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17 Samhain 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 23ú Samhain 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, 23rd November 2016 at 10.00am** to consider the under mentioned items.

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**Liam Quinlan
Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator
Ceantar Bardasach Chill Áirne / Municipal District of Killarney**

AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 14th September 2016
2. **Reception of the following Deputations:**
 - (a) Residents of Woodlawn & Whitebridge Manor regarding safety concerns exiting onto Cork Road (N22) - Requested by Cllr. J.J. Culloty
 - (b) Residents of Aghadoe and Knockasartnett regarding Madam's Hill Junction with N22 - Requested by Cllr. B. Cronin
3.
 - (a) **To note update report from the Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development Directorate**
 - (b) **Notices of Motion**
 1. **Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would seek to ensure that no unauthorised signage is placed on streets and buildings in towns and villages or on the approach road to those towns and villages.

Reply: Both the Operations Department and the Planning Enforcement Unit will address any unauthorised signage placed on streets and buildings in towns and villages or on the approach roads to those towns and villages.
 - (c) **Questions**
 1. **Cllr. B. Cronin:** When do Kerry County Council expect that Hill View Estate, Ballycasheen Road, Woodlawn be taken in charge.

Reply: The taking in charge application for this estate is currently being processed in accordance with our Taking in Charge Policy and our Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water. It is anticipated that this estate will be proposed for taking in charge during 2017.
 2. **Cllr. B. Cronin:** What is the update on the Greenfield Estate and Rosehill Avenue Estate taking in charge applications?

Reply: Following a recent meeting at Greenfields Estate with the Agent for the Bondsman and Contractor, a small list of minor outstanding works have been agreed. As soon as these items have been addressed, we will then commence the statutory taking in charge process.

We have requested that the public lighting issue be prioritised by the contractor. Once we receive the required certification and we are satisfied

that all is in order, we will request the Council's energy supplier to have the lights turned back on in advance of the estate being formally taken in charge.

A valid taking in charge application was received from Rose Hill Estate in July 2016. This is currently being assessed in accordance with our Taking in Charge Policy and our Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water. It is hoped that this estate be taken in charge before the end of 2017.

3. Cllr. N. Kelleher: How many enforcement files have been opened since mid-2014 when the Killarney Municipal District was set up and how many are still open?

Reply: Between 1st June 2014 and 31st October 2016, 123 files were opened in respect of complaints made in relation to unauthorised development in the Killarney Municipal District. 63 of these files are currently closed.

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

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would re-imagine and re-design into the 21st century the inside of Killarney Library.

Reply: There has been ongoing work to the inside of Killarney Library since 2013. Upgrades have included new lighting, gas heating, automatic entrance door and window and roof insulation (funded by SEAI grants and Kerry County Council. In 2014 the carpet was replaced in the adult, children's and reference areas of the library.

Killarney Library refurbishment is on the Kerry County Council Capital Programme 2017 - 2019, subject to Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government funding.

2. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to provide addresses of houses which it owns in the Killarney Municipal District, and which have not been lived in for over one year, and to give individual information on each.

Reply: There are three houses in the Killarney Municipal District which are owned by Kerry County Council and which have not been lived in for over a year. These three properties are single rural dwellings and while strictly they are considered to be long-term voids, the reality is that these properties cannot be tenanted.

These properties are some of a limited number of such properties across the County where historic legacy issues (e.g. access, right of way, ownership etc) exist which prevent the Council from returning the properties to our tenanted housing stock.

The three properties are located at Knockinane East, Kilcummin, Knocknacullig North, Kilcummin and Mastergeehy, Headford.

Kerry County Council is engaged with the Department regarding the future of these properties.

3. Cllr. B. Cronin: In light of its importance to Killarney, can the Killarney Municipal District assist in ensuring that the proposed running track and facilities granted planning on the site provided in St Brendan's College will secure LEADER funding.

Reply: The first timebound call for Expression of Interests under the LEADER Programme for the following themes, Rural Tourism, Enterprise Development, Rural Towns and Basic Services targeted at hard to reach communities closed on 28th October 2016. Successful and unsuccessful applicants are currently being notified by the relevant Local Development Company, on behalf of the Kerry Local Action Group (LAG). To be considered for funding under the new LEADER Programme, all potential projects must complete an Expression of Interest form prior to submitting an application form.

4. Cllr. D. Grady: That Kerry County Council no longer accepts rubbish burning which is taking place in Ballyspillane Estate at present. 95% of the residents wish to have this problem addressed. This is very unfair on families that are living there.

Reply: Both the Housing and Environmental Services Departments will arrange to further investigate this matter. From our initial investigations it appears to be more an anti-social behaviour issue, which also may need to be referred to the Gardaí.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: Have the Council made any progress locating a suitable site for a playground in Firies and has any consideration been given to use part of the car park adjacent to the childcare centre?

Reply: Kerry County Council is actively working with a local Community Group to investigate 3 no. sites to establish the suitability of these for potential sites for a playground, including the site at the carpark which is adjacent to the crèche.

2. Cllr. N. Kelleher: How many houses were purchased/rented/leased in Killarney Municipal District in the last three years?

Purchased

2014	-	None
2015	-	5
2016	-	11

RAS

2014	-	44
2015	-	35
2016	-	15

Leasing

2014	-	4
2015	-	13
2016	-	11

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

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: Has Irish Water clarified the route of the sewer pipe from Kilcummin to Killarney and if domestic connections can be made to this pipe along the route?

Reply: Irish Water expects to apply for Planning Permission for the scheme prior to the 31st December 2016. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5km of new foul sewers and a pumping station, to connect to the existing sewerage scheme in Killarney. No further information on the route has been made available. The Planning Application will include the details of the pipelines.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: What steps have been taken to modernise the pumping system in Barleymount Reservoir which supplies the 18 houses adjacent to the reservoir?

Reply: The 18 customers located near the reservoir are served by a 60MM pumped pipeline. Alterations to allow the pump operate even when the water in the reservoir drops to a lower level than before were made in June 2016. The Council has applied to Irish Water for funding to upgrade this ~~local~~ pump station and a response is awaited.

3. Cllr. D. Grady: What is the update in relation to the laying of new sewer from Kilcummin to Killarney?

Reply: Irish Water expects to apply for Planning Permission for the scheme prior to the 31st December 2016. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5km of new foul sewers and a pumping station, to connect to the existing sewerage scheme in Killarney. No further information on the

route has been made available. The Planning application will include the details of the pipelines.

4. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council and Irish Water if there are plans to provide a sewer connection to the Tralee Road and Aghadoe.

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. N. Kelleher: Can we have an update on the position/route of the sewer from Kilcummin to Killarney.

Reply: Irish Water expects to apply for Planning Permission for the scheme prior to the 31st December 2016. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5km of new foul sewers and a pumping station, to connect to the existing sewerage scheme in Killarney. No further information on the route has been made available. The Planning application will include the details of the pipelines.

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

(b) Accessibility Update

(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That this Council would undertake the work necessary to ensure reasonable safety for road users at the junction of the L 7047-0 with the Upper Lissivigeen/Coolcoslough Road [L 3011]. The present situation is extremely dangerous and a source of deepest concern to all.

Reply: The Road Design Office produced a proposal for this location, the junction of the L-7047 and the L-3011 at Upper Lissyviggeen a number of years ago. At that stage there was difficulty in acquiring the lands. Kerry County Council met with the local Residents Group on Monday and will now re-examine this location for alternative solutions.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: As Killarney House and Gardens are about to become a major attraction for locals and visitors, that the Council would provide a safe

crossing from New Street Carpark to the Mission Road entrance to the attraction.

Reply: The Council, in conjunction with the TII Road Safety Officer, will produce a proposal for a safe crossing at this location from New Street Car Park to the Mission Road entrance to the Park. As this is a National Secondary Road, funding would be subject to TII approval.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would examine the matter of safety at the Shronedarragh and Upper Barraduff entrances to the village of Barraduff. This matter has been highlighted by way of previous Notices of Motion and more recently by the members of the deputation to the September Area Meeting.

Reply: This crossroads on the N72 in Barraduff will be examined by the Road Design Office early in 2017. An appropriate solution will be designed and submitted to the TII in due course for funding.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would from here until Christmas concentrate in a special way on ensuring that water tables and water gullies are fit for purpose. This work is of vital importance in order to ensure that our roads do not suffer further damage.

Reply: The Council have carried out substantial drainage works in 2016 across the Municipal District under the Severe Weather Funding. This work will be invaluable going forward into the Winter Season. Ongoing drainage maintenance will be carried out and special attention will be given to areas prone to flooding.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Municipal Authority would acquire a commercial type edging machine in order to ensure that grass margins are kept properly trimmed. This is very important from the perspective of the overall appearance of our tourist County.

Reply: There is currently no funding available for the purchase of a commercial edging machine. However, we will investigate purchasing same in early 2017.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council, in conjunction with interested parties, would seek to develop a car park adjacent to Muckross Catholic Church.

Reply: The provision of car park is primarily a matter for Church and community, however, Kerry County Council will assist where possible, though the project will have to be led by the above parties.

7. Cllr. B. Cronin: In light of the recent accident involving two cars at Faha Cross, I am requesting a full upgrading of all approaching signage, lining and junction boxes to this dangerous junction on R563.

Reply: The Council will review the junction at Faha Cross on the R563 and will upgrade the approach signage and lining where necessary.

8. Cllr. B. Cronin: To amend Paragraph 5, Section 2 of the 2010 Killarney Jarvey Bye-Laws to make provision for security of family incomes by ensuring that a named next of kin will be able to secure an operating licence in the event of anything happening to a current licence holder.

Reply; Kerry County Council is currently dealing with a Judicial Review case challenging how the former Killarney Town Council administered the Jarvey Bye-Laws. As the case is before the Courts, it would be prudent for the Council Executive to defer any proposals for amendment of the existing Jarvey Bye-Laws pending the outcome of this Court case. A hearing date of 27th February 2017 has been allocated.

9. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request the TII to recognise the high traffic volume on the N72 Beaufort to Ballymalis Road and to provide adequate funding to properly resurface this section of a major tourist route.

Reply: This section of roadway the N72 from Beaufort Bridge towards Ballymalis is due to be overlaid in early 2017 and extensive drainage works will be carried out as part of this overlay. Currently the works are at the procurement stage.

10. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will road reinstatement take place following mains replacement on the road from Muckcross Church Junction through the Black Road and North past Loretto National School. This section of road is in a deplorable condition and now has 87 new manholes. Can Kerry County Council ensure that when an allocation is made for mains replacement, that enough money is included to properly repair the road.

Reply: The entire width of the roadway at Black Road and North past Loretto School will be upgraded in the 2nd Quarter 2017 following the water mains replacement. The patching unit will carry out works on these sections of roadway this week so that they are maintained until the final road surfacing works take place next year. It is expected to fund these works with a combination of the Irish Water's reinstatement monies and the Restoration Maintenance monies. Irish Water allows appropriate funding to reinstate the trench only, but do not include funding to restore the entire roadway.

11. Cllr. B. Cronin: Is there adequate funding to reinstate the roads from Flynn's Forge to Aglish, and Faha School towards Rockfield following completion of recent water mains replacement.

Reply: Kerry County Council intend to upgrade those sections of roadway, the L-7039, Flynn's Forge to Aglish and the L-11007, Faha School towards Rockfield following the watermain replacement in the 2nd Quarter 2017. It is expected to fund this work with a combination of the Irish Water's reinstatement monies and the Restoration Maintenance monies. Irish Water allows appropriate funding to reinstate the trench only, but do not include funding to restore the entire roadway.

12. Cllr. B. Cronin: To again request the Roads Department to provide a culvert to remove the lodging water adjacent to the bridge on the Killarney side of Two Mile School. Also, what would it cost to widen one side of this bridge by a metre to allow two vehicles to pass safely.

Reply: Skirting and piping was carried out last week to remove the lodging water at the bridge on the Killarney Two Mile School. The estimated cost to widen the bridge is " 40,000 and there is no funding currently available to carry out these works.

13. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask what progress has been made on the issue regarding overgrown trees, damaged footpaths, road markings and the need for an extra public light outlined recently by the Kilcoolaght Residents' Association to Council Engineers.

Reply: The Council are in contact with the Kilcoolaght Residents' Association. Trimming of trees has been carried out at the green areas. Signs have been erected for Neighbourhood Watch. The lanes at the back of Marian Terrace and St. Brendan's Terrace have been cleaned. Further works will be considered for this location in the 2017 works programme.

14. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to place signage on both ends of the Mill Road indicating weight restrictions on this very narrow road.

Reply: Weight restriction signs have been erected at both ends of Mill Road.

15. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to erect two digital speed indicators on both approaches to Faha National School.

Reply: The cost of providing and erecting two solar digital speed indicator signs as Faha National School is " 3,800 each and would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

16. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As there has been a steady increase in the volume of traffic exiting and entering Ballycasheen to and from the N22, I call on this Council to consider constructing a roundabout at this very busy and dangerous junction.

Reply: This junction is being considered as part of the design for traffic calming from Lissyviggeen roundabout to Daly's Roundabout. An appropriate solution will be designed by the National Road Design Office, Castleisland early in 2017, and included in the overall feasibility report which will be submitted to the TII in due course for funding.

17. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to erect a flashing amber arrow indicating left turn at the exit from High Street Car Park. This light should be synchronised with pedestrian crossing.

Reply: Kerry County Council will investigate the issue of a flashing amber arrow at the exit from High Street Car Park in conjunction with the Traffic Management Study for Killarney Town.

This measure is generally more suitable for T-junctions as at a crossroads, the driver exiting the car park has to look out for traffic coming from two directions.

18. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to erect appropriate signage at the Knockrour Junction with the R577 that would alert motorists not to overtake on this section of road.

Reply: There is an existing solid centreline at the Knockrour Junction on the R577 which can be refreshed.

19. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As the waiting time for the Road Enforcement Officer to get some landowners to cut their roadside hedges is totally unacceptable, I call on this Council to provide a Road Enforcement Officer specifically for the Killarney Municipal District.

Reply: The Council put in place revised procedures in 2015 to address the concerns expressed by the members with compliance by landowners in maintaining hedgerows. These procedures included a more pro-active approach by Council staff in ensuring compliance and we also established a database to manage and monitor complaints. Kerry County Council's Enforcement Officer would receive in excess of 400 complaints annually in relation to locations where hedges are considered to be a risk to public safety and all of these locations are investigated. Where it is considered that there is a potential hazard, we serve notices on the landowner or occupier to have the matter addressed. In the vast majority of such cases the landowners comply with the notice served. In instances where the notice is not complied with, Kerry County Council cut hedges with the intention of recouping the cost from the registered landowner. Area staff carry out additional investigations of the road network to identify areas where landowners are not complying with the requirements of the Roads Act. The Municipal District Budget 2017 does not provide for an additional Roads Enforcement Officer. However, any areas of concern should be highlighted to Sean Barry or the Killarney Municipal District Office.

20. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council erect a STOP sign at the junction at Tullig, Castleisland, and also to paint lines on the road at this point, as it is an extremely dangerous junction.

Reply: A stop sign and stop road markings will be erected on the junction of the L-10691 with the L-2036 Black Road, Tullig in the coming weeks.

21. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: What progress has been made in relation to clearing the Flesk River?

Reply: The roads and bridges in the ownership of Kerry County Council crossing the Flesk have been inspected. Vegetation and sediment at select locations in and around a number of bridges, i.e. River Flesk; Garries Bridge, Annabeg Bridge, Curreal Bridge, Gortahoosh Bridge and the Flesk Bridge, have been removed in the interests of the structural stability of the bridges and road network.

22. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: What progress is being made with the provision of a bus stop at Farranfore? If a bus stop won't be allowed on the streetscape, why can't it be considered to be put into the Railway Station yard?

Reply: The provision of bus shelters is primarily a matter for Bus Éireann, with the National Transport Authority providing funding on occasions. When this matter was previously raised with Bus Éireann, they outlined that the provision of a bus shelter in Farranfore was not being prioritised as it is a request stop and not a permanently scheduled stop. Kerry County Council will contact Bus Éireann and Iarnród Éireann again in relation to this matter.

23. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what progress is being made in securing a Traffic Warden for (i) Fossa Primary School and (ii) College Road, Castleisland where there are three schools.

Reply: Further to discussions with the TII Road Safety Officer, it is felt that under the current circumstances at Fossa Primary School, that the provision of a Traffic Warden is not appropriate. The TII Roads Safety Officer is currently investigating the situation at Fossa Primary School to ascertain whether additional traffic calming measures can be implemented to aid traffic movements in the area at School times.

In regard to the College Road, Castleisland, Kerry County Council intend to provide additional Traffic Warden resources in the afternoon to alleviate the parking congestion at this location.

24. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a footpath from the new housing development on the western side of Barraduff into the village.

Reply: This proposed footpath at Barraduff would be located on the N72 National Secondary route and the project would require the acquisition of private gardens on a number of properties. TII funding would be required for these works, however, it is not envisaged that funding will be forthcoming as the TII have not allocated any significant monies to footpath development in recent years.

25. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the TII to provide a right hand turn off at Fahaduff for the safety of parents and children at Crinny National School.

Reply: This location is in the charge of the Tralee Municipal District. We will refer this motion to the Tralee Municipal District for their attention.

26. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: What is Kerry County Council going to do now to control the deer on the roads in the Killarney Electoral Area, especially in places like Faha School, Glen's Cross, Kilcummin where there have been numerous car crashes due to deer.

Reply: Further Deer warning signs will be installed along roads near Faha School, Glencross and Kilcummin.

27. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to resurface the road to Rockfield from Faha following pipe laying that was recently done.

Reply: Kerry County Council intend to upgrade this section of roadway, the L-11007, Faha School towards Rockfield following the watermain replacement in the 2nd quarter 2017. It is expected to fund this work with a combination of the Irish Water reinstatement monies and the Restoration Maintenance monies. Irish Water allows appropriate funding to reinstate the trench only, but do not include funding to restore the entire roadway.

28. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to move the speed limit sign further out towards Ballybane, Fries from the Greenfields housing estate as it is of no use where it is presently situated.

Reply: This location at Ballybane, Fries has been included for consideration in the upcoming Speed Limit Review.

29. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District would immediately purchase a new road sweeper for our area, as the present one is breaking down very often and it is over twenty years old.

Reply: Kerry County Council are currently investigating the procurement of a new sweeper for Killarney Municipal District.

30. Cllr. D. Grady: That we would write to Molam Health Care (Killarney Nursing Home) to request the removal of the security hut at the entrance to the Nursing Home as it is a danger to all using this road.

Reply: This hut at Killarney Nursing Home is located on private property, therefore it is a private matter.

31. Cllr. D. Grady: In the unlikely event that the proposed graveyard at Knockeendubh proceeds, please advise where the money for the proposed road at Knockeendubh is being funded from as we are already waiting for monies for the Parkhill area up to Clashnagrane. People in Kilcummin are waiting for over ten years for monies for these roads.

Reply: Subject to the completion of all legal and statutory provisions, (including the Part VIII planning process), on the proposed construction of the burial grounds at Knockeenduff, the Council will reassess the condition of the access routes, having regard to the projected volume of traffic that will be generated by the new facility. Any road improvements required can be prioritised for funding under the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport "Road Restoration Improvement Grant" Scheme, which is a matter for consideration by the members when considering the roads programme.

32. Cllr. D. Grady: Can the footpath in Tullig, Castleisland be provided for which a number of Councillors, including myself, have allocated monies towards. This should be provided as soon as possible.

Reply: The footpath works in Tullig, Castleisland are scheduled for December 2016.

33. Cllr. D. Grady: With regard to the junction at Cathedral Place/Mission Road, that we Kerry County Council would revert to the original design which was in place. The present design is slowing down traffic.

Reply: This location was considered in the Killarney Traffic Management Study. It was decided that delays and queuing would be likely to be reduced locally as a result of implementing a two lane approach to the junction. A design will be prepared for this location with a view to implementing same.

34. Cllr. D. Grady: That Kerry County Council would resurface a section of road in Hazelwood Drive as it is in a deplorable condition.

Reply: There is no funding stream for resurfacing the roadway at Hazelwood Drive. However, it would be suitable for funding by Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

35. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council install a controlled pedestrian crossing at East End Rathmore. Residents are concerned for the safety of their children.

Reply: A pedestrian crossing will be investigated for East End, Rathmore as part of the overall Traffic Calming Scheme for the village. The work is being carried out by the National Road Design Office, Castleisland. They are assigning resources to this project in January 2017.

36. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council provide additional car parking spaces for residents at Deerpark Crescent Killarney as currently the only option is to park on the footpath.

Reply: There is no funding stream to provide additional car parking spaces for the residents at Deerpark Crescent. However, this would be suitable for funding by Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

37. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council cut the hedges at the junction to Rathbeg, Rathmore adjacent to the Bridge Bar.

Reply: Hedge-cutting of the junctions along the N72 is currently in progress. This junction is included in these works.

38. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council cut hedges at Anablath, Kilcummin.

Reply: Hedges at both Coopers Cross and Maulyarkane Junction are scheduled to be cut to improve sightlines in the coming week.

39. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council install road safety signs at New Line Junction at Anablath, Kilcummin.

Reply: The junction improvement works at Newline Junction at Anablath can be carried out before year end and would be suitable for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

40. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when works are to commence on the enhancement of the Flesk Bridge as it is the main gateway into Killarney.

Reply: The TII Bridge Department intend to carry out the resurfacing works across the bridge in 2017. They will also paint the bridge railing as part of this project.

41. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to replace the footpath at Ross Road as it is in a dangerous condition and thus a hazard for pedestrians.

Reply: There is approximately 500m of this footpath on the right hand side going towards Ross Castle from Scrahan Court to the entrance to the Racecourse in need of maintenance. The cost of repairing/replacing that section of footpath would be " 72,500. There is no funding currently available to carry out these works. However, some of these works would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific MD Operation Fund. Essential maintenance works will be carried out by the Municipal District.

42. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council liaise with the OPW regarding the removal of the Leylandi trees that are providing a hideaway for antisocial behaviour at Demesne, Ross Road.

Reply: Kerry County Council will liaise with the OPW in relation to the removal of the Leylandi trees at Demesne, Ross Road.

43. Cllr. N. Kelleher: To ask Kerry County Council to replace the broken bulbs in the By-Pass in Killarney.

Reply: New LED lanterns have been installed to replace a number of existing lanterns that were beyond repair.

44. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can Councillors get quarterly updates of the short/medium/long term objectives of the Traffic Management Report.

Reply: Updates of the short/medium/long term objectives of the Traffic Management Report will be provided to Members as part of the Directorate Report at each Municipal District Meeting.

45. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the position with the possibility of re-routing the N72 at Mossie's Turn?

Reply: Works have been carried out on the N72 at Gortanahaneboy to provide verge widening and safety barrier at this location in October as part of a HD15 Safety Scheme. Consultation will take place in December at a local venue in relation to current proposals to realign 1km of the N72 at Gortanahaneboy West & East. It is anticipated that, subject to TII approval, the Preliminary Design will be completed and that the Part 8 process will be commenced in 2017.

46. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the update position with acquiring the much needed extension to the graveyard in Gneevegullia together with parking around or near the church?

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

47. Cllr. N. Kelleher: The bridge at Glenflesk Church is too narrow for two cars to pass. Can warning signage and yield right of way signs be erected? This was promised but still hasn't been completed.

Reply: Road Narrow signs have been recently erected at the bridge at Glenflesk Church on the R-570.

48. 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.

Reply: The TII allocates funding based entirely on national pavement condition surveys undertaken by the TII. There is currently no mechanism available to the County Council to formally request an individual stretch of road be considered for inclusion for a pavement overlay. However, this section of roadway on the N72 between both parts of Rathmore has been forwarded to the TII for their consideration.

49. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Management need to ensure that there are enough foremen and outdoor staff in each area in the Killarney Municipal District. What is the current headcount in operation.

Reply: The headcount in Killarney Municipal District changes from time to time depending on the Works Programme. In 2016, ten seasonal staff were employed to help deliver the Killarney Municipal District Works Plan. Additional Foremen were appointed in 2016. However, there is still a requirement for some additional Foremen and we are in discussions with the Human Resources Department in relation to appointing these for 2017.

(d) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the TII Safety Officer given sanction and finance for the provision of a safety roadside barrier on the N72 at Ardaneanig, Killarney? Quite a number of vehicles have left the road at this gradual bend and entered the adjoining field.

Reply: This matter has been discussed with the TII Road Safety Officer. The NRA are waiting for consultants to complete a HD17 (Safety) Report for the N72 National Secondary Route. Further to the completion and review of this report, the NRA will decide what sections of the route requires safety barrier. However, no funding was made available in 2016 for this location.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Have all outstanding matters been resolved in relation to Mountain View Estate, Kilcummin?

Reply: A report on the water and sewerage system has been carried out. We are awaiting a meeting with EPS to ascertain the pumping system that is required to be included in the tender. These works will be included in the overall tender. It is envisaged that these works will go to tender in January 2017.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: If any additional money becomes available for County roads, would the Council please give priority to the L11078 at Gortdromakeerie? It is in a deplorable condition and the constant patching is not the most prudent use of scarce resources if any alternative course of finance could be identified.

Reply: There is no additional funding currently available for the L-11078 roadway at Gortdromkerrie. However, this roadway can be considered for inclusion in the next Restoration Improvement Programme which is expected to be renewed in 2018, meanwhile the roadway will be maintained as far as funds allow.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Will the Council ensure that the parking space adjacent to each e-charging machine is painted green?

Reply: The parking spaces adjacent to the e-charging have been painted.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Will the Council seek to convince the TII of the urgent need to resurface the roadway at Lissiviggeen Roundabout and at the Park Road (Daly's Roundabout)? The present condition is totally unacceptable and dangerous.

Reply: The Park Road (Daly's Roundabout) has been submitted to the TII for funding for an overlay through the TII National Roads Maintenance App. Also, extra funding has been requested to repair the damaged section on the Lissiviggeen Roundabout. Word on these submissions is not expected until early 2017.

6. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to do something with Finnegan's Cross Junction, Kilcummin to increase safety there as it is highly dangerous.

Reply: The Council will upgrade the approach signage and lining at Finnegan's Cross in the coming weeks. Hedges were also cut at this location recently. The adjacent landowners will be approached with a view to

improving sight distance. If the landowners are agreeable to this, sources of funding will be explored.

7. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, has any progress been made regarding purchasing or leasing land for parking in Killarney?

Reply: An Expression of Interest and market sounding to identify possible sites for this additional car parking will be advertised in local publications shortly. The aim of this process is to identify parties who may be willing to sell property suitable for the development of a car park and to explore the possible financial parameters within which such additional site acquisition might be progressed with private sector interests. Expressions of Interest can include proposals for further development of Killarney MD car parks, joint management or leasing options. It is intended that the expressions of Interest will be returned to the Killarney Municipal District prior to year end. These Expressions of Interest will then be examined for their feasibility thereafter.

8. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, when is it envisaged that work will commence on the walkway/cycleway from Muckcross Road to Ross Road?

Reply: The lands for the construction of the walkway / cycleway have been acquired. A final design will now be progressed and a Part VIII planning process will commence in early 2017. The project will also incorporate development of the Maurice O'Donoghue Memorial Park.

9. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, when will the tarring of the footpath in Tullig, Castleisland begin?

Reply: Works on the footpath in Tullig, Castleisland are scheduled for December 2016.

10. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Having tabled previous Notices of Motion on this matter, I ask this Council has any progress been made regarding removal of gravel from one eye of Twiss Bridge in Counguilla, Scartaglin?

Reply: Gravel has been removed from the eye of Twiss Bridge in Counguilla recently.

11. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To again ask this Council, to give details of the arrangements between this Council and Bird's Amusements - 1) what rights Bird's Amusements have to the Fairhill Carpark? 2) What were the financial arrangements between Bird's Amusements over the past five years? 3) What charges are planned for this Carpark in the future?

Reply: Bird's Amusements have traditionally used this car park under licence or permission granted by the Council for around 70 years. There is a complex background to this matter involving historic market and fair rights.

Each year Bird's recompense the local authority for income forgone as a result of their occupation of the car park. This is included in car parking income for budgets each year. Invoiced amounts 2014 " 13,530/2015 " 16,605/2016 " 20,603.

12. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council what is the current position regarding the construction of the twenty houses in The Park, Killarney, and when is it planned to have them completed?

Reply: As a result of the treatment of VAT in the tendering process by one of the tenderers and on the basis of legal advice received, the tender for the construction of 20 houses at Park, Killarney has been collapsed. Kerry County Council has re-tendered this project. It is expected that a recommendation on the appointment of a contractor will be forwarded to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government by the end of January 2017.

13. Cllr. B. Cronin: I am asking Kerry County Council for permission to allow the appropriate placing of a limestone plaque adjacent to the boundary wall of the New Cemetery, Coolcorcoran to remember the deceased families that once lived in the house which was in the cemetery lands.

Reply: An appropriate location will be investigated with a view to erecting a plaque to remember the deceased families that once lived in the house which was on the land at New Cemetery and will be erected in 2017.

14. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can the dangerous lags from Finnegan's Cross towards Lisroe be repaired.

Reply: Repair works will be carried out on the on the lags from Finnegan's Cross towards Lisroe this week.

15. Cllr. B. Cronin: What work do Kerry County Council intend doing to address the dangerous bends on the Coolcaslaugh Road approaching the Junction with the N22 and can road widening be accommodated as requested by the local Residents' Association.

Reply: The Road Design office produced a proposal for this location, the junction of the L-7047 and the L-3011 at Upper Lissyviggeen, a number of years ago; at that stage there was difficulty in acquiring the lands. Kerry County Council met with the local Residents' Group on Monday and will now re-examine this location for alternative solutions.

16. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to carry out the necessary works needed to rectify the bad lags on the road between Glenflesk and Dromcarbin.

Reply: The bad lags between Glenflesk and Dromcarbin will be maintained in Q1 2017, however, this roadway requires extensive works in the longer term and will be considered for inclusion the next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme which is due for renewal in 2018.

17. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council why aren't the public lights working in Greenfields Estate?

Reply: Following a recent meeting at Greenfields Estate with the Agent for the Bondsman and Contractor, a small list of minor outstanding works have been agreed. As soon as these items have been addressed, we will then commence the statutory Taking in Charge process.

We have requested that the public lighting issue be prioritised by the contractor. Once we receive the required certification and we are satisfied that all is in order, we will request the Council's energy supplier to have the lights turned back on in advance of the estate being formally Taken in Charge.

18. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to highlight to the TII the necessity of reducing the speed on the N22 for health and safety reasons at the following locations: (i) Glenflesk Village, (ii) between Lissiviggeen and the bottom of the Pike Hill.

Reply: The above locations on the N22 at Glenflesk Village and between Lissiviggeen and the bottom of the Pike Hill are being considered as part of the design for traffic calming schemes for Glenflesk Village and for Lissiviggeen Roundabout to Daly's Roundabout. An appropriate solution will be designed by the Road Design Office early in 2017 and included in the overall feasibility report which will be submitted to the TII for approval and funding.

19. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to clear the eyes of King's Bridge in the Demesne near the Cathedral.

Reply: Kerry County Council met with Inland Fisheries Ireland. They advised that material cannot be removed from the eyes of the bridge. These works would be subject to environmental screening because of ecological concerns. Kerry County Council's Heritage Officer will carry out the required screening to ascertain whether works should go ahead.

20. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to do necessary works to ensure that the low wall along the Port Road, Killarney doesn't fall in on the playground as it is being undermined.

Reply: The condition of the wall which is across the River from the playground on Port Road is currently being examined and necessary maintenance works will be carried out thereafter.

21. Cllr. D. Grady: What is the update on all reported Flooding Areas in the Killarney Municipal District area? A lot of work has been done to date this year and a lot more to do.

Reply: The underneath table sets out funding received under Severe Weather Allocations and works are due to be carried out by the end of November. Separately, Kerry County has completed flood relief works at Tullig, Castleisland to the value of " 196,205. These works, which were funded by the OPW, included the raising of a weir at Glanshearoon and the replacement of a Culvert at Tullig under the Cordal Road.

In addition, Kerry County Council is working on a design to protect three houses at Foiladuane, Glenflesk and to replace a defensive embankment at Currow. Should these schemes prove cost beneficial, it is envisaged that an application will be lodged with the OPW for funding in December.

Road Number	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Length	Cost €
L-7027	Lisheen	50	2,500
L-7027	Lisheen	100	5,000
L-3013	Tooreencahill	50	7,500
R-577	Gortglass	40	10,000
L-11060	Curranabfield	50	10,000
L-3002	Canguilla	10	12,000
L-3002	Carker	10	15,000
L-3006	Scartaglen, Twiss Br.	10	10,000
L-7018	Toornanaunagh	10	6,000
L-7012	Ranaleen	100	50,000
L-7019	Tooreenamult.	10	7,000
L-11064	Ballynahalla	10	8,000
L-7025	Ballynahulla	5	2,000
L-2032	Knockdown	5	4,000
L-3002	Dicksgrove	5	5,000
L-3009	Annablaha	5	3,000
L-11182	Cumeenavrick	50	15,000
L-7059	Foiladown	100	35,000
L-7059	Foiladown	100	45,000
R-570	Glenflesk	15	25,000
L-7058	Clydagh Valley	300	50,000
L-7024	Knocknaboul	15	50,000
L-3015	Mangerton	20	25,000
L-3911	Mill Road, Killarney	10	2,000
L-3911	Mill Road, Killarney	50	15,000
L-3905	Ross Road, Killarney	200	10,000
L-4040	Gap Road, Fossa	100	35,000
R-569	Poulgorm	10	5,000
L-7039	Faha	100	5,000
L-3018	Fossa	30	5,000
L3015	Muckross	110	5,000
L-2033	Knockeenduff	10	5,000
L-11000	Ballymalis	100	10,000
L-11019	Ballinalane	100	10,000
L-3003	Nunstown	75	5,000

L-2019	Ballyhar	20	5,000
L- 2027	Rathmore	50	25,000
R-563	Aghadoe	25	5,000
L-7007	Brehig.	12	5,000
L-3009	Toormore Br.	10	6,000
L-2032	Cloonts Culvert.	12	5,000
L-7017	Knockreagh Culvert.	12	4,000
L-11143	Annaghbeg Culvert.	12	4,000
L-7024	Knocknaboul Culvert.	8	3,000
L-3002	Killeentierna Culvert.	12	5,000
L-2032	Cloonts Culvert.	12	6,000
L-7022	Adraval Culvert.	12	5,000
L-7019	Knockrower	100	3,000
L-3010	Knockanane West	20	15,000
R-570	Dromcarbin	10	10,000
L-3003	Farranaspig	50	7,500
L-7050	Gortahoosh	30	6,000
L-11203	Tomies	30	3,000
L-11005	Lissavane East	50	7,000
L-8001	Boolia	100	3,000
L-11018	Aglish	10	10,000
L-2033	Knockeenduff	70	20,000
L-7034	Rathinane	150	6,500
L-11072	Minish		9,000
L-3907	Ballycasheen	50	15,000
R-569	Loo Bridge		20,000

22. Cllr. D. Grady: Please provide update in relation to junction at top of Lewis Road onto the By-Pass? Accidents continue to happen at this location.

Reply: We have raised the concerns of the members in relation to the Lewis Road Junction with the TII on a number of occasions. The Junction with the Killarney By-Pass is part of the N22 National Primary Road Network. Any improvement works, including the revision of the road layout, is subject to the approval of and provision of funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The TII directly determines the locations that will be funded, based on criteria that are set down in their technical standards, and which are ranked having regard to recorded collision data. Whilst the location was not included on the list of schemes approved for design in the current year, we had further discussion with the TII, particularly having regard to the recorded minor injury accidents at this location over the past 5 years. We will shortly be making a formal submission to have this junction assessed.

23. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to put a pedestrian crossing in place crossing from the Main Street to Dennehy's Corner in Rathmore.

Reply: A pedestrian crossing will be investigated for this location in Rathmore as part of the overall Traffic Calming Scheme for the village. The

overall scheme is being prepared for submission to the TII for approval and funding.

24. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council for an update on the downhill cycle track planned at Glenflesk.

Reply: This project previously received grant funding under a previous Fáilte Ireland programme. The project related to a private development and the funding was awarded to Kerry County Council to facilitate same, subject to a number of conditions including agreement between a number of parties in relation to the operation of the project. The Council were not satisfied that the grant could be drawn down in compliance with complex procurement requirements which relate both to the construction and operation of the project. A further grant application is required to proceed this project.

25. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when works are to commence on the 20 new houses at Chestnut Drive, Killarney.

Reply: As a result of the treatment of VAT in the tendering process by one of the tenderers and on the basis of legal advice received, the tender for the construction of 20 houses at Park, Killarney has been collapsed. Kerry County Council has re-tendered this project. It is expected that a recommendation on the appointment of a contractor will be forwarded to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government by the end of January 2017.

26. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to repair lags on the L-3010 adjacent to Lucey's Garage, Kilcummin.

Reply: The lags on the L-3010 adjacent to Lucey's Garage will be repaired in the coming weeks.

27. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if there are plans to upgrade the type model of Patcher when the current truck is replaced.

Reply: Kerry County Council are currently carrying out an efficiency review of the Machinery Yard Operations. The County patching operation will be examined as part of this review. It is intended to have the review completed by January 2017.

28. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when resurfacing works will commence at Glounanea Grotto, Kilcummin.

Reply: The resurfacing works will be carried out on the trench at Glounanea Grotto in three weeks time.

29. 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 there any update on discussion on this item?

Reply: We will certainly explore the possibility of the glass top on the wall between Killarney House and Mission Road. This will require agreement with the NPWS and OPW and we will discuss it with them and report back with our findings at the next Municipal District Meeting.

30. Cllr. N. Kelleher: The road up to Shrone Lake should be maintained more regularly. Can we get this commitment?

Reply: The Shrone Lake Road has been maintained in accordance with the resources available. Works to this road are also suitable for County Councillors Allocations.

31. 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: The bad lags on the N72 at the Killarney side of Barraduff will be maintained in early 2017; however this roadway requires extensive works in the longer term and will be submitted to the TII for consideration for funding.

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

Reply: The work is being carried out by the National Road Design Office, Castleisland. They are assigning resources to this project in January 2017.

33. Cllr. N. Kelleher: In Lackabane Village, Fossa the roadways need to be strengthened. Can these works be put on the programme? I do not believe there are enough funds in the CIS to provide for same.

Reply: The overlay works at Lackbane Village, Fossa can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme. This Programme is due for renewal in 2018. Also it may be possible to carry out these works under the Community Involvement Scheme on a phased basis, for example, carrying the works out over a 3 year period.

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 Kerry County Council request the appropriate authority to open Armagh House to accommodate the homeless as this is the reason why it was purchased first day.

Reply: The availability of facilities for homeless persons in Killarney has been under review for some time.

The property was purchased by Clúid with the support of Kerry County Council and the Department of Environment.

The current proposal is to demolish the existing building and to construct a new purpose built building on site to provide supported accommodation to persons who are homeless.

This plan has been sanctioned by the Department of the Environment and Kerry County Council are in discussions with Clúid Housing Association to finalise the design and apply for planning for the new development.

2. Cllr. N. Kelleher: That we support an increase of the Councillors' Allocation in the budget next year.

Reply: This is a matter for Budget 2018 consideration. The current allocation for the Municipal District Operation Fund for Kerry County Council for 2017 is " 29,000 per Councillor.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Council please request Bus Éireann to install an electronic timetable at the Bus Station in Killarney in order that intending passengers would have up to the minute information on any alterations?

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

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Have the Consultants appointed to progress the rehabilitation of Áras Phádraig concluded their public consultation and formulated their proposals and if so has a financial resource been sourced to allow the work to progress?

Reply: The tenders to carry out a feasibility study and Business Plan on the optimum use for the Áras Phádraig building have been assessed and the successful tenderer has been contacted. Once the standstill period has elapsed, the consultant will start work on the feasibility study which will involve consultations with representatives of all potential users and user groups and other relevant stakeholders. It is envisaged that contracts will be signed the week of 28th November 2016. A Project Team, lead by the Killarney Municipal District Manager, has also been established to oversee the management of this contract.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has progress been made in the matter of determining the future productive use of the large site at Upper Park Road [formerly Pretty Polly/Sara Lee]?

Reply: The internal consultation for the Part 8 planning process has been completed. Given current work programmes and available resources, the public consultation on demolition of the building will be completed in Quarter 1, 2017.

4. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council can an update be given on any discussions with the HSE regarding St. Finian's Hospital and grounds?

The Chief Executive, Director of Housing and the Killarney Municipal District Manager met with senior HSE Officials to review their property assets in Killarney and in particular, any lands that may be available to Kerry County Council.

The HSE has specific plans for its own service provision in Killarney which take priority and they are working through their plans at this point.

There will be on-going engagement with the HSE to ensure any opportunities are availed of.

5. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made between Kerry County Council and St. Brendan's Trust in relation to providing parking spaces at Áras Phádraig, Killarney?

Reply: The car park is in the ownership of the Friary. Kerry County Council has made contact recently at Cllr. Healy-Rae's request. We await a reply and will update members upon receipt of response.

6. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made with the acquisition of the Áras Phádraig, Killarney?

Reply: The tenders to carry out a feasibility study and Business Plan on the optimum use for the Áras Phádraig building have been assessed and the successful tenderer has been contacted. Once the standstill period has elapsed, the consultant will start work on the feasibility study which will involve consultations with representatives of all potential users and user groups and other relevant stakeholders. It is envisaged that contracts will be signed the week of 28th November 2016. A Project Team, lead by the Killarney Municipal District Manager, has also been established to oversee the management of this contract.

- 8. To agree a date for the holding of the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting**
- 9. Correspondence**
- 10. Matters arising from the Minutes as confirmed at 1 above**
- 11. Any Other Business**