and that this required following up on

21.77 ENVIRONEMENT

Brian McBrearty, Litter Officer presented the Environment report to the members.

21.77.01 Disposal of Concrete Blocks and Building Waste

Following on from discussions at previous Municipal District Meetings regarding the disposal of concrete blocks and building waste, Cllr Albert Doherty said that the members had requested that the matter would be discussed at the Environment SPC meeting. He asked if there was any update on this matter. He added that the council should be more proactive in areas of the county that could facilitate the waste material. Cllr Martin Farren said he agreed with Cllr McDermott on this matter and that disposal sites needed to be identified as soon as possible. Cllr Rena Donaghey also concurred saying that the disposal of hundreds of tons of material required as many sites as possible.

Further discussion ensued. Cllr Nicholas Crossan asked if waste material from demolished properties could be used for fill on driveways. Brian McBrearty said the he understood that some of the waste could be used. Cllr Terry Crossan requested a list of companies licensed to dispose of building waste which was referred to at the plenary meeting of the council. John McLaughlin, Chief Executive Officer, said a list would be provided.

Brian McBrearty advised that guidelines on disposal had been issued and that it was recognised that more disposal sites were required and that this was being taken very seriously by the council with additional sites being identified.

Cllr Paul Canning asked if material is classed as waste when it is on site or when it leaves a housing site. Brian McBrearty confirmed that it becomes classed as waste when it leaves the site.

Cllr Martin McDermott asked if Donegal County Council could identify sites the material could be taken to and disposed off by the homeowners themselves instead of having to pay for getting the materials

taken away as the costs currently for disposal at landfill sites are ridiculous. He added that this needs to be dealt with before any announcement on Defective Concrete Block Scheme over the next few weeks.

21.77.02. Water Quality

Cllr Terry Crossan said that he would like to thank Joe Ferry, Executive Scientist, for his prompt investigation into water quality.

21.77.03 Ongoing Works on Beaches

Cllr Martin Farren expressed his gratitude to the Environment Service on its works on beaches and in Towns and Villages.

21.77.04 Tidy Towns

Cllr Rena Donaghey said she would like to wish all the community groups and others working towards success in the Tidy Towns Competition. She added that the judging would be virtual owing to the current pandemic

21.77.05 Recycling – Paint Cans

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update on the facilities to dispose of paint cans and requested that it would be organised as soon as possible. Brian McBrearty advised that he would request an update on the matter and get back to Cllr Doherty.

21.77.06 Illegal Dumping

Cllr Albert Doherty said that he believed that if a recycling centre was more accessible, preferably on a seven day basis that it would go a long way in addressing the illegal dumping issue in Inishowen. He said that this has been raised on several occasions before.

21.77.07 Bikes for Africa

Cllr Nicholas Crossan refereed to the Bikes for Africa Appeal and said if anyone had any bicycles for dotation to this worthy cause, to contact the Inishowen Rugby Club.

21.77.08 Management of Waste Coffee Cups

Cllr Nicholas Crossan suggested placing stickers on bins advising the public to crush disposable coffee cups before placing in waste bins and also advising the public to refrain from leaving household rubbish in bins as this was leaving a very bad impression with bins being at full capacity all the time,

21.78 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The report circulated in the agenda was taken as read and Fiona Doherty; Development Officer. She updated the members on a few issues. It was noted the date of the report should have read 12th October 2021 instead of 12th September 2021

Cllr Nicholas Crossan expressed his appreciation to Fiona for the comprehensive report.

21.78.01 Malin Head Visitor Management plan

Cllr Martin McDermott expressed his disappointment regarding the progression of the Malin Head Visitor Management Plan. He requested a workshop meeting with all the Elected Members, Director of Service and the steering committee and project team. He stated that a dedicated member of staff was required to manage and deliver the project and that this request should be conveyed to the Director of Service. He said as Ireland's most northerly point, the development of Malin Head is a major project for Inishowen and Donegal. Cllr McDermott said he had concerns that another summer had passed with no real progress or planning permission secured.

21.78.02 Portaleen Viewing Point – 2020 Clár funding

Cllr Martin McDermott sought an update on the progress regarding the Portaleen Viewing Point. Fiona Doherty told the Members that Tender documents had issued for the capital works and a contractor was in the process of been appointed. She added that it was anticipated that the works would be completed at the end of the year.

21.78.03 2021 Town and Village Renewal application for Moville

Cllr Martin Farren sought an update regarding the Town and Village Renewal funding application submitted for Moville in August. Fiona Doherty told the Members, it was anticipated that the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage would be making an announcement regarding the funding at the end of the year.

21.78.04 Sli na Slainte Shore Walk, Moville to Greencastle

Cllr Farren said that he previously requested to meet with Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community Development and relevant staff in Moville to discuss the extension to the Shore walk from Moville to Greencastle.

21.78.05 2021 Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme -Burnfoot

Cllr Terry Crossan praised the work done to date and work in progress by Fiona Doherty on the successful engagement and progression with the community, businesses and stakeholders to manage and delivery the Town and Village Streetscape Enhancement Scheme for Burnfoot within the tight timescale.

Fiona Doherty said that there was a positive response to the initiative with a 90% uptake in the village. She stated that a Brand Identity Plan has been developed for the village with a Brand Creation colour palette and typography, village signage guideline document and main village signage entrance creation and illustrations. She added that painting of the commercial and residential buildings had started parallel to the plan with the other elements within the scheme such as shopfront signage, green enhancement, lighting, de cluttering and awnings being progressed.

21.78.06 Bonagee Jetty, Culdaff

Cllr Nicholas Crossan proposed and the Members agreed that the project proposals put forward by the late Cllr Bernard McGuinness should remain on the agenda to be progressed. He said he hoped that restoration works on the Bonagee Jetty, and the footbridge in the village should continue to be progressed and brought to fruition and delivered. He added that the Bonagee Jetty was very much close to the heart of the late Cllr McGuinness. Fiona Doherty agreed and stated that a very robust funding application was submitted under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2021 for the restoration of the Bonagee Jetty. She added that the late Cllr McGuinness was very instrumental in assisting her with the application.

21.78.07 Playground Maintenance

Cllr Martin Farren re-iterated his comments made at the July MD meeting that maintenance of playgrounds should take place in the winter months. Fiona Doherty indicated that this was conveyed to the Executive Engineer with responsibility for playgrounds in the County. Cllr Albert Doherty requested that the Council explore the possibility of providing a playpark in Greencastle.

21.78.08 Barrack Hill Town Park and existing playground

Cllr Albert Doherty expressed concerns regarding ongoing maintenance issues associated with the basketball net and swing seat. He proposed that the following issues within Barrack Hill Town Park need progressed.

1. Upgrade the playpark for users with Additional Needs.
2. The provision of a Toddler/Junior Section
3. The issues associated with the climbing wall and activity area within Barrack Hill Town Park.
4. Upgrade the perimeter fencing

21.78.09 Clar Funding for Culdaff playground and Shorefront

Cllr Nicholas Crossan praised the work of the Development Officer, the local Culdaff Development Group and everyone involved in securing the Clar funding for the upgrading of the playground, enhancement of the shorefront public recreation area, installation of exercise equipment, wheelchair accessible picnic benches, seating and biodiversity landscaping at Culdaff Shorefront. He said this was very poignant as it was announced on the wake of the death of the late Cllr Bernard McGuinness who was continuously advocating for its upgrade

21.78.10 Foyle Ferry service

Cllr Martin Farren requested that all measures are taken to ensure that next years Foyle ferry service will begin on schedule and that all maintenance issues associated with its delay this year and last year are resolved prior to the announced operating date.

21.78.11 Northburg Castle, Greencastle

Cllr Albert Doherty expressed his desire for the Council to explore the possibility for the restoration of Northburg Castle.

21.79 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INFORMATION SYSTEMS & EMERGENCY SERVICES

The report was taken as read by Edward Gallagher, Assistant Fire Officer, Emergency Services.

21.79.01 WiFi4EU

Edward Gallaher advised the members that the Minister for Rural & Community Development, Heather Humphreys TD, was in the county on 17th September to official launch the WiFi4EU project in Ballybofey at the Balor Theatre. The project has to date, enabled the implementation of 75 Wi-Fi Access Points across 56 towns and villages in County Donegal, he added.

21.79.02 Buy Donegal Campaign

It was noted, as detailed in the report that the 2021 Buy Donegal campaign is taking place from first weekend in November until the end of December. The new web site is now live buydonegal.com, which integrates with the donegal.ie site and a multi-channel marketing campaign to support #BuyDonegal will roll out in the coming weeks with official launch webinar taking place on Wednesday October 27th. It was noted that in 2020, two hundred and fifty businesses across Donegal supported the #BuyDonegal initiative and the 2021 campaign will look to expand upon this number and continue to benefit the Donegal economy.

21.79.03 Donegal Connect

Edward Gallagher advised that The Economic Development Unit is working with the Local Enterprise Office/ Donegal Diaspora Project on Donegal Connect 2021 which will take place virtually on October 28th. Three sessions themed around Start-up companies in Donegal, Inward Investment and a music session will take place. The aim of Donegal Connect is to reach out to a global audience and extend the council's links with the Donegal Diaspora to encourage more people to take jobs, relocate, set up a business or visit Donegal, to grow the Donegal economy.

21.79.04 Donegal Tourism Marketing Campaign - Reset, Rediscover and Reconnect - Domestic Campaign

It was noted that the Donegal Tourism Marketing Campaign is currently running from 27th September to 8th November 2021

21.79.05 Donegal Enterprise Awards 2021

Edward Gallagher advised the members that the Donegal Enterprise Awards organised by the Local Enterprise Office Donegal celebrates the achievements of Donegal's small business sector over the past two years (2020 - 2021). The awards recognise and celebrate the success stories of small business owners from all over the county. The awards will be announced and presented at the County Donegal Final of the competition, to be held on Friday 3rd December 2021 with an Overall Prize Fund €12,000

It was noted that the closing date to enter is Monday November 15th 2021.

21.79.06 Donegal Engineering Cluster

It was noted that the Donegal Engineering Cluster will attend National Manufacturing & Supply Chain Conference & Exhibition, RDS Simmons Court – Dublin 23rd & 24th November 2021

21.79.07 Creative Coast Website

The members were advised of the successful launch of the new Creative Coast Website was attended by over 70 businesses and stakeholders.

21.79.08 Local Enterprise Office

Cllr Nicholas Crossan said he would like to express his support to the Local Enterprise Office who provides support and significant business community and trading vouchers. He added that there were 250 Donegal on Line businesses last year and would like to know the number for 2021. Edward Gallagher agreed to provide Cllr Crossan with this information.

21.79.09 Water Tanker

Edward Gallagher advised that the water tanker is scheduled for delivery before end of year and a review of the optimum location for the water tanker is being carried out.

21.79.10 National Broadband Plan Roll Out

Cllr Doherty referred to potential roll out dates for broadband as detailed by NBI. (National Broadband Ireland) in their recent report. The estimated roll out dates for Moville and Buncrana, Carndonagh areas are 2025 and 2026 respectively. He said this was not very encouraging news for Donegal and the council and IT sector should pursue NBI for an improvement in roll out dates.

21.79.11 Employment Opportunities

Cllr Doherty referred to children and young adults with challenging needs who often have opportunity to avail of courses but have little opportunity for employment and asked if they could be facilitated by the Economic Development Section in any way that may enhance employment prospects for them.

21.80. HOUSING and CORPORATE SERVICES

Patricia McIntyre, Acting Divisional Manager, Housing and Corporate Services presented the Housing report and updated them on matters. The report was taken as read,

Cllr Nicholas Crossan congratulated Patricia on her recent promotion post and wished her well. The members collectively wished her well for the future. Patricia McIntyre thanked the members for their kind words and said that she looked forward to working with them and assisting in any way she can.

Patricia said that she would like to express her sympathy to all the members on the loss of their friend and colleague, the late Cathaoirleach, Cllr Bernard McGuinness She said that he will be sorely missed by all.

21.80.01 Housing Demands

Cllr Nicholas Crossan referred to the huge problems and challenges faced in housing at the current time. He added that currently there are six hundred and twenty two applicants on the Inishowen housing list. He added that he hoped that the houses that are in process of development will get finished on schedule. He added that it is very challenging trying to house applicants who are on the housing list alongside the necessity to move tenants out of local authority housing if necessary.

A discussion took place; Cllr Martin McDermott suggested that the option of a local serviced site that could provide temporary accommodation in a familiar environment, so that testing and works be carried out should be considered.

Patricia McIntyre said that the council will work hard to progress the Housing Capital Programme. She also added that the council is committed to the remediation and ensured the members that if tenants have any concerns to contact the council.

21.80.02 Social Housing Stock -

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that he was disappointed that members appear not to have been briefed on testing carried out on social housing stock. He added that council tenants wish to know what is happening, and what the next steps are. He requested a report on testing results on housing stock. He referred in particular, to two housing estates in Carndonagh, Clos Phadraig and Abbott's Wood. Cllr Martin McDermott stated that it was important that all tenants were kept updated including tenants of SI houses throughout Inishowen.

Patricia McIntyre said that she will provide an updated report for the members.

21.80.03 Respite Care Provision

Cllr Albert Doherty said that he had disappointing response from the HSE regarding respite provision in Carndonagh and emergency respite provision in Inishowen. He said he was advised that the council has indicated it does not have any property in Inishowen area that would meet the needs of a person in respite care. He added that this needs to be reviewed alongside the lack of homeless accommodation in Inishowen. He said he acknowledges that Patsy Lafferty, A/Director of Service responded to his query at plenary level.

Cllr Albert Doherty said a service should be provided the families who are often under stress and anxious, He said the option suggested Ballymacool Respite Centre, Letterkenny is not an adequate alternative for Inishowen. Cllr Rena Donaghey agreed and said it was abysmal that older carers, often in their seventies and eighties could not get respite care which is absolutely critical. She cited an example of a young person being offered accommodation in a senior citizens home which was totally unacceptable and unsuitable. She added that the issue needs to be addressed urgently. Cllr Martin Farren also agreed.

Patricia McIntyre said that his mater had been raised at the Area Management team and she will follow up with then and come back to the members.

21.80.04 S I Policy

Cllr McDermott sought clarification on the policy of approving SI houses. He asked was it the council or the Department of Housing who were preventing Si houses from being built. He said there was significant demand for SI houses in Inishowen and referred to cases where applications were taking a long time to progress. He referred to the policy changes that were agreed at SPC level in this regard. Patricia McIntyre advised that there is an SPC meeting scheduled and this matter will be brought up. Also, she agreed to will review specific cases Cllr McDermott was referring to.

21.80.05 Social Housing Availability in Muff

Cllr Terry Crossan referred to the ongoing lack of availability of social housing in Muff with applicants on the housing list for long periods. He said he hoped that this could be addressed.

21.80.06 Emergency Accommodation

Cllr Terry Crossan expressed his concerns regarding the lack on emergency accommodation in Inishowen, particularly the lack of places for children and those who find themselves homeless due to domestic violence or other issues.

Patricia McIntyre advised that measures are currently in place to address homelessness. Housing First for example, is being rolled out and has a policy of providing housing for homeless people with a range of wrap around services being provided. In addition, there are other supports such as the Donegal Domestic Violence Service and Service Level Agreements are in place with the North West Simon Community who provide a Tenancy Sustainment Service and Place Finder Service. These measures all aim to assist in providing accommodation and preventing homelessness. It was agreed that briefing notes will be provided to the members to update them on all prevention and support measures that are currently in place.

21.80.07 Election of President to Association of Irish Local Government

Cllr Martin McDermott said he would like to congratulate Cllr Nicolas Crossan on being elected as President of the Association of Irish Local Government.

21.81 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

The Roads and Transportation report circulated by Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager, Roads and Transportation was taken as read.

21.81.01 Restoration Improvement Programme,

Seamus Hopkins referred to the workshop which took place earlier this morning and discussions on the three year Restoration Improvement Programme which was finalised with input from the members. It

was proposed by Cllr Rena Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, that the three year Restoration Improvement Programme be adopted.

21.81.02 Update on Current Programmes

Seamus Hopkins confirmed that the 2021 Restoration Improvement Programme was 92% completed and the Restoration Maintenance Programme was 94 % completed Bridge Strengthening was completed and Low Cost Safety measures completed at Dunross with the works at the other location commencing. The footpath provision was ongoing, he added.

21.81.03 Miscellaneous Roads Issues Raised

Seamus Hopkins updated the Members on miscellaneous items. The following items were raised, many of which are ongoing matters raised at previous meetings and at workshop.

- Consider installing ramps at Council Car Park behind Bamba's café in Back Lane Carndonagh as cars congregating there are affecting residents and business.
- Review junction at Tulnaree, Carndonagh where there have been accidents
- Lights at Battery Brae
- Lighting at Carnagarve, Moville
- White Wall at Battery Brae, Greencastle
- Grass Verges and Hedges complaints regarding hedges in Shrove and Glenagiveney areas.
- Parking availability at Chapel St, Carndonagh and options to relieve traffic
- Off Street Parking Malin Road
- Alignment of road at Admiralty House, Moville
- Speed limit at Quigley's Point
- Lighting at Quigley's Point Junction
- Extend cats eyes , Moville to Derry Road as far as Whitecastle
- Trees blocking public lighting
- Improve lighting at Grove Cottages Muff
- Lighting at cottages in Glengad
- Traffic calming at Killea

Seamus Hopkins responded to the members' queries and invited any member to contact him should they require any further clarification. He agreed to follow up on all issues raised. The members acknowledged the work of the Roads team including works at Three Trees, Quigley's Point, Swan Park, Crana Bridge and the footpath at Grove Cottages Muff. It was noted that during the current pandemic the work continued under difficult circumstances. Seamus Hopkins thanked the members for their acknowledgment.

21.81.04 Projects in memory of the Late Cllr Bernard Mc Guinness

John McLaughlin, Chief Executive Officer said the meeting today was a different meeting without the late Cllr Bernard McGuinness. It was suggested by Cllr Nicholas Crossan, agreed by the members and

supported by John McLaughlin that the project proposals put forward by the late Cllr Bernard McGuinness should remain on the agenda to be progressed

21.82 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was agreed to be held on 14th December at 1.00pm

Certified: _____

Date: _____

Leas- Cathaoirleach

Area Manager