

Coastal path between Ballintoy Harbour and White Park Bay.

On the 8th August 2011 Moyle District Council asserted this stretch of path as a public right of way. Following this assertion there is a 3 month period during which landowners may initiate a Judicial Review of the Council's decision. The UFRC will continue to keep an eye on developments and will support the decision of the Council.

Path around Marconi's Cottage, Carrickmore Road, Ballycastle.

DRD received a request for the abandonment of the Carrickmore Road fronting the former Marconi's Cottage, 40 Carrickmore Road. While agreeing, in principle, to consider facilitating an abandonment process, Roads Service officials emphasised in discussions with the agents that this would be subject to the presentation of the developers proposals to Moyle District Council and, in particular, reaching a satisfactory agreement on the rights of pedestrian access to the foreshore to the east.

The onus was on the developer to convince the council, and others, of the merits of the request for abandonment, and clearly based on the council's decision to reject the request, their efforts have been unsuccessful.

In these circumstances, Roads Service has decided not to facilitate the developer's request. Additionally, Roads Service officials propose to meet with the developer to address the issue of the unapproved work carried out to a public road.

This means that walkers can continue to rightfully walk along this stretch of public road.

The UFRC, which registered its opposition to the application, will continue to work closely, and support, local residents and Moyle District Council. Hopefully together public access to this area of outstanding natural beauty and geological interest will be retained.