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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, KILLARNEY ON WEDNESDAY, 7th OCTOBER 2015.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH IN HALLA AN BAILE CHILL ÁIRNE AR AN CHÉADAIOIN, 7Ú DEIREADH FÓMHAIR 2015.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. B. Cronin
Cllr. J.J. Culloty
Cllr. M. Gleeson
Cllr. D. Grady**

**Cllr. D. Healy-Rae
Cllr. N. Kelleher
Cllr. B. O'Connell
Cllr. J. Sheahan**

In attendance/i láthair

Ms. A. McAllen	Delegated Executive for the MD of Killarney
Mr. D. Doyle	Senior Engineer
Mr. P. Neary	Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. G. O'Brien	Meetings Administrator
Ms. N. O'Sullivan	Municipal District Officer
Mr. C. Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. M. Lynch	SEE Planning & Sustainable Development
Ms. S. Griffin	AO Community Services & Engagement
Ms. N. O'Mahony	Economic Planning & Tourism Officer
Ms. K. Curtin	AO Housing
Mr. C. O'Leary	EE Water Services
Ms. B. Mulryan	EE Killarney
Mr. P. Bradley	EE Community Services & Engagement
Mr. K. O'Halloran	AE Killarney
Mr. B. Mulhern	AE Killarney
Ms. M. Galvin	CO Corporate Affairs

The meeting commenced at 10.15am.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. B O'Connell took the Chair.

Vote of Sympathy

Cathaoirleach B. O'Connell on behalf of the members of the Municipal District of Killarney extended a vote of sympathy to Cllr. D. Healy-Rae and his family on the recent death of his mother, Julia Healy-Rae. All the Members wished to be associated with the sentiments expressed by the Cathaoirleach.

The Cathaoirleach Proposed that a Minutes\$ silence would be observed as a mark of respect to the former Deputy John O'Leary whose funeral was taking

place later that day. The Proposal was Seconded by Cllr. D. Grady and unanimously agreed by all the Members.

A Minute's silence was observed.

15.10.07.01 (a) Confirmation of the Minutes

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J.J. Culloty, SECONDED by Cllr. M. Gleeson, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 29th July 2015 be confirmed.

15.10.07.01 (b) Reception of Deputation from concerned business owners, Clergy and others to discuss the provision of toilets at Fair Hill, Killarney - Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

Cllr. Danny Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation to the meeting. The deputation wished that the public toilets at Fair Hill, Killarney be reinstated. In attendance at the meeting were;

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(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) addressed the meeting and said that the lack of a public toilet was a big problem for the Royal Hotel. The staff of the hotel are regularly intimidated by people who are refused to use their facilities. On a Friday night they would usually refuse up to 25 people the use of their toilets. The local Gardaí have advised that they should hire bouncers 7 nights a week in an effort to protect their staff and customers.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) said that in The Friary they have one toilet available for mass goers. Security is an issue. Elderly mass goers have become quite nervous as people using the toilets have been intimidating them. He said that people urinate on their gardens. There is a graveyard at the side of the house where the Friars are buried and people have been seen urinating on their graves. It was very disturbing to see. Since removing the toilets, the seats that replaced them have now become an area for gangs to congregate at night.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae moved his Notice of Motion at this stage.

4. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to restore the public toilets adjacent to the Fairfield and Courthouse in Killarney immediately to cater for all the visitors and public in this part of the town.

Reply: As outlined to Members at the last Municipal District Meeting, the toilets at Fair Hill were removed due to the fact that they were beyond repair and were a safety hazard to the public.

Killarney has a number of public toilets located at the Ha Ha, New Street Car Park and High Street Car Park and the Town Park. This compares very favourably with other towns.

The toilets at the Ha Ha are located close to the Fair Hill Car Park site. Kerry County Council have provided increased signage at this location and other locations directing people to public conveniences throughout the town.

Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that he has had this matter on the Agenda for the past 2 years. He said that Kerry County Council had intimated that the old toilets would be repaired once funding had been received. No other place in Ireland had as many people visiting. People arrive in buses and trains and they then enter nearby premises in town and use their facilities. He asked how much it would cost to reinstate the toilets and how long would it take. He acknowledged that there were four other public conveniences in the town but said there was a need for them. People were paying their rates and water and sewage charges and therefore, these people should not be expected to provide public conveniences for others to use. He asked for the speedy return of the toilets at Fair Hill.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the deputation. He said that the previous toilets had to be knocked. If money was not forthcoming for new toilets, then he suggested that a new facility be located in the Cultural Centre which was located nearby.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed and supported the deputation. He once had a business opposite The Royal for many years. He said it was necessary that a public convenience be located here as it was near the bus and rail station and was an essential convenience for the many visitors to the town. Cllr. Sheahan stated that the cost of providing a public toilet sounded very high.

Cllr. B. Cronin thanked (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) and said that he shared the sentiments expressed. He had asked at the previous Municipal District Meeting for public toilets at this location. He was aware of the predicament that staff in hotels find themselves in. Cllr. Cronin said it was a disgrace that people would urinate near graves. Killarney was a unique town and at the height of the tourist season, up to 25,000 people would pass through it so a facility was needed at this location. He was in favour of replacing the old convenience with a modern facility. He said that the quotation seemed astronomical.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the deputation to the meeting. He said that the structure had to be knocked as it was a health and safety issue. He stated that what happened in the Friary Graveyard was obscene. Cllr. Gleeson said that proper signage was hugely important so as to direct people to the existing toilets.

Mr. P. Neary welcomed the deputation. He said that the toilets at Fair Hill were an eyesore and a health and safety issue and therefore had to be closed. The area needed to be tidied up as it was regularly highlighted on

Tidy Towns adjudication reports. Mr. Neary said that in recent days, additional signage had been erected directing people to alternative facilities. The Council had brought in extra toilets to cater for the Munster Football Final. He said that he would talk to the owners of Bird's Bazaar with a view to discussing the possibility that they provide toilet facilities when they visit the town. In relation to staff intimidation, Mr. Neary said that all public conveniences in the town are opened from 8.00am . 8.30pm in the summer and 8.00am . 7.00pm in the winter. The Council provide a day+service only. The toilets in New Street are due to be upgraded and it is planned to provide a bus parking bay on Mission Road so any people using the bus service would be accessing the toilets at that location.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the deputation to the meeting. He queried the price quoted to reinstate the toilets and also asked if it would be possible to locate toilets at the Áras Pádraig building.

Cllr. D. Grady said that the reply from Management was very bleak. He said that a facility was required that side of town.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae thanked the Councillors who spoke in favour of the deputation. The people in this deputation were busy people who had come in to discuss the matter. He said he was disappointed with Management's response. Toilets had always been at this location. He said that if there was an issue about putting the toilets back in the same position, then they could be relocated behind the Courthouse. The business owners in the area were entitled to have these.

Ms. A. McAllen said that as Head of Finance, she was conscious of the needs of rate payers and that they fund one-third of the Council's overall income. She stated that the toilets were removed as they were unsightly. A balance needs to be struck between the needs of visitors and rate payers, Tidy Towns Committees and locals. Ms. McAllen said there was a need for more seating areas in the town and this was part of the decision why the seating area replaced the toilets. Four public toilets in the town were considered adequate. The Council had recently increased signage in the town and was looking at improving the existing facilities and providing disabled access also. She agreed to keep the matter under review. In relation to the suggestion to provide facilities at Áras Pádraig, Ms. McAllen said that this building was not in the Council's ownership. The Cultural Centre is owned by the Council but she said that she would first wait to see how matters develop. The Members would keep it on the Agenda and it would be reviewed again.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) addressed the meeting. He supported the comments made by *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* He referred to the anti-social behaviour that had occurred in the previous toilets and said that the lack of a facility was only pushing the problem into the Royal Hotel and Jimmy O'Brien's Pub. He asked that the toilets be reinstated.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Proposed that the Council write to the Court Service to request that they provide an in-house toilet at the Courthouse in Killarney.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Proposal.

15.10.07.01 (c) Presentation by Ms Patricia Deane, Rural Recreation Officer, South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd. Regarding MacGillycuddy Reeks Mountain Access Forum

Ms. Patricia Deane of South Kerry Development Partnership made a presentation on The MacGillycuddy Reeks Mountain Access Pilot Project.

- " In 2009, Comhairle na Tuaithe (the National Countryside Council) devised the concept of the Mountain Access Scheme, naming two areas for pilot access schemes - Mount Gable in Connemara and Carrantuohill in County Kerry.
- " On examination of the proposed Carrantuohill Pilot Mountain Access Scheme, it became evident that because of the extensive nature of hill walking in the area and the numerous potential access routes, that a more expansive approach was required. In that regard, it was proposed the pilot scheme should incorporate the complete MacGillycuddy Reeks which are Ireland's highest mountains.
- " SLR Consulting Ireland (SLR) was commissioned in June 2013 by South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd (SKDP) through the INTERREG IWB NWE Rural Alliances Programme, in association with the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government (Rural Recreation Section), and Fáilte Ireland to carry out a **Mountain Access Development Assessment for the MacGillycuddy Reeks**.
- " The objective of this project was to assess the potential for establishment of an appropriate management structure (including support facilities and services), to manage the *MacGillycuddy Reeks Mountain Access Scheme* to ensure its long term viability. The Partners sought to provide an integrated model for responsible access to the extensive upland area between the Gap of Dunloe and Glencar Valley, one of the most iconic mountain ranges in the country. Fundamentally underpinning such an approach is the need for permissive access agreements with landowners, both of commonage and privately owned lands, within a partnership-based management framework.
- " The main conclusion from the developmental assessment was that a representative management forum with an agreed and prioritised action plan would be required to achieve integrated environmental, social and economic sustainability.
- " Upland Path Audit, Remedial Plan & Indicative Costings completed in April 2015-findings/recommendations:
- " to develop a local skilled workforce *in conjunction* with capital programmes, and to sustain this in the longer term through phasing into other areas.
- " Despite the heavy damage on the priority 1 and 2 paths at Devil's Ladder and Hag's Glen, the rest of the erosion at the moment is generally localised, and still very much in the development phase. A light touch and pre-emptive intervention in the next few years could well prevent the

development of much heavier path erosion in future years, and the need for much heavier intervention!

- " 12 paths were surveyed totaling 22,892m
- " Total estimated cost of repair to these is " 572,000 + VAT*
- " 1 of these was given Priority 1, the Main Path at Devil's Ladder
- " 1 of the paths was given overall a Priority 2
- " 5 paths were given Priority 3

REDZ Application

Kerry County Council in conjunction with The MacGillycuddy Reeks Forum submitted an application for funding to develop a locally based skilled workforce in upland trail repair and would repair badly damaged upland trails as part of a capital works program in the MacGillycuddy Reeks, Co Kerry.

LIFE Application

A LIFE proposal is being developed at present aimed at addressing long term recreational damage associated with sustained, unmanaged and growing recreational pressure . which has resulted in loss and degradation of upland vegetation, habitat and soils in the MacGillycuddy Reeks.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed Ms. P. Deane to the meeting and thanked her for her presentation. For the past year he has been a member of the Forum. He said that much had been achieved in that year. It is made up of development groups, landowners and guides. He said that Ms. Deane was the %engine+ behind this Forum and it was making great progress. Cllr. Sheahan thanked Kerry County Council for their support during the year. Everyone was working to bring people together and repair the damage to the mountains for future generations.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty thanked Ms. Deane for her informative presentation. He was a visitor to the Reeks on a regular basis. People who go there might be in Killarney for a week and visit the Reeks for a day. They were iconic in Ireland and the world. Cllr. Culloty stated that the work being carried out by the Forum is fantastic. It was great to hear that the cost to carry out repairs to the Devil's Ladder was not excessive. He enquired if the local businesses were promoting the sale of the %an a Friend of the Reeks+stickers.

Ms. Deane said that she had written to 138 business in Killarney asking them to sell these stickers and a number of businesses now stocked them.

Cllr. Culloty suggested that someone should call in person to the shops promoting the stickers as this is very important. He also referred to Mangerton and said that the top was eroding but it had nothing to do with walkers. There is a whole area of gravel but no one is walking on it.

Cllr. D. Grady acknowledged the important work that the Forum is carrying out. He offered his full support to the group.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said that we should focus our minds on where our tourism is, i.e. walking, climbing and cycling. It has taken us until very recently to

appreciate that. 5,000 visitors to Cronin's Yard indicates the attraction of the area. Surrounding areas such as Killorglin and Beaufort have all benefited from these visitors. The Reeks offer enormous potential. Cllr. Gleeson congratulated Ms. Deane and the Forum on their achievements.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated he was grateful to Ms. Deane for her presentation. Carrantuohill was a National gem and all of Kerry benefits from it. Our priority should be to keep the paths in good order. He said he appreciated the work of the group.

Cllr. N. Kelleher complimented the Forum on taking the initiative to progress with this project. He said the Reeks were great for both the tourism and the economy. He complimented Ms. P. Deane, Cllr. J. Sheahan and everyone on the Forum for their efforts.

Cllr. B. Cronin acknowledged the tremendous work being undertaken by the Forum. It is a beautiful and sensitive area. He said that the paths should be maintained. He offered his assistance to Ms. Deane and Cllr. Sheahan in an effort to get funding.

15.10.07.02 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would provide an update on the progress made, in conjunction with interested organisations, towards the development of a permanent public address system in Killarney.

Reply: Joan McCarthy, Head of Tourism Development, is currently looking into the feasibility of having such an address system in Killarney. However, it should be noted that issues around the management and maintenance of the system, as well as Health & Safety considerations, all need to be examined.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that when there are public occasions in Killarney, public announcements need to be made in an appropriate and convenient way. He thought at this stage that the reply would be saying "all considerations are being examined" instead of "need to be examined". This was important to Killarney. He asked that the Council get involved in the matter with the Chamber of Commerce.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

Ms. A. McAllen said that Ms. J. McCarthy has been working with the Chamber of Commerce on this issue and she would arrange to update Cllr. Gleeson on the matter.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has Management made sufficient progress in their discussions with interested parties to allow for optimism about the development of the walkway cum cycleway from Ross Road to Muckross Road, partially along the bank of the River Flesk?

Reply: I can confirm that discussions are underway in relation to the development of the walkway cum cycleway from Ross Road to Muckross Road, partially along the bank of the River Flesk with all relevant parties.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply and complimented the Town Manager. He asked that everything possible be done to bring this to fruition. It would offer enormous benefit to locals and tourists in Killarney.

15.10.07.03 Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life

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

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. John Breen, Director of Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life which was circulated.

REPORT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES /QUALITY OF LIFE DIRECTORATE KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING OCTOBER 2015

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT SEPTEMBER 2015

Business Unit Manager - Mr. Vincent Hussey, ACFO

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- There were 743 incidents up to the end of August 2015 compared to 686 incidents for the same period in 2014.
- The number of gorse fires was 214 up to the end of August 2015, compared with 84 for the same period last year. While the numbers have stabilized it is still true to state that the overall increase in this type of incident will have a consequent negative impact on the Fire Service Operations budget for 2015.
- The number of chimney fires was 99 up to the end of August 2015, compared with 81 for the same period last year.

- The number of Road traffic collisions in the county was 91 up to the end of August 2015, compared with 109 for the same period last year-a welcome decrease.
- Initial Breathing Apparatus Training for recruit fire fighters took place during August. This is to fill positions in Tralee, Killarney, Killorglin and Castleisland.
- All Fire fighters from each of the 10 stations have received training on the use of Defibrillators. These are now carried on our front line appliances for the safety of our crews.
- A Community Fire Safety Demonstration took place in Caherciveen and Sneem as part the local food festivals in the towns during the summer.
- Kerry Fire Service requested capital funding from the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management, (NDFEM), to upgrade floors in Castleisland and Killorglin Fire Stations and also to replace 2 No. brigade mechanics vans. I am pleased to advise that our requests have been approved by the NDFEM.
- Notice of the proposed extension to Killarney Fire Station was posted in the local press and a site notice has been erected. This is for a proposed 3No. bay extension to the Station.

Major Emergency Management

- Regional participation has been ongoing. The third quarterly meeting of the Control of Major Accident Hazards, COMAH Group, for 2015 was held on 31st August.

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers continued to provide the Courts with recommendations in respect of any licencing applications notified to the Fire Service.
- Fire Officers carried out during performance inspections at a number of premises in the county.
- A pre event exercise was conducted at Listowel racecourse in advance of the Listowel Racing Festival. Brigades from Listowel and Ballybunion took part in this exercise, which involved the use of Breathing apparatus and a search & rescue scenario in the Main Stand building.

Building Control:

- 228 Commencement Notices were received up to the end of August 2015.
- The number of Disability Access Certificate applications received was 59 for the same period.

- A total of 88 Fire Safety Certificate applications have been received up to the end of August.

Civil Defence:

Training:

- A full Emergency First Responder Course is planned for Local Fire Service in September & October.
8 x Students Tralee Course 21st.to 25th. September
7 x Students Killarney Course 28th. September to 2nd. October
Assessments/Exams to take place in October.
- A demo car was received on loan from the University of Limerick. This is a specially designed car to assist with Road Traffic Collision extrication training. Training using this demo car was provided to Tralee, Killarney, Castleisland and Dingle firefighters.
- Works have been completed on the new Civil Defence warehouses in Monavalley Tralee.
- Nationally, a new director of Civil Defence has been appointed. He is Mr. Stephen Hall.
- A White Paper has been published on Civil Defence.

Duties:

- Duties attended in August by Civil Defence : The Annascaul Beerfest, The Tralee Ultra Marathon, Killorglin Pony Show, Puck Fair, The Rose of Tralee Festival , The National Coastal Rowing Championships, Cycle Against Suicide, Sandstorm and the Mid - Kerry Vintage Rally.
- Listowel Races . Civil Defence assisted at 7 day harvest festival in Listowel.

HOUSING SERVICES REPORT SEPTEMBER, 2015

Business Unit Manager Ms. Kathleen Moriarty, SEO

Capital Assistance Scheme 2015 Call for Proposals

Following on from the DOECLG Call for Proposals to Approved Housing Bodies issued in March 2015 seeking Capital Assistance Scheme proposals, Projects in Kerry were allocated total funding of " 3.93 mn for the delivery of 26 housing units. These 26 units are located in Tralee and a further funding announcement may be made in relation to housing projects in other parts of the county. The Council continues to work closely with Approved Housing Bodies as part of the delivery of the Housing Programme to meet our needs.

Returning Vacant Houses to Productive Use

As previously advised the Council received funding earlier this year under the Voids Programme to enable the return of 53 housing units. As the number of vacant units returning to the Council exceeds this number, additional funding had been sought to enable works on additional houses, in order to return them to productive use. Additional funding has now been secured to carry out works on a further 77 units and are currently advancing these works in accordance with the Programme.

Capital Advance Leasing Facility – Voluntary Housing with Approved Housing Bodies

The Council is in the process of completing agreements for houses through the Capital Advance Leasing Facility in conjunction with Approved Housing Bodies in Killorglin and Kenmare. It is expected that a total of 18 units will be secured in 3 different locations for allocation to qualified housing applicants on the Council's Waiting List. Cluid and Tuath Housing are well established approved housing bodies and it is expected that these units will become available very soon.

LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2015

Business Unit Manager – Tommy O'Connor, Co. Librarian

Library service:

" The 2015 summer reading programme at Kerry Library was an outstanding success. This year, Kerry participated in a national pilot initiative, supported by the LGMA (Libraries Development) with 13 other local authority libraries. All libraries, including Castleisland & Killarney participated and the uptake in both far exceeded that of previous years. Library usage continues to grow. Overall, 433,386 items were borrowed from Kerry's libraries up to the end of August 2015. This is 66% of the total no. borrowed during 2014. In addition, 306,725 individual visits were recorded across the service.

" Forthcoming events at Killarney & Castleisland Libraries:



Open Day at Castleisland Library

Come along and see what the library has to offer you

Thursday, 1 October 2015

10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Children's Book Festival

Killarney Library

Tuesday, 6 October

Song writing workshop with Ruti Lachs

4th -6th Classes

The participatory schools' workshops will include a performance of original songs based on the Alice in Wonderland story, which has its 150th anniversary this year. During the workshop, the children will be encouraged to input musical and lyrical ideas in order to create a new song.

Castleisland Library

Wednesday 7 October, 12 noon

Bob Burke, author **Bisto/CBI award winning author of The Third Pig Detective Agency series [suitable for 5/6th Class]**

Saturday, 10 October, 11.00a.m. . 1.00p.m.

Writing, Poetry, Playwriting Workshop, 11-1pm with KCC Writer in Residence, Máire Holmes [suitable for 5/6th Class]

Sewing & Fashion Club at Killarney Library

Killarney Library, Friday, 9 October 2015, 11.00 am - 1.00 pm

Business Advice Clinic

one to one business advice with Local Enterprise Office mentor

Killarney Library, Wednesday, 14 October 2015, 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Contact Local Enterprise Office for information **Phone:** 066 7183522

Email: LEO@kerrycoco.ie

National Learning Network Advice Clinic at Killarney Library

Killarney Library, Tuesday, 20 October, 11.00am ó 1.00pm

Kerry Film Festival Short films

Kerry Film Festival, short films showing on Thursday, 22 October at 6.00pm - 7.30pm

- Caherciveen Library
- Killarney Library
- Tralee Library

further information - www.kerryfilmfestival.com

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SERVICES REPORT SEPTEMBER 2015

Business Unit Manager – Mr. Liam Quinlan, Senior Executive Officer

Congratulations to all Tidy Town Groups for maintaining the high standards over the past year. The recent National Results show the progress that continues to be made with 7 towns/villages in the county achieving over 300 points. This is an exceptional result and is as a result of the consistent voluntary work of the communities. Killarney was just 2 points short of the overall winner Letterkenny and the local tidy town group have been exceptionally helpful to other groups in Kerry in advising them on how to improve their results.

A Green Schools Seminar for Teachers was held in Ballygarry House on Sept 24th. We expect 4 . 5 new schools to apply for their first flag and 81 schools to renew their flag. Practically all of the schools in Killarney town and surrounding area have now been awarded the Green Flag.

National adjudicator, Billy Flynn will be available to 4 Tidy Town groups in Kerry during October to offer advice on how to improve their performance in the National Competition. We are currently going through the adjudicators reports to decide which towns and villages he will visit.

Killarney Tidy Town group and Transition Kerry are currently discussing a series of 4 workshops on sustainable living which will be held in the town during Oct/Nov. These workshops will be open to the public to attend and will include issues such as preventing food waste, energy use, water conservation and food production.

Contact has been made with Dr. Matthew Jebb, Director of the Botanic Gardens, in relation to the control of Japanese Knotweed. Mr. Jebb

recently contacted Cllr. Michael Gleeson about a more coordinated national approach to dealing with the problem of this invasive species. Discussions are ongoing on how to best approach the issue. A national seminar is one of the ideas being discussed. The Local Authority in Kerry is to the fore in dealing with Japanese Knotweed and Dr. Jebb would like other local authorities to follow our lead.

Kerry County Council Dog and Litter Wardens are currently jointly carrying out house to house calls in a number of estates and walking routes around the county, including the Killarney Municipal District during September and October in an effort to raise awareness amongst dog owners of their responsibility to license and control their dogs and to clean up after them in public places. A specific article on this issue was placed in the Kerryman in September and an interview was also held with our County Veterinary Officer on Kerry Radio on this important topic

COMMUNITY SERVICES & ENGAGEMENT REPORT SETPTMBER 2015

Business Unit Manager – Mr. Brian Looney, Head of I.S.

Management Changes:

Michael Scannell will be taking responsibility for the LCDC and LECP development with him to his new portfolio as Acting Director for Economic Development

Brian Looney has been assigned management responsibilities for the staff and functions of the Community Services & Engagement Section, while continuing as Head of Information Systems.

Joint Policing Committee

The first meeting of the JPC took place on Sept 11th under the Chair of Cllr Niall Kelleher. Killarney MD is well represented in terms of Councillor and PPN representatives.

In the period ahead, the priorities are to establish the JPC strategy and an annual plan for 2016. The themes which were raised at the initial meeting for consideration of the JPC included:

- Installation and monitoring and maintenance of town CCTV systems
- Anti social behaviour and tackling same
- Youth facilities available
- Development of the Juvenile intervention programme
- Drug use and drugs related trends
- Development of the purple flag model for towns
- Development of more cohesive and resilient communities

- Working with transport providers on servicing the night time economy
- Targeted annual programmes for safety of different sectors such as elderly , school children etc
- Dog control and safety issues
- Enhanced Road Safety awareness
- %Boy racers+and dealing with issues associated
- Increased amount of burglaries and tackling same
- How the JPC could assist tourism matters such as festivals and events

Kerry Public Participation Network.

The Public Participation Network has continued to work on the public consultation surrounding the Local Economic & Community Plan and also the Library Strategy for the county.

Community Support Fund.

We have been in communication with successful applicants who have not yet claimed to make sure to draw down the assigned funding in the CSF timeframe.

Elsewhere in this October meeting, late applications which have been examined by the Community Services team, are being brought for consideration by the members. There is some residual funding for Killarney MD to fund these applications.

Local Economic & Community Plan

A number of consultative workshops have been organised recently in the areas of Retail and Rural Economic Development which had strong recurring Community development themes.

Broadband

Although we consider Broadband to primarily an Economic driver, there are a number of Higher-level Goals in the LECP draft which Broadband is essential for or can assist in both the Quality of Life theme and the Social Inclusion theme.

The Council has made a detailed submission to the DCENR under the National Broadband Plan . draft Intervention Strategy consultation call.

Most of this Municipal District outside of Killarney Town and Castleisland a will have very low likely penetration of commercial services and conversely the greatest need for intervention.

We have advocated a number of priority developmental interventions and Killarney MD has a number of identified priority locations based on economic criteria we used..

Sports Partnership

Work on development of a Sports Strategy is well advanced under the auspices of the Kerry Recreation and Sport Partnership Board. A suitable replacement Chair Micheal Ó Muircheartaigh is being actively pursued.

Each MD now has a rep on the Board which is regarded as important by the Irish Sports Council.

***Mr. John Breen,
Director of Services,
Sustainable Communities/Quality of Life***

Social Housing Activity Report as at 23rd September 2015

Killarney Municipal Area (K.M.A.)

Social Housing Applicants (Year to Date Position)

Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area	20
New Tenancies Commenced	16
Accommodation refusals	1

Social Houses

Vacant properties within Municipal Area	
Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)	6
Awaiting Allocation	8
Construction Programme	
Single Rural Dwellings - under construction	1
Single Rural Dwellings -Tender Stage	0
Extensions - applications on hands	8
Extensions - under construction	0

Rental Accommodation Scheme

	<u>County</u>	<u>K.M.A.</u>
Total Active Tenancies	865	206
New tenancies in 2015	95	34
Tenancies terminated in 2015	31	5

Leasing

	<u>County</u>	<u>K.M.A.</u>
Leased Properties	92	23
Leases under negotiation	16	5

Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>"</u>
2015 Allocation		1.789m
New Grants Allocated 2015	270	1.363m
Total 2015 Commitment	222	1.104m
Grants Paid	167	0.816m

(b) Report on the Local Economic & Community Plan – Socio-Economic Statement & Higher Level Goals

Ms. N. O'Mahony referred the Members to the Report on the Local Economic & Community Plan+which had been distributed to the Members in each Municipal District area for information purposes. She stated that the Kerry Local Community Development Committee were in the process of developing a Local Economic and Community Plan and it was going through a number of stages.

Ms. O'Mahony invited the Members to attend a workshop to develop the Plan and to identify actions for the Killarney Municipal District area. It was agreed that the workshop would be held on 21st October 2015 at 3.00pm.

(c) Community Support Fund – Consideration of additional applications

Ms. S. Griffin circulated a list of late applications received under the Community Support Fund for the Killarney Municipal District.

On 15th May this year the members of Killarney Municipal District considered the initial applications submitted under the Community Support Fund. Additional applications have been submitted since the closing date of the original grants scheme, and these applications are included in the following spreadsheet for consideration by the members at the meeting.
(Names withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, SECONDED by Cllr. J.J. Culloty it was agreed to approve the allocations considered for late applications from the 2015 Community Support Fund for the Municipal District of Killarney as outlined in the report circulated.

Cllr. N. Kelleher thanked Ms. Griffin and her team for all their work involved in the administration of the fund.

Ms. A. McAllen thanked the Community Services & Engagement Department for their work on the Community Support Fund.

Cllr. B. O'Connell thanked all the Councillors who voted for the retention of the Local Property Tax which, in turn, funded the Community Support Fund.

(d) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That this Authority would erect a suitable memorial to honour the memory of 2nd World War heroine, Killarney native, Jane/Janie [Janíl] McCarthy. She was awarded France's highest award, the Legion d'Honneur and also the Croix de Guerre and a Croix de la Resistance. The United States of America honoured her with the Medal of Freedom and Britain awarded her the Tedder Certificate. During that terrible war she devoted her energy and money to rescuing those in Paris whose lives were in mortal danger from the Gestapo.

Reply: Kerry County Council will arrange, in consultation with Councillor Gleeson, for a memorial plaque to be erected with a suitable inscription to honour the works and achievement of Janíl Mc Carthy as requested.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that as the annual Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty celebration is about to begin, this was an appropriate time to recall the almost unsung heroism of Jane McCarthy who was born in January 1885 and was originally from New Street in Killarney.

Having left Killarney in 1910 at 25 years of age to work as an au pair in France, she soon became a teacher and graduated from the Sorbonne University. During the terrible years of the 2nd World War when France was an occupied country, she became a very active member of the Resistance. Her apartment was used as a safe haven. She led many to safety from the city and across international frontiers. Ms McCarthy put her own life at risk to save people.

As the Notice of Motion states, her heroism was internationally recognised by France, Britain and the United States. The French Government awarded her the Legion d'Honneur, the Croix de Guerre and the Croix de la Resistance. President Eisenhower acknowledged her greatness with the Medal of Freedom and a citation. Most of the money that she earned was expended on the welfare of internees and on French resistance men in hiding from the Germans. She often visited Killarney while on holidays. Ms McCarthy died in the 1960s.

Cllr. Gleeson said that it took many years for the greatness of Monsignor O’Flaherty to be recognised in Killarney and he asked the Council to do everything to ensure that Jane’s life and times be acknowledged. He stated that she must have relations in the area and asked that a message be sent out that they make themselves known.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

2. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council what are its intentions in relation to the purchase of the private cemetery at Aghadoe.

Reply: The Council are actively engaged in sourcing lands for a new graveyard for Killarney. All options are being considered presently. We will advise Members at the next Municipal District Meeting, or earlier, if matters are concluded.

Cllr. J. Sheahan noted the reply.

3. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council for an update in relation to the provision of a public cemetery for Killarney.

Reply: The Council are actively engaged in sourcing lands for a new graveyard for Killarney. All options are being considered presently. We will advise Members at the next Municipal District Meeting, or earlier, if matters are concluded.

Cllr. J. Sheahan asked for an update in relation to Knockeenduve.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that she was committed to dealing with the purchase of new land for a cemetery for Killarney. She said that Mr. Colm Mangan had also been designated to deal with this matter. Ms. McAllen confirmed that the matter would be dealt with as expeditiously as possible.

Cllr. B. Cronin fully supported the request. He stated that the local undertakers have written to the Council on the crisis they are facing. This was a matter of utmost urgency.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated he wished to reiterate the importance of this matter. He urged the Council to find a solution as soon as possible.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that every effort must be made to resolve the matter.

Cllr. D. Grady said the people of Killarney are asking for this. There is a big problem in Aghadoe.

4. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to restore the public toilets adjacent to the Fairfield and Courthouse in Killarney immediately to cater for all the visitors and public in this part of the town.

Reply: As outlined to Members at the last Municipal District Meeting, the toilets at Fair Hill were removed due to the fact that they were beyond repair and were a safety hazard to the public.

Killarney has a number of public toilets located at the Ha Ha, New Street Car Park and High Street Car Park and the Town Park. This compares very favourably with other towns.

The toilets at the Ha Ha are located close to the Fair Hill Car Park site. Kerry County Council have provided increased signage at this location and other locations directing people to public conveniences throughout the town.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae acknowledged that he had discussed this matter when the deputation were present.

5. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to progress public toilets for Farranfore.

Reply: Kerry County Council has no plans to provide public toilets in Farranfore.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated he was very disappointed with the reply. Thousands of people passed through Farranfore on a daily basis and it was the ambition of the local community to have public toilets in the town. It is a very progressive village and people stop there regularly. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that he would raise the issue again. He asked that the Council would look at a solution offered by a resident of Farranfore.

6. 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: Kerry County Council estimate that based on current usage, that this Cemetery will have grave spaces remaining for at least 6 more years.

Kerry County Council has met with the Parish Priest for Gneeveguilla who is going to employ his own engineer to map out their graveyard. He will revert to Kerry County Council.

Heretofore, the option of widening the road opposite the Gneeveguilla church was investigated as a means of providing some extra parking at this location. Agreement with the adjacent landowner could not be reached. Kerry County Council currently has no funding for the provision of a public car park at Gneeveguilla Church.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that he disputed that there were grave spaces remaining for 6 years. He agreed to liaise with the Parish Priest regarding the mapping out of his land. He said he was conscious that people are leaving their cars on the through road and it gets blocked. An emergency vehicle would not be able to gain access if it was blocked.

7. Cllr. D. Grady: That this Council receive an update on all rent increases over the last two months for tenants in Local Authority houses in this area.

Reply: Rent is assessed based on household income and is calculated in accordance with the Council's Differential Rent Scheme across the four Municipal Districts of the County. There has been no change to the Council's Differential Rent Scheme in the past year. The current Scheme has been in operation since 2007. Following on from the most recent rent assessment, the average weekly rent increased from " 44 per week to " 45.80. In the recent annual rent review it was noted that there was a marked increase in those with additional income generally. It was also noted that with the changes implemented at national level regarding the payment of lone parent allowance, that these changes may have impacted on the rental calculation as payment changed to job seekers allowances which resulted in an increased rental calculation.

The Council operates a hardship policy and should any tenant be experiencing difficulties in paying their weekly rent or have any queries in this regard, they should make contact with the Housing Department directly and their circumstances will be reviewed.

Former Killarney Town Area:

Total Rents Assessed in Killarney Town area only: 307

Of the total assessed in this area:

52% either saw no increase or no reduction in assessed rent for 2015
23% saw an increase of between " 1.00 - " 9.00. Of the remaining 25%, these saw increases in excess of " 10.00. These rent increases, in many cases, were due to changes in household circumstances or/and due to additional household income.

Of the 3,859 overall rent accounts assessed in the County as part of the 2015 Rent Assessment, 70% of tenants saw no change or a decrease in rent calculation for 2015. Of the remaining 30% that saw an increase, this was mostly due to changes in household circumstances or due to additional household income.

Cllr. D. Grady acknowledged that a lot of queries had been answered but there were still a few outstanding. Some rents were increased from €50 to €70. Cllr. Grady asked if MABS were involved with the tenants or did the Council operate a separate Hardship Scheme.

Ms. K. Curtin said the Council had their own Hardship Policy and each case is examined individually.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that he had received a lot of queries from tenants, especially in the Killarney Town area, whose rent had increased substantially. He asked that a gradual increase be applied, possibly over 2 - 3 years.

Ms. K. Curtin stated that the Differential Rent Scheme has been in operation since 2007 and the details of same have not changed. She confirmed that the increased rents were being phased in over a 3 year period. She asked that tenants would contact the Housing Department if they were experiencing difficulties with their payments.

8. Cllr. D. Grady: That the Executive would explain why stoves are not supplied to our Local Authority tenants when they have supplied medical evidence that a stove is required.

Reply: Each tenant application requesting the installation of a stove will be examined in detail and taken on its own merits based on their circumstances including any medical condition they may have. Stoves can be expensive to purchase and install so in that respect, the costs associated with same will need to be available along with sufficient resources being available by the Council to undertake this work.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the Council must ensure that sufficient funding is available for repairs. Funding has decreased substantially.

(e) Questions

1. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if the transfer of acquired lands at Old Kilcummin Cemetery has been completed and if drawings have been prepared in order for it to proceed to tender stage.

Reply: The transfer of lands has occurred and drawings are being prepared presently.

Cllr. J. Sheahan acknowledged the reply.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: Is there any progress identifying a site for a playground in Firies?

Reply: A site has been secured for the provision of a playground for Firies Village. Presently a Playground Committee is being established, in accordance with our Play Policy, to advance the planning and design of the playground. We are assisting the community in establishing the required committee.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that he was delighted to hear that a site had been identified. He asked what was the timeframe for a committee to be set up and if this project would be suitable for an application under the Community Support Fund. He stated that children who moved in here in 2001 are aged 15 or 16 now. He offered his support to the project.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that this project was being established in accordance with the Council's Play Policy and accordingly, she assumed it would be suitable for funding. Ms. McAllen agreed to confirm this and revert to Cllr. Cronin.

3. Cllr. B. Cronin: Will Kerry County Council fill in the decommissioned septic tanks in Parkview Estate, Farranfore to facilitate planting and enhancement works?

Reply: Kerry County Council will apply to Irish Water for funding to facilitate such worthy planting and enhancement works.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the local committee wanted to carry out planting and enhancement works. He asked that the Council apply for funding to Irish Water. It is a frequently trafficked area.

Mr. P. Neary informed the meeting that the Water Services Department will apply to Irish Water for funding to decommission and backfill the septic tanks.

4. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask has any progress been made with regard to acquiring extra graveyard space in Gneeveguilla? Also, would it be possible to ask for car parking spaces to be provided in front of the Priest's house adjacent to the Church in Gneeveguilla.

Reply: Kerry County Council estimate that based on current usage, that this Cemetery will have grave spaces remaining for at least 6 more years.

Kerry County Council has met with the Parish Priest for Gneeveguilla who is going to employ his own engineer to map out their graveyard. He will revert to Kerry County Council.

Heretofore, the option of widening the road opposite the Gneeveguilla church was investigated as a means of providing some extra parking at this location. Agreement with the adjacent landowner could not be reached. Kerry County Council currently has no funding for the provision of a public car park at Gneeveguilla Church.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that he was looking for just enough ground to park cars or an ambulance. He said there was available space in front of the Priest's house.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to approach the Parish Priest on the matter.

5. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask what progress has been made with the provision of a graveyard for the people of Killarney.

Reply: The Council are actively engaged in sourcing lands for a new graveyard for Killarney. All options are being considered presently. We will advise Members at the next Municipal District Meeting, or earlier, if matters are concluded.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae acknowledged the reply.

6. Cllr. N. Kelleher: In accordance with the provisions of Section 136 of The Local Government Act 2001, can Kerry County Council provide a waiting list of people approved and waiting for social housing in the Municipal District?

Reply: Following Councillor Kelleher's Notice of Motion to the Killarney Municipal District meeting in July, seeking access to Housing service applicants, we gave a commitment to engage with the Data Protection Commissioners office on the basis that:

1. DPC Office had previously advised (2010) that they saw no legal basis for the provision of such personal information to Councillors , but,
2. the ~~Right~~ Right to Information+section of the Local Government Act . Section 136 . had been strengthened and broadened by the Local Government Reform Act, 2014.

Siobhán Browne, Compliance Officer with the Data Protection Commissioners Office responded to my memo on September 16th, 2015.

In summary she advises that:

- The Data Protection Commissioners Office previously queried if a legal basis exists generally for the circulation of housing lists to elected representatives. It is their understanding **that no such legal basis exists.**
- The Data Protection Commissioners Office has examined Section 51 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014.
- Their position on this matter has not changed.

It would therefore not be prudent to provide the members with the information sought under Councillor Kelleher's Motion as such a disclosure may be illegal under Data Protection Law.

The Commissioner's view is that the oversight role of elected representatives should be conducted using aggregated and anonymised data.

Councillors can also make representations on behalf of Data Subjects where the Data subject has requested or instigated that process.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked if he could receive the aggregated and anonymised data referred to in the reply.

7. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the position with acquiring a graveyard for Killarney?

Reply: The Council are actively engaged in sourcing lands for a new graveyard for Killarney. All options are being considered presently. We will advise Members at the next Municipal District Meeting, or earlier, if matters are concluded.

Cllr. N. Kelleher acknowledged the reply.

8. Cllr. N. Kelleher: How many applicants are currently on the waiting list for housing in the Killarney Municipal District? How many are single applicants?

Reply: There are currently 1,626 qualified housing applicants on the waiting list in the Killarney Municipal District. The number of single applicants is 719 (44%).

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that there was a big issue here as 44% of applicants are single. He said he did not think the funding was adequate to deal with this issue.

9. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Are there restrictions on the levels of sound on our streets emanating from buskers and from licensed premises?

Reply: While there are no restrictions as such on the levels of sound emanating from buskers and from licensed premises, if individual complaints are received, Kerry County Council will investigate the complaint to resolve the situation to the satisfaction of all parties involved.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that buskers now had amplification when performing on the streets. Something must be done about this. There will be problems in the future if this keeps continuing. This is a big problem at night time in our town. He asked if Bye-Laws could be implemented to stop the level of noise. He said that some controls need to be put in place.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

10. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: What is the current situation regarding the purchase of a graveyard for the people of Killarney and the surrounding areas?

Reply: The Council are actively engaged in sourcing lands for a new graveyard for Killarney. All options are being considered presently. We will advise Members at the next Municipal District Meeting, or earlier, if matters are concluded.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty noted the reply.

15.10.07.04 Water Services Directorate

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

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. Colm Mangan, SEE Water Services which was circulated.

Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme

Achoimre Stádais ar an 30th September 2015

Status Summary at 30ú Meán Fomhair 2015

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

Irish Water has indicated that it will prioritize funding for capital projects based on the key issues to be addressed.

In Water, priority will be given to any Scheme to which a Boil Water Notice (BWN) applies, and any Scheme on the EPA Remedial Action List (RAL) and/or on a legal Direction from the EPA.

In Wastewater, priority will be given to towns (agglomerations) to which ECJ Ruling apply, and on meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licenses.

IRISH WATER CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016

The Irish Water **Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016** was launched in May 2014. A total of 8 wastewater Schemes (total value of " 10.7 million) and 7 Water schemes (total value of " 22.5 million) in Kerry are included in the IW Capital Investment Programme. The Schemes listed in the **CIP** which affect the Killarney Municipal District are outlined in the following tables.

<u>CIP TIONSCNAIMH SHOLÁTHAIR UISCE</u> <u>CIP WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS</u>			
<i>Tionscnamh</i> Project	<i>Stádas</i> Status		
Mains Rehabilitation Project	Description	Value	Status
	County Direct Labour	" 2.65M	Pipelaying ongoing by Direct Labour . almost complete.

Central Regional Water Supply Scheme			
	Description	Value	Status
	Scart Reservoir	" 2.92M	Construction of this project is complete.
	Water Treatment Plant - DBO	" 22.5M	Tenders received May 2015 . being assessed

<u>CIP TIONSCNAMH FUÍOLLUISCE</u> <u>CIP WASTEWATER PROJECT</u>	
<i>Tionscnamh Project</i>	<i>Stádas Status</i>
Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme	The Scheme is included in the Irish Water CIP 2014-2016 Irish Water has informed Kerry County Council that the Scheme will go ahead. The detailed design and contract documents will now be prepared to enable the project to go Tender.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

Irish Water has also launched a **Minor Capital Works Programme**. This is a rolling programme of **minor improvement works** which can be added to as the need arises. The list of schemes that Kerry County Council has applied for under the Minor Capital Works Programme in the Killarney Area is outlined in the table below.

<u>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, KILLARNEY DISTRICT</u>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Castleisland SS - Church St Sewer	Replace collapsed length of sewer	" 3,500	Completed
Castleisland SS - Limerick Rd. Sewer	Replace collapsed length of sewer	" 4,500	Completed
CRWSS Brewsterfield Mains Replacement	Replace defective mains Knockanes, Headford etc	" 570,000	Requested
CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works Muckcross to Bur maqRd	New 150mm watermain	" 250,000	Complete
CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works Muckcross . Black Rd and Loreto Rd	2.7Km of new 160 / 200mm watermain	" 450,000	Commence Oct 15
Brosna Knocknagoshel WSS .	Provide sump to improve	" 10,000	Approved

Meenleirim Pumphouse	operation of pumps		
Dromultan Scartaglin Pumpstation	Lay 300M of 100MM pipe to eliminate old pump station	" 35,000	Approved
Dooneen Reservoir Castleisland	Fencing works	" 8,000	Approved
Dromhall Pk Killarney	Replace 375M of 100MM Cast Iron with uPVC pipe	" 64,000	Approved
Mid Kerry Mains Replacement - Coolbane Aglish	Replace 1.5Km of the 200mm diameter PVC Trunk Main	" 300,000	Approved
CRWSS Mains Replacement - Bushmount Raffeens Clounlara	Replace 2.2Km of the 50mm diameter PVC watermain with a 100mm PVC pipe.	" 200,000	Approved
Kenmare Place Killarney	Replace 100M of the 150mm Cast Iron watermain with a 200mm PVC pipe.	" 155,000	Approved
Shrone WSS . RawqWater Main	Lay main from Lake to WTP	" 160,000	Requested
Water Bulk Meters Upgrade	Countywide project to upgrade bulk meters to increase available information on water flows	" 123,000	Substantially complete
MKRWSS Faha	Lay 400m of 80mm watermain	" 48,000	Requested
CRWSS Mill Road	Lay 500m of 80mm watermain	" 60,000	Requested
CRWSS Barraduff	Lay 80m of 100mm watermain	" 22,000	Requested
CRWSS Woodlawn	Replace 400m of 150mm AC watermain with uPVC pipe	" 90,000	Requested
CRWSS St Brendan's Tce.	Replace 200m of 50mm watermain with 100MM uPVC	" 60,000	Requested
CRWSS Dalton's Ave / Marian Tce	Replace 500m of 4+ / 6+ CI and AC watermain with 100MM uPVC	" 111,000	Requested
CRWSS O'Connell's Ave	Replace 150m of 3+AC watermain with 100MM uPVC	" 34,000	Requested
CRWSS Orchard Way / Green Lane / Pound Lane	Replace 450m of 3+AC watermain with 100MM uPVC	" 102,000	Requested
Total Approved		" 2.17M	

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The administration and development of the Group Scheme sector continues to be a function of the Local Authorities under the guidance and supervision of the DoEC&LG and Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.

A total Block Grant Allocation of €780,100 has been allocated to Kerry County Council for the various measures under the Rural Water Programme in 2015.

Takeover of Group Schemes

Since 1 January 2014, responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes has transferred to Irish Water.

Nationally, discussions are ongoing between the DoEC&LG, the County and City Managers Association and Irish Water to develop a protocol to facilitate the Takeover of Group Schemes.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would, in conjunction with Uisce Éireann, provide a fire hydrant on the N22 in the townland of Cleeney, adjacent to the residences that are close to the Madam's Height junction.

Reply: The fire hydrant will be provided in the coming weeks.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council calls on Uisce Éireann to sanction and proceed promptly with the laying of new water mains in Dromhall Park and thus allow for the elimination of lead connections that are a source of concern to residents.

Reply: Irish Water has sanctioned the funds. It is planned to replace this 375M long, 100MM cast iron water pipe, on which there are some 45 No. lead service-connection pipes to customers in Dromhall Park, in early 2016.

Cllr. M. Gleeson noted the reply. He stated that the changeover to Irish Water had delayed this work. He asked that the Council give every priority to this.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

3. Cllr. N. Kelleher: The resurfacing of the road at Shronedarragh, Headford, Killarney has been put on hold to allow for funding to be sought for the laying of a new water pipe. Has same been approved and when can we expect it to be done?

Reply: A submission for funding for the laying of this new main has been made by Kerry County Council to Irish Water. If approval is forthcoming, the work will be done in 2016.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted the reply.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the inclusion of the road would be reviewed when the Multi-Annual Programme is being prepared. This will come before the Members for adoption.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

(c) Questions

It was agreed that Questions No's 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 all would be moved together.

Mr. C. Mangan said that there was every indication that the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme may go to tender next year.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked if there was any indication of the proposed route.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae said that the road was in a serious condition.

Mr. Mangan stated that the Consultants were looking at the plan and to date, the route has not been decided on.

1. Cllr. J. Sheahan: Will the Council inform members as to the progress with the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme?

Reply: The Scheme is included in the Irish Water **CIP 2014-2016**. Irish Water has informed Kerry County Council that the Scheme will be constructed. The detailed Design and Contract Documents are to be reviewed / prepared by Consultants to enable the project to go tender in 2016. It is planned that the documents will be completed by the year's end.

Question 1 was moved in conjunction with No's 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will a decision be made on the route of Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme?

Reply: The detailed design, including the pipelines layout, and Contract Documents are to be reviewed / prepared by Consultants to enable the project to go Tender in 2016. It is planned that the Documents will be completed by the year's end.

Question 2 was moved in conjunction with No's 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

4. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: Has Irish Water determined the route for the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme as the road from Coolcorcoran to Ballinamanagh will have to be resurfaced in 2016. The people using the road cannot be asked to wait any longer.

Reply: Irish Water has informed Kerry County Council that the Scheme will be constructed. The detailed Design and Contract Documents are to be reviewed / prepared by Consultants to enable the project to go Tender in 2016. It is planned that the Documents will be completed by the year's end.

Question 4 was moved in conjunction with Questions No's 1, 2, 6, 7 and 8

6. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Has a route been identified for the Sewerage Scheme in Kilcummin?

Reply: The detailed Design, including the pipelines layout, and Contract Documents are to be reviewed / prepared by Consultants to enable the project to go Tender in 2016. It is planned that the Documents will be completed by the year's end.

Question 6 was moved in conjunction with No's 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8.

7. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask once again, what is the current situation regarding the route of the sewer line from Kilcummin to Killarney?

Reply: The detailed Design, including the pipelines layout, and Contract Documents are to be reviewed / prepared by Consultants to enable the project to go Tender in 2016 - it is planned that the documents will be completed by the year's end.

Question 7 was moved in conjunction with No's 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8.

8. Cllr. D. Grady: What is the up to date position on the provision of a sewer from Kilcummin to Killarney?

Reply: The Scheme is included in the Irish Water **CIP 2014-2016**. Irish Water has informed Kerry County Council that the Scheme will be constructed. The detailed Design and Contract Documents are to be reviewed / prepared by Consultants to enable the project to go Tender in 2016. It is planned that the Documents will be completed by the year's end.

Question 8 was moved in conjunction with No's 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7.

3. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will work begin replacing the water mains pipe from (a) Aglish to Flynn's Forge (b) Bushmount to Cloonlara, Faha towards Rockfield?

Reply: It is planned that the water mains replacement from Aglish to Flynn's Forge and from Bushmount to Cloonlara will be carried out by the Council's direct labour crews in 2016. The Faha Rockfield pipe will be laid by contractors in 2016.

Cllr. B. Cronin said he was very anxious that this work would be carried out. He asked the Council to arrange to have a crew ready to start this job following the works at Kilgobnet.

5. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: Could Kerry County Council provide clarification on the amount of chlorine present in the public water supply in Knocknageeha, Gneeveguilla. Residents are afraid to wash their hands with the water, not to mind drink it.

Reply: This district is on the Central Regional Water Supply Scheme. The greater Gneeveguilla area (circa 600 homes) is served by Knocknageeha reservoir, the supply to which is pumped from the nearby Gullaun reservoir, where the water is chlorinated at 0.6Mg / litre. This is a relatively low level of chlorine. Dosage rates of 1Mg / L are not uncommon throughout the County. A level of 0.2Mg /L is the minimum chlorine residual required - this can usually be present at the outer ends of the pipelines.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae said that the residents have to let their water run before they can even wash their hands. It is white coming out of the taps.

Mr. C. Mangan said that this customer is supplied from the Central Regional Water supply which is of top class quality, and the records of the testing etc are testament to this fact. He said that the white colour, which lasts for mere seconds on pouring from the tap, signifies the presence of air. He said he was very surprised to hear of this problem of poor quality.

Cllr. Healy-Rae said that this has been ongoing all summer and asked that it be checked further.

Mr. C. Mangan agreed that a Technician will call to one of the houses affected to inspect the water.

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Cllr. B. Cronin referred to Rockfield Bridge where a break in the pipe is occurring. He said it is drowning a portion of land nearby. He asked that a scour pipe be put into the river to take the water from the field.

Mr. C. O'Leary stated that he planned to do the job there in the coming days.

15.10.07.05 Operations, Health & Safety Directorate

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

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. Charlie O'Sullivan, Director of Operations, Health & Safety which was circulated.

Killarney Municipal District Meeting – 7th October, 2015

Report from the Director of Operations, Health & Safety

1. Killarney achieved 321 marks in the Tidy Towns Competition, 2 marks behind the overall winner, Letterkenny. This was a 4-mark improvement on the 2014 result. The adjudicators report was highly complimentary of many of the projects completed in Killarney, and commended the overall tidiness of the town. Killarney retained its Gold medal status.
2. Castleisland increased their marks in the Tidy Towns Competition from 274 to 281, Currow Tidy Town increased their marks from 252 to 261, Kilcummin increased their marks from 244 to 255 and Farranfore increased their marks from 229 to 239.
3. A Public Consultation process is being carried out in respect of the following projects.
 - Reprioritisation of Traffic Flow at the High Street Junction, Killarney
 - Footpath Widening and Improvement at High Street. Killarney
 - Footpath Widening and Improvement Works at Plunkett Street, Killarney
 - Controlled Pedestrian Crossing at Fairhill, Killarney
4. Malachy Walsh & Partners have been appointed to carry out a Traffic Management Study for Killarney Town. It is envisaged that a draft report will be completed by January 2016.
5. Works at Courthouse . Further landscaping works are being carried out here to screen utility boxes and enhance the area.
6. An update report on the Schedule of Municipal District works plans will be presented at the meeting.
7. **Road Works Programme – Works planned / carried out in Sept / Oct / Nov 2015**

Roads / Estates / Amenity

Location	Works Description	Status
Muckcross Road	Traffic calming, widening of footpaths, cycle paths and undergrounding of services	Footpaths being constructed and lights to be undergrounded in October. Expected completed date December 2015
Refurbishment of Toilets at New Street	Complete Refurbishment of existing works	To commence in October / November
Killarney Municipal District	General road maintenance and repair	Ongoing
Killarney Municipal District	Municipal district works programme 2015 adopted.	Ongoing
Killarney Town	Street Cleaning	ongoing
Killarney Town	Gardening	ongoing

Killarney Municipal District 2015 - Restoration Maintenance Grant

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Est. Cost €	Status of Works
L-3009	Scrahanfadda - Coopers X	1,500	40,500	Complete
-3006	Scartaglin - John Richards X	1,500	40,500	
L-3013	Banard - Gullane	1,100	24,750	
L-7030	Annaghilymore X - Meennagishagh	1,400	28,350	
L-7028	Lissyconnor-Scrahanagullaun	1,100	17,325	
L-2033	Camp - Knockeen X	1,200	24,300	
R-570	Headfort - Dromcarban	1,300	50,050	
L-7009	Scart X - Rossanean	1,800	40,500	
L-7037	Aghacurreen - Barleymount X	1,300	26,325	
L-2033	Finnegans X - Doneen	700	15,750	
	Total	12,900	308,350	

Killarney Municipal District 2015 - Restoration Improvement Grant

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Est. Cost €	Status of Works
L-3018	Coolgarriv X to Coolcorcoran X	900	94,500	Complete
L-70 9	Scart X to Rossanean	1,200	113,400	
L-8003	Laharn X to Rockfield Middle	700	66,150	
L-3015	Gortahoonig to Dromickbane	1,100	127,050	
L-7037	Aghacurreen to Barleymount X	1,000	94,500	
L-2033	Farrankeal	1,200	94,000	
L-7027	Lisheen to Blackwater Bridge	800	92,400	
L-7046	Bounard to Freemount	800	66,100	
L-2025	Powells X to Caheragh X.	1,000	49,000	
L-3007	Brehig to Ballynahalla X.	1,000	56,000	
L-7013	Annablaha X to Ballahantouragh X	1,200	129,300	
R-570	Barraduff - Shronedarragh	800	140,000	Ongoing
Total		10,500	1,028,400	

Killarney Municipal District 2015 - Restoration Improvement / Maintenance Town Grant

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Est. Cost	Status of Works
L-3900	New Road	245	66,799	Complete
L-3907	Ballycasheen Road	272	68,713	Complete
	Roundabout at Ballyspillane	110	25,750	Complete by end November
Total		627	161,262	

Killarney Town – Other Works

	Coolgreine and St Mary's Terrace . Resurfacing	140	12,000	Complete
	Loreto Road - Footpaths	90	10,000	Complete by mid-October
	Upper Park Road . footpaths	60	7,000	Complete
	Bus set down Area at New street Car Park (back of Plaza)	25	5000	Complete by November

Housing Operations	
1. Insulation Upgrade of 124 houses in the Killarney Municipal District to be carried out over the next two months.	
Vacant House Upgrades	
2 An Chaislean Mor, Castleisland	
3 An Chaislean Mor, Castleisland	
25 Arbutus Grove, Killarney	
132 Pinewood, Killarney	
Bedroom Extensions	
None	
Routine Maintenance	
Local Authority houses and Demountables.	Responsive maintenance as required

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would improve the quality of the footpaths in the village of Farranfore.

Reply: There is some funding available for footpath repair in Farranfore village. Footpath Improvement works will be carried out in Farranfore towards the end of the year.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would enter into discussion with the NPWS with a view to providing adequate vehicle parking area in the townland of Gortagullane [L11077] proximate to the commencement location for the climb of Mangerton Mountain. The existing situation is chaotic and dangerous.

Reply: The Council will enter into discussions with the NPWS in relation to this car park.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said that Mangerton Mountain was a great tourist attraction in Killarney. People need reasonable access to it by car. There is only a small carpark there now, 1km from the walkway to the Mountain. Access to emergency services is restricted. When organised walks take place, it leads to a lot of cars restricting access on the road. This could potentially lead to a very serious situation. Cllr. Gleeson asked that the Council enter into serious discussions with the NPWS. Extending the carpark would not impact adversely on the National Park and improving the facilities would make climbing Mangerton more attractive to people.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion. He said that he counted 60 cars in this location one day. He stated it was in the National Park's best interest to improve the facilities. Cllr. Culloty said that the NPWS should come on board and co-operate before a disaster occurs at the location.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would dedicate the N22/Park Road roundabout to the wonderful Council staff, past and present, who consistently keep Killarney and its environs looking so well.

Reply: The dedication/naming of any Council infrastructure is currently on hold pending the adoption of a policy by Council on this matter.

Cllr. Gleeson said that he also wished to include volunteers in his Notice of Motion. The approach roads to Killarney were gradually improving and presenting a wonderful image of Killarney to visitors. This achievement is due to the Council staff and also the many volunteers. He asked that this matter remain live.

Mr. G. O'Brien said that the Council had decided to defer naming/dedicating Council infrastructure pending the adoption of a policy on same. Mr. O'Brien agreed to liaise with the relevant Director of Service on the matter.

Cllr. B. O'Connell said that he had raised this matter previously. He said that a policy on this needs to be expedited.

4. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to install 2 pedestrian crossings in Rathmore town. (a) Community Centre (b) Hickeys Centra Supermarket.

Reply: The provision of pedestrian crossings are conditioned upon carrying out speed and pedestrian surveys in the village and determining whether a pedestrian crossing is warranted. These speed and pedestrian surveys were carried out in the spring of this year. The results of these surveys indicated that a number of vehicles travelling through the village were breaching the speed limits. These surveys were discussed with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) (formerly National Roads Authority) and they indicated that the village may need traffic calming. The TII requested further speed surveys to be carried out to further analyse the behaviour of drivers through the village. The TII are currently analysing this data and will make a decision shortly on whether a traffic calming scheme is necessary for the village of Rathmore. A traffic calming scheme would generally involve narrowing the road cross section with kerbing and build-outs and the provision of pedestrian crossing facilities. If the TII decides that such a scheme is warranted, design of the scheme could start thereafter and an application for funding would be prepared.

Cllr. J. Sheahan said these were two areas of great concern. He referred to Hickeys Supermarket and said that the residents of the housing estates in Shinnagh were trying to cross the road at this location. In particular, between 8.00am – 9.30am it is difficult to get across the road

to the shop. Cllr. Sheahan referred to parking at the Community Centre. In winter, when funerals are taking place, a lot of people are coming from all directions and the lighting at this location is an issue. He said the local people were concerned about this.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae said that he was surprised with the reply. He said that the reply he received before is different from this one. In the previous reply it was agreed that the Council would look for funding.

Mr. P. Neary stated that as part of applying for funding for the pedestrian crossing, the Council had to carry out speed surveys. Cars were breaking the speed limit and the NRA said that a Traffic Calming Scheme might be appropriate at the location. The NRA has asked for further surveys. If Rathmore is entitled to a Traffic Calming Scheme, then the pedestrian crossings will be incorporated into this Scheme. Mr. Neary agreed that the Council will look for a pedestrian crossing if the Traffic Calming Scheme is not approved.

Cllr. Healy-Rae asked how long this would take.

Mr. Neary said that the NRA are due to revert in the next 4 weeks. He was hopeful something would happen in 2016.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved his Notice of Motion No 22 at this stage.

22. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the current position with regards to the upgrading of the Main Street in Rathmore? What were the results of the surveys? Have plans seeking funding been submitted to the NRA to include the two pedestrian crossings (Dennehy's Corner and Donagh Hickey Motors), footpaths, traffic calming and under grounding of lighting?

Reply: Speed and pedestrian surveys were carried out in the Spring of this year. The results of these surveys indicated that a number of vehicles travelling through the village were breaching the speed limits. These surveys were discussed with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) (formerly National Roads Authority) and the results indicated that the village may need traffic calming. The TII requested further speed surveys to be carried out to further analyse the behaviour of drivers through the village. These speed surveys were carried out and the TII are currently analysing this data and will make a decision shortly on whether a traffic calming scheme is necessary for the village of Rathmore. A traffic calming scheme would generally involve narrowing the road cross section with kerbing and build outs and the provision of pedestrian crossing facilities. If the TII decides that such a scheme is warranted, design of the scheme could start thereafter and an application for funding would be prepared. The locations of pedestrian crossing facilities will be assessed during the design of the Traffic Calming Scheme.

Cllr. N. Kelleher said that the community were very thankful following their deputation and progress has been made on the matter since then. He said it looked like the village would be suitable for a Traffic Calming

Scheme. The community would appreciate it. He said it might be possible for Rathmore to become a decent gateway to this County.

5. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a cycle lane from Killarney along the N22 to Farranfore.

Reply: The road is the N22 National Primary Route and funding for works on this road would be subject to TII funding. Kerry County Council have discussed this proposal with the TII and they have indicated that they have no funding for this scheme. Directing cyclists via adjacent local roads could be considered.

Cllr. J. Sheahan said that there were now a lot of cyclists using the roads. They do not wish to pull in for traffic as they could end up bursting their wheels on the verge or in potholes. He suggested making a cycle or walkway out of these lanes thereby keeping pedestrians and cyclists away from the traffic.

6. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to provide traffic calming measures in Kilcummin Village.

Reply: The provision of traffic calming measures in the village of Kilcummin has been discussed with An Garda Síochána and the Traffic Infrastructure Ireland Road Safety Officer. There is no specific funding for traffic calming at Kilcummin due to the lack of recorded accidents. Subsequent to completion of the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme, it is intended to carry out overlay works in the village. Some traffic calming measures can be considered as part of these works.

Cllr. J. Sheahan said that Kilcummin was a short compact village and vehicles arrived in the middle of the village before they knew it. He said there was a Church and school in the village and there was need for traffic calming or maybe speed ramps. He asked that the Council progress the matter.

Cllr. M. Gleeson supported the Motion. He said the speed of passing vehicles was of great concern to the people, especially the school. Cllr. Gleeson agreed to allocate funding towards a sign and asked that it be erected immediately.

7. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if any progress has been made in the provision of a cycle lane/footpath from the Aghadoe junction at Cleeny along the L2019 to the Aghadoe Cross.

Reply: The provision of a footpath is a condition of the proposed development of the adjoining lands which was granted planning permission in 2012.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that cyclists were using this road with great difficulty and motorists are not able to see the road to overtake them.

He said that people are asking that a cycle lane be provided. Cllr. Sheahan hoped that funding could be provided for this.

Cllr. B. Cronin said he had a different viewpoint on this. He said the provision of a footpath was of critical importance. There was an 8ft high stone wall and an 8ft embankment on the other side. A footpath was vital to provide protection to walkers and people pushing buggies. He said the provision of a footpath was a requirement of the planning permission. He said he would have huge concerns if a footpath and cycleway were provided.

8. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask again that the new LED lighting system be installed in Gneeveguilla and Rathmore. This was promised for 2015 over three years ago. Cables need to be undergrounded in Gneeveguilla. IRD Duhallow have committed to assist with these projects.

Reply: Undergrounding of overhead services and upgrading of footpaths is in demand for both towns and villages within the County. These works involve a high capital cost involving civil works and ESB costs. Undergrounding of services involve numerous road crossings to facilitate both dwellings and commercial premises. Generally, a combination of funding sources is required to complete such a project. Examples of potential funding sources are Restoration Improvement for pavement works, funding from local Development Groups e.g. IRD Duhallow etc.

Previously, an Urban and Village Renewal scheme existed to facilitate footpath improvement and underground works in villages such as Gneeveguilla. Recently the Government announced that a similar scheme will be in operation next year, but there is no detail on how this scheme will operate as of yet. Kerry County Council met with the Gneeveguilla Community Group and agreed to cost the full budget estimate for the works. We are currently awaiting the ESB to revert with the Capital costs and details of what civil works they require for the undergrounding of services.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply. He said these works were of an urgent nature. The undergrounding of services needs to be carried out in conjunction with traffic calming measures.

Mr. P. Neary said there was a duct laid in the footpath in Gneeveguilla. However, undergrounding is very expensive with ducting having to be laid into every premise and the one duct in the footpath would not save a lot of money. He said the announcement of a Village Renewal Scheme might be a vehicle to provide the necessary funding. However there is no detail available on this scheme yet.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply. He said all our villages and towns are improving and these works would be greatly appreciated.

9. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council if a cycle lane could be provided on the Tralee road out as far as Lawlor's Cross.

Reply: The road is the N22 National Primary Route and funding for works on this road would be subject to TII funding. Kerry County Council has discussed this proposal with the TII and they have indicated that they have no funding for this scheme. Directing cyclists via adjacent local roads could be considered.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that a cycle lane was needed as far out as Lawlor's Cross. Cars were speeding there. There was adequate room for a cycle lane and funding was needed. Cllr. Healy-Rae said that there have been a number of fatalities on this stretch of road. He asked the Council to progress the matter.

10. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask the NRA to improve site distance at the junction of the old Limerick Road, Castleisland with the new By-Pass by lowering a bank of earth that is blocking the view of cars coming down from the Abbeyfeale side.

Reply: The site in question will be examined closely to establish the available sight distance in the direction of Abbeyfeale. Any obstructions which inhibit the required sight distance will be removed.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that when motorists arrive at the first roundabout, they have to drive out far onto the road to enable them to see the oncoming cars. The embankment on the right hand side needs to be lowered. The oncoming cars do not slow down on approaching the roundabout. There could be a serious accident at this location.

11. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To again ask Kerry County Council to do something about the flooding in Glenflesk and Clonkeen - the residents of Foiladonn continue to be marooned and the N22 is being cracked and undermined by constant flooding. Is the N22 now safe at all? Why can't Kerry County Council clear the overgrown banks of the Flesk River like was done in the late 70s? The road out of Foiladonn needs to be raised at some end so residents can get out.

Reply: The CFRAM study is currently under the remit of the OPW who are the lead agency responsible for flood risk management. The OPW works in close partnership with Local Authorities in delivering the objectives of the CFRAM Programme. The Glenflesk area has been identified under the CFRAM study as an area at risk of flooding arising from the River Flesk. The next phase of the CFRAM study will examine various options to mitigate identified flood risks. The preferred options will be placed on public display and submissions invited. It is anticipated that the options for Glenflesk area will be placed on public display in the final quarter of 2015. The final phase of the CFRAM study involves the preparation of flood management plans for each area. The flood management plans will include specific measures including new infrastructure to mitigate the flood risk in each area identified in the CFRAM study. These works will be completed subject to Government funding.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae said this was a serious issue and he previously had a deputation in about it. One family was badly hit the last time there was a flood and his house was flooded again. A big tractor can only get in and out of the premises during flooding. A scheme is needed to take the blockages out of the river. The N22 is cracking due to constant flooding. It needs urgent attention. It is not acceptable to leave people marooned. This occurred 10 or 11 times in one year. Cllr. Healy-Rae asked that the matter be kept on the Agenda. He said that the agreement of landowners is needed and the issue of the road cracking needs to be raised with the NRA.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion. He said the cost of this work would not be huge.

12. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To again ask the NRA to put in place a right hand turning off lane at Mounthorgan Cross for Shrone and many other townlands and to place signs on either side of Reen's Garage to stop cars passing each other out adjacent to this busy commercial business.

Reply: An inspection of the site in question was carried out where it was noted that there is insufficient carriageway width to provide a right turning lane in accordance with the DMRB Standards and the Traffic Signs Manual. There is adequate advance warning signage in place and a double continuous line well in advance of the junction on both approaches.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae asked that a turning off lane be provided. He said that a car with a mother and her four children was involved in an accident at this location recently and the staff in Reen's Garage couldn't understand how they were not all killed. Reen's have a record of about 15 accidents at this location. This matter must be revisited.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to speak with the NRA Safety Officer to ascertain if there was a high number of recorded accidents at the location. He said that the NRDO had given a factual reply but he agreed to look at it again.

Cllr. Healy-Rae said he appreciated Mr. Neary's comments. He said that there was a massive volume of traffic turning off at the location due to the proximity of the Church and School.

13. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will Kerry County Council begin work on the traffic management system at Listry Bridge and can the parapet that is damaged with some time be urgently repaired?

Reply: The design of a new traffic layout has been designed. The DTTAS are currently looking for applications for Low Cost Accident Prevention Schemes for 2016. The works at the Bridge in Listry will be included in this application.

The parapet that was damaged at Listry Bridge has been repaired.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated the wall on the bridge was being hit on a regular basis and cars were getting damaged. He said that the KNRDO had a proposal similar to the Caragh Bridge model. **Cllr. Cronin** stated that he would prefer traffic lights at the bridge. There is huge concern locally. He asked what is the Council's position regarding long-term funding to put these works in place. He acknowledged the work that had been undertaken to repair the damaged bridge wall. He asked how much the works would cost.

Mr. P. Neary replied that an estimate of the works involved would be €50,000. He said it could be included in the Low Cost Accident Prevention Measure Scheme from the Department of Transport for 2016 but funding was not guaranteed.

Mr. D. Doyle asked if **Cllr. Cronin** was happy with the plan that was given to the Members.

Cllr. Cronin said that he had a concern regarding the narrow part of the bridge. He asked if there was enough room on the raised area for people to walk on from a safety point of view.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to check the design.

14. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will repair works begin on the slippage on the road to Lahard adjacent to Beaufort Bridge?

Reply: The road in question is the road linking Beaufort Bridge to Faha. A slippage occurred during the storm event of 11th September 2015. Negotiations have taken place with the adjoining landowner and he has agreed to construct a reinforced concrete retaining wall at the locus of the slip. He is currently engaging a competent professional to design this structure. Further to the design works being complete, the retaining wall will be constructed thereafter.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked if there was going to be a concrete structure and then build a road on top.

Mr. D. Doyle said that a wall has to be built by the adjoining landowner. He stated that he would revert to **Cllr. Cronin** with a time limit. He said they would have to wait for the landowner to revert.

15. Cllr. B. Cronin: Has agreement been reached regarding the Bond for Greenfields Firies, when will remedial work begin?

Reply: The bondsman has made an offer less than the value of the claim made on this bond based on tenders he has received for the works. Discussions are currently ongoing with the bondsman with a view to the bondsman undertaking the required works to the satisfaction of Kerry County Council. However, no final decision has been made re same yet.

Cllr. B. Cronin said that the main sewer line is blocked in the estate and effluent is coming up through people's showers. He stated that Mr. John Breen had met with the residents 3 years ago. Cllr. Cronin said that the Bondsman is giving the same response that he gave 9 or 10 months ago. He asked how could the Bondsman operate like this. The estate cannot be left in its current condition. He asked that the Legal Department put pressure on the Bondsman. If no improvement is forthcoming then they should be brought to Court to get the Bond secured for the residents.

Mr. D. Doyle stated that he would get Mr. D. Murphy to revert to Cllr. Cronin on the matter.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae supported the Motion. He said he had Notices of Motion about this matter on the Agenda previously. He said he would be very grateful for an update on the matter.

Mr. D. Doyle agreed that the response would be given to each Member.

16. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request the construction of a footpath between Kerry Group and Farranfore Medical centre and improvement work to the carriageway outside the Kerry Group site Farranfore.

Reply: There is no funding available to construct a footpath between the Kerry Group site and the Farranfore Medical Centre. All available funding for footpaths in Farranfore is required for the maintenance of the existing footpaths within the village. The road surface at that locale can be considered for inclusion in the restoration maintenance programme in 2016.

Cllr. B. Cronin said that he had this Motion on 4 - 5 years ago and the reply was disappointing. He referred to a patch outside Kerry Group that requires an upgrade. He asked that every effort be made to include it in the 2016 Programme. Elderly people have to walk on this road to access the Medical Centre.

Mr. D. Doyle said he will try and include this for 2016. He said he would prepare a costing and revert to Cllr. Cronin.

17. Cllr. B. Cronin: Is there progress on my previous request for the provision of a footpath from Fossa National School westwards towards the new housing developments?

Reply : Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) (formerly NRA) has been consulted in regard to this section of footpath. They have stated that they currently have no funding for this project. The provision of footpaths to service any new developments can be considered as part of a Development Contribution Scheme, which is being developed for consideration by Council.

Cllr. B. Cronin said that there were over 40 children from the new housing developments walking to school without a footpath. A footpath was needed on the school side extending to the second housing

development. The matter needs to be addressed. This is a National Road and funding must be set aside.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. J. Sheahan said he had raised this matter previously and he agreed with Cllr. Cronin. He said it was important that children be provided with safe passage. Allowing children to walk to and from school promoted physical activity.

18. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the update on the provision of a footpath from Whitebridge Manor towards the Cork Road?

Reply: This project involves the construction of 150m of footpath from the Whitebridge Manor housing estate to the footpath adjacent to the Woodford Manor housing estate. Land acquisition agreements are required from two landowners. Agreement has been reached with one landowner and active discussions are ongoing with the 2nd landowner. Subject to obtaining land agreement with both landowners, a budget estimate is being prepared and a source of funding is being identified.

Cllr. B. Cronin said that people were taking this road as a shortcut to avoid town and the provision of a footpath would be a huge addition from a safety point of view. He asked that negotiations be progressed on this issue.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the motion. He was glad to see some progress on the matter. People walking and jogging have to step out onto the busy road.

19. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can improved signage or ramps be provided at the approach from the Loretto Road side to the Muckcross road junction?

Reply: A speed and pedestrian survey was carried out in this area and the findings did not indicate a requirement for ramps. However, additional signage will be erected here within the next month.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked if there was any possibility that a reflective solar powered speed indicator could be put on the Loretto side.

Mr. K. O'Halloran said that the cost to provide the sign would be €4,000 - €5,000.

Mr. P. Neary said it would be suitable for funding under the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. Cronin asked if he made a contribution towards the signage, would the Council be in a position to address the matter.

Mr. Neary agreed to discuss the matter with Cllr. Cronin.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and agreed to make a contribution towards the cost of the work.

20. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can anything be done to prevent cars parking and obstructing the walkways in the public car park at Áras Pádraig?

Reply: Double yellow lines are in place along the extent of this walkway. The traffic wardens will regularly monitor this area.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that people parking here are making it difficult for other drivers to manoeuvre. Some people will not adhere to double yellow lines. He welcomed the news that the Traffic Wardens will monitor the area.

Mr. K. O'Halloran said that the Wardens weren't able to enforce the area previously. He now hoped that the double yellow lines would solve the problem.

Cllr. N. Kelleher said that the issue was that there were not enough parking spaces in that area of town.

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

Reply: Undergrounding of overhead services and upgrading of footpaths is in demand for both towns and villages within the County. These works involve a high capital cost involving civil works and ESB costs. Undergrounding of services involve numerous road crossings to facilitate both dwellings and commercial premises. It is advantageous to have some ducting laid in the ground, however there is still a requirement for numerous excavations for mini pillar chambers, new public lighting column foundations, road crossings and trenches into every dwelling and commercial premises. Generally, a combination of funding sources is required to complete such a project. Examples of potential funding sources are Restoration Improvement for pavement works, funding from local Development Groups e.g. IRD Duhallow etc.

Previously, an Urban and Village Renewal scheme existed to facilitate footpath improvement and underground works in villages such as Gneeveguilla. Recently the Government announced that a similar scheme will be in operation next year, but there is no detail on how this scheme will operate as of yet. Kerry County Council met with the Gneeveguilla Community Group and agreed to cost the full budget estimate for the works. We are currently awaiting the ESB to revert with the Capital costs and details of what civil works they require for the undergrounding of services.

Cllr. N. Kelleher said that progress was being made. He asked when will the pricing commence.

Mr. P. Neary stated that when the ESB reverts then the Council will prepare a price.

22. Cllr. N. Kelleher – this Motion was moved in conjunction with Motion No 4.

23. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the position with the bridge at Knocknaboul? It was planned to be completed by now.

Reply: Kerry County Council have met the contractor on site to discuss the extent of the works and the likely traffic diversions required. The contractor intends to be on site in the next three weeks.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked will the contractor be on site to do the work.

Mr. P. Neary said that the matter would be sorted.

24. Cllr. N. Kelleher: The Bridge in Lower Shinnagh is very dangerous. A lot of young kids reside in the area. On health and safety grounds, work needs to be done to this bridge urgently.

Reply: The estimated cost of this work is " 27,500. Kerry County Council can allocate " 15,000 to the project with the remainder suitable for a Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund allocation.

Cllr. N. Kelleher acknowledged the reply.

25. Cllr. N. Kelleher: The road surface at Clounts, Rathmore, in front of the entrance to The Crescent, needs to be resurfaced as a priority as potholes continue to be a problem.

Reply: This section of the R-582 from Cloonts Cross to the railway crossing will be considered for funding in the next multi-annual restoration improvement programme. The potholes will be repaired in the meantime.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked when was the work likely to commence and he also stated that filling in the potholes was a pointless exercise as they empty out by the next day. He was pleased that the footpath was going to be included in the next multi-annual restoration improvement programme. He asked if something could be done with the drainage.

Ms. B. Mulryan agreed to give extra attention to this.

Mr. P. Neary said the footpath would be considered in the next multi-annual restoration improvement programme which would be coming before the Councillors to adopt.

26. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to provide Information Signage Points at various locations in Killarney, which would greatly assist visitors to our town.

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District intend to carry out a survey of all signage within the town in the next four weeks. It is intended to remove redundant signage and begin upgrading any damaged signs. Additional signage will be provided where necessary including information signage.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that many towns have Information Signage Points. They usually indicate the location where the person is standing and show directions to areas in the town. He said they were visually appealing. He said people in towns are constantly being asked for directions.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

27. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To again call on this Council to repair the bridge at Counguilla, Scartaglin, which was damaged recently, and also to find out who is responsible for removing gravel from one of the two eyes of this bridge.

Reply: An application for funding to replace the parapet wall at Twiss Bridge, Canguilla has been made. The estimated cost of this work is " 10,000. The existing bank of the river extends over one eye of the bridge and currently acts as a cattle underpass. Any proposed works in widening the bank will need to be assessed to examine the implication on the bridge and surrounding properties.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked what was the timescale involved.

Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that insurance was the issue here. He said people who had been involved in a burglary nearby had crashed their car into the bridge when leaving the scene which resulted in the damage to same.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that it was not fair that Kerry County Council had to pay for damage caused by motorists.

Cllr. Culloty stated that he was concerned with the volume of water going through that bridge. It was causing pressure on one side and nothing was being done to alleviate it.

28. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council lay two more rows of blocks on the concrete wall at Glounsharoon, Castleisland, as the single row which was recently laid is not sufficient as water breached this wall in the recent flood.

Reply: Malachy Walsh and Partners, Consulting Engineers, were retained by the Council to design these works having regard to conditions imposed by the OPW in grant aiding the project. The Consultants recommended that the height of the weir be increased by 200mm and the Glounsharoon River be deepened.

The height of the weir was increased by 100 mm in late 2014 and dredging works on the Glounsharoon river were carried out in August. Further

dredging was carried out in the past week. It is now proposed to increase the height of the weir by an additional 100mm, in accordance with the Consulting Engineers recommendation.

It is worth noting that the flood event of the 11th September 2015 has been estimated as a 75 year event. The combination of excavating the stream bed at Crag and raising the weir wall prevented large quantities of water entering the Tullig Catchment. The overtopping of the weir wall was observed to be of the order of 2 inches. Further dredging works have been completed on the Glounsharoon in the last week which will further aid the confluence of this river.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty said there was no flooding caused to houses (in the August 2014 flood event) due to two facts namely (1) one man let the floods come down his driveway which he will not do again and (2) another man knocked a hole in his wall which let the water out. He stated that the residents were being refused home insurance and planning permission. He asked when will the works commence. He said that the residents were getting desperate. He said the culvert was supposed to be completed in June, the dredging in July and the Graveyard in August but still nothing has been done.

Cllr. B. O'Connell said that following a delegation to the Minister, funding was allocated last October for these works. He said the problem was going on too long at this stage. He said there is still flooding and still a problem with the graveyard. He said the problem could not be alleviated until the culvert is put in. He stated that everyone present gave €3,000 of their allocation towards this work. He said the Section 50 should have been applied for sooner.

Mr. P. Neary stated that €144,000 was allocated in October 2014. Before a river or a stream is Culverted, a Section 50 application to the OPW is required which involves a large body of work. He said that the stream needed to be cleared 250m each side of the existing culvert to facilitate the level surveys required for the preparation of the Section 50 application and this clearing work couldn't start until May due to Fishery requirements. He said that a survey had been completed for Malachy Walsh and Partners to be able to design the culvert. The design has resulted in a proposed culvert with a cross section of 6ft x 5ft and is 50 metres long . This has resulted in the proposed works being a large civil engineering project now. It is double the size that was originally envisaged. Mr. Neary stated that the Council are waiting to receive Section 50 approval from the OPW. Furthermore, an application for additional funding has been prepared and forwarded to the OPW. He said the Council were pushing hard to get the project across the line and receive additional funding. Malachy Walsh and Partners were appointed to assess the impact the proposed works would have on the immediate area. One of the main issues was that of rainfall from the Gleanshearoon catchment entering the Catchment of the Tullig Stream via the weir at Crag. Malachy Walsh and Partners recommended that the weir be raised 200mm. The weir was raised by 100mm in late 2014 /

early 2015, the bed level was dropped by 400mm in July 2015 and the bed was reduced further at the end of September 2015. Furthermore it is intended to raise the Weir wall by a further 100mm in the coming weeks which will result in an overall rise to the weir wall of circa. 200mm, as recommended. This, together with the drop in bed level, will result in no water from the Gleanshearoon catchment entering the catchment of the Tullig stream, except for very extreme rainfall events. He stated that there might be need for rock armour at the weir to keep the weir structurally sound.

Mr. D. Doyle stated that a condition with the Section 50 was to make sure that no flooding downstream would occur.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that an extra block is needed urgently. This is critically important. He said that dredging was not carried out often enough. He asked that the wall be raised first and then work on the culvert. He said the people here are living in fear.

Cllr. D. Grady queried why were Malachy Walsh and Partners employed by the Council to design these works. He asked what were they costing and why did the Council not employ their own Engineers to carry out this work.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae said this situation was ongoing for a few years. He asked the Council to keep monitoring the level of the bed of the stream and if it raises to ensure it be cleaned out. He said it was hard to explain the situation to the people of Castleisland when the funding had been allocated.

Mr. P. Neary stated that they will keep monitoring the stream over the winter and agreed to put up an extra block and strengthen the wall in the next number of weeks.

In reply to Cllr. Grady's question, Mr. D. Doyle stated that one of the conditions of a Section 50 was that specialists be employed to survey the work. He agreed to revert to Cllr. Grady regarding the costs involved.

29. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to begin the process of fitting the culvert at Tullig, Castleisland as the window of opportunity to do so may be lost thus leaving the houses in this area vulnerable to flooding.

Reply: A sum of " 144,000.00 was allocated for works at this location in late 2014.

The funding was subject to conditions including;

- Section 50 of the Arterial Drainage Act 1945, NPWS and land owner approvals to be sought.
- The council must satisfy that the proposed works will not have a significant negative effect of flood risk elsewhere.

Malachy Walsh and Partners, Consulting Engineers, were retained to assess the impact the proposed works would have on the immediate area. The Consultants recommended that the weir be raised 200mm and the Glasharoon River be dredged. The dredging works are now complete and the works to the weir will be finalised shortly.

During the flood event of the 11th of September, the existing weir was overtopped by roughly 50mm, which will not happen when it is raised again shortly. The event of the 11th of September was estimated as a 75 year event and no houses were flooded in the Tullig Area. Considering that numerous properties were flooded in the County on that day that had never been flooded before, the works at the weir are a huge contribution to the flooding solution in the area.

The Section 50 approval application has been subject to a number of delays, primarily due to access issues to lands to facilitate surveying, which required the approval of landowners and substantive clearing works. Further to the surveys being carried out in July 2015, the consultant had to complete the detailed design, which increased the size of the culvert originally envisaged and were only lodged in September. The Section 50 application, which is proposing a 1.8m x 1.5m culvert, is currently with the OPW for approval.

Given the constraints in laying this culvert, there are additional costs and we are in liaison with the OPW for additional funding and to progress the Section 50 approval.

An extension of time is also being sought for the works given the need to comply with statutory provisions. However, the additional dredging of the Glasharoon River carried out last week will significantly reduce any potential risk of flooding in the Tullig area, as was confirmed during the recent heavy rains.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty acknowledged this matter was dealt with in conjunction with Notice of Motion No 28.

30. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As cycling has increased in popularity, that this Council provide extra bike racks in Killarney.

Reply: There are currently bike racks in Fairhill, Lewis Road and New Street Car Park and in front of the Town Hall. Further spaces will be provided in the new public amenity space at Fairhill.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

Mr. K. O'Halloran asked the Councillors to revert to him with other suitable locations.

31. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to replace damaged sections of footpath on the Ross Road. This is a very busy area for both tourists and locals.

Reply: There is currently no funding available for replacement of these sections of footpath, as any available funding for footpaths is prioritised for the maintenance and repair of Kerry County Councils existing footpaths. Ongoing repairs will be carried out as required.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty noted the reply.

32. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to look at ways to improve safety for cyclists on the western side of the Killarney By-Pass, as the cycle islands are not adding to safety.

Reply: The cycle lanes (including islands) between Cleeney Roundabout and Ballydribbeen Bridge were constructed over 10 years ago. There is no evidence to suggest that the islands are compromising cyclists's safety. The islands, combined with the interconnecting hatched areas, define a segregation area between the vehicle running lanes and the cycle lanes which reduces the risk of collisions with cyclists at this location.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that cyclists have raised this issue with him. He asked that the islands be removed. Mud and grit builds up there.

Cllr. M. Gleeson supported the Motion.

33. Cllr. D. Grady: That resurfacing works be carried out in Lacabane Housing Estate, as it is in a very bad condition.

Reply: There is no funding currently available to carry out resurfacing works at Lacabane Housing Estate; however this work would be suitable for funding through a Community Involvement Scheme. The residents can consider making an application for the 2016 Community Involvement Scheme Programme as the 2015 Scheme has now been allocated.

Cllr. D. Grady asked if the Community Involvement Scheme was the only available option for funding as the estate was in a bad condition.

Mr. D. Doyle stated that the Council were developing a 3 year programme. He said that priority was generally given to National Primary and Secondary routes.

34. Cllr. D. Grady: That we call on this Council to refrain from carrying out roadworks in Killarney Town Area from May until the end of September as hotels and B & Bs are trying to earn a living.

Reply: Kerry County Council will make every effort to limit the amount of road works that are carried out in Killarney town within the tourist season. In the current year, no one-way traffic management systems were in operation in the months of July and August. However, in general Kerry County Council receives its capital grant allocations in February / March. Works then have to be planned, designed, with materials and Contractors to be tendered for and procured. All grant monies have to be claimed by mid to end of November. Grant claims can only be drawn down on invoices for completed works.

Hence the window of opportunity is small for carrying out the roadworks. Due to drier weather, higher temperatures and longer days the summer months are ideal for roadworks. Therefore, no absolute guarantee can be given in this regard.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that Muckross was virtually closed down while the roadworks were carried out. Residents were “locked into” Woodlawn. Killarney Town Council always refrained from carrying out works in the summer. He said that businesses in this area were suffering as a result. Cllr. Grady said that something should be done for these people and they should be entitled to a refund on their rates.

Cllr. M. Gleeson supported the Motion. He stated that the delays experienced there were unacceptable. People were sitting in their cars for almost an hour at times.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae referred to the plans to widen the footpaths on both sides of the road. He said there has been uproar from the general public. The jaunting cars will hold up the traffic.

Mr. P. Neary stated that there is a very tight window regarding the use of capital monies, hence the reason why roadworks commence during the summer. He paid tribute to the residents in Muckross Road. He said they were a pleasure to deal with and he wished to acknowledge their co-operation. Mr. Neary said that the widening of the footpaths was to facilitate traffic calming in the area. The NRA want to protect the vulnerable pedestrians and cyclists. The road has been narrowed to 6.5 metres and there is still adequate room to overtake the jayveys. Motorists will not have a long wait on this road.

35. Cllr. D. Grady: That we would clean and skirt all roads at the entrance and exit to Barraduff Village as they are very unsightly.

Reply: The R-570 as it enters Barraduff Village from Shronedarragh was recently skirted and hedge cut in preparation for the restoration improvement works. It is also proposed to carry out hedge / verge maintenance works along the N72 from Knockennagowan to Duncannon Bridge during the month of October.

Cllr. D. Grady requested that Kerry County Council would maintain the entrances to the Barraduff Village.

36. Cllr. D. Grady: That we do an inventory on all public lighting in the Killarney Municipal District to ensure that they are in working order, as some of them are not.

Reply: Kerry County Council's public lighting maintenance contractors carry out night time patrols on an ongoing basis to determine which lighting requires repair or replacement. If there are any specific locations where lights are not operating, we will bring these to the attention of our maintenance contractors.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the contractor who works in the Killarney area is excellent but he is the only person employed in this capacity. There are lights that are not working at many locations. He asked that a staff member be given the task of driving around at night and make a list of all the lights that are out of order. All of the towns and villages should be surveyed.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Legal Agreement been executed in order to allow the payment of the agreed monetary sum and thus allow for the remedial works including works to associated services to be undertaken in Mountain View Estate, Kilcummin.

Reply: Kerry County Council is still awaiting the execution of the Legal Agreement from the Receiver over certain assets in the Estate despite numerous reminders. The urgency of the execution of this agreement has been impressed on the Receiver and he has just recently replied on behalf of the bondsman proposing certain changes to the wording of the Draft Agreement, to which the Estates Unit has agreed, in order for it to be executed and the bond monies paid over as soon as possible.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that this was his 20th time putting this Motion on the Agenda. He asked if there was any hope that progress could be made and have a more positive report for the next meeting.

Mr. D. Doyle stated that he would ask Mr. D. Murphy to attend the next meeting and provide a full update to the Members.

Cllr. Gleeson stated that legally there must be a way to hold these people accountable. A large group of residents have been in limbo for the last 8 years and still no progress has been made.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has there been any progress in the matter of land acquisition for the development of a footpath from Páirc Chuimín Estate to the Kilcummin village? This development would be of vital importance, particularly to school children.

Reply: Kerry County Council are in active discussions with the landowners involved. Further meetings will take place shortly to progress the matter.

Mr. P. Neary said that he would be meeting the landowner the next day and he agreed to update Cllr. Gleeson on same.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Is the Council in a position to give financial assistance and practical advice to the persons who are considering developing a former public roadway at Upper Lissivigeen/ Coolcoslough as a recreational pedestrian pathway?

Reply: Kerry County Council will gladly meet and give advice to any persons looking to develop a walkway in the Upper Lissivigeen area. Funding sources can be investigated thereafter.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said that any assistance offered would be appreciated.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: As the NRA have failed to deliver on its promise of a southern by-pass road for Killarney and as the L3015 is forced to serve this purpose, has the Council given positive consideration to my previous request for a public light at the N22/ L3015 junction?

Reply: Kerry County Council has inspected this location and unfortunately due to the current constraints on maintaining the existing public lighting network, including increasing energy costs, the Council has not been in a position to fund the provision of additional lighting to the public network, except in exceptional circumstances. In recent years the taking in charge of housing estates has increased our public lighting costs and there will be additional costs with the proposed taking in charge of other estates in the coming years. Under the provisions of EU Directive 2006/32/EC and S.I. No. 542/2009 -European Communities (Energy End-use Efficiency and Energy Services) Regulations 2009, Kerry County Council is also required to make substantial reductions in energy consumption, including on public lighting. This will necessitate substantial investment in either retrofitting our existing public lighting network with more efficient lighting equipment and/or restricting the provision of new lights on the existing network. This is an issue that needs to be further examined in the context of the limited funding available for the provision of all services, and the needs of the community.

Any request to provide public lighting at the N22/L3015 junction will need to be assessed as part of a Public Lighting Policy, which will be developed through the Operations SPC, given the existing demands on the Council to maintain existing public lighting infrastructure throughout the County.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said that in the summer there are enormous delays, sometimes as far back as the bottom of Pike Hill. Twenty percent of the traffic wants to access the Muckross area but they are forced to come into Killarney. Cllr. Gleeson pledged a contribution from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. He said improving the lighting would be of great assistance to traffic movement in that area and make visiting Killarney a more pleasurable experience.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council determined the most suitable location for the pedestrian crossing at Fair Hill, Killarney and if so, when is it intended to commence the construction of the much needed facility?

Reply: The location of the Pedestrian Crossing at Fair Hill has been decided and the project is currently undergoing the Section 38 procedure. Subject to adoption by the members at a special meeting to be convened, construction will commence at the end of October.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the pedestrian crossing would be better suited on the eastern side of Dennehy's Bohereen. He said parking spaces in front of the Friary should be eliminated.

Mr. D. Doyle said the Section 38 was out to public consultation. Part of the proposal is to build out in front of the Friary. The plan will have to be brought back to the Members for adoption.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked was the proposed pedestrian crossing a controlled one.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said that the reason the public were crossing there is that it is near the Outlet Centre and the railway station.

Cllr. B. Cronin said he was concerned to hear about building out in front of the Friary and he shared the sentiments expressed about the placement of the pedestrian crossing.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae said that the pedestrian crossing should be located near the Bus Station entrance.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council any proposal to improve the roadway at Dromhumper, Mill Road which, along by the safety barrier, is in a deplorable condition?

Reply: The Council carried out repair works on Mill Road, L-3911, recently. This roadway may be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme in order to carry out more substantial improvements on the roadway. It is likely that Kerry County Council will be requested to submit an updated multi-annual roads programme prior to the commencement of the 2016 Programme.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said he had previously allocated money for this road a long time ago. An overall scheme of works is needed here to make it safer. Cllr. Gleeson welcomed the recent repair works that were carried out.

7. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has any progress been made in the matter of providing a public parking area adjacent to the Church in Gneeveguilla? Parking along by the roadside constitutes a major obstacle to the free movement of general traffic and particularly of the emergency services.

Reply: Heretofore, the option of widening the road opposite the Gneeveguilla Church was investigated as a means of providing some extra parking at this location. Agreement with the adjacent landowner could not be reached. Kerry County Council currently has no funding for the provision of a public car park at Gneeveguilla Church.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said that during funerals and mass times the area is hugely unsafe, especially if an emergency vehicle has to pass there. He asked that the Council try and persist in acquiring a public parking area.

Mr. P. Neary said that the Council is not in a position to provide parking for every school and church. He said in this instance, the Council was unable to acquire land from the landowner.

8. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made in relation to the purchase of lands for car parking, necessary for the collection of children attending Loughguittane National School, Muckross, Killarney.

Reply: Kerry County Council had previous discussions with the OPW with regard to providing land to Loughguittane National School for the provision of a school car park. The OPW wished to deal directly with the School Board of Management on the matter. Kerry County Council passed on the relevant contact details to all parties. Kerry County Council is not aware of how progress is in regard to the OPW and the School's discussions.

Cllr. J. Sheahan asked could Kerry County Council contact the Board of Management to see what the OPW came back with. He stated that he presumed the Council would have to carry out the works.

Mr. P. Neary stated that this was a carpark for the school. The OPW would rather deal with the school and it was a matter for the school to look for funding.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said that Coillte would have a role in this matter if they co-operated.

9. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to skirt the road at Rathinane, Kilcummin, Killarney.

Reply: Drainage works will be carried out on the L-7034, Rathinane roadway towards the end of the year.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

10. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to rebuild the wall at Bridgefield, Killarney as it is unstable.

Reply: The wall has been assessed and is not considered unstable but does require some minor repairs. There is no funding currently available for this work. This would be suitable for funding from Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that the owner fears that the wall will fall into his land.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to re-assess the situation towards the end of the year.

11. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when works will commence on the replacement footpaths at Mangerton View, Killarney.

Reply: These works will be completed toward the end of 2015.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

12. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when the revised pedestrian crossing on the Port Road adjacent to Kerry Parents & Friends is to commence.

Reply: The relocation of this pedestrian crossing is a worthy project. This pedestrian crossing is located on a national route and the funding for its relocation is subject to the TII. The TII have been consulted in this regard and there is currently no funding stream available. Kerry County Council will continue to seek funding for this project.

Cllr. J. Sheahan said that this is a serious issue. There are a number of people working in that facility and some have got bad frights when pushing patients in their wheelchairs as motorists have failed to see the red light.

13. Cllr. B. Cronin: How many parking fines were issued in Killarney Town for the misuse of Blue Badge parking in the last 12 months?

Reply: A total of 17 fines were issued in Killarney Town in the last 12 months.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked that the Traffic Wardens continue to monitor this. It is important that these Blue Badge permits are protected.

14. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will improvement work be carried out to the surface of the Dromkerry Junction with the Killarney to Milltown Road?

Reply: Improvement works were carried out on the Dromkerry Junction on the Milltown Road last week.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the reply and thanked everyone involved.

15. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will Kerry County Council take action to deal with landowners who constantly refuse to cut roadside hedges?

Reply: In September of 2015, Kerry County Council sent out 5,800 hedge cutting letters to landowners informing of their responsibilities regarding the maintenance of their road side hedges. New procedures are being implemented with immediate effect and where landowners are found not to cut their hedges, they will be given 21 days to do so. After this 21 day period, if they haven't cut their hedges, Kerry County Council will cut the hedge and seek to recover costs in the courts.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the reply and was glad to see that Kerry County Council would recover costs. This was long overdue. He said great work was being carried out by landowners around the County whereas others have done nothing. There were blatant cases year in, year out. Cllr. Cronin asked that dangerous cases be prioritised.

Mr. D. Doyle stated that this policy was developed through the Operations, Health & Safety SPC. He informed the Members that complaints could be logged through the Killarney Office also. He confirmed that the Council would follow up on a number of cases to recover costs.

16. Cllr. B. Cronin: Will the bad section of the Slievegoura towards Ballymalis Road be included for funding in 2016.

Reply: The L-7034, Lahard . Slievegoura roadway can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Programme. It is likely that Kerry County Council will be requested to submit an updated multi-annual roads programme prior to the commencement of the 2016 Programme.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that from the Ahane Junction to Slievegoura was in a deplorable condition. This roads needs to be included when formulating the next Roads Programme.

17. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made to provide a safe parking area for the parents and children attending Loughguittane School. Coillte are positive about giving land. Has agreement been reached with the ESB?

Reply: Kerry County Council had previous discussions with the OPW with regard to providing land to Loughguittane National School for the provision of a school car park. The OPW wished to deal directly with the School Board of Management on the matter. Kerry County Council passed on the relevant contact details to all parties. Kerry County Council is not aware of how progress is in regard to the OPW and the School's discussions.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae noted the reply.

18. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council, if possible, to drain the Council Yard at Cahereens, Castleisland as it is flooding residents' properties in Cahereens Housing Estate.

Reply: We will investigate the source of the surface water at this location and implement any required mitigation measures.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae suggested opening a drain to take the water away.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to take a look at this.

19. Cllr. N. Kelleher: As the former School in Tureencahill is now a community centre, can a second light be erected on the north side of the centre as it will mostly be used at night.

Reply: Kerry County Council has inspected this location and unfortunately due to the current constraints on maintaining the existing public lighting network, including increasing energy costs, the Council has not been in a position to fund the provision of additional lighting to the public network, except in exceptional circumstances. In recent years the taking in charge of housing estates has increased our public lighting costs and there will be additional costs with the proposed taking in charge of other estates in the coming years. Under the provisions of EU Directive 2006/32/EC and S.I. No. 542/2009 -European Communities (Energy End-use Efficiency and Energy Services) Regulations 2009, Kerry County Council is also required to make substantial reductions in energy consumption, including on public lighting. This will necessitate substantial investment in either retrofitting our existing public lighting network with more efficient lighting equipment and/or restricting the provision of new lights on the existing network. This is an issue that needs to be further examined in the context of the limited funding available for the provision of all services, and the needs of the community.

Any request to provide additional public lighting at Tureencahill National School will need to be assessed as part of a Public Lighting Policy, which will be developed through the Operations SPC, given the existing demands on the Council to maintain existing public lighting infrastructure throughout the County.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted the reply.

20. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can we get the caution school lights in Tureencahill School moved to Gneevegullia School?

Reply: It is possible to relocate this set of school flashing lights, however, the costs associated with a new ESB connection, under grounding of cables, reinstatement of roads and footpaths and the long-term running costs would be significantly in excess of the cost of supplying and installing a new set of solar powered school flashing lights and associated warning signage which is approximately " 6,000. This is suitable for a Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund allocation.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the reply.

21. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: When can we expect the works on the Muckross Road to be completed?

Reply:

- The undergrounding and public lighting works will be completed by the end of October
- The footpaths will be completed by mid November
- The road overlay completed by late November

- It is expected that the work will be entirely completed by the year end.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the reply.

22. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: If it were deemed safe, could controlled pedestrian crossings be changed to uncontrolled with flashing amber lights?

Reply: The type of pedestrian crossing installed is decided on a case by case basis depending on its location and use. If there is any specific crossing to be analysed, the location should be forwarded to the Killarney Municipal District Office.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty said that in particular, the crossing near the cinema and jarvey stand was an issue. The crossings are required to be as effective as possible. With controlled crossings, people press the button and cross the road without even looking. He said that uncontrolled were more efficient and asked that this be looked at.

Mr. P. Neary stated that Malachy Walsh and Partners had been appointed to carry out a Traffic Management Study for Killarney Town and they would be looking at pedestrian crossings in the town.

23. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Has any progress been made towards removing the phone kiosk adjacent to the Town Hall, as there is less than a phone call per day made from same.

Reply: Kerry County Council has contacted Eircom in relation to this. No reply has been received to date.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked that the matter be followed up. The kiosk is not enhancing the area.

24. Cllr. D. Grady: What is the up to date position on resurfacing Scartaglin village?

Reply: There is currently no plan to resurface the roads in Scartaglin Village, however, they will be considered for inclusion in the next multi-annual restoration improvement programme. It is likely that Kerry County Council will be requested to submit an updated multi-annual roads programme prior to the commencement of the 2016 Programme.

Cllr. D. Grady asked the Council to take a look at the road. He stated that it was in a deplorable condition and needs urgent attention.

Mr. P. Neary said that it would be considered when preparing the next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme.

25. Cllr. D. Grady: What is the up to date position on the Gap Cross resurfacing?

Reply: Repairs to the road at Gap Cross, which was damaged due to the laying of a watermain, will be considered for resurfacing once funding becomes available from Irish Water as part of the funding mechanism for the permanent reinstatement of road opening trenches in the public roads.

Mr. D. Doyle stated that the Council received funding from Water Services to repair the road and he confirmed that it would be repaired.

Cllr. D. Grady said that it needs to be carried out as the bumps on the road have been there over a year.

Mr. Doyle confirmed that the cost of repairing roads following watermain bursts would be forwarded to Irish Water shortly. Once funding is provided, the works will be carried out.

26. Cllr. D. Grady: Have we got money for the repairs to the cutting of the road in Fossa area as a result of laying water pipes?

Reply: Repairs to the road at Gap Cross, which was damaged due to the laying of a watermain, will be considered for resurfacing once funding becomes available from Irish Water as part of the funding mechanism for the permanent reinstatement of road opening trenches in the public roads.

Cllr. D. Grady acknowledged that this Question was discussed in conjunction with Question 25.

15.10.07.06 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 Council would detail the degree of progress made towards determining a productive future for the Pretty Polly site at Upper Park Road, Killarney.

Reply: Kerry County Council are liaising closely with industry promotion agencies to determine usage of the site and the steps necessary to do this. This process will inform future site options.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the Pretty Polly site offers the Council an edge of town, gold plated site with enormous development potential. At present, there is a monstrosity sitting on it. Its existence is hindering its potential and it needs to be levelled. He asked the Manager to take an interest in this site.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty moved his Motion at this stage.

5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to look at options to rent more sections of the grounds of the Pretty Polly Factory.

Reply: The only suitable use for the grounds of the Pretty Polly Factory is car parking. The accessible area outside the security barriers is licensed to an adjoining business for staff parking. Areas beyond the security barriers require works and are unsuitable for use due to security and safety risks. The Council will consider any proposals in relation to use of its properties in relation to benefits, risks and liabilities to the organisation. No part of the Pretty Polly Factory is available for lease in its current condition; the current users have a licence to use part of the grounds of the Pretty Polly Factory.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked that if the Council were going to knock the building, would the Council consider selling it.

Ms. A. McAllen replied that at this point in time, the site would not be sold. This was an opportunity site. A suitable use was needed for it. Ms. McAllen said that it would be more appropriate for Tomás Hayes and his Department to consider together with the IDA and Enterprise Ireland.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that it needs to become a Greenfield site.

Cllr. D. Grady said that it must be used for industrial purposes.

Ms. A. McAllen agreed and said that the Council want it to be used for industry and job creation.

2. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask the Department of the Environment to provide funding for the Macroom Bypass in 2016 as so many commuters from Kerry are very frustrated with the present set up.

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

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae said that the Government recently announced that the By-Pass was to be included on a 6 year investment plan totalling €27bn. He asked had Kerry County Council been in discussion with anyone since the announcement to see how much money would be allocated for this scheme or when it would start. Cllr. Healy-Rae said he was very concerned following their recent deputation to the NRA on 8th June. The NRA said they hoped to see movement on the Adare and Macroom By-Pass in the next decade. People are very frustrated. He said that people are travelling on the Cork-Kerry Cancer Bus and travelling to Cork to work.

Mr. G. O'Brien said that Notices of Motions are dealt with at the meeting and following agreement, we then write to the relevant Departments requesting their response. He agreed that a letter would issue to the NRA on the matter.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion. He said that the Council should pursue the matter.

3. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council for an update on the acquisition of the Áras Phádraig Centre in order to proceed with the opening as a community facility for Killarney.

Reply: Kerry County Council are finalising a number of legal matters in relation to this acquisition. The building will require significant finance investment and refurbishment works prior to being opened to the public as a community facility. Members will be kept updated on progress.

Cllr. J. Sheahan said that a few years ago the Council took over this property. He asked for an update on the position.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae asked that the Members be kept updated on the matter.

4. Cllr. N. Kelleher: As the majority of work is done in the Municipal District, I ask that this authority meet monthly instead of bi-monthly.

Reply: The regularity of Municipal District Meetings was considered by the Members in adopting the Standing Orders for Municipal District Meetings in July 2014. It was agreed that the Killarney MD Meeting would meet on a bi-monthly basis. All Municipal Districts now meet on a bi-monthly basis.

Following a discussion on this matter Cllr. N. Kelleher Proposed that the Killarney Municipal District Meetings would be held on a monthly basis. This was Seconded by Cllr. D. Grady.

Cllr. B. Cronin then Proposed that the Killarney Municipal District Meetings would remain bi-monthly and this was Seconded by Cllr. B. O'Connell.

Mr. G. O'Brien advised that as two Proposals were now before the meeting, a vote would have to be taken on the matter. He asked Members to indicate whether they were for monthly or bi-monthly meetings when voting. The result of the vote was as follows:

Monthly:	Cllrs. D. Grady and N. Kelleher (2)
Bi- Monthly:	Cllrs. B. Cronin, JJ. Culloty, D. Healy-Rae, B. O'Connell, J. Sheahan (5)
Absent:	Cllr. M. Gleeson (1)

Mr. G. O'Brien confirmed that meetings would continue on a bi-monthly basis.

5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Notice of Motion No. 5 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No 1.

6. Cllr. D. Grady: That all State lands that are surplus to needs be given over to the Local Authorities of Ireland for the purpose of building social housing to ease the housing emergency that exists throughout the country.

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

Cllr. D. Grady said as there is a current housing shortage and the Government has indicated that it will provide capital funding to the extent of €20bn up to 2020, we, Kerry County Council, call on the Government to make available to the Local Authorities, lands and buildings which are in State ownership to be used in the provision of social housing.

The HSE have approximately 14 acres of land in Killarney which would be suitable and the Department of Defence have lands in Tralee. There may also be other lands available in the County which would be suitable.

Transfer of these lands to Local Authorities would facilitate the provision of large numbers of social housing in a short period of time as Local Authorities wouldn't have to compete with private developers for the available land.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: When will the access to Tomies Wood be opened up again? It cannot be right that locals and tourists from all over the world are denied access to this great attraction.

Reply: Following the July MD Meeting, we wrote to the NPWS on this matter. Copy of their response is enclosed in Correspondence for today's meeting.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae noted that the correspondence from the NPWS stated that "the Department is currently pursuing a legal course of action". Cllr. Healy-Rae said that this had been appealed to An Bord Pleanála and asked how long would it take for a decision.

Mr. D. Doyle stated that a decision can take up to 18 weeks.

Cllr. Healy-Rae asked can An Bord Pleanála be asked to expedite their decision. This needs to be sorted out for next year. A road needs to be built and residents and visitors to the woods are not happy.

2. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask what progress has been made with the HSE in getting St. Finan's lands back in the ownership of Kerry County Council to enhance the town of Killarney.

Reply: The Council have, over the past 12 months, been in discussions with the HSE in relation to the lands at St. Finan's in Killarney. It is hoped that these lands could be used to enhance the town of Killarney from both an economic and community development perspective.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae asked the Council to continue to pursue the matter. He said he was worried the lands would be sold into private ownership. If this happens, the people of the town would lose out. He asked Management to pursue this.

Ms. A. McAllen committed to contacting the Head of Estates of the HSE in regard to this matter.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Can it be agreed to have a Garden of Remembrance outside the Courthouse?

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

Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked if this could be agreed. The garden would include seven shrubs, The Proclamation and a flag pole. He said it would be very fitting in that location.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

15.10.07.07 To consider requests for the reception of the following deputations:

- (a)** On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Sheahan, SECONDED Cllr. J.J. Culloty it was agreed that a deputation from Ballydowney Residents regarding road safety issues, speed and trees - Cllr. J. Sheahan
- (b)** On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. Cronin, SECONDED Cllr. D. Healy-Rae, it was agreed that a deputation from Residents of Muckross Road on constant traffic congestion - Cllr. B. Cronin

15.10.07.08 Date of Next Meeting

- (a)** It was agreed the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Killarney will be held on Wednesday, 9th December 2015.
- (b)** It was agreed that a meeting to adopt the Draft Budget Plan for the Municipal District of Killarney will be held on Wednesday, 21st October 2015 at 4.30pm.

15.10.07.09 Correspondence

- 1.** It was agreed to note the following correspondence which was circulated - email dated 10th September 2015 from Mr Pat Dawson, Regional Manager, National Parks & Wildlife Services regarding public access to Tomies Wood.
- 2.** Email received from Mr. Pat Dawson, NPWS on 6th October 2015 regarding employing a night watchman at Muckross House was

circulated to Members at the meeting. The contents of same were noted.

15.10.07.10 Any Other Business

Mr. P. Neary circulated a copy of the Killarney Municipal District Capital Projects as at October 2015 to the Members.

Killarney/London Reunion

Mr. G. O'Brien stated that the Cathaoirleach was to attend the Killarney/London Reunion event in London on 21st November. Cllr. D. Grady was receiving an award at this event and Mr. O'Brien requested approval of the Members that Cllr. Grady attend the event with the Cathaoirleach on 21st November 2015. This item will be included on the October Council Agenda.

Emergency Funding

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae enquired about the emergency funding that was promised following flood damage.

Mr. P. Neary stated that a submission had gone to the Department. He was not sure when funding would be received.

Poulgorm Bridge

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae requested that two bollards be moved at Poulgorm Bridge.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to discuss the matter with the NRDO Castleisland.

Demountable Units

Cllr. D. Grady referred to the Government's plan to purchase 500 demountable units to assist with the housing crisis in Dublin. He asked if 20 of those units could be allocated to Killarney.

Mr. G. O'Brien said that an item will be on the full Council Agenda on homelessness next month. This would be the most appropriate forum to raise the issue with the Director of Housing.

Cllr. Grady said that Kerry is entitled to get some of the demountable units. He said that if we do not move on this they will be gone. He asked that a letter issue to the Government.

Mr. O'Brien stated that this matter should be referred to the Director of Housing first.

Dangerous Trees

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to dangerous trees that are located along a river bank. The OPW has put in rock armour. Cllr. Cronin asked did the responsibility of the trees lie with the OPW or the landowner.

Mr. P. Neary said he would enquire but he presumed that if the trees were away from the riverbank, then they would be the landowner's responsibility.

Traffic Speed Detectors

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to the Traffic Speed Detectors that were due to be installed at Knockasartnett. Ms. B. Mulryan stated that they were awaiting the delivery of same and they would be installed when received. Both Cllr. Cronin and Cllr. J. Sheahan had committed " 4,000 each for these detectors from their Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

The Meeting concluded at 15.00.

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Meetings Administrator

Cllr. B. O'Connell

Cathaoirleach of Killarney M.D.