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5th February 2016

Chuig: Cathaoirleach B. O'Connell
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Chill Áirne

A Chomhairleoir, a chara

Tionólfar an chéad cruinniú eile de cheantar Bardasach Chill Áirne ar **Dé hAoine an 12ú Feabhra 2016 i Leabharlann Chill Áirne ar 10.00rn**, chun na míreanna thíos luaite a phlé.

The next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Killarney will be held in the **Killarney Library Meeting Room on Friday, 12th February 2016 at 10.00am** to consider the under mentioned items.

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Gerard O'Brien
Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator
Ceantar Bardasach Chill Áirne / Municipal District of Killarney

AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE

1. Confirmation of the following Minutes:

- (a) Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 9th December 2015
- (b) Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 15th January 2016
- (c) Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 25th January 2016

2. Reception of a Deputation from the residents of Foiladonn, Clonkeen, Curreal, Killaha, Glenflesk and Dromnaharrie to discuss their flooding problems

3. Business prescribed, by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting:

- (a) To agree a nominee from the Killarney Municipal District to sit on the Corporate Policy Group
- (b) To agree two nominees to the Board of Killarney Technology Innovation Ltd (KTI)

4. Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development Directorate

(a) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. B. Cronin:** That this Council carry out an assessment to identify the suitability of possible sites for the development of a multi-storey car park in Killarney which will be a necessary future requirement in our town as a major tourist destination.

(b) Questions

1. **Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Would this Council seek a meeting with the TII [formerly the NRA] in the hope of gaining some clarity in the matter of planning permissions for the building of private residences along National Secondary roads by applicants from the general area? The present apparent opposition to such developments, certainly along the N72 in Ballaughcommane, Killarney, is very extreme and is causing hardship.

2. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Regarding my previous Notice of Motion, have any plans been put in place to provide visitors to Killarney with practical and attractive signage panels, indicating places of interest in and around the town?

3. Cllr. N Kelleher: Killarney needs at least 400 car parking spaces with the opening of Killarney House. What is the Authority doing to deliver same?

4. Cllr. N Kelleher: To call on the authority to look at developing a skills register for those living in the Killarney Electoral Area.

5. (a) To note update report from the Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Municipal Authority would detail its 2016 intention in relation to allotment provision proximate to Killarney.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: Let this Council and the public know the exact regulations for the new Tenant Purchase Scheme, as they have changed dramatically from the last one that was out. When we are sending out someone to value the house, the fee for valuation should not be more than €100.

3. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Kerry County Council would continue to test Local Authority houses for radon gas and extend this to the Municipal District.

4. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council for an update regarding when works are to begin on the building of twenty houses at Chestnut Drive, Killarney.

5. Cllr. D. Grady: That a Litter Warden is urgently required solely for Killarney Town and Killarney Municipal District.

6. Cllr. N Kelleher: What is the up to date position with acquiring the much needed extension to the graveyard in Gneevegullia together with parking around or near the Church.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the update position with the acquisition of a site for a public cemetery for Killarney?

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: To again ask when will the public toilets at the High Street car park be upgraded to provide disability access?

3. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council Housing Department to build an extension to (details with Directorate).

4. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: What progress is being made with the provision of a playground for Firies?

5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: What is the current situation regarding the purchase of a burial ground for the people of Killarney?

6. Cllr. N Kelleher: When will the Community Support Fund open for applications?

7. Cllr. N Kelleher: What is the update on acquiring the private graveyard in Aghadoe?

6. (a) To note update report from the Water Services Directorate

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council calls on Uisce Éireann to extend the public sewer to Lissivigeen, Aghadoe and Tralee Road.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council and Uisce Éireann would detail the progress, if any, made in the consideration of the development of the reed bed facility in the Demesne.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council to give an estimate as to the number of houses in Killarney that have storm water connected to the sewer mains, and how this Council deals with the huge volume of storm water that enters the sewer plant during prolonged heavy rain.

4. Cllr. N Kelleher: The resurfacing of the road outside Barraduff Community Field has been put on hold to allow for funding to be sought for the laying of new water pipe. Has same been approved and when can we expect it to be done?

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: Has a start date been set for water pipe replacement works at AGLISH to Flynns Forge and Bushmount to Clonlara?

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: Have Irish Water confirmed the scope and route of Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme?

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: When can we expect the laying of the sewer mains from Kilcummin to Killarney to begin?

7. (a) To note update report from the Operations, Health & Safety Directorate

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Municipal Authority would give consideration to the introduction of Killarney Town centre evening time pedestrianisation during the summer months and thus create an ambience conducive to strolling and gentle recreation.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council in conjunction with Iarnród Éireann and TII would eliminate the terrible unevenness on the N22 at Minish Level Crossing.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Municipal Authority would eliminate the terrible ponding on the footpath at lower New Street, particularly on the right hand side outbound.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would provide an update on the progress towards the Taking in Charge of Clounts Court, Rathmore.

5. Cllr. D. Grady: That we would take immediate action regarding flooding commencing in the Foiladown area back through Glenflesk and Killarney to where the river enters the sea. We need to commence dredging immediately, despite laws and regulations as peoples' homes must come first. The Council should contact the relevant bodies.

6. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: That we the members of Kerry County Council ask the Minister for Finance for funding to open up the Flesk River to remove any blockages to the river and to the Curreal and Gortahoosh Bridge and also for funding to repair the Foiladonn - Clonkeen Road damaged by the Flesk River and to seek financial assistance for the householders whose houses were flooded and to prevent future flooding and to ensure that Foiladonn is included in the ongoing CFRAM study.

7. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the OPW to remove all the debris and blockages on either side of Listry Bridge which has recently caused serious flooding to houses in the Listry area and to clear all the Gweestin River back up to Flynn's Forge at Rockfield to ensure that this entire area is included in the ongoing CFRAM study.

8. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask for a turning off lane for Bóithrín na Marbh at Ballydowney, Fossa.

9. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask that a footpath be provided from Faha School to Faha Community Centre.

10. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to carry out proper drainage works at Nunstown, Aghadoe to prevent a repeat of flooding of houses.

- 11. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to do whatever is necessary to prevent flooding of Laccabane Housing Estate in the future.
- 12. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to carry out the necessary pipelaying at Knockeenduff to prevent future flooding of houses at Knockeenduff, Killcummin.
- 13. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To request the Roads Department along with Gardaí to re-examine the one-way system at school times on New Road to Port Road as I am informed that some traffic exiting from St Mary's Terrace and other entrances are ignoring the one way system and driving against school traffic, sometimes on the footpath, to the Port Road Junction. This is extremely dangerous to motorists obeying the traffic plan and to pupils exiting schools.
- 14. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To request that Kerry County Council Road Engineers along with the NRA meet with Listry Community Council to examine and cost their proposal to link Listry Community Centre with the National School with a footpath to utilise the available facilities and parking.
- 15. Cllr. B. Cronin:** In light of the recent serious flooding in the Gweestin River, I am requesting that works be undertaken to clean all material around the following 5 bridges at Ballinalane, Flying Forge, The Mall, Listry Cross and Ballymalis and to examine the safety of the structure of each bridge.
- 16. Cllr. B. Cronin:** As a result of the flooding of houses in Nunstown, Aghadoe from water coming in from the public road, I am requesting the provision of an adequate size pipe and gully traps for road side drainage to prevent this happening again.
- 17. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To request that Kerry County Council and the TII provide a pedestrian crossing between Fossa NS/Community Centre and the Church and car park. This is vital for safety as a substantial volume of parents park in the Church car park and have no safe location to cross a busy national route with children to the school and community centre. Also speed limit indicators on both sides approaching the school and Church would improve driver awareness.
- 18. Cllr. B. Cronin:** What works have been undertaken since our last meeting to deal with the speed on the Firies to Farranfore Road, particularly adjacent to the National School and housing estates.
- 19. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To (a) outline all the necessary information, documentation, drawings and details which need to be contained in tender documents submitted to this Council by any company seeking work on specific road works or footpath construction schemes etc and (b) that in future following the completion and finalisation of the tendering process for any major project in this Municipal District, that the Elected Members be provided with a full list of all firms/companies that were involved in the tendering process.

- 20. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we Kerry County Council would extend public lighting at Ross Road and Mill Road as a matter of urgency.
- 21. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to provide speed ramps and pedestrian crossing at Woodlawn Road, Killarney (details with Directorate).
- 22. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council when will the pedestrian crossing be provided at Rathmore Town Centre adjacent to the Community Centre.
- 23. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to resurface the road at Station Road, Rathmore as it is in a bad state. This is a health and safety issue as there are many deep potholes here.
- 24. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask this Council to resurface the road from Clounts Cross to Ballinahulla as it is unsafe for road users.
- 25. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to provide a footpath adjacent to the Primary School in Barraduff as soon as possible.
- 26. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to provide footpaths from the Whitebridge entrance to the Cork Road.
- 27. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to make Glenflesk Village a 60km/h speed zone.
- 28. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** As the recent flooding caused the earth on the lower side of the road on the R577, close to Scartaglin, to slide away, I call on this Council to, as soon as possible, place rock armour, or similar, to support this very busy road, and prevent a very serious situation from occurring.
- 29. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To call on this Council, to repair the gully close to (details with Directorate) house in Mount Scartaglin, and also to carry out some skirting and general maintenance work on this section of road, from (details with Directorate) house to Scartaglin Village, as I am in no doubt that this is the worst section of public road in this County.
- 30. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To call on this Council to remove any material which may impede the flow of water which flows under the road at Lawlor's Cross, and with the aid of a camera, to investigate the very long culvert, to identify any other obstructions that may exist. Every effort must be made to help the flow of water at this junction, in a bid to avoid a repeat of the serious flooding which occurred at a residence during the very heavy rainfall recently. This is the first time that water has reached this level, and locals feel that it's as a result of raising the N22, which prevents excessive water from crossing the road.

31. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council, to immediately replace some of the plant which is currently used for road maintenance in the Killarney Municipal District, in particular the Durapatchers which are in need of much repair and the modern Durapatchers are far more effective and efficient.

32. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: When a local Authority House becomes vacant, and a staff member assesses the amount of work that is needed to be carried out to allow it to be re-occupied, I ask that each Member of the Killarney Municipal District be made aware of the length of time that is envisaged to complete this work, and also a general idea as to the scope of works that need to be undertaken.

33. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council undertake the necessary works on the bridge at Ballinahalla, Cordal, to make it structurally sound for the future.

34. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To again ask this Council to consider removing the cycle islands on the town side of the Killarney by-pass, and replacing them with road markings indicating a cycle lane.

35. Cllr. N Kelleher: Thanks to the foresight of this Council when the Village Road in Gneevegullia was being overlaid, the pipes were laid for the completion of the under grounding of lighting. Can this be completed as well as the footpaths in the rest of the village so that it is brought to a standard as has already been provided.

36. Cllr. N Kelleher: What is the current position with regard to the upgrading of the Main Street in Rathmore? Has a design team been approved and if not when can it be expected? Can the appointed team meet on the ground with the local Community Council?

37. Cllr. N Kelleher: Can the road from Shrone Church back to Gortacarrin be resurfaced in the next programme?

38. Cllr. N Kelleher: That the road surface at Clounts, Rathmore in front of the entrance to The Crescent be resurfaced as a priority as potholes continue to be a problem. When is the footpath that was granted due to be constructed?

39. Cllr. N Kelleher: The N72 between both parts of Rathmore is in major need of being resurfaced. Can the TII be approached to fund same?

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Is all now in readiness for the commencement of the footpath from Páirc Chuimín to Kilcummin Village as such is vital for the safety of all pedestrians and in particular for the well-being of school going children?

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has a resolution to the satisfaction of the landowners been reached in the matter of providing a safe entrance/exit to/from the

Bóithrín half way along the Pike Hill outbound, as its present status has since the 1980s greatly inconvenienced them?

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the TII Safety Officer given any response to my frequently made request for a safety barrier on the N72 in the townland of Ardaneanig? Numerous accidents have occurred at this bend and a number of vehicles have gone through the fence and into the adjacent field.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council undertaken an inventory of the footpaths in Pinewood Estate in order to determine their condition and if so what are the findings? Does the Council have the finance necessary to undertake any necessary repairs?

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Council enter into discussion with the NPWS with the aim of having appropriate and non-invasive viewing alcoves installed into the existing wall along Mission Road with the purpose of affording pedestrians an enticing glimpse of the splendour within?

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Have the long awaited remedial works commenced in Mountain View Estate, Kilcummin and is there sufficient money in the released Bond to complete all that needs to be done?

7. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to provide flashing lights adjacent to Currow School and Community Area.

8. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask for a footpath from Fossa Caravan Site westwards towards the Gap Cross on the right hand side of the road.

9. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask for a pedestrian crossing in Castleisland Town from WK O'Connors towards Lawlor's Restaurant.

10. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask for a pedestrian crossing from the bottom of the Loretto Road crossing the Muckcross Road.

11. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to do whatever is necessary to prevent flooding of houses in the Gap Road in the future.

12. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what can be done to assist the residents and businesses in the White Bridge and Ballycasheen areas to alleviate flooding problems.

13. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can water tables be opened and skirting be done on the following roads - Clash Road, Listry, Rockfield to Flynns Forge, Ballydunlea Road, Rathanane Road, Kilcummin and Rathcomane Road?

14. Cllr. B. Cronin: Will Kerry County Council include the Clash Road, Listry for funding in the next 3 year Roads Programme?

15. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will the €35,000 allocated for improvement work at Boulia Junction be spent?

- 16. Cllr. B. Cronin:** What is the position regarding the spending of the bond in Mountain View Estate, Kilcummin?
- 17. Cllr. D. Grady:** What is the update on overlaying Scartaglin Village as it is in an atrocious condition?
- 18. Cllr. D. Grady:** What is the update on flooding so far, what action have Kerry County Council taken to date? This item needs to be kept on the Agenda.
- 19. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council when is work due to commence to replace the footpaths on both sides of Mangerton View.
- 20. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to apply for funding to repair the road at Farrankeal Bridge L7027-33 and erect flood defence wall to prevent recurring flooding.
- 21. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council if they have an up date from TII regarding then Digital Speedometers for Barraduff Village.
- 22. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to apply for funding to dredge the River Gweestin as this has caused great damage due to flooding.
- 23. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council has the OPW been contacted regarding the removal of large trees on the road verge at Ballydowney.
- 24. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council has Coillte offered / gifted a strip of ground to enable Kerry County Council to widen the road at Mangerton, Muckross, Killarney.
- 25. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council implement changes to the drainage system at Woodlawn Park and Woodlawn Road. It should be drained down into the Flesk River.
- 26. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae:** Has any progress been made with the provision of a safe pedestrian crossing in Killahane, Furies for the safety of the children going to Furies NS?
- 27. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That this Council undertake a full inspection of all paved footpaths in Killarney Town, and provide a time scale for replacing same. At present, some of these footpaths are unsafe and unsightly.
- 28. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** What is the delay in building the part of the bridge which was demolished at Counguilla, Scartaglin?
- 29. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** As the horses travelling on the Mission Road and the Ross Road are causing a dip in the middle from constant pounding of hooves,

would this Council consider removing this strip, approximately .5 of a metre in width, and replace it with concrete?

8. Motions / Questions relevant to other Directorates or issues not relevant to Kerry County Council business

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. B. O'Connell: That Kerry County Council contact Irish Rail and request that the Railway Station in Rathmore be named in honour of Pádraig O'Connor who died in the Rising of 1916.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Municipal Authority would call on Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann to develop a footbridge between the Train Station and the Bus Station in Killarney Town.

3. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the Department of the Environment to allow landowners to take gravel and silt out of their rivers in the open season.

4. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Kerry County Council would write to the relevant Ministers regarding the closure of Homebase, Killarney and the loss of 30 jobs. This is due to close in May 2016.

5. Cllr. D. Grady: The we Kerry County Council would write to the relevant Minister requesting Solas to provide training on bus driving in Kerry. This training is being provided in other parts of the country.

6. Cllr. D. Grady: I am reactivating the Drugs Liaison Committee in the Killarney Area this month and I would like to know if the Killarney Municipal Area are interested in participating.

7. Cllr. N Kelleher: This Authority calls on the OPW to take action and clear the bushes and trees from the river in Glenflesk so as to keep properties and the community safe from flooding. This was the norm a year ago; why not now?

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Part 8 Planning process been initiated that would, on completion, allow for the removal of the dilapidated structure that once was the Pretty Polly factory?

2. Cllr. D. Grady: How much money is the Killarney Municipal District giving to the Cork/Kerry Link Bus?

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, has any further progress been made in the acquisition of Áras Pádraig?

- 4. Cllr. N Kelleher:** That this Authority calls on the petrol stations in Killarney to bring prices in line with similar suppliers in other towns and villages in Kerry. It is not good for the reputation of the town as a whole.
- 5. Cllr. N Kelleher:** That we call on the HSE to provide a full list of waiting times for ambulances in the Killarney Electoral Area?
- 6. Cllr. N Kelleher:** To call on the Council to set up a working group immediately to explore the opportunities for the development of the Pretty Polly site.
- 7. Cllr. N Kelleher:** Rathmore needs a full time GP. That we call on the HSE to reinstate the full Rural Practise Allowance and ensure Rathmore has a full time GP Practice.
- 9. To consider the reception of a deputation from the Residents of Whitebridge regarding flooding - Cllr. J.J. Culloty**
- 10. To agree a date for the holding of the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting**
- 11. Correspondence**
- 12. Matters arising from the Minutes as confirmed at 1 above**
- 13. Any Other Business**