

**Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain**

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Aras an Chontae  
Leifear  
11 Eanáir 2017

**FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 17 Eanáir 2017, **ag 1.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domnach.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

**A Chara,**

Iarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag an gcrúinniú seo Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain. Tá Clar an Cruinnithe le seo.

**Mise, le meas**

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*p.p.* **Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

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**Municipal District of Inishowen**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
11th January 2017

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 **at 1.00p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

**Dear Councillor**

You are summoned to attend this meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen. The Agenda is attached.

**Yours sincerely**

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**for Joe Peoples  
Meetings Administrator**

## **AGENDA**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016
2. Roads & Transportation (Red)
3. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services (Yellow)
4. Community & Enterprise
5. Planning Services (Green)
6. Environment Services (Blue)
7. Correspondence

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE GRIANAN HOTEL,  
BURT ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016 AT 2PM**

**Councillors Present:**

Cllrs Rena Donaghey, Paul Canning, John Ryan, Albert Doherty, Nicholas Crossan, Martin McDermott, Martin Farren, Bernard McGuinness, Jack Murray

**Officials Present:**

Aideen Doherty, Area Manager Housing & Corporate Services, Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager Roads & Transportation, Eamonn Mahon, Executive Engineer Roads & Transportation, Margaret McElhinney, Assistant Engineer Road and Transportation Seamus Canning Senior Staff Officer, Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community & Enterprise, Fiona Doherty, Staff Officer Community & Enterprise, Eunan Quinn, Senior Executive Planner, Mathew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, Cathal Sweeney Resident Engineer, Marine Services.

**Reports Presented:**

8. Community & Enterprise
9. Planning Services
10. Environment Services
11. Roads & Transportation
12. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services
13. Marine Section Report.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Bernard McGuinness welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**16.84 Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr John Ryan, the minutes of the October Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were agreed.

**16.85 Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District Budget 2017 Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the Budget 2017 Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were agreed.

**16.86 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

The Area Manager for Housing & Corporate Services Aideen Doherty stated that the Housing and Corporate Services report had been circulated. She added that the schedule of Municipal District Meetings for 2017 was included in the report for the members' consideration.

The members expressed concern that no housing loans were approved in 2016. Cllr Ryan stated that the Council should be the lender of last resort and that applications for housing

loans to the Council should not be held to the same standard as applications to banks or building societies.

The Area Manager responded to questions from the members on Housing Loans. The Area Manager confirmed that concerns in relation to the Tenant Purchase Scheme are being fed back to the Department and at the minute there are no changes.

#### **16.86.01 Broadband penetration and phone coverage**

The members referred to the correspondence received from the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht regarding broadband in Inishowen and expressed their continued frustration at the poor services in the area.

A discussion took place around the poor broadband penetration and poor mobile phone coverage in the Inishowen area. It was stated that the situation is getting worse. The obstacles facing SMEs in Inishowen getting access to high speed broadband services and the prohibitive costs associated with connecting to the MANS were highlighted at the recent meeting with Brian Gardiner from ENET.

The Area Manager suggested that information be collated for the Task Force and confirmed to the members that she would follow up on her letter to the office of Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Regional Development, Rural Affairs, Arts & the Gaeltacht which conveyed the concerns of the members. It was proposed by Cllr Bernard McGuinness and seconded by Councillor Martin Farren to ask the Chief Executive to get a dedicated person to work on this and write to the Task Force, asking them to hear the views of the Inishowen Municipal District Committee.

#### **16.86.02 Schedule of Municipal District Meetings 2017**

17th January 2017

14th February 2017

14th March 2017

11th April 2017

9th May 2017

13th June 2017

11th July 2017

12th September 2017

10th October 2017

14th November 2017 Budget meeting (no ordinary MD meeting in November)

12th December 2017

The schedule of meetings for 2017 as circulated was agreed by members.

#### **16.86.03 Request to address the Municipal District from Desmond Glackin**

The Area Manager informed the members that correspondence had been received from Mr Desmond Glackin, Ballygorman, Malin Head requesting permission to address the members in relation to the erosion issue at Five Fingers Strand.

Cllr Albert Doherty confirmed that he had delivered the request to the Area Manager from Mr Glackin. Cllr Doherty added that the local residents are aware of the work of community

groups in other areas who have engaged in planting out sand dunes to help protect local beaches. Cllr McGuinness stated that much of land at Lagg is in private ownership in contrast to the public beaches in other areas. It was proposed by Cllr Alert Doherty, seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott and agreed to invite Mr Glackin and his colleagues to the January MD meeting. It was further agreed to request the Council's Costal Officer to attend the January meeting to brief the members on the measures to prevent beach erosion in other areas.

### **16.87 COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE**

Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager presented the Community and Enterprise report to the members.

#### **16.87.01 Malin Head**

The Divisional Manager provided an update on the provision of new toilet block, road widening to accommodate passing bays and provision of services and utilities to address visitor management at Malin Head.

He advised the Council have now received the formal letter of offer from Failte Ireland comprising funding of almost €400k. The Council have also made an application to Failte Ireland for Technical Assistance support towards cost of a master plan proposal which will include detailed design, costing and related studies required for the development of a WAW signature Discovery point at Malin Head. Confirmation of the Technical Assistance grant is also expected. Conditions of funding to be made available to Members.

The Council have appointed a design team who are currently finalising the design drawings. A meeting took place with officials from Fáilte Ireland to finalise the design for the toilet block. Fáilte Ireland have approved the design of the toilet block, the tender documents are being finalised and it is anticipated that it will be advertised for tender within the next week. The tender documents for the procurement process for the appointment of a design team to carry out the master plan as Phase III are now finalised and the Council are awaiting approval from Failte Ireland to go to tender.

The members expressed their frustration that development at Malin Head has not advanced more quickly. They expressed dissatisfaction with Failte Ireland's commitment to the project.

#### **16.87.02 Swilly & Foyle Ferries 2016**

The Divisional Manager advised Cara na nOilean Teo delivered the Swilly ferry service for a 13 week period between June and September 2016. A report on the operation of the service (including a record of ferry user numbers) will be prepared for the next Inishowen MD meeting. The Divisional Manager also advised the contract term for the Swilly service is 4 years : 2016: (June-September: 13 weeks), 2017: (June-September: 13 weeks), 2018: (June-September: 13 weeks) and 2019: (June-September: 13 weeks).

The Divisional Manager advised that Rooskey, Frazer and Company Ltd delivered the Foyle Ferry service between Greencastle and Magilligan without subvention during the summer season 2016. A report on the operation of the service will be prepared for the next Inishowen MD meeting. The Divisional Manager advised Donegal County Council can confirm that the current operator of the service, Rooskey Frazer & Co Limited, has decided not to take up the

option to provide the service in 2017. Donegal County Council and Causeway Coast and Glens Council will shortly initiate a procurement process to select an operator for the service.

Cllr McGuinness stated that there was European subvention for the first four years of the Ferry service and he understood that the ferry company awarded the contract indicated that they could operate without subvention.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his concern that no meeting has taken place between Donegal County Council and the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council who he claimed delayed the process from the previous year. Cllr McGuinness suggested writing to the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council seeking a meeting with the Elected Representatives and Council officials regarding the Foyle Ferry service.

### **16.87.03 Rural Development Programme / LEADER**

Donegal Local Community and Development Committee have submitted an expression of interest in relation to the LEADER/Rural Development Programme with a view to being the Local Action Group for County Donegal. Donegal LCDC will lead on the preparation and implementation on the next phase of the LEADER/RDP in the county as a whole.

The Local Development Strategy has been approved by the Department. The Council have recently met with Departmental officials to discuss the roll out of the programme in the County.

The Leader contracts were signed in July between the Council, the LCDC, the Department and the 4 Implementing Partners in the County. The Service level agreements are currently being signed between the LCDC and the Implementing Partners with the Programme now ready to be implemented.

IDP held Leader workshops on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October in Carndonagh, Quigley's Point, Newtowncunningham and Bunrana.

The LCDC have now approved the composition of the Evaluation committee and the Implementing Partners will shortly be advertising in respect of Targeted calls in respect of Leader funding.

### **16.87.04 Donegal Walks and Trails**

Donegal County Council has been informed that an allocation from the Rural Recreation Fund has been made for the maintenance and development of the following walks in Inishowen: Carndonagh Woodland walk €8,070, Urris Loops €5,525, Inch Wildfowl Reserve €2,800, Inishowen Head Loop €4,585 and Glenagivney Walk €4,085.

Negotiations are under way with the relevant committees to advance the priority works on these walks to be completed by year's end.

Counters have been checked at Inch and Malin Head on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and are indicating an increase in visits at Malin in 2016 over 2015 with 62,000 vehicles recorded on the main

entrance to the Malin site from July 2015 to June 2016. Apply the average 2.5 persons per vehicle and this gives a figure of 155,000 visitors.

Visitor numbers at Inch indicate a steady increase in recreational use of the site with over 50,000 vehicles visiting the site from Sept 2015 to August 2016, again this implies over 100,000 visits to the site.

An inspection request has been made for Malin head cliff top paths and also for Inishowen Head loop, Glenevin waterfall, one of the Urris loops and Bunrana shore path. These inspections were carried out on 21<sup>st</sup> July by an inspector from the National Trails Office and the updated reports will be available soon with any additional work recommended by the report to be carried out by the end of 2016.

Work is complete on the SDF – Funded Inishowen Greenway report concentrating on the disused railway line from Bunrana to Carndonagh. Groundwork NI completed the report on behalf of the Wee Greenway initiative and copies will be circulated to the members now in November.

An application has been submitted 22nd April 2016 to Interreg VA for funding for Greenway development under the Sustainable Transport measure in conjunction with Derry / Strabane Council however criteria dictates that it must be cross-border therefore initial funding will be for works commencing at the border with Derry at both Muff and Bridgend. If successful this will kick start the Inishowen Greenway and a connection to Letterkenny via Inch Wildfowl Reserve.

The project has since been approved and the lead partner is awaiting a letter of offer. Once received consultation can begin on the preferred routes and identification of land ownership. Other proposed projects include: The upgrading of the existing walks and trails to an acceptable standard to meet the requirements of the National Trails Office. Malin Head is now insured and has been inspected by the NTO. Further exploration of the Bunrana Equestrian Trail Project with a facilitator to the committee to help give direction to their project planning will be advanced. Ongoing consultation with agencies including National Parks & Wildlife Services, Inishowen Tourism and Inishowen Development Partnership will take place.

The following works are planned. Inspections and maintenance for Urris loops, Glenevin Waterfall walk, Malin Head and Inishowen Head national looped walk and Bunrana Shore Path and continued planning work on the route of the proposed Greenway. Follow up with Inishowen Equestrian committee regarding the proposed project on Coillte grounds. Fourth quarter readings of the counters will be done in December 2016 Proposed projects will be assessed for LEADER funding.

#### **16.87.05 PEACE IV**

The PEACE IV programme was formally launched in January. The PEACE IV Programme has four key priority areas;

- 1) **Shared Education** - to increase the level of direct, sustained and curriculum-based contact between pupils and teachers from all backgrounds

- 2) **Children & Young People** – to help young people, in particular those not in education, employment and/or training (NEETs) to develop a greater understanding and respect for diversity; access new opportunities and become active citizens
- 3) **Shared Spaces & Services** – to create new shared spaces and services where people from different communities and backgrounds can come together to learn from and respect each other
- 4) **Building Positive Relations at a Local Level** – to create a society characterised by good relations and respect, where cultural identity is celebrated and people can live, learn and socialise together free from prejudice, hate and intolerance.

The Council will be developing a Peace IV Partnership and Peace IV Action Plan over the coming months. This will involve a public consultation in each of the Municipal Districts. Donegal has received an allocation of €5,552,691 under the Peace IV Programme. Following a series of public consultation events. The Peace IV Action Plan was submitted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September and the Council has responded to clarifications raised by SEUPB. The Council hope to know the outcome of the application process by mid December.

#### **16.87.06 Buncrana School Campus**

It is planned to complete landowner discussions and finalise details/agreed price of preferred site. Donegal County Council will then await further instruction from the Department of Education and Skills.

#### **16.87.07 An Grianán of Aileach**

A meeting has taken place with senior officials from the OPW with regard to a number of OPW managed sites within the County and their potential to attract further visitors and improve the tourist offering in Donegal. An Grianán was discussed at this meeting. The officials confirmed that they would meet local interested parties in relation to An Grianán. The Council will now progress this matter with the OPW and will advise Members of the date in due course. An agenda for the meeting issued and a list of available dates and times were sought from the OPW officials. We currently await a response.

The members expressed their frustration at the slow progress from the OPW on the matter. The members stated that An Grianán offers huge potential to attract tourists to the area but that more urgency is required to develop this potential.

#### **16.87.08 Carndonagh Town & Village Renewal Scheme**

Carndonagh Bridge Street Refurbishment project involves the refurbishment of the old historical steps on Bridge Street in conjunction with the local Tidy Town Committee.

Funding of €76,000 was approved by the Department of Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht Affairs and €13,410 from Own Resources.



The Carndonagh works consist of the removal of concrete footpath, repairs to stone wall and stone steps, refurbishment / replacement of railing, paving – cut Stone, ducting/ drainage, surfacing, and under-grounding of services.

Currently approval has been obtained from Department. Meetings and discussions taking place with local Tidy Towns Committee.

#### **16.87.09 Capital Grant Funding Scheme**

The Capital Grant Funding Scheme, administered by the Department of Children & Youth Affairs, gives provision of all inclusive Equipment in one playground in each of the Municipal Districts of Inishowen, Glenties and Donegal. Funding of €10,000 (Grant from Department of Children & Youth Affairs 2015) and €16,200 (own resources).

Works consists of the installation of all inclusive piece of equipment in three playgrounds.

The Assessment of Playground regarding type of equipment/exact location within playground will take place in due course. Quotations were sought 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 with receipt of tenders on or before 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Tenders were assessed and successful contractor will be appointed before end of November 2016. The Festival Park in Bunrana has been identified for the installation of an all inclusive Orbit. Installation of the equipment to be completed by January 2017.

#### **16.87.10 Fort Dunree**

The proposed REDZ (Rural Economic Development Zone) 2016 Initiative at Fort Dunree will improve facilities for visitors to Fort Dunree, increase capacity for catering for visitors at the site and ensure ongoing safety of visitors to the site.

The project will consist of work on the Coffee Shop to refit of interior of Café, extension to kitchen area and extended seating capacity to exterior of current Café site. Also Dunree Pier Improvement Works with pier path fencing and new Path from Pier will be undertaken.

€50,000 – Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs will be matched with €12,500 from the Council's own resources.

Approval obtained from Department on 29/11/2016. It is planned now to formalise details of works to be carried out and seek quotations.

#### **16.88 Marine Services**

Cathal Sweeney, Marine Services Engineer circulated copies of his report on the work carried out by the Marine Section to piers and harbours in Inishowen. He highlighted the significance of Greencastle harbour and the importance of the construction of the breakwater to deliver on the potential of the harbour as one of the most strategic ports along the north coast of the country. He added that major cruise ships cannot be accommodated in Derry and an opportunity exists to use the deep water at Greencastle to boost the local tourism economy.

The Engineer also highlighted the significance of Glengad pier which is currently the second largest pier in the control of Donegal County Council in terms of fish landings.

There was a lengthy discussion in relation to Leenan Pier. The Engineer stated that the pier is very exposed and the current funding being provided by the Department is not sufficient to carry out major works. The members debated the options of extending the pier and the construction of a slipway. It was stated that boats have to be taken out of the water in stormy weather as the pier cannot offer protection in rough seas and a slipway would facilitate this process. It was stated that local fishermen have called for the extension of the pier to provide additional protection in rough weather. It was agreed that a meeting with fishermen should be arranged to discuss the needs and what Donegal County Council consider could be delivered, subject to funding.

The provision of a new lifeboat berth in Bunrana was discussed. The members welcomed the commitment to dredging at Bunrana. It was acknowledged that a permanent solution for the RNLI boat at the pier is required. Cllr Crossan urged all TDs and Senators from Donegal to lobby strongly for additional resources to address all the issues highlighted.

It was agreed that an increase in funding from central government for Marine Services is required for the county. The members called for a multi annual programme for the development of piers and harbours to be put in place.

An Cathaoirleach Bernard McGuinness stated that the Minister with responsibility for Marine services will be in the county in early 2017 and the members should seek to meet with him.

### **Pier Study**

The Marine Engineer stated that Donegal County Council is currently in the process of appointing a consulting engineer to undertake safety inspections of 100 piers and harbours at various locations in the county. The purpose of the inspections is to ensure that these working piers and harbours which are in public ownership are safe for commercial, visitor and leisure use. Funding from the Department for Agriculture, Food and the Marine will be sought to carry out recommended works.

### **16.89 ROADS & TRANSPORTATION**

The Senior Executive Engineer Seamus Hopkins introduced Margaret McElhinney, Assistant Engineer to the members. He advised that he had wanted to bring the team to the meeting to acknowledge their commitment throughout the year. Unfortunately Jimmy McLaughlin wasn't able to attend. Margaret McElhinney is the Assistant Engineer on the new Cockhill Bridge project. The Senior Executive Engineer added that the closing date for receipt of tenders for the construction of the bridge was 16<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The tenders will be assessed and sent to the Department and it is expected that a contractor will be in place in early February 2017. The members thanked the Engineering staff and congratulated them on the work to date.

#### **16.89.01 Roads and Transportation Update**

The Senior Executive Engineer presented the update report to the members. He advised that all aspects of the programme under the various headings are now substantially complete. The Senior Engineer added that the scheduled workshop on the speed limit review would now be held in January. The workshop must take place in advance of the full plenary meeting of the Council in January 2017.

The work at Rock Head under the footpath provision programme will take place in 2017 pending the conclusion of land acquisition negotiations.

#### **16.89.02 Public Lighting**

The Senior Executive Engineer advised the members that it is a matter for the ESB to determine the level of luminosity for a particular road or area. The Road Section cannot decide to erect a limited number of public lights if the ESB determines that a standard of luminosity is required.

The Engineer confirmed to the members that the defective public lights at Upper Main Street in Buncrana have been repaired.

#### **16.89.03 Issues for Follow-Up**

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that the road lining at Cloontagh School should be complete over the Christmas holiday period.

The traffic delays at West End, Buncrana were discussed. Two options were presented to the members. To upgrade the current pedestrian crossing lights to incorporate timer would cost €20,000. To provide a MOVA system for the entire junction would cost €40,000.

#### **16.89.04 Japanese Knotweed**

The Roads Service in Inishowen has put together a single team to address the occurrence of Japanese Knotweed where it has been identified. The use of one team for both north and south areas is a more efficient way to deal with the issue.

The Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that he has taken a similar approach to address the damage to bridge parapet walls in both north and south Inishowen areas.

The members thanked the roads engineers and commended their teams for their commitment and assistance throughout the year.

The members listed issues they would like to see addressed in 2017.

- Provisional of additional dog waste bins.
- Traffic calming at Drumfries school.
- Provision of cats eyes from North West Golf Club to Buncrana.
- Light at Casey's Corner, Moville
- Solution to Battery Brae problem.
- Speed bumps at Grianan Park, Buncrana.
- Construction of Aghilly Road.
- Footbridge at Culdaff.
- Widening of Brochan House Bridge.
- Upgrade of Muff to Greencastle, Quigley's Point to Carndonagh and Bridgend to Buncrana to National Primary status.
- Birdstown Glen Road hedge cutting.
- Resurfacing of Road opposite Colm Dillon's garage.

## **16.90 PLANNING SERVICES**

The Senior Executive Planner Eunan Quinn referred to the planning report circulated with the agenda and invited questions from the members. He advised that estate takeover will advance in early 2017.

### **16.90.01 Tier Two Towns in Donegal.**

Referring to recent workshop discussions with the Central Planning Unit regarding the categorisation of towns in the county, Cllr Martin Farren stated that he would like to see Moville change from a Heritage Town to a Tier Two Town within the meaning of the Donegal Development Plan. Cllr Farren added that the matter had been discussed at various workshops over recent months and he wanted to formally propose that change at the Municipal District meeting.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness seconded the proposal and it was agreed to inform the Central Planning Unit that the members of the Inishowen MD agreed to have Moville considered as a Tier Two Town for the purposes of the County Development Plan.

### **16.90.02 Planning Control & Enforcement**

The Senior Executive Planner stated that a dedicated planner will be in position in the municipal district early in 2017. He added that a schedule for MD work and site visits will be agreed in each area.

There was a discussion regarding the development and promotion of the area as the north-west city region. The members discussed the requirement for developing the county in connection with the city of Derry.

## **16.91 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES**

Matthew Byrne Waste Regulation Officer presented the Environment Report to the members.

### **16.91.01 Beach Equipment Removal**

The month of September saw the removal of all Bathing Season equipment and supporting services. Lifeguard stations, portaloos, waste storage huts, etc, have all now been removed. Water safety equipment has been serviced and repaired/replaced, as necessary, and placed in storage until the 2017 season. Where necessary, permanent/built infrastructure (huts, boardwalks, etc) have also been repaired, ahead of the winter storms.

### **16.91.02 Coastal Erosion Surveys**

Mathew Byrne advised that Donegal County Council is progressing two Coastal Protection Scheme Studies with approved OPW funding, namely; Sloddan Port to Binbane Head (€76,500), and the Carrickfinn Peninsula (€76, 500). It is important to note these are studies only and not physical protection measures which may follow in due course.

The tender process is currently underway to employ a suitably qualified Consultancy practice to carry out the specialist Coastal protection Scheme Study in Inishowen. We do not anticipate that the noted studies will be completed in the current year.

This study of the Carrickfinn Peninsula will also identify any necessary physical protection measures. Maintenance of any such measures would be the responsibility of DCC. If, however, this location fell under the CFRAMS Flood Risk Management Plan for the County, the OPW would be fully responsible for installation and ongoing maintenance costs of same. The OPW has been contacted to consider this location as an Area for Further Assessment under the CFRAMS initiative.

#### **16.91.03 Ring Buoy Survey**

Mathew Byrne advised that he attended the Irish Water Safety end of season meeting of all Water Safety Development Officers (WSDO) in Mullingar on September 27th. New technology was displayed by two service providers whereby ringbuoys are remotely monitored. This involves solar/battery power supply and GPS technology, all linked to a control/call centre. The costs involved could be substantial however economies of scale would be an advantage. As a result, all WSDOs agreed to submit the number of ringbuoys in their County. A potential total number could then be given to the service providers to allow them revisit their costs.

Due to extent and remoteness of much of the Donegal Coastline, providing and maintaining ringbuoys can be a challenge. Inspections are time consuming, especially when visiting our offshore islands. Electronically monitoring the presence of a ringbuoy and throw rope within a ringbuoy enclosure would be a smarter health and safety system. Technology is now available whereby an alarm is triggered when a ringbuoy is removed from the enclosure. This helps reduce loss of life due to a stolen/absent lifebuoy and would also immediately alert Donegal County Council to the need of a repair/replacement of the equipment at that particular location.

#### **16.91.04 Tidy Towns Committees**

The members welcomed the introduction of a new County Tidy Towns Competition. In response to a query regarding an abandoned van at Bunrana pier, The Waste Regulation Officer advised that the Council has powers under the Waste Management Act to have an abandoned vehicle removed.

#### **16.92 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the January 2017 Meeting will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 1.00pm in the Chamber, Inishowen Public Services Centre, Carndonagh.

**Certified:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathaoirleach

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## Follow ups from Inishowen Municipal District Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016

17<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

- Provisional of additional dog waste bins.  
*Area roads are to meet with Environment Section to discuss options for the delivery of additional dog waste bins.*
- Traffic calming at Drumfries school.  
*Area roads are to arrange to meet with the Principal of the school to discuss.*
- Provision of cats eyes from North West Golf Club to Buncrana.  
*Area roads have recently relined from Ludden Beach to the Fire Station roundabout.*
- Light at Casey's Corner, Moville  
*Area roads to discuss with the elected member on site.*
- Solution to Battery Brae problem.  
*Area roads will request an update from the Receivers.*
- Speed bumps at Grianan Park, Buncrana.  
*Area roads have met with the elected member on site and discussed with local residents. The installation of speed bumps may not be the most appropriate solution to the issues at this location.*
- Construction of Aghilly Road.  
*This project is "shovel ready" with design, planning and CPO in place. A specific grant allocation will be required and there are currently no calls for this type of funding application.*
- Footbridge at Culdaff.  
*Area roads have received feedback from road design section, an update will be provided at the meeting.*
- Widening of Brochan House Bridge.  
*Area roads have received feedback from road design section, an update will be provided at the meeting.*
- Upgrade of Muff to Greencastle, Quigley's Point to Carndonagh and Bridgend to Buncrana to National Primary status.  
*Area roads have submitted a request to the Department to reclassify these roads as National Primary.*
- Birdstown Glen Road hedge cutting.  
*Area roads to follow up on this.*
- Resurfacing of Road opposite Colm Dillon's garage.  
*This road was previously surfaced under an LIS scheme, however, in the absence of this funding stream options are limited, area roads to meet with the elected member to discuss.*

Seamus Hopkins

Senior Executive Engineer





**HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**  
**Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting**  
**17<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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**Corporate Services**

**Housing Services**

**PROGRESS REPORTS**

## Inishowen Municipal District

### Housing Grants Report at 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016

#### Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	56	37	7	12	0
2016	43	16	9	8	10
2017	0	0	0	0	0

#### Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	3	3	0	0	0
2016	6	1	1	2	2
2017	0	0	0	0	0

#### Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	21	17	2	2	0
2016	30	15	8	4	3
2017	0	0	0	0	0

#### Housing Loan Report at 24th November 2016

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED / CANCELLED	UNDECIDED
Standard Loans	2015	0	0	0	0
	2016	3	0	3	0
	2017	0	0	0	0

DWELLING	BED	DETAILS
14 Radharc na Trá Breige	2	Refer for Choice Based Letting
32 Dún na nIarlaí	2	Offered
23 Ardaravan Road	1	Under repair
43 Abbey Park, Manorcunningham	3	Under repair
22 Millbrae Meadows, LTL Carndonagh	4	Tendered
45 Clós Phadraig	2	Under repair
28 Pairc na hAluine	2	Under repair
6 Castle Park, Newtown	2	Under repair
181 Ardfoyle, Merville	1	Under repair
28 St Boden's Tce, Culdaff	2	Under repair
27 St Boden's Tce, Culdaff	2	Under repair
41 Cherry Avenue, Carndonagh	4	Out to tender
45 Clós Phadraig, Carndonagh	2	Out to tender
24 Heather Park, Buncrana	3	Being assessed
1 Dún an Ghrianan, Buncrana	3	Being assessed
28 Bun na Mine, Bridegend	3	Being assessed
4 Seaview Terrace, Glengad	3	Being assessed
3 An Teampall Maol, Greencastle	2	Being assessed

#### HAP Tenancies

Municipal District	Number
Donegal	158
Letterkenny	547
Glenties	122
Stranorlar	195
Inishowen	293
Sub Total	1,315
Tenancies Closed	187
Overall Total	1,502

#### Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016

32 no. applications have been received to date in 2016.

Mr. Leo McCauley, McCauley Properties, Market Square, Merville has been appointed to the Donegal County Council panel of valuers for the purpose of the Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016 for the Inishowen Municipal District.

## **Inishowen Municipal District Follow up Issues Status Report**

### **Follow up issues from December 2016**

#### **Broadband and Phone Coverage**

It was proposed by Cllr Bernard McGuinness and seconded by Councillor Martin Farren to ask the Chief Executive to get a dedicated person to work on this and write to the Task Force, asking them to hear the views of the Inishowen Municipal District Committee.

#### **Response: Inishowen Corporate Services.**

Item referred to Director of Services Corporate & Housing for consideration.

#### **Follow up – Request for Deputation from regarding Lagg Beach.**

It was proposed by Cllr Alert Doherty, seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott and agreed to invite Mr Glackin and his colleagues to an MD meeting in 2017.

#### **Response: Inishowen Corporate Services.**

David Friel Coastal Officer has agreed to meet the group initially on site as he is unable to attend the January MD meeting.

#### **Follow up – Request for Deputation from regarding Lagg Beach.**

It was further agreed to request the Council's Coastal Officer to attend a meeting to brief the members on the measures to prevent beach erosion in other areas.

#### **Response: Inishowen Corporate Services.**

David Friel will attend the February MD meeting.

#### **Follow up - Swilly Ferry Service**

The members asked that consideration be given to bringing the operation of the seasonal service forward to the month of May.

#### **Response:**

A report on the operation of both Foyle and Swilly ferry service during the season will be brought before the members.

#### **Follow up - Swilly Ferry Service**

Cllr McGuinness suggested writing to the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council seeking a meeting with the Elected Representatives and Council officials regarding the Foyle Ferry service.

#### **Response:**

The matter has been referred to Divisional Manager for response.

#### **Follow up – An Grianán of Aileach**

Donegal County Council to pursue OPW to arrange meeting with local stakeholders regarding the development of An Grianán of Aileach.

**Response:**

Community and Enterprise is currently liaising with the OPW with a view to agreeing a suitable date for a meeting with stakeholders.

**Follow up – Moville – Tier Two Town**

Cllr Martin Farren stated that he would like to see Moville change from a Heritage Town to a Tier Two Town within the meaning of the Donegal Development Plan. Cllr Farren added that the matter had been discussed at various workshops over recent months and he wanted to formally propose that change at the Municipal District meeting.

Cllr Bernard McGuinness seconded the proposal and it was agreed to inform the Central Planning Unit that the members of the Inishowen MD agreed to have Moville considered as a Tier Two Town for the purposes of the County Development Plan.

**Response:**

The terms of the motion have been conveyed to the Central Planning Unit.

**Follow up – Abandoned van and Buncrana pier**

The Waste Regulation Officer advised that the Council has powers under the Waste Management Act to have an abandoned vehicle removed.

**Response:**

Report to be investigated by Donegal County Council Environment Section.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

***DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING***

CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

<p><b>Community, Enterprise &amp; Planning Services</b></p> <p><b>Planning Control Report</b></p>
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**Inishowen Municipal District Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

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- 5. AOB**

### 1. Summary of Planning Applications For Each Municipal District

	Period	Apps Recd	Granted	Refused	Deferred	Decisions < 2 months	Invalid
<b>Donegal</b>	01/01/16-31/12/16	394	257	53	97	199	75
<b>Glenties</b>	01/01/16-31/12/16	369	211	74	118	164	67
<b>Inishowen</b>	01/01/16-31/12/16	459	281	46	136	224	77
<b>Letterkenny</b>	01/01/16-31/12/16	417	263	35	98	214	71
<b>Stranorlar</b>	01/01/16-31/12/16	254	173	24	63	124	39
<b>County Totals</b>		<b>1893</b>	<b>1185</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>329</b>



## 2. Appeals

### Appeal's Received (14/11/2016 to 31/12/2016)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA RECD DATE
16/50450	Michael & Breege King	P	14/10/2016	Granted	Construction of a one and three quarter Dwelling, connection to existing public services and all associated works Ballymacarry Lower Buncrana	14/11/2016

### Appeal's Decision Notified (14/11/2016 to 31/12/2016)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA DEC. DATE	DECISION
16/50004	Mary Tourish Grianan Vale Filling Station	R	21/07/2016	Granted	(I) peppers diner, all associated internal alteration/external signage, (ii) existing basement consisting of shop store & ancillary shop accommodation, (iii) additional /extended carparking area to the rear (west) of the site, (iv) existing forecourt & carpark layout, including fuel/ general storage structures & enclosures located within	09/12/16	Granted

					the forecourt area & along the northern & western site boundaries & (v) lighting / lampstands & all associated signage Grianan Vale Filling Station Ballyderowen Burnfoot		
16/50037	Bernard & Maiey McShane	P	28/07/2016	Granted	Construction of a one storey dwelling And treatment plant Lisfannon Fahan	22/12/2016	Refused

### 3(a) Significant Applications received from 14/11/2016 to 31/12/2016

Ref No	Applicant	Type	Date Received	Development Description
16/51655	Mark McLaughlin	p	14/11/2016	Construction of a two storey extension to rear of building. The extension will consist of a retail unit on the ground floor & storage facilities on the first floor and all associated site development works at New Road , Churchland Quarters, Carndonagh
16/51659	Paul Reynolds	p	18/11/2016	Change of use of the ground floor premises formally known as 'Ulster bank' into a takeaway/restaurant with all associated internal works, including a new ground floor window at the front of the building, new signage to the front elevation at ground floor at Ballynally, Moville
16/51668	Glashedy Investments Ltd	p	18/11/2016	(A) change of use from a domestic dwelling to a public house (b) erection of a rear single storey extension (c) alterations to the front elevations and barge style roof detail and (d) connection to existing public services and all associated works at Ballyliffin
16/51780	John & Christopher Duffy, T/A Duffy Potatoes	p	09/12/2016	Erection of a machinery maintenance shed, provision of a yard, interceptor tank, connection to public services and all associated works. A natura impact statement will be submitted with this application at Lisfannan, Buncrana
16/51833	Joe & Marie McGonagle	R	20/12/2016	(1) retention of elevational changes to north, south, east and west elevations, extensions to shop store, office and deli area, carwash bay, store/utility build and (2) change of use from part existing shop floor area to off licence at Muff Service Station
16/51886	Hubert & Mark McLaughlin	P	22/12/2016	Erection of 18 no. Semi detached dwellings and 1 no. Detached dwelling with access via existing entrance and access road (serving gort na mbo estate), connection to all existing services and all associated site development works at Ballymacarry, Buncrana

**(b)Transboundary Applications**

<b>Ref.No:</b>	<b>N.I. Ref.No:</b>	<b>Date Rec'd</b>	<b>App./Contact</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description / Location</b>	<b>Case Officer</b>	<b>Status</b>
TB 12/03	J/2011/0082/F	08/10/2013	D.O.E. N.I.	Further Environmental Information and Revised Plans	Amendment to Windfarm at Crighshane & Crighdenis, Killeter, Castlederg.	P Kelly	Active
TB 13/04	C/2013/0248/F	08/11/2013	D.O.E. N.I.-	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Windy Hill	P Kelly	Active
TB 14/01	J/2013/0287/F	07/01/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure	Windfarm at Meenamullan near Killeter	P Kelly	Active
TB14/03	J/2014/0124/LCB	28/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Consultation	Installation of Street Lighting ballards at Clady Bridge (Listed Building), Urney Road, Clady	P Kelly	Active
TB14/04	J/2011/0433/0	17/04/2014	D.O.E. N.I.	Addendum to Environmental Statement & Information	Major mixed use cross border development	P Kelly	Active
TB15/01	J/2014/0624/F	10/02/2015	D.O.E. N.I.	Initial Consultation	Wind Turbine at 290m S.W. of 30 Creevagh Road, Co. Derry	P Kelly	Active

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TB15/03	LA11/2015/0066/F49/F	05/05/2015	Derry City & Strabane District Council	Initial Consultation	erection of a single wind turbine - 30m hub height with 17.3m blades, associated access and 2 no. electricity cabinets on lands 250m N.W. of 9 Elagh Road, Derry	P Kelly	Active
TB15/04	J/2013/0187/F Appeal Ref.No: 2014/A0180	08/09/2015	P.A.C. Johnathan Nelson	Appeal Procedures	Extension to of consented Seagronan Windfarm Ltd	P Kelly	Initial Consultation
TB15/05	LA11/2015/0503F	21/09/15	Derry City & Strabane District Council	Initial Consultation	1 no Bus/Vehicle repair unit & associated office. 12 no Bus parking spaces and 11 no car parking spaces on lands to the east of unit no 12 Elagh Business Park Coshquinn ,Buncrana Road	P Kelly	
TB 15/06	LA11/2015/0555/F	12/10/15	Derry City & Strabane District Council	Initial Consultation	Single wind turbine 30m hub with 175m blades associated access & 2 electrical cabinets On lands 50m north west of 9 Elagh Road	P Kelly	

TB 16/01	LA11/2015/0714F	21/01/16	Derry City & Strabane District Council Isobel MCDonagh	Initial Consultation	Phase 1 –site works to raise ground level for dev of commercial units at lands to the rear of units 4-9 Elagh Business Park, Bunrana Road, Derry	P Kelly	
TB 16/02	DRD/SU3/337/2015	01/05/2016	Dept for Regional Development	Initial Consultation	A5 Western Transport Corridor	P Kelly	
TB 16/03	LA11/2016/0763/PAD	19/09/2016	Derry City & Strabane District Council Frank Morrison	Pre application discussions	Urban Park Strabane & Lifford	P Kelly	

**Part 8 Inishowen MD received/ Finalised since last meeting - None**

Ref No	Location	Section	Received	Description	Finalised





## **DCC Municipal District Meeting, December 2016**

### **1. Christmas and New Year Recycling Campaign**

- The Greenpiece - 2 full colour pages in 4 local papers, focus on recycling, bring banks, recycling centres, know you bins (comprehensive list of what goes into each bin), composting etc
- Radio Advertising - Ocean fm, Highland Radio & RnG focusing on recycling
- Online Advertising - Donegal Daily focusing on recycling
- Social Media - 2 week lead in to Christmas with tip and tricks on food waste prevention, linking with national Stop Food Waste campaign and battery recycling campaign.

### **2. Christmas Tree Recycling 5th - 21st January 2017**



## **NATURAL CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2017**

DOMESTIC TREES ONLY

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b><u>SITE</u></b>
CARNDONAGH	Carndonagh Recycling Centre
BUNCRANA	Nailors Row Car Park, Bunrana
MOVILLE	Council Chip Depot
NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM	Council Chip Depot
LETTERKENNY	Letterkenny Recycling Centre
LIFFORD	Council Machinery Yard
MILFORD	Milford Recycling Centre
GLENTIES	Council Yard, Gortnamucklagh
DUNGLOE	Dungloe Recycling Centre
BUNBEG	Council Chip Yard, Coshclady
FALCARRAGH	Kilult Quarry
STRANORLAR	Stranorlar Recycling Centre
KILLYBEGS	Council Yard, Bridge Street
LAGHEY	Laghey Recycling Centre
BALLYSHANNON	Council Yard, The Rock
BUNDORAN	Sea Front Car Park

### **OPENING TIMES**

#### **Council Chip Yards**

Open: Monday – Thursday 9.00am – 4.00pm, Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm

#### **Carndonagh Recycling Centre**

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday 8.30am – 4.30pm

Dungloe & Laghey Recycling Centres

*Thursday 10.30am – 5pm, Friday & Saturday 8.30am – 2.30pm*

**Letterkenny Recycling Centre**

Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am – 2pm, Thursday 10.30am – 7pm, Friday 8.30am – 5pm, Saturday 8.30am – 2pm

**Milford Recycling Centre**

Wednesday 10.30am – 7pm, Friday 8.30am – 5pm, Saturday 8.30am – 2pm

**Stranorlar Recycling Centre**

Tuesday 8.30am – 5pm, Thursday 10.30am – 7pm, Saturday 8.30am – 2pm.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE TREES OUTSIDE COUNCIL PREMISES AFTER THE SPECIFIED TIMES!**

**TREES LEFT AT SITES NOT LISTED ABOVE WILL BE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL DUMPING.**

### **3. Bring Banks**

#### **Litter Prevention Audio Devices**

This Christmas, DCC have adopted an innovative approach to reduce littering and illegal dumping at bring bank sites by installing motion activated litter prevention audio devices at two of the busiest Bring Banks sites in the County - Dunnes Stores, Oldtown and the Donegal Town Bring Bank site.

When activated bring bank users hear a pre-recorded message thanking members of the public for recycling and reminding recyclers to avoid a €150 litter fine by taking home all bags and empty boxes from the sites. The audio devices are the latest tool being employed by Donegal County Council to maintain the recycling bring banks to a high standard over the Christmas which is traditionally the busiest time of year for bottle and can bank collections.

A spokesperson for the Council said 'The Litter Prevention Audio Devices are one of a number of methods Donegal County Council are employing to ensure bring banks are monitored and maintained over the festive season. The Audio Devices are a preventative measure that aim to reduce the number of illegal dumping incidents at Bring Bank sites. In addition to the audio devices, CCTV cameras also record images at bring bank sites and Litter Wardens patrol sites countywide to ensure sites are kept litter free.

In the event that your local bring site is full due to heavy demand, please call Donegal County Council at 074-9153900 and to find your nearest bring-bank log onto [www.donegalcoco.ie](http://www.donegalcoco.ie).

#### **Enforcement Figures 2016**

Total number of environment complaints for the year to date 1,134. 1006 complaints were for waste and litter.

Total number of Fixed Penalty Notices served under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 is 137 of which 44% collection rate.