

**Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain**

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
Aras an Chontae  
Leifear  
12 Aibreán 2016

**FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Máirt 19 Aibreán 2016,  
**ag 2.00 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**

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*p.p.* **Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

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**Municipal District of Inishowen**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 **at 2.00p.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**

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*for* **Joe Peoples**  
**Meetings Administrator**

## **AGENDA**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016
2. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services (Yellow)
3. Community & Enterprise (Pink)
4. Planning Services (Green)
5. Environment Services (Blue)
6. Roads & Transportation (Orange)

## **MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, CARNDONAGH ON 15th MARCH 2016 AT 1.30pm**

### **Councillors Present:**

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

Apologies: Cllr Bernard McGuinness

### **Officials Present:**

John G McLaughlin, Director to Inishowen Municipal District, Aideen Doherty, A/Area Manager Housing & Corporate Services, Seamus Canning, Senior Staff Officer, Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager Roads & Transportation, Carol Margey, Senior Executive Planner, John Gallagher, Senior Engineer Water & Environment.

Apologies: Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager

### **Reports Presented:**

Environment Section Update Report.  
Roads & Transportation Follow up Report.  
Planning Services Update Report.  
Housing & Corporate Services Update Report.  
Presentation by Donegal Youth Council  
Presentation by Sliabh Sneacht Centre

Cllr Rena Donaghey welcomed everyone to the meeting. She advised that the Area Manager for Roads & Transportation wanted to finalise the Roadworks Programme 2016 with the members. It was proposed by Cllr McDermott, seconded by Cllr Farren and agreed to adjourn the MD meeting until 2.30pm.

### **16.18 Presentation from Donegal Youth Council**

Cllr Rena Donaghey welcomed the members of the Youth Council and their facilitator Martin Keeney to the MD meeting. Michael White, the current Chairman of Donegal Youth Council introduced his colleagues to the MD members and gave a brief overview of the projects and initiatives in which the Youth Council is involved.

### **Pre Election Debate**

The group recently completed for a Pre-Election debate called "Let's Talk" in LYIT with 10 candidates attending. This is a Community Foundation for Ireland funded partnership project with the DYS World Wide Voices group and has been really interesting to hear the issues effecting young people from ethnic minorities in the county.

### **Road Safety**

The group are due to complete another road safety radio with GAA Health & Wellbeing Committee and Donegal GAA Road Safety Ambassador Ryan McHugh to launch a road safety campaign ahead of St Patricks Day and Easter period

**Young Carers Week** -Through involvement in Donegal CYPSC Young Carers Working Group, Youth Councillors are planning to have their Young Carers video shown in schools and Youthreach Centres across the county during the planned Young Carers Week from 18th-22nd April 2016.

**IN THE LONG RUN** - The Youth Council are involved in a new event which will be highlighting the issue of Human Trafficking called "In the Long Run". The group come to Donegal on March 30th and will be hosted by the Donegal Anti Human Trafficking Group.

**New projects** - Youth Councillors voted at their January meeting to make Bullying their main priority for project work in 2016. They hope to work to develop a series of animated videos.

### **NORWEGIAN PARTNERSHIP YEP PROJECT**

DYC are planning a youth exchange for the Youth Council in 2016, which has seen them develop a partnership with the Nordland Youth Council. The Norwegian group will now come to Letterkenny for a week on Easter Monday with the Youth Council returning to visit them in Bodo Norway on July 4th. An advanced planning visit took place last week with 2 workers from the Nordland Youth Council visiting Donegal.

Cllr Donaghey commended the Youth Councillors and stated that their schools and community should be very proud of them for the work they are doing and the leadership that they provide.

The MD members all praised the work of the Youth Council and commended them for their role in addressing issues such as drink driving, bullying and mental health awareness and for encouraging discussion of these issues with their peers.

### **16.19 Presentation from Sliabh Sneacht Centre**

Cllr Donaghey welcomed Gabriel Doherty and Danny Harkin of the Sliabh Sneacht Centre to the MD meeting.

Gabriel Doherty thanked the members and began to set out their plans for the development of the Centre at Drumfries as part of a Health and Heritage Trail in the county. Referring to the success of the Heritage Trail at Loop Head, Co. Clare, Mr Doherty stated that Donegal and Inishowen have the potential for attracting tourists with the development of a project of a similar nature to that at Loop Head. Mr Doherty added that the Sliabh Sneacht Centre intend to work with Failte Ireland, local tour operators and hotels to provide packages that would include the local attractions such as Dunree Fort Museum, the Famine Village at the Isle of Doagh, and cross-border attractions in Derry City.

Danny Harkin presented sample brochures for a Health and Heritage Tour and for a School Heritage Trip which included an Inishowen Heritage Exhibition, a Hume-O'Neil Exhibition and wildlife walks in the area.

Gabriel Doherty stated that the Sliabh Sneacht Centre will be making an application for funding under the Development Fund Initiative and he asked that the members give it favourable consideration.

Cllr Donaghey thanked the deputation and wished them well in their endeavours.

#### **16.21 Consideration of the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016.**

Cllr Albert Doherty stated that his comment in relation to Donegal County Council promoting recycling at the Carndonagh Trade Fair should have been specifically on the subject of the new Pay by Weight service.

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren, seconded by Cllr Jack Murray, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016 were agreed.

#### **16.20 PLANNING**

Carol Margey, Senior Executive Planner stated that the update report had been circulated with the agenda. She invited members to put their questions to her.

The members all expressed their frustration trying to access the planning service and trying to contact individual planners, since the service was re-centralised to Lifford. The members were all of the view that it has become very difficult to represent constituents in relation to planning matters. The members asked that the Senior Executive Planner convey to the Divisional Manager and Director of Service their concerns in relation to the number of planning applications being returned or referred for Further Information.

The Senior Executive Planner responded that the planning service has seen great upheaval during the recession with planners moving to other services. However it is expected that the implementation of the new Workforce Plan will see the deficiencies in the service addressed. The Senior Executive Planner agreed to reflect the members concerns to the Division Manager. Members requested that the Director of Services Liam Ward and the Senior Planner Eunan Quinn be asked to meet with them to discuss proposals.

#### **16.22 COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE**

Cllr Martin McDermott enquired if a representative from Community and Enterprise will be attending meetings of the Municipal District in the future to take over from Aideen Doherty. John McLaughlin, Director of Service stated that it is his understanding that the post will be filled. He stated that the matter will be confirmed for the next meeting of the Municipal District.

##### **16.22.01 Donegal Walks and Trails**

Cllr Albert Doherty requested an update on the status of the Carndonagh River walkway.

#### **16.22.02 Public Participation Network PPN**

Cllr Doherty further asked that the members be informed of the representatives from Inishowen to the newly established Public Participation Network PPN.

#### **16.22.03 Foyle and Swilly Ferry Service**

Cllr Martin Farren expressed his disappointment that the ferry services are not yet in operation. He added that local tourism providers are affected because of the delay in getting the service up and running for the current season.

Cllr Donaghey asked for an update in relation to the Bunrana ferry service. John G McLaughlin, Director to Inishowen Municipal District stated that he had requested the Divisional Manager for Community and Enterprise to provide an update on the status of the Inishowen ferry services to the members by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **16.22.04 Eddie Fullerton Commemoration**

Cllr Jack Murray stated that 2016 is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the murder of Cllr Eddie Fullerton and asked for the agreement of the members to mark the anniversary.

Cllr Doherty supported Cllr Murray's proposal and suggested that the Sliabh Sneacht Centre as a venue to host a commemorative event.

#### **16.22.05 Celebration of local sporting achievement**

Cllr Donaghey informed the members that four Inishowen men had won gold medals at the World Tug of War Championships in Holland recently. The men are Paul Duffy, Bunrana, Liam Strain, Burnfoot, Adrian Lynch, Drumfries and Manus Doherty, Clonmany. Andrew McLaughlin won a silver medal and Cathal McLaughlin and Anthony Doherty narrowly missed out on a bronze. She commended the men on their success and proposed that a reception be held to acknowledge their achievement.

Cllr Crossan suggested that an event to honour several other local sports people should be held. Cllr Crossan cited Oliver Doherty, the Olympic Golfer, Nora Stapleton the Irish Rugby player.

Cllr Albert Doherty agreed with his colleagues and referred to the success of the Carndonagh Community School at the Dr Tony O'Neill Cup. Cllr Doherty also acknowledged the success of the Glengad soccer team as an example of local success on the sporting field.

Cllr Canning stated his view that a ceremony should be held in the municipal district and not at county level because of the difficulty in getting a date in the Mayor's diary. It was agreed to give the matter further consideration at the next workshop meeting of the MD in April.

#### **16.22.06 Malin Head Development**

Cllr Martin McDermott requested an update on the improvement works to be carried out at Malin Head. It was agreed to consider the matter at the forthcoming workshop meeting with Liam Ward.

#### **16.23 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES**

Mr John Gallagher, Senior Engineer Water & Environment presented the Environment Update Report to the members.

#### **16.23.01 Pay by Weight**

The Senior Engineer informed the members that from July, each householder will be charged for their waste on a pay by weight basis and a service charge. He added that the advantage of pay by weight is that it gives the householder more control over their waste bills. The less the bin weighs, the less we pay so there is a great incentive to prevent waste, recycle and compost where possible.

The Senior Engineer added that the process is advancing nationally, with an emphasis on the obligations of the Household Waste Collectors to provide an acceptable system of collection. Non-compliance by the waste collectors will be reported to the NWCPO (National Waste Collection Permit Office), as well as leaving the collectors liable to Fixed Penalty Notice fines of up to €500 per offence.

The Connaught Ulster Waste Management Region will be organising a regional awareness campaign on Pay By Weight in association with the region's Local Authorities in the coming months. A Pay By Weight information leaflet will be circulated to members.

#### **16.23.02 End of Life Tyres**

The Senior Engineer advised that new regulations regarding the obligation by importers and retailers of tyres are expected shortly. This will improve the existing legislation to ensuring that such wastes are correctly disposed or recovered when their owners discard end-of-life tyres. A new Approved Body, REPAK ELT has been established to manage this process, which Local authority Waste Enforcement will be involved with over the coming months.

#### **16.23.03 WERLA Offices**

The Senior Engineer advised that Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authority (WERLA) offices have been set up in the three Irish waste regions, with Donegal and Leitrim County Councils responsible for the Connacht Ulster Region.

In Donegal the Connacht Ulster WERLA met with Donegal County Council Environment SPC on the 18th February 2016 and delivered a presentation to that meeting as to the role and current progress of the office. The WERLA offices will work in close conjunction with the Waste Management Plan Lead Authorities (WMPLA) to ensure that the objectives of the current Regional Waste Management Plan are carried out.

#### **16.23.04 Recycling**

Donegal County Council has secured 3 new Bring Bank sites in the County since the last report; these include Pettigo, Stranorlar and Letterkenny. The new Letterkenny site is to replace a site that had unfortunately become unavailable to the Council, but work is in progress to secure a further site in town, which will hopefully come on line in March. Currently there are 73 Bring Bank site in Co. Donegal, with over 330 glass and can banks and 70 textile banks in place.

#### **16.23.05 Big Donegal Clean Up '16**

Donegal County Council has branded this year's Spring Summer Clean ups as the #Big Donegal Clean Up '16 and is planning a launch mid March. Applications for clean up equipment are now available online and through the Council offices. Donegal County Council Environment Section is encouraging as many groups as possible to promote their clean up through social media and by sending in photographs and details so we can also promote through the Council's website etc.

#### **16.23.06 Waste Prevention Initiatives**

The Senior Engineer advised that Waste Prevention is a key priority in the new regional waste management plan. The Council will be implementing a number of waste prevention campaigns and initiatives per year over the lifetime of the plan.

#### **16.23.07 Beaches**

Donegal County Council has 21 beaches which are actively managed, tested for water quality or adhering to strict promotional initiatives such as Blue Flag or Green Coast awards. Designated Blue Flag and Green Coast beaches all must meet the same excellent water quality standard. To qualify for the Green Coast award, these beaches are often more remote and will not necessarily require the same infrastructure as Blue Flag standard beaches.

Referring to the members' questions regarding Carnagarve bathing water, the Senior Engineer explained that the legislation governing the monitoring of bathing water comes from EU directive and is monitored and agreed in conjunction with the EPA. He further stated that the designation criteria are currently under review and he would update the members in due course.

Cllr Doherty expressed concern that the extra bin will mean additional charges to the customer, despite the stated aim to reduce costs by giving the household more control over its waste. He added that he is concerned that there will be an increase in fly-tipping throughout the countryside.

Cllr McDermott concurred with Cllr Doherty's concerns. He further queried the delay in determining the application for funding for Lagg beach.

John McLaughlin, Director of Service stated that the Council has made the application to the OPW. We must await the OPW's decision in the matter.

The Area Manager for Roads & Transportation confirmed that the signage proposed for Lagg has been ordered and delivery is expected today.

Cllr Canning suggested that waste could be reduced by emailing elected members more of their information rather than sending hard copies of documents.

He also queried how the end of life tyre regulations will be enforced. Cllr Canning requested that the Executive continue to keep under review the recouping of funds to Tidy Towns groups as the current arrangement puts and additional administrative pressure on the local volunteers.



### **16.23.08 Buncrana Leisure Centre**

John Gallagher, Senior Engineer confirmed that there have been substantial interactions with the Department regarding the renovation of the Leisure Centre. He added that the consultant had sent additional detail to the Department as today. The Engineer stated that the project was well advanced.

Cllr Ryan confirmed that Mr Joe Peoples, Director of Service had stated that the funding model for the Buncrana Leisure Centre will be similar to that used to set up the Finn Valley Centre in Stranorlar.

Cllr Donaghey requested that signage to address the problem of dog fouling is erected at the entrances to Swan Park in Buncrana.

Cllr Donaghey further stated that Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April has been chosen for the Inishowen Clean-up day.

### **16.24 ROADS & TRANSPORTATION**

The Senior Executive Engineer Seamus Hopkins acknowledged the co-operation of the members at the Roads workshops over the course of recent weeks. He thanked his colleagues, Jimmy McLaughlin and Eamon Mahon and their team for their help and expertise in preparing the programme.

The Senior Engineer noted that the follow up report on the issues raised at the February meeting had been circulated.

Cllr Farren asked whether there had been progress in relation to the Battery Brae, Greencastle. The Senior Engineer confirmed that the matter is being followed up with the receiver appointed for the property.

Cllr Farren also stated that the bridge at Redcastle had been damaged by a car. The Engineer acknowledged that the Area Engineer is aware of the matter.

Cllr Murray stated that the playpark in Buncrana needed some minor repairs. The Engineer acknowledged that the issues have been reported to the Area Engineer.

Cllr Canning asked for an update on the sponsorship of the roundabouts.

Cllr Canning also stated that he had attended the CFRAM public meeting earlier and expressed his concern that the mechanisms being proposed by the OPW to alleviate flooding do not properly address the problem of surface water run-off during heavy rain.

The Senior Engineer confirmed that sponsorship at Bridgend roundabout would be in place soon as the new floral display has been completed by the gardener, George McDermott.

Arrangements for the roundabout in Buncrana are already in place.

Cllr McDermott stated that the bridge at Craignahorna still requires attention.

Cllr McDermott stated that the road from Carndonagh to Quigley's Point should be referred to Road Design Office to prepare a plan for upgrading the road in the event that funding becomes available.

Cllr Doherty stated that the road from Bree crossroads to Urblreagh School requires attention. He stated that when he raised the issue previously, Irish Water were due to complete works in the area. Cllr Doherty asked whether low cost safety measures could be considered along the stretch of road.

Cllr Doherty asked the Engineer to investigate slunks in the Ballyloskey Road. He further added that works to the hard shoulder of the road at Fodden are required. Cllr Doherty welcomed the follow up meeting held with Scoil Phadraig at Rasheny. Referring to the local Tidy Towns Committee, Cllr Doherty stated that the group is seeking to meet Council officials to discuss various issues of concern to them.

Cllr John Ryan stated that he continues to have concerns regarding traffic turning right along the stretch of the N13 between Magherabeg School and Newtowncunningham.

Cllr Ryan stated that there is a problem of cars speeding and overtaking on the Killea to Newtowncunningham road.

Cllr Crossan stated that a directional sign should be erected at Westbrook, Bunrana for Dunree Fort and Military Museum. He added that a pedestrian crossing should also be provided at Westbrook.

Cllr Crossan requested that the light at Crana Bridge be investigated.

Cllr Canning advised the Senior Engineer that road signage had gone missing in the Killea area.

Cllr Donaghey congratulated the Senior Engineer on the progress made to date at the Aghilly Road, Bunrana. She added that the local residents are pleased with the work done to date.

## **16.25 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

Aideen Doherty, Area Manager for Housing & Corporate Services stated that the Housing Update Report was circulated with the agenda and that she would take it as read.

### **16.25.01 Housing Workshop**

The Area Manager advised that a workshop will be held prior to the April MD meeting to update the members on the various programmes of work currently being undertaken in the Municipal District and to provide information on the status of new initiatives emerging from the Social Housing Strategy 2020. The Housing Workshop will begin at 11.30am.

It was further agreed to hold a second workshop to consider roads service issues including speed limit signage immediately afterward at 1pm.

It was agreed to defer the April meeting until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm.  
It was agreed that the plaque unveiling the seven trees at Malin will be held at 5.00pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

#### **16.26 SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS**

The members discussed the Schedule of Municipal Works for 2016. There was a lengthy discussion in relation to the works proposed and concern was expressed at the level of budget provision under specific headings. It was agreed to adopt the Schedule of Municipal Works for 2016 on condition that the Head of Finance is requested to attend a future meeting of the MD to discuss the concerns of the members. It was agreed to invite the Head of Finance and Director of Service for Community, Enterprise and Planning Services to meet the members on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 11am.

It was proposed by Cllr Donaghey, seconded by Cllr Farren and resolved that the Inishowen Municipal District hereby adopts for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, the Schedule of Municipal District Works 2016, as required by Section 103A of the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and in line with requirements of Circular LG27/2014/Fin21/2014.

#### **16.28 SISTER CITIES**

The Area Manager for Housing & Corporate Services informed the members that by way of follow up to the sisters city project a delegation from Charlestown, St Louis, Missouri will attend the Public Services Centre on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 11am.

The delegation is on a follow up to the exchange programme with Carndonagh Community School and that the invitation from the Mayor of Charlestown, St Louis to the elected members of the Inishowen Municipal District received in July 2015 inviting them to participate in the exchange programme and to take part in a festival at the end of May 2016 needed to be considered.

The members discussed the importance of developing the link with Charlestown, St Louis and it was agreed that two of the members should take part in the exchange.

It was proposed by Cllr Crossan, seconded by Cllr Ryan and agreed that the Cathaoirleach Cllr Donaghey and Cllr Albert Doherty should travel to Charlestown, St Louis to represent the Inishowen Municipal District.

#### **16.27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed to defer the April meeting of the Municipal District until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 2pm.

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

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



# **Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting**

## **HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

### **Corporate Services**

### **Housing Services**

#### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

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

# Inishowen Municipal District

## Housing Grants Report at 6th April 2016

### Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2014	36	23	8	5	0
2015	56	30	7	16	3
2016	9	0	1	4	4

### 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	2	0	0	2	0

### 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	5	1	1	2	1

## Housing Loan Report at 6th April 2016

	YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED / CANCELLED	UNDECIDED
Standard Loans	2014	5	1	4	0
	2015	0	0	0	0
	2016	1	0	1	0

### CASUAL VACANCY INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

DWELLING	BED	VACANT FROM	DETAILS
80 Millfield Buncrana	3	Nov-15	Letter of offer issued
5A Cluain Mhuire, Buncrana	3	Nov-15	Letter of offer issued
25 Knockalla Drive, Buncrana	1	Nov-15	Letter of offer issued
29 Gaddyduff	2	Nov-15	Letter of offer issued
32 Convent Road, Carndonagh	3	Nov-15	Under repair
14 Radharc na Trabreige, Malin	2	Nov-15	Under repair
6 Pump Street, Carrigans	3	Jan-16	Under repair
21 Abbey Park, Manorcunningham	2	Feb 16	Under repair
2 Bonemaine, Bridgend	2	Feb 16	Under repair
18 Gaddyduff, CLonmany	3	10/2/16	Under repair
15 The Cottages, Burnfoot	1	15/3/16	Assessment ongoing
27 Sllabh Sneacht, Buncrana	2	10/3/16	Assessment ongoing
7 Pump Street, Carrigans	3	22/3/16	Assessment ongoing
154 Millbrook, Malin	3	22/3/16	Assessment ongoing

#### HAP Tenancies

Municipal District	January	February	March	April
Donegal	49	60	72	90
Letterkenny	287	315	372	409
Glenties	29	39	64	81
Stranorlar	65	75	92	106
Inishowen	62	81	100	125
<b>Total</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>811</b>

#### Tenant Purchase Scheme

The Department of Environment booklet on the new Incremental Tenant Purchase Scheme and has been sent out to all council tenants who qualify for consideration under the scheme.

#### MICA

Mr. Paudie Coffey, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, announced on 05 April 2016 the membership of the expert panel that is being established to investigate the problems that have emerged in the concrete blockwork of certain dwellings in Donegal and Mayo. Nominations have been received from National Standards Authority of Ireland, Engineers Ireland and the Institute of Geologists of Ireland.

In addition to the appointment of Mr Denis McCarthy as chairperson, the membership of the expert panel will comprise Mr Noel Kane, BE, Dip Comp Eng, Eurlng, CEng, FIEI, FStructE, MIEAust, MACI, RconEI, member of the National Standards Authority of Ireland's Concrete and Eurocodes Consultative Committees and the chair of their Masonry Panel and Eurocodes Masonry Subcommittee.

Mr. Frank Lee, BE, CEng, FIEI, FConSEI who has been nominated by the Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland, and Mr Dave Blaney, PGeo, and Board member of the Institute of Geologists of Ireland.



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

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

10<sup>th</sup> May 2016

CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE



Community, Enterprise & Planning Directorate  
Community & Development Division



**Comhairle Contae  
Dhún na nGall**  
Donegal County Council

Municipal District of Inishowen  
19<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Divisional Manager Mr Paddy Doherty will attend and present his report to the MD.



<p><b>Community, Enterprise &amp; Planning Services</b></p> <p><b>Planning Control Report</b></p>
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**Inishowen Municipal District Meeting – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

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

<b>MD</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Apps Recd</b>	<b>Granted</b>	<b>Refused</b>	<b>Deferred</b>	<b>Decided within 8 weeks</b>	<b>Invalid</b>
<b>Donegal</b>	01/01/16-31/03/16	98	76	12	23	38	17
<b>Glenties</b>	01/01/16-31/03/16	79	57	20	35	17	13
<b>Inishowen</b>	01/01/16-31/03/16	94	58	13	20	32	13
<b>Letterkenny</b>	01/01/16-31/03/16	95	54	6	11	38	15
<b>Stranorlar</b>	01/01/16-31/03/16	57	41	6	10	17	9
<b>County Totals</b>		<b>423</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>67</b>

## 2. Appeals

### Appeal's Received (29/02/2016-01/04/2016)

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA RECD DATE
15/51409	Robert Irwin	Retention	23/02/16	Granted	A light industrial unit, with office, wc, rainwater harvesting unit and associated site development works and planning permission for an On-site package treatment plant and associated polishing filter system at Drumhaggart, Muff	22/03/2016
15/51683	Declan Clarke	Permission	19/02/16	Refused	A ten year planning permission. The proposed development will consist of a single turbine extension of tip height of 119.33m, comprising a hub height of 78.33 and a rotor diameter of 82m, to a permitted two turbine windfarm (each with tip height 119.33m; hub height 78.33m and rotor diameter of 82m) granted permission on this site under ref 12/70002 pl 05a.240394 and ref 14/51367 pl 05e.244481 and for a 1 no. Control building, construction of new access roads, hardstandings, continued use of permitted rock borrow pit, underground cabling and all ancillary site works . An environmental impact statement will be submitted with the application. at Cnockbrack Hill, Carrowbeg	10/03/2016

**Appeal's Decision Notified (29/02/2016-01/04/2016) None**

REF NO	APPLICANTS NAME	APP. TYPE	DECISION DATE	L.A. DECISION	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	BORD PLEANALA DEC. DATE	DECISION
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### 3(a) Significant Applications

Ref No	Applicant	Type	Date Received	Development Description
16/50299	LITTLE ACORNS C/O SARAH QUIGLEY BURNS	P	07/03/2016	CHANGE OF USE OF RETAIL UNIT TO EARLY CHILDCARE FACILITY INCLUDING CLASSROOM, OFFICE AND TOILETS AND INCLUDING OUTDOOR PLAY AREA WITH SCREEN FENCING AND CONNECTION TO PUBLIC SEWER UNIT 17 ,GAELIC PARK , BALLYLOSKEY , CARNDONAGH
16/50329	NEIL DUFFY	P	09/03/2016	CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL YARD FOR HOLDING DE-POLLUTED END OF LIFE VEHICLES WITH ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT CLEENAGH, BALLYMAGAN, BUNCRANA
16/50337	THE REV. MOTHER, ON BEHALF OF THE SISTERS OF NAZARETH	P	11/03/2016	CONSTRUCTION OF EXTENSIONS TO THE NURSING HOME AS FOLLOWS: (A) THE ERECTION OF BLOCK 'A' TO PROVIDE A STAFF ROOM; (B) THE ERECTION OF BLOCK 'B' TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT STORE AND (C) THE ERECTION OF BLOCK 'C' TO PROVIDE CLEANERS STORE AND TREATMENT ROOM, TOGETHER WITH ALL ASSOCIATED WORKS AND CONNECTION TO EXISTING SERVICES ON SITE AT FIGARY FAHAN
16/50335	MALKELL ENERGY LIMITED	P	14/03/2016	A TEN YEAR DURATION FOR A PROPOSED TWO WIND TURBINE DEVELOPMENT. THE DEVELOPMENT WILL CONSIST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO WIND TURBINES COMPRISING TOWER, NACELLE AND COMPOSITE FIBRE ROTOR BLADES WITH A HUB HEIGHT OF UP TO 78 METRES, A ROTOR BLADE DIAMETER OF UP TO 82 METRES, AND THUS A BLADE TIP HEIGHT OF UP TO 119 METRES WITH A STEEL TOWER WITH CONCRETE SECTION. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ALSO INCLUDES EXTERNAL WIND TURBINE TRANSFORMERS, TURBINE FOUNDATIONS, HARDSTANDS AND ASSEMBLY AREAS; NEW ACCESS TRACKS; AND USE OF APPROVED ACCESS TRACK AND ACCESS PERMITTED UNDER PLANNING PERMISSION REFERENCE 10/70075 FOR AN ADJACENT WIND TURBINE; ELECTRICAL CONTROL BUILDING; ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS; UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL CABLE AND ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATION CABLES; WITH ALL ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT STRANACLEA AND MEENKEERAGH, BUNCRANA

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16/50345	JENNIFER GRANT T/A LITTLE ACORNS MONTESSORI PLAYSHCOOL	P	15/03/2016	CHANGE OF USE FROM A RETAIL WAREHOUSE UNIT TO A CHILD PRE-SCHOOL/PART-TIME CARE FACILITY, WITH CONNECTION TO EXISTING SERVICES AND ALL ASSOCIATED WORKS AT MILLTOWN BUSINESS PARK, ARDRAVAN, BUNCRANA
16/50359	HEATHHILL PROPERTIES LTD	P	18/03/2016	CONSTRUCTION OF 19 NO. HOUSES COMPRISING OF 12 NO. TWO STOREY 3 BED SEMI DETACHED, 4 NO. TWO STOREY 4 BED SEMI DETACHED, 1 NO. TWO STOREY 3 BED DETACHED AND 2 NO. TWO STOREY 4 BED DETACHED AND CONNECTION OF ALL PROPOSED HOUSES TO ALL SITE AND PUBLIC SERVICES AT HEATHHILL, MAIN STREET, NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM
16/50372	SHANE DOHERTY	P	22/03/2016	CHANGE OF USE OF THE GROUND FLOOR PREMISES FORMALLY KNOWN AS 'MAX SPORTS AMUSEMENT CENTRE' INTO A CAFE/RESTAURANT WITH ALL ASSOCIATED INTERNAL WORKS, SEPARATION OF PART OF THE GROUND FLOOR TO FORM AN EXTERNALLY ACCESSED STORE, SIGNAGE ABOVE THE ENTRANCES AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AND RETENTION PERMISSION FOR TWO FIRST FLOOR WINDOWS TO THE REAR OF THE BUILDING (EAST FACING), FOUR GROUND FLOOR WINDOWS TO THE SIDE OF THE BUILDING (NORTH FACING), REPLACEMENT OF SOLID DOORS TO GLAZING ON THE GROUND FLOOR AT THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING (WEST FACING) AT MAIN STREET, MUFF, CO. DONEGAL
16/50379	THREE IRELAND SERVICES (HUTCHISON) LTD	R	24/03/2016	AN EXISTING 30M HIGH TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT STRUCTURE (PREVIOUSLY GRANTED PERMISSION UNDER REFERENCE 10/70316 WHICH WAS A TEMPORARY PERMISSION FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS WHICH HAS EXPIRED) CARRYING ANTENNAS AND LINK DISHES TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT UNIT, SECURITY FENCING & ACCESS TRACK AT CARROWMORE OR GLENTOGHER, CARNDONAGH

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16/50420	J DOHERTY & V O'DOHERTY T/A MCMENNAMIN TYRES, NEWTOWN TRUCKS LTD & TREVOR MCCLEAN	P	01/04/2016	1) DEMOLITION OF 2 NO. EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND AN EXISTING SHED; (2) ERECTION OF 2 NO. COMMERCIAL UNITS FOR USE AS (A) A COMMERCIAL TYRE MAINTENANCE GARAGE AND (B) A HGV MAINTENANCE GARAGE; (3) DEMOLITION OF 4 OUT OF 6 BAYS OF AN EXISTING GRAIN STORE AND THE REFURBISHMENT AND UPGRADING OF THE REMAINING 2 BAYS FOR CONTINUED USE AS A GRAIN STORE; (4) REFURBISHMENT AND UPGRADING OF AN EXISTING GRAIN STORE (AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE SITE); (5) FORMATION OF 2 NO. SITE ENTRANCES ONTO LONG LANE AND (6) ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM

**(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, Castledearg.	P Kelly	Active

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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
TB15/02	A/2015/0049/F	10/02/2015	D.O.E. N.I.	Initial Consultation	Wind Turbine with a hub height on lands 108m N.W. of 18 Killea Road, Derry.	P Kelly	Active

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TB15/03	LA11/2015/0066/F49/F	05/05/2015	Derry City & Strabane District Council	Initial Consultation	erection of a single wind turbine - 30m hub height with 17.3m blades, associated access and 2 no. electricity cabinets on lands 250m N.W. of 9 Elagh Road, Derry	P Kelly	Active
TB15/04	J/2013/0187/F Appeal Ref.No: 2014/A0180	08/09/2015	P.A.C. Johnathan Nelson	Appeal Procedures	Extension to of consented Seagronan Windfarm Ltd	P Kelly	Initial Consultation

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

Ref No	Location	Section	Received	Description	Finalised
PG12/305	Crockavenney Hill Reservoir	Water Services	07/01/2016	Non -material deviation to previous part 8 approval	

## **ENVIRONMENT SECTION REPORT APRIL 2016.**

### **Big Donegal Clean Up'16**

This year's campaign was successfully launched by Donegal Footballer Neil Gallagher and Cathaoirleach Cllr Ciaran Brogan. A number of clean ups have already taken place with Easter being a busy weekend for clean ups across the County. Promotion of the clean up will continue through the use of social media, online advertising and local radio and press.

### **Spring Anti - Litter awareness campaign**

Over the month of April the Council's promotional activities will focus on an anti - litter message targeting roadside litter, dog fouling and promoting community clean ups. This is carried out by advertising on local radio, online advertising, print media and using social media.

### **Dog Fouling**

Free poop scoops are now available at all Council Public Service Centres and we would encourage dog owners to avail of the free poop scoop bags or use any bag and dispose of the dog mess in the appropriate manner. An advertising campaign is also underway with this message.

### **Home Composting**

Home compost bins are available from all Council Public Services Centres for only €13. 1/3 of all waste can be composted such as fruit and vegetable peelings. By composting these types of waste we reduce the waste in our bins and we make our own compost which is a wonderful resource for our gardens. A book on home composting will be given out with every bin sold.

### **Recycling.**

Donegal County Council continues to expand its Bring Bank sites across the county, with new sites identified in Letterkenny and Stranorlar. Additionally the Council is conducting a process of renewing old and damaged banks with new stock on an ongoing basis. The Council is actively looking for new sites and any assistance in this search would be appreciated.

### **Waste and Litter Enforcement.**

316 Environment Complaints for year to date

89% Waste/Litter.

40 Fixed Penalty Notices served under the Litter Pollution Act for year to date, 12 paid (30%).

7 Fixed Penalty Notices served on person from NI.

7 unpaid Fixed Penalty Notices before the Courts.

### **Coastal Management**

#### **Priority Beach Works**

A list of beach priority works has been drafted following direction of An Taisce re Criteria Compliance to retain Blue Flag and Green Coast status and recent Irish Water Safety beach risk assessment recommendations. Immediate works are pending for Dooley, Killahoey and Drumnatinney.

Downings beach access was improved ahead of the Easter holidays as the access path was badly choked with sand.

### **Designated Bathing Areas**

The EPA has just awarded Donegal County Council two additional Designated Bathing Area status for Dooley and Magheroarty beaches. This brings our total to 21 (or 15%) of the total 140 beaches Nationally.

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>No. Of Designated Bathing Areas</b>
Clare Co Co	11
Cork Co Co	13
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co Co	2
Donegal Co Co	21
Dublin City Co	3
Fingal Co Co	10
Galway City Co	4
Galway Co Co	13
Kerry Co Co	15
Leitrim Co Co	1
Louth Co Co	4
Mayo Co Co	15
Meath Co Co	1
Sligo Co Co	5
Waterford Co Co	6
Westmeath Co Co	3
Wexford Co Co	7
Wicklow Co Co	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>140</b>

### **Coastal Erosion**

- A very productive meeting was held with An Mhacháire le Chéile Teo to address erosion issues affecting the Maghery area. Coastal Officer is progressing the issues agreed.
- An application is in Preparation to the NPWS to address the erosion issue on Magherawarden beach by the local river. Work is necessary to divert the river flow toward the sea. The erosion has an obvious impact re land loss but also potential deterioration in water quality.
- A meeting was held with management of Carrickfinn Airport re accretion issues affecting the airport and locality. With their input, an application can be made to the OPW for funding to assess the situation.
- Approval was received from the OPW to progress and seek an appropriate contractor to assess the coastal erosion issues in Inishowen from Clonmany to Malin Head.

Other coastal erosion applications are summarised below.



Ballyliffen/5 Finger Strand/Binbane Hd Road	Application submitted for collective study (as recommended by OPW) for funding.	Funding approved.	Environment & Roads; Environment to investigate addressing impacts on beaches and adjacent dune systems. Roads to investigate addressing impacts on Binbane Road, beach car parks and beach access roads, etc.
Magheroarty	Application submitted for funding.	Pending.	Environment to investigate addressing impacts on this Green Coast beach and dune system.
Narin/Portnoo	Site assessment complete with the Golf Club. Awaiting input from Roads before submitting application to OPW for funding.		Environment & Roads; Environment to investigate addressing impact on this Blue Flag beach and dunes. Roads to investigate addressing impacts on beach car park.
Maghery	Survey complete. Costing for recommended works sought to proceed and request OPW funding for same.		Environment proposes to investigate addressing impacts on this beach and dune system.
Inver	Application submitted for funding.	Pending.	Roads Directorate to investigate addressing impact on locally affected road network.
Drung	Application submitted for funding.	Pending.	Roads Directorate to investigate addressing impact on locally affected road network.

### **Beach Sea Mammals**

Under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 1976-2005, all cetaceans and seals are protected species listed on the 5th Schedule. There is an obligation to protect these animals should they arrive on our shores (alive or dead). Also, there is a scientific interest to record the details of such events to track and monitor trends. Such recording can allow the introduction of measures to reduce/prevent deaths. Again, this is an obligation under the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 1976-2005.

A very productive meeting was held with the County Vet where a draft policy on dealing with beached sea mammals (dead or alive) was presented. The Litter Wardens, Mobile Litter Units, etc, were supportive of the policy. This policy is the first developed in the country with input from all relevant agencies.

### **Beach Lifeguards**

Interviews are being held to appoint seasonal beach lifeguards for 14 beaches across the County. Supporting infrastructure (Lifeguard Stations, ringbuoys, toilets, uniforms, etc) is also currently being procured.

### **Access for All**

A Loughs Agency sponsored beach wheelchair will be delivered this week to Rathmullan Water Sports and Sailing School for use by them over the 2016 season. This will enable access to the water and beach by the group's members of all abilities. This will be a valuable pilot project.

DCC is making arrangements for a long term loan of our Loughs Agency sponsored pontoon hoist to Gartan Outdoor Centre. This hoist is used to transfer disabled water enthusiasts from land to vessel safely. It was previously used in the Greencastle Marina but has been replaced with a permanent hoist.

### **Public Conveniences**

#### **PC Assessment**

An assessment is nearing completion on the Public Convenience status at each of the 24 locations county wide. There are additional portaloo services provided both seasonally and annually. These have been excluded from this initial assessment.

These services are being reviewed in consultation with Michael Hanley re the Health and Safety of the facilities as a place of work for our staff.

Initial costs have been sought for improvement works at Bundoran, Dungloe, Arranmore Island, Ballywhoriskey, Dunfanaghy, Downings and Merville.

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

**19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016**

**ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**AGENDA**

- 1. ROADS PROGRAMME UPDATE FOR THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT*
- 2. FOLLOW UPS FROM THE 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016 MEETING*