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29 Márta 2017

**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 5ú Aibreán 2017 i Halla an Bhaile, 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 the **Town Hall, Killarney on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 10.00am** to consider the under mentioned items.

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**Jean Foley  
Riarthóir Cruinnithe / Meetings Administrator  
Ceantar Bardasach Chill Áirne / Municipal District of Killarney**

## AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE

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### 1. (a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017
- (b) Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- (c) Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017

### 1. (b) Reception of the following Deputations:

- (a) Residents of Barrack Street, Castleisland regarding traffic calming measures - Requested by Cllr. B. O'Connell
- (b) Ballyspillane Residents Association regarding installation of CCTV cameras and issues with the Estate - Requested by Cllr. N. Kelleher

## 2. Economic and Community Development Directorate

### (a) To note report from Economic and Community Development Directorate

#### (b) Notices of Motion

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would give an update on the implementation of the works necessary to allow Mountain View, Kilcummin to be completed in compliance with all of the conditions of Planning.

**Reply:** It is planned to construct a waste water pumping station and rising main to connect this development to the proposed public sewerage scheme for Kilcummin. Work will commence on site at Mountain View when the current planning process for Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme has been completed and when the schedule for the construction of the proposed public scheme becomes more clear. When these works are completed, any remaining bond monies will be spent by the Operations Department to address any outstanding issues in the estate.

**2. Cllr. B. Cronin:** What progress has been made on possible sites for a playground in Firies.

**Reply:** Discussions are ongoing with the community in relation to the availability of a suitability site. We are currently looking at a number of options and there are a number of avenues being examined at present.

**3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That we, the Members of Killarney Municipal District, discuss best practice when dealing with Part 8 Planning.

**Reply:** The statutory procedures to be adhered to in relation to development by a Local Authority, or on behalf of or in partnership with a Local Authority (where an EIA or AA are not required), are set out in Section 179 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 . 2016 and Articles 79 . 85 of the Planning Development Regulations 2001 . 2015.

This legislation outlines the development types that require consent, the procedures to be adhered to, public notifications required, procedures for the receipt of submissions and observations, notifiable bodies, timelines and the prescribed content of the Chief Executive's report to the elected members for consideration.

A Briefing will be arranged for Members, if required, in relation to this matter.

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. B. Cronin:** What is the position with the turning on of the lights in Greenfields Estate and what is the update on the taking in charge application?

**Reply:** The Contractor on site has given a commitment to resolve the lighting issue as a matter of urgency. We have been informed that they have contacted the ESB in this regard and we are in regular contact with the Bondsman's agent in connection with the matter also. We expect the matter to be resolved shortly. Once the minor outstanding works, including works to the public lighting, have been carried out to our satisfaction, we will commence the statutory taking in charge process.

**2. Cllr. B. Cronin:** What is the position with the taking in charge of Hill View Estate, Woodlawn Road, Killarney. Are there any issues outstanding?

**Reply:** Having received a taking in charge application for this estate, the necessary assessment of works required to bring it up to taking in charge standards has been completed. As this is a historic estate, with no bond available, a comprehensive site resolution plan is now required to be prepared with detailed costings for all outstanding works to be included prior to forwarding to Irish Water for approval in accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding.

**3. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made with providing a playground in Firies.

**Reply:** Discussions are ongoing with the community in relation to the availability of a suitability site. We are currently looking at a number of options and there are a number of avenues being examined at present.

**3. (a) To note update report from the Quality of Life - Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate**

**(b) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would furnish the most recent water quality readings for the River Flesk at Flesk Bridge and for Loch Léin at the point of entry to the Lake of the Folly Stream.

**Reply:** Since January 2015, the Flesk and Folly Stream which flow into Lough Lein have been measured at least 50 times as part of EPA compliance and Kerry County Council operational monitoring programs. They have been measured for a range of chemical and biological parameters.

The River Flesk satisfies criteria for good quality as laid down by Surface Water Regulations. This is further corroborated by invertebrate monitoring undertaken by both EPA and Kerry County Council which designate the site at Flesk Bridge to be of good quality.

The Folly Stream is of less than good quality status and its outfall to the lake at Ross Bay is mildly eutrophic (mildly enriched). The main body of the lake i.e. Lough Lein continues to be of good or acceptable quality as per surface water regulations i.e. mesotrophic status.

The Killarney Wastewater Treatment Plant, which outfalls to the Folly Stream, is fully compliant with both the Urban Wastewater Directive and the Emission Limit Values stipulated in the EPA Wastewater Discharge License.

The EPA License further requires Irish Water to carry out an assessment of the suitability of the existing WWTP outfall point to the Folly Stream by 2021. This assessment will have to take account of the existing quality status of the Folly Stream and its assimilation capacity to accept final effluent discharges from Killarney WWTP.

**2. Cllr. B. O'Connell:** What is the up to date position on a sewage scheme for Scartaglin.

**Reply:** There is no existing Sewerage Scheme in Scartaglin village and there is no provision for a proposed Scheme in Irish Water's draft Capital Investment Programme 2017-2021. Kerry County Council has made a submission to Irish Water in 2014, for the IW Water Services Strategic Plan, to request the provision of sewerage infrastructure to un-sewered villages such as Scartaglin.

However, Irish Water's policy is to give priority to upgrading existing substandard sewerage schemes, and also to meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences for existing sewerage schemes, prior to considering investment in new schemes or in extensions to existing schemes.

**3. Cllr. B. Cronin:** In light of the repeated water breaks from Ballymalis Cross to Eadies Mills Cross, has there been any progress on my previous request to Irish Water for funding to replace this section of water mains.

**Reply:** There has been an increasing number of breaks in the past year over a 1Km length on this 40-year-old 75MM diameter PVC pipe at Coolroe / Ballymalis. The Council's Water Services Department has already made Irish Water aware of the need to replace this pipe, and will also make a formal submission in the coming weeks for funding.

**4. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council if Irish Water have been made aware of the need for an extension to the public sewer in Castleisland to cater for the needs of areas such as College Road, Brosna Road, Cordal Road and the Black Road which has been sought for over 40 years.

**Reply:** Irish Water's policy is to give priority to upgrading existing substandard sewerage schemes, and also to meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences for existing sewerage schemes, prior to considering investment in new schemes or in extensions to existing schemes.

This proposed extension to Castleisland Sewerage Scheme had been on the Government's national Water Services Investment Programme 2007 . 2009 and previous Programmes. While the proposed upgrade of Castleisland's waste water treatment plant is included in Irish Water's current national draft Capital Investment Programme 2017-2021.

Irish Water's currently stated position is that it has no funding stream to provide (or extend) services to properties with private sewerage facilities.

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has Uisce Éireann given any indication of intention to progress the often asked for larger water pipes in Clohane, Brewsterfield and Knockanes?

**Reply:** The investment required to meet the cost of the installation of larger pipes is substantial. Irish Water has allocated " 28,000 for the carrying out of network modifications to facilitate the switching of the existing water supply to this district from the Central Regional Water Supply Scheme to the adjacent Barraduff WSS to the east, which is at a substantially higher pressure. The situation will then be monitored to check the volume and pressure available to these customers.

**2. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To ask that the old concrete unused sluice box be removed at Boulia, Furies.

**Reply:** This redundant and unsightly break pressure tank will be removed with the use of heavy machinery in the coming weeks.

**3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** As the final plans for the route of the Kilcummin Sewer line are near completion, I ask will this Council give a commitment to resurface the sections of road which will not be impacted by this work?

**Reply:** As the Kilcummin sewer line impacts on the entire road from Kilcummin Village to Doneen, no section of this road will be resurfaced in 2017. However, the situation can be reassessed in early 2018.

**4. Cllr. D. Grady:** What is happening with the sewer from Kilcummin to Killarney?

**Reply:** The Planning Application for Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme which was submitted on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 by Irish Water to Kerry County Council is currently under consideration.

**5. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council if Irish Water have been made aware of the need for a public sewer in the Villages of Scartaglin and Currow.

**Reply:** Scartaglin and Currow are among a number of Kerry villages in which there are currently no public sewerage schemes. In the early 1980s Kerry County Council had developed a strategy to address these infrastructural needs, and has since made Irish Water aware of this plan. However, Irish Water's policy is to give priority to upgrading existing substandard sewerage schemes, and also to meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences for existing sewerage schemes, prior to considering investment in new schemes, and Kerry County Council has not received any indication that investment will be forthcoming in the development of new village sewerage schemes in the short term.

#### **4. (a) To note update report from Housing Directorate**

##### **(b) Notices of Motion - Housing and Corporate Services**

**1. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** As many people working in Killarney are finding it impossible to purchase a house, I call on this Council to explore options which would help make it possible for people to purchase their own homes.

**Reply:** The Council is acutely aware that there is a difficult market in Killarney currently with a shortage of housing coming to the market and indeed with development land availability.

*The Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness – Rebuilding Ireland* sets out Government policies across a range of areas to deal with the current housing supply issues.

The Council's role is primarily within the various schemes and policies designed to accelerate the delivery of units in the social housing area.

The Council does not have a primary role in the private market and the general conditions and issues arising there are many, complex and largely beyond the influence of Kerry County Council. Council policy does however

promote and support private sector development. Specifically, the Council does have responsibilities in two areas which do affect the market as follows:

### **Development Plan Framework**

The Council has responsibility for the local Planning Framework which influence land use. The Local Area Plan for Killarney is currently under review and the current zoning and land use are being reviewed as part of that process. Government Policy clearly identifies the need to ensure that lands zoned for housing development purposes are likely to become available for that purpose or, in the absence of such availability, the review and consideration of alternative land for such zoning.

### **Development Contribution Scheme**

The current Development Contribution Scheme is being reviewed and the public consultation process is commencing following the approval of Council at the March Meeting. This revised scheme seeks to promote and underpin housing development.

The Government introduced the First Time Buyers (Help to Buy) Scheme in 2016. It is designed to assist first-time buyers with obtaining the deposit required to purchase or self-build a new house or apartment to live in as their home. The incentive provides for a refund of Income Tax and Deposit Interest Retention Tax (DIRT) paid over the previous four tax years to first-time buyers who purchase or self-build a new house or apartment to live in as their home. A first-time buyer of a house or apartment who purchases or self-builds a new residential property between 19 July 2016 and 31 December 2019 may be entitled to claim a refund of Income Tax and DIRT paid over the previous four years.

The introduction of any further schemes to help people purchase their own properties can only be introduced on a National basis and is not a matter for Kerry County Council.

**2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council when will the construction of the much needed Council houses begin in Rathmore.

**Reply:** This project has received initial Stage 01 approval from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and is on the Council's Capital Programme. The Council is proceeding to advance the detailed design and planning stages.

Subject to satisfactory progress and the required Part VIII approval, it is hoped to commence construction of this project in mid 2018.

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to consider providing housing in some section of St. Finian's lands in an effort to address the housing crisis in Killarney.

**Reply:** This matter has been dealt with at Council / Municipal District meetings on a number of occasions.

The lands at St Finian's are in the ownership of the HSE and are not currently available for housing purposes. Council Management have met with HSE Management on a number of occasions to review their property holdings in Killarney.

Initially it is a matter for the HSE to consolidate and finalise their plans for their service provision in Killarney and how this impacts on their property holdings.

It has been agreed with the HSE that when this work has been completed and any surplus lands identified, that the Council would then review any such lands to assess their suitability for Council needs.

**2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to explain why all of the 20 houses to be built in Killarney are 3 bed houses instead of a variety of housing?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council's current Housing Construction Program includes the provision of 71 No. three bedroom units. It should be noted that the Killarney Area of Choice had a waiting list of 323 qualified applicants on the three bedroom property waiting list and addressing this need is a priority for the Council.

This development at the Park had an existing planning permission granted by the former Killarney Town Council for the building of 20 no. three bedroom houses on this site. This permission allowed Kerry County Council to progress the development in an expedient manner under the current Capital Programme. Any changes to the fundamental design would have required a full redesign, would have required a fresh Part VIII process and a further application to the Department for sanction. This is apart from a fundamental question as to the suitability of the site for a mixed unit type development.

It was the considered opinion of Management that the project in its current design should be expedited to provide some delivery of units in Killarney and its progress to construction is very welcome.

**3. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** Can we do a public call for landlords to come forward with properties they would lease to the Local Authority?

**Reply:** The Housing Department has in the last week received the relevant Circular detailing the new Repairs & Leasing Scheme. The Scheme details are currently being reviewed. It is intended to issue a public call for people interested in the Scheme. However, the final format of this call and relevant targeting of the scheme remains to be determined. We are concerned that a separate call for other properties at this time would have the potential to cause a degree of confusion.

However this matter is currently under review and it is intended that the matter would be dealt with later this year.



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

(b) **Traffic Management Plan Update**

(b) **Accessibility Update**

(c) **Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council and the TII that Iarnród Éireann open the access to the tunnel that was meant to be used by pedestrians to go from the Lewis Road to Ballydribeen under the Bypass Road so that they wouldn't have to endure the hazard of crossing the Bypass Road with the constant flow of traffic there. It is ridiculous that this underground walkway tunnel has been closed to pedestrians for a number of years now.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will contact Irish Rail to investigate the opening of the access tunnel from Lewis Road under the By-Pass.

**2. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would provide an update on the progress being made in the development of the Lough Léin loop walk.

**Reply:** The development of the proposed trail around Lough Léin requires very careful consideration. The trail passes through areas of high scenic amenity value and through areas of environmental sensitivity. In that context the project requires a very detailed and rigorous environmental assessment. Once a number of environmental issues have been resolved, a clearer picture of the proposed project and the timescales for completion to planning stage will be available. Work continues in the progression of this meritorious project.

**3. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would enter into discussion with the NPWS with the express purpose of developing an urgently needed car park within the National Park adjacent to the starting point for the walk/climb colloquially known as Cardiac Hill on Torc Mountain along the N.71.

**Reply:** The car park off the N71 adjacent to the starting point of the walk known as Cardiac Hill on Torc Mountain is the property of the NPWS, however, Kerry County Council will contact the NPWS in relation to developing the car park.

**4. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would seek to convince the TII of the urgent need to introduce the measures necessary to ensure greater safety for drivers and cyclists exiting from the N.22 onto the School Road at Curraglass, Glenflesk. The existing situation is extremely dangerous

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will investigate the junction from the School Road at Curraglass, Glenflesk on to the N22 to determine what measures may be necessary at this location.

**5. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would give an update on the progress being made on the development of the Walkway cum Cycleway from Ross Road to Muckcross Road.

**Reply:** The Walkway/Cycleway from Ross Road to Muckcross Road currently in the Design Phase and it is hoped that it will be ready for Part 8 publication at the beginning of June 2017.

**6. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would inform of the proposals for the improvement of traffic flow and overall safety on the N.22 from the Lissivigeen Roundabout to the Roundabout at the junction of the N.22 and the Park Road including at the two major access roads onto the N.22 at Ballycasheen junction and Upper Lissivigeen/Coolcoslough junction and further inform if those proposals have been forwarded to the TII for its consideration.

**Reply:** Feasibility studies are currently underway on the N22 between Ballycasheen and Lissivigeen to identify collision history, traffic volumes and other constraints. Kerry County Council are liaising with the TII Regional Road Safety Engineer to identify suitable intervention proposals. These studies will be complete in May and a report will be forwarded to TII for their consideration.

**7. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to implement the changes that were previously requested and approved at the December 2015 Meeting for Ballydowney, Killarney. That is the widening of the footpath on right side going west, the removal of trees on the left side and the widening of the road to include a cycle lane.

**Reply:** The issues raised by the deputation in December 2015 have been investigated and the Road Design Office have investigated a Traffic Calming Scheme for the N72 at Gortroe/Ballydowney. A feasibility study / preliminary design has been submitted to the TII. We are currently awaiting a reply from the TII in relation to both approval and funding.

**8. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council address the speeding issue at Woodlawn Road by installing a raised platform speed ramp and a pedestrian crossing for the safety of children attending St. Oliver's School and Killarney Athletic Football Grounds.

**Reply:** A speed survey will be carried out on Woodlawn Road in the vicinity of Killarney Athletic Football Grounds in Q2 to assess what traffic calming measures may be required in this area.

**9. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council examine the flooding issue at Woodlawn Park and investigate options to install a drainage system.

**Reply:** The drainage system in Woodlawn Park is mainly through a soakway system, and during spells of extremely heavy rainfall some of the gullies may back up for a small period, however we are not aware of any flooding issues in this area.

**10. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council proceed with works to provide a pedestrian crossing adjacent to Kilcummin Primary School.

**Reply:** Following discussions with the TII Safety Officer, it was decided that the most appropriate solution for this location, the junction adjacent to the school in Kilcummin, would be a raised table top system. Kerry County Council intend to carry out this work in conjunction with the overlay of the road in Kilcummin Village.

**11. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to investigate the provision of a multi-storey car park for Killarney town.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are actively pursuing and seeking land availability for the development of car parking in Killarney Town area.

**12. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council install rumble strips at Mill Cross, Rathmore.

**Reply:** The TII have included the maintenance of the ~~Stop~~lining at the junction at Mill Cross, Rathmore in their Delineation Programme of works which is due to be completed shortly.

Yellow Bar Markings are not recommended and not appropriate on the N72 at this location. However, as part of the Traffic Calming Scheme currently being prepared for this town, this location will be examined.

**13. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council if and when there will be lighting installed at Stagmount Gates, Headford, Killarney?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have written to Irish Rail in relation to providing a public light at this location. To date there has been no reply; however Kerry County will make contact again to clarify the situation.

**14. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council when works will commence to repair the dangerous surface at Minish Crossing on the N22?

**Reply:** The surface of the N22 at Minish level crossing has been caused by settlement of the railway tracks. A request has been made to Irish Rail to address the track settlement and repair the road surface. Discussions are ongoing with Irish Rail and another site meeting is arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> April to agree the works required. A request for funding to repair the road at Minish has been made to Transport Infrastructure Ireland. However, the settlement of the rail track must be addressed before the road surface is repaired.

**15. Cllr. D. Grady:** That Kerry County Council immediately repair the foundations of the monument to "Patrick" in Rathmore as it is in grave danger of falling.

**Reply:** This monument in Rathmore is the responsibility of the National Graves Association and they recently had the condition of the monument assessed, the only issue arising from the assessment was the possibility that it would be struck by vehicles that were parking on the street. Kerry County

Council have recently erected bollards around the monument to prevent it from being struck by vehicles.

**16. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To ask what action has been taken since my previous request regarding the danger caused by traffic ignoring the one way system on New Road at school times. What can be done to prevent traffic exiting from St. Mary's Terrace and driving against the one-way system.

**Reply:** Further signs were erected at the top of St. Mary's Terrace to warn drivers of the Right Turn Only onto New Road. Also, Kerry County Council have been in discussion with the Gardaí, and we are due to meet them again next week to discuss erecting further bollards at the Port Road / New Road junction end at school times..

**17. Cllr. B. Cronin:** What measures can be taken by Kerry County Council to deal with the illegal parking from the pedestrian crossing at the cinema to the Killarney Avenue Hotel, which is obstructing and impeding the main Muckross Road traffic lane.

**Reply:** A Planning application has been granted for works at the cinema which include the widening of the footpaths at this area. Once this work is complete, we will be in a position to install bollards which should alleviate this problem. In the interim, we can get the Traffic Wardens to monitor the area more regularly.

**18. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To ask as a matter of urgency that the Killarney Municipal District get a new Durapatcher. There are a large number of rural roads in immediate need of repairs and our old truck and machine have been off the road for weeks.

**Reply:** The Killarney Municipal District is currently piloting a new Method of Patching. It is intended to trial this patching unit within the District for the next six months. The situation will be reassessed following the six month trial period.

**19. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To request the provision of a speed limit indicator on the Listry approach to the German Flats junction on the R563.

**Reply:** The cost of providing a solar powered driver feedback sign on the R563, on the Listry approach to the Aghadoe turnoff would be " 3,500 and would be suitable for funding through the CSMDOF.

**20. Cllr. B. Cronin:** As South Kerry Ploughing in conjunction with the National Ploughing Association wish to erect a suitable commemorative monument to mark the holding of the World Ploughing Championships in Killarney in 1954, I propose that the Killarney Municipal District along with Kerry County Council support this initiative in marking and recognising this important event which was held in Killarney.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will work with the South Kerry Ploughing Association over the coming weeks to explore the possibility of a suitable location for the commemorative monument.

**21. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** As trucks occasionally become wedged on the bend at Twiss Bridge in Counguilla, I call on this Council, to undertake simple measures to rectify this very dangerous occurrence.

**Reply:** Advance warning signs will be erected on both L-3006 approaches to Twiss Bridge in the coming weeks denoting road narrows and sharp bend ahead.

**22. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That this Council remove a short section of wall at Killeggy Lower, Mangerton Road.

**Reply:** This wall is the responsibility of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Kerry County Council is currently in discussion with NPWS about this matter.

**23. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To call on this Council to resurface a section of road at Ballinahulla, Ballydesmond, which has been badly damaged by trucks delivering construction material to the nearby Wind Farms.

**Reply:** This section of L-7025 will be considered for inclusion on the next 3 Year Restoration Improvement Programme. This programme will be up for review in late 2017 early 2018.

**24. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To ask this Council to remove the roadside section of ditch at Coolcaslagh. An agreement was reached with the landowner over 12 months ago, but to date, no work has been undertaken on this very dangerous section of road.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have been in contact with the landowner at this location over the last 12 months and have agreed accommodation works with him. These will be carried out shortly.

**25. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That this Council contact the OPW, regarding the obstructions in the waterway upstream, from the new culvert in Tullig Castleisland towards Killbanavane.

**Reply:** The responsibility for the maintenance of rivers which are not in the control of the OPW or Kerry County Council lies with the riparian landowners. The stream at Tullig is not under the control of the OPW or Kerry County Council and therefore the responsibility lies with the riparian landowners.

**26. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we, Kerry County Council, carry out immediate resurfacing works at the Corner of the Parkq Park Hill, Killarney.

**Reply:** " 60,000 has been allocated under the Roads Restoration Improvement Programme for 2017 for resurfacing 600m of the L-2033 roadway, Coolcorcoran to Park Cross. Works will be carried in Q3.

**27. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we, Kerry County Council, carry out immediate resurfacing works at Ross Road, Mission Road and the Ha Ha, Killarney.

**Reply:** Repair works were carried out on 300m of the L-3905, Ross Road in Q4 of 2016. However, there is no funding currently available for further resurfacing works. This roadway can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Programme which is expected to be due for renewal in late 2017.

The Mission Road, N71, is the responsibility of the TII and this roadway has been brought to their attention as requiring resurfacing. Kerry County Council intend to ask the TII to extend the Port Road overlay contract to include Mission Road.

**28. Cllr. D. Grady:** That the island, in front of Gaelscoil Faithleann, be removed to provide urgent parking.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will contact the Gaelscoil Faithleann to investigate the options available for provision of parking at this location.

**29. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we, Kerry County Council, would start a programme to put crash barriers in place from Rathmore to Shrone Cross as this area is very dangerous at present.

**Reply:** The TII are waiting for consultants to complete a HD17 (Safety) Report for the N72 National Secondary Route. This report would cover the stretch of roadway from Rathmore to Shrone Cross. Further to the completion and review of this report, the TII will decide what sections of the route requires safety barrier.

**30. Cllr. D. Grady:** That an update be given on the Lewis Road Junction onto the Killarney By-Pass. We have a duty to try to save lives and we cannot continue to accept nothing being done at this junction.

**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.

**31. Cllr. D. Grady:** That an update be given on whether or not all works have been done with development contributions charged prior to June 2014.

**Reply:** That Development Contribution balances as at June 2014 in the Town Council accounts are ringfenced for the area of the Town Council as previously advised.

**32. Cllr. D. Grady:** That an update be given on the current situation regarding the bicycle track at Glenflesk. The public need to be kept informed.

**Reply:** The project was to develop a downhill mountain bike trail to a specification capable of hosting future international championships up to the standard of those organised, promoted and governed by the Union Cycliste Internationale, the Association of National Cycling Federations. The project was initiated by Cycling Ireland in conjunction with the landowner.

In order to assist and maximise the grant potential available, KCC facilitated the grant application process and funding of " 430,353 for the project was sought from and approved by Fáilte Ireland.

During the implementation process of the project, it became clear that there were a number of difficulties with the grant application, including meeting the requirements of EU Rules of Public Procurement.

The operational guarantee which was required as part of the terms and conditions of the grant presented further difficulties for Kerry County Council.

It was also regrettable that the project lost the involvement of the national cycling body.

Every effort has been made to identify a solution which would resolve the issues raised. However, it is with great regret that having explored all the options, Kerry County Council and Fáilte Ireland are unable to proceed with the grant for the reasons outlined above.

**33. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to explain why the levies of " 130,000 haven't been used to rectify the junction at Coolcaslagh which is what the money was intended to be used for.

**Reply:** The development contribution referred to in this motion was a condition of a grant of permission for a local development, granted in May 2006. The contribution is a Special Development Contribution, in accordance with provisions of Section 48 (2) (c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000. In accordance with the provisions of Section 48 (12) of the Act, the Planning Authority is required to specify the works for which the contribution was sought. On the grant of permission, the works that were specified to be funded from this contribution were specifically for (a) road widening and improvement along the L- 3011 to its junction with the N22 National Primary Route and (b) improvements to the junction with the N22 as identified in the road safety audit submitted by the applicant.

The primary issue in the road safety audit related to a previous layout of the climbing lane and deceleration lane on the N22 that encouraged an over-running of the junction by motorists. This was subsequently addressed, under a programme for junction layout modifications funded by the NRA in 2006/2007. The substantive costs identified were for road widening, and for which the Council has been unable to secure the lands. The Council is continuing to negotiate on acquiring the necessary lands and if the lands are made available within a reasonable timeframe, then the Council will proceed

with these works. However, there is a time limit specified under the Act in which the works have to be commenced and completed.

**34. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made for providing a pedestrian crossing on College Road, Castleisland.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will investigate the location and carry out a pedestrian count and a speed survey by the end of April.

**35. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to provide a schedule of street cleaning works being carried out in rural villages such as Currow, Scartaglin, Furies, Barraduff, Gneeveguilla and Rathmore.

**Reply:** The following villages are on the *Killarney Municipal District Works Plan* and will be swept on a quarterly basis for 2017; Currow, Scartaglin, Barraduff, Gneeveguilla, Rathmore, Kilcummin, Furies, Farranfore.

**36. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council when will traffic calming and road alignment works be carried out at Ballydowney and will these works help motorists accessing and exiting Bohereen na Mairbh.

**Reply:** The Road Design Office have investigated a Traffic Calming Scheme for the N72 at Gortroe/Ballydowney and a feasibility study has been submitted to the TII. We are currently awaiting a reply from the TII in relation to both approval and funding. We expect that these works will improve the situation for motorists accessing and exiting Bohereen na Mairbh.

**37. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to stop the surface water which comes down the N22 and flows back the R569 Kilgarvan Road and then crosses the road three times before the Old Clonkeen P.O. and another flood of water crosses the R569 onto the Kilgarvan side of the Old Clonkeen P.O.

**Reply:** Drainage works will be carried at these locations on the N22 and the R569 Killgarvan Roadway in the coming weeks.

**38. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** What's the position with acquiring the lands in Knockeendubh?

**Reply:** A Compulsory Purchase Order is currently being prepared to acquire the lands at Knockeendubh. It is expected that the Compulsory Purchase Order will be published shortly.

**39. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** Has funding been approved from the TII for the lags on the N72 on the Killarney side of Barraduff.

**Reply:** This roadway, the N72 west of Barraduff towards Lissivigeen, requires extensive overlay works and has been submitted to the TII for consideration for funding for an overlay. Meanwhile an application has also been made to the TII through the TII Maintenance App for funding to carry out minor repair works at this location. We are awaiting confirmation on both



requests. However, Kerry County Council are meeting the TII Inspector in the coming weeks and this location will be brought to their attention again.

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

**Reply:** Feasibility studies are currently underway in Rathmore and Barraduff to identify collision history, traffic volumes and other constraints. Kerry County Council are liaising with the TII Regional Road Safety Engineer during this process. On completion of these studies proposal will be forwarded to TII. It is anticipated that the draft reports will issue in May.

**41. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** Ross Road and Mission Road needs resurfacing, especially where the jaunting cars use the roadway. Can this be put into schedule?

**Reply:** Repair works were carried out on 300m of the L-3905, Ross Road in Q4 of 2016. However, there is no funding currently available for further resurfacing works. This roadway can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Programme which is expected to be due for renewal in late 2017.

The Mission Road, N71, is the responsibility of the TII and this roadway has been brought to their attention as requiring resurfacing. Kerry County Council intend to ask the TII to extend the Port Road overlay contract to include Mission Road. However, further maintenance work could be carried out at this location in Q3 depending on the maintenance money available at that time.

**42. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** Can we expect any upgrading of the level crossing in Minish?

**Reply:** The surface of the N22 at Minish level crossing has been caused by settlement of the railway tracks. A request has been made to Irish Rail to address the track settlement and repair the road surface. Discussions are ongoing with Irish Rail and another site meeting is arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> April to agree the works required. A request for funding to repair the road at Minish has been made to Transport Infrastructure Ireland. However, the settlement of the rail track must be addressed before the road surface is repaired.

**43. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** I have for months been regularly reporting broken lights all around Killarney Municipal District. Can I get a list of all lights I reported and why they aren't fixed?

**Reply:** To date, Kerry County Council operated lighting assets within Killarney MD, there are a total of 36 lighting faults. Of these 36 faults, there are 4 cable faults, 2 access issues, 1 ESB network issue, 3 knock downs and 13 awaiting delivery of special materials. The remaining 13 faults are scheduled to be repaired by week ending 7<sup>th</sup> April.

- 4 cable faults, we are awaiting a group cost to carry out the required civil works which will incorporate the required associated electrical work.
  - Speirbhean, Fairhill Killarney
  - Woodlawn Park Killarney
  - N22 Corcoran
  - N22 Pike Hill
- 2 access issues, these are generally an issue with parked cars obstructing the safe use of the hoist.
  - Coffey Lane
  - Pinewood Estate
- 1 ESB Network issue, this is where there is no energy supply from the ESB network which has to be rectified by ESB Networks.
  - Woodlawn Road / Ballycasheen
- 3 knock downs, these are damaged columns resulting from vehicle collisions, which will be included in the group civil work programme.
  - Two lights in Woodlands Industrial Estate
  - Doirean Alain
- 13 awaiting special material delivery, these issues are resultant of non-stock items, such as, alternative brackets, decorative items, specialists LED lanterns, non-standard spigot or adaptors.
  - 9 on Killarney bypass
  - Ballyspillane Estate
  - Doirean Alain
  - High St Carpark / Bishop Moynihan Crescent
  - Orchard Close

**44. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** When will the wall be reconstructed on Port Road? Will the rest of the wall be reinforced to ensure another section doesn't give way.

**Reply:** The construction of the wall on Port Road is complete. A survey was carried out on the sections of the adjacent wall and at present these are in a stable condition.

**45. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** The N72 between both parts of Rathmore is in major need of being resurfaced. What is the current position with the TII?

**Reply:** A request for funding has been made to the TII for an overlay on the N72 roadway between both parts of Rathmore. To date no funding has been received. However, Kerry County Council are meeting the TII Inspector in the coming weeks and this location will be brought to their attention again.

#### **(d) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** In the interest of environmental enhancement and of the welfare of the bee population, would the Council please plant with appropriate flowers and shrubs, the green area on the L.3015-0 at the junction with the N.71 [Abbey Cross]?

**Reply:** The Council will plant flowers and shrubs on the green area at Abbey Cross, the junction with the L-3015 and the N71 roadway.

**2. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the TII given any indication of making available the money necessary to upgrade the surface of the Roundabouts at Lissivigeen and at the Junction of Park Road and the N.22?

**Reply:** An application has been made to the TII through the TII Maintenance App for funding to carry out repair works to the Lissivigeen Roundabout. To date, no funding has been made available.

Also, an application was made through the TII Maintenance App for an overlay for the Park Road Roundabout, but Kerry County Council were advised that this was not suitable for an application through this system due to high cost involved. Kerry County Council are meeting the TII Inspector in the coming weeks and both of these locations will be brought to their attention again.

**3. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the Council, in conjunction with the local community, progressed the much-needed car park adjacent to the Church and Funeral Home in the village of Gníomh Go Leith?

**Reply:** Attempts to acquire land across the road from the Church for additional on-street parking have not proved fruitful to date.

**4. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the Council made progress in the matter of developing an urgently needed footpath from Páirc Chuimin to the village?

**Reply:** To date Kerry County Council have not been able to acquire the land required for the development of the footpath from Páirc Chuimin to the village. However the Council will continue to pursue this issue.

**5. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the Council made progress with the TII in the matter of improving safety for vehicles exiting the roadway half-way along the Pike Hill on the N.22?

**Reply:** Feasibility studies are currently underway on the N22 between Ballycasheen and Lissivigeen to identify collision history, traffic volumes and other constraints. Kerry County Council are liaising with the TII Regional Road Safety Engineer to identify suitable intervention proposals. These studies will be complete in May and a report will be forwarded to TII for their consideration.

**6. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Would the Council, please eliminate the terribly uneven surface on the short length of exit roadway to the rear of the Taxi area in the Glebe Car Park?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are currently seeking quotations to carry out repair works to this section of roadway to the rear of the Taxi Rank at the Glebe Car Park.

**7. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Would the Council make the L.7013-74 road at Knockacullig [Cockhill] from the (details with Directorate) towards the Metal Bridge safe for traffic as in its present state it is damaging the underside of vehicles?

**Reply:** Road maintenance works were carried out recently on the L-7013 at Knockacullig Road at the above location.

**8. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council what is the plan for Flesk Bridge on the Muckross Road and to outline the list of works proposed.

**Reply:** The proposed works for Flesk Bridge under the Kerry Cork and Clare Bridge rehabilitation contract are outlined below:

The drainage on the bridge will be upgraded and the existing pavement will be milled off to allow waterproofing to be applied to the bridge deck. The bridge will be resurfaced after applying the bridge deck waterproofing. The existing kerbs and footpaths will be replaced with new footpaths/cycleways to match the cross section on both approaches to the bridge. The existing bridge parapets and concrete upstands will be replaced with new bridge parapets and concrete upstands. The new bridge parapets will be 1.4m high with mesh infill in accordance with the appropriate standard.

**9. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** Is the overlaying of the road surface of the above bridge included?

**Reply:** Yes it is proposed to overlay the Bridge as part of the bridge rehabilitation works as described above.

**10. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to provide a turn-off lane adjacent to Corcorans Furniture and Mr. Price on the N22.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will survey turn-off to Corcorans Furniture and Mr. Price on the N22 to see if it is feasible to provide a right turning lane at this location.

**11. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council for an update concerning the repair of the dangerous lags on the Ross Road.

**Reply:** Repair works were carried out on 300m of the L-3905, Ross Road in Q4 of 2016. However, there is no funding currently available for further resurfacing works. This roadway can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Programme which is expected to be due for renewal

in late 2017. However, further maintenance work could be carried out at this location in Q3 depending on the maintenance money available at that time.

**12. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to apply for a 50km speed restriction at Beaufort Bridge on the busy N72 Killorglin to Killarney.

**Reply:** The provision of a 50km speed restriction at Beaufort Bridge will be considered in the current Speed Limit Review.

**13. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to pursue the TII to secure funding so that works may proceed to deal with the dangerous lags on the N72 on the approach to Barraduff.

**Reply:** This roadway, the N72 west of Barraduff towards Lissivigeen requires extensive overlay works and has been submitted to the TII for consideration for funding for an overlay. Meanwhile an application has also been made to the TII through the TII Maintenance App for funding to carry out minor repair works at this location. We are awaiting confirmation on both requests. However, Kerry County Council are meeting the TII Inspector in the coming weeks and this location will be brought to their attention again.

**14. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to organise the resurfacing of Port Road in line with the relocation of a pedestrian crossing at Kerry Parents and Friends.

**Reply:** The Design Office is currently preparing an overlay proposal for the N71 at Port Road from Ballydowney Roundabout to the Cathedral. As part of these works, the pedestrian crossing and that general location will be examined and any works required will be incorporated into this project.

**15. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to erect ~~%~~Hidden Entrance+sign at entrance to home at Farranfore (name & address already supplied)

**Reply:** Signing and lining works will be carried at this location on the Firies - Farranfore roadway in the coming weeks to encourage drivers to reduce their speed at this location.

**16. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To ask that roadside skirting be done from St John's Cemetery, Coolgarraiv to the top of the Madam's Hill to assist a local community group in carrying out repairs to the stone wall.

**Reply:** Skirting works will be carried out in the coming week to adjacent to wall at St. Johns Cemetery, Coolgarraiv.

**17. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To ask for a progress report on the new cemetery lands at Knockeenduff, Killarney.

**Reply:** A Compulsory Purchase Order is currently being prepared to acquire the lands at Knockeenduff. It is expected that the Compulsory Purchase Order will be published shortly.

**18. Cllr. B. Cronin:** When will burial plots be available in the new section of Old Kilcummin Cemetery.

**Reply:** Work has commenced on the construction of the extension to Old Kilcummin Cemetery. This extension will be open for burials by June 2017.

**19. Cllr. B. Cronin:** On foot of the recent reply from the TII following my deputation from Madam's Hill, can the Council now prepare a costing for improved safety work at this junction for submission to TII.

**Reply:** The NRDO will examine traffic calming measures / junction improvement measures at this location at MadamsqHill on the N22 and prepare a feasibility report for the TII.

**20. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** What was the overall cost of replacing the culvert at Tullig, Castleisland and has all the money which was granted been spent?

**Reply:** A grant has been received for the Tullig Flood Relief Works from the OPW for " 223,000. Works have yet to be completed and an overall final cost will be provided in due course. It is anticipated that the grant will be drawn down in full.

**21. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To ask this Council, what measures it intends to put in place to ease traffic congestion in and around Killarney?

**Reply:** The works that are due to be carried out in 2017 to ease traffic congestion in Killarney Town are listed on the Traffic Management Plan Update which will be provided at the meeting.

**22. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To ask this Council when will the demountable unit be removed from Coolcaslagh?

**Reply:** This unit is due to be removed in the coming weeks.

**23. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** What progress has been made regarding purchasing/leasing land for parking in Killarney?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are actively pursuing and seeking land availability for the development of car parking in Killarney Town area.

**24. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To ask this Council, would it consider fitting a barrier outside the pedestrian gate, which exits from the Cathedral onto the Port Road?

**Reply:** The footpath outside the pedestrian gate on the Port Road is extremely narrow and putting a barrier at this point would further reduce the width of the path. Due to this, no barrier can be erected at this point.

**25. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To ask this Council, what progress has been made in relation to erecting Visitor Information Signage in Killarney Town?

**Reply:** We are working with the Tourism Unit to further progress this action.

**26. Cllr. D. Grady:** Can we receive confirmation if monies have been received in the Killarney Municipal District area for Flood Relief?

**Reply:** There has been no monies received in Killarney Municipal District to date in 2017 for flood relief.

**27. Cllr. D. Grady:** Can Kerry County Council immediately reinstate the Junction at Cathedral Place (Junction of Mission Road, Port Road and New Street) to the way it was previously.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will carry out a preliminary design for the Junction of New Street and Mission Road as per the Killarney Traffic Management Study towards the latter half of 2017.

**28. Cllr. D. Grady:** What is being done with the lags in the road on the Killarney side of Barraduff (Calfmount).

**Reply:** This roadway, the N72 west of Barraduff towards Lissivigeen requires extensive overlay works and has been submitted to the TII for consideration for funding for an overlay. Meanwhile an application has also been made to the TII through the TII Maintenance App for funding to carry out minor repair works at this location. We are awaiting confirmation on both requests. However, Kerry County Council are meeting the TII Inspector in the coming weeks and this location will be brought to their attention again.

**29. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Following my previous motions at Municipal and Full Council level, what is the update regarding Minish Railway Crossing. The state of the crossing is deteriorating at a rapid pace.

**Reply:** The surface of the N22 at Minish level crossing has been caused by settlement of the railway tracks. A request has been made to Irish Rail to address the track settlement and repair the road surface. Discussions are ongoing with Irish Rail and another site meeting is arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> April to agree the works required. A request for funding to repair the road at Minish has been made to Transport Infrastructure Ireland. However, the settlement of the rail track must be addressed before the road surface is repaired.

**30. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council and the NRA to outline what progress has been made with providing a pedestrian crossing in Barraduff.

**Reply:** Feasibility studies are currently underway in Rathmore and Barraduff to identify collision history, traffic volumes and other constraints. Kerry County Council are liaising with the TII Regional Road Safety Engineer during this process. On completion of these studies proposal will be forwarded to TII. It is anticipated that the draft reports will issue in May.

**31. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to carry out works to address the dangerous dip/lag before the Kerry Way at Glenflesk.

**Reply:** The NRDO are currently investigating options to deal with the recurring lag on the N22 Roadway at Glenflesk, which they will submit to the TII for approval and funding.

**32. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council is there any progress with providing car parking in the vicinity of Gneeveguilla Church. This is particularly needed at funeral and mass times.

**Reply:** Attempts to acquire land across the road from the Church for additional on-street parking have not proved fruitful to date.

**33. 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:** This is a private Graveyard owned by the Catholic Church. Kerry County Council were requested to lend assistance to acquire additional lands at Gneeveguilla to extend the Burial Ground. The Council have contacted the adjoining landowners in conjunction with the local Parish Priest, however, Kerry County Council have been unable to facilitate a land agreement to date. KCC have recently re-assessed the capacity of the existing Burial ground and there is potential to provide up to 100 grave spaces. This would provide adequate burial capacity in the medium term for the Gneeveguilla area. Attempts to acquire land across the road from the Church for additional on-street parking has not proved fruitful to date.

**34. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** We are just about to embark on another summer season and we have no progress made to provide extra parking in the town of Killarney. What plans have the Executive?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are actively pursuing and seeking land availability for the development of car parking in Killarney Town area.

**35. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** When will Plunkett Street be re-opened?

**Reply:** Plunkett Street is due to re-open on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017 as planned.

**36. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** What is the update on the minor work scheme being applied to the OPW in Foiladuane.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are presently re-evaluating and redesigning proposals to propose a solution that would provide a level of protection to the homeowners at this location.

As soon as this is complete, we will then be in a position to formally submit to the OPW for consideration under the Minor Works Flood Relief Scheme.

**37. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** Can the traffic lights in the Ha Ha be downgraded to a pedestrian crossing?



**Reply:** These pedestrian lights on the circulating carriageway of the HaHa Roundabout will be examined and the suggestion to replace them with a Zebra crossing will be considered.

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

**(a) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Municipal Authority calls on the HSE to make available an appropriate building or failing that, a suitable site for the development of an Alzheimer day centre for the Killarney area.

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

**2. Cllr. B. Cronin:** That we the Members of the Killarney Municipal District call on the Minister for Justice to introduce legislation to compel and fine social media networks that fail to remove, hate speech, online threats, slanderous allegations and incitement as this is vitally important to protect the rights and good name of the general public, employers and staff.

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

**3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To call on this Council to assist in any way possible with the efforts which are being undertaken by National Parks and Wildlife Service Staff, and also voluntary groups, in their efforts to eradicate rhododendron from Killarney National Park.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council commend all work carried out by National Parks and Wildlife Service Staff, and also voluntary groups in their efforts to eradicate rhododendron from Killarney National Park. As the National Park is under the remit of the NPWS, Kerry County Council would not be authorised to carry out any works within the Park. Where rhododendrons are present within public areas, we will endeavour to assist where possible.

**(b) Questions**

**1. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To request that the NPWS provide a litter bin adjacent to the toilets at Torc Waterfall. It is unacceptable that there is no bin at a major tourist and walking attraction.

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

**2. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To ask this Council, what plans are in place currently for the Sara Lee site?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council intend to commence the Part 8 Public Consultation for demolition and clearance of the site in Quarter 2, 2017. The current buildings on site are not fit for use without significant investment.

**3. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** That we send a letter thanking the organising committee of the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee in Killarney and commend them on an excellent Parade and festival weekend in Killarney.

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

**4. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** When will the works in the Town Hall be completed?

**Reply:** It all planned that all works in the Town Hall will be complete by the end of April 2017.

**(c) To agree a date for holding the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting - date previously agreed - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**(d) Approval of the following deputation:**

**(a)** Deputation from concerned parents and teachers regarding traffic management at school times in College Road, Castleisland - Cllr. J.J. Culloty

**(e) Correspondence**

**(a)** Letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from TII regarding the N22 at Madam's Hill Junction

**(b)** Letter dated 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from Minister Shane Ross, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding the N22 at Madam's Hill Junction

**(f) Matters arising from the Minutes as confirmed at 1 above**

**(g) Any Other Business**