

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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Leifear
4 Bealtaine 2016

FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Máirt 10 Bealtaine 2016, **ag 1.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas

p.p. **Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

Municipal District of Inishowen

Office of Meetings Administrator
County House
Lifford
4th May 2016

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 10th May 2016 **at 1.00p.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

**for Joe Peoples
Meetings Administrator**

AGENDA

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 12th April 2016
2. Roads & Transportation (Orange)
3. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services (Yellow)
4. Community & Enterprise (Pink)
5. Planning Services (Green)
6. Environment Services (Blue)
7. Swan Park Upgrade Works, Notice pursuant to Article 81, Part 8 of Planning & Development Regulations 2001-2013.
8. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBER, CARNDONAGH ON TUESDAY 19th APRIL 2016 AT 2.00pm

Councillors Present:

Cllrs Rena Donaghey, Paul Canning, John Ryan, Albert Doherty, Nicholas Crossan, Martin McDermott, Martin Farren, Jack Murray, 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, Paul Christie, Senior Executive Planner, John Gallagher, Senior Engineer Water & Environment, Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community & Enterprise.

Reports Presented:

Environment Section Update Report.
Roads & Transportation Follow up Report.
Roads Schedule of Municipal District Works 2016.
Planning Services Update Report.
Housing & Corporate Services Update Report.
Community & Enterprise Update Report.

16.28 Mayoral Chain of Office

Cllr Rena Donaghey began by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Cllr Donaghey informed the members that the new Chain of Office for the Cathaoirleach of the Inishowen Municipal District had been received. Mr John McLaughlin, Director of Service to the Inishowen Municipal District formally presented the chain of office to the Cathaoirleach.

Cllr Donaghey stated that it was a great honour to be presented with the chain. Cllr Donaghey added that Buncrana Town Council had a mayoral chain that was always worn with great honour and dignity by the first citizen at civic occasions and she was humbled and honoured to be the first bearer of the new Inishowen Municipal District chain of office.

16.29 Drowning tragedy in Buncrana

The Cathaoirleach Cllr Donaghey called on the members to stand for a minute silence in memory of the victims of the drowning tragedy in Buncrana. She praised the contribution of the emergency services on the night and commended the courage and bravery of Davitt Walsh his partner Stephanie Knox and all those who took part in the rescue and recovery operation on the night. Cllr Donaghey paid a special tribute to Louise James for her courage and dignity in the face of such a tragedy and enormous loss and that she is an inspiration to the whole community.

A minute silence was observed.

16.30 Consideration of the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 15th March 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr Nicholas Crossan, seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott, the minutes of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 15th March 2016 were agreed.

16.31 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.

Cllr McGuinness requested that the members are provided with a report detailing all lands in Inishowen in the ownership of the Donegal County Council that are available for Housing.

Cllr McGuinness acknowledged that the membership of the MICA expert panel has been finalised. He added that it is important that Donegal County Council Engineering staff liaise closely with the expert panel and that Donegal County Council plays its full part in the process. Cllr McGuinness asked how many Council properties are affected by the MICA problem

Cllr Doherty also welcomed Minister Coffey's announcement but expressed disappointment that it is expected to take six months for the panel to issue its report. Cllr Doherty stated that the Council should request that the panel expedites its investigations and issues a report in a shorter period of time.

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16.32 COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE

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

16.32.01 Malin Head

The Divisional Manager stated that the Council is expecting to receive the formal letter of offer this week comprising funding of almost €400,000. The Council has also made an application to Failte Ireland for Technical Assistance support towards cost of a masterplan proposal which will include detailed design, costing and related studies required for the development of a Wild Atlantic Way signature Discovery point at Malin Head.

Cllr McDermott expressed his frustration at the lack of progress made to date with the project. He stated that Failte Ireland must respond more quickly to ensure that the project is delivered.

Cllr McGuinness expressed his support for Cllr McDermott adding that a meeting with representatives of Failte Ireland should be sought to clarify the issues and to keep all stakeholders informed.

Cllr Doherty expressed disappointment that the vacant C & E post in Inishowen has not yet been filled. He added that the unavailability of a C & E representative in the area is causing a delay in the delivery of the C & E programme in the Municipal District.

16.32.02 Ferry Services

The Divisional Manager informed the members that the Swilly Ferry operator has been in discussions with Donegal County Council regarding the service in 2016. He added that the operator is prepared to enter into a four year deal to provide the service if the Council is agreeable.

The Divisional Manager stated that the Foyle Ferry Service has been advertised on eTenders, with a closing date for receipt of completed tenders of Friday 29th April 2016.

There was broad agreement amongst the members that the delay going to tender for the Foyle Ferry is very disappointing and it was acknowledged that the delay was not on the part of Donegal County Council. However given that the matter is currently the subject of a live tender process, no further discussion was held.

The members welcomed the proposal to run the Swilly Ferry service on a multi-year basis. It was acknowledged that this arrangement will benefit the local tourism providers with their strategic market planning.

16.32.03 Peace IV

The Divisional Manager advised that 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.

16.32.04 Rural Development Programme / LEADER

The Divisional Manager advised that the Donegal Local Community Development Company has expressed an interest in relation to the LEADER/Rural Development Programme with a view to being the Local Action Group for County Donegal. Donegal LCDC will lead on the preparation and implementation on the next phase of the LEADER/RDP in the county as a whole. It is anticipated that following discussions with the Department that the Leader programme could be open for applications in July/August.

16.32.05 Aire de Service

The three locations for the installation of the Aire de Service facilities are Carndonagh, Maghera and Magheraroarty. Work at the Carndonagh site will be completed in May.

16.32.06 Buncrana School Campus

The Divisional Manager advised that further information has been requested from the Department of Education & Skills on 17th February 2016. Eamon Boyle, Executive Engineer is currently assessing the request in order to preparing the Council's response.

Cllr Murray expressed his appreciation for the prompt repair to the playground equipment in Bunrana. He also welcomed the progress with the project at Malin Head and stated that the Council should give consideration to developing the tourism potential of An Grianan Aileach.

Cllr Martin McDermott congratulated Donegal County Council for their hard work preparing the Local Economic and Community Plan. He added that it is imperative that funding now comes available.

Cllr Canning concurred adding that the work and effort will assist the speedy delivery of projects.

Cllr Farren stated that repairs are required for Merville playground. He added that he had already informed the Executive Engineer, Eamon Boyle.

Cllr Doherty praised the work done to deliver the playground at Clós Phadraig. Referring to the REDZ project for Carndonagh and to the meeting held earlier with the local Tidy Towns Committee, Cllr Doherty stressed the importance of having a contact person for Community and Enterprise located in the local PSC as soon as possible.

The members discussed the efforts to identify a site for the school campus in Bunrana. The members were informed that representatives of the three schools will meet in Bunrana on Wednesday 20th April to discuss the lack of progress. Cllr Crossan stated that pressure must be applied to expedite the delivery of a site for the project in the interests of the staff, students and parents concerned.

16.32.07 Development Fund Initiative Workshop

The Divisional Manager advised that a workshop will be required to consider the Development Fund Initiative 2016. It was agreed to hold the workshop on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at 10.30am.

The members expressed their concern that applications for the DFI were not accepted at the Public Services Centre in Carndonagh and that some applicants were forced to get a taxi to Lifford to lodge their application. The members stated that any document presented to any PSC should be stamped as having been received by Donegal County Council.

16.33 PLANNING

The Senior Executive Planner Paul Christie briefed the members on the planning update report circulated with the agenda. He further advised that Eunan Quinn, Senior Planner will attend a workshop with the members to discuss current staffing arrangements within the Planning Service. The Senior Executive Planner advised that a workshop will also be required to discuss the Local Area Plans in the Municipal District.

There was a brief discussion on the designation of the towns in Inishowen under the Tier 2 category. Concern was expressed that Merville is not designated as a Tier 2

town. Cllr Farren stated that he had been advised that Movice is to be categorised as a Heritage Town. It was agreed that further information should be provided with regard to the status of Movice as a Heritage town.

The members expressed their concerns regarding their difficulties getting access to the planners for Inishowen. It was agreed to keep the concerns for discussion with the Senior Planner at the forthcoming workshop. It was agreed to hold a workshop to consider both the LAPs and the staffing arrangements on Thursday 12th May 2016 at 11am.

16.33.01 Windfarm at Kinnego Bay

There was a long discussion regarding the application for a wind farm at Kinnego Bay. The members expressed grave concern that the developers of the wind farm had initiated logistical preparations outside the permitted times set out in the conditions of planning permission. It was further noted that agents of the developers had carried out works to remove obstacles to their large vehicles at junctions along their route.

Cllr Farren stated that he had personally intervened with contractors for the developer in Movice to prevent them carrying out road works.

The members expressed their anger that such a scenario could arise and urged the Chief Executive to consider taking an injunction to stop work on the development immediately.

The Senior Executive Planner stated that the Planning Office is aware of the matter. He advised that the planner has been out to inspect the complaints made and that the matter is currently being treated as an unauthorised development. He acknowledged the very strong views of the members and assured them that the Planning Service is treating the case very seriously. He added that as the matter is currently the subject of a live unauthorised development investigation, he did not consider it appropriate to discuss it any further at this stage.

16.33.02 Fire Certificates

Cllr Doherty, noting planning application 16/50299, highlighted the length of time it takes for Fire Certificates to issue from the Fire Service. He added that pre-school facilities require fire certificate in order to comply with regulations.

Cllr McDermott commented that currently it is taking six months to get a fire certificate. The members expressed their concern that the delays could jeopardise the provision of new childcare places in September.

16.34 ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

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

16.34.01 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 cleanup will continue through the use of social media, online advertising and local radio and press.

16.34.02 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.

16.34.03 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.

16.34.04 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.

16.34.05 Recycling.

Donegal County Council continues expand its Bring Bank sites across the county, with new site been 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.

The Senior Engineer informed the members that a Tidy Towns Seminar took place in Letterkenny on 18th April 2016 which was presented by Anne O'Leary, a national tidy towns adjudicator. The Senior Engineer stated that he would circulate the members on the seminar in due course.

The members praised the work done throughout the county on the Big Donegal Cleanup. There was widespread praise for all the local volunteers who took part. There was a special mention for the Council's Litter Warden Pearse McCrory, for Mary McCallion of IDP for contacting all the voluntary and community groups to provide information and for the Council drivers who assisted on the day.

The members acknowledged the provision of free poop scoops at the Public Service Centres however they expressed serious concern at the extent of the dog fouling

problem. Cllr Donaghey reiterated her request for signage at the entrances to Swan Park regarding dog fouling.

In response to question from Cllr Canning, The Senior Executive Planner Paul Christie confirmed that planning permission granted for wind farm developments normally require the provision of a bond to cover the cost of removal of redundant machinery by the Council should the need arise.

Cllr Doherty expressed concern that the new regulations regarding the disposal of used tyres will result in additional cost being passed to the consumer.

The members welcomed the confirmation that approval has been received from OPW to progress and seek an appropriate contractor to assess coastal erosion issues in Inishowen from Clonmany to Malin Head. However, concern was expressed regarding the urgent works required at Lagg and at Ballyliffen Golf Club.

Cllr Donaghey requested an update on plans to upgrade Westbrook Pumping Station.

16.35 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 March meeting.

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that funding for maintenance of the Barrack Hill Town Park had been provided. He added that it is proposed to use the funding to carry out the immediate maintenance work for the current year and to begin planning for a programmed approach to maintenance and development in the future.

Cllr McGuinness referred to the Restoration and Improvement Programme and stated that the works were agreed by the Municipal District as a whole. He complained that some members had sought to take personal credit for certain areas included within the programme. He added that he would like to see the restoration of the LIS programme.

Cllr Farren stated that the new bridge at Merville was damaged in a recent accident and requested that a new safety barrier is erected.

Cllr John Ryan acknowledged the follow up in relation to safety issues at Magherabeg School and the meeting with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland representative. He added that action is now required as soon as possible to address the issues.

Cllr Ryan stated that residents of Inch Road and Inch Island raised concerns regarding traffic speeds on the R238. He stated that right-turning traffic from the R238 to Inch Road are at risk from over-taking traffic from the rear on this stretch of road.

Cllr Murray highlighted concerns of residents of sheltered housing in Muff. He stated that parked cars along the main road in the vicinity of the housing development are blocking vision lines of traffic emerging onto the regional road.

Cllr Murray further raised concerns in relation to the junction from Railway Tavern to the R238.

Cllr Canning enquired whether there is any proposal to invite sponsorship for the roundabout at Manorcunningham.

The Senior Executive Engineer advised that the Letterkenny MD is responsible for the maintenance of this junction.

Cllr Crossan praised the Roads Service for the work at Aghilly Road. Cllr Crossan requested that the directional sign is erected at Westbrook for Dunree Museum.

16.36 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Municipal District will take place on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at 1pm.

Certified: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

10th May 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	10	1	1	6	2

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	4	1	2	1	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	10	2	2	3	3

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	Re-offered
5A Cluain Mhuire, Buncrana	3	Nov-15	Offered
25 Knockalla Drive, Buncrana	1	Nov-15	Offered and accepted
29 Gaddyduff	2	Nov-15	Offered
32 Convent Road, Carndonagh	3	Nov-15	Offered
14 Radharc na Trabreige, Malin	2	Nov-15	Ready to offer
6 Pump Street, Carrigans	3	Jan-16	Offered
21 Abbey Park, Manorcunningham	2	Feb 16	Under repair
2 Bonemaine, Bridgend	2	Feb 16	Under repair
18 Gaddyduff, CLonmany	3	Feb 16	Under repair
18 Sliabh Sneacht, Buncrana	2	Jan 16	Offered & Accepted
21 Crana View, Buncrana	3	Jan 16	Offered
6 Dún na nIarlaí	3	Jan 16	Offered
15 The Cottages, Burnfoot	1	Mar 16	Tender prepared
27 Sliabh Sneacht, Buncrana	2	Mar 16	Tender prepared
7 Pump Street, Carrigans	3	Mar 16	Tender prepared
154 Millbrook, Malin	3	Mar 16	Tender prepared
28 Clós Phadraig	3	April 16	Tender prepared

HAP Tenancies

Municipal District	January	February	March	April	May
Donegal	49	60	72	90	101
Letterkenny	287	315	372	409	424
Glenties	29	39	64	81	87
Stranorlar	65	75	92	106	118
Inishowen	62	81	100	125	144
Total	492	570	700	811	874

Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016

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

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

14th June 2016

CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE

<p>Community, Enterprise & Planning Services</p> <p>Planning Control Report</p>

Inishowen Municipal District Meeting – 10th May 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

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

2. Appeals

Appeal's Received (02/04/2016-22/04/2016) - none

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

Appeal's Decision Notified (02/04/2016-22/04/2016) 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 02/04/2016 to 22/04/2016

Ref No	Applicant	Type	Date Received	Development Description
16/50437	Heathhill Properties Ltd	p	05/04/16	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
16/50455	NEIL DUFFY	P	06/04/16	CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL YARD FOR HOLDING DE-POLLUTED END OF LIFE VEHICLES WITH ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS AT CLEENAGH, BALLYMAGAN, BUNCRANA
16/50480	MAJELLA MCLAUGHLIN	P	14/04/16	RETENTION AND COMPLETION OF THE SUB STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION OF 7 NO. DWELLINGS AND FOR COMPLETION OF 6 NO.SEMI-DEATCHED AND 1 NO. DETACHED DWELLINGS AND TO CARRY OUT SITE DEVELOPMENT WORKS WITH CONNECTIONS TO ALL EXISTNG SERVICES AND ALL ASSOCIATED WORKS TULLYARVAN, BUBCRANA

Ref No	Applicant	Type	Date Received	Development Description
16/50481	HENRY MCKINNEY	P	15/04/16	ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY BUILDING CONSISTING OF (A) 4 NO. COMMERCIAL SHOP UNITS TO THE GROUND FLOOR, (B) OFFICE ACCOMMODATION TO THE FIRST FLOOR AND (C) ALL ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS, CONNECTION TO EXISTING COUNCIL SERVICES, FORMATION OF 29 NO. CAR PARKING SPACES AND LANDSCAPING ON THIS SITE AT BALLYMACARRY, BUNCRANA,LIFFORD PO,CO. DONEGAL
15/50546	J DOHERTY & V O'DOHERTY T/A MCMENAMIN TYRES, NEWTOWN TRUCKS LTD & TREVOR MCCLEAN	P	22/04/2016	(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 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
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.	Consultatation	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

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

Ref No	Location	Section	Received	Description	Finalised

ENVIRONMENT SECTION REPORT APRIL 2016.

1. Big Donegal Clean Up'16

This campaign is well underway and has been a great success to date. Lot's of groups are also sending in there photographs and our Communications office is promoting and publicising events where possible.

2. Tidy Towns Seminar

Donegal County Council hosted a very successful seminar on the 18th April for Tidy Towns groups on the sustainable waste and resource management category of the competition. Among the guest speaker was Anne O'Leary Tidy Towns National Adjudicator who gave an excellent overview of the Tidy Towns competitions with other presentation focussing on the sustainable waste theme. The Radisson Hotel presented a very interesting case study on the activities of the hotel in the area of waste prevention.

3. Pay By Weight

A national and regional awareness campaign on Pay By Weight will be commencing 18th May with an intensive media campaign, a national launch event will take place on May 18th with a print and radio campaign taking place from 22nd - 29th May and again from the 19th - 26th June. A suite of awareness resources has been developed for Donegal County Council to use at a local level.

4. Enforcement Figures 2016.

Total number of environment complaints for the year to date, 438 of which 85% were for waste and litter.

Total number of Fixed Penalty Notices served under the Litter Pollution Act 1997 is 58 of which 34% have been paid to date and 13% of the total were served on persons with NI addresses.

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.

Local Authority	No. Of Designated Bathing Areas
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
Total	140

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.



**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000-2014
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001-2013 /
ARTICLE 81**

**NOTICE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 81, PART 8 OF THE ABOVE
REGULATIONS, RELATING TO A PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT BY
DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

TAKE NOTICE that Donegal County Council proposes to redevelop Swan Park Buncrana located in the town of Buncrana in the Inishowen Municipal District as scheduled below.

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED WORK

No.	Title	Road No.	Townlands	Local Roads Office For Viewing Plans
1	Swan Park Upgrade Works	N/A	Tullyaravan	Council Office Buncrana and Carndonagh PSC
Description and Extents				
<p>It is proposed to upgrade Swan Park Buncrana by means of improving the park drainage, walkways, platforms and seating positions within the Park - located in the town land in the town of Tullyaravan Buncrana and the Inishowen Municipal District as scheduled below.</p> <p>The project will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Construction of a new drainage system, with completion of surfacing works to existing stone paths• Construction of new paths through forested areas of the park, and a small (scrapping - 6 inches deep) pond for the development of native amphibian wildlife in the park• Upgrade of seating and provision of new seating / mobility impaired angler - viewing platforms.• Removal of non- native species of hedging, shrubs and trees and Planting of new native species hedging, shrubs and trees, including the removal and replacement of mature Indigenous trees.• Provision of bilingual new tourist information signage and information panels• Installation of a circular feature (stone - seating) Installation of artwork highlighting the historical importance of Swan Park and a small statue of H P Swan.• Development of Public toilets within the existing Buncrana Anglers Centre and Repair of Boundary fencing to the park				

The plans and particulars of this proposed development will be available for inspection or purchase at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the Front Desk, Council Office St Oran's Rd Buncrana, and the Front Desk, Carndonagh Public Services Centre, Malin Rd Carndonagh, Co. Donegal as listed for the specified project in the above schedule. Plans may be inspected between the hours of 9:00am - 12.30pm and 1.15pm - 5.00pm from Mondays to Thursdays and from 9:00am - 12.30pm and 1.00pm - 4.30p.m on Fridays. The proposed plans will be available for inspection from Thursday 5th May 2016.

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and development of the area in which the development is situated may be made in writing to The Co. Secretary, Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, County Donegal, before 4.30pm on Friday 1st July 2016.

Please mark the front of the envelope with the project name as per the above schedule.

Signed,

**John G McLaughlin, Director of Service, Roads & Housing Capital.
Donegal County Council, County House, Lifford, Co Donegal**