

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

Oifig Riarthóir na
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Aras an Chontae
Leifear
29 Samhain 2016

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 6ú Nollaig 2016, **ag 2.00 r.n. in Óstán Grianán, i mBeart.**

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

p.p. **Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
29th November 2016

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 6th December 2016 **at 2.00p.m. in An Grianán Hotel, Burt, 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

**for Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 11th October 2016.
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Budget 2017 Meeting held on 24th October 2016.
3. Report on Piers and Harbours from Cathal Sweeney, Marine Services Engineer.
4. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services (Yellow).
5. Community & Enterprise.
6. Planning Services (Green).
7. Environment Services (Blue).
8. Roads & Transportation (Red).
9. Correspondence.

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, CARNDONAGH ON TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER, 2016 AT 1PM

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, Seamus Canning, Senior Staff Officer, Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community & Enterprise, Fiona Doherty, Staff Officer Community & Enterprise, Paul Kelly, Senior Executive Planner, Mathew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer.

Reports Presented:

1. Community & Enterprise
2. Planning Services
3. Environment Services
4. Roads & Transportation
5. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr Bernard McGuinness welcomed everyone to the meeting. On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren it was agreed to adjourn the meeting until 2pm.

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr McGuinness welcomed Avril McMonagle to the meeting and invited her to make her presentation.

16.76 Presentation by Avril McMonagle of Donegal Childcare Committee Ltd

Avril McMonagle thanked the members for the opportunity to make the presentation on behalf of Donegal Childcare Committee. She began by highlighting the move from community provided childcare to private childcare services. In Donegal currently, 54% of childcare services are community run facilities. 4,838 children attend early childhood services in county Donegal. 2,337 children participate in the Early Childhood Care and Education programme, 726 children are in the Community Childcare Subvention Programme and 272 are participating in the Training and Employment Childcare Programme.

The cost of childcare was highlighted in the presentation. The average weekly cost for full day care in the community area is €161.20 compared to €143.60 in the private sector. In Inishowen, full day care for 1 child will cost between €7,752 and €8,925 annually. Ms McMonagle referred to news reports that additional funding is to be made available for childcare services in Budget 2017 and she welcomed the news.

The presentation highlighted the numbers employed in the provision of childcare services in Donegal. Currently 777 people work in the sector, 384 fulltime and 393 on a

part time basis. The poor remuneration in the sector was also highlighted by Ms McMonagle. She added that graduates move on as soon as a position as a classroom assistant in a school becomes available.

167 people are in the Early Childhood Workforce in Inishowen. There are 15 community and 20 privately managed services in Inishowen and the peninsula is the least expensive area in Donegal for community full day care.

Some of the issues still to be addressed include:

- Support for children with special needs, the cost of childcare provision.
- Eligibility for childcare, including the extension of parental leave.
- Capitation levels and extension of the Early Childhood Care and Education Programme.
- Nationally agreed payscale.

The members congratulated Avril McMonagle on her presentation and on the great work being done by Donegal Childcare Committee Ltd. They commended her as a great ambassador for the service.

In response to some of the questions raised by the members, Avril stated that a FETAC Level 5 qualification is required to work in the childcare sector. A FETAC Level 6 qualification is required to work in conjunction with LEADER programmes.

She added that in Donegal there is a need to develop a stronger relationship with the education establishments to tailor and develop childcare training programmes.

The Cathaoirleach Cllr thanked Avril McMonagle.

16.77 Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District held on 13th September 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr Rena Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the September Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 12th September 2016 were agreed.

16.78 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

The Area Manager for Housing & Corporate Services Aideen Doherty stated that the Housing and Corporate Services report had been circulated.

The Area Manager informed the members that the Council had advertised properties under Choice Based Letting on the Council website. The Area Manager responded to questions from the members on the Housing Needs Assessment. It was confirmed that there is a current need of 411 in the Inishowen area.

The Area Manager confirmed to the members that she had written to Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Regional Development, Rural Affairs, Arts & the Gaeltacht, to convey the concerns of the members regarding the poor broadband penetration and poor mobile phone coverage in the Inishowen area.

The Area Manager added that a new report is included with the Housing & Corporate update which will track the status of the issues raised by the members until each issue has been brought to a conclusion.

The Area Manager informed the members that 18 properties have been acquired by the Housing Service in Inishowen in 2016.

The members welcomed the new policy on SI provision which has been agreed at SPC and by the full council.

The Area Manager informed the members that 31 applications have been received under the Tenant Purchase Scheme 2016. However the appointment of the Valuer for the Inishowen area is still to be finalised. The Council continues to liaise with An Garda Síochána HQ in this regard.

16.78.01 Request for Planning Workshop

The Area Manager informed the members that Paul Christy, Central Planning Unit is seeking to hold a workshop meeting with the members. It was agreed to facilitate the workshop prior to the next meeting of the Municipal District.

16.78.02 Invitation to IDA

The Area Manager advised the members that correspondence from IDA Ireland is included with the agenda. Mr John Nugent Manager of Business Development with IDA has offered to attend a meeting of the MD at the member's convenience. The member requested that an update on the NW Action Plan for Jobs is requested from Mr Nugent and that he be invited to attend a meeting in the new year.

16.79 COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE

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

16.79.01 Malin Head

The Divisional Manager stated that the Council has now received the formal letter of offer from Failte Ireland comprising funding of almost €400,000 for the project. A design team has been appointed and a meeting with Failte Ireland is to take place in the coming days to finalise the design for the toilet block. The tender process will follow thereafter.

The members expressed their disappointment that the work is delayed until 2017.

16.79.02 Swilly & Foyle Ferries 2016

The Divisional Manager advised that 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 to include passenger numbers will be provided to each member. The contract term for the agreed 4 year period is for 13 weeks from June to September for 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

The Foyle ferry service for 2016 was operated by Rooskey, Frazer and Co. Ltd in 2016. A meeting with the company is to be arranged in the coming weeks to review the 2016 season and to confirm plans for the future.

16.79.03 Rural Development Programme / LEADER

Donegal Local Community and Development Company will lead on the preparation and implementation of the next phase of the LEADER / RDP in the county as a whole. The LEADER contracts were signed in July between the Council, the LCDC, the Department and the four 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.

16.79.04 Donegal Walks and Trails

A number of applications / expressions of interest had been lodged to the Dept under the Recreation Funding 2016 to initiate some proposed walks and improve some existing ones. While no funding was allocated last year the scheme has reopened and the department has invited Donegal County Council to send in updated applications and this was done on 17th August 2016.

Counters have been checked at Inch and Malin Head on 17th June 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. Visitor numbers at Inch indicate a steady increase in recreational use of the site.

Inspection and maintenance continue 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 work will continue with Inishowen Equestrian Committee regarding the proposed project on Coillte land at Glenard Wood.

Proposed projects will be assessed for LEADER funding.

The Council will be in contact with the various groups/individuals to discuss the delivery of the five projects outlined below which received funding under the Recreation Fund 2016.

Carndonagh Woodland Walk :	€8,070	Urris Loops :	€5,525
Inch Wildfowl Reserve :	€2,800	Inishowen Head :	€4,585
Glenagivney Walk :	€4,085		

16.79.05 PEACE IV

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 23rd September and the Council responded to clarifications raised by SEUPB this week. The Council hope to know the outcome of the application process by early December.

16.79.06 Bunrana School Campus

The members expressed their frustration and anger at the lack of progress on the identification of a site for the Bunrana school campus. It was noted that a meeting will take place later today of the local schools to discuss progress to date. The members don't believe that any progress has been made. The members stated that Donegal County Council has provided the information requested by the Department and progress is now required urgently to identify a site.

16.79.07 Grianan 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 Grianan was discussed at this meeting. The officials confirmed that they would meet local interested parties in relation to An Grianan. The Council will now progress this matter with the OPW and will advise Members of the date in due course.

In response to a question from the members, Paddy Doherty confirmed that the proposed meeting will be an open one and local landowners will be welcome to attend.

16.80 PLANNING SERVICES

The Senior Executive Planner Paul Kelly referred to the Update Report circulated and invited questions from the members. The Senior Executive Planner informed the members that it is expected that additional staff will become available to the planning service following the completion of the recent competitions for additional staff. He added that the Senior Planner is currently liaising with HR in this regard.

The Senior Executive Planner responded to questions from the members on the status of current planning applications.

16.81 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

An Cathaoirleach Bernard McGuinness welcomed Mathew Byrne, the new Waste Regulation Officer to the meeting.

Mr Byrne presented the Environment Update report.

16.81.01 2016 Tidy Towns Competition

Mathew Byrne congratulated all 39 Tidy Towns committees on their participation in this year's competition. All entrants either increased their overall score or it remained unchanged from last year. Once again Donegal received a number of awards.

Gold Medals were awarded to Letterkenny, Glenties and Buncrana.

Silver Medals were awarded to Malin and Carraig Airt.

A Bronze Medal was awarded to Raphoe.

County Awards:

Winner: Letterkenny

Highly Commended: Glenties

Endeavour Award went to Killea with a 7.41% increase in marks from 2015 which is 16 additional points.

EPA Waste Prevention Award

Highly Commended: Raphoe

Gaeltacht Award:

Highly Commended: Carraig Airt

The members all expressed their congratulations and appreciation to all of the volunteers who get involved in their local Tidy Towns Committee. It was also noted

that the work of the Tidy Towns groups is an enormous benefit to the Council and should be supported in every way possible.

16.81.02 2016 Re-use Month

The Waste Regulation Officer stated that October has been designated as reuse month by the three waste management regions. Donating, refurbishing and repairing items are all forms of reuse and offer people a chance to save or make money, get creative, learn a new skill and be environmentally conscious. There will be a number of activities and events focusing on reuse over the course of the month.

16.81.03 Smoky Coal

The Waste Regulation Officer stated that Donegal County Council is reminding householders in the Letterkenny and environs area that there is a ban on the burning of "Smoky" Coal. It is important to remember that the sole purpose of this law is to deliver cleaner air and it is only through the continued support of householders, coal retailers and merchants that improvements in air quality will continue.

16.81.04 Hazardous Waste Collection

Information on Free Household Hazardous Waste collections was circulated to the members.

16.81.05 Dog Fouling

Mathew Byrne advised that within the Inishowen Municipal District, an increase in complaints from members of the public, community schemes, councillors and our own council workers led to proactive action being taken against dog fouling in the following public areas: The Moville to Greencastle coastal walk, Inch Level, Swans Park and the walk out to Father Hegarty's Rock.

The complaints ranged from people stepping on it, prams/buggies getting their wheels covered in it and workers getting their clothes covered in it while strimming and cutting grass. There was also a fear of children getting it on their eyes and hands.

The Dog Warden and Litter Warden walked these areas stopping members of the public who had dogs and reminding them to lift the dirt left by their dog and giving them poop scoop bags and a council produced leaflet on being a responsible dog owner. The Dog Warden also checked that dogs had a current dog licence. New signage involving pictures of dog fouling were also erected.

The members expressed their disappointment that irresponsible dog owners continue to allow their animals to foul the paths and walks in the area.

16.81.06 Bathing Season Report

A report on the 2016 bathing season for Donegal was circulated to the members.

16.81.07 Coastal Erosion Survey

The members requested an update on the proposed survey at Lagg and Ballyliffin to address the erosion issues.

John McLaughlin, Director of Service advised that an update will be sought for the next MD meeting.

16.82 ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

The Senior Executive Engineer Seamus Hopkins presented the Roads Schedule of Municipal District Works 2016 update report to the members. He also presented the follow up report to the issues raised at the September meeting.

The upgrading of the treatment plant at Westbrook, Bunrana was addressed by the members.

16.82.01 Low Cost Safety Measures

The Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that work on the low cost safety programme will be finished by the end of November.

Cllr Farren asked the Senior Executive to continue to work to overcome the issues with the Receiver for the property at Battery Brae, Greencastle.

The Engineer stated that he would examine the problem with the street lighting in the development to get the lights operational.

16.82.02 Hedge Cutting

Difficulties getting farmers to cut hedges in the county was highlighted by members. The Director of Service for Roads and Transportation John McLaughlin informed the members that a case study on hedge cutting was carried out in Donegal and Tipperary. The conclusion from the study was that there isn't a major problem with the hedge cutting for Donegal. He added that there might be isolated problems which should be brought to the attention of the area teams. There is a process in place to address problems which can lead ultimately to prosecution.

In cases of extreme hardship the Council will do the work. This is a limited solution.

The Director of Service stated that the Council has a long standing policy on the matter of hedge cutting which he said is worth reading.

The Senior Executive Engineer confirmed that he will circulate the policy to the members.

18.82.03 Issues for Follow-up

The members listed the issues for the Area Roads Service to address:

- Speed limit at Magherabeg school.
- Bus shelters
- Pedestrian crossing at Newtowncunningham.
- Lining at Millbrae Meadows / Derry Road junction.
- Take Drimm Road in charge.
- Signage at Cloontagh school.
- Street lights at Upper Main Street, Bunrana.
- Traffic management approaching Bunrana from north Inishowen.
- Traffic calming at Maginn Avenue / Marian Park area.
- Right turning at Inch Road approaching from Bunrana side.
- Slab Road junction at Burt Chapel. Can vision lines be improved.

18.82.04 Marine Services

The members enquired about the maintenance of piers and harbours in the county.

Cllr McDermott stated that money should be directed to the piers which are being used by fishing boats in the first instance.

The Director of Service John McLaughlin stated that the Council provides almost €1m in resources each year for maintenance of piers and harbours from its revenue budget. It was agreed to invite Cathal Sweeney, Marine Services Engineer to the next MD meeting to discuss the matter.

18.83 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the Budget 2017 Meeting will take place on Monday 24th October 2016 at 12.30pm in the Mayor's Room, County House, Lifford.

Certified: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Minutes of Inishowen Municipal District Budget 2017 Meeting, held on the 24th October 2016 at 12.30pm in County House, Lifford.

Members Present

Cllr Paul Canning, Nicholas Crossan, Albert Doherty, Rena Donaghey, Martin Farren, Martin Mc Dermott, Bernard Mc Guinness, Jack Murray.

Officials in Attendance

Garry Martin, Head of Finance, Seamus Canning, Senior Staff Officer.

Apologies

Cllr John Ryan, Aideen Doherty Area Manager

MINUTES

An Cathaoirleach, Cllr McGuinness opened the meeting and welcomed everyone in attendance. Head of Finance Garry Martin advised that this is a statutory budget meeting to discuss the draft budgetary plan for 2017. He added that the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations require the allocation of a general municipal allocation to each Municipal District as part of the annual revenue budget process.

In respect of 2016, a preliminary allocation of €100,000 per Municipal District was made with this subsequently being increased, proportionate to the number of members in each Municipal District, at the plenary budget meeting held in November of 2015.

The rationale behind this approach in 2015 was that it was challenging, if not impossible, to allocate a global and final figure as part of the General Municipal Allocation, prior to the final and full plenary budget being adopted, at which point in time it could only be known with certainty as to what capacity existed within the Council resources to allocate such funding.

2017 General Municipal Allocation

Discussions with the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government have outlined the challenges associated with the timing required under the current regulations with regard to the allocation of the GMA. The Department has acknowledged the challenges associated with this and are scheduled to commence a detailed review of this approach in December 2016. However, this approach will not be amended in time for the 2017 revenue budget considerations and as such it is envisaged that it will only come into effect for future years annual revenue budgets beyond 2017. On that basis it is now proposed to allocate an amount equivalent to €20,000 per member, at this juncture, to the general municipal allocation and that any final and conclusive decision be made as part of the plenary budget meeting in November 2016, at which point in time the members can conclude and determine the final amount to be made available to the general

municipal allocations. This could, if the members wished, affirm the allocation proportionate to the number of members in respect of each of the individual Municipal Districts or suggest an alternative allocation methodology.

The members discussed the issues raised at the Budget workshop. The Head of Finance advised that provision for the maintenance of Barrack Hill Town Park is included under the Roads Service Directorate in the current year and will continue to be included into the future.

In response to a question from the members The Head of Finance stated that a budget provision to be used for match funding grant applications is included in the budget and will not come from the members DFI. The Head of Finance added that projects will not be impeded by the lack of co-finance.

The members expressed concern that major projects like the Malin Head initiative should not be left to the Inishowen MD alone. The Head of Finance advised that strategic projects such as the Malin Head development, Sliabh Liag or Inch Lake Walk will continue to be dealt with centrally through the Council's three year capital programme and will not affect the members' DFI.

The members listed the projects that they would like to see advanced in Budget 2017.

Malin Head development.
Greencastle Breakwater.
Broadband provision.
Greenways and Cycle paths.
Tidy Towns Support.
Barrack Hill Town Park Gardener.
Lifeboat berth in Bunrana.
Ferry services.
SI housing.
Bunrana Leisure Centre.
Support for Bunrana gardener.
Improvements to Bunrana Main Street.
Water Monitoring at Kinnagoe.

The Head of Finance acknowledged the issues raised by the members. He advised that it would be unrealistic to expect funding for every item to be provided in the budget but the Chief Executive and staff of the Council will continue to work with the members of the Municipal Districts to maximise the use of resources and to ensure that a high level of service is delivered to the people of the area.

Recommendation

It is recommended that in line with the requirements of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and associated regulations that the Inishowen Municipal District adopts a provisional general municipal allocation in the amount of €180,000 at this time.

On the proposal of Cllr Bernard McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Jack Murray it was agreed that the Inishowen Municipal District adopts a provisional general municipal allocation in the amount of €180,000.

Cathaoirleach

Date _____

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT
Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting
6th December 2016

Corporate Services

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

Housing Services

PROGRESS REPORTS

- Grants
- Loans
- Casual Vacancies
- HAP Applications
- Miscellaneous

Inishowen Municipal District

Housing Grants Report at 24th November 2016

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2014	36	25	7	4	0
2015	56	36	7	13	0
2016	38	11	8	10	9

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2014	4	2	1	1	0
2015	3	3	0	0	0
2016	6	1	1	2	2

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2014	21	13	8	0	0
2015	21	17	2	2	0
2016	28	12	8	4	4

Housing Loan Report at 24th November 2016

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED / CANCELLED	UNDECIDED
Standard Loans	2014	5	1	4	0
	2015	0	0	0	0
	2016	3	0	3	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	Tendered
43 Abbey Park, Manorcunningham	3	Tendered
22 Millbrae Meadows, LTL Carndonagh	4	Tendered
45 Clós Phadraig	2	Tendered
28 Pairc na hAluine	2	Tendered
6 Castle Park, Newtown	2	Tendered
181 Ardfoyle, Moville	1	Tendered
28 St Boden's Tce, Culdaff	2	Tendered
27 St Boden's Tce, Culdaff	2	Tendered

HAP

Tenancies

Municipal District	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Nov
Donegal	49	60	72	90	101	107	142	144	152
Letterkenny	287	315	372	409	424	446	450	486	533
Glenties	29	39	64	81	87	104	107	110	122
Stranorlar	65	75	92	106	118	132	142	163	187
Inishowen	62	81	100	125	144	165	178	206	276
Total	492	570	700	811	874	954	989	1109	1270

Acquisitions

A total of 18 properties have been purchased by Donegal County Council in the Inishowen MD. It is expected that the conveyances will be completed in early 2017.

Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016

32 no. applications have been received to date in 2016. We are awaiting Garda Clearance on the valuer.

Inishowen Municipal District Follow up Issues Status Report

Follow up issues from September 2016

Broadband and Phone Coverage

The Head of Information Systems advised that the Inishowen MD should write to the Department to set out their concerns in relation to the poor broadband penetration in the area and to highlight the on-going difficulties with mobile phone coverage in Inishowen.

Response: Inishowen Corporate Services.

Letter to the Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce, recently set up by the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs Heather Humphreys TD. Acknowledgement from Department included with correspondence.

Follow up - Malin Head

The Divisional Manager confirmed that he will make the designs plans available for the members inspection before they go out to tender.

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 issues from October 2016

Follow up - Piers and Harbours, Marine Section

It was agreed that a regular update report should be sought from Mr Cathal Sweeney, Executive Engineer Marine Services, in relation to these matters.

Response:

Mr Sweeney will attend the December MD Meeting.

Follow up – Lagg & Ballyliffin

The members requested an update on the works at Lagg and Ballyliffin.

Response:

A tender process is underway to procure a suitably qualified consultant to conduct the necessary erosion study. Following the study a further application for funding to the OPW can be made to implement the recommendations of the report in 2017. The HERICOAST project is being overseen by the Central Planning Unit. The contacts for the project are Alana Greene and Claire Mc Callan who will be able to respond to any technical queries concerning the project.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

Community, Enterprise & Planning Services
Planning Control Report

Inishowen Municipal District Meeting – 6th December 2016

Content:

- 1. Summary of planning applications for the District**
- 2. Appeals (Received & Decisions Notified).**
- 3. Significant Cases (incl. Transboundary applications)**
- 4. Other case types [Part 8's etc]**
- 5. AOB**

1. Summary of Planning Applications For Each Municipal District

	Period	Apps Recd	Granted	Refused	Deferred	Decisions < 2 months	Invalid
Donegal	01/01/16-31/10/16	335	231	42	84	174	61
Glenties	01/01/16-31/10/16	293	193	63	96	138	52
Inishowen	01/01/16-31/10/16	395	243	41	107	197	66
Letterkenny	01/01/16-31/10/16	350	219	29	80	178	61
Stranorlar	01/01/16-31/10/16	210	144	21	52	103	34
County Totals		1583	1020	196	419	790	274

2. Appeals

Appeal's Received (26/09/2016 TO 11/11/2016)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA RECD DATE
16/50168	REV. JOHN WALSH, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF SCOIL ÍOSAGÁIN	P	12/09/2016	GRANTED	(I) DEMOLITION OF ALL EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND THE REMOVAL OF ALL TEMPORARY MOBILE CLASSROOM BUILDINGS, (II) CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE-TWO STOREY PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING, SCOIL ÍOSAGÁIN (6,322SQ.M GROSS FLOOR AREA); WITH ASSOCIATED EXTERNAL SIGNAGE.THE CONSTITUENT ELEMENTS OF THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING COMPRISE: (A) SINGLE -TWO STOREY 25 GENERAL CLASSROOM AND 9 SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSROOM ELEMENT INCLUDING LIBRARY, THERAPY ROOMS, OFFICES/GROUPS ROOMS/TOILETS, STAFFROOM, STORES AND ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION, (B) DOUBLE HEIGHT GENERAL PURPOSE ASSEMBLY HALL/DINING HALL, (FOR SCHOOL USE), (III) SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS INCLUDING REVISIONS TO VEHICULAR/ PEDESTRIAN & CYCLE ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS TO PROVIDE CAR AND BUS SET-DOWN SPACES; INCLUDING 56 NO. STANDARD CAR PARKING SPACES, 3 NO. UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES AND CYCLE PARKING SPACES, AND A NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS FROM ST. MARY'S ROAD; (IV) 3 NO. BALLCOURTS. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ALSO INCLUDES HARD & SOFT LANDSCAPING (INCLUDING BOUNDARY TREATMENTS, SCHOOL GARDEN AND SITE ATTENUATION), AND ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES WORKS ST PATRICK'S ROAD BUNCRANA	05/10/2016
REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA RECD DATE

15/51038	DANIEL GALLAGHER	P	01/09/2016	REFUSED	CONSTRUCTION OF A DWELLING HOUSE WITH DOMESTIC GARAGE, WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITEWORKS AT MONEYHAUGHLY MANORCUNNINGHAM	27/09/2016
16/51217	WENDY TWEED	P	06/10/2016	GRANTED	ALTERATIONS TO PREVIOUSLY GRANTED PERMISSION REFERENCE 16/50115 INCLUDING EXTERNAL LANDSCAPING WORKS AND ADJUSTMENT OF SITE BOUNDARY TO ACCORD WITH LAND REGISTRY MAP QUAY STREET MOVILLE LIFFORD	03/11/2016

Appeal's Decision Notified (26/09/2016 TO 11/11/2016) - None

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA DEC. DATE	DECISION

3(a) Significant Applications received from 26/09/2016 TO 11/11/2016

Ref No	Applicant	Type	Date Received	Development Description
16/51389	PEAKESBOROUGH PROPERTIES LTD	P	26/09/2016	CONSTRUCTION OF 15NO TWO STOREY DWELLINGS AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS TO INCLUDE REMOVAL OF SUB-STRUCTURE OF 5NO DWELLINGS. ALSO EXISTING CONNECTIONS TO FOUL SEWER, STORM SEWER AND WATERMAINS PREVIOUSLY CARRIED OUT UNDER PLANNING REF 04/5825.AT HATTERSLY PARK,

				CHURCHLAND QUARTERS CARNDONAGH
16/51403	CARROWHUGH INVESTMENTS LTD	P	28/09/2016	CONSTRUCTION OF A LEISURE HOME PARK TO INCLUDE (1) 37 NO. MOBILE HOME PITCHES (2) 20 NO. STOPOVER CARAVAN/TOURING VAN SPACES (3) RECREATIONAL BUILDING (4) 2 NO. PLAYING PITCHES WITH PLAYGROUND AREA (5) UNDERGROUND WATER STORAGE TANK (6) PROVISION OF A MECHANICAL AERATION SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM AND SAND POLISHING FILTER (7) ALL ASSOCIATED SITE-WORKS AND SERVICES AT CARROWHUGH, GREENCASTLE
16/51631	PATRICK DOHERTY	P	09/11/2016	CHANGE OF USE OF PART OF FORMER AGRICULTURAL BUILDING TO 2NO. COMMERCIAL UNITS WITH CONNECTION TO EXISTING SERVICES AND ALL ASSOCIATED SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT INCH LEVEL SPEENOGUE, BURT
16/51500	DONNA MCGONIGLE & SUSAN MCCOLGAN	P	13/10/2016	CHANGE OF USE FROM A STORAGE AREA TO A PLAYGROUP PRE SCHOOL PREMISES KNOWN AS HONEYBEE PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUP AND ASSOCIATED WORKS. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) CHANGE OF USE FROM STORAGE AREA PLANNING REF:03/4592 AT REAR OF RAINBOW CHINESE TAKEAWAY TO PLAYGROUP PRE SCHOOL PREMISES WITH ALL ASSOCIATED WORKS, INCLUDING CONNECTING TO EXISTING MAINS WATER AND MAINS DRAINAGE (2) PROVISION OF NEW DOOR, GLAZED PANEL, AND WINDOW TO EXISTING SIDE ELEVATION (3) CHANGE OF USE FROM PART OF EXISTING REAR GARDEN TO OUTDOOR PLAY AREA AND PARKING FOR PLAYGROUP PRESCHOOL PREMISES. PARKING AREA EXISTING AREA USED BY CHINESE TAKEAWAY IN EVENINGS AS PLANNING REF: 05/70334 (4) EXISTING PARKING AREA BEHIND FINNIGANS PUB TO BE USED FOR PARKING FOR PLAYGROUP PRESCHOOL PREMISES (5) NEW SIGN OVER ENTRANCE AT MAIN STREET, MUFF

(b)Transboundary Applications

Ref.No:	N.I. Ref.No:	Date Rec'd	App./Contact	Type	Description / Location	Case Officer	Status
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, Castleberg.	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
Ref.No:	N.I. Ref.No:	Date Rec'd	App./Contact	Type	Description/ Location	Case Officer	Status
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

Ref No	Location	Section	Received	Description	Finalised
PG 16/11	Swan Park, Tullyarvan	Roads	09/09/2016	Development involving the upgrade, repair and improvement of Swan Park as an important natural amenity available to the town of Buncrana	10/11/2016
PG16/06	Ballymacarry, Buncrana	Housing	05/10/2016	21 no. residential units, new entrance, service road, play area, connection to existing public drainage networks south of Rockdale Housing Dev. & accessed from Taobh An Tsruthan	

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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.

Coastal Erosion Surveys

Donegal County Council is progressing two Coastal protection Scheme Studies with approved OPW funding, namely; Slodan 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.

Four further sections of coastline suffering erosion have applications for funding under the OPWs Coastal protection Scheme. These are shown in Table 1 below.

Beach	Status	OPW Response
Magheroarty	Application for funding declined. A revised application was again submitted for funding.	Pending.
Narin/Portnoo	Application submitted for funding.	Pending.
Maghery	Application submitted for funding.	Pending.
Port a Chabhlaigh, Kilcar	Application submitted for funding.	Pending.

Table 1. Applications for funding under the OPWs Coastal protection Scheme awaiting decision.

Bundoran Lifeguard Station Upgrade

The Bundoran Lifeguard Station has undergone a major facelift, sponsored by Dulux Paints, and carried out by the local Tús Scheme. The unit is now fully decorated in the distinctive red over yellow colours (see Plates 1 and 2 below). This makes the unit easily recognisable from the water/beach for access to the Lifeguards and associated services during the bathing season.



Plate 1. Bundoran Lifeguard Station before facelift.



Plate 2. Bundoran Lifeguard Station following recent facelift.

Ring Buoy Survey

I 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. The benefits of this system would include;

1. Helps reduce loss of life caused by missing/stolen ringbuoys
2. Real time monitoring of ringbuoys with instant alarms and notifications
3. Increase efficiency of staff by enabling remote monitoring through web interface
4. Solar powered- energy efficient requirements
5. Retrofitting of all existing Donegal County Council's standard ringbuoy enclosures
6. Immediate repairs/replacement of used/missing lifesaving equipment, allowing for prompt response and continuity of service.

DCC is unusual Nationally in that two Directorates are responsible for ringbuoy maintenance. Roads (Marine Section) maintain the ringbuoys on our piers/harbours/slipways and Environment maintain the beach ringbuoys. Environment and Roads will work together to submit ringbuoy figures for inclusion in the National database. We will then receive the potential costs to install remote monitoring technology.

Coastal Shipwrecks

Environment and Roads Directorate work together to maintain coastal safety from unstable vessels. This can be from threat of pollution our public health and safety. On October 19th last a yacht was stranded on rocks off St. Johns Point with 80L of diesel fuel. It subsequently was washed up on the nearby rocks (see plates 3 and 4 below). While it no longer poses a threat to the environment, the wreck is attracting curious onlookers and scavengers to this unstable cliff face and treacherous coastline. As such, there is a public health and safety concern associated with the wreck. Following contact to the Environment Section by the Receiver of Wrecks, our

Marine Section is making contact with the vessels owners to make arrangements for the vessels disposal under the Merchant Shipping (Salvage and Wreck) Act, 1993.

The Coastguard had a marine salvage team assess the vessel but unfortunately it is not feasible for them to salvage the vessel. Similarly, the Environment Section had two permitted salvage operators assess the wreck from the land. Their initial response is that it could prove problematic but they are considering options. However, their costs may prove prohibitive.



Plate 3. Shipwrecked yacht off St. Johns Point (tide in).



Plate 4. Shipwrecked yacht off St. Johns Point accessible by scavengers when the tide is out.

Bundoran Public Convenience

The Seashell Unit Public Convenience (PC) in Bundoran has undergone a major facelift, sponsored by Dulux Paints, and carried out by the local Tús Scheme (see Plates 5 and 6 below). It is hoped that this upgrade may be an added attraction to the private sector to make more business use of this facility.



Plate 5. The Seashell Public Convenience Unit, Bundoran, before facelift.



Plate 6. The Seashell Public Convenience Unit, Bundoran, following facelift.

Bundoran Sea Pools

The two sea swimming pools in Bundoran have had Risk Assessments to determine any safety measures required. This follows an incident at the Tuppy Pool (see Plate 7 below) where a young male injured his finger. We hope to receive the completed Risk Assessments in the New Year, in time to implement any recommendations ahead of the 2017 Bathing Season.

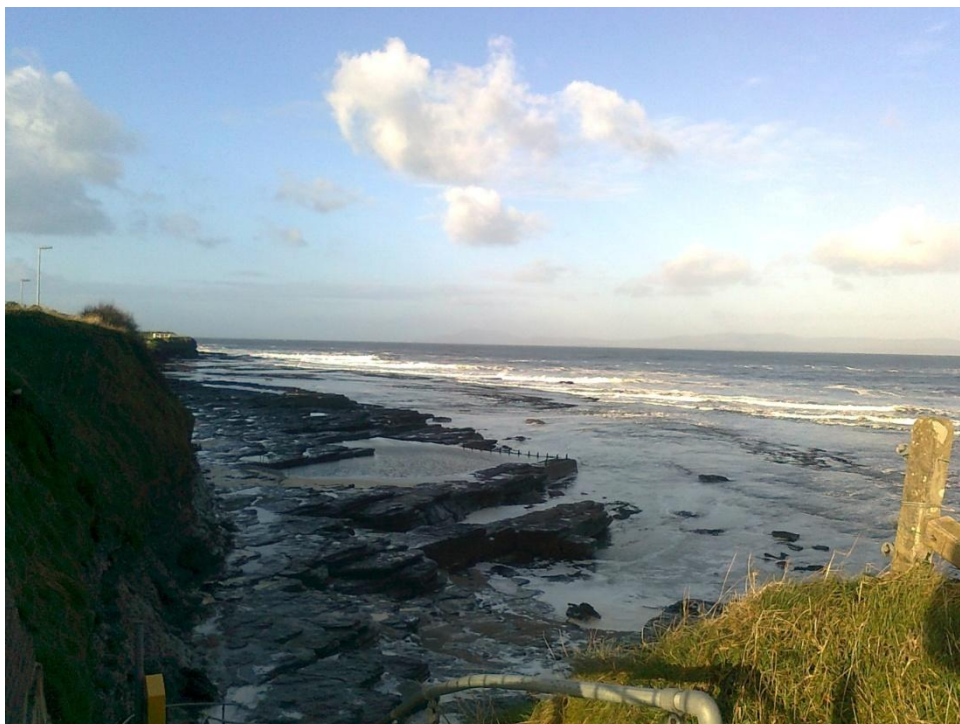


Plate 7. The Tuppy Sea Pool in Bundoran, recently Risk Assessed.

Ballyshannon Public Conveniences

The Ballyshannon Regeneration Group has submitted plans and drawings for the local Ballyshannon PC. The group includes an architect which is very helpful. DCC installed a footfall counter in the PC to assess visitor numbers to assist determine the needs of the town. While there would be a greater need during the summer season, the data recorded to date is very helpful (see Table 2 below).

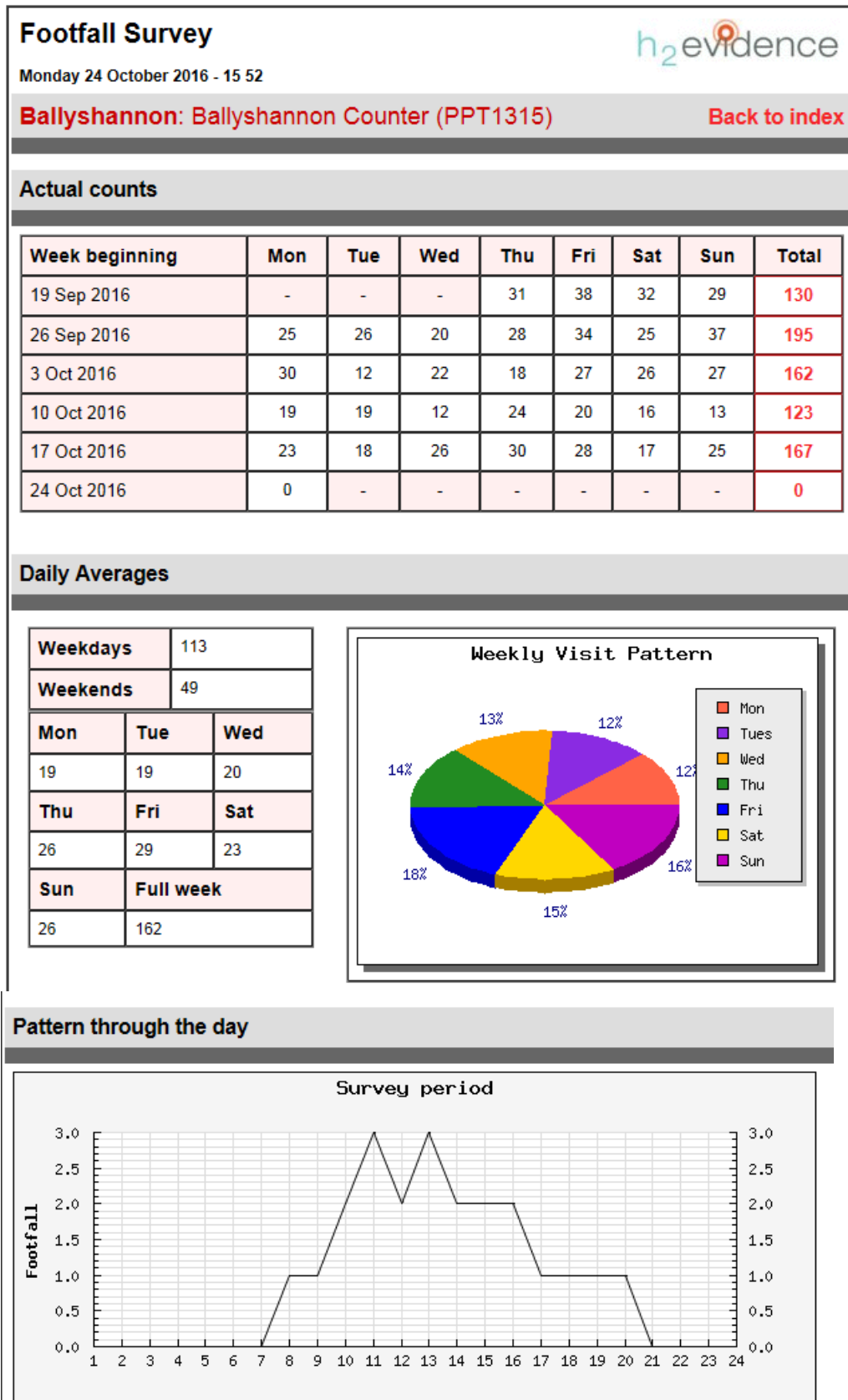


Table 2. Data of footfall at the Ballyshannon Public Convenience.

David Friel
Coastal Officer
24/10/2016

Waste Awareness November MD Meeting

1. Green Business Seminar Letterkenny - 10th November 9.30am - 1.00pm, Enterprise Fund Centre, Letterkenny

This seminar is being organised by the EPA Green Business Programme and is aimed at all SME's. The seminar will look at resource efficiency and cost savings through waste prevention and reductions in water and energy consumption. This is the first Green Business seminar to take place in Donegal.

Information has been circulated to all known business mailing lists, tourism contacts, LEO office, local Chambers, local press and will be publicised through the Councils website and social media pages and local radio.

Places are still available and booking are being taken through contactus@greenbusiness.ie

2. Reuse Month October

October was been designated as reuse month by the three waste management regions. Each LA was asked to organise at least one event during the month. Donegal activities and events focusing on reuse over the course of the month are listed below.

- Social Media - The Council will promote the ethos of reuse on all its social media pages throughout the month.
- Cinema Animation - A reuse animation designed by the national campaign will feature in cinemas in Letterkenny, Bundoran and Lifford starting on Oct 7th. This advert will also be used on the Council's website and social media pages.
- Local and Regional Radio Advertising campaign throughout October, Highland, Ocean & I Radio.
- The Dealer - A weekly advertisement in The Dealer promoting reuse using very eye-catching and thought provoking adverts designed by the national campaign.
- Bikes 4 Africa campaign took place from 8th - 22nd October. The Council, The Rotary Club and Bryson Recycling joined together to collect unwanted bikes. Donated bikes were delivered to any of the 6 Bryson Recycling centres at Laghey, Stranorlar, Letterkenny, Milford, Dungloe and Carndonagh. The suitable bicycles will now be sent to Loughlan House Open Prison where they will be repaired and sent to Africa. This campaign has been extremely successful and it has brought a large number of visitors to all six recycling centres.
- Letterkenny Men's Shed Showcase took place on Sat 15th October - The Council supported the Men's Shed with this open day to showcase the work of the shed and to promote the reuse of waste materials.
- Book Swap @ Carndonagh Recycling Centre 1st - 31st October
- Book Swap for Council staff taking place in PSC's and other offices during the month of October.

- Bike Maintenance Workshop - took place at Letterkenny Recycling Centre on Sat 22nd Oct focussing on basic repairs for beginner adults.
- Online and Social media

Bikes 4 Africa campaign

8th - 22nd October Bryson Recycling Centres



**Letterkenny Men's Shed Open Day
Sat 15th October**



Enforcement Figures 2016.

Total number of environment complaints for the year to date 1044 of which 89% (933 complaints) were for waste and litter. 111 complaints received in relation to Sewage/Noise.

Total number of Fixed Penalty Notices served under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 is 123 of which 41% collection rate.