



2ú Feabhra 2022

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

A Chara

Beidh an chéad cruinniú eile de choiste na nOileán ar 8^ú Feabhra 2022, ar líne ag 10.00 r.n.

The next meeting of the Islands Committee is scheduled for February 8th 2022 online, commencing at 10.00 am.

Tá clár an chruinniú leagtha amach anseo.

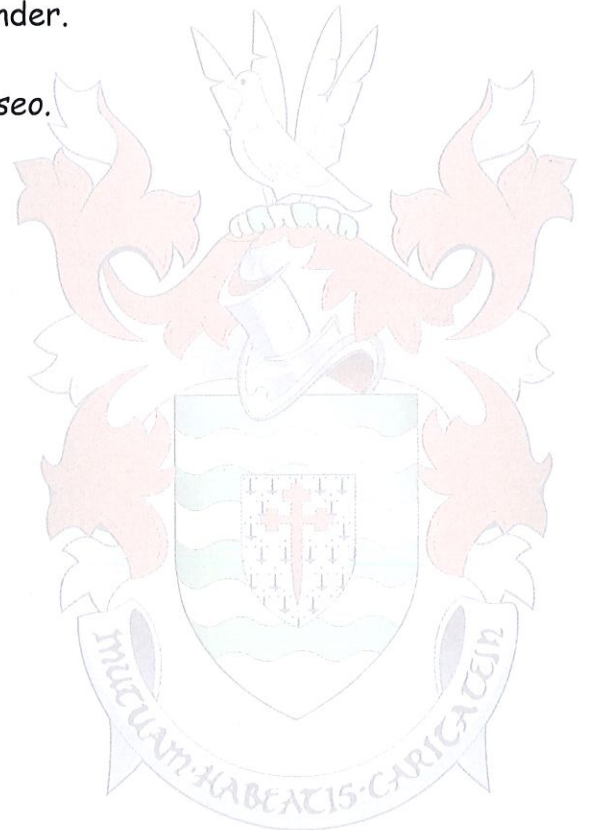
The Agenda for the meeting is set out hereunder.

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair ag an chruinniú seo.

Please arrange to be in attendance.

Mise le meas

Micheál Rowsome
A/Bainisteoir Ceantair
Seirbhísí Corparáideacha
Ar son Riarthóir Cruinniú



CLÁR AGENDA

(1) Miontuairiscí Cruinniú 29ú Deireadh Fómhair 2021.

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

(2) Tógraí Oileán -Island Projects & Priorities

2.1 Arranmore

2.2 Tory

2.3 Small Islands

(3) Aon Gnó Eile - Any Other Business

MINUTES OF ISLANDS COMMITTEE

HELD REMOTELY ON OCTOBER 29th 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr. Marie Therese Gallagher
Cllr. Noreen McGarvey
Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh
Cllr Anthony Molloy
Cllr Michael McClafferty
Cllr Micheal Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig
Cllr. Ian McGarvey
Mairín Uí Fhearraigh
Bríd Ní Chonghaile - An Roinn
Michéal Mac Giolla Easbuig (Udarás na Gaeltachta)
John McCafferty
Marjorie Uí Chearbhall
Noirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh
Séamus Mac Ruairí
F. Laird Dinsmore
William Boyle
Eddie Joe McGee

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Michael Rowsome, A/Area Manager, Corporate & Housing
Mary Boyle- SSO, Corporate & Housing
Anne Marie McCole - Community Dev. Staff Officer
Brendan McFadden, SEE, Roads Manager
Cathal Moss - SEE
Paul Gallagher -A.O Water Services

APOLOGIES: Michael McGarvey - Director of Water & Environment
Service
David Friel - Coastal Officer

IC 41/21

Minutes of Meetings

On the proposal of Cllr. McGarvey, seconded by Mairín Uí Fhearraigh, the Committee agreed the minutes of meeting held on 20th July, 2021.

IC 42/21

Arranmore

John McCafferty highlighted the following issues:

- Increasing number of visitors requiring additional toilet facilities.
- Congestion on the pier on Leabgarrow and the necessity to remove old cars.
- Issues in relation to roadside drains, hedges and knotweed to be addressed by the Road Services.
- Helipad lighting not working for a considerable period of time.

Noirín Uí Mhaoldomhnaigh requested the Council to implement a traffic management plan & installation of a ladder at the old pier.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig reiterated previous requests for the development of a Masterplan to address overcrowding and congestion on the Island and further recommended upgrading of the Lighthouse road.

IC 43/21

Tory Island

In response to a query from Marjorie Uí Chearbhall regarding improvement works required at the playground, the Community Development Staff Officer stated that she has referred these maintenance issues to the technical team for follow up. Marjorie Uí Chearbhall informed the Committee that funding is required for the

installation of fencing around the recycling facility and the removal of old scrap cars from the Island.

Paul Gallagher undertook to liaise with the Environment Service in respect of funding for both of these items.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the following:

- preparation of an application for funding of a pier wall and slipway.
- roadworks to enhance safety of Lighthouse Road.
- retention of Islanders on Tory via the creation of employment opportunities.
- update on the status of the new ferry.

Marjorie Uí Chearbhall expressed appreciation to Údarás na Gaeltachta in respect of their proposal for provision of 12 hot desks and the Údarás official outlined work in progress in relation to an arts project on the Island.

IC 44/21

Magheroarty

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council, Udarás na Gaeltachta and An Roinn to develop a comprehensive plan to resolve major problems on the pier at Magheroarty. He expressed frustration at the delay in carrying out essential dredging works in the harbour. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig highlighted the importance of employing native Irish speakers in the Cafe at the pier.

IC 45/21

Owey Island

William Boyle expressed disappointment that lights on the pier have not been repaired and that roadworks remain outstanding. He also repeated previous requests for the rungs on the latter at Bunbeg pier to be fixed.

IC 46/21

Rutland Island

Laird Dinsmore informed the Committee that traffic congestion at Burtonport is impacting negatively on Rutland and other smaller islands. He also requested the Council to resolve water quality and sewage concerns at Burtonport pier.

IC 47/21

Gola Island

Eddie Joe McGee informed the Committee of (i) poor condition of roads and blocked drains (ii) pier erosion and vital importance of carrying out emergency works to preserve marine infrastructure. Máirín Uí Fhearraigh also highlighted the necessity for ring buoys at Port a Chruinn and a public convenience on the Island. Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Council to source funding to develop walkways/greenways on the Island and to carry out a survey in respect of the base of the pier at Port a Chruinn.

IC 48/21

Inishboffin Island

Máirín Uí Fhearraigh asked the Marine Service to expedite the provision of a crane on Inishboffin and Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the installation of lights on the pier.

IC 49/21

Island Roy

Máirín Uí Fhearraigh requested an update from the Roads Service on the status of proposed works.

IC 50/21

Piers

Cllr. Molloy asked the Council to expedite the provision of power points at Rosbeg Pier.

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig requested the Marine Service to develop plans for the provision of a toilet and access for the disabled to the pontoon at Teelin Pier.

IC 51/21

Takeover of Island Roads

In response to queries from the Committee, the Area Roads Manager advised that a policy on the takeover of non-county Island Roads was approved by the Roads SPC on 14th October, '21 and it is expected that this issue will be discussed at Plenary Council level on the 29th November, '21. John McCafferty requested that a copy of the agreed policy issue to Island representatives. Bríd Ní Chonghaile advised the Committee that An Roinn will be willing to provide funding once the policy has been agreed and that the Council have been requested to submit a programme of works to facilitate the sanctioning of allocations earlier in the year.

IC 52/21

Meeting with Minister

The Committee expressed disappointment at the response given by Minister Humphries' Office to the request for a meeting with the Islands Committee. The Committee requested the Council to issue correspondence to the Minister outlining their frustration at the negative response and requested that she reconsider the invitation.

IC 53/21

Votes of Sympathy

Seamus Rodgers expressed sympathy to the families of the following recently bereaved on Arranmore Island:

- Millie Boyle
- Mary Gallagher
- Mary Rodgers
- Grace Boyle

The Committee also requested that a letter issue to Jamie Gallagher, Roads Section, expressing condolences from the Committee following the recent death of his mother.

IC 54/21

Bank Closures

Seamus Rodgers expressed disappointment at the recent bank closures in the Municipal District & the consequential difficulties experienced by Islanders.

IC 55/21

Date of Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to schedule the next meeting at 10am on the 8th of February 2022.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING