

13ú Lúnasa 2020

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

A Chara

Beidh cruinniú bliantúil de choiste na nOileán ar 8ú Meán Fómhair 2020, in Halla Naomh Columba, Ailt a' Chorráin ag 10.00 r.n.

The AGM of the Islands Committee is scheduled for 8th September 2020 in the St Columba's Community Centre, Burtonport commencing at 10.00am.

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

Éamonn de Brún
Bainisteoir Ceantair
Seirbhísí Corparáideacha
Ar son Riarthóir Cruinniú

CLÁR
AGENDA

1. Toghachán an Cathaoirligh/Leas Cathaoirligh- Election of Chairperson/Vice Chairperson.

2. (a) Miontuairiscí Cruinniú 11ú Feabhra 2020.
Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 11th February 2020

(b) Néithe ag éirí.
Matters arising from the Minutes.

3. Tógraí Oileán -Island Projects & Priorities

4. Aon Gnó Eile - Any Other Business

MINUTES OF ISLANDS COMMITTEE

HELD ON FEBRUARY 11TH, 2020 IN THE DUNGLOE P.S.C

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr. Noreen McGarvey (Leas Cathaoirleach)
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher
Cllr Anthony Molloy
Cllr. Michéal Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig
Cllr Michael McClafferty
Séamus Mac Ruairí
William Boyle
John McCafferty
Eamonn S. Mac Aoidh
Diarmuid Ó Mórdha (An Roinn)
Mairín Uí Fhearraigh
Seán Ó Briain
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Michael McGarvey - Director of Water & Environment Service
Eamonn Brown-Area Manager, Housing & Corporate
Charles Sweeney - Community Development, Administrative Officer
Jamie Gallagher - Roads Engineer
David Friel - Coastal Officer
Rosita Mahony - Senior Economic Development Officer
Michael Rowsome - SSO, Corporate & Housing
- APOLOGIES:** Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh (Cathaoirleach)
Marjorie Uí Chearbhall
Máire Uí Dhochartaigh
Cathal Mac Suibhne - Marine Engineer
Michéal Mac Giolla Easbuig - (Údarás na Gaeltachta)
Noirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh

IC 01/20

VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Votes of Sympathy were passed in respect of the following recent deaths:

- Lee Early and Seamus Gaughan, Arranmore
- Dan Boyle, Fallagowan, Uncle of Eamonn McGill, An Roinn and Mary Carbery, Housing, Dungloe PSC.
- Mary Boyle, The Glen, Arranmore
- Mary Ellen Molloy, Niece of Cllr. Molloy
- Madge McGee, Gola Island, cousin of Eamonn S. Mac Aoidh.

IC 02/20

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8TH OCTOBER 2019

On the proposal of William Boyle, seconded by Mairín Uí Fhearraigh, the minutes of the AGM held on the 8th of October 2019 were confirmed.

IC 03/20

Minutes of Meeting held on 25th October 2019

On the proposal of Cllr. Gallagher, seconded by Seamus Mac Ruairí, the minutes of the emergency meeting held on 25th October 2019 were confirmed.

IC 04/20

Workshop - Comhar na nOileáin

Members noted the report from the Workshop held on the 7th of November 2019.

IC 05/20

Roads Service

5.1

Jamie Gallagher, Roads Engineer updated the Committee on the status of the 3 road projects allocated funding in the sums of (i) €45,000, (ii) €22,000 and (iii) €6,000 respectively on Arranmore Island. Seamus Mac Ruairí repeated his previous requests to take over the Doctor's

Road and to treat Island roads similar to mainland. The Roads Engineer discussed proposed drainage works, signing at junction and lining works on Arranmore.

5.2

Tory Island

The Committee were advised that drainage works will be carried out along the County Road on Tory Island once weather conditions are suitable. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested closure of the Lighthouse Road on Tory on Health and Safety grounds. Cllr. McClafferty disagreed on the grounds that a precedent would be set leading to negative consequences throughout the County. Cllr. McGarvey stated that decisions in this regard are a matter for Engineers.

5.3

Gola Island

The Roads Engineer informed the Committee that he visited Gola Island on the 7th February 2020 with the Area Roads Manager to inspect roads on Gola. Members were advised that repairs and drainage works on the non county road will cost in the sum of €5000. The Roads Engineer further advised that the Roads Service will manage works if funding is secured by another Council Service as the Roads Service are unable to provide funding for non-county roads.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed ongoing frustration at the refusal of the Roads Service to provide 5 pipes for drainage works to be carried out by volunteers on the Island.

In response to concerns expressed by Eamonn S. Mac Aoidh regarding the costing of €5000 to carry out repair works on Gola, the Roads Engineer clarified that the costing is for repairs only and that a major job in the sum of circa. €150,000 is included on the priority list

submitted to An Roinn for funding. Mairín Uí Fhearraigh expressed disappointment that the meeting with Minister Kyne has not resulted in any benefit for Island funding and that smaller Islands are not being recognised by An Roinn.

5.4 William Boyle expressed disappointment that road maintenance on Owey remains outstanding.

IC 06/20

ENVIRONMENT

The Coastal Officer updated Members on the status of works on the public convenience on Arranmore which is due for completion in the Spring and also regarding proposed development of a public convenience on Inishboffin.

In response to a query from Seán Ó Briain, the Coastal Officer advised that the deadline for submission of tenders for the Inishboffin public convenience is the 19th February 2020.

The Committee were also advised that communications are ongoing with representatives from Inis Oirthear regarding the establishment of a clean coast group.

IC 07/20

MARINE SERVICE

7.1 Cllr. McGarvey informed Members that the Marine Engineer had submitted a report as follows:

- Lighting at Rannagh Pier to be connected in coming weeks.
- Gola Island ladder will be fitted when weather settles and other repair works will be completed at this time.
- Magheroarty Bathymetric survey will be completed when weather settles and this will inform the preliminary appraisal currently being completed for

potential development at Magheroarty Pier. It will also enable the positioning of navigation lights at the entrance to Magheroarty Pier.

7.2 Seán Ó Brian requested a meeting with the Marine Engineer in relation to Magheroarty dredging proposals.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig also requested a public consultation with local fishermen in relation to any development at Magheroarty.

7.3 Seán Ó Briain outlined current difficulties at Inishboffin Pier and outlined the necessity to extend the pier and to ascertain if there is any EU funding available in this regard.

7.4 Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Marine Service to address issues at 'Archies Pier' - Magheragallon in light of difficulties experienced by fishermen at this location.

7.5 Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested that a representative of the Marine Service attend all Island meetings to update and respond to any queries from the Island Committee.

IC 08/20

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Officer clarified the role and responsibilities of his service and outlined their interaction with local communities.

Máirín Uí Fhearraigh requested details of the survey results undertaken by counters on Gola during the summer tourism season and the Community Development Officer undertook to liaise with the Tourism Unit in this regard. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested a response from Barney McLaughlin regarding the development of Blueways in Donegal.

William Boyle and Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig reiterated their previous requests for the provision of a small Island Ferry service on a pilot basis to the smaller islands, some of which have full time residents.

IC 09/20

COMHAR NA n-OILÉAIN

9.1

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig congratulated Nóirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh on her election onto Comhar na nOiléain.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested a report from the Council representative on Comhar na nOiléain during the period 2014-2019.

Cllr. Gallagher also clarified that the Council nominee during 2014-2019 was selected at a Council AGM.

Cllr. Molloy advised Members to submit any queries they have to him to enable discussion of same at Comhar na nOiléain meetings.

9.2

Members of the Island Committee highlighted their dissatisfaction with the application process and complicated bureaucracy involved in the submission of projects for funding under the Leader Rural Development Programme.

Máirín Uí Fhearraigh stressed the prohibitive constraints imposed on applicants due to the necessity for applicants to have monies expended prior to recoupment.

John McCafferty expressed concerns regarding the limitations of LEADER funding in its current format for potential projects on Islands.

Michael McGarvey stated the importance of submission of a feasibility study, at a minimum, for the development of a greenway on all Islands to take advantage of any available funding.

ISLAND COMMITTEE

Members expressed concerns in relation to the:

- Absence of any meaningful funding to address infrastructural deficits on the Islands
- Absence of a representative from the Islands section within An Roinn at quarterly meetings of the Islands Committee.
- Neglect of smaller islands.
- Lack of transparency in relation to the distribution of funding and prioritisation of projects for funding.
- Distribution of Council Island Fund of €20,000.

Cllr. Molloy advised the Committee of the necessity for an 'umbrella' group to be established to represent all Islands and to assist in obtaining solutions for the variety of difficulties they are encountering with state bodies.

Cllr. Gallagher emphasised the necessity for dedicated human resources to be assigned to Islanders to enable them to submit applications for funding of necessary projects on both small and larger Islands and to facilitate interaction with decision makers in state bodies.

The Director and Corporate Manager clarified that:

- All projects submitted by Island Representatives along with Roads Projects (3 year programme) prioritised by the Committee are submitted to An Roinn for approval.
- Council fund in sum of €20,000 used to match An Roinn funding to maximum value for money.
- Council officers will contact Senior Management in An Roinn to discuss highlighted issues.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig proposed that Islanders organise a protest at the An Roinn offices in Na Forbacha, Gaillimh to highlight the unfavourable treatment received to date and Seán Ó Briain supported this proposal.

IC 11/20

PLANNING

In response to a query from Máirín Uí Fhearraigh regarding the status of planning enforcement cases on Gola, the Council Planner confirmed that all issues have been regularised in relation to 1 no. case but that 3 cases are ongoing prohibiting the public discussion of same.

IC 12/20

LIGHTING

Máirín Uí Fhearraigh highlighted ongoing difficulties in relation to lighting on Island Roy Causeway and Gola Island.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.



Ár dtag: CO/10

6 Lúnasa 2020

**An Rúnaí
Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall
Áras an Chontae
Leifear
Co Dhún na nGall**

D'aird: Michael Rowsome

Tag: Oibreacha Caipitil ar Oileáin Dhún na nGall

A chara

Tá iarrtha orm ag an tAire Meán, Turasóireacht, Ealaíon, Cultúir, Spóirt agus Gaeltachta, Catherine Martin T.D., tagairt a dhéanamh don chomhfhreagras roimhe seo faoin ábhar thuasluaite agus a chur in iúl duit go bhfuil deontas **nach rachaidh thar €79,500** ceadaithe aici do Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall chun oibreacha feabhsúcháin mar atá sonraithe sa tábla ceangailte a chur i gcrích. Tá an deontas do na míreanna éagsúla ceadaithe ag ráta 75% den chostas inghlactha.

Tá an deontas á cheadú ar na coinníollacha (mar aon le haon choinníoll ar leith atá ceangailte le tionscadal aonarach) seo a leanas:-

1. go mbeidh deimhniú curtha ar fáil ag Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall go n-íocfaidh siad as fuilleach an chostais;
2. go gcaithfear an t-airgead ar na tionscadail luaite sa tábla ceangailte amháin agus de réir modhanna cuntasóireachta an Rialtais;
3. go mbeidh freagracht as ucht aon chothabháil a chaithfear a dhéanamh ar na tionscadail atá mar ábhar den deontas seo ag titim ar Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall;
4. go mbeidh Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais don tionscadal ar fáil don Roinn seo nó d'Oifig an Ard-Reachtair Cuntais agus Ciste ag taispeáint deontas na Roinne seo, chomh maith le hadmhálacha agus sonraisc;
5. go bhfostófar conraitheoirí i gcomhréir leis na Ciorcláin ábhartha;



6. go rachaidh Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall i gcomhairle leis an údarás cúí i gcás aon obair a mbeidh tionchar aici ar Limistéir Speisialta Caomhnaithe nó Limistéir Oidhreachta Nádúrtha más gá;
7. go gcloífidh Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall le forálacha Plean Gníomhaíochta Bruscair an Rialtais;
8. go gcloífear le forálacha ábhartha Chiorcláin 13/2014 na Roinne Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe.

Faoi réir fhorálacha Chiorcláin 13/2014 de chuid na Roinne Airgeadais, eiseofar Teastas Gealltanais go gairid. Ní foláir an Teastas seo a bheith sínithe ag leibhéal na bainistíochta ag deimhniú gur úsáideadh an t-airgead poiblí a deonaíodh faoi réir théarmaí agus coinníollacha an deontais.

Nótáil le do thoil, go bhfuil íocaíocht an deontais ag braith ar an riar airgid do thionscadail oileánach faoi Vóta na Roinne.

Bheinn buíoch díot ach litir a sheoladh ar ais chugam gan mhoill ag cur in iúl go nglacann Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall leis an deontas seo ar na coinníollacha thuasluaite.

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Aguisín

Oileán	Sonraí	Costas (€)	Deontas Ceadaithe (€)	Le Nótáil
Oileán an Bhráighe	Bóthar ar an chabhsa go Oileán an Bhráighe -14mm Close Surf 70/100 mix, doimhneacht 70mm agus coiriú dromchla (surface dressing) mar aon le oibreacha draenála gaolmhara	20,000	15,000	Tá an deontas á cheadú ar an gcoinníoll go mbeidh an coiriú dromchla críochnaithe roimh 30/9/2020.
Inis Bó Finne	Leithreas poiblí	50,000	37,500	
Árainn Mhór	Dromchla úr ar an sleamhnán ag cé an bhád farantóireachta le coinchréit atá ag cloí le I.S. EN 206-1.	30,000	22,500	Tá an deontas á cheadú ar an gcoinníoll go gcuirfear caoi ar an phíosa den sleamhnán is faide on oileán.
Árainn Mhór	Cé Poll an Mhadaidh - 2 dhréimire úr. Athchóiriú céimeanna le coinchréit C35/45 atá ag cloí le I.S. EN 206-1.	6,000	4,500	
	MÓR-IOMLÁN	€106,000	€79,500	

Road Number	Project	Length (m)	Width	Area	Cost per m ²	Cost Estimate	DCC Contribution	Roainn Contribution	Treatment	Notes
L-14632	Owey County Road - Phase 1 (Pier to End Village)	500	2.7	1350	€20	€27,000	€6,750	€20,250	Surfacing Work	1
L-14632	Owey County Road - Phase 2 (End Village to end of road)	600	2.7	1620	€15	€24,300	€6,075	€18,225	Surfacing Work	2
L-3133-2	Glen Brea, Arranmore Island	250	4.5	1125	€30	€33,750	€8,438	€25,313	60mm depth Bitmac	3
N/A	Accomodation Road, Arranmore Island - Linking Lighthouse Road and Screig Road	675	3	2025	€32	€64,800	€16,200	€48,600	Wetmix Reg Layer + 60mm depth Bitmac	4
N/A	Accomodation Road, Arranmore Island - Pollawaddy to McGowans	370	2.7	999	€30	€29,970	€7,493	€22,478	60mm depth Bitmac	5
L-3163-1	Aphort Road, Arranmore Island - Upgrade defective sections (3 No)	400	2.7	1080	€30	€32,400	€8,100	€24,300	60mm depth Bitmac	6
Island Roy	Causeway					€22,000	€5,500	€16,500	Drainage & surface Dress	7
Inishboffin	Provision of Public Convenience					€60,000	€15,000	€45,000		
Island (various)	Water Safety Programme					€9,300	€2,325	€6,975		8

Arranmore Ferry Pier	Resurface Slipway					€30,000	€7,500	€22,500		
Pól a' Mhadaidh Pier	Provision of 2 Ladders & Repair steps					€6,000	€1,500	€4,500		
Magheragallan Pier (for Gola Ferry)	Public Lighting/Signage/Safety Railing/Deck Repairs					€8,000	€2,000	€6,000		
Inishkeeragh Island	Sea Wall					€30,000	€7,500	€22,500		
Inis Oirthear Island	Bridge Repair					€8,000	€2,000	€6,000		

Total

€385,520 €96,380 €289,140

- Note 1:** Costing based on 3 weeks work for Machine, Dumper, 2 General Operatives plus Miscellaneous Items incl Transport
Note 2: Costing based on 2 weeks work for Machine, Dumper, 2 General Operatives plus Miscellaneous Items incl Transport
Note 3: Resurfacing works required to repair damaged pavement (From Back entrance to Earleys bar to tie in 2017 Glen Brea Scheme)
Note 4: Road not currently on road schedule but evidence provided that road has been Taken in Charge. Regulation layer of wetmix need for 400m.
Note 5: Road not currently on road schedule but evidence provided that road has been Taken in Charge.
Note 6: 3 individual sections identified - Total Length of 3 sections is 400m

Note 7:

Island Roy Causeway	
Set Up Costs	€2,000.00
Drainage Works	€2,000.00
Cold Milling	€4,000.00
Surfacing with 14mm Asphaltic Concrete	€8,500.00
Double Surface Dress	€5,500.00
Total Cost	€22,000.00

Note 8: Islands Water Safety Programme

To improve water safety on the Donegal offshore islands it is proposed to introduce a ringbuoy provision and maintenance scheme. For the programme Donegal County Council will install the ringbuoys with the agreement that the islanders would take responsibility for them. To minimise maintenance, the ringbuoys will be housed in a yellow box, securely attached to a wall or upright, with a throwbag rope combination. Donegal County Council will provide any materials to repair them, as necessary. This programme would be rolled out as follows:

Island	Pier Ringbuoys	Beach Ringbuoys
Arranmore	8	10
Owey	4	5
Gola	6	2
Tory	8	4
Inishboffin	3	24
Total	29	45

The initial costs of the programme are calculated as follows:

Ringbuoy costs	€5,300
Contractor costs	€2,000
Barge transport costs	€2,000
Total	€9,300