

**MINUTES OF GLENTIES MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING  
HELD IN DUNGLOE PUBLIC SERVICES CENTRE ON  
14th JANUARY 2025**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllr. John Sheamais Ó Fearraigh (Cathaoirleach)  
Cllr. Michael McClafferty  
Cllr. Anthony Molloy  
Cllr. Micheál Cholm Mac Giolla Easbuig  
Cllr. Denis McGee  
Cllr. Brian Carr

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Michael McGarvey - Director of Water & Environment Service  
Michael Rowsome - A/Area Manager, Corporate & Housing  
Brendan McFadden - SEE/Area Manager, Roads & Transportation  
Jim Boner - SEE, Housing Capital  
John McCarron, SEE, Water & Environment  
Lorna Ramsey - Executive Planner  
Daniel McCrystal - Snr Enterprise Dev. Officer  
Anne Marie McCole - S.O. Community Development  
Mary Boyle - A/SSO, Housing & Corporate  
Clíona Ní Ghallachóir - Aistriúcháin Comhuaineach

**GMD 01/25**

**Confirmation of Minutes of Glenties Municipal District Meeting**

On the proposal of Cllr. Molloy, seconded by Cllr. Carr, the Minutes of the Municipal District Meeting held on the 12 November 2024, were confirmed.

**GMD 02/25**

### **DEPUTATION**

The Committee welcomed Breda Logue and John Gallagher, who were representing Coiste Forbartha Mullach Dubh, to the meeting. The Deputation requested assistance with the following issues;

- Funding for the provision of a footpath along the R259, from the bridge at Calhame to Mullaghderg boundary
- Repair/replacement of the boardwalk at Mullaghderg beach
- Signposting

Members commended the dedication of the local volunteers to the improvement of their Community and recommended that the Coiste liaise with Claire McCallan in our Community Development Section.

The Roads Manager agreed to provide a written response and undertook to meet with the Coiste.

**GMD 03/25**

### **HOUSING CONSTRUCTION**

The Committee welcomed the Report circulated with the Agenda regarding the following developments;

- Chapel Road, Dungloe - Construction Scheme x 43 units
- Massiness, Creeslough- Construction Scheme x 3 units
- Glenties Fire Station - Construction Scheme x 3 units
- Gweedore Turnkey Acquisition x 29 units
- Annagry Turnkey Acquisition x 7 units
- Single House Acquisitions in Burtonport and Kincasslagh

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig recommended the enhancement of the sewage infrastructure in Derrybeg to accommodate additional Social Housing Units on the recently acquired site at the former Radharc an Eargail location. In response to a query from Cllr. Molloy, the Senior Executive Engineer advised that inhouse preliminary design works are ongoing. Cllr Carr also requested an update in relation to developments in Glenties.

The Committee raised concerns in relation to the status of Respond AHB developments in Dungloe and Falcarragh. The Housing Manager informed Members that he is meeting the AHB Senior Development Manager (Louise Heavin) on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January in relation to;

- 1) Fairhill Lodge, Dungloe - building condition assessment
- 2) Expiry of Planning permission on 10/03/2025 (Church Road, Falcarragh).

**GMD 04/25**

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Members noted the Reports circulated previously and presented by the SEDO, Daniel McCrystal, in relation to the following;

- Holiday World Show
- New Tourism Strategy
- TBEX Conference - September 2025
- LEO Energy Efficiency Grants
- Green Hydra Regional Multi-Stakeholder Meeting - 23<sup>rd</sup> January in Co-Lab, Letterkenny

Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig expressed frustration at the lack of continuity of representation at Municipal District meetings in respect of the Economic Development Directorate.

**GMD 05/25**

### **ENVIRONMENT**

#### **5.1**

The Committee noted the Reports circulated with the Agenda in relation to the Climate Action Programme and Implementation Plan.

Cllr Carr requested assistance from the Environmental Service in relation to;

- 1) Removal of dumped material from Rosbeg Pier
- 2) Hosting of Rowing Championships at Loughros Point

In response to a query from Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig regarding disruption to the clothes-bank collection service, the Senior Executive Engineer undertook to liaise with a private company who have a responsibility in this regard.

## **5.2      Tory Sea Wall**

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr. McGee, the Committee recommended that the Council take responsibility for the completion of the Sea Wall on Tory.

## **GMD 06/25      CORPORATE SERVICES**

On the proposal of Cllr. Mac Giolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr. McGee, the Glenties Municipal District Committee recommended that the Ionad Seirbhísí Pobail (Dungloe Public Service Centre) be renamed to commemorate Eithne Ní Chumhaill and Peadar Ó Domhnaill, deceased natives of Falcarragh and Dungloe respectively and who both played prominent roles in the Gaelic League, War of Independence, and Union /Tenant farmers' campaigns.

## **GMD 07/25      PLANNING**

### **7.1      Members noted the following Reports circulated previously;**

- Development Applications for year ended 31/12/2024
- Enforcement Activity
- Schedule of Planning Clinics
- Capital Projects Delivery Unit

The Area Planner advised the Committee that a Workshop will be held prior to the next Municipal District meeting regarding a review of the Casual Trading Byelaws.

In response to a query from Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Area Planner advised that current policy generally avoids the erection of masts near schools.

**7.2      Planning Ref: 19/51090 - Development Works at Church Road, Falcarragh**

Cllr. McGee expressed concern at the recent refusal to grant an Extension of Duration of the above Planning Permission (24/50234 refers).

The Area Planner advised that evidence of substantial works would be required prior to the 10/03/2025 to facilitate any Extension of Duration of permission.

**7.3      The Garden, Creeslough**

On the proposal of Cllr. McGee, seconded by Cllr. Carr, the Committee confirmed proposals discussed at earlier Workshop in relation to the transfer of funding to enhancement works at the Garden, Creeslough.

**GMD 08/25      COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**8.1      The Committee noted the Report circulated with the Agenda.**

On the proposal of Cllr. Carr, seconded by Cllr. Ó Fearraigh, the Committee agreed to convene the following Workshops.

- DFI & Rural Programme Workshop on the 28 February 2025

- Rural Programme Workshops on the 27 June 2025 and the 24 October 2025 at 10 a.m.

## 8.2 Playground

Cllr. Carr requested the Council to carry out necessary maintenance works at the Playground at Clós Naomh Chonail in Glenties.

## 8.3 Local Enhancement Programme 2025

Cllr. Carr expressed disappointment at the increasing bureaucracy involved in the completion of the Men's/Women's Sheds application form for funding.

## **GMD 09/25** **ROADS & TRANSPORTATION**

The Roads Manager updated the Committee on the status of;

- 1) N56 Letterilly to Kilraine
- 2) N56 Dungloe to Glenties - Active Travel Renewal

The Committee agreed to schedule a Workshop at 10a.m. on the 28th of January to consider the following;

- Carnmore Road - Junction Design Funding
- L.I.S. 2025
- Hedge cutting 2024 statistics
- Takeover of non-county roads
- Community Involvement Scheme

The Roads Manager advised the Committee that specific grant funding is awaited to carry out works at Currein Bridge as requested by Cllr Carr.

Cllr. McGee expressed frustration with minimal funding allocated to the LIS Scheme and requested the Council to source alternative funding streams.

The Roads Manager informed Members that the Council have no alternative to non-county road funding other than the LIS scheme. He advised that he has communicated with An Roinn regarding the re-instatement of the Bóthar Áise scheme.

Cllr. Ó Fearraigh emphasised the importance of the Bóthar Áise scheme and commended the Roads Services for their extensive work carried out during the recent adverse weather conditions.

**GMD 10/25**

#### **HOUSING**

The Committee noted the Reports circulated with the Agenda and presented by the A/Area Manager.

**THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING**