

**Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain**

Oifig Riarthóir na  
gCruinnithe  
Aras an Chontae  
Leifear  
29ú Bealtaine 2015

**FOGRA CRUINNITHE**

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 9ú Meitheamh  
2015, **ag 1.00 r.n. in ISP Carn Domhnach.**

DO GACH BHALL DEN CEANTAR BARDAS INIS EOGHAIN

**A Chara,**

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

**Mise, le meas**

*Lynda McGavigan*

*p.p.* **Riarthóir Cruinnithe**

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**Municipal District of Inishowen**

Office of Meetings Administrator  
County House  
Lifford  
29<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015  
**at 1.00 p.m. in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh.**

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

**Dear Councillor**

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

**Yours sincerely**

*Lynda McGavigan*

**for Liam Ward**

**Meetings Administrator**



## **AGENDA**

1. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2015
2. Housing & Corporate Services
3. Planning & Economic Development
4. Community, Enterprise & Cultural Services (to include Presentation by Donegal Youth Council)
5. Roads & Transportation



**MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING  
HELD IN THE CHAMBER, CARNDONAGH PSC  
ON THE 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr John G. Mc Laughlin, Ms Lynda Mc Gavigan, Ms Aideen Doherty, Paul Kelly, Mr Jim Mc Laughlin, Mr Donal Walker and Ms Marie Mulhern.

Cllr Crossan suspended standing orders to allow the deputation from Gael Scoil Bhun Cranncha to follow.

**15.25 Deputation from Gaelscoil Bhun Cranncha**

Úna Ní Mhaoildeirg Uí Cheallaigh, Principal, Colm Toland and Paul Mc Gonagle, members of the board of management Gaelscoil Bhun Cranncha, made a presentation to the members in relation to the location of a site for the building of a new school. The school is currently located in the Youth Club in Bunrana, the accommodation does not meet the department guidelines for class size and due to the openness of the school the students are being unnecessarily exposed. The school has currently 186 pupils and 12 members of staff. The members supported the need to get a site located for the building of a new school, John Mc Laughlin agreed to follow up on the Council's role, and then update the members.

**15/26 CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN  
ELECTORAL AREA COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015**

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning, seconded by Cllr Rena Donaghey, the minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were agreed.

**15/27 Coastal Erosion**

Cllr Doherty advised that a meeting is planned with the Ballyliffin Golf Club and the local development company to draw up a plan to submit to Donegal County Council, to then be forwarded to the Office of Public Works.

## **15/28 PLANNING**

### **28.01 Update report on Planning**

Paul Kelly presented the Planning report.

### **28.02 Summary of Planning Applications**

The statistics at the end of April 2015 are up 11% county wide on the same period last year. Cllr Doherty stated that some planning applications are taking longer than 6 months. Paul Kelly advised that due diligence has to be gone through and there are statutory guidelines that have to be adhered to. Addressing issues in the media is not beneficial to the planning process and any issues can be addressed to the relevant member of the planning staff. Cllr Mc Guinness suggested that all commercial applications are brought before the members.

### **28.03 Unfinished Estates**

Cllr Crossan requested an update on unfinished estates. John Mc Laughlin advised that the tendering process is complete for Cois nAbhainn, Malin and the receiver has signed off on the contract. In relation to Gerard's Way, it is anticipated that the contractor will be appointed by the end of May 2015. The update on Monreagh, Burnfoot is that the Council is to seek engagement with the bank. Cllr Mc Guinness was advised that the role of the Council in relation to Cois nAbhainn is only a brokerage role and it is not the Council's responsibility to finish the sewer.

### **28.04 Estate Takeover**

Approximately 30 to 40 estates are ready for takeover, a minor amendment is required at plenary level before it comes back to Municipal District level for agreement and the process can begin. Estate takeover is a Municipal District function and the proposal for estate take over's in Inishowen should be before the members for the June 2015 meeting.

## **15/29 COMMUNITY & DEVELOPMENT**

### **29.01 Update Report**

Aideen Doherty presented the update report and in particular referred to the following.

### **29.02 Malin Head**

The works completed to date include a thorough resurfacing of the parking area including installation of kerbing, tar macadam and installation of a telescope and seating with interpretative signage to follow shortly. The proposed launch of the project is on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 11am. Cllr Mc Guinness was advised that the application has been lodged with Bord Failte and we are waiting on a response.

Cllr Mc Dermott proposed the provision of portaloos at the location for the summer.

### **29.03 IPB Pride of Place Competition**

The qualifying Pride of Place Initiative for 2015 will be acknowledged at an award ceremony during the Social Inclusion week in June 2015.

### **29.04 Junior Achievement 2015**

Donegal County Council has introduced the Junior Achievement programme to other industries in the County including Pramerica, Zeus and Radox Teo.

### **29.05 Donegal Diaspora Project**

A seminar on Cultural Tourism Product and Creative Economy of the Wild Atlantic Way is scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in the COLAB at the LYIT. The purpose is to set the context, investigate the opportunity, explore the potential and seek to deliver a range of initiatives that will enable creative and cultural stakeholders to grow their business by taking advantage of the Wild Atlantic Way. Confirmed speakers include Ms. Nancy Gardella, Ms Ann Burke and Ms Gloria O' Neill.

### **29.06 Donegal Tourism**

The Go Visit Donegal Website is performing strongly with an overall increase of 53% on the same period last year. In the month of April 2015 there were 7,800 visitors to the website.

### **29.07 Cool Route**

It is proposed to develop the terms of reference and procurement for a company to create and maintain the new Cool Route website.

### **29.08 Marine Tourism Marketing and Development**

A new website is in development to promote rowing in Donegal.

### **29.09 Bealtaine 2015**

A wide and varied programme of events is being carried out as part of the Bealtaine Festival in the libraries.

### **29.10 Decade of the Centenaries**

A meeting is taking place next Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015, in Letterkenny to discuss the commemoration of the decade of the centenaries.

### **29.11 EU Unit Report**

The members were advised of the report.

### **29.12 Coastal Erosion**

On request of Cllr Doherty it was agreed to ask the EU unit to explore any opportunities for funding.

### **29.13 Barrack Hill Town Park**

Cllr Doherty was advised that the contract for the gardener has been extended and he will be there for the summer season.

### **29.14 Development Fund Initiative**

The members were advised that the letters are due to issue and invoices have to be provided to show evidence that the funds have been spent.

### **29.15 Outdoor, Gym**

Cllr Crossan welcomed the provision of the outdoor gym in Buncrana.

## **15.30 HOUSING & CORPORATE**

### **CORPORATE**

#### **30.01 Questions to Plenary Council Meeting**

The Corporate Policy group has confirmed that local questions should be facilitated at Municipal District level.

### **HOUSING**

#### **26.02 Update report on Housing**

Lynda Mc Gavigan presented the Housing update report.

#### **30.03 Housing Assistance Payment (HAP)**

As of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015 all new rent supplement applicants will be dealt with by the Council, that is, persons with a long term housing need. All remaining rent supplement recipients will be transferred on a phased basis beginning in September 2015. Rent supplement will still remain available for persons with a short term housing need.

HAP will allow recipients to take up full time employment without losing their HAP payment. It will be up to the recipient to find private rented accommodation within the HAP rent limit. The HAP unit will pay the rent directly to the landlord, with the tenancy being between the tenant and the landlord. The recipient of HAP can still apply for a transfer.

#### **30.04 House Purchase**

Cllr Mc Guinness suggested that the Council should be purchasing the RAS properties that have gone into receivership, and explained his concern at the Council's lack of progress in purchasing property, as there are a lot of properties being sold by the bank.

#### **30.05 MICA**

Cllrs Mc Guinness and Doherty enquired about an update on the properties that are being tested for MICA. John Mc Laughlin advised that the mica results are not available yet and when they are the members will be advised.



### **30.06 Tendering Process for Fabric Upgrade Works**

Cllr Doherty enquired about the tendering process for the fabric upgrade works. Lynda Mc Gavigan advised that there is a procurement procedure in place and a framework has been drawn up with 15 approved contractors, quotations are then sought from these contractors for each contract.

### **30.07 Housing Strategy**

Funding has been received for houses in Newtown, Donegal Town and Ardara. The Part 8 is in for Manor, however there is no allocation yet. Cllr Mc Dermott expressed his concern in relation to the provision of social housing in rural areas. Cllr Ryan was advised that the full allocation of funding is not known yet, however any vendors with available property can submit expression of interest. John Mc Laughlin advised that talks are currently ongoing with the banks.

## **15.31 ROADS**

### **31.01 Upper Main Street, Buncrana**

Some channels have been already been lowered and feedback from the relevant bodies is being sought.

### **31.02 Footpath at the Watery road, Burnfoot**

A proposed programme of footpath provision is to be presented to the members at the meeting.

### **31.03 Road at Altahalla and Billinaboe, Clonmany**

It is intended to undertake ongoing maintenance on these roads and to consider their inclusion within the 2016 roads works programme.

### **31.04 Signage at the Corvish Road**

An onsite meeting is to be arranged to review the signage requirements.

### **31.05 Directional Signage from Derry to Carndonagh**

Northern Ireland Road Service has confirmed that they have no immediate plans to increase signage.

### **31.06 Hedges at Brae Road, Burnfoot**

The landowner has been informed that this is now a safety issue for traffic and has been requested to commence hedge cutting at this location.

### **31.07 Junction at Dillon's garage, Manor**

The issue has been raised with the NRA on a number of occasions. A meeting is due to take place shortly with the NRA engineer and the issue will be raised again.

### **31.08 Meat factory, Carrigans**

Given the level of cost involved in providing a HRA surface at this location, it is planned to provide ongoing maintenance on this road and seek to include it

within the 2016 work programme. The works will cost approximately €15,000.

**31.09 Road lining at Magherabeg School**

The issue has been raised with the NRA on a number of occasions and it will be raised again at the next meeting.

**31.10 Ramps at Manor and Newtowncunningham**

These ramps are to be installed as part of our bitmac contract that are commencing shortly.

**31.11 Roundabouts at Manor and Bridgend**

Options are being considered for improving the appearance of the roundabouts as part of the 2016 programme.

**31.12 Early cutting of grass at road junctions**

Grass has already been cut at the roundabouts and is to commence shortly at the junctions.

**31.13 Street lights at Malin and Merville**

The lights in Malin are currently being replaced. Airtricity have been requested to undertake a condition survey of the Merville lights.

**31.14 Glencrow Junction**

Area roads and road design met on site and agreed on the relining of the junction and the installation of a ghost island.

**31.15 Direction sign for Merville at Birdstown, Bridgend**

The directional sign for Merville is to be separated from the other sign at this location. Cllr Farren suggested that a much bigger sign is needed.

**31.16 Carrickaroary Pier**

Chevrons are being purchased as part of the Greencastle low cost safety project and will be installed at the same time.

**31.17 Sewer, Malin**

Planning is managing the appointment of a contract for the installation of the sewer at this location under the public safety initiative funding.

**31.18 Surface Dressing, Merville**

Cllr Farren was advised that the surface dressing on James Street and Foyle Street would be starting on Monday week, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

**31.19 Takeover of private roads**

Cllr Mc Guinness was advised by John Mc Laughlin advised that the takeover of private roads is to be brought to the SPC to be agreed and then to the plenary council meeting. There will be a limit on the number that can be taken over in a year.

### **31.20 Dog Fouling**

Cllr Farren congratulated the work of the dog wardens on patrolling the walks at Moville, Greencastle and Bunrana. Cllr Donaghey concurred.

### **31.21 Relocating the sign at Mc Sheffrey's Bridge**

Cllr Mc Guinness was advised that the relocating of the sign at Mc Sheffreys bridge can be investigated.

### **31.22 Turning lane at the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole, Bridgend**

Cllr Ryan was advised that a turning lane at this location can be forwarded to Road Design.

#### **Cllr Doherty enquired as follows**

- Has any maintenance been carried out at Altahalla
- Parking for coaches in Carndonagh
- Donagh cross sign to be amended
- Isle of Doagh sign to be amended
- New road, Carndonagh to be prioritized for footpaths
- Footpath to the gaelic pitch at Foden
- Lining of the signs in Carn

#### **Cllr Farren enquired as follows**

- Provision of cats eyes on the road from Muff to Moville

#### **Cllr Donaghey enquired as follows**

- Provision of ramps in Grove Cottages, Muff
- Cycle path from Bridgend to Bunrana
- Electronic light at the school in Drumfries are not working
- Update on the Aghilly road

#### **Cllr Mc Guinness enquired as follows**

- Update on the Salt barn at Barrack Hill
- Relocation of the chip depot at Mc Sheffreys bridge
- Denis Mc Daid, water problem

#### **Cllr Ryan enquired as follows**

- Junction at Dillons
- Magherabeg school, Manor

### **31.23 Thrussy's Park, Carn Mountain**

Gates have been requested for the two hill roads leading to Thrussy's Park at Carn Mountain by a local sheep farmer. He has been told that gates cannot be erected on a public road and has now applied to install cattle/sheep grids. These are being considered and we will revert back to the members with more details/info at the next meeting.

### **31.24 Putting Green, Movice**

'Expressions of Interest' have been received from 4 separate people to operate the 'Putting Green' located on Movice Green. The 'Putting Green' was operated by the North- East Inishowen Development Company last summer but they do not wish to continue operating it. These 'Expressions of Interest' will be put to the members for consideration in committee.

### **31.23 Footpath Provision – 4 year Programme 2015 -2018**

The 4 year programme was discussed with the members and the following were agreed in principal

1. James street
2. New road/horse market street
3. Ballyliffin Village
4. Burnfoot village

This was proposed by Cllr Doherty and seconded by Cllr Farren.

# **Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting**

## **HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES**

**9<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

### **Corporate Services**

1. Strategic Issues
2. Questions to Plenary Council meeting

### **Housing Report**

1. Progress Reports
  - a. Grants
  - b. Loans
  - c. Casual Vacancies
2. Housing Programme 2015

## Inishowen Electoral Area

### Housing Grants Report at 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015

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

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN</b>	<b>FURTHER INFO.</b>	<b>PENDING</b>
2013	31	9	15	0	7
2014	36	18	5	0	13
2015	26	4	2	1	19

#### Mobility Aids Grant

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN</b>	<b>FURTHER INFO.</b>	<b>PENDING</b>
2013	2	1	0	0	1
2014	4	2	1	0	1
2015	0	0	0	0	0

#### Housing Aid for Older People Grant

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN</b>	<b>FURTHER INFO.</b>	<b>PENDING</b>
2013	18	13	4	0	1
2014	21	12	7	1	1
2015	10	5	0	0	5

# Inishowen Electoral Area

## Housing Loan Report at 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015

	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>REFUSED / CANCELLED</b>	<b>UNDECIDED</b>
<b>Standard Loans</b>	2013	0	0	0	1
	2014	5	0	4	1
	2015	0	0	0	0

## Casual Vacancy Report – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015

<b>DWELLING</b>	<b>BED</b>	<b>VACANT FROM</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
13 Radharc na Trá, Bréige, Malin	2	December 2014	Offered & accepted
19 Ardaravan, Buncrana	1	April 2015	Offered & accepted
16 Radharc na Trá Breige, Malin	2	March 2015	Offered & refused, to be reoffered
219 St. Paul's Park, Greencastle	1	April 2015	Offered
31 Burwood, Buncrana <b>LTL</b>	3	May 2015	Offered
10 Bonemaine, Bridgend	2	February 2015	Under repair
2 Bonemaine, Bridgend	2	March 2015	Under repair
2 O'Gara Villas, Moville	1	March 2015	Under repair
27 Taobh an tSruthain, Buncrana	3	March 2015	To be repaired
12 Radharc na Trá Breige, Malin	2	May 2015	To be repaired
8 Allendale, Buncrana	3	May 2015	Offered
13 Summer Hill, Buncrana	4	May 2015	Offer imminent
22 Four Acres, Buncrana	4	May 2015	Offer imminent

## Stock Movement Report

Municipal District of Inishowen	Total Stock	Offers of accommodation made from 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan–29 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	Tenancies created from 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan–29 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	Tenancies terminated from 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan–29 <sup>th</sup> May 2015	Current Vacancies
	1051	37	25	12	7





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

## Municipal District of Inishowen

9<sup>th</sup> June 2015

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**Community, Development & Enterprise**

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### **REPORT**

- Donegal Diaspora Project
- Update on C&E activities
- Cultural Services



# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF INISHOWEN

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015

CARNDONAGH PUBLIC SERVICE CENTRE