



**Municipal District of Glenties**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
Public Service Centre  
Dungloe

17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**NOTICE OF STATUTORY BUDGET MEETING**

**TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GLENTIES**

Dear Councillor,

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Glenties will be held on **24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 12 noon in the Council Chamber, Dungloe Public Service Centre (link also available online).**

The agenda for the above meeting is attached hereto.

Yours sincerely

**Michael Rowsome**  
Meetings Administrator

**P.S.** See also attached a **Schedule of Meetings** for the entire day (**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025**) for your information and convenience.



Ceantar Bardais na nGleanntaí

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
Oifig Seirbhíse Poiblí  
An Chlochán Léith

17ú Deireadh Fómhair 2025

FOGRA CRUINNITHE BUISÉAD REACHTÚIL

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS NA GLEANNTAÍ

A Chara,

Beidh Cruinniú Ceantar Bardais Na Gleanntaí ar siúl i Seomra na Comhairle, Ionad Seirbhíse an Chlochán Léith ar an 24ú Deireadh Fómhair 2025 ag 12.00 nóin (nasc le fail ar líne).

Tá an clár don chruinniú ceangailte le seo.

Mise, le meas

Micheál Rowsome  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe

P.S. Tá Sceideal Cruinnithe don lá iomlan (**De hAoine 24/10/2025**) istigh le seo chomh maith, le sibh a choinneáil ar an eolais.



## AGENDA

- 1) To consider the Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Glenties 2026.

## **Draft Budgetary Plan & General Municipal Allocation 2026**

### **Glenties Municipal District**

#### **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 The Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations require the allocation of a General Municipal Allocation (GMA) to each Municipal District as part of the annual revenue budget process.
- 1.2 In respect of 2025, a preliminary allocation of €150,000 was made for the Glenties Municipal District, with a figure of €150,000 subsequently being adopted at the 2025 plenary budget in December 2024. The Schedules of Municipal District Works, which provide considerable additional detail in respect of the programme of works in each MD, were presented to Elected Members in March 2025.
- 1.3 The rationale behind this approach is that it is not practicable to allocate a global and final figure as part of the General Municipal Allocation prior to the final and full plenary budget being adopted, as it is only then that it is known with certainty what degree of capacity exists within the Council's resources to allocate such funding.

#### **2.0 2026 General Municipal Allocation**

- 2.1 Discussions with the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage have outlined the challenges associated with the timing required under the current regulations regarding the allocation of the GMA. The Department has been made aware of the challenges associated with this.
- 2.2 However, the current approach is a statutory requirement of local government legislation and there will be no change to this approach in advance of the budget processes concluding for 2026.
- 2.3 On that basis it is now proposed to allocate an amount equivalent to €25,000 per member, at this juncture, to the General Municipal Allocation. The final and conclusive decision will be made as part of the plenary budget meeting in November 2025, at which point in time the members can conclude and determine the final amount to be made available to the General Municipal Allocations. This could, if the members wished, affirm the allocation proportionate to the number of members in respect of each of the individual Municipal Districts or suggest an alternative allocation methodology.

#### **3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 It is therefore recommended that in line with the requirements of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations that the Municipal District adopts a provisional General Municipal Allocation in the amount of €150,000 at this time.

**Richard Gibson FCCA,  
Director of Finance,  
10<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

## Draft budgetary plan 2026 – Glenties Municipal District

Municipal District Draft Budgetary Plan		Current Year Information
	€	€
General Municipal Allocation	Municipal District 150,000	
<b>Total (A)</b>	<b>150,000</b>	
To finance Gross Revenue Expenditure	Municipal District proposed expenditure	Local Authority total expenditure
Development Management      Strategic Development Fund	150,000	925,000
<u>Total</u>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>925,000</u>

**MINUTES OF STATUTORY BUDGET MEETING  
OF NA GLEANNTA MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
HELD REMOTELY ON 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

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**Members Present:** Cllr. Micheal McClafferty (Cathaoirleach)  
Cllr. John Sheamuis Ó Fearraigh  
Cllr. Denis McGee  
Cllr. Anthony Molloy  
Cllr. Brian Carr  
Cllr. Michéal Cholm MacGiolla Easbuig

**Officials Present:** Richard Gibson – Director of Finance  
Michael McGarvey – A/Director of Water & Environment (Online)  
Michael Rowsome – A/Housing & Corporate Area Manager  
Brendan McFadden, Area Manager, Roads & Transportation  
Mary Boyle – A/Senior Staff Officer, Housing & Corporate Services  
Clíona Ní Ghallachóir - Aistriúchán Comhuaineach

**GMD 43/25**

**Draft Budgetary Plan for Municipal District of na Gleannta 2026**

The Director of Finance acknowledged the contributions of Members at the Budget Workshop held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October and advised that all issues highlighted were brought to the attention of respective Senior Management personnel.

The Director of Finance presented (i) the Draft Budgetary Plan and General Municipal Allocation 2026 and (ii) Draft Budgetary Plan 2026 in respect of the Municipal District of na Gleannta. Members were updated in relation to the Members Development Fund, Development Fund Initiatives, Public Lighting and Minor Infrastructure Fund, Estate Maintenance and the removal of insurance for Council backed Tidy Towns Groups.

The Director outlined financial limitations on the Council and clarified that increased expenditure is related to increases in commercial rates and local property tax revenue streams.

Councillors welcomed the Director's contribution and highlighted the following issues for consideration during the budget preparation.

- An Chraoslach Project – additional funding for the Trail walk - Corner Garden to the Waterfall and back around the circle
- Disability Scheme & wheelchair access funding
- Housing Estate Maintenance Increase
- Defective Concrete Block Scheme for Social Housing
- Machaire Rabhartaigh Masterplan
- Amharclann Ghaoth Dobhair funding
- Islands Fire Service infrastructure
- Ailt a' Chorráin Pier Development
- Recruitment of additional Roads, Housing & Marine Staff

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig proposed rejection of the Provisional General Municipal Allocation in the amount of €150,000 and this proposal was seconded by Cllr. McGee.

Cllr. Molloy proposed acceptance of the Provisional General Municipal Allocation in the amount of €150,000, and Cllr. McClafferty seconded this proposal. The following resolution was adopted with the support of Cllr. Carr and Cllr. Ó Fearraigh.

“In line with the requirements of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations that the Municipal District of na Gleannta adopts a provisional general municipal allocation in the amount of €150,000 at this time”.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**