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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM KILLARNEY ON WEDNESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER 2015.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I LEABHARLANN CHILL ÁIRNE AR AN CHÉADAOIN, 9Ú NOLLAIG 2015.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

Cllr. B. Cronin	**Cllr. D. Healy-Rae**
Cllr. J.J. Culloty	**Cllr. N. Kelleher**
Cllr. M. Gleeson	**Cllr. B. O'Connell**
Cllr. D. Grady	**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. M. Lynch	**SEE Planning & Sustainable Development**
Mr. T. Sheehy	**SE Capital Infrastructure Unit**
Mr. C. Mangan	**SEE Water Services**
Mr. P. Bradley	**EE Community Services & Engagement**
Ms. K. Curtin	**AO Housing**
Mr. D. Murphy	**SEE Operations**
Ms. B. Mulryan	**EE Killarney**
Mr. B. Mulhern	**AE Killarney**
Mr. K. O'Halloran	**AE Killarney**
Ms. M. Galvin	**CO Corporate Affairs**

The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

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

15.12.09.01 (a) Confirmation of the following Minutes:

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, SECONDED by Cllr. D. Grady, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 7th October 2015 be confirmed.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J.J. Culloty, SECONDED by Cllr. B. Cronin, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting to consider and adopt a Draft

Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Killarney for 2016 held on 21st October 2015 be confirmed.

(c) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. Cronin, SECONDED by Cllr. J.J. Culloty, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 28th October 2015 be confirmed.

(b) Reception of Deputation from the Residents of Ballydowney regarding traffic calming and trees in the area - Cllr. J. Sheahan

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed
(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **to the meeting. He stated that he had a Notice of Motion on this issue but asked that the deputation be heard first.**

(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **thanked the Members for the opportunity to speak to them. She stated that she is living in Ballydowney for the past 20 years. This route serves as the main access to the Ring of Kerry and the Gap of Dunloe. Businesses such as Liebherr, The Castlerosse Hotel, Hotel Europe and Killarney Golf and Fishing Club are also located on this stretch of road. There is a large increase in the volume of traffic which is continuous from early in the morning until late at night. Motorists have a total disregard for the speed limit and the speaker stated that the road at times resembles a "Grand Prix track". It is a hazard for cyclists, pedestrians and especially people entering and exiting their own homes. In relation to the footpaths, there is no kerbing in places and they are very narrow, especially where there are bends in the road. Recently, a car coming from Fossa hit her neighbour's pillar and spun around and entered her driveway. The car was written off, all as a result of speed. The speaker outlined another incidence where a tour bus was speeding and driving over the white line. An oncoming lorry had to swerve to avoid hitting the bus and mounted the footpath, hit the wall and knocked the pillar and sign on**
(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **property. This road is also used by tourists and cyclists. There have been fatalities at the junction of the National Park and Bohereen na Marbh. Lights should be installed at this junction and upgraded. The road used to be painted red here. The area needs to be made safer.**

The speaker asked that the following matters be dealt with:

- **That drivers adhere to the speed limit**
- **Provision of a pedestrian crossing at Bohereen na Marbh**
- **Provision of additional lighting and signage**
- **Provision of a solar managed speed indicator**

- **Write "Slow" on the road surface**
- **Occasional presence of An Garda Síochána**

The speaker referred to the cycle lane which is only present for a small stretch of road. There is land outside
(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **house that was possibly bought by Kerry County Council and was now derelict. She asked that this land be used to widen the road and provide a safe cycle track. The trees on the road are also a major hazard and should be removed.**

The speaker concluded by thanking Cllr. J. Sheahan for all his assistance over the years and thanked the Council for cutting the trees recently and the lights were now visible.
addressed the Meeting
(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **He stated that motorists were not adhering to the speed limit. The footpath is 3 ft wide going around the bend and is level with the road height in places. Cars are coming around the bend at high speed. It is only a matter of time before someone is killed. He stated that he often walks to the National Park with his children but there is no safe place to cross. He has written on this matter to the Councillors, the Garda Superintendent, the NRA (now TII) and Council staff. He would like to understand who has responsibility to deal with these issues and what are the next steps to be taken.**

(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **thanked the deputation for their presentation. He stated that Ballydowney experiences very heavy volumes of traffic on a daily basis. Motorists are not adhering to the 50km/h speed limit. They are putting people's lives at risk, especially the residents. Traffic calming measures are required here similar to what is provided adjacent to Liebherr. The footpath is not fit for purpose and should be wider. He referred to the trees which are reaching heights equivalent to 8 - 10 storeys high. They are tall, large and heavy and if they come down on top of a vehicle the result will be catastrophic.**

Cllr. Sheahan proposed that the trees be removed, widen the road, footpath and cycle lane and install appropriate traffic calming measures. He asked that an application be made to the TII seeking funding to carry out improvements to this road.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the deputation. He stated that at the last Municipal District Meeting he had a Notice of Motion requesting that the trees be cut back. The NPWS are negligent as they have been asked on numerous occasions to do so. The footpath is deplorable in places and growth and briars trespass out onto the footpath causing a danger to children's eyes. He stated that there were suggestions to increase the speed limit on the road to 60km/h. It was thought that motorists are

frustrated keeping to the 50km/h speed limit as far as the Castlerosse Hotel and, as a consequence, do not keep to the limit.

(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **said that the residents would not be in favour of increasing the speed limit.**

Cllr. B. Cronin thanked the deputation. He stated that he previously had a Notice of Motion requesting that traffic calming be provided at this location. Not adhering to the speed limit is the issue here. A motorist has to exit one of the houses in this area to understand how serious it is. The Gardaí are not carrying out speed monitoring here. There should be a Garda presence 1 - 2 times a week. News of their presence would circulate very quickly. Cllr. Cronin stated that there was a crossing provided to the National Park for the horses but not pedestrians. A safe controlled crossing should be provided. The footpath is only wide enough for one person. It is narrow due to overgrowth and briars falling onto it. A suitable safe cycle lane is also required. This is a concentrated area for cyclists training for the Ring of Kerry. Cllr. Cronin stated that a traffic count should be carried out here, particularly from March - November. Cllr. Cronin stated that he fully supported the request made. It is the TII who govern this road.

(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **stated that he carried out his own traffic count on the road and one day counted 60 cars per minute.**

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the residents to the meeting. He stated that he had raised the issue at Ballydowney during his time in the Town Council. He agreed with the residents. He referred to the horse crossing which was painted red and was left fade away. He agreed that solar panels should be provided. For a long time a 50km/h sign was not even provided here. He referred to the deer which come out onto the road and said it has potential to cause loss of life. This is a highly dangerous location to raise families in.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the three speakers and stated that they made very clear points. He previously had a Notice of Motion on the Agenda regarding provision of a flashing sign. He noted that four more houses were being built in Ballydowney which will further add to the difficulties faced by the residents. Cllr. Culloty stated that he visited the area with Mr. P. Neary and identified the trees to be cut last summer. He was glad to see them being removed. He stated that he was on the National Parks Liaison Committee and he was aware that extra staff are needed in the NPWS. He said he will raise the issues with them. Relatively inexpensive but effective measures are required here. People needed to be able to cycle to town safely. A pedestrian crossing is required. Agree with the comments made by the deputation and the Councillors.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the deputation. He stated that he agreed with Cllr. B. Cronin's comments. People do not realise how bad the situation in Ballydowney is until they have to turn into or exit a premises on that road. He stated that all the Councillors have previously put down Notices of Motion in relation to this stretch of road. The road is in the charge of the TII. The Councillors are not permitted to contribute by way of their Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund to roads under the remit of the TII. He stated that minor works needed to be carried out and the Council should keep progressing the matter. He asked Mr. P. Neary to ensure works are carried out to the footpath as both residents and tourists use this.

Mr. P. Neary welcomed the deputation to the meeting. He stated it was good to hear the residents' issues first hand. He stated that Kerry County Council does not have maintenance responsibility on this road. He said he was optimistic that works on this road would be approved by the TII. Mr. Neary stated he was aware of the issues of the road as the County Coroner became involved when the last fatality occurred on the road. He confirmed that he has met with the NPWS, NRA and Gardaí at the location. Mr. Neary stated that he forwarded an application for funding for €15,000 - €16,000 to the NRA to assist with cutting the trees and to enhance the lining there. He also met with the NRA Safety Officer. The NRA have stated that they wish to find a proper solution for this road and to carry out a full traffic calming design. One of the issues is that upon leaving Gortroe where traffic calming and lighting is present, motorists then enter into what appears to be a rural setting that is dark and surrounded by trees and this encourages motorists to speed up. Substantial works are needed requiring substantial funding.

Mr. Neary stated that the TII are not looking for a short-term fix at this location. The Council are now tasked with putting together a design for a full Traffic Calming Scheme to include footpaths and lighting in an urban environment for drivers. Work on the design is due to commence in January and it is hoped that the plan will be submitted to the TII in the Spring. He stated that the Council will push this project with the TII to get the go-ahead.

Mr. Neary outlined the issues as follows:

- **Footpaths are narrow and the Council will look at widening them and put in new kerbing**
- **Install digital signage**
- **Trees will be cut in the next week which will improve sight distance**
- **Possibility of upgrading the horse crossing to a pedestrian crossing.**

The Council are aware of the issues in Ballydowney. A substantial scheme is required. He stated that at the outset, approval from the TII was needed and thereafter, funding for same.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation to the meeting and said he appreciated their concerns. He was glad to hear the positive response from the Engineers. Fatalities have occurred at this location and this must be highlighted to the TII. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that no trees should be within falling distance of a road - it only requires a branch to kill someone. People's lives must come first and asked that the trees be removed.

Cllr. J. Sheahan thanked Mr. Neary and Kerry County Council. He said it was enlightening to see structures put in place here. The Council must emphasise the need for the removal of the trees. The cycle lane is not fit for purpose, footpaths need to be improved by widening and kerbing them. Cllr. Sheahan confirmed that he would follow up on the matter.

Cllr. B. Cronin said that based on the traffic count of 60 vehicles per minute by (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **in a 12 hour period, the total number of vehicles using this road equates to 43,200. He asked the Council to carry out their own traffic count and submit results of same to the TII.**

Mr. Neary stated that a traffic count was carried out here and he would obtain the figures.

Cllr. B. O'Connell thanked the deputation for attending the meeting. He said that the speakers made a great contribution and made a great case. He said that the response from the Engineering staff was positive.

(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*)
stated that access from Bohereen na Marbh was needed so that children could cross the road into the National Park.
(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*)
welcomed the response from the Council. He again reiterated that Garda presence was required on the road on a weekly basis. Traffic build up starts at 6.30am as staff of Liebherr head to work.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty requested that a letter issue to An Garda Síochána on behalf of the residents. It was agreed that a letter would issue.

15.12.09.02 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Using the knowledge that has been attained by staff of this Council in relation to planning, construction and managing of the District Heating System in Tralee, I call on this Council to investigate 1) the viability of such a scheme in Killarney, 2) suitable sites, 3) the level of private interest in constructing and managing a biomass district heating system.

Reply: The Capital Infrastructure Unit will undertake to progress the viability of a District Heating System in Killarney and report to Members accordingly in Quarter 1 2016.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that that the information gleaned in the construction and management of the District Heating System in Tralee is very valuable. He encouraged Kerry County Council to look at this information. He stated that a viable site is the issue here. The District Heating System in Tralee is a success. Cllr. Culloty stated that this is a huge business in Europe and we need to keep at the forefront of it.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he did not agree that Tralee was a better location than Killarney for this system. He said that the District Heating System was carried out on a very small scale in Tralee. Killarney has a input a lot of work into the development of this scheme. He said that the people of Killarney are willing to back this project. He stated that he is aware of a company who wish to meet with Ms. A. McAllen and the Chief Executive to discuss this scheme and he asked Ms. McAllen to commit to this. Cllr. Grady stated that Killarney was a more attractive destination for this scheme and people have been talking about it for a long time.

Mr. T. Sheehy stated that he recalled Cllr. Grady's Notice of Motion on this item previously. From Kerry County Council's point of view, we want to get these schemes up and running. An unbelievable amount of work has taken place on these schemes over the years. Mr. Sheehy said that the issue here was the financial viability of the project. It was a question of risk. The Government set up the Energy Efficiency Fund and put a total of €40m into it.

Mr. Sheehy advised that the negotiations had started with SDCL. This is the company appointed to manage the Energy Efficiency Fund. The design requires a full energy audit of all potential users.- During the preliminary studies this was run in Tralee and Killarney at the time. The figures were reviewed. The cost of money (interest rate) to finance the project is dependent on risk. Tralee is a more attractive proposition for them based on the number of Government institutions potentially using the facility such as schools, colleges hospitals etc. Currently the scheme is unviable without a subsidy.

In 2016 the Renewable Heat Incentive is being launched by the Government. Discussions are due to take place with Sustainable Energy Ireland to discuss the scheme. This could swing the balance of the finance issue.

It is worth looking at Killarney again as having potential for development of this scheme. The economy is not as uncertain as before from a hotel perspective. Mr Sheehy stated that this option would be discussed with SDCL again.

Mr. Sheehy referred to a private company coming in. There is no legislation in Ireland to govern this. To supply energy to anybody, you have to be the utility. This is a barrier that needs to be overcome. The issue of the pipeline ownership is a major factor.

Mr. Sheehy referred to biomass projects in Denmark which are co-operatively user-owned networks. The surplus at the end of the year is given back on a pro-rata basis to those involved.

Mr. Sheehy stated he had no issue meeting the people that Cllr. Grady referred to and said he would see if they could progress it. He stated he was in favour of progressing the scheme as it has potential to create 100 jobs in the County. It is a sustainable and robust heating system. Mr. Sheehy said that he was going to try and meet with hoteliers who are looking to have this system in place and carry out an energy audit of their premises. A 3 year plan needs to be developed with the SEAI.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he appreciated the reply. He stated that he was aware of hoteliers who would be willing to get involved in this scheme.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae asked for clarification. He asked how can you commence when the clarity regarding the pipes in the ground needed to be ascertained first. There are several services running underground and new pipes cannot impeded on these.

Mr. Sheehy stated that there was no pressure to deal with the issue of pipe ownership until we have a project in place.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can Management of the Killarney MD examine all possibilities and options for the provision of a multi-storey car parking facility in Killarney town before attempting to remove any further on-street parking.

Reply: Malachy Walsh & Partners are currently carrying out a Traffic Management Study of Killarney Town. As part of this study they will create a traffic model to model the existing traffic patterns, future road improvement proposals and a parking strategy for the town. The study will quantify the number of spaces available, both public and private parking facilities associated with commercial/retail developments and identify patterns and levels of parking space usage and availability. The study will also predict what additional parking capacity will be needed over the coming years to support increased activity and where should additional capacity be located. In this context, the feasibility of multi-storey car parking will be assessed.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the Traffic Management Study appeared to cover a lot of aspects and he noted that parking was included in same. He stated that the Councillors were coming under pressure from the public in regard to on-street parking in Killarney Town. A proper, centrally located facility for parking was required. If the Traffic

Management Study recommends the provision of a multi-storey facility, how will it be funded?

Mr. P. Neary stated that we have to consider, as a Local Authority, how it is best delivered and initially, we should await the findings of the survey.

Cllr. Cronin asked for a commitment not to take away any further on-street parking.

Mr. Neary replied that everything was on hold at present awaiting the Traffic Management Report which is due early 2016.

2. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: What heating system is proposed for the new Local Authority houses which are to be built in this Municipal District? Will provisions be made in these houses for future connection to a biomass resource district heating system or other renewable energy systems?

Reply: As the BER target has been revised by DoEHLG to achieve A3 Rating for newly built houses, we are facing a serious challenge to meet this target for local authority dwellings while meeting the ceiling units cost which is issued annually. As the designs keep changing from one project to other, that requires changes in the heating system provided. Currently in typical two storey houses, we provide air to water heat pumps and connect it to an underfloor heating system on ground floors and aluminium low temperature radiators on first floors, and a standalone solid fuel stove as secondary heating appliance is also provided as it is required by DoEHLG. We provide and install a solar panel array if it is required to meet the A3 rating.

In relation to the 20 houses in Park, Killarney it is air to water heat pumps, connected to underfloor heating system in the ground floor and connected to aluminium low temperature radiators in the first floor as main heating source, and we provide standalone solid fuel stove as secondary heating appliance. In this stage no provision has been made to connect these houses to a district heating system.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the Council's heating system is very efficient, environmentally friendly and sustainable. He enquired if it was possible that there could be a connection to District Heating. Will provision be made to connect to an external system?

Mr. T. Sheehy replied that no provision has been made. Funding comes from the Department and they will not fund it. It might be a possibility in the future.

Cllr. Culloty suggested that when constructing houses going forward, that the crews might place a connection on the footpath. This would not involve much finance but might a practical option for future systems.

Mr. Sheehy agreed that this was a good suggestion.

15.12.09.03 Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate

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

Environmental Protection Services Report for November 2015

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

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- Green School visits are ongoing and will be until end of March 2016. We will have up to 30 schools going for green flag renewal in the South and West Region for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

- We are currently arranging for National Adjudicator of Tidy Town Competition, Mr Billy Flynn to visit Killarney and Barraduff in mid January 2016. The visits are with a view to giving some guidance to the local groups on how to further enhance their performance in the competition.

- In cooperation with the Southern Regional Waste Management Office, we are currently rolling out an awareness campaign on preventing Food Waste - in particular bread in the lead up to Christmas. Adverts have appeared in local newspapers this week. A second series of adverts will be placed in the lead up to Christmas and will feature the recycling of Plastic.

- We are involved with the judging of the annual environmental art competition with Astellas, Killorglin. The winning entries are published in a calender. This is the 12th year of cooperation between Astellas, Kidney Association of Ireland and the Local Authority in Kerry. There are over 500 entries annually.

- In the lead up to Christmas we will be focusing our weekly Environmental column in the Kerryman on the Climate Change talks in Paris, preventing food waste at Christmas, energy conservation and recycling more after the festive season.

- Transition Kerry Sustainable Workshops will be held in Killarney after Christamas. Discussions are ongoing with Killarney Tidy Towns to arrange suitable dates. Topics covered will include energy conservation, waste prevention, growing your own food and water conservation. These workshops are open to the wider public in South Kerry as well as Killarney Town.

Housing Services Report for November 2015

Business Unit Manager: Kathleen Moriarty SEO

Tenant Purchase Scheme
The Council was notified by DOECLG on 17th November of the enactment of the relevant legislation to introduce the new Tenant Purchase Scheme for existing local authority houses on 1 January 2016. Council staff are attending a briefing seminar on 24th November being organised by the DOECLG. The new Scheme introduces significant changes to Tenant Purchase including discounts for purchasers linked to household income and a discount related charge on the property that reduces to nil over a period unless the house is re-sold or the purchaser fails to comply with conditions of sale. Full details on the terms and conditions of the new Scheme will be made available to Members very shortly.

Additional Allocation for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability

The Council has received official notification from DOECLG of an additional allocation under the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Grant Scheme for 2015 of ú225,000 of which ú45,000 is to be provided from our own resources. This brings the total allocation for 2015 to ú2,013,778. This allows the Council to allocate further grants for applications on hand, in accordance with our Priority Scheme.

Housing Programme 2015 - 2017

As advised at the October Corporate Policy Meeting and also as discussed at the October Meeting of the Council, we continue to make all efforts to deliver on the targets set out in the Housing Acquisition and Construction Programme 2015 ï 2017.
Through a combination of House Purchases, the RAS Programme, Leasing, Voids Programme and the House Construction Programme we expect to provide an additional 400 housing units by year end.

Library Service Report November 2015

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

Library service:

Å A recent major addition to the range of sources available to library users is ôFind my Pastôï this is an extensive web access point for tracing Irish ancestors, holding several million records. The records can be accessed at any library through the website www.kerrylibrary.ie and are available worldwide to current library members. Among the lesser known records included are:

The Irish Prison Registers, featuring over 3.5 million names; National directories from1814; Indexes to Irish wills dating from 1270 ï 1858; Over 400,000 gravestones and church memorials; Military records of over 8,000 people involved in the 1798 Rebellion through to the names of more than 49,000 Irishmen who lost their lives fighting in World War I; Access to over 250,000 obituaries and other newspaper notices compiled from all over Ireland and lists of 52,600 individuals eligible to vote in elections between 1832 and 1838.

In addition the library has completed the digitisation of its 19th century Kerry local newspaper holdings. The latest to be made available online is the Kerry Evening Post 1827 ï 1917. It is available at any of the Kerry branch libraries and is fully searchable.

ÅWork is underway at present on the provision of disability access to Killarney Library from the Rock Road. The work is scheduled for completion by 23 December.

ÅAs part of the national strategy for public libraries, free library membership for core services will come into operation on 1 January 2016.

ÅThe following events are scheduled for Killarney Library over the coming month:
Business Advice clinics on Wednesday, 9 December
Sewing & Fashion club on Friday, 11 December
National Learning Network on Tuesday, 15 December
ÅMan UpôExhibition Tuesday, 24 ï Monday, 30 Nov.
Kerry Parents & Friends Annual Library visit on Tuesday, 1 December
ÅPlacing the wordôArt Exhibition by Dolores Lyne (artist living in Galway and originally from Killarney) ï Monday, 7 ï Saturday, 19 December - Art inspired by Kerry writings, connected with specific locations in Kerry. Authors whose work is included are Ellen Cranitch, Eileen Sheehan and Breda Joy. Launch on Saturday, 12 December, 2.00p.m. by Billy Keane.

Community Services & Engagement Report November 2015

Business Unit Manager – Brian Looney SEO

Local Economic & Community Plan.
Following on from the workshops held in October specific objectives and actions to be achieved over the life of the plan are currently being developed for the 3 themes of economic development, Social Inclusion and Quality of Life. Draft actions for the economic elements were considered at the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC on 19 November. The community elements were considered by Kerry LCDC at its November meeting. It is anticipated that the LECP will be go to the February/March 2016 meeting of Kerry County Council for approval.

SICAP

For the delivery of the programme in Kerry the county is divided into 3 Lots with a programme implementers (3 LDCõs in Kerryõs case) appointed to deliver services in each of the three lots.
Each Programme Implementer developed an Action Plan for 2015 for the delivery of services within their Lot area and this plan was approved by Kerry LCDC. The LCDC as the contracting authority is required to monitor and review the performance of Programme Implementers and the meeting of specific targets against the Action Plan. The Mid-Term Review has been complete and the End of Year Review will commence shortly. In tandem with this, the Preparation of Action Plans for 2016 will commence in November and be finalised in January. Lot budgets and targets for 2016 will be notified by Pobal at the end of November.

LEADER 2014-2020
Kerry LCDC is the Local Action Group (LAG) under the LEADER Programme with the 3 Local Development Companies implementing the programme on the ground. Work is progressing on the preparation of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) with extensive public consultation having taken place. The LDCõs, KCC and the LCDC each have a role in the development of the strategy, the adoption of which will ultimately be the responsibility of the LCDC as the LAG. The draft actions and objectives LDS will be before the November LCDC meeting for consideration and it is anticipated that the delivery of services under this programme will commence in February/March 2016.

Pride of Place
Kerry groups took two top prizes in the annual IPB Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place Awards in Ennis Co. Clare.

Burial Grounds
Work continues on sourcing new burial capacity in the Killarney area.
In relation to Gneeveguila we are waiting for the Church management to revert with their technical drawings.
A request to takeover the management of the Church or Ireland graveyard in Beaufort on the western boundary of this MD has been received.

Sports Partnership
Work is well advanced on developing our County Sports & Recreation strategy aimed at increasing participation in sport and recreational activity.
Although there are no Kerry Leaders this season, Operational Transformation will have a major walk in early January in Killarney National Park.
The Parkrun events in Killarney have been very successful with participation from across the MD.

Arts & Culture
Our Arts Strategy was recently approved at the SPC meeting and much of our efforts in the period ahead will continue to be focused on the 1916 commemoration programme.

Irish Office
On November 30th the http://eolaire.ciarrai.ie online Irish services catalogue as launched as well as the awards to staff and community members who completed a T.E.G. course.

Emergency Services Report
November 2015

Business Unit Manager: Mr. Michael Heisson CFO

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers continued to provide the Courts with recommendations in respect of any licence applications notified to the Fire Service.
- Following the fire tragedy in the Carrickmines traveller halting site an immediate review of fire safety in Kerry's traveller halting sites was carried out. Fire Officers carried out inspections at the four traveller halting sites in the county and issued reports to KCC Housing in respect of same. The sites were found to be largely in compliance with the current guidelines. Issues identified by the Fire Service are being addressed by Housing.

Building Control:

- 299 Commencement Notices/7 Day Notices were received up to the end of October 2015.
- The number of Disability Access Certificate applications received was 78 for the same period.

A total of 121 Fire Safety Certificate applications have been received up to the end of October.

Construction Products

- Still in the early stages with this piece of legislation, due to staff shortages and technical qualifications.
- Received notification of an inferior CO Alarm that is on the market. We were directed by the department to contact all those through the BCMS system of this product by e-mail and to write to those who did not submit their applications electronically. This has been done.

Asset Management

- Still awaiting further Information from Sidhean Teo.
- Had an online meeting with Scafftag systems with Text Tell in Ireland. I have received some options from this company on how best to proceed after submitting our list of Assets to them. I am currently reviewing these options. However any asset management system we opt for will require the provision of Wi-Fi in all stations.

Equipment-Research/Procurement

- Four wild-fire helmets on trial. These are MSA F2Xtrem and are made by the same manufacturer as our structural helmets.

Equipment-Stores/Inventory

- Unchanged from last month due to commitments of the Full Time Staff.
- PPE: A replacement program for wildfire kit is required. This includes Wild fire Helmets & Goggles/ Wildfire Overalls/ Smoke Masks/ Backpacks.
- Currently low on flashoods & gloves.

Health & Safety

- This is ongoing with ACFO John Hegarty managing all aspects of this.
- Draft OHSAS documents have been draw up by SACFO E. O'Donnell and submitted to the CFO for review.

Training

- Four new recruits on a recent CFBT Course. All successful
- EFR initial course and 12 out of 15 were successful
- Chainsaw refresher course for 10 personnel and all successful
- BA Refresher course. All successful
- One person on a NDFEM Station Officer course and successful

Statistics

Statistical details in respect of the Fire Service and Building Control for the period 1 Jan 2015 to 31 October 2015 along with the details of 2014 for reference purposes:

		1 Jan 2014 to 31 Oct 2014	**1 Jan 2015 to 31 Oct 2015**
Fire Service Operations	Total Incidents	848	920
	Total Mobilisations	963	1018
	Number of Fires	367	532
	Of which: Chimney Fires	96	113
	Gorse	100	224
	Number of Special Service Incidents	328	250
	Of which: Road Traffic Accidents	133	112
Building Ctl	Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	101	120
	Disability Access Certificate Applications Recd	62	78

	Commencement Notices Received	314	299

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John Breen,
Director of Services / *Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí*
Sustainable Communities/Quality of Life / *Pobail Inbhuanaithe/Caighdeán Beatha.*

Social Housing Activity Report as at 23rd November 2015
Killarney Municipal Area (K.M.A.)

Social Housing Applicants (Year to Date Position)				
Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area				30
New Tenancies Commenced				20
Accommodation refusals				2
Social Houses				
Vacant properties within Municipal Area				
Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)				7
Awaiting Allocation				5
Construction Programme				
Single Rural Dwellings - under construction				1
Single Rural Dwellings -Tender Stage				0
Extensions - applications on hands				6
Extensions - under construction				0
Rental Accommodation Scheme				
		County		K.M.A.
Total Active Tenancies		867		206
New tenancies in 2015		132		34
Tenancies terminated in 2015		43		5
Leasing				
		County		K.M.A.
Leased Properties		107		25
Leases under negotiation		28		6
Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)				
		No.		ú
Allocation 2015				2.014m
New Grants Allocated 2015		337		1.807m
Total 2014 Commitment		234		1.262m
Grants Paid		216		1.071m

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would provide a biannual inventory of the situation pertaining to the number of available spaces in all public graveyards in the Municipal area. This is requested in order that all would have an overview of the situation in each location.

Reply: Kerry County Council will provide a bi-annual inventory of the number of grave spaces available in all the public graveyards in the Municipal Area.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that land space was becoming scarce and it was important to have an awareness of our future requirements. Long-term planning would save the torment that is going on at present. Cllr. Gleeson welcomed the reply.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion. Cllr. Kelleher asked when the first inventory would be available and if we could extend it to private graveyards pending the agreement of the owners. This inventory would be of great benefit. It would be good if the private operators liaised with us and a letter should issue to them in an effort to collate this data.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the focus would be to get the Council inventory compiled first and then look at the private cemeteries. She agreed to discuss the matter with Mr. John Breen.

Cllr. Kelleher asked when will the first report be due.

Mr. P. Bradley confirmed that it would be available for the next Municipal District Meeting.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: What progress have Kerry County Council made in the last 12 months regarding the acquisition of lands for a public cemetery for Killarney.

Reply: Negotiations are at an advanced state in respect of acquisition of lands for Killarney. We will advise Members at the next Municipal District Meeting, or earlier, if matters are concluded.

Cllr. B. Cronin acknowledged the response and noted discussions were at an advanced stage which he welcomed. This matter was of the utmost importance and critical for the town, the undertakers and the families of the bereaved. He hoped that good news would be forthcoming soon.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and stated that a resolution on the matter would be welcome.

3. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: That we the Members ask again that public toilets be reinstated adjacent to the Courthouse in Killarney. Was there a design and costing carried out to build new toilets? How much did this cost? Who intervened to stop it? Which body owns the Courthouse? Could public toilets

be incorporated in this building. In addition to all the previous needs already highlighted, the taxi drivers in College Street are also asking for the reinstatement of these toilets.

Reply: As outlined to Members at the previous Municipal District Meeting, the temporary 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 extremely favourably with other towns and is considered adequate. 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.

The Courthouse building in Killarney is owned by Kerry County Council. We are proactively engaging with the Court Service to find a solution to this matter.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae asked who made the decision to stop proceeding with the toilets. He asked could public toilets be incorporated into the Courthouse. These toilets should be made available to the public. This would rectify the problem. He stated that it was not acceptable that people use the facilities of the nearby businesses. This is also an issue for the taxi drivers. He enquired if a plan had been prepared for toilets at this location before and what was the cost of this. He said he was entitled to answers.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the Courthouse premises is owned by Kerry County Council and enquired if the Council could carry out any works in there.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty moved Notice of Motion No. 3 (Motions / Questions relevant to other Directorates) at this stage.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council call on the Court Service, to immediately set about providing adequate toilet facilities for members of the public who visit the Court House in Killarney.

Reply: We are proactively engaging with the Court Services to find a solution to this matter.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that there has always been a toilet in the Courthouse but no money has been spent on its upkeep and as a result they are in a disgraceful state. There is a need for suitable toilet facilities for people attending Court. A strong letter should be sent to the Court Service on this issue.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that at the last meeting, a deputation was received regarding the removal of toilets in Fairhill. At that meeting it was stated that there were adequate public toilet facilities in the town. Additional

signage has been provided, directing people to the public conveniences at Kenmare Place and New Street Carpark. The concern of the deputation related to anti-social behaviour at night but our public conveniences are not open at night. The Members have asked that we write to the Court Service regarding the provision of public toilets at the Courthouse and use of these facilities on Court days. Mr. J. Purcell has been proactively engaging with the Court Service. The Court Service have advised that public toilets are available at the Courthouse. Mr. Purcell is liaising with them to ensure they are available to people on Court days and has also visited the building. There is a legacy that the County Council look after Courthouses and Killarney Courthouse is in the Council's ownership. We have to work with the Court Service to undertake any works and we are at an active stage with them regarding access to the toilets in the building.

The temporary toilets that were located at Fairhill were removed as they were beyond repair. They led to anti-social activities. They have been replaced with a social interaction area. The Tidy Towns and businesses have commended the Council for this area. The space is for people to sit and enjoy the town. There are no plans at this stage to replace the toilets.

In relation to whether a design and costings were carried out previously, Ms. McAllen stated that the previous Town Council had reached the design stage of the project but no costings had been prepared for same. Ms. McAllen reiterated that there are a long number of commitments and projects to deliver in the Killarney area and the Council must ensure that these can be funded. In conclusion, Ms. McAllen stated that there were adequate public facilities in the town.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked that Áras Phádraig be looked at as an option.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that he did not accept that someone would prepare a design without being paid for it. He asked who decided not to proceed with the reinstatement of the toilets. He referred to his Notice of Motion and enquired that if the Court Services are going to upgrade their toilets, can they be made available to the public?

Ms. McAllen stated that even though the Courthouse is owned by the Council, the Court Service use the building. There is a need to make the toilets more accessible but this must be done in conjunction with the Court Service.

Cllr. Healy-Rae asked if the toilets would be available to the public when the Courthouse is closed. A door could be located at the side of the Courthouse for the public to access them. He asked that the Court Service co-operate with the Council in this regard.

Ms. McAllen replied that this was not a decision that could be made solely by the Council but that the toilets would need to be accessible on Court days.

4. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to construct a single rural dwelling for (details with Directorate), as his current living conditions are not acceptable, considering he has a four year old daughter.

Reply: This application is to be re-investigated by the Council's Investigating Officer as part of the assessment for Single Rural Development Programme under the Housing Construction Programme 2015 - 2017.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

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

Reply: Kerry County Council have recently been informed by the local Parish Priest that they have now surveyed the burial ground and they intend utilising some of the existing space to build an Altar which would reduce the available grave plots to 32 and based on previous take up of plots, this would mean that there are now 3 years left before all the plots are gone.

Kerry County Council and the Parish Priest are actively seeking land to extend the existing cemetery.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated he was glad to see that the figures had been revised as the circumstances have changed. The issue now is that this matter needs to be resolved sooner. The parking and the graveyard should be resolved together.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the position with the provision of a playground for Firies.

Reply: A potential site for a playground has been identified in Firies. In order to advance the development of a playground, a Playground Committee needs to be reactivated locally, in accordance with Kerry County Council Play Policy. The County Council will work with this committee in developing a suitable proposal on the identified site.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that 14 years had passed since he first asked for a playground for Firies. He asked that the Council would assist and facilitate the project in every way as it is critically important for the village.

2. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council for a definite update regarding the Old Kilcummin Cemetery: (a) Has a drawing of the wall been completed by a draughtsman? (b) When will the Tender Stage advert go to the Press i.e. newspapers?

Reply: Kerry Council are currently preparing drawings and contract documents for an extension to Old Kilcummin Burial Ground. This work will be put out for tender early in 2016.

Cllr. J. Sheahan asked if this would be completed by January.

3. Cllr. J. Sheahan: Ask Kerry County Council for an update regarding acquiring a Graveyard for Killarney.

Reply: Negotiations are at an advanced state in respect of acquisition of lands for Killarney. We will advise Members at the next Municipal District Meeting, or earlier, if matters are concluded.

Cllr. J. Sheahan noted the reply.

4. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Has a decision been made regarding the purchase of land for a burial ground in the vicinity of Killarney? If not, when can we expect a decision on this long awaited purchase?

Reply: Negotiations are at an advanced state in respect of acquisition of lands for Killarney. We will advise Members at the next Municipal District Meeting, or earlier, if matters are concluded.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty noted the reply.

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

Reply: Negotiations are at an advanced state in respect of acquisition of lands for Killarney. We will advise Members at the next Municipal District Meeting, or earlier, if matters are concluded.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted the reply.

6. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Since the letters were sent from the Housing Department about selecting areas outside of Killarney, what was the take up, how many applicants replied and what were the results?

Reply:

Area of choice summary

Total letters sent	844
Replied - Killarney ONLY	145
Replied - Extended their area of choice	151
Did not reply - leaving as Killarney only	548

Ms. K. Curtin stated that only 296 replied which was a small number.

Cllr. Kelleher referred to the 548 applicants who did not reply and asked was the Council going to follow up with these people to ascertain what area they have preference for.

Ms. Curtin agreed that the Council would follow up with these applicants.

15.12.09.04 Water Services Directorate

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. C. Mangan, SEE which was circulated:

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme
Status Summary at 30ú Samhain 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 ú10.7 million) and 7 Water schemes (total value of ú22.5 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.

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Central Regional Water Supply Scheme	

Description	Value	Status
Scart Reservoir	ú2.92M	Complete
Water Treatment Plant - DBO	ú 22.5M	Tenders received May 2015; Contract award - early 2016

CIP WASTEWATER PROJECT	
Project	**Status**
Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme	The Scheme is included in the Irish Water **CIP 2014-2016**; Consulting Engineer currently working on the detailed design and contract documents 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.

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, KILLARNEY DISTRICT			
Project	**Description**	**Estimate**	**Status**
Castleisland SS - Church St Sewer	Replace collapsed length of sewer	ú 3,500	Completed
Castleisland SS - Limerick Rd. Sewer	Replace collapsed length of sewer	ú 4,500	Completed
CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works Muckross to ÷Burmaô Rd	New 150mm watermain	ú250,000	Complete
Water Bulk Meters Upgrade	**Countywide** project to upgrade bulk meters to give information on water flows	ú123,000	Substantially complete
CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works from Muckross Church to the Black Road and Loreto Road.	2.7Km of new 160 / 200mm watermain	ú450,000	Underway
Brosna Knocknagoshel WSS ï Meenleitrim Pumphouse	Provide sump to improve operation of pumps	ú10,000	Approved
Dromultan Scartaglin Pumpstation	Lay 300M of 100MM pipe to eliminate old pump station	ú 35,000	Approved
Dooneen Reservoir Castleisland	Fencing works	ú8,000	Approved
CRWSS Dromhall Pk Killarney	Replace 375M of 100MM Cast Iron with uPVC pipe	ú64,000	Approved

Mid Kerry Mains Replacement - Coolbane Aglish	Replace 1.5Km of the 200mm diameter PVC Trunk Main	ú 300,000	Approved
CRWSS Mains Replacement - Bushmount Raffeens Clounlara	Replace 2.2Km of the 50mm diameter PVC watermain with a 100mm PVC pipe.	ú 200,000	Approved
CRWSS Kenmare Place Killarney	Replace 100M of the 150mm Cast Iron watermain with a 200mm PVC pipe.	ú155,000	Approved
CRWSS Brewsterfield Mains Replacement	Replace defective mains Knockanes, Headford etc	ú570,000	Requested
Shrone WSS ï ôRawô Water Main	Lay main from Lake to WTP	ú160,000	Requested
MKRWSS Faha	Lay 400m of 80mm watermain	ú48,000	Requested
CRWSS Mill Road Killarney	Lay 500m of 80mm watermain	ú60,000	Requested
CRWSS Barraduff	Lay 470m of 100mm watermain	ú52,000	Requested
CRWSS Woodlawn	Replace 400m of 150mm AC watermain with uPVC pipe	ú90,000	Requested
CRWSS St Brendanôs Tce.	Replace 200m of 50mm watermain with 100MM uPVC	ú60,000	Requested
			Continued..
CRWSS Daltonôs Ave / Marian Tce	Replace 500m of 4ò/ 6òCI and AC watermain with 100MM uPVC	ú111,000	Requested
CRWSS OôConnellôs Ave	Replace 150m of 3òAC watermain with 100MM uPVC	ú34,000	Requested
CRWSS Orchard Way / Green Lane / Pound Lane	Replace 450m of 3òAC watermain with 100MM uPVC	ú102,000	Requested
	Total Approved	**€1.6M**	

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.

<u>Takeover of Group Schemes</u>

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 ManagersôAssociation and Irish Water to develop a protocol to facilitate the Takeover of Group Schemes.

Mr. C. Mangan stated that Tenders for a new Water Treatment Plant at Lough Guitane for the Central Regional Water Supply Scheme had been received and assessed and it is expected that construction will be commenced by contract at this new plant in 2016.

In relation to Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme, Mr. Mangan stated that progress was slow but sure. Kerry County Council Engineers are due to meet with Irish Water on the 10th December and to date, no detail on the actual route has been made available. It is expected that this Scheme will be put out to Tender some time in 2016 and Mr. Mangan confirmed that Irish Water has been solid in its support for the Scheme.

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and Irish Water to reinstate and resurface the Black Road in Muckross, following the laying of the water pipe down from Scartlea to Gortahoonig Cross.

Reply: A total of ú170,000 has been set aside for road restoration works following the recently completed pipe laying job at Muckross ï Burma Road and the ongoing works at Black Road - Loreto Road.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae enquired if there was enough money to reinstate the Black Road.

Mr. C. Mangan stated that where major pipe laying has been carried out in recent years, the restoration jobs on the roads have been satisfactory. The reinstatement costs are calculated by Water Services, Irish Water and Operations. He expects that a good restoration job will be carried out on this road as the money will be available.

Cllr. Healy-Rae referred to road restoration works from Gullane to Lough Guitane School and proposed that this road be surface dressed again as ponding, which is occurring outside some houses as a result of raising the road, needs to be addressed.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded this Proposal and agreed that there was a problem with the road surface and ponding.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. J. Sheahan: Has progress been made in relation to the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme? Is there clarity in regards to (a) a route, (b) funding, (c) commencement date?

Reply: The Scheme is included in Irish Waterôs National **CIP 2014-2016.** Kerry County Council has been informed that funding is available and that the Scheme will be constructed.

The Design and Contract Documents are currently being prepared by Consulting Engineers to enable the project to go Tender in 2016. No other details on the Scheme have yet been made available.

A meeting between the Consultants and Kerry County Councilôs Water ServicesôOfficials to review progress has been arranged for 10th December 2015.

Cllr. J. Sheahan asked the Council to keep this under review.

2. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council ask Irish Water to provide funding to replace the water main at Shronedarragh as the very necessary road resurfacing is held up.

Reply: A submission for funding of ú54,000 to replace 470M of old and deficient watermains, ahead of planned road improvement works in 2016 at Shronedarragh Barraduff, has been made by Kerry County Council to Irish Water.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae asked when works are due to commence. He stated that this was a very heavily trafficked road and the motorists were tormented due to the presence of the potholes.

It was agreed to move Cllr. N. Kelleher's Notice of Motion No. 42 (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate) at this stage as Mr. G. O'Brien agreed that this should have been included on the Agenda under the Water Services Directorate.

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

Reply: Irish Water have not yet allocated funding for the relaying of the watermain at the R-570 from Barraduff to Shronedarragh. However, it is envisaged that they will do so in early 2016, which should enable the roadworks to be completed in 2016.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that this work was not included in the Programme of Works until such time as he had contacted the Water Services Department. He said that should not happen. Cllr. Kelleher stated he was glad to see the matter progressing. The road has been held up because Water Services were not informed. He stated the works were only carried out due to the fact that the residents had contacted him.

Mr. C. Mangan stated that Water Services liaises very closely with the Operations Department regarding such situations and he confirmed the pipework would be completed. The Operations Department put their work back because the pipe was inadequate. An approach has been made to Irish Water and it is expected that funding will be forthcoming.

Mr. P. Neary stated that their Department liaise with Water Services on a continual basis.

3. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: When will the upgrading of the water mains at Bushmount and Clounlara, Firies begin?

Reply: Works on the replacement of 2.2km of the old and deficient 50mm diameter PVC watermain, with a 100mm PVC pipe, at Graffeens / Cloonlara / Bushmount are planned for 2016.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae asked was there a delay in works commencing due to a shortage of staff.

Mr. C. Mangan agreed that if there were more staff, the work would be carried out more quickly.

Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that the funding was available for the upgrading works and requested that it would commence early next year.

4. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: Has the route for the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme been identified?

Reply: No details on the Scheme, which is included in Irish Waterôs National **CIP 2014-2016**, have yet been made available. Irish Water has informed Kerry County Council that funding is available and that the Scheme will be constructed.

The Design and Contract Documents are currently being prepared by Consulting Engineers to enable the project to go Tender in 2016.

A meeting between the Consultants and Kerry County Councilôs Water ServicesôOfficials to review progress has been arranged for 10th December 2015.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae noted the reply.

15.12.09.05 Operations, Health & Safety Directorate

(a) It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. C. OôSullivan, Director of Operations, Health & Safety which was circulated:

Report from the Director of Operations, Health & Safety

1. Killarney were named in the top four towns in the country in the recent Fáilte Ireland Tourism Town awards.

2. 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.

3. 2015 Road Works Programme ï All planned works completed on time and within budget.

Works planned / carried out in Nov / Dec 2015

Roads / Estates / Amenity Areas

Location	Works Description	Status
Muckross Road	Traffic calming, widening of footpaths, cycle paths and undergrounding of services	Expected completion date -18th December 2015
New Street Car Park, Killarney	Upgrading works to public conveniences	Works fully complete
Killarney Municipal District	General road maintenance and repair	Ongoing
Killarney Municipal District	Municipal district works programme 2015	Completed by year end
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	Postponed until 2016 due to the planned relaying of a water main.
	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	
	Roundabout at Ballyspillane	110	25,750	
	Total	**627**	**161,262**	

Other Works

Ardshanavooly, Killarney	Footpath Upgrade	50 m	3,000	Complete by 4th December
Old Market Lane and Bohereencaol	Upgrade works to Laneways		25,000	Completed by end January
Ballydowney Roundabout to Leibherr	Tree surgery works		15,000	Completed by mid December
N22 & N72	Hedgecutting		10,000	Completed by mid December
Mission Road / New street Car Park (back of Plaza)	A Bus set-down Area has been provided here		5,000	Complete
Firies and Farranfore	Footpath Upgrade		30,000	Complete by year - end
Boolia Junction	Low cost safety improvement works		30,000	Complete by year - end
Port Road	upgrade of public lights		3,000	Complete
Grotto at Rock Road	new paving within Grotto area		7,000	Complete by year - end

Shinnagh Bridge, Rathmore	raising of parapet walls		25,000	Complete by year - end
Bawnaskeehan and Dromulton	Culvert replacement		10,000	Complete
Shinnagh Rathmore	Provision of Bollards		5,000	Complete

Housing Operations

1. Insulation Upgrade of 124 houses in the Killarney Municipal District will be fully completed by mid December.

Vacant House Upgrades
25 Cahereens Castleisland
17 An Chaislean Mor Castleisland
1 Deerpark Crescent, Killarney
4 Monastery Gardens, Killarney
204 Ballyspillane, Killarney
Bedroom Extensions
None
Routine Maintenance

Local Authority houses and Demountables.	Routine maintenance and Responsive maintenance programme completed within budget.	R

Mr. Charlie O'Sullivan,
Director of Operations, Health and Safety

(b) Update from Mr. Donal Murphy, SEE on Mountain View Estate, Kilcummin

Mr. D. Murphy addressed the meeting. He stated that in relation to Mountain View Estate, the agreed monetary settlement had been received from the Bondsman which has been transferred to the Operations Department. Operations are now working with Water Services to decide how the money will be spent.

It was agreed to move Cllr. M. Gleeson's Question No 6 at this stage.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: What is the up to date situation in relation to the release of the Bond that will enable remedial and upgrading works to take place in Mountain View Estate, Kilcummin?

Reply: Following the signing of a legal agreement between Kerry County Council and the Bondsman, the agreed monetary sum was recently paid to Kerry County Council at the end of November. A programme of works is now

required to be prepared by Killarney Municipal District Operations in respect of the outstanding works. It is anticipated that these works will commence in the new year.

Cllr. M. Gleeson enquired if (a) the agreed monetary settlement was sufficient to bring the estate up to a standard expected and (b) were the Council hopeful that work will commence early in the New Year?

Mr. P. Neary stated that he will discuss the matter with Mr. C. Mangan. In relation to the sewer, a decision would have to made as to whether the Council would keep emptying it and then when the Sewerage Scheme starts, sewage could be pumped into the new sewer. Mr. Neary agreed that works to the estate would commence in the New Year.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae enquired if a gravity sewer will now facilitate this development.

Mr. Neary stated that he would review once a list of works had been received.

Cllr. M. Gleeson referred to the wall at the end of the estate which had a drop of 7 metres into a stream on the other side and asked that it be examined.

Mr. Murphy stated that the disconnection of electricity to communal lighting in private estates was an issue county-wide. Different parties such as the developer/management company are not paying the electricity bills. The bond money is not for paying for the lights which is an ongoing operational cost. The Bond was to make sure the lights were installed and will work in the way they were intended to. Paying for electricity is the responsibility of the developer / management company or the residents until the Local Authority takes an estate in charge and only then does the Local Authority pay the electricity costs. The bond money is there to fund capital works and not operational costs such as electricity bills for communal lights.

Cllr. B. Cronin enquired what will happen regarding the lights.

Mr. Murphy replied that it was not the responsibility of the Council to pay for them as this estate has not been taken in charge.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that as the intention is to proceed with works, can the residents request the commencement of the process of taking in charge.

Mr. Murphy referred to the Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water regarding taking in charge of estates. There are some issues with that process at present. Irish Water have an input into that process.

Cllr. Gleeson stated that he hoped Irish Water would give the appropriate authorisation.

Cllr. Healy-Rae enquired that if the lights are not working, can Kerry County Council take the estate in charge.

Mr. Neary stated that the running costs of the estate are separate to the Bond money. Kerry County Council will ensure the lights are to the appropriate standard.

(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. B. O'Connell: That Kerry County Council find an alternative for the storage yard near the viewing area at Dooneen, Gleansharoon, Castleisland.

Reply: Consultation has taken place with the Tralee Municipal District Engineer who is now in charge of the operation of this depot. This depot is strategically positioned for salt storage for winter maintenance of the surrounding national and regional routes and surface dressing chip storage for improvement and maintenance of the roads in the Tralee East Area. The depot has reinforced concrete storage bays, security fencing and security lighting. To relocate this depot would require land acquisition and the construction of a new compound. This request will be considered further with the Municipal District Manager and the Director of Operations & Safety.

Cllr. B. O'Connell referred to this viewing area and stated it was preposterous to have this storage yard at the entrance to the County. Kerry is a National treasure and the panoramic views afforded at this location are as good as you would find throughout Europe. An eyesore such as this would not be tolerated at the Gap of Dunloe, The Conor Pass or Ladies' View. It is grossly irresponsible of this Local Authority to locate this facility at this location. This storage yard is not facilitating Killarney but the Tralee area. This cannot be tolerated any longer as it obstructs the view. Cllr. O'Connell referred to the reply where it stated "strategically positioned". He enquired who was it positioned for? It could not be placed in a worse location and insisted that it be removed.

Cllr. M. Gleeson moved Notice of Motion No. 4 at this stage.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would maximise the tourist potential of the Glansharoon viewing area and relocate or suitably landscape the Council grit depot.

Reply: Consultation has taken place with the Tralee Municipal District Engineer who is now in charge of the operation of this depot. This depot is strategically positioned for salt storage for winter maintenance of the surrounding national and regional routes and surface dressing chip storage for improvement and maintenance of the roads in the Tralee East Area. The depot has reinforced concrete storage bays, security fencing and security lighting. To relocate this depot would require land acquisition and the construction of a new compound. This request will be considered further with the Municipal District Manager and the Director of Operations & Safety.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that there is a moral obligation to promote and enhance every area and location that promotes the tourist product of this County. A great viewing point in the County is being diminished by having this grit yard here. This would not be tolerated at other prime locations and he concurred with the Cathaoirleach's comments. Cllr. Gleeson requested that this depot be removed and that the area be enhanced as a viewing point to present the County at its superlative best. Cllr. Gleeson Seconded Cllr. O'Connell's Notice of Motion.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that she recently attended a meeting of the Chamber Alliance in Castleisland who also raised this matter. This depot has been at this location for 15 years. Ms. McAllen agreed to take all concerns on board and consider the matter with SMT. Salt storage must be maintained and the Council have to balance this.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Having achieved an excellent surface on approximately two-thirds of the Ballycasheen Road, that the Council would, prior to the 2016 tourist season, complete the work as far as the junction with the N22.

Reply: Kerry County Council have been requested by the Department of Transport Tourism & Sport to prepare a new plan for the period 2016 ï 2018 under the Restoration Improvement Grant scheme for Regional and Local Roads. The remainder of the Ballycasheen Road will be considered for inclusion in this programme.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply and said the road was now to a superb standard. He asked that it be completed as far as the N22. A high standard is imperative.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would provide a raised footpath in the village of Kilcummin from the Community Hall to the Church. This would be especially important for schoolchildren.

Reply: Kerry County Council intend to construct a raised table junction at the junction of school road and the main road outside the church in Kilcummin, while carrying out the resurfacing of the village. The village of Kilcummin was proposed to be overlaid in 2015, however it was decided to defer these works until the sewerage scheme in Kilcummin is constructed. The sewerage scheme will involve laying a pipe through the village and connecting all the commercial and domestic properties to the main sewer.

Cllr. M. Gleeson noted that Kilcummin will not be overlaid until the Sewerage Scheme has been constructed and again requested that a raised footpath be installed to facilitate the children.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: NoM 4 was moved in conjunction with NoM No 1.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would detail the proposals formulated for greater traffic safety in the village of Barraduff following perusal of the suggestions from the Traffic Control Unit of an Garda Síochána.

Reply: Barradubh Village is located on the N72 National Secondary Route. The contents of the correspondence received from the Traffic Control Unit of An Garda Síochána has been discussed with the Road Safety Officer of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). It was agreed that Kerry County Council would conduct speed surveys within the village. When the results of the speed surveys are available, the matter will be further discussed with the TII If mitigation / safety measures are required, a scheme will be designed for the village. The design will be costed and submitted to TII for funding.

Cllr. M. Gleeson complimented the people of Barraduff in their efforts to enhance the village which has made a huge difference. The Traffic Control Unit of An Garda Síochána carried out a study at the location which has been forwarded to the Operations staff. Cllr. Gleeson asked that the measures suggested in the study would be implemented as they are sensible ones.

Cllr. J. Sheahan Seconded the Notice of Motion. He stated that he previously had a Motion in relation to this matter. People have contacted him regarding the speed of vehicles at the location. He agreed that he too would like to see measures in place to slow down the traffic.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would provide a dedicated pedestrian crossing at the Haha at the location where many people at present cross from the Johnny O'Leary R.I.P. statue side to the Avenue Hotel.

Reply: Malachy Walsh & Partners are currently carrying out a Traffic Management Study of Killarney Town. As part of this study they will create a traffic model to model the existing traffic patterns and future road improvement proposals. The study will also examine this area to ascertain whether a controlled pedestrian crossing is warranted.

Cllr. M. Gleeson referred to this location as a busy crossing from the Avenue Hotel to the "green space" with no proper control mechanism to cross. He requested the Council to look at it in an effort to enhance the safety for pedestrians.

Cllr. D. Grady agreed that there was a need for a crossing at this location.

7. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would develop a footpath as far as the junction of the N22 and the road to Upper Lissivigeen / Coolcoslough as a logical continuation of the existing footpath from the Castle Heights Hill to the Woodford River [Abha an tSiobnnaigh].

Reply: The road in question is the N22 National Primary Route. This section of roadway has been discussed with the Road Safety Officer of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). A scheme will be designed linking the traffic calming at Lissyvigeen to the Woodlawn Junction at Pike Hill. This design would incorporate improvements to the Coolcaslagh Junction and the Woodlawn Junction and may incorporate a footpath from the Woodlawn

Junction to Upper Lissivigeen / Coolcaslagh. Subsequent to the completion of the design, it will be forwarded to the TII for consideration of funding.

Mr. P. Neary stated that he had recently spoken with the TII Safety Officer and a positive response was received. He was advised to design a scheme, incorporating a footpath, for consideration of funding and get it to a "shovel ready" stage.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply.

8. Cllr. B. Cronin: That an estimate be prepared for the provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing at Countess Road, Killarney, to facilitate children and parents going to Ballycasheen NS and that proper public consultation, advertised locally, be undertaken with local residents and all relevant authorities.

Reply: The estimated cost to replace the existing pedestrian crossing to a controlled crossing is ú14,000. These works would be suitable for the Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that a controlled pedestrian crossing was requested by the Principal and the Board of Management at the School. Cllr. Cronin stated that he would support the provision of a pedestrian crossing from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion and also stated that if necessary, he would contribute to these works from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. B. O'Connell excused himself from the meeting and Cllr. M. Gleeson took the Chair.

9. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that a designated taxi stand be provided in Castleisland town.

Reply: The provision of a taxi rank can only be considered as part of a review of the on-street Parking Bye-Laws and would have to be justified on the basis of the operators offering a service in the town and the potential level of demand.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked who is the point of contact in the Council in relation to this matter. A clear and identifiable space was needed.

Mr. P. Neary advised Cllr. Cronin that any interested parties should contact him directly.

10. Cllr. B. Cronin: To again request the provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing on the main Farranfore - Firies road adjacent to Firies NS to provide

safety for parents and children crossing to the parking area. Also improved school warning signs were to be provided on the Farranfore side of the school. When will they be put in place.

Reply: Pedestrian and Vehicle Assessments were carried out on Friday, 7th November 2014 in accordance with the Pedestrian Crossing Specification and Guidance 2011 from the National Roads Authority.

The survey area was between the existing uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at the Farranfore end to the Village Cross.

The section between the uncontrolled crossing and the Village Cross yielded 6 pedestrians (adults) crossing between 8.30 and 9.30 (Survey Time). A controlled pedestrian crossing is not warranted based on this survey.

Warning signs will be provided on the Farranfore side of the school within the next month.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that a reduction in speed and increased safety measures were required at this location. He referred to the deputation that he brought to the meeting last year. There is an issue regarding the speed of vehicles coming into Firies from Farranfore. He stated that proper signage was promised and to date, this has not been provided. There are 280 students attending the nearby school. People are parking in the carpark in Greenfields and crossing the road there. If children want to cross the road to the school they have to "hope" a motorist will let them cross. Cllr. Cronin referred to a letter he had received from a resident in Firies and read the following excerpt:

"Residents living on the main road through the village experience difficulties entering and exiting their driveways due to vehicles travelling at excessive speed through the village. Personally, as I have experienced too many "near misses" entering and exiting my own property I feel compelled to address these issues with you".

Cllr. Cronin said that this situation cannot go on. It is at a motorist's discretion whether they stop or not. If appropriate warning signs are not provided, someone is going to get hurt. Cllr. Cronin Proposed that a deputation from the area attend a meeting of the Killarney Municipal District as the situation is now too dangerous.

This Proposal was Seconded by Cllr. J.J. Culloty.

Mr. D. Doyle confirmed that a Traffic Calming Survey on the approach to Firies from the Farranfore side is to be carried out. A scheme will be drafted and will come before the Councillors for consideration.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked why this was not referred to in the response. He asked for written clarification on this.

Mr. Doyle agreed to provide this to Cllr. Cronin.

11. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that a second water pipe be installed crossing the public road to alleviate continuous flooding of the estate at Scrahan, Bawnaskehy, Castleisland. This problem has been ongoing for a number of years and needs to be resolved.

Reply: A new pipe has been installed at this location. This should greatly mitigate the ongoing flooding problem.

Cllr. B. Cronin thanked the Council for the work carried out here.

12. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that urgent repairs be undertaken on the dangerous cracks, openings and weaknesses on the front boundary wall of Kilbonane Cemetery, Beaufort. This wall is in danger of collapsing onto the access road.

Reply: Kerry County Council will rebuild the section of boundary wall which is in danger of collapsing at Kilbonane Cemetery in January 2016.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that this was an old heritage site and there were concerns regarding the old stone wall that was showing a clear cut split and it has also moved outwards.

Mr. P. Bradley confirmed that a stone mason will be hired to carry out this work.

13. Cllr. B. Cronin: To propose that all future public consultation by Kerry County Council for the Killarney Municipal District be, advertised locally, have all maps and design drawings on public display in Council offices, have Council Engineers and design team members present for designated periods explaining to the public any proposed changes, and have details of where to send submissions clearly available.

Reply: Public Consultations are carried out in accordance with the statutory provisions of the relevant legislation. This generally requires a newspaper notice to be published in an approved local newspaper, public notices erected on the site of the proposed works, and maps and design drawings to be placed on public display in Council offices for a period prescribed in the legislation. Engineers are always available within the Public Offices to assist members of the public with any queries they may in regard to the project at hand. Public consultations are also placed on Kerry County Council's website www.kerrycoco.ie. A report outlining submissions received as part of a public consultation process is brought before the Elected Members. Approval of the Elected Members is obtained prior to the Council proceeding with any works.

The Council is currently reviewing the process taking into consideration the existing networks (PPN Network, Chamber of Commerce, directly affected landowners etc) and a report will be brought to the Operations SPC for consideration.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that in future, where the Council are proposing to carry out substantial works, we address the matter in a similar way to the public consultation process for Area Plans. This eliminates the public perception that we are trying to hide something from them. Cllr. Cronin suggested that advertising, as required by law, should be carried out locally and a day should be set aside where Engineering staff are available to address the concerns of the public. Any concerns can be discussed and dealt with by way of submission afterwards.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion. He agreed that there is a need for a greater consultation with people regarding and proposals, e.g. Fairhill, Muckross Road, High Street and Plunkett Street. He suggested handing out copies of plans to people living or working in a street which is the subject of the public consultation.

14. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That this Council implements Traffic Calming Measures at Ballydowney and to remove the very large trees that pose a big risk to the many motorists who travel this road daily.

Reply: Kerry County Council have had meetings with the TII, the Garda Síochána and the National Parks and Wildlife Service in regard to this section of road. During these discussions, it was felt that the provision of fencing from Ballydowney to the Castlerosse would not be of benefit as deer would still be able to enter on to the public road from other locations and the fence may prevent deer who had got on to the roadway from getting back into the National Park.

Kerry County Council forwarded a feasibility report to the TII in September for funding for some minor safety works such as warning signage, removal of a number of trees and lining works. The TII has reverted to Kerry County Council and are requesting that some traffic calming measures be incorporated into the proposal. These works will be designed by Kerry County Council and a further submission for funding will be forwarded to the TII. However, tree maintenance started on the Ballydowney to Liebherr Road on 07/12/15. As part of this work, over hanging branches to a height of 10 meters will be cut back and any deadwood removed over the extent of the trees. Also as part of this work, four large Lime trees will be removed to improve the sight lines.

Cllr. J. Sheahan noted the reply.

15. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask this Council to erect two Digital Monitors on the N72 at Barraduff Village.

Reply: Barradubh Village is located on the N72 National Secondary Route. The contents of the correspondence received from the Traffic Control Unit of An Garda Síochána has been discussed with the Road Safety Officer of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). It was agreed that Kerry County Council would conduct speed surveys within the village. When the results of the speed surveys are available, the matter will be further discussed with the TII. If mitigation / safety measures are required, a scheme will be designed for the

village and submitted to TII for funding. If the design of this scheme incorporates speed display monitors, they will be included in the application for funding.

Cllr. J. Sheahan noted the reply.

16. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That this Council install a 50 km speed restriction zone at Beaufort Bridge.

Reply: Kerry County Council will complete a County wide speed limit review in 2016. The provision of a 50 kph speed limit at Beaufort Bridge will be considered as part of the review. However, this section of road is a National route and any changes to the speed limit will be subject to TII approval.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that this was a very busy junction and is on the same route as Ballydowney. Businesses are paying tax and insurance and are getting very little business from the road. Motorists are reaching speeds of 100km/h going through this junction. It is difficult for the local people and 50km/h restriction would be welcome.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

17. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask this Council to engage in discussions with the landowners at Whitebridge and Ballycasheen in the hope that an agreement can be reached whereby a portion of land can be purchased to provide a footpath from Whitebridge for the residents of Whitebridge and Woodford Manor.

Reply: The footpath in question links the footpath opposite Woodford Manor to the footpath at Whitebridge Manor adjacent to the railway bridge. These footpath works require land acquisition with two adjacent landowners. One of the land deals has been finalised and positive active negotiations are ongoing with the second landowner.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that the residents of Woodford Manor would like a footpath installed and asked the Engineer to pursue the matter with the second landowner.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion. He stated that he has raised similar Motions on this matter previously. When exiting Whitebridge Manor people have to come off the footpath onto a narrow road to access the Main Road. This is very unsafe for users of wheelchairs and buggies. It is a lethally dangerous location.

18. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council repair the lags on the L3018-30 at Pairc Cuimín, Kilcummin.

Reply: Kerry County Council will repair the lags on the L-3018 adjacent to Pairc Cuimin, Kilcummin in January / February 2016.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

19. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council repair the lags on the road L-7055-10 at Rathmore Townland, Rathmore and to have this road included in the next roads Programme.

Reply: These lags on the L-7055-10 will be repaired shortly. Kerry County Council have been requested by the Department of Transport Tourism & Sport to prepare a new plan for the period 2016 - 2018 under the Restoration Improvement Grant scheme for Regional and Local Roads. The L-7055-10 at Rathmore will be considered for inclusion in this programme.

Cllr. J. Sheahan noted the reply.

20. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to repair the lags on the N72 adjacent to Calfmount, Headford approaching Barraduff Village. This road is very dangerous.

Reply: These lags on the N72 are scheduled to be filled this month.

Cllr. J. Sheahan referred to roadworks adjacent to the Red Fox which had used special material and asked could this be used at Barraduff.

Mr. P. Neary stated this was an overlay and the TII decide where they overlay on an annual basis.

Mr. D. Doyle stated that they meet with the TII Inspector on a quarterly basis and will enquire about this at their next meeting.

21. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask this Council to prioritise the Ross Road for a weekly sweep especially during the tourist season - March to October.

Reply: The Killarney Town Centre is swept on a daily basis; all other roads and estates are swept on a six weekly rota basis. The Ross Road will be monitored during peak tourist season months and additional sweeping will be considered as necessary.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that Ross Castle is iconic and is visited by many. Cllr. Sheahan stated that he receives calls from the residents regarding the litter in the area and he requested that a weekly sweep of the area would be carried out.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae supported the Motion and said he had been raising this issue for a long time. He stated that the sweeper did not go down the road far enough and suggested that the sweeper would go as far as the Domain on a weekly basis. There is grit going onto the footpath and this needs to stop.

22. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council, NRA, OPW and the Department of the Environment again to clear bushes, trees and all obstructions in the Flesk River and to determine if all of the Curreal and Gortahoosh Bridges are free so as to reduce flooding of the N22 and

Foiladuane. Has any solution been identified to address the predicament of the residents of Foiladuane, to give them access in and out in times of flooding.

Reply: A CFRAM study is being carried out by 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. Glenflesk Village has been identified under the CFRAM study as an area at risk of flooding arising from the Flesk River. Foiladune is not an Area of Further Assessment (AFA) as there are not enough properties at risk of flooding. It is acknowledged, however, that access to the Foiladune area is restricted during periods of flooding. This will be examined in the coming weeks to ascertain what solutions are possible here.

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. The options for Glenflesk Village were put on public display yesterday. It is prudent to await the outcome of the CFRAMõs Options Report in order to ascertain if the undertaking of such works will benefit Glenflesk Village and subsequently the Glenflesk area and not negatively impact on other areas down the stream.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae referred to the flooding in Clonkeen, Glenflesk and Foiladuane and asked what was going to be done to help these residents. It only takes a small flood to impound the people of Foiladuane who have been marooned 6 times in the last year. This is not acceptable, particularly when it affects the elderly and children. Back in the 1980s Kerry County Council created banks on the river and they were the lead agency then. They were making progress until this survey from CFRAM was initiated. Kerry found itself included in the South West area which is a greater populated area when looking for funding. Cllr. Healy-Rae asked that obstructions such as bushes be cleared out on the rivers and the eyes on two bridges needed to be cleared. The people who built these bridges knew that the eyes were needed. The trees also need to be cut. Cllr. Healy-Rae referred to the OPW who recently met with residents in Glenflesk Hall. They maddened the local people by saying "riparian landowners should carry out the work". Machinery is now being used in forestries and this machinery is required at these flooded locations. These machines would carry out this work very quickly. Cllr. Healy-Rae thanked Mr. D. Doyle for his assistance the previous week when he organised the emergency services that were brought from Cork. This involved a lot of organisation. We should have easier access to this vehicle. Cllr. Healy-Rae thanked Gerry Riordan and the emergency team who removed people out of their homes. A robust vehicle is required should this flooding occur again and he asked that this be put on the Roads Programme. Cllr. Healy-Rae said he would continue to highlight this issue and requested that a deputation from the people of Glenflesk, Foiladuane and Clonkeen be received at the next Municipal District Meeting. This was agreed. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that the TII are responsible for the N22. If an ambulance needed to go to Cork they

would not have been able to get through the floods last Saturday. He requested the support of the Members and Management to listen to the residents and take urgent action and also that the Council acquire forestry vehicles.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that he, along with Mr. P. Neary, inspected Gortahoosh Bridge together the previous day. Furthermore the CFRAM public consultation was on in Glenflesk and Foiladuane was not included in the study.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion. He referred to the response to the Motion that stated *"Foiladune is not an Area of Further Assessment (AFA) as there are not enough properties at risk of flooding"* and stated that this response should be changed. Work needs to be carried out at this location. There is a serious issue with our National Primary route which is impassable when flooded and we need to ensure that the matter is dealt with promptly. Cllr. Kelleher asked that this study be circulated.

Mr. D. Doyle referred to the recent bad weather as an extreme event and not experienced since 1986. There was a huge amount of rainfall, particularly in the Glenflesk catchment. He stated that Defence Forces provided high wheeled vehicles which was based in Tralee, Kenmare and Bantry so the County was not cut-off. Mr. Doyle said that the Road Programme will be adopted before the end of February and Foiladuane will be considered for inclusion. Kerry County Council will be making an application for funding to repair damage to roads as a result of the flooding in December. Mr. Doyle said it was the responsibility of the Local Authority to clear the bridges but it is the responsibility of the landowners to clear the rivers on their property but there is no legal requirement to do this. Mr. Doyle stated that this section of the N22 was identified by NRA for pavement overlays and they will look at raising level of road over flood level.

In relation to Foiladuane, Mr. Doyle stated that the OPW have confirmed that "*Foiladune is not an Area of Further Assessment (AFA) as there are not enough properties at risk of flooding".* He stated he could write to them regarding this.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the OPW have Directives from Europe that they have to follow. Cllr. Grady also wished to compliment all the emergency services, volunteers and Mountain Rescue for their commitment during the recent floods.

Cllr. Healy-Rae referred to Mr. Doyle's suggestion to raise the N22 and said that if this happens it will cause serious flooding in Foiladuane and stated he was seriously opposed to this course of action. Cllr. Healy-Rae also stated that no vehicle was available to the residents until Mr. Doyle sourced one in Cork in the evening. The locals were assisted by water rescue and put in boats. Access to a high vehicle is required.

Cllr. Gleeson referred to the Glenflesk area and said there was great lack of clarity where responsibility lies. If riparian owners get involved, the Inland Fisheries would get involved. Clarity is needed here.

Mr. D. Doyle confirmed that the Council would provide clarity on this.

23. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to put a continuous white line at Gortahaneboy westward from where it finishes as far as Mounthorgan Cross.

Reply: The existing overtaking section at this location is in accordance with the Department of Transports Traffic Signs Manual (TSM). It is one of very few overtaking sections on the N72 between Rathmore and Killarney. Typically at a junction, if there is a collision history involving right turning or overtaking, then a departure from the TSM standard layout may be sought to prohibit overtaking, however, there is no such history at this junction so therefore it is not proposed to make any changes.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that his Notice of Motion had been misunderstood. He wanted the unbroken line continued as far as Mounthorgan Cross, not Westwards.

Cllr. J. Sheahan supported the Motion.

24. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To raise safety concerns caused by the massive increase in the volume of traffic on the Mill Road in Killarney.

Reply: Malachy Walsh & Partners are currently carrying out a Traffic Management Study of Killarney Town. As part of this study they will create a traffic model to model the existing traffic patterns and future road improvement proposals. The study will also examine all the main junctions and make recommendations if any improvements can be made. Malachy Walsh and Partners will examine this junction and consider the provision of a left filter lane.

Furthermore, with the works on the Muckross Road, more traffic than normal may be utilising the Mill Road.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae said the residents of Mill Road were infuriated by the vast volumes of traffic at this location. He asked if lay-bys could be provided. This is a highly populated area and added to that, there is the ongoing issue with narrowing the Muckross Road.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty agreed that this road was constantly busy. The volumes of traffic are excessive for what the road was originally designed for. Something needs to be done in the short-term. This is a huge problem for the residents of the road as it is very narrow.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. B. O'Connell returned to the meeting at this stage and resumed as Cathaoirleach.

25. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask when will the flashing lights at Faha School be put working - they are broken down for over four years.

Reply: Following a Councillor Representation on this matter, new school flashing lights were erected outside Faha National School at the end of November 2015.

On behalf of the Principal and Board of Management of Faha National School, Cllr. B. Cronin thanked Kerry County Council Electrical Department for the works carried out to these lights. A dangerous situation had arisen here as a result of work carried out to underground cables that caused the lights to break.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae said he was glad to see the work had been completed but was unhappy that it took so long.

26. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council that when trunking and resurfacing roads, to ensure that accommodation is made for surface water to ensure that homes and properties are not compromised by these works.

Reply: Kerry County Council, when strengthening and resurfacing roads, will ensure that adequate measures are taken to ensure that no additional surface water run-off will be allowed onto private property, so homes and properties are not compromised by works.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae said he was thankful for one intervention by Mr. D. Doyle where such a matter was addressed. He said that more cognisance should be given when roads are raised as often there is little or no provision made for resulting problems that may arise. Staff need to be more proactive in this area.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty said this was an important issue. He stated that Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Operations had once said that if properties are compromised by Council works, the Council should rectify it and not fund repairs by way of the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

27. Cllr. D. Grady: That we would return the junction outside the Cathedral to its original layout where we had 2 lanes; one for turning up towards New Street and the other towards the Port Road.

Reply: Malachy Walsh & Partners are currently carrying out a Traffic Management Study of Killarney Town. As part of this study they will create a traffic model to model the existing traffic patterns and future road improvement proposals. The study will also examine all the main junctions and make recommendations if any improvements can be made. Malachy Walsh and Partners will examine this junction and consider the provision of a left filter lane.

Cllr. D. Grady noted the reply. He stated that this was the second worst junction in Killarney and something should be done to rectify it. Traffic is being held up coming down Mission Road. The second lane going up New Street has been taken away. It is very important we revert to the original layout. He stated that with the exception of the Lewis Road Junction, he has never received as many complaints as he has in relation to this junction.

Mr. P. Neary stated that Malachy Walsh & Partners are carrying out a fully inclusive look at the town and they will be publishing their report in January.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that this junction needs to be examined in its totality. A second lane exit is required here.

28. Cllr. D. Grady: What is the up-to-date position regarding the taking in charge of Elm Wood Estate, Mill Road. We should take this estate over without delay.

Reply: Kerry County Council are seeking to have the taking in charge process commenced in accordance with the relevant legislation in respect of this estate. However, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol for the taking in charge of Estates agreed with Irish Water, all estates proposed to be taken in charge must be referred to Irish Water in the context of the Water Services infrastructure. By way of response in respect of Elmwood, Irish Water advised that this estate has been selected by it as part of a Pilot Scheme to be completed in advance of the commencement of the taking in charge process whereby they will carry out CCTV surveys of the sewers and a Water Audit at their own expense. Therefore we have to await the completion of these surveys and reports on same by Irish Water prior to commencing the taking in charge legal process. An update from Irish Water in respect of this survey is awaited.

Mr. D. Murphy discussed the Taking in Charge process since the start up of Irish Water. The Council refer the water and waste water infrastructure to Irish Water for their consideration regarding Taking in Charge. Irish Water require CCTV of sewers prior to taking in charge. Irish Water also want to know condition of watermain infrastructure before Taking in Charge.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the Council had ample time to have taken this estate in charge.

Mr. Murphy stated that Taking in Charge is initiated either by the developer or half of the houseowners in an estate. A list of valid applications is then submitted to Irish Water for their consideration. Irish Water then take over an estate except where "noted" works need to be done prior to taking over. Irish Water do not wish to take over assets that are defective.

29. Cllr. D. Grady: What is up to date position regarding the taking in charge of Ross Dara, Loretto Road. We should take this estate over without delay.

Reply: In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding and protocol for the taking in charge of estates agreed with Irish Water, all estates proposed to be taken in charge must be submitted to Irish Water in the context of the Water Services infrastructure and as part of this process, a report is being prepared by our Water Services Section following which it is intended to revert to Irish Water identifying any works required in respect of the Water Services infrastructure which will be required to be addressed prior to commencing the legal taking in charge process.

This Motion was dealt with in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 28.

30. Cllr. B. O'Connell: That the L3002 from Buckleyôs Shop to Knockrower be included in the Restoration Improvement Programme 2016 to 2018.

Reply: Kerry County Council have been requested by the Department of Transport Tourism & Sport to prepare a new plan for the period 2016 - 2018 under the Restoration Improvement Grant scheme for Regional and Local Roads. The L-3002 from Buckleyôs Shop Canguilla to Knockrower will be considered for inclusion in this programme.

Cllr. B. O'Connell asked that this road be included in the next Restoration Improvement Grant Scheme. This is a widely used road and services the nearby Munster Joinery factory.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

31. Cllr. B. O'Connell: That the R577 be black topped from Croninôs Quarry to Rocheôs Cross.

Reply: Kerry County Council have been requested by the Department of Transport Tourism & Sport to prepare a new plan for the period 2016 - 2018 under the Restoration Improvement Grant scheme for Regional and Local Roads. The R-577 from Croninôs Quarry Bawnaskehy towards Davy Rocheôs Cross will be considered for inclusion in this programme.

Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that this road had a very rough surface and was widely used.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

32. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask the Roads Section to prioritise the road from Buckleyôs Shop going eastwards to the Grotto in Knockrower (The Mount Pigeon Road) as sections are in a very bad state now.

Reply: Kerry County Council have been requested by the Department of Transport Tourism & Sport to prepare a new plan for the period 2016 - 2018 under the Restoration Improvement Grant scheme for Regional and Local Roads. This road will be considered for inclusion in this programme.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that sections of this road were worse than any other road in the County. He asked that it be prioritised for the next 3 year Roads Programme.

33. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As the haphazard nature of parking by hill walkers at the foot of Mangerton Mountain has the potential to create major health and safety incidents, I call on this Council to support any agreement that may be reached by landowners, who would be willing to provide land for a parking area, at this very popular hill walking destination.

Reply: The access to Mangerton Mountain is located on a private road off the L 11077-0. Kerry County Council has had discussions with the NPWS about the provision of a carpark at this location. The NPWS stated that the lands adjacent to this area are in private ownership. However Kerry County Council would provide assistance to the development of a proposal for a carpark at this location.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty appreciated the response that the Council would be willing and supportive in improving the parking area. There is a huge chance of something terrible happening at this location. The road here is in a deplorable state. There is a lot of goodwill in Mangerton.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. M. Gleeson moved Question No. 1 at this stage.

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council met with the NPWS and the local residents to discuss the provision of a suitably located car park in the town-land of Gortagullane to facilitate the proper parking of vehicles by people setting out to climb Mangerton Mountain and also to ensure the safety of the residents?

Reply: The access to Mangerton Mountain is located on a private road off the L11077-0. Kerry County Council has had discussions with the NPWS about the provision of a carpark at this location. The NPWS stated that the lands adjacent to this area are in private ownership. However, Kerry County Council would provide assistance to the development of a proposal of a carpark at this location.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said he had proposed that a suitable carpark at this location would enhance tourism and would afford emergency vehicles access if required. Cllr. Gleeson welcomed the commitment of the Council to take action.

34. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to proceed with haste, in widening the very narrow and dangerous section of road at Coolcaslagh, (south of Transfer Station) while the goodwill of the landowner and quarry owner exists.

Reply: This section of Road is on the L3011 Coolcaslagh to the N22 Lissyvigeen. There is a narrow section of road close to the junction with the L11070 which would benefit from increasing the width of the carriageway. Kerry County Council has had discussions with the adjacent landowner and the quarry owner at this location. The discussions have been positive and we will revert to the Members if the lands are secured.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that this was a busy section of road and the local quarry owner is using the road more frequently. Large volumes of trucks also use this road. Cllr. Culloty requested that the matter be progressed as soon as possible.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and said he has been requesting this for a long time. This road is a bottleneck and is used by a lot of traffic accessing the Transfer Station and the quarry.

35. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As the culvert crossing under the road at Ballinahulla is not large enough to cater for the volume of water as a result of heavy rain, and which sometimes causes the road or private property to become submerged, I call on this Council to replace this culvert with a larger one.

Reply: The estimated cost of the installation of an additional piped crossing at this location is ú1,500. These works are suitable for funding by means of a Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty thanked Mr. B. Mulhern for his assistance and said that he would be contributing to these works by way of his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

36. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to fit speed reducing ramps at Oôsullivanôs Place as this short and narrow section of street is experiencing an increasing number of motorists who use it as a shortcut between St. Annôs Road and Lewis Road. Also, to re-paint the double yellow lines which have worn away over time.

Reply: A speed and pedestrian survey is to be carried out at this location in January 2016 to ascertain if there is a requirement for speed ramps. The yellow lines will be re-painted when the lining crew is next in the town.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty said that this issue arises quite frequently. This is a long-established estate being used as a short cut in both directions and it needs to be addressed. Cllr. Culloty also requested that the yellow lines be re-painted.

37. 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 undergrounding 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: A portion of the public lighting at the village of Gneeveguilla was undergrounded a number of years ago, and a single duct was laid along the roadside from the undergrounded section to the shop. This duct is of some benefit, however, undergrounding of services involves constructing ducting to all commercial and domestic properties, construction of mini pillar and micro pillar chambers, the excavation of foundations for the public lighting Standards together with ancillary and footpath works. In addition to this, substantial Civil Engineering works, an ESB capital works contribution cost to cover cabling and jointing and the erection of the public lights themselves. Kerry County Council met the Gneeveguilla Community Group this summer and they indicated that they would approach the ESB for an estimate of the capital works cost. To date they have not got the required estimate. When the ESB revert with their costings and their required civil facilitation works, Kerry County Council can prepare a budget estimate for the entire project. Potential funding streams will be investigated thereafter.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated he was glad to see that matters would be progressed in Gneeveguilla and noted that the ESB were to revert with their costings. Cllr. Kelleher stated that this might be suitable for funding under the Village Renewal Project which is expected next year.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

38. 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 undergrounding of lighting?

Reply: Rathmore Village is located on the N72 National Secondary Route. Speed surveys were carried out in Rathmore this summer at the behest of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The results of these speed surveys were forwarded to the TII Road Safety Officer. The TII Road Safety Officer has requested Kerry County Council to design a traffic calming scheme for the village. This Traffic Calming Scheme will involve reducing the cross-section of the road carriageway, increasing the width of the footpaths and the provision of a pedestrian crossing(s). Subsequent to the completion of the design, the scheme will be costed and an application for funding will be forwarded to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for consideration of funding.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that he has had this Notice of Motion on the Agenda since he was elected. He thanked Mr. D. Doyle, Mr. P. Neary, Ms. B. Mulryan and Mr. B. Mulhern for their work in ensuring that the TII have put this scheme on their Agenda. Cllr. Kelleher said he was glad to see progress being made. The Community Council are due to meet in Rathmore later tonight and they too will be glad to see this advancing. There is still an issue regarding lighting in the town and people cannot see the road when crossing. He hoped that Rathmore would receive two pedestrian crossings. He asked the Council to keep the pressure on the TII and come up with a good design in consultation with the community. He thanked everyone involved for their hard work.

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

Reply: Kerry County Council have been requested by the Department of Transport Tourism & Sport to prepare a new plan for the period 2016 - 2018 under the Restoration Improvement Grant scheme for Regional and Local Roads. The L-3014 from Shrone Church to Gortacorrin will be considered for inclusion this programme.

Cllr. N. Kelleher said he would like to see this road included under the Restoration Improvement Grant Scheme when developed early next year.

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

Reply: The proposal was to strengthen the existing bridge at this location. A Contractor had been selected and was progressing a design for these strengthening works. However, during the recent storms this bridge was damaged further. The contractor has assessed the bridge and will revert back by the end of week in regard to the solution and it will be included in the submission to the Department for storm funding.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the bridge is in a very bad state of repair. He said he could not stress enough that while there is another access route, it is taking people out of their way, i.e. people trying to access Munster Joinery which is nearby. He hoped that the bridge would be reinstated.

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

Reply: Kerry County Council has been requested by the Department of Transport Tourism & Sport to prepare a new plan for the period 2016 - 2018 under the Restoration Improvement Grant scheme for Regional and Local Roads. The R-582 from Cloonts Cross towards Rathmore will be considered for inclusion in this program. The footpath works are planned for Quarter 1 of 2016.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted that the footpath works are planned for Quarter 1 and said that this was a move in the right direction.

42. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Notice of Motion No 42 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No 2 (Water Services Directorate).

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

Reply: This section of roadway is located on the N72 National Secondary Route. Overlays on National Routes are both funded and selected by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. Overlays are usually selected based on the structural condition of the roadway. The resurfacing of this section of road will be discussed with the TII Inspector at the next meeting with the Operations Section of Kerry County Council.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that road is in need of resurfacing in many areas. He asked that the Council try and ensure that this is prioritised by the TII and progress matters in the Rathmore town also.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

44. Cllr. D. Grady: That this Council would prevent parking outside Der OôSullivanôs on Main Street, Killarney as this is preventing buses, trucks, Fire Department etc from turning right from Plunkett Street onto Main Street.

Reply: A yellow hatched box will be painted at this location adjacent to the loading bay in order to alleviate the problem with larger vehicles turning on to Main Street. It will also be heavily monitored by our Traffic Wardens.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that parking in this area is creating huge problems all year, including after 5.00pm. Traffic backs up along Plunkett Street if this area becomes impassable. Cllr. Grady requested that the Gardaí be approached to monitor this area after 5.00pm when the Traffic Warden is off duty.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion. He stated that parking in this area of High Street was one of the main contributing factors in traffic build up in Killarney. Any vehicle larger than a car turning right onto High Street from Plunkett Street holds up the whole town. He said the Council should look at removing the right hand turn at this junction. It obstructs traffic coming from the direction of The Plaza heading up town.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the present practice of allowing buses go down Plunkett Street should be reviewed.

(d) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: This Motion was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No 33.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Have the protracted discussions with landowners resulted in land being made available for the development of a footpath from Páirc Chuimín to Kilcummin Village?

Reply: All the adjacent landowners have been met at the location. Kerry County Council will now prepare a cost estimate for this scheme based on the requirements of the landowners. There is a specific development levy available for this project but this will not cover the total cost of the scheme. A funding stream for the additional monies required will be investigated.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked if money was available through the Development Levy or through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Mr. D. Doyle stated that there was not enough funding to carry out all works. He agreed to revert to Cllr. Gleeson on the matter. Funding from the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund would be required to complete the works.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Can the Council make available for 2016 the money necessary to undertake inspections of the footpaths in housing estates in order to ensure that they are in a safe condition and in particular to ensure that the expansion joints are filled in and free from any raised edges?

Reply: Killarney Municipal District carries out assessments of all footpaths where possible trip hazards have been brought to our attention. All repairs are prioritised at these areas.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked the Council to ensure that expansion joints on footpaths that have disintegrated are filled in so they do not pose a threat to people.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Have the NRA and Council devised a fair and safe exit/entrance strategy for property owners who wish to use the Bóithrín that connects with the N22 outbound approximately halfway along the Pike Hill?

Reply: The access to this Bothirín was constructed in the 1980s when the Pike Hill was re-aligned. The access is quite steep and exits on to the climbing lane on the N22. Kerry County Council have met with the landowners and are in discussions in regard to any potential alternate access to their lands.

Cllr. M. Gleeson enquired if the Council were making progress on this and to try and ensure that the landowners can be facilitated.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed that they are making progress on the matter.

Cllr. Gleeson asked to be kept informed on developments.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Council, please, erect 50km/h signs on the approaches to Teernaboul National School on the L.11069?

Reply: Kerry County Council will complete a County-wide speed limit review in 2016. The provision of a 50 kph speed limit at Teernaboul National School on the L11069 will be considered as part of the review.

Mr. D. Doyle confirmed that the Council were reviewing the process regarding Speed Limit Bye-Laws and this school would have to be included in that process. Mr. Doyle agreed to bring plans before the Members in the New Year.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: It was agreed to move Question No 6 in conjunction with Mr. Donal Murphy's update on Mountain View Estate.

7. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Council make contact with both the NPWS and the NRA with a view to having funds made available for the provision of an adequate fence on the N72 left hand side outbound from Ballydowney as far as the Castlerosse stonewall? This fence is desperately needed in order to prevent deer from trespassing onto the carriageway and endangering all road users. The number of near escapes from serious injury or even death is of litany proportions.

Reply: Kerry County Council have had meetings with the TII, the Garda Síochána and the National Parks and Wildlife Service in regard to this section of road. During these discussions, it was felt that the provision of fencing from Ballydowney to the Castlerosse would not be of benefit, as deer would still be able to enter on to the public road from other locations, and the fence may prevent deer who had got on to the roadway from getting back into the National Park.

Kerry County Council forwarded a Feasibility Report to the TII in September for funding for some minor safety works such as warning signage, removal of a number of trees and lining works. The TII have reverted to Kerry County Council and are requesting that some traffic calming measures be incorporated into the proposal. These works will be designed by Kerry County Council and a further submission for funding will be forwarded to the TII.

Cllr. M. Gleeson enquired why would fencing of a suggested height not assist in keeping the deer from accessing the road?

Mr. P. Neary stated that the NPWS have indicated that this measure would result in the deer moving out to other areas and the Council can only be guided by them in this instance.

Cllr. Gleeson stated that certain places were deserving of fencing. This stretch of road should be fenced and would be relatively inexpensive.

Mr. Neary agreed to revert to the NPWS on the matter. He stated that if the Traffic Calming Scheme for Ballydowney is approved, then the public lighting in the area may prove beneficial in keeping the deer at bay.

8. Cllr. B. Cronin: Will Kerry County Council repair the damage done to the Kilsarcon Road at the entrance to forestry (details with engineer).

Reply: Kerry County Council will repair the road at this location.

Cllr. B. Cronin enquired when will the works take place and how will the Council alleviate what is causing the damage.

Mr. B. Mulhern stated that it was hoped that the work would commence this week. Roadside drainage is due to commence on this roadway at Kilsarcon with drains being opened across two private forestry entrances to prevent any further damage to the public road.

9. Cllr. B. Cronin: Will Kerry County Council repair the two public lights which are not working, one at the traffic lights on Port Road and one opposite the electric gate entrance to Knockreer on Mission Road.

Reply: These light faults have been logged with our maintenance contractor and should be repaired within ten working days.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that at the pedestrian crossing, two lights are not working and the area is in darkness. This needs to be repaired immediately.

Mr. K. O'Halloran stated that the maintenance contractors have committed to carrying out repairs within 10 working days of receipt of request to repair them.

10. Cllr. B. Cronin: Is the river undermining the Curracitty to Ranaleen Road, particularly close to the Currowross/Barnfield junction and is there a need for the provision of rock armour.

Reply: There is some evidence of erosion to the road embankment at this location; however, there would appear to be no immediate risk. The estimated cost of installation of rock armour protection at this location is ú4,500. The works should ideally be carried out when the water level is low. It would be suitable for funding by means of Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that this is a road safety issue. Protection of the road is very important. He asked that this be reviewed in 2016.

11. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can Kerry County Council properly examine the source of the dangerous pothole at Lawlorôs Cross junction which has been reoccurring for a number of years and do what ever work is necessary to solve this problem.

Reply: There is an old stone culvert crossing the junction at this location, at Lawlorôs Cross which has been damaged. Kerry County Council intend to carry out works here in the January 2016 to resolve the issue.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the pothole keeps reoccurring at this junction and requested that permanent repair work be carried out to it. It should be cordoned off as it is lethally dangerous.

Cllr. J. Sheahan Seconded the Motion.

12. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the situation with the Bond for Greenfields Estate, Firies and will the 20 public lights be turned on for residentsôsafety for the winter.

Reply: We have been advised very recently by the agent for the Bondsman that the undertaking of the required works in Greenfields will commence early in 2016. However the ongoing maintenance of and the payment of the electricity costs for public lighting is a matter for the management company/residents. The Bondsman is only responsible for remedying actual defects to the lighting in the event of it being incorrectly installed from the outset.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked if agreement had been reached between Kerry County Council and the Bondsman.

Mr. D. Murphy stated that the Bondsman will arrange to carry out the work in the New Year and it will take 6 - 8 weeks to complete.

Cllr. Cronin asked had a commitment been given in writing.

Mr. Murphy stated that he had received an email and a call from the Engineer who will be carrying out the work.

13. Cllr. J. Sheahan: Ask Kerry County Council what are the delays with the Digital Speed Alert Signs at Knockasarnett.

Reply: The Digital Speed Alert signs were erected at Knockasarnett in November 2015.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

14. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask this Council to carry out a survey of the Disabled Parking areas in Killarney town to ascertain if the footpaths and kerbs are sufficiently lowered to allow for wheelchair users to gain access on to the footpaths.

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District carry out accessibility works on an annual basis. Dishing to footpaths was carried out in a number of housing estates in the current program and the upgrade of the Beech Road toilets resulted in these toilets being fully accessible. A survey of the disabled parking areas will be carried out in early January. If any accessibility works are identified they will be addressed as part of the Municipal District Works Plan for 2016.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he had received a number of complaints about the footpaths, in particular from wheelchair users. Cllr. Sheahan asked if a survey could be carried out to see if footpaths could be lowered.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the Accessibility Group meet on a quarterly basis. He asked Cllr. Sheahan to advise him of any particular issues he has.

15. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to examine all gullies in the Killarney Municipal Area as many of them are blocked with leaves and overgrowth.

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District attend to road side gullies as part of its street cleaning rota.

Cllr. J. Sheahan asked that gullies would be cleaned every 4 - 6 months, for example, outside (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **(near Reservoir on the Tralee/Killarney Road).**

16. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask this Council for a commencement date for works to commence on the footpath and street lights at Station Road, Rathmore.

Reply: It is planned to commence these footpath works on the R-582 between the Railway Station and the Crescent Estate in Quarter 1 2016.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

17. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council implement traffic calming measures at the Jarvey Stand on the Muckross Road, as the Jarveys have difficulty crossing the road into the National Park.

Reply: Malachy Walsh & Partners are currently carrying out a Traffic Management Study of Killarney Town. As part of this study they will create a traffic model to model the existing traffic patterns and future road improvement proposals. The study will also examine the area around the HaHa, the traffic volumes on the Mission Road and the interaction with the Jarveys.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

18. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the NRA to reposition the signage at Ballyhar Railway Crossing as locals fear for their safety as it is blocking the view of larger and higher vehicles.

Reply: Kerry County Council will examine the signage at this location and re-position as necessary with the permission of the landowner and in compliance with the Departmentôs Traffic Signs Manual.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that he has requested that this be sorted out by Iarnród Éireann since 2013.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed that matter would be attended to very soon.

19. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council if the signage and lining could be upgraded at Shinnagh Cross.

Reply: The signage and lining at N72 Shinnagh Cross is scheduled to be upgraded by TII in the coming weeks.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.

20. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: That we ask the OPW again to allow the Jarveys to travel inside the wall of The Demesne in order to avoid the traffic jams caused on Mission Road by the Jarveys.

Reply: This request will be forwarded to the OPW and an update will be given in due course.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae asked that the matter would continue to be pursued.

Mr. P. Neary agreed that he would liaise with the OPW on the matter.

21. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, has any information been received in relation to the reduction of the speed limit at the Lewis Road/Bypass junction? If not, can this Council write to Transport Infrastructure Ireland and request an immediate reduction in the speed limit at this extremely dangerous junction?

Reply: The members of Kerry County Council have raised issues with this junction previously. Kerry County Council will complete a County-wide speed limit review in 2016. The provision of a 50 kph speed limit at this junction will be considered as part of the review. However the road is the N22 National Primary Route and any change to the speed limit will subject to the TII approval.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked if there was any indication that the speed limit would be reduced?

Mr. D. Doyle stated that the TII have indicated that they will look favourably on all requests regarding reduction in speed limits.

22. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As the route of the sewer mains from Kilcummin to Killarney is established, when will work begin on resurfacing the sections of road from Coolcorcoran to Kilcummin?

Reply: Irish Water is reviewing the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme and the location of the route of the pipeline. Therefore there is no decision as to when the resurfacing works will take place on the roadway from Coolcoran to Kilcummin. Kerry County Council has been requested by the Department of Transport Tourism & Sport to prepare a new plan for the period 2016 - 2018 under the Restoration Improvement Grant scheme for Regional and Local Roads. This section of road will be considered for inclusion in this program.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty noted the reply.

23. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: When will the repairs to Counguilla Bridge be completed and what action has been taken since my Notice of Motion calling for the removal of the gravel which has built up on one of the two eyes?

Reply: Parapet repairs to Twiss Bridge and Counguilla Bridge are scheduled to be carried out in December 2015 / January 2016.

The removal of gravel from the river is not permitted due to Inland Fisheries Ireland restrictions during the salmon spawning period.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the repair work to the bridge. He enquired about the removal of gravel and said there was no progress on this matter. There are two eyes on that bridge.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to inspect this after the spawning season.

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

Reply: Lights on the Bye-Pass in the vicinity of the Lewis Road Junction have been repaired in the past week.

Cllr. N. Kelleher enquired about the remaining lights.

Mr. D. Doyle confirmed that a contractor has been arranged and he agreed to follow up on the matter after the meeting.

Cllr. Kelleher asked who should lighting issues be reported to.

Mr. Doyle stated that all lighting issues should be referred to the Operations Department, County Buildings in Tralee.

25. 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 said that he would wait and see the outcome of the Operations SPC Public Lighting Policy.

26. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can this authority set up a working group to report back with possible solutions to the unsightly bins being put out in the evening while this town is in its peak tourist season, to include representatives of all affected.

Reply: Killarney Municipal District is in discussions with the Chamber of Commerce and Tourism with regard to areas where bin storage can be considered in the town. There are a number of problem areas within the town in regard to bin storage including Chapel Lane, Upper Beech Road Carpark, adjacent to Reen's Pharmacy and the laneways in general. The solution to bin storage will require co-operation of the business owners and the refuse collectors. Some progress has been made in this area. A prototype bin storage unit is being made and will be trialled in the Chapel Lane area. If this unit is a success, further units will be procured as resources allow.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked if a prototype could be developed. He said that having the bins on the street was causing a problem.

Mr. K. O'Halloran stated that an area for bin storage in Chapel Lane is being trialled. Each bin will have a specific slot within a frame. If this is a success, and the results are favourable, the intention is to continue it to other parts of the town.

27. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Flashing lights are required for Gneeveguilla School. Can these be provided on health and safety grounds?

Reply: School flashing lights were provided previously via a national program for National Schools located outside speed controlled areas. No such program was available for National Schools located within Villages within Speed limits. The provision of school flashing lights at Gneeveguilla would be suitable for a Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund allocation. The Area Engineer has an estimate prepared in this regard.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked that the estimate for these works be forwarded to him.

28. Cllr. D. Grady: Please provide an update on public lighting in Killarney Municipal District.

Reply: Currently Kerry County Council employ two separate contractors for the maintenance of our public lighting assets. Our contractors carry out ongoing patrols of our entire inventory and as a result of this, the required repairs are subsequently carried out. As patrols are a visual check, we cannot guarantee that all faults are picked up, such as flashing lights or day burners. If you have any specific faults that you are aware of, you can inform the Operations Department and we can attend to them, likewise any member of the public can report a fault to either Kerry County Council or our contractor call centre on 1850 372 772. Our contractors are required to attend to faults within ten working days. There were a number of light faults on the Killarney By-Pass which were repaired on the 3rd December. For the Killarney Municipal Area we currently have 19 lights out. Of these, 11 are outstanding and due for repair, and 7 are on hold for reasons such as column knock downs, special components requirements or ESB requirements. 25 repairs have been completed in the last 4 week period and the lights were last patrolled on Friday, 27th and Monday, 30th November.

We repair lights in and around the Killarney Municipal Area on a very regular basis. The majority of faults are blown bulbs, however there are faults of a more serious nature which may require specialist parts to be ordered. Currently we are repairing faults as they are logged. Again, if you have any specific faults that you are aware of, please inform Operations Department and we can attend to them.

Cllr. D. Grady asked that the Members receive an update on the Municipal District and if the Council could provide this. He stated he was aware of the contractors who carry out the repair work but suggested that we should carry out our own inventory. Lighting is vital. He stated that four lights were broken in Arbutus Drive.

The meeting adjourned at 1.30pm in order to host a reception for Rathmore Social Action Group on celebrating 40 Years serving the Community and its people.

The meeting resumed at 2.30pm.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That this Council calls on the HSE to develop a Serenity Garden for the benefit of residents and staff of the Killarney Community Hospital and St Columbanus Home. There is ample space in which to make this life enhancing provision.

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

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that St Columbanus Home is lacking in spaces of this nature and requested that this Notice of Motion be forwarded to the HSE.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: To again request this Council to immediately contact the NPWS regarding the urgent requirement for the provision of safe parking area for walkers doing the popular Cardiac Hill walk. The current parking situation is creating a serious traffic hazard on a busy tourist route and will result in a serious accident.

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

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that following a previous Motion on this matter, it was confirmed at the last meeting that NPWS were going to be contacted. People are parking everywhere. This area is lethally busy, especially at weekends.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed that he had spoken with the NPWS at the time of the previous Motion. He stated that he would be raising the issue again with them in the New Year when they have their new budgets agreed.

Cllr. Cronin stated that this road was used by people returning from the Ring of Kerry route. Who is responsible if an accident occurs here? A small space is all that is required to trunk off and get the cars off the main road.

Mr. Neary confirmed that this was the responsibility of the NPWS. He said a lot depends on their 2016 budgets.

Cllr. Cronin Proposed that a letter issue from the Members to the NPWS on the matter.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Proposal.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and said it was an important matter. Excellent facilities are provided here but the NPWS have to take responsibility for the resulting traffic it attracts. He asked that Kerry County Council and the NPWS meet in an effort to find a solution.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: NoM 3 was moved in conjunction with NoM No 3 (Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate).

4. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: On completion of the imminent acquisition of Áras Pádraig, I call on this Council to be ready to immediately proceed with the necessary works, which will be required to enable this building to be used by groups, for purposes such as arts, entertainment, recreation etc. Killarney has been without such a facility for far too long.

Reply: The acquisition of Áras Pádraig is near completion. Any necessary works will be dependent on available funding.

Ms. A. McAllen informed the Members that the structural report had indicated that some works need to be undertaken immediately.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the former Pretty Polly site been cleared of any and all physical hindrances and thus allow for the maximisation of its potential as a future industrial location? It no longer makes sense to have the present shell presenting as an eyesore and as a hindrance to possibility and progress.

Reply: Kerry County Council has undertaken an assessment of the property, this included assessment of the general condition of the building. Given the current condition of the building it cannot be utilised without significant investment. Removal of the structures from the site will require a Part 8 planning process to be undertaken; Kerry County Council will examine commencing this process in early 2016.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that in its present state, the building offers an impediment to progress. The best course of action would be to level the building and have a green field site in its place with potential for future business. This site is derelict and is disintegrating rapidly. It has been a terrible eyesore for the past 12 - 15 years.

Ms. A. McAllen indicated that Mr. John Purcell, Facilities Manager has undertaken an assessment of the property which has indicated that the building requires significant investment. As a result, the best course of action would be to demolish the structure which would require a Part VIII process and it is hoped this will commence early in 2016.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can Kerry County Council clarify when will much needed reliable high speed broadband be available for residents and businesses living in rural areas such as Listry, Faha, Fossa, Aghadoe, Ballyhar, Firies, Farranfore, Kilcummin, Currow and adjoining parishes.

Reply: As Councillors will know, Kerry County Council does not have a direct role in the provision of telecommunications services.

Under the Government's National Broadband Plan, high speed broadband is to be delivered to every household in the Country. In the Department of Communications Energy & Natural Resources survey, Kerry was one of the Counties with the largest requirement for intervention, with over 90% of the County by area and over 50% by population / premises in need of services which the market cannot provide in the next 2 years.

In light of its importance to the economic and quality of life development for business and citizens in the County, we prepared our own submission to the National Broadband Plan - Draft Intervention Strategy - which called for the prioritisation of Broadband backhaul and service delivery investments in the County. This plan was also provided to our Oireachtas members. We await the response from the DCENR.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that high speed broadband was a necessity throughout the Killarney Municipal District. Cllr. Cronin recognised the input by Kerry County Council into preparing a submission to the National Broadband Plan. He asked was there anything further that could be done. So many people do not have a decent broadband service.

Ms. McAllen stated that Kerry County Council's submission highlights the areas where service is poor. Ms. McAllen agreed to discuss this matter with the Senior Management Team to see if anything could be done at National level. Broadband is needed to revitalise the rural economy.

Cllr. Cronin asked that Ms. McAllen revert to him on the matter.

3. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: That we the Members of Kerry County Council ask the OPW if any of their vacant houses in Muckross can be made available for social housing.

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

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae asked Ms. McAllen, as Area Manager, if the Housing Department could liaise with the OPW regarding the houses at Muckross that had initially been provided to OPW employees but were now vacant. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that there are possibly 10 vacant houses. He stated there should be little difficulty in acquiring or leasing them to housing applicants. If not maintained, they will become derelict. People in the community have asked him if they could be utilised.

Ms. A. McAllen agreed to discuss the matter with Mr. J. Breen, Director of Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life.

4. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: What progress has been made by Kerry County Council to ensure that the land bank of St Finan's is transferred back into the ownership of Kerry County Council. I ask that an urgent appraisal of St Finan's Hospital take place before dereliction sets in.

Reply: I have recently contacted the Head of Estates, HSE with a view to arranging a meeting to discuss the landbank at St. Finan's.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae asked the Council to keep progressing the matter and ensure the return of the lands to Kerry County Council. He asked that an appraisal of St. Finan's Hospital be carried out before the election. This will become a huge eyesore if left to deteriorate.

15.12.09.07 To consider Requests for Receptions

On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Gleeson and Seconded by Cllr. J.J. Culloty it was agreed to hold a reception for Tom O'Donoghue and Paddy O'Donoghue from Gneeveguilla to acknowledge their lifelong commitment to the promotion of sport for all age groups as requested by Cllr. M. Gleeson.

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

(a) Cllr. B. Cronin agreed to defer his earlier PROPOSAL, (SECONDED by Cllr. J.J. Culloty) requesting a deputation of representatives from the ParentsôAssociation and the residents in Firies regarding traffics issues, pending the outcome of the Traffic Calming Survey.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae, SECONDED Cllr. N. Kelleher, it was agreed to receive a deputation from Residents of Foiladuane relating to flooding in their area.

15.12.09.09 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Killarney will be held on Wednesday, 10th February 2016.

15.12.09.10 Any Other Business

Correspondence from Kerry County Council

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to recent correspondence that had issued from Kerry County Council and it gave the impression that the Reeks Gateway Building in Killarney is a public office where people could conduct business with Council staff and asked if this was the case.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the Procurement Office was the only Council Department located in the Reeks Gateway Building and it was not a public office. She said this was probably an administrative error and it would be investigated.

Bridge near Poulgorm on Kilgarvan Road

Cllr D. Healy-Rae stated there was no safety barrier and there was a flood of water running in there undermining the wall.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed he would inspect the bridge.

Silversprings Pump Station

Cllr D. Healy-Rae stated there was water coming out of the Pump Station.

Mr. P. Neary said he would inform Water Services.

The Meeting concluded at 15.00.

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