

*'Local Business Development Agency takes over vacant NI Water site in Enniskillen.*

*The former NI Water premises in the Killyhevlin Industrial Estate, which has been vacant since 2009, is about to receive a new lease of life. The three-acre site and office block were fast becoming a sad and derelict epitome of the impact of public sector jobs being moved out of the county as it lay idle for four years. However, hope that this once busy site can again be restored to a prosperous hub of activity has been renewed by the vision of a forward thinking ambitious local Business Development body.*

*Fermanagh Enterprise Ltd which has successfully promoted small business start-up and development in the County for over twenty years has just negotiated a deal to purchase the site.*

*The property extends to in excess of 18,000 sq ft of industrial units and an office block comprising over twenty offices and board rooms and covers over three acres with excellent parking and landscaped grounds.*

*John O'Kane, Fermanagh Enterprise Ltd Chairman said, "This is a significant investment which does involve risks in an uncertain economy. However, we have developed a vacant site at Lackaghboy into a thriving busy Business Centre which enjoys virtually 100% occupancy and is the headquarters of 40 businesses providing jobs for 60 people. It is the vision of the Board that we can similarly develop the property in the Killyhevlin Industrial Estate, transforming what is now a vacant site to support business development and create much needed jobs. This may take some time, but it is an aspiration which we believe is well worth the effort and work which will be involved."*

*Fermanagh Enterprise Ltd is a Social Enterprise set up and run by a Board of Directors who give their time, experience and expertise on a completely voluntary basis to help to improve the local economy of Fermanagh. The Organisation has a long and very successful association with the delivery of Business Start-up support, training and advice to individuals who are in the process of setting up in business. Indeed, a look at Start-up figures in the County over the past ten years, indicate business start rates which are higher than any District Council area outside of the large centres of population in Derry and Belfast."*