

Press release regarding response to Shass mountain landslide

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The inter-agency working group, led by the Heritage Department, overseeing the response to the Shaas Mountain landslide at Drumkeeran met this morning- the meeting was chaired by Mr Malcolm Noonan, TD, Minister for Heritage

The meeting was attended by the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Mary Bohan, and senior officials from Leitrim County Council, the Department of Agriculture, Inland Fisheries Ireland, and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

Minister Noonan and officials present had viewed the landslide firsthand from the Dawn of Hope Bridge and from further up at source on Shaas Mountain. The meeting was updated on the present situation and all agencies present stated their commitment to finding a multi agency response to address the emergency situation, including the farmer and community needs and also to investigate solutions to the longer term stabilisation challenges now evident.

After the meeting, Minister for Heritage Malcolm Noonan said that he was shocked when he viewed the damage firsthand on Monday last 13th July with Minister of State Feighan. He resolved with the Minister for Agriculture to quickly establish this committee and put together a multi-agency grouping to oversee the response to the emergency and to deal with its aftermath. He commended the local farmers and the wider community for their response in the face of this disaster and commended too the local authority officials for the reactions.

He said there was much work to be done and the committee would meet again in the very near future.

In the meantime, it was pointed out that affected farmers should make contact with the Department of Agriculture.

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