



4ú Aibreán 2025

GACH BALL DE CHOISTE NA nOILEÁN
EACH MEMBER OF THE ISLANDS COMMITTEE

A Chara,

Beidh an chéad cruinniú eile de Choiste na nOileán ar siúl ar an 29^ú lá de mhí Aibreán 2025, ar Oileán Arainn Mhór ag toiseacht ag 10.30 r.n. Beidh muid ag fágáil cé Ailt a' Chorráin ar ar an Bhád Ghorm ag a 9.45r.n.

The next meeting of the Islands Committee is scheduled for 29th April 2025, on Arranmore Island. We will be leaving **Burtonport** on the Blue Ferry which departs at 9.45 a.m. sharp.

Tá clár an chruinniú leagtha amach anseo.

The Agenda for the meeting is set out hereunder.

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair ag an chruinniú seo.

Please arrange to be in attendance.

Mise le meas,

PP 
Micheál Rowsome

Bainisteoir Ceantair

Seirbhísí Corparáideacha

Ar son Riarthóir Cruinniú



CLÁR

AGENDA

1. (a) Miontuairiscí Cruinniú 14ú Eanáir, 2025
Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 14th January, 2025
- (b) Néithe ag éirí.
Matters arising from the Minutes.
2. Tógraí Oileán
Island Projects
3. Aon Gnó Eile
Any Other Business

**MINUTES OF ISLANDS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD IN DUNGLOE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE ON
14TH JANUARY 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh - Cathaoirleach
Cllr. Michael McClafferty
Cllr Anthony Molloy
Cllr Micheál Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig
Cllr. Brian Carr
Cllr. Denis McGee
Marjorie Uí Chearbhall
Mairín Uí Fhearraigh
William Boyle
Eddie Joe McGee
John O'Brien
John McCafferty
Dinny McCullagh

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael McGarvey - Director of Water & Environment
Michael Rowsome, A/Area Manager, Corporate & Housing
Jamie Gallagher - Executive Engineer, Roads
Michéal Mac Giolla Easbuig - Udarás na Gaeltachta
Kevin McCloskey - Coastal Officer
Eugene Allen - Asst. Engineer, Marine & Harbours
Lorna Ramsey - Executive/Area Planner
John McCarron - S.E.E., Water & Environment
Anne Marie McCole - Community Dev. Staff Officer
Mary Boyle, A/SSO, Housing & Corporate

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Clíona Ní Ghallachóir - Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

APOLOGIES: Noirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh
Laird Dinsmore

IC 01/25

Minutes of Meeting

On the proposal of Cllr. Carr and seconded by Cllr. McGee the Committee agreed the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10th September 2024.

IC 02/25

Tribute to the late Séamus Rodgers

A minute's silence was observed by all in attendance, in memory of the late Séamus Rodgers. Councillors and the Area Management Team expressed their condolences to the family and friends of Séamus.

The Cathaoirleach referred to Séamus Rodger's instrumented involvement in the establishment of Coiste na nOileán and his unrelenting involvement in political, sporting, cultural, trade union and Irish language activities.

John McCafferty outlined Séamus Rodger's commitment to the community on Arranmore Island.

Cllr. McGiolla Easbuig also expressed sincere condolences to Kevin McCloskey, Coastal Officer and to the family and friends of our colleague Dara O'Malley-Daly who sadly passed away last September following a short illness. He was a permanent member of the Irish Coast Guard who worked as Station Officer at Malinhead Coastguard Radio and Marine Rescue. Dara was usually the first point of contact with the Malin Head Coast Guard Station, co-ordinating many a rescue and emergency operation. Dara was also involved with Donegal Water Safety Ireland/Donegal Area Committee.

IC 03/25

Correspondance from the Department of Rural and Community Development

The Cathaoirleach expressed disappointment at the absence of any representation from An Roinn.

The Meetings Administrator informed the Coiste of correspondence recently received from the Secretary General of the Department of Rural and Community Development, advising that they will not take up the invitation to attend meetings with the Coiste. He stated that An Roinn has established a Monitoring Committee in line with the Islands Policy or Living Islands and its Action Plan 2023 - 2026 to hear the views and concerns of Island Communities.

The Committee expressed dissatisfaction with the Departmental response, and John McCafferty queried the membership of the Monitoring Committee.

On the proposal of Cllr. McGee, seconded by Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, the Coiste requested that a meeting be scheduled with An Roinn regarding the absence of departmental representation at quarterly meetings of Coiste na nOileán.

IC 04/25

Arranmore

John McCafferty raised the following issues pertaining to Arranmore;

- Campbell's Corner - update requested
- Hedgecutting and drainage
- Playground - speeding concerns
- Invasive species
- Eco-Toilets
- Traffic Management on pier
- Helipad maintenance & lighting - replacement of manhole cover
- Seasonal Pontoon - life-boat berth
- Rannagh Pier

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the provision of a Changing Places facility on Arranmore and congratulated the owners on the new Blue Ferry vessel.

The Roads Engineer (1) requested a submission of locations of drainage issues on the island (2) undertook to conduct a traffic count in relation to speed safety issues (3) advised of landowner's responsibility under the Roads Act and advised that Road Design are formulating a land plan after completion of the preliminary design carried out at Campbell's Corner.

The Coastal Officer agreed to liaise with John McCafferty in relation to the provision of skips and public conveniences.

The Marine Engineer informed the Coiste that (1) he will liaise with Road Design regarding lining of the pier/traffic management (2) assign an electrician to service helipad lights (3) work is in progress to complete a design for Rannagh Pier in advance of tendering the project to determine costings (4) a foreshore application is required for a pontoon.

IC 05/25

Tory/Magheraroarty

Marjorie Uí Cherbhall requested the Council's assistance with the following projects.

- Extension to slipway
- Provision of a storage facility & shelter at Magheraroarty pier
- Winch at Tory pier
- Provision of railings at Port a' Dúin
- Year-round public convenience on Tory
- Update on Magheraroarty public convenience
- Magheraroarty Masterplan update
- Responsibility of the Sea Wall on Tory

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig raised an issue of flooding at the front door of one of the residents on Tory.

The Marine Engineer undertook to follow up in relation to the extension of the slipway, provision of a winch and Port a' Dúin railings.

In response to further queries from Cllr. McGee regarding shelters/storage upgrade, the Marine Engineer undertook to revert with a date for a meeting on Magheraroarty pier to determine an efficient solution.

John O'Brien emphasised the importance of fishing to coastal communities and requested a solution to difficulties that fishing boats are experiencing in their attempts to gain access to Magheraroarty pier.

The Coiste requested the Council to address their concerns in relation to completion of the Sea Wall on Tory and to liaise with the relevant statutory bodies in this regard.

The Údaras Manager and the Director responded to the Committee's concerns in relation to the status of the toilet facilities at Magheraroarty.

The Director advised that work is in progress to complete the terms of reference for procurement of an external consultant to progress the Magheraroarty Masterplan.

IC 06/25

Inishboffin

In response to queries from Máirín Uí Fhearraigh and John O'Brien, the Marine Engineer advised of the necessity to review proposals for the raising of the pier at low tide. John O'Brien highlighted the lack of boat shelter from Burtonport to Rathmullan at all stages of the tide.

IC 07/25

Owey

William Boyle requested the Council to take action in relation to the following items;

- Railings on Owey pier to be repaired
- Counters not working
- Provision of toilet facility
- Difficult road surface on island

The Road's Engineer agreed to visit Owey.

The Road's Engineer advised that the screening report was positive and that an E.I.S. is unnecessary and that he will visit the island in relation to roads issues.

Kevin McCloskey, the Coastal Officer undertook to address issues pertaining to the non-functioning counter and progress the appropriate assessment regarding the eco-Toilet.

IC 08/25

Gola

Máirín Uí Fhearraigh requested an update on the pier at Tráigh na mBláthan. Máirín also highlighted the varied ongoing leisure activities at Magheragallen Pier and requested Council assistance with parking, rubbish disposal and a swimming shelter.

Eddie Joe McGee expressed disappointment with the location of the ladder on the pier at Gola and requested the Marine Services to resolve his concerns. The Gola Rep also requested the Council to assist with the provision of a helipad, the spraying of two piers and water supply issues.

The Roads Engineer informed that Committee that he will review the 2024 unsuccessful funding applications for consideration under the 2025 Islands Programme.

The Marine Engineer advised that the Marine Service are developing a consultant's brief to carry out a design in conjunction with all stakeholders and a swim shelter can also be considered. He also undertook to de-foul the pier.

The Coastal Officer undertook to follow up in relation to the provision of Counters and advised of the continuation of the waste collection service at Magheragallen.

IC 09/25

Inis Meáin

The Marine Engineer informed the Committee that tenders are being assessed in relation to the provision of access steps.

IC 10/25

Inis Oirthear

In response to issues raised by Dinny McCullagh, Cllr. McClafferty requested the Roads and Marine Engineers to agree and arrange a visit to the Island.

IC 11/25

Rutland

Máirín Uí Fhearraigh requested an update from the Marine Service on the status of the pontoon. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig also raised a water supply issue. The Marine Engineer advised that a consultant is being appointed to progress pontoon development.

IC 12/25

Inishfree

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to resolve issues relating to the pier, waiting room and road development on the island.

The Roads Engineer advised that roads on the island are classified as non-county and that a grant allocation will be required to facilitate the Council to take over the roads.

IC 13/25

Road Issues - Miscellaneous

The Roads Engineer requested submission of any island roads for consideration under the 2025 L.I.S. Scheme and responded to Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig regarding access to piers i.e. Cruit Island.

IC 14/25

Ferry Service to Small Islands

The Committee expressed disappointment that An Roinn have yet to fund a barge/ferry service to smaller islands on a quarterly basis. The Committee recommended that Colm MacDonncha, An Roinn, meet with Members regarding this matter, given the importance of promotion of permanent residency on smaller islands.

IC 15/25

Offshore Island Water Infrastructure

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the attendance of Paucic Feely, Rural Water Engineer at the next Islands Meeting, to update the Committee on the status of (i) water supply on offshore islands (ii) Boil Water Notices.

IC 16/25

Bunbeg Pontoon

Cllr. McGee, William Boyle & Eddie Joe McGee highlighted the dangerous condition of the surface of the pontoon during the recent adverse weather conditions and highlighted the difficulty in accessing the Coastguard boat.

IC 17/25

Croí Cónaithe Scheme

In response to queries from John O'Brien and Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig regarding the omission of smaller islands from the above scheme, the Meetings Administrator confirmed it is a condition of the scheme that refurbished properties are occupied as the owner's main residence or made available for rent.

IC 18/25

Bravery Award

The Coastal Officer agreed to progress the nomination of the people involved in a sea rescue at Magheraroarty

IC 19/25

Public Conveniences

The Committee highlighted the necessity to roll out provision of eco-toilets to all off-shore islands. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed dissatisfaction at the absence of a maintenance scheme for same.

IC 20/25

Off-shore Windfarms

In response to a query from Máirín Uí Fhearraigh, the Area Planner advised that she is unaware of the submission of any such applications.

IC 21/25

Fishing Industry

John O'Brien highlighted the negative impact of Brexit on the sustainability of the fishing industry on island and coastal communities and requested the public representatives to liaise with their senior colleagues in this regard.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

2025 Application for Islands Programme Funding

Department of Rural and Community Development

ISLANDS

Water Supply Update - April 2025

Island	Update
Arranmore (Árainn Mhór)	Uisce Éireann
Edernish (Eadarinis)	No record of water services on the island
Gola Island (Oileán Ghabhla)	Uisce Éireann
Inis Caorach	No record of water services on the island
Inis Oirthir	No record of water services on the island
Inishboffin (Inish Bó Finne)	MARWP 2024-2026 application submitted under measure A6(a) - Quality deficiency private GWSs. Department subsequently sought further information. FI report submitted on 6th February 2025 and is now with Department's Expert Panel for assessment. No update from Dept since. Recommended solution is connecting Inishboffin (Inish Bó Finne) GWS to Gortahork Falcarragh water treatment plant and Taking in Charge by Uisce Éireann.
Inishcoo	No record of water services on the island
Inishfree (Inis Fraoigh)	No record of water services on the island
Inishinney	No record of water services on the island
Inishmeane (Inis Meán)	No record of water services on the island
Island Roy (Oileán an Bhraige)	Uisce Éireann
Owey (Uaigh)	MARWP 2024-2026 application submitted under measure A6(a) - Quality deficiency private GWSs. Department subsequently sought further information. FI report submitted on 6th February 2025 and is now with Department's Expert Panel for assessment. No update from Dept since. Recommended solution is connecting Owey (Uaigh) to Rosses Regional water treatment plant and Taking in Charge by Uisce Éireann. Should this application be unsuccessful in obtaining funding, then a standalone treatment option could be progressed on the proviso that additional annual subsidy would be granted as an interim solution until such time as the GWS can be connected to the public mains.
Rutland (Inish Mhic a Dorin)	MARWP 2024-2026 application submitted under measure A6(a) - Quality deficiency private GWSs. Department subsequently sought further information. FI report submitted on 6th February 2025 and is now with Department's Expert Panel for assessment. No update from Dept since. Recommended solution is connecting Rutland (Inish Mhic a Dorin) to Lettermacaward water treatment plant and Taking in Charge by Uisce Éireann.
Tory (Toraigh)	Funded under MARWP 2019-2021 measure 2(a) - Public health compliance. Project trial being conducted to test suitability of a filtration system (continuing until Q1 2026). Construction of a full-scale treatment system to be carried out after trial has been concluded and assessed. Additional funding granted under MARWP 2024-2026 measure A2(a) - Water Treatment Improvements.

Other works

Project name	Eco-Toilet for Loch Thoir, Arranmore Island
Location of proposed works (as coordinates or on a map)	Loch Thoir, Arranmore Island. 55° 00' 12" N-- 8° 53'18" W. The exact location to be confirmed.
Details of the proposed works	To install a Kazuba dry toilet with adjacent wormery.
Is a foreshore licence necessary? If yes, give details of the current status.	No
Is planning/Part 8 approval required for the proposed works? If yes, give details of the current status.	Part 8 not required.
Photographs showing the existing facility. (Attach photographs to this template and provide an explanation of the information provided in the cell to the right).	There is no existing facility. Attached is a brochure outlining the proposed Eco Toilet.
Plans/sketches/tender documents for the proposed works (if such information is relevant). (Attach to this template and describe the information which is being provided in the cell to the right.)	Attached is a brochure outlining the proposed Eco Toilet.
Is the existing facility currently maintained by the County Council, and/or will it be when the proposed works have been completed?	There is no existing facility.
Cost of the proposed works – please provide a breakdown.	<p>Kazuba KL2 STN Marine Supply and install ROI Oxygenation tank 2M2 Cedar finish, Galvanised frame installed on site Wormery tank 120 x 200 x 60cm galvanised with Cedar finish, lockable installed Solar pump system, supply and install ROI for 1 unit Travel per km surcharge Total €18,223.61</p> <p>Additional costs: Environmental Screening report €3,000 Transport to and from the island €2,000 Site works and preparation €6,000</p> <p>Total cost €29,223.61</p>

Other works

Project name	Eco-Toilet for Trá Athphort, Arranmore Island
Location of proposed works (as coordinates or on a map)	Trá Athphort, Arranmore Island. 54° 97' 16" N-- 8° 52'32" W. The exact location to be confirmed.
Details of the proposed works	To install a Kazuba dry toilet with adjacent wormery.
Is a foreshore licence necessary? If yes, give details of the current status.	No
Is planning/Part 8 approval required for the proposed works? If yes, give details of the current status.	Part 8 not required.
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Piers and Marine Works

County	Donegal
Island	Inishkeeragh, Inishmeane, Inisheer
Project name	Island Pier Solar street lights
Engineer / Contact person	Eugene Allen
Location of proposed works (as coordinates or on a map)	Inishkeeragh (ITM 568448, 912459) Inishmeane (ITM 578601,928263) Inisheer (ITM 579084, 929718) Gola Portacrin (ITM 576840, 926261)
Length, width, height (as appropriate)	Solar powered street lights
Work details (e.g. concrete wall, stone wall, concrete deck, concrete depth/thickness, concrete strength etc.)	Installation of solar street light on piers
Is a foreshore licence necessary? If yes, give details of the current status.	No
Is planning/Part 8 approval required for the proposed works? If yes, give details of the current status.	No
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Is the existing facility currently maintained by the County Council, and/or will it be when the proposed works have been completed?	Yes
Cost of the proposed works – please provide a breakdown.	€44,000 (€11,000 per light to supply and install)

County	Donegal
Island	Aranmore
Project name	Line Marking Aranmore Ferry pier
Engineer / Contact person	Eugene Allen
Location of proposed works (as coordinates or on a map)	ITM 568195, 915923
Length, width, height (as appropriate)	N/A
Work details (e.g. concrete wall, stone wall, concrete deck, concrete depth/thickness, concrete strength etc.)	Line marking to regulate pier area and enhance ferry queuing, embarking and disembarking
Is a foreshore licence necessary? If yes, give details of the current status.	No
Is planning/Part 8 approval required for the proposed works? If yes, give details of the current status.	No
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Is the existing facility currently maintained by the County Council, and/or will it be when the proposed works have been completed?	Yes
Cost of the proposed works – please provide a breakdown.	€10,000

County	Donegal
Island	Cruit Island
Project name	Cruit Island Slipway repairs
Engineer / Contact person	Eugene Allen
Location of proposed works (as coordinates or on a map)	ITM 572366,922363
Length, width, height (as appropriate)	
Work details (e.g. concrete wall, stone wall, concrete deck, concrete depth/thickness, concrete strength etc.)	Repairs to section of Cruit Island Slipway (Access point to Owey Island). Existing damaged concrete deck to be broken out, removed and new reinforced concrete section to be placed.
Is a foreshore licence necessary? If yes, give details of the current status.	No
Is planning/Part 8 approval required for the proposed works? If yes, give details of the current status.	No
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Is the existing facility currently maintained by the County Council, and/or will it be when the proposed works have been completed?	Yes
Cost of the proposed works – please provide a breakdown.	€15,000

Other works

Project name	Eco-Toilet for Inis Fraoigh, Island
Location of proposed works (as coordinates or on a map)	Near the pier on the north of the Island 54° 96' 21" N-- 8° 44'22" W. The exact location to be confirmed.
Details of the proposed works	To install a Kazuba dry toilet with adjacent wormery.
Is a foreshore licence necessary? If yes, give details of the current status.	No
Is planning/Part 8 approval required for the proposed works? If yes, give details of the current status.	Part 8 not required.
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Priority	1
Project name	Arranmore Island - VRS Assessment & Report on 3 locations along the Lighthouse Road
Start and end points (as coordinates or on a map)	166,100;417,145 to 164,310; 418,510
Road width	3 sections
Type of surface proposed (e.g. depth of Clause 804/806, asphaltic concrete, surface dressing (single/double) etc)	N/A
Other relevant details, if applicable (e.g. drainage, lay-by, etc)	The preparation of a VRS Assessment and Report has been recommended following the preparation of an in-house Road Safety Assessment
Is planning/Part 8 approval required for the proposed works? If yes, give details of the current status.	No
Plans/sketches/tender documents for the proposed works (if such information is relevant). (Attach to this template and describe the information which is being provided in the cell to the right.)	Road Design Report attached
Is the road currently maintained by the County Council, and/or will it be when the proposed works have been completed?	Yes the road has now been taken over following 2022 funding. 100% Funding is required to close out this project.
Cost of the proposed works - please provide a breakdown (e.g. drainage cost, Clause 804/806 cost, surface dressing cost etc).	Total Cost = €10,000 Prepare VRS Risk Assessment and Report (estimate only) = €10,000

2	3
Arranmore Island - Campbells Corner Junction Improvements	Owey Island - Bitmac Surfacing
168,175;415,760 to 168,155; 415,805	171,915; 422,925 to 171,455; 422,975
45m long x 5.0m wide	550m long and 3.0m wide
Overlay with 60mm of AC14	Regulate with Clause 804 and Bitmac with 60mm AC14.
Improvements to Campbells corner is proposed by widening the carriageway on the approach from Phil Bans towards the junction on the western side. This will allow the stop line on the per road to be moved out to facilitate improved vision lines and turning circles.	A 2024 environmental assessment did not find any environmental reason prohibiting the resurfacing the main road on the with a Bitmac Surface
No	No
Road Design Drawing attached. Land negotiations ongoing.	2024 Report Environmental report attached
Yes - L-3113-1. 90% Funding is required	Yes the L-14632. 90% funding is required
Total Cost = €60,000 Surfacing Bitmac = 300 x €40 = €12,000 Widening and accommodation works DCC Works = €48,000	Total Cost = €130,000 Surfacing Reg & Bitmac = 1650 x €70 = €115,500 Prep & After Works Works = €14, 500

ROADS - 2025 APPLICATION

4	5
Gola Island - Shop outward to Lake and Sea Arches	Gola Island - Southern Pier to Graveyard
176,850; 426,540 to 176,535; 427,290	176,895; 426,325 to 177,065; 426,125
840m long and 3.5m wide	260m long and 3.5m wide
Regulate with Clause 804 and Bitmac with 60mm AC14.	Regulate with Clause 804 and Bitmac with 60mm AC14.
Drainage works to be carried out prior to surfacing.	Drainage works to be carried out prior to surfacing.
No	No
N/A	N/A
No but will be taken in charge after the works have been completed. Landowner dedication forms have been substantially completed. 100% funding is required	No but will be taken in charge after the works have been completed. Landowner dedication forms have been substantially completed. 100% funding is required
Total Cost = €200,000 Surfacing Reg & Bitmac = $2940 \times €62.50 = €183,750$ Prep & After Works Works = €16,250	Total Cost = €65,000 Surfacing Reg & Bitmac = $910 \times €62.50 = €56,875$ Prep & After Works Works = €8,125

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Gola Island - Loop from Eastern Pier around passing Old Quarry	Gola Island - Link to Old Schooldhouse
177,135; 427,115 to 177,045; 426,705	177,065; 426,720 to 177,195; 426,175
900m long and 3.5m wide	650m long and 3.5m wide
Regulate with Clause 804 and Bitmac with 60mm AC14.	Regulate with Clause 804 and Bitmac with 60mm AC14.
Drainage works to be carried out prior to surfacing.	Drainage works to be carried out prior to surfacing.
No	No
N/A	N/A
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Total Cost = €210,000 Surfacing Reg & Bitmac = 3150 x €62.50 = €196,875 Prep & After Works Works = €13,125	Total Cost = €155,000 Surfacing Reg & Bitmac = 2280 x €62.50 = €142,500 Prep & After Works Works = €12,500

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Tory Island - Poirin Glass Road (West Town)
185,375; 446,475 to 184,865; 447,075
800m long and 3.0m wide
Regulate with Clause 804 and Bitmac with 60mm AC14.
Drainage works to be carried out prior to surfacing.
No
N/A
No but will be taken in charge after the works have been completed. 100% funding is required
Total Cost = €200,000 Surfacing Reg & Bitmac = 2500 x €75 = €187,500 Prep & After Works Works = €12,500



Aodán Mac An Mhíle
Principal Officer
Dept. of Rural and Community Development
Trinity Point
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Date : 25/02/2025

RE: Funding request for staff support for development of islands maritime infrastructure

Dear Aodán,

Donegal County Council in its role in the maintenance and development of County Donegal's maritime related infrastructure continues to extend it's efforts to the maintenance and development of infrastructure on our offshore islands and service harbours. The demand for improvements on our islands continues to increase as does the complexity of projects mainly due to environmental and statutory constraints.

Included in the proposed projects are a number of projects that require significant technical input and the management of specialist consultants, and we simply do not have availability in our current staffing arrangements. The following is a list of projects where infrastructural improvements have been identified some time ago and also some that have been added more recently:

- Rannagh Pier – Arranmore Island: A project was identified here in the mid 1990's with significant design works completed and statutory consent applications commenced. These were never completed and to date no works have been carried out.
- Magheraroarty Pier – Magheraroarty: In 2018 the need to improve access to Magheraroarty Pier to make it accessible at all tidal stages was identified, however, other than a channel approach survey and a preliminary appraisal no further works have been carried out here.
- Burtonport & Arranmore Ferry Terminals: The ferry terminals were built in the early 1980's and while there have been significant improvements over the years, particularly on Arranmore Island, increases in vehicular traffic indicate a need to review the infrastructure at both locations and determine refurbishment and/or improvement needs.
- Slipway – Tory Island: Improvements were identified a number of years ago to extend the slipway to reduce the extent of tidal restriction. Other than a bathymetric survey, no other works have been done to advance this project
- Trá na mBlathán – Gola Island: Improvements works have been identified here recently to improve access for the increase in visitors to the island and to provide a suitable landing facility for a Ro-Ro service to the island.

- Inishfiffin: Improvements works have been identified here recently to improve access for the increase in visitors to the island. These include increasing the height and widening the deck of the existing pier.
- Access Pontoon – Inis Mhic a' Doirn: An access pontoon has been proposed in recent years to enable access at all tidal stages.
- Other infrastructure (such as helipads/piers/atons/etc) situated on these islands that will require capital investment over the next 5 years and as discussed at the islands meetings held quarterly in the Glenties Municipal District.

Donegal County Council herein requests that the Dept. of Rural and Community Development consider the provision of funding of €100,000 per annum for a 5-year period to enable the Council to employ a dedicated staff member (at Executive Engineer grade) to facilitate progress on the above projects and other similar that arise. The 5-year commitment is necessary to comply with environmental restrictions and statutory obligations.

Yours sincerely



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