

**Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain**

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gCruinnithe  
Aras an Chontae  
Leifear  
7ú Deireadh Fómhair 2015

**FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 13 Deireadh Fómhair 2015, **ag 1.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

**A Chara,**

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

**Mise, le meas**

*Lynda McGavigan*

*p.p. Riarthóir Cruinnithe*

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**Municipal District of Inishowen**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
7<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 **at 1.00 p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh.**

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**

*Lynda McGavigan*

**for Liam Ward**

**Meetings Administrator**

## **AGENDA**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015
2. Housing & Corporate Services
3. Community, Enterprise & Cultural Services
4. Environment
5. Planning & Economic Development
6. Roads & Transportation

1.15 p.m. Presentation by Pastures New

**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING  
HELD IN THE CHAMBER, CARNDONAGH PSC  
ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cllrs Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin Mc Dermott, Bernard Mc Guinness, Jack Murray and John Ryan.

Apologies

Mr John G. Mc Laughlin

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms Lynda Mc Gavigan, Ms Aideen Doherty, Mr Seamus Hopkins, Ms Sharon Mc Morran, Ms Suzanne Bogan and Ms Marie Mulhern.

**15.45 Deputation – Environment the Musical**

Annette Mc Nelis, introduced her Environmental Education programme, "Environment the Musical", which was launched in 2014. The purpose is to make environmental education fun and easy with the innovative musical resource, dealing with littering, fly-tipping, dog fouling, the 3 R's (reduce, re-use, recycle) and caring for the environment. Music is a very effective means of delivering a message. The resource could complement the work of the Council. It's a unique Irish product with no expiry date.

The members thanked Annette for the presentation, agreed to support the project and wished her every success.

**15.46 CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN  
MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2015**

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Paul Canning, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015 were agreed.

**15.47 Environment**

**47.01 Updated report on Environment**

Suzanne Bogan presented the Environment section report, including the following

- National Littering Pollution Monitoring System Report 2014
- New primary waste management legislation
- Bring bank summer 2015 Campaign
- Enforcement
- Summer Bathing Season/Water Safety
- Beach Maintenance

**47.02 Waste management legislation**

Cllr Canning was advised that the consultation on the waste management legislation was a national consultation process.

### **47.03 Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

The next Free Household Hazardous Waste Collection day is on the Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015 from 9-12pm at the Recycling Centre, Carndonagh.

### **Councillor's Enquiries**

Cllr Farren

1. Wheelchair access at Shroove to be in place by summer 2016
2. Designation of the bathing waters at Glenbournie beach
3. The procedure for dealing with fines that are not paid

Cllr Doherty

1. Improving the car parking at Leenan
2. Informative signage at Lagg beach
3. Binnion – signs have been removed, span of the bridge is not big enough and the car park is liable to flooding

Cllr Mc Guinness

1. Seeking funding for water safety
2. Increase in the number of Life Gaurds
3. Classification of Kinnego Bay as a blue flag beach

Cllr Murray

1. Designation of the bathing waters at Glenbournie beach

Cllr Canning

1. Provision of a second vehicle for lifting the rubbish
2. Education of the public in relation to the disposal of grass cutting
3. Promotion of wide wheels for wheel chairs users to be able to use their wheel chair on the beach

### **15.48 Planning**

#### **48.01 Updated report on Unfinished Housing Estates**

Paul Christie presented the updated report.

#### **48.02 Public Safety Initiative**

A budget of €350,000 was available for 12 sites across the county, with 9 currently completed. The extension of the main sewer, Malin was completed in late August 2015.

#### **48.03 Site Resolution Fund**

Gerard's Way, Carndonagh is ready to go, there is just a small issue with the insurance. Cllr Doherty was advised that all works in relation to the infrastructure and services will be carried out at Gerard's Way, Carndonagh. In relation to Cois na hAbhainn, Malin, the aim is to be on site, week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Monreagh, Burnfoot is a bit further back, with the camera survey programmed for the week beginning 07<sup>th</sup> September 2015. In relation to Clara Meadows, Culdaff, the bank are refusing to pay out the development bond, this has now been referred to the Council's solicitor VP Mc Mullin.

#### **48.04 Irish Waters**

Cllr Canning enquired about the current position in relation to Irish Water. Paul Christie advised that the issue has not arisen yet, so we don't know.

#### **48.05 Malin Sewer**

Cllr Mc Guinness and Mc Dermott enquired if there was provision to take sewerage from the houses in the upper side of the Glengad road and were advised that the new sewer will facilitate future connections.

Cllr Mc Guinness suggested a meeting with the relevant parties to provide an update.

#### **48.06 Grianan Park, Burnfoot**

Cllr Ryan enquired about a follow up on getting the bond released for Grianan Park, Burnfoot.

#### **48.07 Planning update**

The planning report was circulated to the members with no questions ensuing.

### **15.49 HOUSING AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

#### **HOUSING**

##### **49.01 Update Report on Housing**

Lynda Mc Gavigan presented the Housing Update Report to the members.

##### **49.02 Housing Programme 2015**

The two individual houses in Manor are going out to tender shortly. Approval has been received for the construction of 4 houses at Abbotts Wood, Carndonagh. The 4 houses are costing €660,000. Cllr Mc Guinness advised that a 3 bed house had been offered for €50,000 in Carndonagh and enquired as to why the council is building properties costing €165,000, when a property can be purchased for €50,000.

Cllr Donaghey advised that 10 houses were sold for €336,000 with sitting tenants, value for money is not being achieved.

Cllr Mc Guinness suggested a workshop to discuss the matter.

Cllr Ryan advised that a pragmatic approach has not been attained for the last number of years.

Cllr Canning advised that the estimated cost of €850,000 for constructing 6 houses in Newtown represents good value. Cllr Canning enquired if other council's were purchasing properties.

##### **49.03 HAP Update**

The tenant and landlord information leaflets were distributed to the members for their information.

All existing rent supplement recipients who are changing address are being transferred to HAP. From the end of September 2015 all rent supplement recipients will be transferring to HAP on a phased basis.

#### **49.04 Tenant Purchase Scheme**

Cllr Ryan was advised that there have been no further developments on the introduction of the tenant purchase scheme.

#### **49.05 Social Housing need in rural areas**

Cllr Mc Dermott advised that housing applicants from rural areas are choosing urban areas as a preference on their housing application forms because that is the area in which the greater amount of housing is provided, as there is no rural social housing. Cllr Mc Guinness supported this position.

#### **49.06 Properties under the Long Term Leasing Programme**

Cllr Doherty enquired about the number of properties leased by Donegal County Council and specifically who has responsibility for the paying of management fees to the management company.

### **CORPORATE**

#### **49.07 Budget Workshop**

The budget workshop is scheduled for Tuesday 06<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

#### **49.08 Save Linsfort Beach Campaign**

A letter of acknowledgement has been received from Minister Coveney's office in relation to the oyster farm at Linsfort beach.

#### **49.09 Workshop with Failte Ireland**

It is anticipated to schedule the workshop with Failte Ireland for the date of the next Municipal District meeting.

#### **49.10 National Drivers License Service**

The NDLS was centralised to the RSA, on foot of a government decision. The contracts were then outsourced by the RSA for a period of 5 years to 2018. Cllr Doherty advised that the 40km rule does not get met for Inishowen. Cllr Donaghey advised that as it is an outside agency we have to make reps to them. Cllr Farren suggested that a letter be sent to the Minister regarding their concerns.

#### **49.11 Request for a deputation**

The members agreed to accept a deputation from Pastures New, in relation to setting up a disabled access farm.

### **15.50 Community, Development & Enterprise**

#### **50.01 Update Report**

Aideen Doherty presented the update report to the members.

#### **50.02 Tip O' Neill Weekend – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

This year's award will be presented by Jimmy Deenihan T.D. to Loretta Brennan Glucksman at the award ceremony on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Aengus Mac Grianna is the MC on the night. The Tip O' Neill Diaspora lecture by Professor Ronan Fanning is scheduled for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September, the title is "The Anglo American Alliance and the Irish question, the role of Tip O' Neill".

### **50.03 IPB Pride of Place 2015**

The Sliabh Sneacht Centre was one of the 6 recipients of Pride of Place Donegal Awards 2015.

### **50.04 Sail West Project**

The new MalinWaters video is now live on YouTube and has over 409 views so far. Several paid facebook advertising campaigns have been completed with a selection of promotional banners used in conjunction with Facebook news feed advertising to reach a specific audience.

### **50.05 Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative**

Over 51 events have already taken place throughout the county.

### **50.06 Donegal Gathering website and Facebook**

Donegal gathering statistics show continuous increase of visits to the website in 2015 compared to last year 2014. The total visits since January 2015 is 54,102.

### **50.07 County Donegal 'Heritage Week' Event Guide**

Another successful week of heritage events has taken place this year from 22<sup>nd</sup> August to August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The event guide was compiled by the County Donegal Heritage office.

### **50.08 County Donegal in 1916 Heritage Education pack**

The pack is a collaborative effort between the Archives service, the Donegal County Museum, Heritage office and the County Library service. The content is currently being finalised.

### **50.09 Connecting the Wild Atlantic Way in Donegal – Tourism Conference**

Members are invited to the Wild Atlantic Way Tourism Conference in the Clanree Hotel on Friday 09<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

### **50.10 Lough Swily Ferry**

Cllr Donaghey advised that the ferry was a great success this year and proposed that a longer term, 3 – 5 year, contract be put in place for the ferry provider.

### **50.11 Barrack Hill Town Park**

Cllr Mc Dermott enquired about the provision of resources for the upkeep of the town park.

### **50.12 Traffic at Grianan Fort, Burt**

Cllr Doherty advised that there are traffic issues at the location.

## **15/51 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

### **51.01 Update Report**

Seamus Hopkins presented the update report on the roadwork's programme.

### **51.02 Reflective bands on the footpath at the Harbour, Ludden, Buncrana**

The provision of cat's eyes or reflective bollards can be investigated at this location.

### **51.03 Road number at Gortaran, Clonmany**

A request has been made for a road number to be allocated to this road and be placed on the roads schedule. The absence of a road number will not prevent the road receiving funding in any future funding programme.

### **51.04 Ramps at Donagh Park, Carndonagh**

The provision of ramps for Donagh Park may be considered once the estate is taken in charge. Planning has confirmed that Donagh Park is on the list for estate take over.

### **51.05 Footpath provision at Bridge Street, Carndonagh**

The requirement for a footpath at this location was highlighted to elected members as part of the four year footpath programme presented at the beginning of the year. Area roads have had ongoing negotiations with land owners regarding the land transfer required to construct the footpath and it is hoped that the lands can be secured and that funding would be made available for these works to be completed as part of the four year roads programme.

### **51.06 Safety signage at Davey's Corner, Rockstown**

An onsite meeting can be arranged to further discuss the issue.

### **51.07 Resurfacing of the car park at Leenankeel, Urris**

Patching repairs will be undertaken at this location and will be considered for resurfacing in the context of future roads programmes.

### **51.08 Funding for flash flooding**

This is managed from the area roads own resources budget.

### **51.09 Magherabeg School, Manor**

An update has been requested from the NRDO safety section in relation to the national primary route road safety issue.

### **51.10 Ramps in Manor and Newtown**

Ramps are to be installed at the agreed locations in Newtowncunningham. The provision of the ramp at Manorcunningham can be discussed further with Cllr Canning.

### **51.11 Bollards at Main Street, Newtowncunningham**

The bollards will be inspected in conjunction with Cllr Canning.

### **51.12 Cat's eyes between Muff and Movice**

Road design has provided the estimated cost for the installation of cat's eyes from Muff to Movice.

### **51.13 Chevrons at Carrickarory pier, Movice**

Chevrons have been installed at this location.

### **51.14 Bath Terrace lane, Movice**

Cllr Farren enquired if outside the school gates could be investigated for the provision of a yellow box.



### **51.15 Road safety issue for cyclists**

Cyclists are not required to pull into the hard shoulder and are entitled to use the carriageway as much as cars, vans, goods vehicles or indeed any other vehicle on the road. There is a separate funding channel for the funding of cycle paths. A request has been issued to roads central to include the hard shoulder of the N13 as part of any future cycle path funding applications.

### **51.16 Footpath at Rockhead, Burnfoot**

Cllr Ryan was advised the provision of a footpath at the Rockhead, Burnfoot is currently being actively pursued.

### **51.17 Office of Public Works (OPW)**

The OPW are expected to meet with officials on the first week of October 2015.

### **Councillor's Enquiries**

Cllr Mc Guinness

1. Development of cycle way on the road from Muff to Quigley's Point
2. Upgrading the 3 roads around Inishowen to national primary status
3. Update on the Malin Head and Ulberagh

Cllr Canning

1. Provision of bus shelters
2. Inspection of the bridge between Carrigans and St Johnston
3. Provision of a footpath from Carrigans village

Cllr Farren

1. Update on the Glencrow Junction
2. Footpaths on the upper part of the Green, Moville
3. Is sufficient salt available?

Cllr Doherty

1. Vehicular access from the Aileach road to Grianan Fort, Burt
2. Provision of directional signage to the car park in Carn
3. Provision of safety measures at the junction at Ballyloskey, Carndonagh
4. Road crossing at Bridge Street, Carndonagh
5. Bridge span at Binnion, Clonmany is not adequate and the erection of new sign as previous sign has been removed
6. Yield sign has also been removed on the Binnion road

Cllr Ryan

1. Road safety issue at the junction near Dillon's garage, Manorcunningham
2. Safety issue at the school at Cloontagh in relation to lining
3. Update on the sponsorship of Roundabouts

Cllr Donaghey

1. Road safety issue at St Edney's School, Desertegney
2. Road subsidence at the Lenamore Road, Muff

3. Provision of a footpath up to the Big House in Ballymagan
4. Tarring of the road from Cockhill chapel to Hilltown

Cllr Crossan

1. Provision of measures to slow the traffic down at the roundabout at the Causeway Road, Buncrana
2. Pedestrian Crossing at the Red Row, Buncrana
3. Provision of a footpath near Straboe/Ballymagan Road
4. School signs at Cockhill school are not working
5. Follow up on th gulley's at Main Street, Buncrana
6. Provision of road markings at Umricam, Buncrana
7. Provision of a few directional signs to Dunree Fort

Cllr Mc Dermott

1. The road at the school is higher than the car park at the Malin Head School
2. Directional signage to Carn from Derry
3. Condition of the road at Bree Malin Head
4. Flooding last weekend at Lagg beach, pipes and bollards taken away

# **Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting**

## **HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

**13<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

### **Housing Report**

1. Report on unsold affordable houses
2. Progress Reports (to be distributed at the meeting)
  - a. Grants
  - b. Loans
  - c. Casual Vacancies
3. Housing Programme 2015

25<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**TO: Each Member of the Inishowen Municipal District**

Re: Measures to Deal with Unsold Affordable Housing –  
Carndonagh & Manorcunningham

Not unlike other Local Authorities, this Council experienced difficulties in disposing of Affordable housing units, particularly where they were located within Social Housing estates. In April 2009, the Department set out a range of measures to deal with any unsold units. As part of those measures the Council obtained approval in 2010 to transfer 20 units (Carndonagh (1), Manorcunningham (1), Letterkenny (11), Ramelton (4) and Milford (3)) to the Social Housing Leasing Programme. Department Approval was issued on the basis that the units would be leased to an Approved Housing Body (AHB) who would manage and maintain them on behalf of the Council.

At the adjourned September 2010 meeting of the Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010, the Members approved the leasing of the units to Apex Housing Association and North West Simon Community respectively for a period of five years and they have managed them thereafter. Under the terms of the agreement, the units have been allocated by the AHB's to persons on the Housing waiting list and have been charged rents in accordance with the Councils own differential rents scheme.

In 2012, further approval was obtained from the Department to transfer one remaining unit in Donegal Town to STEER Housing Association and this was subsequently approved by the Council at its meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012. The same terms in respect of allocation and rent charging also applied in the case of this unit.

Towards the end of 2014, the Council secured funding from the Department to transfer a number of the unsold affordables into the Council's main social housing stock including the units in Carndonagh and Manorcunningham. This however has had no impact on the existing tenants being in a position to remain in occupation of the dwellings as managed by the AHB's.

The leases in respect of the units in Carndonagh and Manorcunningham are due to expire in December 2015. Having regard to the fact that both units have been allocated for a considerable period of time and continue to be occupied by approved housing applicants, it is proposed to extend the leases for a further period of five years.

Discussions have taken place with both AHB's and they have indicated agreement to continue with the existing arrangement whereby the units can continue to be occupied by the existing tenants.

The Members approval to the continued leasing of the units in Carndonagh and Manorcunningham to Apex Housing Association and North West Simon Community respectively for a further period of five years is now sought.

Subject to the Members approval, the matter will then be brought before the full Council for adoption.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick McLaughlin  
Senior Executive Officer





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Donegal County Council

## Municipal District of Inishowen

13<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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### **Community, Development & Enterprise**

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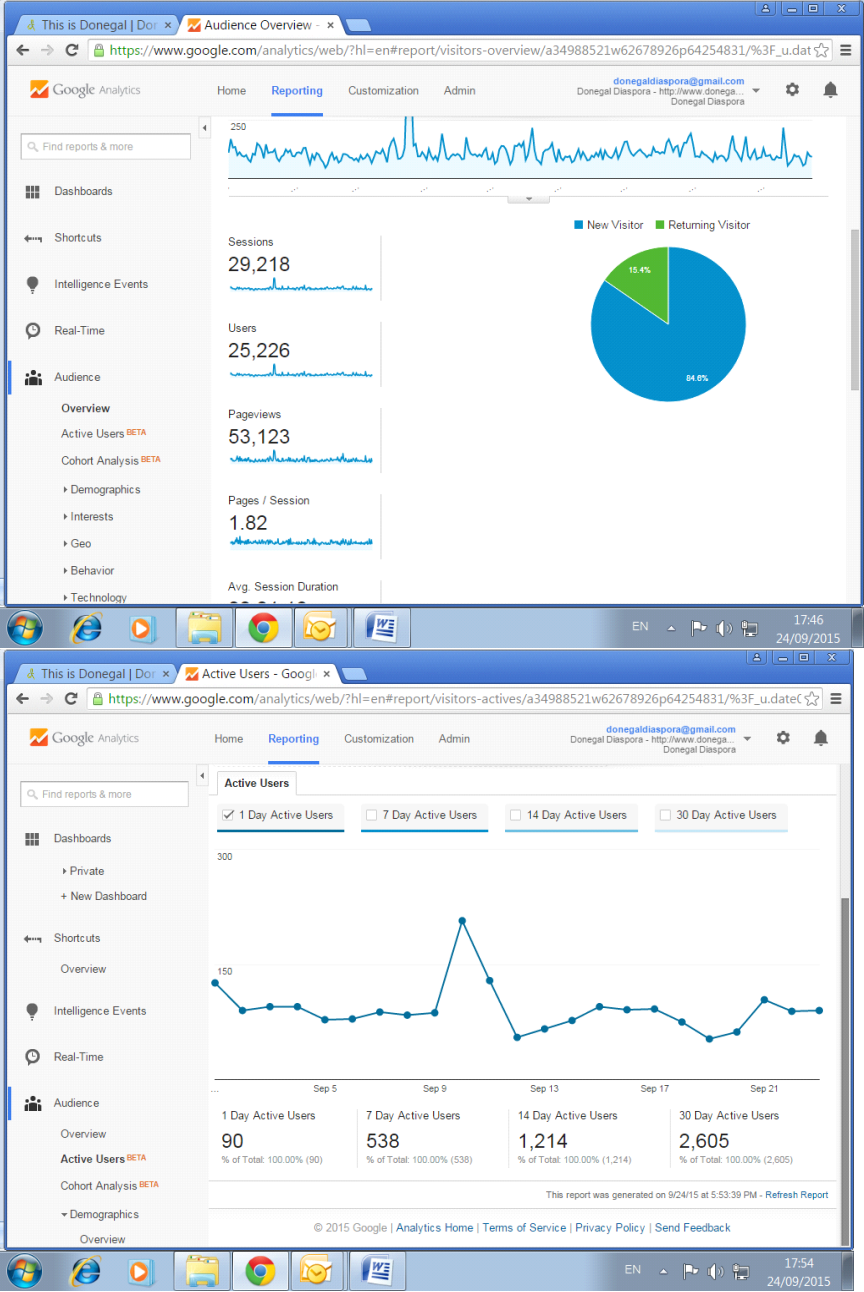
## **REPORT**

- Donegal Diaspora Project
- Tip O' Neill
- Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative
- Playgrounds Inishowen
- Bunrana Campus
- Public Participation Network
- Pride of Place
- Tourism - The Gathering – 2015
- Youth Council
- County Museum



**Municipal Area:**

**Activity / Project Update**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p>Donegal Diaspora Website</p>												
<p><b>Progress to date within the last month</b></p> <p><b>September 2015</b></p> <p><b>Project Targets for the next month</b></p> <p><b>136 countries worldwide</b></p> <p><b>90 people per day</b></p> <p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	 <p><b>Active Users</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>1 Day Active Users</th> <th>7 Day Active Users</th> <th>14 Day Active Users</th> <th>30 Day Active Users</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>90</td> <td>538</td> <td>1,214</td> <td>2,605</td> </tr> <tr> <td>% of Total: 100.00% (90)</td> <td>% of Total: 100.00% (538)</td> <td>% of Total: 100.00% (1,214)</td> <td>% of Total: 100.00% (2,605)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>This report was generated on 9/24/15 at 5:53:39 PM - Refresh Report</p> <p>© 2015 Google   Analytics Home   Terms of Service   Privacy Policy   Send Feedback</p>	1 Day Active Users	7 Day Active Users	14 Day Active Users	30 Day Active Users	90	538	1,214	2,605	% of Total: 100.00% (90)	% of Total: 100.00% (538)	% of Total: 100.00% (1,214)	% of Total: 100.00% (2,605)
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**Tip O'Neill**

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### **The Tip O'Neill Diaspora events 2015**

#### **The Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Award 2015**

This gala event took place in Bunrana on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Loretta Brennan Glucksman, noted US philanthropist and CEO Emeritus of the International Funds for Ireland, was the recipient of the award. The Master of Ceremonies was conducted by Aengus Mac Grianna, RTÉ newsreader. Speakers at the event were Cathaoirleach of Donegal County Council – Cllr Ciaran Brogan, Chairman of the Tip O'Neill Diaspora Committee – Cllr Nicholas Crossan, Minister for Gaeltacht Affairs, Joe Mc Hugh, TD, and Tip O'Neills' son Tommy O'Neill.

The Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach and at the Department of Foreign Affairs with special responsibility to Diaspora Affairs, Jimmy Deenihan TD, presented the Tip O'Neill Irish Diaspora Award for 2015 to Loretta Brennan Glucksman. Ms Brennan Glucksman made an acceptance speech thanking Donegal County Council and everyone involved in the Tip O'Neill initiative.

The Gateway Singers complimented the evening with some of their repertoire performance immediately after the Award ceremony.

#### **The Tip O'Neill Inishowen Schools Diaspora Competition Awards 2015**

This event, which was coordinated by Geraldine Mc Hugh, Executive Librarian Lifford, took place in the St Patrick's Primary School, Drumfries at 1.00pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

The O'Neill family attended and Rosemary & Susan O'Neill presented the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and six highly commended prizes to the prize winners and their respective schools received prizes for partaking in the schools competition also. The O'Neill family were highly impressed with the essay, art and poetry competition which consisted of history, genealogy and life of the Speaker of the House, Tip O'Neill. The Inishowen Schools entries to the Tip O'Neill are currently on display in the Tip O'Neill Suite in the Sliabh Sneacht Centre in Drumfries.

#### **The Tip O'Neill Diaspora Lecture 2015**

The Tip O'Neill Diaspora Lecture was delivered by Professor Ronan Fanning in the Sliabh Sneacht Centre in Drumfries on Saturday morning of 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Local Historian, Seán Beattie, who is a former college colleague of Professor Ronan Fanning's, chaired the lecture and detailed the life and works of Professor Fanning to date.

The title of the lecture was "**The Anglo-American Alliance and the Irish Question: The Role of Tip O'Neill**".

The lecture was well attended and the O'Neill family were thoroughly impressed with the content and learnt a lot more about their father's role in Irish History.

#### **Summary of Lecture**

The Anglo-American alliance, Britain's so-called 'special relationship' with the United States, dictated American policy on Ireland for the first three quarters of the 20th century. From the Paris peace conference of 1919, in which President Woodrow Wilson resisted Sinn Féin's claim to participate because he would not 'imperil the work of the entire conference or Anglo-American co-operation in order to force an Irish settlement', through World War II when Ireland's neutrality angered both the British and the Americans and through the first three decades of the Cold War that policy remained unchanged. It was best summarised by Secretary of State Cordell Hull when he rejected a proposal by John Cudahy, the American Minister in Ireland, that President Roosevelt invite the British ambassador





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**Municipal District: Countywide**

**Activity / Project Update,**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Community Tourism Diaspora Initiative 2015
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	The key objective of the Fund is to provide support to local and community event organisers and activities / projects that will harness diaspora links for the benefit of local and community tourism. The Fund is being administered by your local city / county council.
<b>Budget</b>	€ 32,223.00
<b>Progress to date within the last two months-inclusive of current status</b>	Funding draw-down process is ongoing.  55 of 64 funded Events have already taken place.  So far 17 events have claimed their funding with further 8 being processed.  <b>Event organisers are urged to return necessary documents for funding draw-down.</b>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	Progress on submissions of Post Event Reports
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Iga Lawne, Tourism Community Support Officer, Donegal Tourism Ltd E: iga@countydonegaltourism.com / T: 074-972 4475



**Activity / Project Update: October 2015**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>PLAYGROUNDS</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Annual maintenance of Playgrounds <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Culdaff</li><li>• Moville</li><li>• Chlos Phadraig, Carndonagh</li><li>• Ballyliffen</li><li>• Manorcunningham SHS</li><li>• Barrack Hill Town park &amp; Outdoor Fitness Equipment</li><li>• Festival Park, Buncrana</li><li>• Carndonagh Mini - Pitch</li></ul>
<b>Progress to date within the last quarter -inclusive of current status</b>	1. Works consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replacement of broken equipment</li><li>• Replace worn safety tiles and remove trip hazards</li><li>• Grease all equipment that contains bushes, bearings , shackles, etc.</li></ul> <p><u>Current Status:</u> Rospa Inspections and identification of necessary repairs have been carried out with a view to tendering for annual maintenance tender for 2015 / 2016 shortly.</p>
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual Maintenance Tender to be advertised before end of October, 2015</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 <a href="mailto:eamonb@donegalcoco.ie">eamonb@donegalcoco.ie</a>



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**Activity / Project Update: October 2015**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	<b>Buncrana School Campus</b>
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	Assisting the Department of Education & Skills in identifying a suitable site in the Buncrana Environs to accommodate a three school campus ideally measuring between 15 – 20 acres.
<b>Budget</b>	As per Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Education & Skills and CCMA.
<b>Progress to date</b>  <b>Project Targets for the next reporting period</b>	<u>Current Status:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Six sites have been identified for assessment and site visits have taken place with Personnel from the Department of Education &amp; Skills on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.</li><li>• Further information request received from Department of Education &amp; Skills in relation to sites.</li><li>• Donegal County Council is currently compiling requested information and same will be sent to Department over the next 2 – 3 weeks.</li> <li>• Subject to confirmation from the Department of Education &amp; Skills of their preferred suitable sites, instruction to seek valuations and contact with local landowners will be initiated.</li></ul>
<b>Contact Person</b>	Eamon Boyle Executive Engineer Three Rivers Centre Tel: 087 1788623 <a href="mailto:eamonb@donegalcoco.ie">eamonb@donegalcoco.ie</a>



**Activity / Project Update**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p>The IPB Pride of Place national adjudication took place from 24th – 26th August 2015. The adjudicators were ex Co Mangers of Monaghan, Declan Nelson and Eddie Sheehy of Co Wicklow.</p>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last month</b></p>	<p><b>Killybegs Community Council</b> gave an excellent presentation and tour of relevant development initiatives around the town, e.g., The Niall Mór Centre, The Carpet Factory, The Mens Shed, Mooneys Boat Building Yard , The LYIT Catering College, a visit on one the Mc Guinness’s large fishing vessel and a visit to a Fish Processing Plant on the outskirts of the town. The community involvement in the Tidy Towns was apparent with the floral displays all around the town, painted derelict buildings on the main street, the old churches and graveyards kept. Campaigns to keep the local hospital and the Catering College were explained. Plans for the future were presented at the end of the adjudication.</p> <p><b>Coiste Pobail Ghort a’Choice</b> gave a tour of Mici Mac Gabhann’s House/Heritage Centre, various developments on the pier in the past year, e.g., the paving, walkways, seating, tables and walks adjacent to the area of Magheraroarty. An excellent presentation was given by various members of the committee on the activities of the Community Centre, e.g., the Gael Linn Colaste Gaeilge which is attended by approx 800 people during the Summer; the Youth Club who have a 10 year lease on the Youth Centre upstairs, which was designed by them, i.e., a disabled access was put in place following last year’s adjudication, the interior design and furnishings was chosen by the Youth and it is utilised and kept by them all the time; There is a ladies committee and a men’s committee and various activities such as local crafting, visits to other suchlike projects, quizzes, classes such as computer literacy, language, keep-fit classes etc. A lot of fundraising is carried out in fun/interesting ways. An all-inclusive society exists in Magheraroarty.</p> <p><b>The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy:</b> The Manager and staff welcomed the adjudicators and gave a presentation on the history, development of the workhouse as a tourist, children’s activities, heritage and cultural centre. The presentation consisted of information about the Workhouse’s community involvement in developing local walks in the Dunfanaghy area, the Tidy Towns committee and various festivals such as the annual Dunfanaghy Jazz &amp; Blues and other seasonal activities throughout the year. The playground has been a great addition to the Workhouse. There is a restaurant and craft shop in the building and the centre is utilised by locals &amp; visitors throughout the year.</p> <p><b>The Sliabh Sneacht Centre, Drumfries:</b> This centre was officially opened in 2014 by Tip O’Neill’s son, Tommy, from Boston. Kevin Doherty gave an excellent presentation on the history and the need of this community centre in Drumfries. Since opening it has hosted concerts, meetings, indoor sports, classes of various kinds, e.g., robotics, dancing, computer literacy, etc. It houses the Tip O’Neill Suite where the O’Neill family and interested</p>

	parties have donated photographs, paintings and other memorabilia to the centre. It also houses a genealogy centre for the area. A wedding took place in the centre in August that attracted a lot of media attention. The North West cycling club use the centre as their point of starting & finishing. The Slieve Sneacht walk has been developed by the community organisers and toilet & shower facilities are provided for the use of people partake in outdoor activities in the area.
<b>Project Targets for the next month</b>	The National IPB Pride of Place Awards will take place in Treacy's Hotel in Ennis on 14th November 2015.



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**Municipal District: all**

**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Public Participation Network (PPN)
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>  <b>Progress to date within the last two months/quarter* -inclusive of current status</b>	<p>Link through which organisations from the community &amp; voluntary sector have a voice on Council decision making bodies and structures</p> <p>Four levels of PPN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Plenary – 430 members</li> <li>• Municipal District PPN – Divided into the 5 MDs of Co. Donegal</li> <li>• Secretariat – 19 member organising committee of the PPN. Had their sixth meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Linkage Groups. There are 7 of these specific interest sub groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Inclusion – Held their second meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> September. Discussed Goal 4 of LECP and then participated in a social inclusion measures workshop on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September to agree and outline the actions in Goal 4 of the plan with a social inclusion focus</li> <li>• Tourism – Held first meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> September- elected 2 community reps onto Tourism Forum</li> <li>• Environment – Held first meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September.</li> <li>• Heritage – Held first meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September, elected 2 reps onto Heritage Forum</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly/quarterly* reporting period</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Safety &amp; Joint Policing – Held first meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September – elected the 7 community reps onto Joint Policing Committee</li>   <li>• Older persons forum –first meeting to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> October</li>   <li>• Fishing and aquaculture - linkage group membership to be reviewed at next secretariat meeting</li>   <li>• Release of PPN newsletter in October</li> <li>• County plenary AGM to be held mid-November</li> <li>• Next Secretariat meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November</li> <li>• Meetings of MD PPN structures</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact Person</b></p>	<p>Bobby Smith 074 9194276</p>



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**Municipal District: Countywide**

**Activity / Project Update, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

<p><b>Activity / Project Title</b></p>	<p>Donegal Gathering website and Facebook <a href="http://www.donegalgathering.com">www.donegalgathering.com</a></p>
<p><b>Project Description/Activity</b></p>	<p>Donegal Gathering is a key initiative of the Donegal Diaspora project bringing together young and old, from near and far, for a truly unique experience. The Donegal Gathering calendar is packed with amazing exhibitions, fun festivals, cracking concerts and sporting events taking place in Donegal.</p>
<p><b>Budget (if applicable)</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last two months inclusive of current status</b></p>	<p><b>Donegal Gathering website</b></p> <p>Donegal Gathering statistics show continuous increase of visits to the website in 2015 compare to last year.</p> <p>Total website views since January 2015: 120,272 Total Visitors since January 2015: 60,587 <b>(website views in the first 6 months of 2015 have exceeded total website views of 2014)</b></p> <p>Monthly traffic in 2014 &amp; 2015 was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July:- 2014: 12,670 / 21,820 <b>(up 72%)</b></li> <li>• August:- 2014: 8,018 / approx. 21,077 <b>(up 163%)</b></li> <li>• September:- 2014: 4,020 / approx. 9,000 <b>(up approx. 123%)</b></li> </ul>



<p><b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b></p>	<p><b>Donegal Gathering Facebook Page</b></p> <p><u>Current Status:</u></p> <p>No of Likes: 2,524 Average Monthly Post Reach Aug &amp; Sept 2015: 20,275</p> <p>A weekly schedule promoting local events is in place.</p> <p>Website stats update for Q3 2015</p>
<p><b>Contact Person</b> (to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</p>	<p>Iga Lawne, Tourism Community Support Officer E: iga@countydonegaltourism.com T: 074-9724475</p>



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**Activity / Project Update**

	<p>DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL</p>
<p><b>Progress to date within the last two months</b></p>	<p><b>Road Safety</b> The group are launching a new road safety radio on dangers of drink driving in conjunction with the Donegal Road Safety Working Group which will run on Highland Radio, Ocean FM and also iradio from Oct 1<sup>st</sup>-16th. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> ad the group have completed and will complete 2 more radio ads on different topics between now and the end of the year on the topics of mobile phone use and driver fatigue. DYC have also linked with Donegal star Ryan McHugh to launch a new road safety poster initiative for schools. The group will also be assisting at the upcoming DCC Road Safety Roadshow on October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Web Safety</b> The group are launching a Web Safety Survey for Donegal Results on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Donegal Youth Service headquarters. The survey details the findings of surveys of online use and behaviour with young people from all over the county.</p> <p><b>Shake up Sports</b> Donegal Youth Council are running their <i>Shake Up Sports</i> initiative in the Buncrana on October 20th. <i>Shake Up Sports</i> is a major project that members of the Youth Council have been responsible for developing since the beginning of this year, with the first event welcoming 100 6<sup>th</sup> Class students from surrounding Finn Valley area Primary schools. There will be another Shake Up Sports in Letterkenny in late November.</p> <p><b>Party in the Park</b> The group were involved in organising a major Party in the Park “Lets Go Mental” event on Wed August 26<sup>th</sup> which will promoted positive mental health messages throughout the day with music and other fun activities. Up to 1000 people attended the event.</p> <p><b>Donegal Young Carers</b> DYC continuing to link with Young Carers Working group in development of strategic plan to support young carers in the county. Earlier this year Youth Council produced short film to highlight the issue of young carers and have been working to have it shown in all schools across the county during Young Carers week in late October.</p>

	<p><b>Mental Health</b> DYC were also involved in helping launch the new Read Your Mind project by Jigsaw, which has been the development of newly available Mental Health books and resources through Donegal libraries.</p> <p><b>Norway</b> DYC have completed application to develop a youth exchange for the Youth Council in 2016, which would see a partnership with the Nordland Youth Council.</p> <p><b>2016</b> 4 Youth Councillors participated in a Consultation in Dublin called “A Future Vision for Ireland” on September 30<sup>th</sup> which explored how Ireland should involve young people in the 2016 celebrations next year.</p>
<b>Project Targets</b>	<p>Road Safety Roadshow Shake Up Sports Inishowen &amp; Letterkenny Dail na nOg 27<sup>th</sup> November in Croke Park – 8 members of the Youth Council will represent the Youth Council at the National Youth parliament event.</p>
<b>Contact</b>	Martin Keeney 0876806676 <a href="mailto:youthcouncil@donegalyouthservice.ie">youthcouncil@donegalyouthservice.ie</a>



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**Activity / Project Update**

<b>Activity / Project Title</b>	Donegal County Museum events for Wainfest 2015
<b>Project Description/Activity</b>	The Museum is organising 2 events during Wainfest 2015, Children’s Arts and Book Festival.
<b>Progress to date within the last two months</b>	<p>As part of Wainfest 2015, the Children’s Arts and Book Festival organised by Donegal County Council’s Cultural Services, the Museum is organising 2 events as follows:</p> <p>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Children in the Workhouse, in conjunction with the Archives Service, schools have the opportunity to learn more about the lives of children in Letterkenny Workhouse – booking required.</p> <p>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm and 3.30pm – Scary Stories in the County Museum, in conjunction with ShopLK (Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce) and as part of the Wainfest Family Fun Day.</p>
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Judith McCarthy, 074 9124613, <a href="mailto:museum@donegalcoco.ie">museum@donegalcoco.ie</a>



Activity / Project Update

<b>Activity Title</b>	'County Donegal in 1916' Heritage Education Pack
<b>Activity Description</b>	The 'County Donegal in 1916' Heritage Education Pack is a collaborative effort between the Donegal County Archives, Donegal County Museum, County Donegal Heritage Office and Donegal County Library Service. The heritage education pack will be composed of an illustrated booklet and 15-18 facsimile documents contained within a designed folder that address the material heritage related to key selected themes. The heritage education pack will be aimed at teachers, students and a general audience and 5,000 copies will be produced. The aims of this Heritage Plan action are to: (i) raise awareness of society and culture in County Donegal in 1916, (ii) set national events (such as the Easter Rising) and international events (such as the First World War, the Battle of the Somme and the Battle of Jutland) in the context of their effects on society in County Donegal, (iii) recognise the role that key individuals from County Donegal played in national/international events in 1916 and (iv) communicate the material culture of County Donegal in 1916 through key documents and artefacts. The production of the heritage education pack is an action of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 3.4).
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€11,334
<b>Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status</b>	Meetings and on-going research by Donegal County Archives, Donegal County Museum, County Donegal Heritage Office and Donegal County Library Service.
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	Finalisation of content by Donegal County Archives, Donegal County Museum, County Donegal Heritage Office and Donegal County Library Service. Design and printing of heritage education pack.
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer, County Donegal Heritage Office, Donegal County Council, Station Island, Lifford, County Donegal Telephone: (074) 917 2576 E-mail: heritage@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update

<b>Activity Title</b>	Maritime Built Heritage Study in County Donegal (Phase I)
<b>Activity Description</b>	As part of the implementation of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (Action 5.8), the County Donegal Heritage Forum, Donegal County Council in association with The Heritage Council will be commissioning of a Maritime Built Heritage Study. The aims of this Heritage Plan action are to (i) provide an overview of the maritime heritage and history of County Donegal (circa 1600 – present); (ii) record the location and material heritage of piers and associated buildings in County Donegal; (iii) establish a searchable database of piers, quays, slipways and landing places in County Donegal in consultation with Donegal County Council; (iv) assess the heritage value of piers and associated structures; (v) produce a photographic record of, and field sheet and site map for, each pier/quay/slipway/landing place site surveyed; (vi) interrogate existing sources of information on our maritime built heritage to assist in its interpretation and presentation; (vii) prepare narrative on seven locations that highlight the ways in which our built heritage facilitates the interpretation and presentation of the maritime story of County Donegal based on consultation with key stakeholders; and (ix) deliver a report and public presentation on the findings of the study. Phase I involves desk study and selected field survey phase of the study.
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	€14,500 (Phase I)
<b>Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status</b>	Terms of reference for study prepared and proposals sought.
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	Assessment of proposals, procurement of researchers and initiation of study.
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer, County Donegal Heritage Office, Donegal County Council, Station Island, Lifford, County Donegal Telephone: (074) 917 2576 E-mail: heritage@donegalcoco.ie



Activity / Project Update

<b>Activity Title</b>	New County Donegal Heritage Plan
<b>Activity Description</b>	<p>The County Donegal Heritage Office and the County Donegal Heritage Forum in partnership with The Heritage Council is in the process of preparing the new, five-year County Donegal Heritage Plan. The aim of the Heritage Plan is to raise awareness, understanding and appreciation of the rich and diverse heritage of our county; to promote its conservation, enhancement and enjoyment; and to sustainably harness the economic, social and cultural benefits of heritage for current and future generations. The objectives of the Heritage Plan are to: (i) increase knowledge and awareness, and promote appreciation and enjoyment of County Donegal's heritage to reinforce our sense of place and identity, (ii) promote and encourage best practice in the conservation and management of our heritage, (iii) encourage partnership, networking and active engagement with our heritage, (iv) promote heritage education, training, tourism and outreach activities, and (v) collect data on heritage, inform decision-making and promote economic, cultural and social development. The County Donegal Heritage Forum prepares and submits an annual application to The Heritage Council for matching funding for the implementation of Heritage Plan actions. The plan will also be implemented through other functions undertaken by Donegal County Council, including its culture, community and economic development functions. Over the lifetime of the County Donegal Heritage Plan (2007-2013), it is estimated that Donegal County Council, The Heritage Council and other County Donegal Heritage Forum partners have invested at least €750,000 in the implementation of County Donegal Heritage Plan actions.</p>
<b>Budget (if applicable)</b>	N/A
<b>Progress to date within the last two months – inclusive of current status</b>	The County Donegal Heritage Plan (2014-2019) was adopted unanimously by the elected members of Donegal County Council at their meeting on July 27, 2015.
<b>Project Targets for the next bi-monthly reporting period</b>	Design of the new County Donegal Heritage Plan.
<b>Contact Person</b> <i>(to include telephone number &amp; e-mail address)</i>	Joseph Gallagher, Heritage Officer, County Donegal Heritage Office, Donegal County Council, Station Island, Lifford, County Donegal Telephone: (074) 917 2576 E-mail: heritage@donegalcoco.ie



# **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN MEETING**

**13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **AGENDA**

- 1. ENVIRONMENT UPDATE FOR THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT*

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## **ENVIRONMENT SECTION REPORT OCTOBER 2015.**

### **Waste and Litter.**

Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2015, this legislation has been enacted and will come into effect over the next year. It will make provision for the introduction of Fixed Penalty Notices under the Air Pollution Act 1987 and the Waste Management Act 1996.

Litter control and enforcement continue to be undertaken by the Councils Mobile Litter Units and Litter wardens, in conjunction with community groups and individual members of the public.

In one case a clean-up of a very remote beach produced 1.1 tonnes of seaborne litter, thanks to the efforts of the local community and farmers.

Waste and Litter Enforcement has resulted in 700 Complaints to the Council,	113 Fixed Penalty Notices
issued	39 referrals to the Councils
Solicitors	13 cases before the Courts
	4 Convictions.

### **Backyard Burning and Bonfires.**

With Halloween approaching the Council will be actively ensuring that the Prohibition on the Burning Waste Regulations is enforced. The Council will be particularly trying to prevent the opportunistic burning of waste items such as tyres, furniture, bedding and general household waste.

Such activities generate huge plumes of noxious smoke that can damage both public health and private property and the Council will endeavour to prevent such activities over this period.

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Stiúrthóir Seirbhíse Uisce agus Seirbhíse Timpeallacht, Comhairle Chontae Dhún na nGhall, Aras and Chontae, Leifer.  
**Directorate Water and Environment Services, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, Co. Donegal Ireland.**



**Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting**

**PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**13<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**Agenda**

1. Tier 2 Towns - Local Area Plan Update and request for workshop
2. Casual Trading – Request for workshop
3. LECP Consultation

(The relevant documents are attached to the back of the report)



**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN**  
**MEETING**

**13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**

**ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**AGENDA**

- 2. ROADS PROGRAMME UPDATE FOR THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT*
- 3. FOLLOW UPS FROM THE 15<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 MEETING*



# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING  
Tuesday 08<sup>th</sup> December 2015

CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE