

Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain

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Beidh Cruinniú de Ceantar Bardais Inis Eoghain siúl Dé Mháirt 12ú Meán Fomhair 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
5th September 2017

NOTICE OF MEETING

A Meeting of the Municipal District of Inishowen will be held on Tuesday 12th September 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 of the Inishowen Municipal District Meeting held on 11th July 2017
2. Planning Services (Green)
 - Hericoast update
3. Environment Services (Blue)
4. Housing, Corporate & Cultural Services (Yellow)
5. Roads & Transportation
6. Community & Enterprise
7. Correspondence

MINUTES OF THE INISHOWEN MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE, CARNDONAGH ON TUESDAY 11TH JULY 2017 AT 1.00PM

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, Con McLaughlin, Senior Engineer and Aidan Smith, Senior Engineer.

Reports Presented:

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

On the proposal of Cllr Albert Doherty and seconded by Cllr John Ryan, it was agreed that the meeting would be adjourned for a short period. The meeting then reconvened at 1.30pm

An Cathaoirleach Jack Murray opened the meeting.

17.44 Consideration of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on Tuesday 13th June 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr Albert Doherty and seconded by Cllr Martin Farren, the minutes of the June AGM of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 13th June 2017 were agreed.

17.45 Consideration of the Minutes of the June Meeting of Inishowen Municipal District held on Tuesday 13th June 2017.

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Rena Doherty, the minutes of the June meeting of the Inishowen Municipal District meeting held on 13th June 2017 were agreed.

17.46 Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting on Consideration of the Additions to the Record of Protected Structures held on 21st June 2017

On the proposal of Cllr Martin Farren and seconded by Cllr Paul Canning, the minutes of the Special Meeting on Consideration of the Additions to the Record of Protected Structures held on 21st June 2017 were agreed.

17.47 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

Dubai Duty Free 2018 Irish Open

An Cathaoirleach Jack Murray, commenced the meeting by saying that he wished to congratulate the Ballyliffen Golf Club on their success, securing the hosting of the 2018 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open. He added that this would be a huge boost to the local economy in Donegal, Derry and the whole North West region in general. It was acknowledged that the Ballyliffen Golf Club Committee had put a huge effort into trying to secure the event for Ballyliffen. Cllr Bernard McGuinness proposed and Jack Murray seconded, that a implementation committee be set up to include all relevant agencies and groups to work on this huge event.

Some members advised that they had recently been at the recent Irish Open Tournament in Portstewart and that they were amazed by the scale of it and how such events draw such large crowds. Reference was made to the excellent bus services that had been set up there and that this would be necessary in Inishowen next year. Also, as Cllr Martin McDermott pointed out, the coverage on major sports channel such as Sky, will be huge publicity for Inishowen with the potential for millions of people worldwide tuning into the event when it comes to Donegal next year. Cllr Paul Canning suggested that advertising on the roundabouts entering Inishowen would be a good idea, for example at Manorcunningham. It was suggested this could be brought to the next Corporate Policy Group meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Albert Doherty and seconded by Cllr Bernard McGuinness that we contact Causeway Coast and Glen Borough Council to seek their advice and learn of their experiences on dealing with such a major event.

A discussion took place and the members individually expressed their enthusiasm for the tournaments success in Ballyliffen. It was collectively agreed that the following would have to be considered and acted upon.

- Contact Derry and Strabane District Council to seek advice and guidance on what is required for such a large scale event – traffic issues etc
- Liase with HSE/An Garda Síochána
- Consider emergency plan
- Set up a implementation committee
- Consider advertising on all roundabouts
- Liase with Failte Ireland and tourism agencies/providers
- Seek government support

17.48.01 PLANNING

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

17.48.02 Policy on Land Access

Cllrs Albert Doherty and Cllr Bernard McGuinness sought clarification on the policy on land access and asked who was responsible in Donegal County Council for dealing with land issues? He added that there needs to be a greater understanding of Rights of Way and access over land in general. Some discussion took place on access to beaches, monuments, and scenic areas etc where the access is through private land. Cllr Paul Canning referred to Special Areas of Conservation and how farmers may be affected. Ruth Diver, Executive Planner land issues may be solely civil matters and no concern of the Planning Authority. John McLaughlin, Director of Roads and Transportation, suggested that specific areas could be looked on a case by case basis establish if Donegal County has a role. This will depend on whether we are dealing with public roads, public rights of way or rights of way between neighbours, he added.

17.48.03 Planning Services in Inishowen

Cllr Bernard McGuinness expressed his concern over the current planning service available in the Inishowen Municipal District. He stated that Inishowen had double the number of applications compared to the other Municipal Districts. He added that it was often difficult to get through to the Planning Service in Lifford. He proposed that an extra member of staff be made available to Inishowen; this was seconded by Cllr Paul Canning. Cllr John Ryan added that the workloads were reflected in the figures. He requested that the Planning Service provide statistics on how many applications we have and staff dealing with them, in 2016/2017 period compared to previous years 2007/2008. The information was requested for the next meeting.

The consensus of the members was that the Planning Service should be reinstated in the Carndonagh Public Services Centre. It was acknowledged that additional and ancillary planning requirements created extra demands on the planning staff. It was proposed by Cllr Bernard McGuinness and seconded by Cllr Martin Farren that Eunan Quinn, Senior Executive Planner be asked to attend the next Inishowen Municipal District meeting on 12th September.

17.48.04 Consideration of Additions to the Record of Protected Structures – Follow on from Special Meeting held in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh on Wednesday 21st June 2017.

At the Special Meeting held in the Public Services Centre, Carndonagh on Wednesday 21st June 2017 it was collectively agreed that the Gate lodge and House at Tiernaleague, Carndonagh (see below) be considered at the today's Inishowen Municipal meeting. (11th July) The Act states that from 24th March 2017, the Council has twelve weeks to add the structures on (until 3rd August) and so this was possible to defer until today.

21	40805031	Gatelodge	Tirnaleague House	Churchland Quarters, Carndonagh
22	40805032	House	Tirnaleague House	Churchland Quarters, Carndonagh

This matter was considered by the members. On the proposal of Cllr. Bernard McGuinness, seconded by Cllr Albert Doherty, the Inishowen Municipal District Committee of Donegal County Council resolved in accordance with the Planning and Development Acts 2000-2016, to **not add** the structures included in the Table above to the Council's Record of Protected Structures.

DEPUTATION FROM DONEGAL YOUTH COUNCIL

An Cathaoirleach Jack Murray welcomed Carlyn Maguire, Donegal Youth Council Coordinator and James Bredin, Lauren Cooley, Aisling Callaghan and Ernest Postero, Youth Council members to the meeting. The members of the Youth Council began by outlining their areas of priority in a comprehensive presentation of their work to date. Some of their work included the following issues for young people:

- Sport
- Sexual health & education
- Facilities.
- Body image
- Mental Health

The Youth Council are also very involved in Road Safety Awareness issues and distributed over 1,500 High Visibility Material on the National Be Safe Be Seen Day last December. The Youth Councillors recorded road safety advertisements in association with the Road Safety Working Group, drink driving & pedestrians were the themes.

The members congratulated the Youth Council on their impressive presentation and their confidence in public speaking. It was agreed that the skills they were developing would be of huge significance in the future and that encouraging awareness of youth issues was paramount.

Carlyn Maguire, Donegal Youth Council Coordinator added that she has no control on how individual schools runs the Youth Council Elections and that some schools open the elections to all students but fourth year (Transition Students) is the most popular group for the elections.

17.49 COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE

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

17.49.01 Malin Head - Access and Amenity Improvement Project

The Divisional Manager, Paddy Doherty advised the Members that the works at the Access and Amenity Improvement project were ongoing.

17.49.02 Visitor Management plan for Malin Head Signature Discovery Point Project

Paddy Doherty advised the Members that written correspondence was received from the preferred consultant in relation to the scale of the project brief at Malin Head. Donegal County Council and Failte Ireland, were considering options available to progress the project. The Members welcomed the works being carried out on the site to date.

17.49.03 Lough Foyle Greencastle to Magilligan Ferry Service

The members expressed their dissatisfaction in relation to the delay in the commencement of the Greencastle to Magilligan Foyle Ferry Service. Paddy Doherty, Divisional Manager outlined the situation in relation to the contract and the testing of the vessel in both jurisdictions for license purposes. He added that the companies were unable to attend and provide a presentation at today's meeting; however, the companies were endeavoring to issue hard copies of the promotional brochures and maps in the next few days. Paddy Doherty added that the company hoped to address the members in the near future.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the ferry service. Some of the members were of the opinion that the service should function for an additional period of time because of the delay. Also some members were of the opinion that the subsidy provided by the Council should be reduced in line with the operating time for the season. Cllr Bernard McGuinness proposed and the members agreed that the contract should be reviewed in October with a complete review of the procurement of the ferry services. Consideration of the strategy, funding and penalties should take place, he added.

17.49.04 Rural Development Programme/LEADER

The Divisional Manager, Paddy Doherty provided an update in relation to the funding allocation under the Rural Development Programme/LEADER. He told the Members projects approved for funding by the Evaluation Committee would be brought forward to the LCDC (Local Community Development Committee) for final approval in July. Evaluation training is also being provided for the LCDC/LAG on this date. It is expected that the bulk of project approvals for 2017 will occur in the latter half of the year.

17.49.05 Donegal Walks and Trails

Cllr Albert Doherty and Cllr Bernard McGuinness sought updates on the status of the Carndonagh Woodland Walk Glenagivney Walk and Kinnego Bay. Cllr Doherty sought clarity in relation to private access land beyond 'Hells Hole' at Malin Head.

17.49.06 An Grianan of Aileach

The draft tender document for the Conservation and Management Plan is being finalized and it is anticipated that the document would be available to the members for comments and observations in early August. The members were told that the Council is seeking direction from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional and Gaeltacht affairs through the Office of Public Works in relation to the motion for the twinning with Tullyhogue Fort in Co. Tyrone.

17.49.07 Playgrounds

Cllr Martin Farren referred to the broken playground equipment at Movice play park and requested that the matter is included in the progress report until the matter is resolved.

17.49.08 Carndonagh Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Cllr Albert Doherty wished to know if engagement had taken place with property owners in relation to the Town and Village Renewal scheme at Bridge Street in Carndonagh.

17.49.09 Fort Dunree Military Museum

Paddy Doherty advised the members that Phase 1 of the project will be completed by the end of July and Phase 2 has gone to tender and the management of the procurement and appointment of contractors would be formalized soon. The members were advised that a new cafe was recently opened at Dunree which would enhance the visitor experience.

17.49.10 Bunagee Pier

Cllr Bernard McGuinness indicated that there were issues to be addressed with Bunagee Pier and he wished to know which Directorate was in charge of it. He sought a meeting in relation to the issues requiring attention including signage, management and maintenance, charge/fee for the pontoon facility, markings on the pier, water supply, access to the dedicated leisure area, the repositioning of the Pontoons, harbour and pier maintenance. Cllr McGuinness also highlighted the importance of the Sail West initiative as a safe haven for leisure boats and stated that it was a great facility requiring a management plan.

17.49.11 Camper Van Facility in Buncrana

Cllr Nicholas Crossan sought an update in relation to the installation of a chemical wastewater disposal at the camper van facility in Buncrana and wished to have the facility reviewed. It was agreed to refer the matter to the Executive Engineer.

17.49.12 Buncrana School Campus

The report on the Buncrana School Campus was noted with regard to completing landowner discussions and finalising details and agreed price of preferred site.

17.50 ENVIRONMENT

Senior Engineer, Con McLaughlin presented the Environment report to the members.

17.50.01 Fixed Penalty Notices

A report was presented to the members on the breakdown of Fixed Penalty Notices. Efforts were being made to improve the collection of fines and the Environment section hoped to work with their counterparts in Northern Ireland in securing the collection of fines issued to addresses there.

17.50.02 Blue Flag Beaches

Con McLaughlin stated that it was important to retain the Blue Flag Beaches that we currently have and try and ensure that the Blue Flag status we lost is regained. It was agreed it was important to consolidate areas and maintain safe bathing areas.

17.50.03 Coastal Erosion Study – North Inishowen Coastal Programme

It was noted that RPS Consultant Engineers, have been appointed to conduct a coastal erosion study and this is funded by the Office of Public Works. This move was welcomed by the members. The study is very prescriptive and the terms and conditions of the study have

to be strictly adhered to. The members will be updated at a later date, Con McLaughlin advised

17.50.04 Ballyliffen Golf Club

Cllr Martin McDermott advised that there is erosion at hole 14 at Ballyliffen Golf Club, which would need to be addressed particularly now with the golf tournament happening next year.

17.50.05 Ballyliffin to Castle Walk

It was noted that following on from a meeting with Office of Public Works, the National Parks and Wildlife Service funds were made available for the Ballyliffin to Castle walk. It was emphasised that it would be imperative to have this work completed before the golf tournament in Ballyliffin in 2018

17.50.06 Wheelchairs on Beaches

A request was made for the provision of a wheelchair at Culdaff beach. It was suggested by Cllr Martin Farren that wheelchairs be provided on all Blue Flag Beaches.

17.50.07 Refuse Charges

A discussion took place on bin charges. Cllr Martin McDermott suggested that increasing bin charges may be causing the public to dump their refuse on the hills which is very bad for the environment and should not be tolerated. Con McLaughlin advised that it was intention the increase recycling by fifty per cent by 2020 by introducing different methods and structures to change the mindset of the public in its attitude to recycling. It was noted that there was a low level of brown bin usage in Donegal.

Con McLaughlin reminded the meeting of the facilities available at the Recycling Centres and that there was no excuse for dumping.

17.50.08 Refuse Bins

Cllr Paul Canning requested that the distribution of refuse bins be reviewed and increased. He pointed out that at Inch Island there is a distance of two miles between refuse bins and that this was inadequate.

17.50. 09 Bridgend Sewerage System

Cllr Paul Canning expressed his concerns over the ongoing problems in relation to sewerage at Bridgend. He stated there were three estates there with a total of 120 houses He asked that overflow should go into reed beds at the public sewerage scheme rather than overflow into streams at the estate. He requested that solutions should be sought immediately. Cllr John Ryan reiterated Cllr Paul Canning's concerns. There was a consensus that reed banks would have the capacity to alleviate the ongoing sewerage problems. Con McLaughlin advised that there were ongoing efforts to address the problems and that he would keep the members updated.

17.50 .10 Glenburnie Beach

Cllr Martin Farren requested that water samples be taken at Glenburnie Beach.

17.50.11 Water Burst -Leakages at Fahan

Cllr John Ryan referred to recent water leakages at Fahan and Burt which resulted in the water being turned off. This caused problems for rate paying businesses. He suggested alternative plans should be in place when water stoppages occur. Cllr Rena Donaghey stated that there were far too many bursts occurring in recent times. Con McLaughlin suggested that these issues should be raised with Irish Water.

17.50.12 Provision of Bins for Dog Waste at Cassey (Causeway Rd)/Marian Park

Cllr Crossan requested that additional dog bins be placed in populated areas such as Marian Park

17.50.13 Route Port tra to Fr Hegarty's Rock

Cllr Rena Donaghey expressed her gratitude for the work on the pathway Port tra to Fr Hegarty's Rock

17.50.14 Treatment Plant Upgrade

Cllr Rena Donaghey referred to the underground pumping station at Westbrook. She said there was water two feet from the gullies and requested an update on it.

17.50. 15 Fullerton Dam.

Cllr Rena Donaghey said that the Fullerton Dam was not designed to service Letterkenny and that seventy five per cent of Inishowen's water was not serviced from Fullerton Dam

17.50.16 Portaloos at Beaches

Cllr Bernard McGuinness requested that portaloos be installed at Bunagee and indeed should be installed at all ports and harbours. Con McLaughlin advised that this should be referred to the Marine Service who maintains ports and harbours.

17.50.17 Sewerage Treatment Plants and New Housing Developments

Cllr McGuinness expressed his concerns that the Council cannot build local authority houses in an area without providing all the sewerage requirements of that particular area. He stated that this is very restricting and needs to be addressed.

17.50.18 Ballyliffin Sewerage Scheme

Concerns were expressed over the fact that Ballyliffin Sewerage Scheme was at capacity. It was noted that Irish Water were due to appoint consultants to examine Ballyliffin, Fahan, Burnfoot and Bridgend schemes.

17.51 HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES

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

17.51.01 Tenders

Cllr Nicholas Crossan expressed his concerns over the delay in turning around vacant houses for re letting. Aideen Doherty, Area Manager advised that efforts were being made to bring extra contractors on board to speed up the process.

17.51.02 Refusals of Offers of Council Housing

Cllr Albert Doherty expressed his concerns over the level of refusals of offers of Council houses and suggested that the Council would look into this. The members collectively agreed that the refusal level was alarming. Cllr Bernard McGuinness commented that if a house was being refused, this may suggest that there was not a housing need.

17.51.03 Housing Needs Assessments

Aideen Doherty advised that the Housing Needs Assessment exercise had been completed. It was noted that there was considerable demand for housing from applicants in the 45-60 year old age group who lived alone without children.

17.51.04 Mica

The members expressed their concerns over the Mica issue and stated that the members were going to collectively submit a motion to the Plenary Council calling on the government to introduce a Mica redress scheme for all homeowners. This motion was going to be submitted by An Cathaoirleach, Jack Murray. It was noted that there had been a large attendance at a public meeting in An Grainnan Hotel. The devastation of the families affected by Mica in their homes was noted.

17.51.05 Housing Adaption Grants

Cllr Rena Donaghey expressed her concerns over the gap in funding for Housing Adaption Grants and requested that concerns should be expressed to central government over the shortfall.

17.51.06 Turnkey Applications

In response to a query from Cllr John Ryan, Aideen Doherty confirmed that there had been just one application in this regard.

17.52 ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION

The Senior Executive Engineer, Seamus Hopkins circulated the current comprehensive Roads and Transportation Update, He introduced Jamie Reynolds to the members. Jamie has been working for the Roads Department in Carndonagh, under the Summer Student Scheme.

17.52.01 Rockhead

Seamus Hopkins advised that works on the pavement at Rockhead had been designed by Road Design and was ready to commence most likely at the beginning of 2018. Cllr Paul Canning suggested that pipe/cables work could be completed simultaneously. Seamus Hopkins advised that he would liaise with the relevant parties to see if this was possible.

17.52.02 Crock Bridge at Susan Bonar's

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

17.52.03 Three Year Programme for Footpaths and Street Lighting.

Seamus Hopkins briefed the members on the new three year programme for footpaths and street lighting. He advised that the funding will available according to population in the county and Inishowen has twenty five per cent of the population. He added that a plan will be prepared, and agreed at each Municipal District. He suggested that a workshop take place in September to discuss.

17.52.04 Cockhill Bridge

Seamus Hopkins advised that the Cockhill Bridge Project was progressing well and it was and it was envisaged it would be open in 2018. He added that he was working in conjunction with other parties including Irish Water.

17.52.05 Bridge at Bayview

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

17.52.06 Bridge Widening at Brochan House, Carndonagh

Following on from the last meeting a discussion took place on the proposed widening of the bridge at the Brochan house in Carndonagh. Seamus Hopkins advised that Road Design would review the options.

17.52.07 Hedge cutting

Reference was made to complaints being made about hedge cutting being completed out of season

17.52.08 Carrigans – Traffic Calming Measures

In response to a query by Cllr Paul Canning on installing traffic calming measure, Seamus Hopkins advised that it was hoped that this would take place by the end of the year

17.52.09 Pedestrian Crossing

Seamus Hopkins advised that the pedestrian crossing at Magherabeg School should be in place before the school opens.

17.52.10 Cats Eyes

Cllr McGuinness that stated that the installation of Cat's Eyes on the Muff to Merville Rd had been a huge success and that they should be installed on other roads.

17.52.11 Carn Brae, Quigley's Point

Cllr John Ryan expressed his concerns that the increased speed limit on the Merville to Derry Road was dangerous and that forty foot heavy goods vehicles were having difficulty turning on to the main road due to the speed of traffic.

17.52.12 Inner Relief Road- Kearney's Pass

It was agreed by the members that solutions should be sought and efforts made to progress the Inner Relief Road.

17.52.13 Traffic Lights at leisure Centre

Seamus Hopkins advised that the traffic lights at Buncrana Leisure Centre would be up and running again by September.

Certified: _____
Cathaoirleach

Date: _____

Inishowen Municipal District
12th September 2017

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2	Enforcement Update	
		Total number of cases 2017– 157 New Cases July 2017 – 4 Closed Cases July 2017 - 3
3	Notes & Monthly Schedule	Planning Clinics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th September 2017 • 4th October 2017 • 18th October 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/fileretrieval/File%20Retrieval.pdf

ENVIRONMENT REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2017

Litter and Waste Enforcement

Municipal District: All

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	Anti Dumping Initiative 2017
Project Description/Activity	Clean up of sites in Donegal where dumping is a problem and introduction to deterrents such as CCTV to deter further dumping. Donegal County Council has submitted two robust applications and were successful in attracting funding and have carried out phase 1 of the project and have now secured phase 2 funding for 16 projects which will commence shortly. Reports on these projects can be provided at a later date.
Budget (if applicable)	All funding for this campaign provided by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Matthew Byrne Waste Regulation Officer T: 074- 9172259

Activity / Project Title	Litter Statistics - August 2017
Project Description/Activity	Litter Fines: 51 issued 9 of these were issued to Northern Ireland – 23 have been paid. (45% collection rate) Environmental Complaints: 852 - 743 of which were Waste/Litter (87%) 114 community clean ups were recorded on GeoPal. This figure is from March 2017. This figure does not include any clean ups before that date.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Kevin McMenamin Environment T: 074-09172268

Environmental Awareness

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	Reuse Month – October 2017
Project Description/Activity	Reuse Month 2017 is part of a national environmental initiative aiming to educate and encourage people to refurbish, donate, sell or repair old items giving them a new lease of life and adding value. A number of initiatives are being organised to support this campaign.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Fiona Kelly, Water & Environment 074-9172283 fionakelly@donegalcococo.ie

Activity / Project Update:

Activity / Project Title	Free Electrical Recycling Dates
Project Description/Activity	WEEE Ireland have organised the following free Electrical Recycling Days for household electrical items throughout the County as follows: Saturday 12 th August Glenties GAA pitch Saturday the 19 th August in Falcarragh, Fawnmore Saturday the 26 th August at Bundoran, Seaside Car Park Saturday the 2 nd August at the Carndonagh Recycling Centre Saturday the 9 th at the Letterkenny Recycling Centre WEEE Ireland have offered to support the victims of the recent floods in Inishowen by providing an emergency collection of household electrical items at two at locations in Inishowen within the next month.
Contact Person <i>(to include telephone number & e-mail address)</i>	Fiona Kelly, Water & Environment 074-9172283 fionakelly@donegalcococo.ie

Activity / Project Update:

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	36	Crossroads & Killgordon Enterprise Group	€1,000
	37	An Taisce	€1,500
	38	Martina Butler	€750
		Total	36,110
Budget (if applicable)	50% funding for this campaign provided by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and 50% from Donegal County Council.		
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Fiona Kelly, Water & Environment 074-9172283 fionakelly@donegalcococo.ie		

Coastal Management

Activity / Project Title	Clean Coasts' Big Beach Clean 2017
Project Description/Activity	<p>Clean Coasts Big Beach Clean weekend will take place round the County Donegal coastline on the 15th, 16th and 17th of September 2017. We are delighted to team up again with the International Ocean Conservancy for the International Coastal Cleanup event. In 2016, over half a million volunteers in 112 countries removed 8 million kg of marine litter from the world's oceans.</p> <p>Clean Coasts are inviting volunteers to join this global coastal movement for litter free seas and be part of the world's largest coastal cleanup and marine litter survey. Removing marine litter from our beautiful coastline helps protect our coastal habitats and marine life.</p> <p>Last year 120 cleanups took place in Ireland during the Big Beach Clean weekend. This year we are on course to surpass that total.</p> <p>Join the movement for litter free seas and register a cleanup for the Big Beach Clean weekend www.cleancoasts.org . Volunteers receive a free clean up kit containing bags, gloves, health and safety information, data cards and hi-vis vests. Donegal County Council then arranges the removal and safe disposal of the wastes.</p> <p>During the Big Beach Clean, Clean Coasts volunteers are also asked to carry out marine litter surveys to quantify the amount and types of litter on Irish beaches. These surveys are aimed at heightening awareness about the issue of marine litter and serve as an indicator of the magnitude of the problem.</p>
Contact Person (to include telephone number & e-mail address)	Sinead McCoy 087 1347950 smccoy@eeu.antisce.org

Bathing Season

The summer bathing season is coming to an end across the county's numerous beaches. It has been another busy season at our 21 Designated Bathing Areas (including the 12 Blue Flag and 5 Green Coast beaches). The 14 lifeguarded beaches saw the treatment of jellyfish stings, minor injuries and

several rescues. This invaluable service wraps up at the end of the Bathing Season and the associated infrastructure removed for another year. See below the monthly statistics from the Beach Lifeguards (NB Only Bundoran Beach was open in June).



Beach Lifeguard – Monthly Rescue Statistic Sheet – June



Week	Week Ending	Rescue Without craft	Rescue using Craft	1 st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
Week 1						200		
Week 2				2		200	10	
Week 3						125	10	
Week 4			4	7		350	40	
Week 5								
Week 6								
June Total		Rescue Without craft	Rescue using Craft	1 st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
		0	4	9	0	875	60	0



Beach Lifeguard – Monthly Rescue Statistic Sheet – July





Week	Week Ending	Rescue Without craft	Rescue using Craft	1 st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
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Week 1	8/07/2017		2	4		574	41	
Week 2	15/07/2017	3	4	18	4	1658	97	1
Week 3	22/07/2017	2	2	50	2	2373	238	8
Week 4	29/07/2017	3	5	41	4	1576	60	3
Week 5								
Week 6								

July Total		Rescue Without craft	Rescue using Craft	1 st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
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	Beach Lifeguard – Monthly Rescue Statistic Sheet – August	
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Week	Week Ending	Rescue Without craft	Rescue using Craft	1 st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
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Week 1	6/08/2017		1	3	1	159	20	3
Week 2	13/08/2017		1	9		114	13	1
Week 3	20/08/2017			1		133	11	
Week 4	31/08/2017			7		82	29	
Week 5								
Week 6								

	Rescue Without craft	Rescue using Craft	1 st Aid	Lost Child	Advice Given	Accident Prevented	Other
August Total		2	20	1	488	73	

Bathing Water Quality

Weekly bathing water testing has been carried out at Dungloe Bay, on samples lifted at the pool and the pier. The results have indicated very low levels for E. coli & coliform bacteria. This monitoring would suggest that the water quality is excellent.

Clean Coasts Ocean Hero Awards 2017

The Clean Coasts programme has now over 540 volunteer groups working collectively nationwide to create a cleaner and more sustainably managed coastline. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for being a part of the movement and ask you to nominate volunteers for a prestigious 2017 Clean Coasts 'Ocean Hero Award'.

We are especially interested in hearing about groups and individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to Ireland's coastal environment. For example, volunteers who have organised regular beach cleans, implemented interesting initiatives, held awareness raising events or supported other coastal community groups.

This year An Taisce is inviting nominations in the following 6 categories:

1. Group of the Year
2. Individual of the Year
3. School of the Year
4. Business of the Year
5. Idea of the Year - *New – An Taisce is looking for volunteers/ groups who have raised the profile of coastal protection in their community, through awareness raising events and interesting initiatives.
6. Beach Clean of the Year

All winning entries will be invited to attend the Ocean Hero Awards Ceremony and Lunch in The Royal College of Physicians in Dublin on the 21st of November.

Entries can be submitted by emailing An Taisce at cleancoasts@eeu.antaisce.org. Closing date for nominations is Friday 20th October 2017.

David Friel
Coastal officer

HOUSING & CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT
Municipal District of Inishowen Meeting
12th September 2017

Corporate Services

- Consider request from Ballyliffin & Clonmany Tourism Group to make a deputation at October MD Meeting

Housing Services

- **PROGRESS REPORTS**

Housing Grants Report at 31st August 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	22	13	5	3
2017	22	10	1	4	7

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	9	2	0	4	3

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	17	9	5	1	2

Casual Vacancies at 5th September 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 accepted
45 Clós Phadraig	2	Offered and accepted
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
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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	Offered and accepted
124 Ard Clogan, Carndonagh	1	Offer in Progress
Tank Road, Ludden	4	Offered and accepted
10 Westfield, Newtown	4	Offered and accepted
Inch Rd < Magherabeg, Burnfoot	4	Offered and accepted
23 Lios na Greine, Burnfoot	4	Offered and accepted
3 St Finian's Park, Moville	3	Offered and accepted
2 Crawford Square, Moville	3	Offer in Progress
Urbreagh, Malin Head	5	Being assessed
19 Hawthorn Hill Newtown	3	Offered and accepted
16 Clos Padraig, Carndonagh	3	Being assessed
20 Pairc na hAluine,	3	Being assessed
39 Carraig Fern	3	Offered and accepted
2 Roundknowe, Buncrana	2	Offered and accepted
22 Lisowen Avenue , Buncrana	4	Offered and accepted
28 Bonemaine, Bridgend	2	Offered and accepted
34 Bonemaine Bridgend	2	Offered and accepted

HAP Tenancies

Municipal District	Number
Donegal	171
Letterkenny	624
Glenties	139
Stranorlar	248
Inishowen	374
Sub Total	1556
Tenancies Closed	429
Overall Total	1985

