



9ú Meitheamh 2021

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

A Chara

*Beidh Cruinniú Bliantúil de choiste na nOileán ar 22<sup>ú</sup> lá de Meitheamh 2021, ar líne ag 11.00 r.n.*

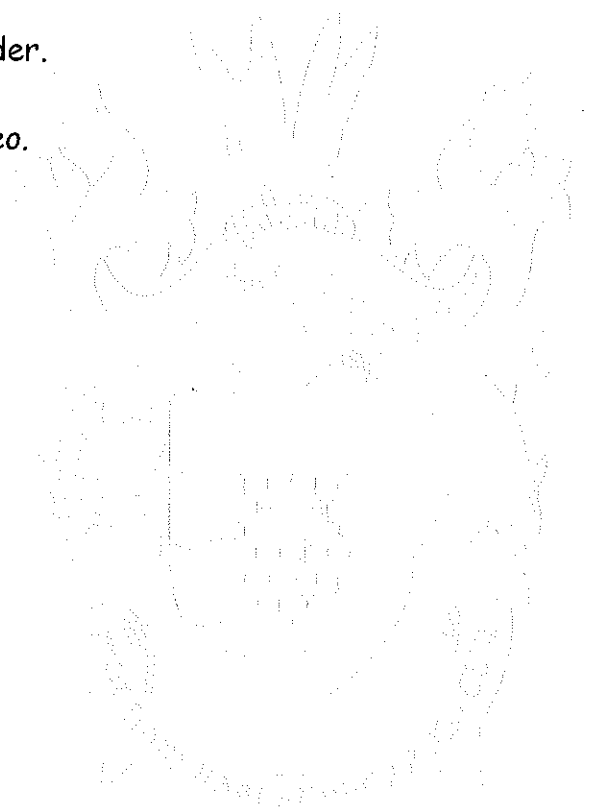
The AGM of the Islands Committee is scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 online, commencing at 11.00 am.

*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. Miontuairiscí Cruinniú 16ú Feabhra 2021.

Consideration of Minutes of Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021

3. Tógraí Oileán - Island Projects & Priorities

3.1 Roads Service

3.2 Environment Service

3.3 Marine Service

3.4 Community Development

4. Litir Ceadaithe - Letter of Approval

5. Aon Gnó Eile - Any Other Business

## MINUTES OF ISLANDS COMMITTEE

HELD REMOTELY ON 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cllr. Noreen McGarvey  
Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh  
Cllr Anthony Molloy  
Cllr. Michéal Choilm Mac Giolla Easbuig  
Cllr Michael McClafferty  
Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher  
Séamus Mac Ruairí  
Eamonn S. Mac Aoidh  
William Boyle  
Mairín Uí Fhearraigh  
Noirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh  
Seán Ó Briain  
John McCafferty  
Bríd Ní Chonghaile (An Roinn)  
Marjorie Uí Chearbhall  
Roseleen McShane  
Máire Uí Dhochartaigh  
F.Laird Dinsmore

### OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Michael McGarvey - Director of Water & Environment Service  
Eamonn Brown-Area Manager, Housing & Corporate  
Cathal Mac Suibhne - Marine Engineer  
Anne Marie McCole - Community Development, Staff Officer  
Jamie Gallagher - Roads Engineer  
David Friel - Coastal Officer  
Michael Rowsome - SSO, Corporate & Housing

**IC 01/21**

**Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Mairín Uí Fhearraigh, the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were confirmed.

**IC 02/21**

**Remote Meeting Regulation**

Cllr. McGarvey explained the protocol for remote members' participation and carried out a roll call of participating members.

**IC 03/21**

**ROADS SERVICE**

**3.1**

**2020 Road Work Programme**

The Committee discussed the reports circulated with the agenda and presented by the Roads Engineer.

Members welcomed the completion of the following roads on Arranmore:

- Glen Brae L-3133-2
- Aphort Road L 3163-1
- Screig Road
- Link Road between L9023-1 and the Screig Road.

The Roads Engineer also informed the Committee of work carried out on the Causeway on Island Roy, ongoing drainage and maintenance on Arranmore and Tory and plans for the erection of directional signage on Arranmore in advance of the tourism season.

John McCafferty commended the Roads Service for the high quality of work carried out on Arranmore.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Roads Engineer to liaise with the Co-op on Arranmore regarding an issue in relation to recent works completed on the Island.

## 3.2

### 2021 Draft Proposal

The Committee discussed the draft proposal circulated with the agenda and presented by the Roads Engineer listing the following County Roads for submission as priorities to An Roinn:

1. L14632 - Owey Island (Pier to end of village)
2. L14632 - Owey Island (End of village to end of Road)
3. L9013-1 - Tory Island (Completion of Loop Road in East Town)
4. Island Roy

Members were also informed that the following non-county roads have been prioritised based on the original 3 year application previously agreed by the Committee:

- Lighthouse Road, Tory
- Gola Island Road between the 2 piers
- Mary Early's Road, Cloghcorr, Arranmore
- Leabrannagh Upper - Plohogue Road, Arranmore

Seán Ó Briain queried the omission of Inishboffin from the list and the Roads Engineer undertook to issue a copy of the agreed prioritised programme to Island representatives.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig and Eamonn Mac Aoidh requested a resolution to obstacles preventing the repairs to the roadway on Gola. Máirín Uí Fhearraigh highlighted the increasing number of visitors to Gola and the importance of upgrading the road infrastructure from a health and safety perspective. Marjorie Uí Chearbhaill raised the ongoing issues arising from neglect of the lighthouse road on Tory.

### 3.3

#### Non County Roads

Bríd Ní Chonghaile from An Roinn informed the Committee that An Roinn do not fund non county roads in the absence of a Council commitment to take over these roads.

The Roads Engineer advised the Committee that takeover of non county roads is a reserved function of the Council and a change in policy is required to progress this issue.

Following a lengthy discussion in relation to the lack of vital investment in the non county road network, Cllr. Gallagher proposed adoption of a specific Island Roads Takeover policy, initially on a pilot basis, and undertook to raise this issue at Corporate Policy group level.

Cllr. McGarvey agreed to liaise with the A/Director of the Roads Service regarding the necessity to amend takeover policy in respect of non county roads on Islands.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig emphasised the importance of ongoing consultation between Senior Roads Management and An Roinn to agree a definitive solution to this ongoing matter and the importance of scheduling a meeting with Minister Humphries on an offshore Island on easing of restrictions. Cllr MacGiolla Easbuig expressed his frustration with An Roinn in relation to their policy of non investment in non county roads.

Seamus Mac Ruairí requested Councillors to amend policy and all elected Members expressed their support for necessary amendment to the current policy.

### 3.4

#### Gritting Programme

Marjorie Uí Chearbhaill highlighted the restriction on delivery of vital food supplies to Tory due to the condition of the road to Magheroarty Pier and requested

inclusion of this road on the Winter Gritting Programme. Cllr. McGarvey advised of discussions in this regard at a Roads Workshop earlier today.

## **IC 04/21**

### **ENVIRONMENT**

#### **4.1**

#### **Environmental Reports**

The Committee welcomed the reports circulated with the agenda regarding the roll out of water safety equipment to Islands and the status of the Inishboffin Public Convenience project.

The Coastal Officer advised that proposals are still being considered for siting a permanent Public Convenience on Gola Island and that a portaloos service will be provided on Gola and at Magheragallon Pier in advance of the tourist season. Máirín Uí Fhearraigh requested the provision of 2 portaloos on Gola.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the provision of a toilet at Bunbeg Pier.

#### **4.2**

#### **Illegal Dumping**

In response to a query from Seamus Mac Ruairí, the Coastal Officer advised that the litter warden utilises mobile covert cameras to prosecute offenders and requested submission to the Environment Service of any dumping hotspots.

## **IC 05/21**

### **Island Policy Consultation**

The Committee discussed the consultation paper circulated with the agenda regarding development of a new policy and accompanying Action Plan for the development of offshore Islands by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Cllr. McGarvey

referred to the definition of Islands on Page 5 of the document as "cut off daily by the tide, are not connected to the mainland by a bridge, have permanent populations and are not in private ownership".

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig and Mairín Uí Fhearraigh outlined the importance of smaller Islands and the necessity for adequate investment to support all year round access and to facilitate a permanent population.

The Director informed the Committee of a recent meeting between Senior Council Management and the Department of Rural & Community Development, in relation to the development of a new Islands Policy and advised Members that all issues raised by Coiste na nOileáin were communicated to the Department officials for incorporation into the proposed new policy and Action Plan.

## **IC 06/21**

### **MARINE SERVICE**

#### **6.1**

#### **Marine Report**

The Committee discussed the report circulated previously and presented by the Marine Engineer regarding:

- Works carried out on the Islands during 2020.
- Ongoing works scheduled on Inishfree, Tory and Owey Islands.
- Works scheduled in 2021.

Members raised the following issues for the attention of the Marine Service:

- Helipad lights on Arranmore.
- Old cars parked on the pier at Leabgarrow.
- Missing rings on ladder at Bunbeg Pier.



- Repair of sea wall on Gola.
- Signage required at Kitty Archies Pier to facilitate access to beach.
- Lights required on Owey, Iniscaorach, Inishmeane.
- Repair of Kitty Archies Pier and carpark to be upgraded.
- Parking congestion in Cruit, Bunbeg, Leabgarrow.
- Dredging at Bunbeg Pier and Inishboffin.
- Repair of Bunaninver Pier.

The Marine Engineer informed the Committee of advancements in lighting technology and that the Council have secured an improved source for provision of pier lighting and that he will send an electrician to investigate lighting at the helipad.

6.2

#### **Ladder on Gola**

In response to a query from Eamonn Mac Aoidh, the Marine Engineer agreed to investigate concerns in relation to the standard of works.

6.3

#### **Tory Coastal Wall**

In response to concerns expressed by Cllr. McClafferty and Marjorie Uí Chearbhaill, the Director undertook to liaise with the Roads Director to clarify any confusion in respect of responsibility for coastal protection infrastructure.

6.4

#### **Inishboffin Pier**

In response to a query from Seán Ó Briain regarding his disappointment at the lack of progress in relation to an extension to the pier, the Marine Engineer advised that substantial funding is required and that he will continue to submit an application to provide necessary

infrastructure, notwithstanding limited Departmental limits on funding. Seán Ó Briain requested the Council to investigate if EU funding could be sourced for this project.

**6.5** **Ferry to smaller islands**

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh and Seán Ó Briain requested the provision of a ferry service to Inishboffin and outlined the importance of connectivity to facilitate prospective long term residents on the Island.

**6.6** **Magheroarty Pier**

Seán Ó Briain requested an update on proposals to extend the pier at Magheroarty.

**6.7** **Tory Boat**

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested an update on proposals for the provision of a new boat to Tory Island.

**IC 07/21** **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**7.1** Laird Dinsmore informed the Committee of the positive impact of mobile broadband on the residents of Rutland but emphasised the necessity for reliable broadband connectivity similar to Arranmore to attract students and businesses to the Island.

Cllr. Molloy advised of the enhanced broadband service provided by 'Imagine'.

**7.2** **Donegal Islands Strategy**

Cllr. Gallagher requested the Community Development Section to (1) ascertain the status of the proposed National policy in advance of the next meeting of Coiste

na nOileáin and to expedite a local Donegal Islands Strategy. (2) Liaise with Cllr. Kennedy, Cathaoirleach of the LCDC to make representations for grant assistance in sum of 95 to 100% for Island applications in the next round of Leader funding.

7.3

### **Comhar na nOileáin**

The Director updated the Committee on the successful application and allocation of substantial funding for projects on Offshore Islands.

Cllr. Molloy informed Members of the recent appointment of a new CEO by Comhar.

7.4

### **Blueways/Greenways**

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested an update on the status of Blueway projects in the County. Mairín Uí Fhearraigh provided an update in relation to the study of a potential blueway/greenway development for the smaller Islands by Comhar na nOileáin.

IC 08/21

### **Votes of Sympathy**

Seamus Mac Ruairí expressed sympathy to the families of the following recently bereaved:

Charlie Boyle, Tony McCauley, Andrew Early, Sarah Conaghan Lawlor, Jim Canney (former Council employee) and Tom O'Donnell (former Minister for the Gaeltacht).

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed sympathy to the family of Pádraig McGarvey who died suddenly in Magheroarty.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.**



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**Ár dtag: CO/10**

**14 Bealtaine 2021**

**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 Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail, Heather Humphreys T.D., tagairt a dhéanamh don chomhfhreagras roimhe seo faoin ábhar thuasluaite agus a chur in iúl duit go bhfuil deontas **nach rachaidh thar €47,500** ceadaithe aici do Chomhairle Chontae Dhún na nGall chun oibreacha feabhsúcháin mar atá sonraithe sa tábla ceangailte a chur i gcrích.

Tá an deontas ar na míreanna ceadaithe ag ráta 90% nó 50% den chostas inghlactha de réir coinníollacha luaite sa tábla.

Mar aon le haon choinníoll ar leith atá ceangailte le tionscadal aonarach tá an deontas á cheadú ar na coinníollacha 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;

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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-Reachtaire 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 Chiorclán 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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D Ó Mórdha

**Aguisín**

Oileán	Sonraí	Costas (€)	Deontas Ceadaithe (€)	Le Nótáil
Toraigh	Road resurfacing along with related drainage work on 100m of L-9013	15,000	13,500	90% ceadaithe ar an gcoinníoll go mbeidh an coiriú dromchla críochnaithe in 2021.
Island of Roy	Resurfacing of Road L-10421-0, with 14mm Close Surf 70/100 mix, depth of 60mm, and surface dressing, plus any related drainage work. Road length 460m (total area 1,500m <sup>2</sup> ).	50,000	27,000	90% ceadaithe ar an gcoinníoll go mbeidh an coiriú dromchla críochnaithe roimh 1/9/2021.
Árainn Mhór	Additional funding for repairs and improvements to Bóthar Screig an tSeabhaic.	14,000	7,000	50% ceadaithe ar an gcoinníoll go mbeidh an coiriú dromchla críochnaithe in 2021.
	<b>MÓR-IOMLÁN</b>	<b>€79,000</b>	<b>€47,500</b>	

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