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8 Meán Fómhair 2016

**Chuig: Cathaoirleach B. Cronin  
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Chill Áirne**

A Chomhairleoir, a chara

Tionólfar an chéad cruinniú eile de cheantar Bardasach Chill Áirne Dé Céadaoin **an 14<sup>ú</sup> Meán Fómhair 2016 i leabharlann Chill Áirne ar a 10.00rn**, chun na míreanna thíos a phlé.

The next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Killarney will be held in **Killarney Library on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 10.00am** to consider the under mentioned items.

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**Liam Quinlan  
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Ceantar Bardasach Chill Áirne / Municipal District of Killarney**

## **AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE**

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### **1. Confirmation of the following Minutes:**

- (a)** Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- (b)** Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### **2. Reception of the following Deputations:**

- (a)** Residents of Castletlough/Muckcross regarding the provision of a by-pass from Castletlough/Muckcross to Lissivigeen - Requested by Cllr. M. Healy-Rae
- (b)** Barraduff Community Group regarding issues in the Village - Requested by Cllr. N. Kelleher

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

- (a)** To consider the installation of traffic calming measures on the R563 Regional Road at Listry Bridge, Co Kerry in the townlands of Lissavane East, Lissavane West and Listry, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

The proposed works will comprise of the installation of kerbed rubbing strips along the bridge on both sides of the road, enhanced advance warning signage & road markings as well as improved sight distance to the bridge and all other associated ancillary works.

- (b)** In accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and having regard to Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in relation to the taking in charge of estates, to consider any objections or representations received and the making of an Order declaring the following road to be a public road pursuant to Section 11 (2) (i) of the Roads Act 1993:

Kilbannivane, Castleisland, Co. Kerry - Road from its junction with the L-2030 to all terminal points within the estate Kilbannivane, Castleisland, Co. Kerry Map 20 (serving 8 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge:            212m

- (c) To agree a nominee to the Killarney Sports & Leisure Campus Ltd
- (d) To agree that Michael Fassbender be inducted into the Order of Innisfallen

### **3. Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development Directorate**

#### **(a) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would detail the present situation in the matter of the eagerly awaited walkway cum cycleway from Ross Road to Muckcross Road, partly along the northern bank of the Flesk River.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has completed the purchase of lands adjacent to the River Flesk. A portion of the proposed route for the walkway and cycleway is located on these lands. The Municipal District members will be updated in due course on further progress in this regard to this cycle route.

#### **(b) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Is the oft-requested permanent sound system for Killarney town centre being progressed?

**Reply:** This is viewed as a project of merit for Killarney Town Centre that deserves support. LEADER is being explored as a possible source of capital funding but applications for funding will not be accepted until later this year. The operation and management of the sound system will be explored with Killarney Chamber.

**2. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Can an update be provided on the progress of the taking in charge application for Rose Hill Avenue and Greenfields Estates, Firies and Hill View, Woodlawn Road?

**Reply:** The following is the position regarding the 3 Housing Estates referred to:

(1) A valid taking in charge application was received from the Rose Hill Estate in July 2016. This is currently being processed in accordance with our Taking in Charge Policy and our Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water.

(2) The contractor appointed by the Bondsman has substantially completed the agreed schedule of works on this estate. We are arranging to have an inspection carried out to confirm that the works requested have been carried out to our satisfaction. We will then commence the statutory taking in charge process.

(3) We have a valid taking in charge application on hands for this estate. We are processing this in accordance with our taking in charge policy and our memorandum of understanding with Irish Water.

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

(b) **Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we Kerry County Council would immediately put an effective plan in place to address dog fouling in Killarney area and we would also write to the NPWS requesting that they do likewise. This has never been taken seriously by any of these two bodies.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have laid out a series of preferred walking routes for dog owners. There are currently 7 of these in Kerry Towns with dispensers for plastic bags and bins for disposal. Similar facilities are to be found at the 13 blue flag beaches. We can discuss the issue with the National Parks and Wildlife Service but ultimately they are responsible for what facilities are placed in the National Parks. It is the responsibility of every dog owner to clean up after their pets.

**2. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we Killarney Municipal District would write to the new Director of Housing requesting a full-time Housing Officer for the Killarney Municipal District Area to be based in Killarney.

**Reply:** The Housing Department continuously reviews its staffing complement based on the needs arising relative to the nature of this demand led service. Our Investigation Officers are assigned defined geographic areas. At present there is an Investigation Officer allocated to deal with housing applicants to include the Killarney area. Applicants are met on an appointment basis in Killarney. All staffing requirements are reviewed as part of the annual budgetary process.

**3. Cllr. B. O'Connell:** That Kerry County Council take action in relation to the illegal dumping in the Cordal area.

**Reply:** The Environment Department received 6 complaints in 2016 regarding dumped waste in the Cordal area around forest entrances at Knocknaboul. 20 bags of rubbish in all were found. The last dumping incident was on 22<sup>nd</sup> June where evidence was found in 2 bags of dumped rubbish. A fine was issued and has been paid. No further incidences have occurred since. Anti-litter signage is erected in the area and the area is being monitored by our Litter Wardens.

**4. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To ask Kerry County Council to re-examine all potential sites in Firies Village to identify a suitable location to provide a playground.

**Reply:** The Killarney Municipal District Office has looked at five potential sites in the village of Firies which might be suitable for a playground. Three of these sites have been eliminated due to a variety of issues. The site has to meet the criteria for playgrounds as outlined in the Council Playground Policy, "Spraoi". Assessment of the two remaining sites is currently in progress.

**(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the Department made available the money necessary to reconfigure the ~~Halting~~ site in Gortroe?

**Reply:** Funding was secured for a 2 bedroom extension to Bay 5 at Gortroe Halting Site. The extension was sited and associated works completed in September 2016. The site has been reduced from a 5 bay to a 4 bay. Enhancement works are on-going in consultation with the residents to develop a green/planted area within the site.

**2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** What progress has been made with the provision of a public playground for Firies?

**Reply:** The Killarney Municipal District Office has looked at five potential sites in the village of Firies which might be suitable for a playground. Three of these sites have been eliminated due to a variety of issues. The site has to meet the criteria for playgrounds as outlined in the Council Playground Policy, "Spraoi". Assessment of the two remaining sites is currently in progress.

**3. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** When will Kerry County Council build more houses in Rathmore?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council received stage one approval in principle to develop a design of 20 No. houses from Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, in Barraduff- Rathmore area. The project is currently in design process. Due to a busy construction program the construction stage is not likely to be commenced before 2018.

**4. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To again ask this Council, when is construction on the 20 houses in The Park to begin, and when is it expected that they will be ready for occupation?

**Reply:** Closing date for Tenders for the development in The Park, Killarney is the 9<sup>th</sup> September. Following this date there will be an Assessment of all Tenders and a Tender Report will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government for their approval. On receipt of this approval, Kerry County Council will be in a position to appoint a contractor, aiming to commence the construction works in December 2016. The construction period for the project will be one year.

**5. Cllr. N Kelleher:** The rental market in Killarney is at an all time low when it comes to supply and the current rent thresholds and caps are too low. The 20 houses off Park Road are still not developed. Will Kerry County Council get a Taskforce together to deal with this as RAS tenants are being served notice to quit and the private market is getting more expensive, demand is far outweighing supply? Housing applicants are being forced to move in with relatives in over crowing situations which is unacceptable.

**Reply:** A total of 18 RAS contracts were terminated in Killarney Municipal District since 1st January 2016, 12 of which were in Killarney Town. Six of the

properties were being sold or taken back by the landlord. However, all tenants looking to stay in their areas have been accommodated. We are constantly reviewing the situation and especially having regard to the implementation of the new HAP Scheme in December 2016.

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

**(b) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would inform the meeting if it has learned from Uisce Éireann of the extent of the catchment area that will be facilitated by having the opportunity to connect to the Kilcummin to Killarney public sewer.

**Reply:** Irish Water this week announced that it is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a planning application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Sewerage Scheme for Kilcummin. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 kilometres of new foul sewers and a pumping station to connect to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant. The purpose of this proposed sewer line is to ensure that wastewater from Kilcummin is treated and discharged in compliance with the appropriate National and European standards. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year. No further information on the route has been made available.

**2. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council Water Services and Irish Water give an update progress report on the Kilcummin Sewage Scheme.

**Reply:** Irish Water is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a Planning Application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 Km. of new foul sewers and a pumping station. The proposed new sewer network would be connected to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year.

**3. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To request Irish Water to provide the necessary funding to replace the water mains from Meanus towards Curran Village as a matter of urgency as this road has been allocated funding in this year's roads programme.

**Reply:** An application for funding of " 25,000 to extend the existing watermain by 250M to replace and enable the decommissioning of a similarly long 13MM service pipe to a customer at Meanus, Farranfore, was submitted to Irish water in early 2016. A response is awaited.

**4. Cllr. B. Cronin:** As construction of a new housing development has begun at Madam's Hill and will be connected to Killarney main sewer, can Kerry County Council extend the sewer pipe the short distance to cater for the existing housing developments in the Aghadoe area.

**Reply:** Irish Water's policy on the development of infrastructure for dealing with waste water is to give priority to existing sewerage schemes in towns to which ECJ Rulings apply and on meeting the requirements of the EPA's Discharge Licenses for existing waste water schemes. Irish Water also wrote earlier in 2016 that it currently has no funding stream to provide (or extend) services to properties with private sewerage facilities, except at the expense of the property owners and on foot of Connection Agreements. Kerry County Council's Water Services Department's business to-date with Irish Water suggests that the extensions of the networks at locations such as Aghadoe and Lissivigeen in Killarney, while desirable, are not currently among the priorities of the utility.

Irish Water is currently planning to carry out an overall study/review of the Killarney Drainage Area and also of the Killarney Waste Water Treatment Plant.

**5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** As the tests carried out on water samples taken from an expanding pond on the land of (details with Directorate) indicate the presence of fluoride and chlorine, which is at odds with samples taken by this Council, I ask this Council, with permission from the landowner, to again take samples, and have them tested in a bid to identify if public water is leaking in this area, and contributing to the expansion of this pond.

**Reply:** The Council has thoroughly investigated this situation, both by deployment of leak detection crews and chemical analysis over the past year and is satisfied that there is no mains water in this pond which is situated at 90M from the roadside boundary and has been in existence for at least many decades.

It is extremely unlikely that chlorine, which is consumed / dissipates in normal earthy or bacterial conditions, would be present in such a pond. Fluoride is a naturally occurring element and the levels detected are not remotely as high as those in fluoridated drinking water.

As requested, a further sample is to be taken this week and analysed.

**6. Cllr. N Kelleher:** Can we have an update on the position of the sewer from Kilcummin to Killarney.

**Reply:** Irish Water is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a Planning application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 Km. of new foul sewers and a pumping station. The proposed new sewer network would be connected to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is



expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year. No further information on the route has been made available.

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. D. Grady:** Please provide an update on the sewer from Kilcummin to Killarney.

**Reply:** Irish Water is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a planning application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 Km. of new foul sewers and a pumping station. The proposed new sewer network would be connected to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year. No further information on the route has been made available.

**2. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has there been any indication from Uisce Éireann that they intend providing money for the provision of badly needed adequate water mains in Iron Mills, Clohane, Brewsterfield and Knockanes?

**Reply:** An application for funding of " 570,000 to lay 4.5Km of 100MM uPVC water main which would replace the old, inadequate and burst-prone 50mm water pipe at Headford was submitted to Irish Water in early 2015 and a response is awaited.

The 35 year old pipeline consists of a combination of 50mm and 75mm diameter uPVC pipeline from the N22 Cork - Killarney Road to the Barraduff - Glenflesk Road. This main is part of the Central Regional Supply network and is served from the reservoir at Rossalia near Lough Guitane, Glenflesk. The problem is twofold . breakages occur on the water main at regular intervals but the bigger issue is the lack of pressure and flow, particularly on the higher ground, due to the inadequate size of the pipe. Replacement of the main would significantly improve the service to approximately 100 customers, school and a quarry business and would also allow more flexibility in serving the area.

Irish Water is currently assessing the wider picture in relation to the supply of this and the Barraduff and Shrone areas and the results of this assessment will be critical to this application for funding.

**3. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** What is the problem with progressing the Kilcummin sewer or has the route been identified at this stage?

**Reply:** Irish Water is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a planning application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 Km. of new foul sewers and a pumping station. The proposed new sewer network would be connected to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year.

**4. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Is there any progress regarding the provision of Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme? At a number of previous meetings we were informed that the decision was imminent.

**Reply:** Irish Water is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a planning application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 Km. of new foul sewers and a pumping station. The proposed new sewer network would be connected to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year. No further information on the route has been made available.

**5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** As there are a number of projects unable to be progressed until the Kilcummin to Killarney sewer mains route is identified, when can we expect to have this information, and when can we expect this work to begin?

**Reply:** Irish Water is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a planning application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 Km. of new foul sewers and a pumping station. The proposed new sewer network would be connected to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and waste water treatment plant. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year. No further information on the route has been made available. The purpose of this proposed sewer line is to ensure that wastewater from Kilcummin is treated and discharged in compliance with the appropriate National and European standards.

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

(b) **Notice of Motion**

1. **Cllr. D. Grady:** That Kerry County Council would erect fencing from Maple Drive to the green area and Fire Station yard.

**Reply:** Fencing can be erected at this location. However, no funding is available at present for these works. This would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operation Fund.

2. **Cllr. D. Grady:** That an update be provided in respect of works which have been carried out and works which are planned to prevent further flooding in the following areas - Foiladonn, Glenflesk, Fleming's Caravan Park, Silver Springs Guest House, Hegarty's Ross Road and all Fossa and Gap Cross areas.

**Reply:**

**Foiladune:** The area of interest has been surveyed. A design is currently being prepared and costed and if same proves viable, an application will be made to the OPW for funding to construct the scheme.

The Foiladune road will be raised from the N22 at Garries Bridge for a distance of 1km to allow for improved access during flood conditions. These works will be carried out in the coming week.

**Glenflesk Village:** Glenflesk Village is located in the CFRAM project. A Flood Management Plan for Glenflesk Village is currently out to public consultation. Members of the public may make a submission / observation on the plan to the OPW up until 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

Vegetation has been removed adjacent to the bridges along this section of the river. Excavation works at Glenflesk to unblock one of the eyes of the bridge will commence in the coming days.

**Fleming's Caravan Park:** The Flood Management Plan for Killarney Town which includes the Whitebridge and Ballycasheen areas is currently out to public consultation. The plan proposes a system of defensive walls and embankments. Members of the public may make a submission / observation on the plan to the OPW up until 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The final plan will come before the members of Kerry County Council in November. Should the plan be adopted by Kerry County Council, a decision on when the Killarney scheme is forwarded for detailed design and construction rests with the OPW and the Government.

**Other Areas**

- Works will commence in October to improve surface water drainage adjacent to the Crystal Springs Guest House.

- Additional drainage has been provided at Fossa adjacent to the Gap Cross and towards the village. Surface restoration works will commence here shortly.
- It is proposed to install a silt trap in Forest Close housing estate, Fossa to prevent the flooding that occurred there last Christmas.
- Tree and vegetation removal has commenced on the ~~islandsq~~down stream of the Flesk Bridge.
- A range of surface water drainage has been installed in the Killarney Municipal District in the current works programme.

**3. Cllr. D. Grady:** That Kerry County Council would immediately re-instate the two lanes at the Cathedral Junction, one serving New Street and the other serving Port Road.

**Reply:** A design will be carried out at this location to ascertain the feasibility of creating an extra filter lane at this junction. This location has been considered in the current Traffic Study.

In regard to the Traffic Management Plan, it is proposed to hold a workshop between the Killarney Elected Representatives, the Traffic Consultants and Kerry County Council to discuss all the findings of the report. The date for this workshop shall be agreed with the members.

**4. Cllr. D. Grady:** That Kerry County Council would put Traffic Calming Measures in place at the ~~new entrance~~to Killarney National Park on the Muckross Road to facilitate Jaunting Cars crossing from the Car Park to this entrance.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council, in conjunction with the TII, will review the existing measures and signage that are in place at the first entrance to Killarney National Park on the Muckross Road to facilitate Jaunting Cars crossing from the Car Park to this entrance. Any necessary improvements will be considered.

**5. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Since Kerry County Council have decided to go with the Knockeenduff option for a graveyard, I am asking that the Knockeenduff link road be upgraded, widened where possible and resurfaced in conjunction with the opening of the new graveyard at Knockeenduff.

**Reply:** This roadway, the L-11028 between the N22 and Knockeenduff, can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement programme, which is expected to be considered for renewal in 2018.

**6. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to allow Jarvey Licenses to be transferred to sons or daughters or other direct family members.

**Reply:** The current bye-laws that regulate horse drawn carriages is ~~Bye-~~ Laws Regulating the Operation of Horse Drawn Hackney Carriages 2010q Bye-law number 5 of these bye-laws states the following:

*“The Council shall determine annually the number of licences to be issued. In the event that an existing licence holder should cease to hold his/her licence, then it shall automatically revert to the Council. In re-issuing such licences or in issuing fresh licences the council shall have regard to the provisions of bye-laws no 9, 10, 11, of those bye-laws”.*

This bye-law prohibits the transfer to a licence to a son or daughter.

**7. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** When will the Black Road and the Loretto Road be resurfaced following the laying of the water pipes at these locations. Residents are very concerned about this.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council intend to resurface the Black Road and Loretto Road in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2017, meanwhile maintenance works will be carried out as required.

**8. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** As part of the overall review of traffic movement and general road safety on the N22 from Lissivigeen Roundabout to the Ballycasheen exit onto the National Primary Road, that special attention would be given to relieving the torment being endured by those seeking to exit from the Upper Lissivigeen/Coolcoslough Road onto the N22. The delays being experienced are lengthening by the week. In reality, a roundabout is needed at this junction and while that is awaited, a filter lane to facilitate traffic turning left would be of some help, particularly to parents/guardians transporting children to the local National School.

**Reply:** These junctions will be considered as part of the design for traffic calming from Lissyviggeen roundabout to Daly's Roundabout. An appropriate solution will be designed and included in the overall feasibility report which will be submitted to the TII in due course for funding.

**9. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would, in consultation with relevant organisations, actively pursue the development of fishing stands along the River Flesk. I made this proposal to Killarney Town Council before cruel fate intervened.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has completed the purchase of lands adjacent to the River Flesk. The Council will progress this project actively over the coming months.

**10. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That in order to ensure the safety of the many who cross from the public car park at Aghadoe to the Viewing Point, the Council would erect appropriate advance warning signs advising motorists to drive with great care or alternatively that the Council would develop a controlled pedestrian crossing.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will review this location in Aghadoe, where the public cross from the car park to the viewing point. Any required signs at this location will be erected.

**11. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council apply to the TII to provide a roundabout on the N22 where it meets the L-2019 (Madam's Hill, Killarney).

**Reply:** Transport infrastructure Ireland prioritise their budget allocations on road improvements as follows:

- Priority 1 . Asset Management, Network Rehabilitation and Network Operations
- Priority 2 . National Secondary Roads Improvements, Bottleneck Improvement Projects, Safety Projects and Traffic Management Projects
- Priority 3 . Network Improvement Projects

This location has not been identified to date under the TII's Network Safety Ranking. the installation of a roundabout at this location would be categorised as Priority 3 and as the minor road is a local road, this location is highly unlikely to be identified for improvement by TII. However this matter will be discussed with the TII inspector for Kerry.

**12. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council provide a footpath and street lighting at the new development on Madam's Hill (L-2019).

**Reply:** There is a 2m wide footpath proposed to connect the existing footpath on the N22 to the new development, which is currently being constructed, at Cleeny. This footpath is to run parallel to the L-2019, Madam Hill roadway up to the Aghadoe Road Junction.

**13. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council carry out road resurfacing on the Spa Road (L-3010) from Tiernaboul Bridge to the Industrial Park, Killarney.

**Reply:** This road, the L-3010 can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement programme, which is expected to be prepared in 2018. Meanwhile the road will be maintained as far as funds allow.

**14. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council resurface at Rossanean to Castleisland Cross (L-7008).

**Reply:** The L-7008, Rossanean to Castleisland Cross can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement programme, which is expected to be prepared in 2018. Meanwhile the road will be maintained as far as funds allow.

**15. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council write to the TII to provide a 50km speed limit at Beaufort Bridge on the N22.

**Reply:** This matter is being considered as part of the overall speed limit review for the county. Kerry County Council has proposed a 50kph speed limit at Beaufort Bridge on the N72 to the TII as part of the Speed Limit Review. The TII have employed consultants to review the speed limits on the national routes and the recommendation for this location is 80kph.

**16. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council address the parking issue at Pinewood Estate.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are not aware of any significant parking problem in Pinewood Estate. Housing Estates within Killarney Town are not subject to parking bye laws and therefore no parking enforcement can be carried out at this location. However if there is a specific issue at this location Kerry County Council can investigate the matter.

**17. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council repaint the road markings at Cloonts Cross, Rathmore.

**Reply:** The road markings at L-2032 Cloonts Cross will be repainted in the coming weeks.

**18. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council when will the TII/NRA provide a specific improvement grant to remove the dangerous bends at Gortahaneboy, Rathmore.

**Reply:** Kerry NRDO are currently developing a minor improvement scheme proposal to realign the N72 at Gortahaneboy. This 1km road improvement scheme is currently being discussed with TII with a view to securing funding from 2017 onwards to further develop and complete the scheme. In the meantime, HD15 safety measures are being implemented this year which include the provision of improved signage, lining, surface retexturing and safety barrier at this location.

**19. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council and the NRA/TII to address the danger presenting when motorists turning off at Brewsterfield are not able to get off the line at the N22 Road safely following the changes that were made to the junction layout with a right hand turning off lane was put in place to facilitate people turning off for Brewsterfield coming from the Cork side.

**Reply:** The current right turning lane was added almost ten years ago resulting in the hard shoulder being narrowed on the north side of the road. The current accident rate at this junction is low, however, the future accident frequency will be monitored closely. The provision of a deceleration lane for motorists turning left into the junction will be considered having regard to accident rates when the next signing and lining works are being designed for

this section of road as its inclusion will require significant alterations to the current lining layout.

**20. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Why is there such a delay in seeking funding to address flooding problems in Glenflesk and Currow. Funding was to have been requested under the Flood Mitigation Minor Works Scheme. This request could and should have been made to the Minister and the OPW long before now.

**Reply:**

**Glenflesk village:** Glenflesk Village is located in the CFRAM project. A Flood Management Plan for Glenflesk Village is currently out to public consultation. Members of the public may make a submission / observation on the plan to the OPW up until 28th of September 2016.

**Foilduane:** The area of interest has been surveyed. A design is currently being prepared and costed and if same proves viable an application will be made to the OPW for funding to construct the scheme.

**Currow:** There is a defensive embankment on private lands in Currow Village on the southern bank of the Brown Flesk River. Concerns regarding this embankment were brought to the attention of the Council recently. The embankment has been examined and surveyed. Kerry County Council are liaising with the OPW to ascertain if the construction of a replacement embankment and / or works to same are viable and meet the criteria for minor works funding.

**21. Cllr. B. Cronin:** In light of the ongoing traffic and parking crisis in Killarney, where is the Traffic Management Plan and assessment that was to be delivered at the start of 2016 and has any progress been made on my previous request to examine the need for a multi-storey car park for Killarney.

**Reply:** In regard to the Traffic Management Plan it is proposed to hold a workshop between the Killarney Elected Representatives, the Traffic Consultants and Kerry County Council to discuss all the findings of the report. The date for this workshop shall be agreed with the members. The issue of car parking and putting in place a strategy for parking in Killarney Town will be dealt with at this workshop.

**22. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Have Kerry County Council made provision for the construction of a footpath from the N22 junction at Cleeny to the new housing development on the Madam's Hill?

**Reply:** There is a 2m wide footpath proposed to connect the existing footpath on the N22 to the new development, which is currently being constructed, at Cleeny. This footpath is to run parallel to the L-2019, Madam Hill roadway up to the Aghadoe Road Junction.



**23. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To request that the pathways in Listry Cemetery be tarmaced to provide ease of access for people with disabilities.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will assess the works required at this location. These works can then be considered for inclusion in the 2017 Works Programme.

**24. Cllr. B. Cronin:** When will the synchronised traffic lights that were promised at the end of 2015 for Woodlawn Road Junction and Ross Road Junction be put in place?

**Reply:** At the end of 2015 the existing lights on the Muckcross Road were linked via radio signal. Furthermore, all the road sensors were replaced and upgraded. This has lead to an improvement of the traffic flow on the Muckcross Road. However the lights at both the Ross Road Junction and the Muckcross Road Junction are in need of replacement to avail of the most up to date traffic light technology (Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation). This project requires excavations on the public road and will take place in early October when the tourist season has abated. The project cost is " 80,000.00 and will result in further improvements on the Muckcross Road.

**25. Cllr. B Cronin:** That the following work be included in the planned improvement on N72 Beaufort /Ballymalis (a) provision of adequate size pipe crossing N72 to prevent further flooding of (details with Directorate) and around dwelling house, (b) assist with providing proper visibility at the entrance to (details with Directorate).

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have previously met both landowners in regard to the proposed works at Ballymallis. The section of the N72 is forms part of a proposed pavement improvement scheme which is currently at the design stage:

- (a) (Details with Directorate) concerns regarding flooding will be addressed during the design process of this scheme
- (b) An improved line of visibility has been set out through (details with Directorate) lands. Following (details with Directorate) acceptance of this new boundary line, it is proposed to include this safety improvement measure in aforementioned pavement improvement scheme.

**26. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we would ask the appropriate authority for permission to move the electric telephone poles in St. Mary's Terrace back by approximately 1 ft.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will contact the ESB in regard to this request. However there will be a capital cost associated with this project and a funding source will have to be identified.

**27. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council and the OPW to clear the rivers to prevent the areas of lower Tullig; the community hall and the main road to Scartaglen on the south side of Tangney's Funeral Home, from being flooded as to leave it in its present state is totally unacceptable and what measures are being put in place to prevent flooding in Cordal?

**Reply:** The River Maine and associated tributaries are under the remit of the OPW. Kerry County Council will forward this matter and concerns to the OPW for their attention. The existing surface water drainage systems will be inspected in Currow Village and maintained if required.

**28. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** As there are 510km of non-national roads in the Castleisland area, and this Council intends to surface dress 8.2km and strengthen and surface dress 7km only in 2016, I call on this Council to explain how it intends to rectify the obvious lack of investment on these roads.

**Reply:** In the Killarney East area in 2016, 15km of roadway was improved, 7km of road was strengthened under the Road Restoration programme and 8km was surface dressed under the Restoration Maintenance programme. Similar distances will be improved in the life of the current plan 2016 . 2018. The improvement and maintenance of the County's non national road network is funded by the grant allocations from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport as well as the provision made by the members for Own Resources in the adopted 2016 budget. The overall level of investment provided in grant aid is inadequate to maintain the existing network, particularly the local road network. The 2016 allocation of almost " 13 million represents an almost 50% reduction on the funding made available in 2007. However with improvements in the economy, grant allocations may improve in the coming years.

**29. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To call on this Council to update the by-laws in Killarney, and in particular to review the by-laws on street parking and car parks.

**Reply:** The preparation of the review of the parking bye laws in Killarney has commenced. The existing parking in the town has been surveyed. Maps have been prepared outlining the different parking areas within the town. The bye laws will be reviewed in the coming months and it is proposed to have new draft bye laws prepared in early 2017.

**30. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To call on this Council to provide a pedestrian crossing to cater for the public, and jaunting cars who need to cross the road from the car park to the jaunting car entrance to Muckross House and Muckross Abbey etc.

**Reply:** A pedestrian count was carried out at this location and a pedestrian crossing is not warranted. However, Kerry County Council in conjunction with the TII will examine the existing measures that are in place at the first entrance to Killarney National Park on the Muckross Road to facilitate the public and the Jaunting Cars crossing from the Car Park to this entrance. Any necessary improvements will be considered.

**31. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To ask this Council what agreement if any, is in place between the Council and Birds Amusements, regarding the use of Fair Hill Car Park. Also, what was the outcome of the talks which Paul Neary, Senior Engineer referred to on 13/04/2016, when he said that he intended entering into discussions with Birds Amusements, requesting them to provide facilities for their patrons, during the summer when they locate to Fair Hill.

**Reply:** Birds Amusements traditionally operate out of Fairhill Carpark during the summer period. Further to discussions with Birds Amusements in May of this year, Birds agreed to provide toilets on site for their patrons. These toilets were in operation during the summer of 2016.

**32. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** As the raising of the N22 road at Lawlor's Cross contributed to the flooding of the home of (details with Directorate), I call on this Council to carry out the necessary works on the culvert crossing the N22 at this point, to maximise the flow of water through it, thus removing the threat of this house being flooded in the future.

**Reply:** There is no evidence to suggest that the pavement improvement of the N22 at Lawlor's Cross contributed to flooding of private property. The condition and capacity of the existing culvert crossing will be assessed. Subject to the outcome of the assessment and if an upgrade is recommended, a Section 50 application will be prepared for submission to the OPW. Discussions will then be held with the TII to secure the necessary funding to carry out intervention works.

**33. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That this Council take the necessary measures to make it safer for motorists coming from Coolick towards Killarney and vice versa at Finnegan's Cross. At present, it is extremely dangerous, and there have been many accidents at this junction in recent years.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will review the junction at Finnegan's Cross and any measures required would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operation Fund.

**34. Cllr. N Kelleher:** Killarney Town really needs more car parking space and it is obvious that lands are at premium therefore the only solution is to build a multi storey car park development either in Beech Road or in the Glebe Carpark. I ask that this Local Authority give a commitment to start the process and get serious about this issue. It is affecting the town as a whole.

**Reply:** In regard to the Traffic Management Plan it is proposed to hold a workshop between the Killarney Elected Representatives, the Traffic Consultants and Kerry County Council to discuss all the findings of the report. The date for this workshop shall be agreed with the members. The issue of car parking and putting in place a strategy for parking in Killarney Town will be dealt with at this workshop.

**35. Cllr. N Kelleher:** At Park Road Roundabout there are 9 lights broken/no light, either at the roundabout or on the approach road. Can the Authority get serious with the contractor responsible as other Members and I are sick of reporting lights which are not being fixed. I personally find it hard to vote for the amount paid for this service when the service is not provided.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are aware of 3 lights out of order. Two of these lights require civil works to be carried out by Kerry County Council due to a car accident damaging the light and underground cable faults. We will attend to these civil works shortly. Furthermore Kerry County Council have contacted our lighting maintenance contractors and expressed our concerns at delays in repairs to public lights. Electricians have dealt with the third fault.

**36. Cllr. N Kelleher:** Management needs to ensure that there are enough foremen and outdoor staff in each area in the Killarney Municipal District as this is affecting the normal running of getting minor works carried out.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council reviewed outdoor staff numbers in Municipal Districts in the current year. Further to that review, five foremen have been appointed. In addition eight temporary operatives were employed to deliver the Municipal District Works Plan. Staffing levels will be reviewed again in 2017 when the Municipal District works plan has been prepared.

**37. Cllr. N Kelleher:** The road sweeper that is to be going to our small towns and villages is not going as per the Operation Programme set out and approved by the Killarney Municipal District. I strongly object to this and urge the Executive to honour their commitments. Another road sweeper is required to ensure the service is provided and should be delivered.

**Reply:** There had been some issues with the programming of street cleaning operations in a number of towns and villages in the Killarney Municipal District to date. However, the Killarney Municipal District are now in a position to adhere to the Municipal District Works plan in regard to street cleaning.

**38. Cllr. N Kelleher:** Our laneways in Killarney are under-utilised and we need to encourage their use and brighten a number of them up while also putting more bin storage locations. Can we get a commitment to put a team together to promote the development of our laneways and ensuring their appearance is upgraded.

**Reply:** Work on the laneways of Killarney is already under way, with improvements currently taking place on Old Market Lane. Bin storage in laneways throughout Killarney town is a growing problem. At present we are in discussions with businesses and waste collectors to find a solution to the storage and collection points at Chapel Lane and in the Glebe Car Park. We would hope to extend the solutions to other laneways. The Killarney Municipal Office is committed to continuing to improve and upgrade the laneways in town.

**39. Cllr. N Kelleher:** 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 and this road re surfaced?"

**Reply:** The footpath works will be carried out in Q1/Q2 of 2017 and the road resurfacing works will be carried out later in 2017 as part of the Restoration Improvement Programme.

**40. Cllr. N Kelleher:** An idea was mooted in the past regarding bringing the display of beauty in the Gardens of Killarney House into the town by erecting a glass top to the wall between Killarney House and the town on Mission Road. Is this something the Authority would be willing to explore as I believe it would be a win-win situation for all involved.

**Reply:** We will certainly explore the possibility of the glass top on the wall between Killarney House and Mission Road with the NPWS and OPW.

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. D. Grady:** Please provide an update on overlaying/tarmacing in Scartaglin Village.

**Reply:** Surface dressing of Scartaglin Village has been completed.

**2. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has a decision been reached in relation to the location of the long awaited Fair Hill pedestrian crossing?

**Reply:** A pedestrian crossing had been previously been designed for this location together with improvement works adjacent to the Friary Roundabout. This design was subject to a public consultation process and during this process an alternate location for the pedestrian crossing was proposed at a Killarney Municipal District Meeting. This new alternate location was assessed and deemed not to be acceptable from a safety point of view. A new design will be carried out at this location.

**3. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has there been progress towards the provision of a footpath from Páirc Chuimín Estate to Kilcummin Village?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has been unable to acquire the land to date for the provision of a footpath at this location. However, Kerry County Council will continue to work towards the provision of a footpath at this location.

**4. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the necessary land for a car park been acquired adjacent to Gneeveguilla Church and Funeral Home?

**Reply:** The Killarney Municipal District has been unable to acquire the necessary lands for the provision of car parking adjacent to the Gneeveguilla Church and Funeral Home. Further options will be investigated for providing additional parking along the Public Road.

**5. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the Department given any indication of a time frame for the commencement of the flood prevention measures at White Bridge and Ballycasheen?

**Reply:** The Flood Management Plan for Killarney Town which includes the Whitebridge and Ballycasheen areas is currently out to public consultation. The plan proposes a system of defensive walls and embankments. Members of the public may make a submission / observation on the plan to the OPW up until 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The final plan will come before the members of Kerry County Council in November. Should the plan be adopted by Kerry County Council, a decision on when the Killarney scheme is forwarded for detailed design and construction rests with the OPW and the Government.

**6. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the Council, in conjunction with the other interested parties, made progress in the matter of developing an adequate car park at Upper Goragullane [11077] in order to facilitate mountaineers and to ensure safety for local residents?

**Reply:** This location in Upper Gortgullane is located off a private road which is in turn located off the L-11077 roadway and is used by mountaineers to park while climbing Mangerton Mountain. Kerry County Council has had discussions with the National Parks and Wildlife Service and they have indicated that they do not have funding for such a scheme. Kerry County Council will provide assistance to this project if any future funding opportunity becomes available.

**7. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council has any progress been made with the provision of more ground for a graveyard in Gneeveguilla?

**Reply:** Land acquisition for the provision of an extension to Gneeveguilla graveyard is being actively pursued. Kerry County Council will continue to seek land for this extension.

**8. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Following discussions between Kerry County Council and the Courts Service in early September, what is the update regarding the provision of public toilet facilities at the Courthouse in Killarney?

**Reply:** A meeting with the Court Services is scheduled in the coming weeks in relation to Court facilities in the County. The progress on the provision of toilets facilities for the public during Court sittings at Killarney Courthouse will also be raised.

**9. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council if TII have given a commitment for the installation of the speed reader signs at Barradubh?

**Reply:** The TII require that speed surveys are required to justify the provision of speed indicator in Barraduff. This speed survey will be carried out in the next three weeks and if justified, the speed indicator signs will be erected in November 2016.

**10. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council if TII have given a commitment for a controlled pedestrian crossing at the Church entrance in Barradubh?

**Reply:** The TII require that speed and pedestrian surveys are required to justify the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Barraduff. This speed survey will be carried out in the next three weeks and if justified an application will be forwarded to the TII for these works.

**11. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council when the pedestrian crossing at Port Road Killarney will be relocated?

**Reply:** The TII are funding an overlay on the Port road in 2017. The relocation of the pedestrian crossing will be carried out as part of the overlay works.

**12. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council if the TII have given a commencement date for the repair of road surface of the N22 at Minish Gates Railway Crossing, Killarney?

**Reply:** The TII have not provided funding for this project in the current years works programme. This matter will be raised again with the TII and the Kerry Inspector.

**13. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council if the tailback warning signs on the N22 near Minish Gates Railway Crossing have been approved?

**Reply:** A tailback warning sign has been approved by the TII and will be erected on the Killarney approach to the level crossing at Minish. This sign is due to be erected shortly.

**14. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council if we have an update on progress for the new graveyard at Knockeendubh?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council propose to publish a Part VIII planning process for the scheme in the coming weeks.

**15. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council when new paths will be laid at Holy Cross Cemetery, Kilcummin?

**Reply:** New paths will be laid in Holy Cross Cemetery before the end of 2016.

**16. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council when the new wall at Old Kilcummin Cemetery will proceed?

**Reply:** The extension to old Kilcummin Burial Ground will commence before the end of 2016. Funding is currently not available to build the new stone wall around this extension. A stock proof fence will be erected here as a temporary measure to allow for the opening up of this extension.

**17. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** What progress has been made for a turning area at the top north-eastern area of Ballyspillane and for parking set-backs?

**Reply:** An extension will be provided to this turning area in late October. However, there are no plans for any additional parking set-backs.

**18. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Following the provision of a specific taxi space in Castleisland, can a taxi sign be erected at this location?

**Reply:** A dual use loading bay and taxi rank sign has been erected at this location.

**19. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Can a footpath be constructed from the Eugene Lenorard Roundabout at Clashganniv to meet the existing footpath on the Killarney Road, Castleisland as this is used as a very popular walking route.

**Reply:** This footpath may be considered for funding as part of next years Municipal District Works Plan if adequate funding is made available for footpath improvements.

**20. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Can proper extra parking be provided adjacent to the Molly Darcy entrance to the National Park as currently cars are forced to park on the grass area opposite the entrance to the Park.

**Reply:** The carpark in question at Molly Darcys is owned by the National Parks and Wildlife Service. This request will be forwarded on to the NPWS for their consideration.

**21. Cllr. B. Cronin:** When will the " 35,000 allocated for improvement work in the 2015 roads budget for the Boolia Junction, Fries be spent?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council were not able to acquire the necessary lands to facilitate road widening at this location. Pavement works along with signing and lining will be carried out at this location in October 2016.

**22. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Can a permanent disabled parking space be provided adjacent to the Culture Centre on East Avenue Road?

**Reply:** Following consultation with the Killarney Access Group, it is intended to provide one disabled parking space adjacent to the Cultural Centre. Works will commence this week.

**23. Cllr. B. Cronin:** When will work begin on the new extension to Old Kilcummin Cemetery?

**Reply:** The extension to Old Kilcummin Burial Ground will commence before the end of 2016.



**24. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Will Kerry County Council change car parking signs in Killarney Town that say street parking for 1 hour as tourists who would like to go on a jarvey ride are afraid of exceeding the 1 hour limit and then decline to go on the jarvey ride which is having a very negative impact. The signs should read how much the parking is per hour?

**Reply:** The street parking signs are in accordance with the current On Street Parking Bye Laws. On street parking is limited to one hour to allow for a high turnover of vehicles accessing the retailers on the streets. Longer duration parking is available in all the car parks in Killarney Town.

**25. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** When will repair work on the bridge at Knocklebede begin? It is currently very dangerous for road users.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will carry out the parapet repair works at Knocklebede within the next 3 weeks.

**26. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** At what stage are plans to build a flood protection barrier for a number of houses at Foiladown, and what progress has been made in finding a solution to flooding in other affected areas of Glenflesk?

**Reply:**

**Foiladuane:** The area of interest has been surveyed. A design is currently being prepared and costed and if same proves viable an application will be made to the OPW for funding to construct the scheme.

**Glenflesk Village:** Glenflesk Village is located in the CFRAM project. A Flood Management Plan for Glenflesk Village is currently out to public consultation. Members of the public may make a submission / observation on the plan to the OPW up until 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

**27. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** Has any solution been devised to alleviate flooding at Whitebridge Caravan Park?

**Reply:** The Flood Management Plan for Killarney Town which includes the Whitebridge and Ballycasheen areas is currently out to public consultation. The plan proposes a system of defensive walls and embankments. Members of the public may make a submission / observation on the plan to the OPW up until 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The final plan will come before the members of Kerry County Council in November. Should the plan be adopted by Kerry County Council, a decision on when the Killarney scheme is forwarded for detailed design and construction rests with the OPW and the Government.

**28. Cllr. N Kelleher:** Plans were brought before us before for the redevelopment of High Street and Plunkett Street. When will these matters be brought before the Members of the Killarney Municipal District again?

**Reply:** Both these schemes were progressed to the Public consultation phase. At the Killarney Municipal District Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015, these Traffic Schemes were on the agenda for consideration by the Killarney Members as per Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994. Following the consideration of the submissions, the members deferred a decision pending the completion of the Traffic Management Study.

In regard to the Traffic Management Plan, a workshop will be organised between the Killarney Elected Representatives and the Traffic Consultants to discuss all the findings of the report. The date for this workshop to be agreed with the members. The merits of these schemes will be discussed at this workshop.

**29. Cllr. N Kelleher:** What is the update position with acquiring the much needed extension to the graveyard in Gneeveguilla, together with parking around or near the Church?

**Reply:** Land acquisition for the provision of an extension to Gneeveguilla graveyard is being actively pursued. Kerry County Council will continue to seek land for this extension.

**30. Cllr. N Kelleher:** On the Killarney side of Barraduff there are more lags developing which are becoming a serious hazard to road users. Can these lags be addressed as was done in Calfmount 18 months ago?

**Reply:** This section of the N72 requires a pavement overlay; Kerry County Council will seek funding for same from TII.

**31. Cllr. N Kelleher:** Speed is a big issue in Barraduff with a heavy volume of traffic. Can a speed survey be carried out as it is the local community's belief that there are high volumes of motorists breaching the speed limits? Traffic calming may be required in the village. There is no footpath from the new development of the Killarney side of Barraduff into the village. Can the Local Authority ask the TII for the provision of same. This is a big development and there are more houses being built there at present.

**Reply:** The TII require that speed surveys are required to justify the provision of Traffic Calming in Barraduff. This speed survey will be carried out in the next three weeks. The TII have indicated that if the speed surveys indicate a high level of non-compliance with the speed limit, they would consider an application for Traffic Calming Measures in the village.

**32. Cllr N Kelleher:** When is it expected to have a draft of the Traffic Calming Scheme for Rathmore Town?

**Reply:** This scheme is being designed by the Kerry National Road Design Office. They are preparing a TII feasibility study for the project. This feasibility study will be forwarded to the TII, when complete, for official approval of the scheme.

**33. Cllr. N Kelleher:** Listry Bridge is unsuitable for the current day uses of this bridge and the community have for years been fighting for a new bridge. While in the short term it is not possible to deliver a new bridge, can the Council give a commitment to make endeavours to start the process of delivering same? It will take many years but provisions need to be put in place now to be in a position to deliver it into the future.

**Reply:** The cost of widening this bridge would be of the order of " 750,000 and the cost of a new structure would be of the order of " 2 million. The only funding mechanism previously available for such works was through the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Specific Improvement Grant. However, funding under the Specific Improvement Grant Scheme in recent years has been limited and the only monies made available in 2016, was " 239k for Bridge Rehabilitation Works only.

In 2012 Kerry County Council surveyed all the bridges on our regional roads which identified structural works to be carried out on a number of bridges. Bridge funding will be prioritised for these works in the coming years.

**34. Cllr. N Kelleher:** In Lackabane Village in Fossa the roadways need to be strengthened. Can this work be put on the programme as I don't believe there are enough funds in the CIS to provide for same?

**Reply:** The improvement works required at Lackabane Village can be considered for inclusion in the next Restoration Improvement Programme, meanwhile the roads will be maintained as far as funds allow.

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

**(a) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we write to the appropriate Government Minister and the Regional Manager of the Killarney National Park and Wildlife Services requesting that a Board of Trustees for Killarney House would be established, separate to that which exists in respect of Muckross House.

**Reply:** This is a matter for consideration by the Members.

**2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** We the Members of Kerry County Council must highlight that there are not enough Disability Taxi services in the Killarney area. What can be done to improve this service?

**Reply:** This is a matter for consideration by the Members.

**3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That this Council, in conjunction with the Court Services, agree a plan to improve facilities at the Courthouse in Killarney. Such improvements should include separate toilets for Judges, Barristers, Solicitors, etc and also toilets for the public when the Courthouse is open. Mediation rooms should also be provided as there is a real opportunity to provide more services in this Courthouse.

**Reply:** A meeting with the Court Services is scheduled in the coming weeks in relation to Court facilities in the County. The improvements detailed will be raised with the Court Services, however the provision of the services is a matter for the Court Services.

**4. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would once more communicate with Bus Éireann and Iarnród Éireann requesting the development of a connecting pedestrian bridge between both stations in Killarney.

**Reply:** While this is a matter for consideration by the Members, it should be noted that you received a reply from Bus Éireann dated 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016 on this particular matter.

**5. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would give an update on the ongoing process relating to the future of the "Pretty Polly" site and the dilapidated building thereon.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has completed the internal consultation element of the Part 8 process and the Environmental Assessment Screening Report is currently being prepared by the Environmental Assessment Unit of the Planning Section. The Environmental Assessment Screening Report will be complete by end of September 2016. Kerry County Council anticipated commencement of the Part 8 public consultation in November 2016.

**6. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would provide an update on the progress being made towards returning Áras Phádraig to public use.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have sought quotations to compile a report on how to maximise use of the Áras Phádraig building for groups in and around Killarney. We hope to be able to appoint the successful candidate at the end of September and have the completed report by end of year.

## **(b) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council what is the delay with opening up Áras Padraig and making it available to the local communities and as parking is at a premium in the town of Killarney, why isn't the Áras Padraig car park being made available to the public?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have sought quotations to compile a report on how to maximise use of the Áras Phádraig building for groups in and around Killarney. We hope to be able to appoint the successful candidate at the end of September and have the completed report by end of year. The carpark site is not in the ownership of Kerry County Council.

**2. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** What are the present intentions of this Council regarding the Pretty Polly site?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has completed the internal consultation element of the Part 8 process and the Environmental Assessment Screening Report is currently being prepared by the Environmental Assessment Unit of the Planning Section. The Environmental Assessment Screening Report will be complete by end of September 2016. Kerry County Council anticipated commencement of the Part 8 public consultation in November 2016. The Part 8 is for demolition and clearance of the buildings and site.

**3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To ask this Council, when will Áras Phádraig be ready for use?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have sought quotations to compile a report on how to maximise use of the Áras Phádraig building for groups in and around Killarney. We hope to be able to appoint the successful candidate at the end of September and have the completed report by end of year.

**8. To agree dates for holding the following meetings:**

- (a) A workshop to discuss the Draft Traffic Management Plan for Killarney
- (b) To consider and adopt the Draft Budget Plan for the Municipal District of Killarney
- (c) The next Killarney Municipal District Meeting

**9. To consider the reception of a deputation from the residents of Aghadoe and Knockasarnett regarding Madam's Hill Junction with the N22 - Cllr. B. Cronin**

**10. Correspondence**

**11. Matters arising from the Minutes as confirmed at 1 above**

**12. Any Other Business**