

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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FOGRA CRUINNITHE

Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 11ú Iúil 2017,
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
6th July 2017

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 **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 Annual General Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District held on 13th June 2017
2. Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting held on 13th June 2017
3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting regarding the Additions to protected Structures held on 21st June 2017
4. Community & Enterprise
Presentation - Youth Council 2.00pm
Presentation – Frazer Ferries 2.20pm
5. Planning Services (Green)
Decision on Additions to Record of Protected Structures
(2 Buildings)
6. Environment Services (Blue)
7. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services (Yellow)
8. Roads & Transportation
9. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, CARNDONAGH ON TUESDAY 13th JUNE 2017 AT 1.30PM

Councillors Present:

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

Officials Present:

John G McLaughlin, Director of Services Roads and Transportation, Aideen Doherty, Area Manager Housing & Corporate Services, Una Cresswell, A/Senior Staff Officer, Seamus Hopkins, Area Manager Roads & Transportation, Ruth Diver Executive Planner, Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager, Community & Enterprise, Fiona Doherty, Staff Officer, Community & Enterprise and Mathew Byrne, Waste Regulation Officer, Environment.

Reports Presented:

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

On the proposal of Cllr Paul Canning and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott, it was agreed that the meeting would be adjourned. The meeting then reconvened at 2.00pm

An Cathaoirleach Jack Murray opened the meeting.

17.37 Consideration of the Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District held on Tuesday 4th April 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr Bernard McGuinness and seconded by Cllr Nicholas Crossan, the minutes of the May Meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 9th May 2017 were agreed.

17.38 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

17.39 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

Aideen Doherty, Area Manager presented the Housing and Corporate Services report to the members.

17.39.01 Mica

The Mica Report was discussed briefly. As the report had only just been released it was agreed that it was for discussion at a later date when members have had the opportunity to consider its findings in full. A discussion took place on how many Council owned properties are affected and on what stage the Council is at in addressing the issue.

17.39.02 SI Houses

Aideen Doherty, Area Manager, confirmed that two SI houses were being processed out of six applications. Cllr Martin McDermott said that this was a welcome move and a way forward for rural areas. He suggested that there should be more publicity on the availability of SI houses. Aideen confirmed that fifteen SI houses could be built over the life of the project (to 2020)

17.39.03 Refusals of Offers of Houses

Concern was expressed on the level of refusal of houses offered by the Council to housing applicants. Aideen Doherty confirmed that suitable houses are offered according to the applicant's needs and are therefore suitable. If there are two unreasonable refusals in a twelve month period, the applicants are removed from the housing list for twelve months from the date of the most recent refusal, she added. A refusal can be deemed as reasonable if for example there has been a change in circumstances such as an additional child or a disability that the Council were not aware of.

17.39.04 IPBMI (Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance)

In response to a query in relation to who is the contact in the Council with IPBNI, Seamus Hopkins confirmed that the Finance Department of Donegal County Council act as Risk Managers Groups using Barrack Hill should insurance that indemnifies the Council

17.39.05 Refugee Resettlement Programme.

It was noted that tenders are being assessed for the Implementing Partner for the Refugee Resettlement Programme and it is expected that the Resettlement Support Worker will be in place by September prior to the arrival of the refugees, The Council is working to ensure the smooth transition of refugees to their new homes in conjunction with the interagency group. Twelve families are expected to arrive later in the year it was noted.

17.39.06 Grants for Older People

In response to a query from Cllr Paul Canning, Aideen confirmed that a doctor's report is required for the application.

17.39.07 Sewerage Problems

Cllr John Ryan expressed his concerns over the ongoing sewerage problems particularly at Lios na Greine estate in Burnfoot He stated that raw sewerage was on the streets last evening. He expressed his frustration at the ongoing issues in Burnfoot and Bridgend and requested that this be addressed as soon as possible. The treatment plant at Bridgend is full to capacity and the problem appears to be escalating. He requested that this problem is addressed and not allowed to continue. He requested a status report on the matter. Options such as increasing reed beds should be considered, he added.

17.39.08 Letters of Congratulations – John Moran

It was proposed by Cllr Rena Donaghey and seconded by Cllr Paul Canning that a letter should be sent on behalf of the members congratulating John Moran, Linsfort, Buncrana on his success as a boxer, in achieving a silver medal in the Black Forest Cup in Germany.

17.39.09 Letters of Congratulations – Ciaran Duey, Nancy's Barn, Ballyliffen

It was agreed by all the members that a letter of congratulations be sent to Ciaran Duey and his team at Nancy's Barn on achieving World Seafood Chowder Champion status.

17.40 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

The Senior Executive Engineer, Seamus Hopkins circulated the current work programme.

17.40.01 Aghilly

Seamus Hopkins advised that preparatory works would take place in August or September

17.40.02 Bus Shelters

Seamus Hopkins advised that negotiations were ongoing.

17.40.03 Cockhill Bridge

Seamus Hopkins advised the members that a beam had been successfully delivered to Cockhill Bridge having travelled during the night the wrong way up the Main Street in Buncrana. The project was ahead of schedule he added.

17.40.04 Phase 1 -Carn By-pass

Seamus Hopkins advised that negotiations were taking place with regard to this but it is hoped the project could go ahead soon.

17.40.05 Bridge St, Carndonagh

It is envisaged the work at Bridge St will take place in August or September. Seamus Hopkin said he will liaise with Eamon Boyle who deals with the REDZ Programme.

17.40.06 Mamore Gap

In response to a query from Cllr Doherty, Seamus Hopkins stated that there were not any plans to do any work on the Buncrana side of Mamore Gap.

17.40.07 Ballygorman/Malin Head

Seamus Hopkins confirmed that the Council will continue to work with Irish Water in relation to the mains needing to be replaced and consider resurfacing at the same time

17.40.08 Bridge at Bayview

It was noted that there was a hole in the arch of the bridge at Bayview that required attention.

17.40.09 Traffic Issues at Mart /Supermarket, Carndonagh

It was noted that residents had suggested that signs to reduce speed should be placed close to the Supervalu supermarket and the mart.

17.40.10 Battery Brae

Seamus Hopkins acknowledged concerns about Battery Brae and stated that it was complex and the Council were trying to resolve matters.

17.40.11 Car Park in Moville

Seamus Hopkins agreed to consider the resurfacing of the car park in Moville as Cllr Farren stated that it was in a poor state.

17.40.12 Resurfacing Works

The members collectively acknowledged the ongoing resurfacing work of the Roads staff in recent weeks.

17.40.13 Staffing Matters

A discussion took place on how outdoor staff are appointed to the County as opposed to the Municipal Districts. It was suggested that it would make more sense to appoint on a Municipal District basis so that districts would always have adequate staff particularly for on call/emergency purposes in local areas.

17.40.14 Bridge Widening at Brochan House, Carndonagh

A discussion took place on the proposed widening of the bridge at the Brochan house in Carndonagh. Seamus Hopkins advised that Road Design had recommended that the wall should not be removed but instead warning markers and a road narrowing signs should be erected. The consensus was that the proposals were unsatisfactory. Cllr McGuinness proposed and Cllr McDermott seconded that the proposed works should go back to the Road Design team for reconsideration.

17.40.15 Crock Bridge at Susan Bonar's

It was noted that there was a hole in the soffit at Crock Bridge that required attention

17.40.16 Resurfacing in Housing Estates

Cllr Canning congratulated the South Inishowen team on the recent resurfacing works. However, he mentioned that although the tar works well on County roads, it does not work well in housing estates. Seamus Hopkins advised that the tar would settle down

14.40.17 White line – Stop Signs in Housing Estates

Seamus Hopkins agreed to look at exits in housing estates to establish whether stop signs are necessary.

14.40.18 Works at Umracam, Bunrana

Cllr Nicholas Crossan referred to the verge that was being taken away at Umracam and queried whether extra footage could be taken off for cars turning right as it was dangerous.

14.40.19 Delays on Cockhill Rd - Westbrook

Cllr Crossan stated that there were delays at Westbrook owing to the works at Cockhill of up to fifteen minutes and asked of ways of releasing the pressure could be considered by Road Design. Seamus Hopkins stated that lights and a timer at Westbrook were being progressed.

14.40.20 Signage at Aileach Rd and Swilly Terrace for Swilly Ferry

Seamus Hopkins confirmed that signs were being considered for directions from the ferry to the beach as requested.

14.40.21 Hedging at Inch

Cllr Rena Donaghey queried whether hedging was being cut at Inch. Seamus Hopkins advised that it is usually the landowners who do it and that he will check.

14.40.22 An Post RAS Event

Cllr Crossan congratulated Eamonn Mahon and the Roads team in Buncrana for assisting with the An Post RAS event held over two days in Buncrana

17.40.22 Burnfoot/Muff Road

Cllr John Ryan requested that this road be reviewed as he considered it to be a very dangerous road

17.40.23 Carn Brae, Quigley's Point

Cllr John Ryan suggested that the white line at this junction is too far out and the junction requires a warning sign.

17.41.01 PLANNING

Ruth Diver, Executive Planner presented the planning report to the members.

17.41.02 Special Areas of Conservation

In a response to a query from Cllr Doherty, Ruth Diver, Executive Planner advised that Special Areas of Conservation are designated nationally by European legislation and the Department of Environment. This policy is reflected in the Development Plan and the Planning Service has regard to that. Cllr Canning expressed his concerns on the rules and regulations and how they can be interpreted. He referred to businesses that were operating in Special Areas of Conservation and the implications.

17.41.03 Illegal Signage

A discussion took place on illegal signage. It was noted that letters had gone out to businesses who have illegal signage requesting that either the signs are removed or regularised. Some signs have been in place for years it was stated and many are on private land. Cllr Ryan stated that those affected are ratepayers and it seemed unfair that they could be penalised. Cllr Donaghey said she was aware that a new sign costs €20 per metre with a minimum charge of €80 whereas the cost of applying for retention is €60 per metre with a minimum charge of €240 The consensus of the members was to make the Planning Enforcement Section aware of the reaction to the letters sent out.

17.41.04 Taking Charge of Estates

Cllr Crossan requested an update on the taking charge of estates for the July Municipal Meeting.

17.41.05 Agricultural Licences

Ruth Diver advised that requests for agricultural licences were predominately for oyster farms. Donegal County Council can submit their observations and concerns, she added. A discussion took place on the problems associated with oyster farms. It was suggested that a meeting should take place with members and planners to discuss the issues raised.

17.41.06 Planning Service

Cllr McGuinness reiterated his previous request for planning personnel to be available and based in Carndonagh PSC and also requested that Senior Planners should attend the Municipal District Meetings more frequently.

17.42 ENVIRONMENT

Waste Regulation Officer, Martin Byrne presented the Environment report to the members.

17.42.01 SEAI Awards

Mathew Byrne stated that Scoil Mhuire in Bunrana and The Royal School in Raphoe are to be congratulated on reaching the final of the national SEAI awards. Congratulations also go to Gairmscoil Chú Uladh, Ballinamore who were recognised nationally when they were awarded with a prestigious title of Green Schools Irish Water School of the Year for the Western Region, after being shortlisted from 3,000 applications.

17.42.02 Bonfires

Mathew Byrne stated that the Council were appealing to the public to exercise caution and be responsible on 23rd June 2017

17.42.03 Local Agenda 21 Environmental Partnership Fund

Mathew Byrne advised that funding was available under the Local **Agenda 21** Environmental Partnership Fund and Suzanne Brogan was the contact person in the Council.

17.42.04 Greencastle Marina

It was noted that Greencastle Marina had attained Blue Flag status for the first time which was an excellent achievement. The members expressed their gratitude to David Friel, Foyle Port and Harbour and locals in the area.

17.42.05 Lisfannon Beach

Cllr Donaghey expressed her disappointment in Lisfannon beach losing its Blue Flag status.

17.42.06 Enforcements

Cllr Martin Farren asked what happens when litter fines are not paid. Mathew Byrne stated that cases may be taken to court.

17.42.07 Leenan Beach

It was proposed by Cllr Doherty and seconded by Cllr Donaghey that Leenan be classed as suitable for either Blue Flag status or Green Coast Award in the future.

17.42.08 Kinnego Bay

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his disappointment that Kinnego Bay was not considered a Blue Flag beach. He asked what is the criteria is necessary to justify inclusion on the list of Blue Flag beaches.

17.42.09 Lagg Beach

Mathew Byrne agreed to re-examine access at Lagg beach. An update on erosion at Lagg/Ballyliffen was requested.

17.42.10 Funding from OPW for Coastal Erosion Projects.

Funding of €75,000 was available for a Coastal Erosion Project from Slodan to Binbane , Malin Head

17.42.11 Lifeguards

Cllr McGuinness suggested that there should be a public notice in place outlining the hours that lifeguards are on duty.

17.42.12 Dog Bins at Cassey (Causeway Rd)

Cllr Crossan requested that dog bins be located at Cassey (Causeway Rd)

17.42.13 Route Port tra to Fr Hegarty's Rock

Cllr Crossan requested that seats be provided on the route for resting. Mathew Byrne advised that a contractor has been appointed for repair of the steps. Roads service will do the grave. Seamus Hopkins agreed to liaise with the Environment Section on this project.

17.42.14 Litter Collection

Cllr Paul Canning suggested that, if possible, the Roads service could lift more refuse which would assist the Litter Wardens.

17.43 COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE

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

17.43.01 Greencastle-Magilligan (Foyle) Ferry service and Development Fund Initiative

Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager referred to the issues agreed at the workshop meeting held on Thursday 18th May, 2017 in which the Members agreed to contribute a proportion of the Development Fund Initiative (DFI) for the operation of the Greencastle to Magilligan Foyle ferry service. He told the Members that a resolution was required to effect the issues agreed at the meeting. It was proposed by Councilor Paul Canning and seconded by Cllr Martin Farren that €108,000 from the DFI Budget would be allocated to support the ferries for 2017 and that the balance of monies of €72,000 be transferred to the Members Development Fund.

The members were told that Council secured the company Frazer Ferries to operate the Greencastle to Magilligan Foyle Ferry service and that the company is re-branding the Foyle Ferry as the Scenic Lough Foyle Ferry and they were putting a bigger emphasis on marketing the service and producing a promotional brochure. He indicated that a draft contract issued to the company for a three year operating period.

At the request of Mr. Paddy Doherty on behalf of the company, it was proposed by Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Martin McDermott that the company may attend to provide a presentation to the Members at the July Inishowen Municipal District meeting.

The members collectively thanked the Divisional Manager and his staff on the work carried out to successfully procure the ferry service.

A discussion took place regarding the Development Fund Initiative and the Members Development Fund, Mr. Paddy Doherty explained that both funds were governed by two separate sets of rules and it was agreed to re-distribute the guidelines to the Members.

Cllr Nicholas Crossan requested and it was agreed that the funding request made by him to the RAS race under the Members Development fund should be expedited.

17.43.02 Town and Village Renewal scheme 2017

A summary of the expressions of interests received under the Town & Village Renewal scheme 2017 was distributed to the Members. Paddy Doherty explained the new scheme and outlined the assessment and scoring process applied by the Councils internal selection team, in compliance with Department guidelines. The members were told that a total of 44 no. applications were received in the County, 8 no. applications from Inishowen and 3 no. applications shortlisted from each Municipal District which included one application relating to economic development. He explained that the Council staff would work with the selected groups to complete the application within the deadline of 30th June.

Paddy Doherty added that the Department would decide on the successful applications which involved a competitive national selection process.

17.43.03 Clar Funding

The Members expressed their dissatisfaction in relation to the low number of Clar projects selected in Inishowen in comparison to other Municipal Districts in the County. The members sought a breakdown analysis of the assessment detail. The Divisional Manager told the Members that a report on the matter was being prepared and would be circulated to all Municipal Districts soon. Cllr Albert Doherty referred to the Clar designated townlands of Desertegny and Dunaff in Clonmany and the non-designated areas of Straid and Ballyliffen. Cllr Doherty suggested that the Council should seek to have additional areas designated for Clar funding in light of the recent Central Statistics Office report.

17.43.04 Community Facilities Scheme

Paddy Doherty reminded the Members of the deadline relating to the Community Facilities Scheme and confirmed that details of the scheme would be re-circulated.

17.43.05 Malin Head - Access and Amenity Improvement Project

Paddy Doherty advised the Members that the works at the Access and Amenity Improvement project were ongoing and would be completed within the 12-week schedule.

17.43.06 Malin Head Visitor Management plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project

Paddy Doherty advised the Members that a Pre-contract meeting with the preferred consultant, Donegal County Council and Failte Ireland was scheduled to take place regarding the visitor management plan Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project.

17.43.07 Rural Development Programme/LEADER

Paddy Doherty provided an update in relation to the funding allocation under the Rural Development Programme/LEADER. He told the Members that the Council were awaiting Department guidelines relating to the changes to the operational rules of the programme arising from the recent national meeting with Minister Heather Humphreys, to enable swifter progress of the programmer.

17.43.08 An Grianan of Aileach

Cllr Albert Doherty indicated that he wished to concur with the newly elected Mayor Cllr Jack Murray's aspirations for the year which included the progression of An Grianan Fort as a tourist attraction and the cross border twinning of Tullyhogue Fort in Co Tyrone.

17.43.09 Playgrounds

Cllr Martin Farren referred to the broken playground equipment at Movice play park was in need of repair and it was agreed to refer this matter to the relevant staff.

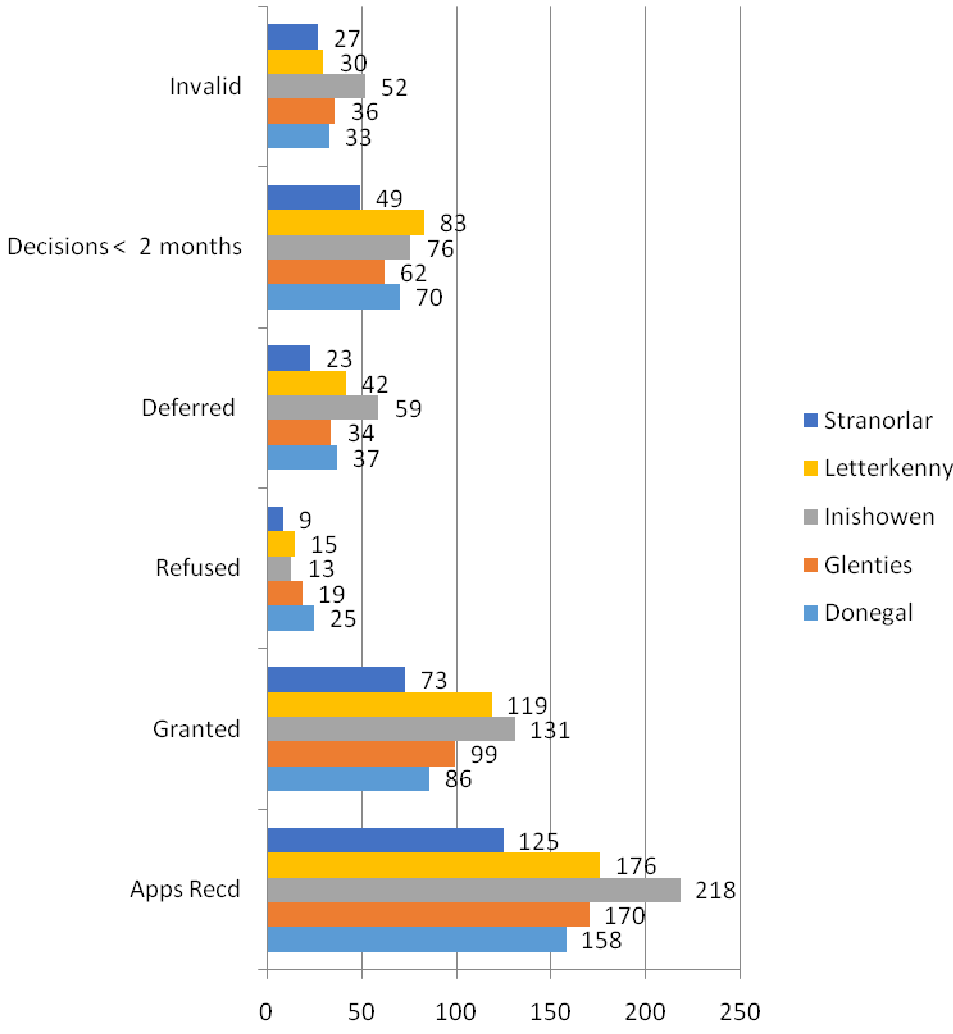
17.43.10 Carndonagh Town and Village Renewal Scheme

In response to a question from Cllr Bernard McGuinness, the Divisional Manager told the Members that a tender package was been collated in relation to the Carndonagh Town & Village Renewal Scheme.

Certified: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Planning Services Inishowen Municipal District
11th July 2017

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2	Enforcement Update				
	April 2017	MD Letterkenny Glenties Donegal Stranorlar Inishowen TOTALS	Total 229 188 159 155 245 976	New Cases 6 4 3 3 4 20	Closed Cases 3 5 2 1 0 11
	May 2017	MD Letterkenny Glenties Donegal Stranorlar Inishowen TOTALS	Total 230 191 158 155 241 975	New Cases 3 3 7 2 4 19	Closed Cases May 7 2 5 8 9 31
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	Planning Clinics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th July 2017 • 9th August 2017 • 23rd August 2017 			
4	Further Information <i>Click on web links to access information.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly List of applications and decisions: http://www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/weeklyplanninglists/ • Planning service email (to be used in correspondence with the planning service): planning@donegalcoco.ie • Planning Webpage: www.donegalcoco.ie/services/planning/ • Planning Application Online Query – planning reference number required: www.donegalcdb.ie/eplan/internetenquiry/rpt_querybysurforrecloc.asp • File Retrieval Form – to be used for file retrieval and when requesting planning searches: www.donegalcoco.ie/media/donegalcountyc/planning/pdfs/file Retrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf 			

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	Bin your Gum when you're done
Project Description/Activity	<p>On the 8th June The 2017 Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) gum litter education campaign was launched in Letterkenny by outgoing Mayor James Pat McDaid.</p> <p>The launch was part of the latest 3 year campaign and has had huge success to date in changing the public's behaviour to gum disposal and in encouraging correct gum disposal through a targeted education awareness campaign. According to research carried out by Millward Brown on behalf of the Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) during the 2016 campaign, the highest number of people to date (93%) agree that dropping gum is littering and almost six in seven people (84%) claiming they always dispose of their gum correctly.</p> <p>Speaking at the launch the Mayor said: "This is a great campaign for communities up and down the country to get involved in. It unites communities in a common goal to responsibly dispose of chewing gum and continue to contribute to the positive results the campaign has seen to date."</p> <p>This is the third year of the latest campaign, the result of an agreement between the Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment and Food Drink Ireland (FDI) representing the gum industry, to fund a national gum litter awareness programme from 2015-2017.</p>
Budget (if applicable)	All funding for this campaign provided by the chewing gum industry and co-ordinated by IBEC.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Suzanne Bogan, Waste Awareness Officer 074 91 53900 suzannebogan@donegalcoco.ie www.donegalcoco.ie



Outgoing Mayor of Letterkenny Cllr. James Pat McDaid launching the 2017 "Bin your Gum when you're done" campaign with Anne McGowan, Letterkenny Tidy Towns, Toni Forrester, Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce, Martin Roarty and Suzanne Bogan Donegal County Council.

Coastal Management

Beach Wheelchairs

Donegal County Council has received BIM funding under their FLAG programme to allow a beach wheelchair service be introduced to Carrickfinn beach. A wheelchair has been ordered which will be accommodated at the Donegal Airport who have agreed to make it available, as necessary, by appointment. This is very much appreciated by Donegal County Council. Local water sports operators can also access the chair should their customers wish to avail of it. This may simply be for access to the beach and water or to access and avail of their courses.



Beach Maintenance

Beach maintenance works is now in full flow for the Bathing Season. Waste bins, signage, flags, portaloos, Lifeguard Stations, etc, are all now, once again, in place across our beaches. Mobile Litter Units, Litter Wardens, Lifeguard Supervisor and Coastal Officer are servicing and maintaining all the required services, 7 days a week. This year Rosstown Beach also has a dedicated team member collecting litter, monitoring traffic and assisting the Lifeguards with land based responsibilities. This student placement is a welcome addition to this beach which can enjoy very high visitor numbers.



Public Conveniences

Work on improvement works at the public conveniences in Dungloe are now complete. The contractor reinstated the roof and skylights, making the building waterproof again. The building is now much brighter and fit for purpose again, ahead of the summer season and Mary from Dungloe festival.

Water Safety

As per Irish Water Safety directions, Beach Lifeguards are now installed full time in 14 beaches, as shown in Table 1 below. To meet the requirements of the specified full time Lifeguard cover, over 40 full time working Lifeguards are employed to provide the service, including cover.

Table 1. Beach Lifeguard service allocation per required beach.

	Beach	Full Time Lifeguard Service	Dates of Cover During Bathing Season
1	Bundoran	3 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 2nd to end of August. W/e cover in Sept until Sept 10th.
2	Carrickfinn	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 29th to August 31st
3	Culdaff	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 29th to August 31st
4	Downings	3 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 29th to August 31st
5	Fintra	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 29th to August 31st
6	Killahoey	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 29th to August 31st
7	Lisfannon	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 29th to August 31st
8	Marble Hill	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 29th to August 31st
9	Murvagh	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 29th to August 31st
10	Narin/Portnoo	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 29th to August 31st
11	Portsalon	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 29th to August 31st
12	Rathmullan	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 29th to August 31st
13	Rossnowlagh	6 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	w/e cover in June (starting June 2nd). Full cover July & Aug. W/e cover in Sept until Sept 10th.
14	Stroove	2 Lifeguards, 7 days/week	June 29th to August 31st

Minister Denis Naughten announces Household Waste Collection Charging Arrangements

On 27 June 2017, the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten, T.D., confirmed that a more flexible framework for waste collection charges has been approved by Government.

The Minister stated "Allowing for a range of charging options, which most consumers are already familiar with, will encourage householders to reduce and separate their waste while choosing the service-price offering that best suits their circumstances and allows them manage their costs. Therefore, I have decided not to impose a compulsory 'one size fits all' per-kilogramme charging system on waste collectors."

The amount of waste sent to landfill has increased in the last two years. In 2016, there was insufficient capacity to dispose of residual waste and emergency powers were invoked by the regulatory authorities to make additional landfill capacity available. It is important to act now to encourage waste reduction to avert a return to an over-dependence on landfill. An incentivised pricing structure for household waste collection is an important measure in this regard.

Under the new arrangement, waste collectors will be given the flexibility to continue to offer, or to introduce, a range of incentivised pricing options to their customers. These options include elements or combinations of standing charges, and per-lift, per-kilogramme, weight-bands, and weight allowance charges.

A "one size fits all" mandatory, nationwide per-kilogramme charging system will not be implemented.

However, 'all-in flat rate' charging for household waste will start to be phased out as customers renew or enter new service contracts.

All waste collectors will be required to start rolling-out food/organic "brown" bins to all localities nationwide with a population greater than 500 people. This will help more households divert waste away from their standard black bins. Further consideration will be given to extending 'brown' bin coverage in phases to smaller localities.

An annual support of €75 will be introduced for persons with lifelong/long-term medical incontinence. This support will help people meet the average annual cost of disposal of incontinence products. The details and arrangements of this support will be finalised later this year, after further consultation with the stakeholder groups.

In support of the new arrangements, the three Regional Waste Management Planning Offices will implement an information and awareness campaign in the third quarter of the year.

Inishowen Municipal District

Housing Grants Report at 29th June 2017

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	56	38	14	4	0
2016	43	21	13	6	3
2017	13	7	0	1	5

Mobility Aids Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	3	3	0	0	0
2016	6	3	1	1	1
2017	6	2	1	1	2

Housing Aid for Older People Grant

YEAR	TOTAL RECEIVED	APPROVED	REFUSED \ WITHDRAWN	FURTHER INFO.	PENDING
2015	21	17	4	0	0
2016	31	19	9	2	1
2017	11	7	2	0	2

Casual Vacancies at 6th July 2017.

DWELLING	BED	DETAILS
14 Radharc na Trá Breige	2	Offered and accepted
32 Dún na nIarlaí	2	Offered and accepted
43 Abbey Park, Manorcunningham	3	Offered and refused
45 Clós Phadraig	2	Offer in progress
6 Castle Park, Newtown	2	Offered and accepted
181 Ardfoyle, Moville	1	Offered and accepted
28 St Boden's Tce, Culdaff	2	Offered and accepted
27 St Boden's Tce, Culdaff	2	Offered and accepted
24 Heather Park, Buncrana	3	Offer and accepted
4 Seaview Terrace, Glengad	3	Offer in progress
3 An Teampall Maol, Greencastle	2	Offered and refused
Ballybrack, Moville (SI)	3	Works ongoing
124 Ard Clogan, Carndonagh	1	Works ongoing
Tank Road, Ludden	4	Offered and accepted
10 Westfield, Newtown	4	Ready to Let
Inch Rd < Magherabeg, Burnfoot	4	Offered and refused, Reoffered and accepted
23 Lios na Greine, Burnfoot	4	Offer in Progress
3 St Finian's Park, Moville	3	Offered and accepted
2 Crawford Square, Moville	3	Ready to Let
Urbreagh, Malin Head	5	Being assessed
19 Hawthorn Hill Newtown	3	Ready to Let
34 Abbey Park Manorcunningham	2	Ready to Let
16 Clos Padraig, Carndonagh	3	Being assessed
20 Pairc na hAluine,	3	Being assessed
39 Carraig Fern	3	Being assessed
2 Roundknowe, Buncrana	2	Ready to let
22 Lisowen Avenue , Buncrana	4	Offered and refused
28 Bonemaine, Bridgend	2	Offered and refused

HAP Tenancies

Municipal District	Number
Donegal	165
Letterkenny	628
Glenties	138
Stranorlar	243
Inishowen	370
Sub Total	1544
Tenancies Closed	382
Overall Total	1926