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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 FRIDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2016

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I LEABHARLANN CHILL ÁIRNE DÉ hAOINE, 12 FEABHRA 2016

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

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

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

In attendance/i láthair

Ms. A. McAllen	Delegated Executive for the MD of Killarney
Mr. D. Doyle	Senior Engineer
Mr. P. Neary	Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. G. O'Brien	Meetings Administrator
Ms. N. O'Sullivan	Municipal District Officer
Mr. D. Ginty	Executive Planner
Mr. M. Lynch	SEE Planning & Sustainable Development
Mr. C. Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. C. O'Leary	EE Water Services
Mr. P. Bradley	EE Community Services & Engagement
Ms. J. Dillane	SO Housing
Ms. B. Mulryan	EE Killarney
Mr. B. Mulhern	AE Killarney
Mr. K. O'Halloran	AE Killarney
Mr. O. O'Shea	Press & Communications Officer
Ms. M. Galvin	CO Corporate Affairs

The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

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

16.02.12.01 (a) Confirmation of the following Minutes:

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. Cronin, SECONDED by Cllr. J. Sheahan, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 9th December 2015 be confirmed.

- (b) 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 Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 15th January 2016 be confirmed as amended.

Cllr. M. Gleeson referred to Page 10 of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of Killarney Municipal District dated 15th January 2016 and asked that the following statement be deleted from the record of the meeting as had not stated same:

"Houses should be raised by 3 blocks if built in a floodplain."

Mr. G. O'Brien agreed that the Minutes would be amended to reflect Cllr. Gleeson's request.

- (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 25th January be confirmed.

16.02.12.01 (b) Reception of Deputation from the residents of Foiladown, Clonkeen, Curreal, Killaha, Glenflesk and Dromnaharrie to discuss their flooding problems - Cllr. D. Healy-Rae

Cllr. B. O'Connell welcomed the deputation to the meeting.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae welcomed the residents to the meeting and stated that these people had suffered immensely following the recent floods. He asked that the river be cleared and requested the Council to apply to the Department of Finance for funding. Cllr. Healy-Rae introduced *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* the meeting.

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addressed the meeting and thanked the Members for lending the opportunity to highlight their flooding problems. He stated that the residents had suffered badly over the last 6 months. He had attended many meetings on this issue since the 1980s. In the last 6 months, there have been five serious floods, i.e. 11th September, 5th December (which was the big flood), 11th and 12th December and 29th December. *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*

stated that the residents have been cut off in the Foiladown Road on 7 occasions since September for up to 24 hours and more. No vehicle can enter this road during high flooding, not even the Fire Service. On 5th December the only people that could access the area were the Killarney Water Rescue. These people had been told that this was 1 in a 1,000 year

flood which is hard to believe. 12 homes were flooded between Gortacoosh and Loo Bridge with several others just barely escaping.

The N22 was raised and widened from Gortacoosh to Clonkeen in order to alleviate flooding on that road.

- Firstly, the road was cut through the rock at Droumnaheere and was raised 6ft - 7ft and widened.
- In 1969 the bridge to Annabeg collapsed. When it was rebuilt, solid walls replaced the railings that were there previously.
- In the 90s a new bridge was built at Garries and again the N22 was raised about 10ft to meet the new bridge.
- In 2001 the road was raised on the Cork side of Garries Bridge again.

Before the bridge at Garries was built, the Foiladown Road used to be over the level of the N22. Now it is 8ft - 10ft under the level of the N22. This creates further difficulty of being able to get in and out of the Foiladown area. Other than clearing the bushes along the river in 1988, nothing was done to counteract the effect of the raising of the road on some of the houses in the area.

At a meeting here 4 years ago, it was agreed that the CFRAM study would be extended to Clonkeen and it would include the Foiladown area. Disappointingly, CFRAM, in their interim report, did not offer any solutions other than an early warning system. We are asking the Local Authority to find a solution, even if it means going back to the OPW. At the meeting in 2012 the residents asked to have the end of the Foiladown road raised by at least 18+ to reduce the frequency of being cut off. We are also asking that the source of the flooding be sorted, i.e. clearing the river of bushes and debris, clearing the eyes of the bridges that are partly blocked and work be carried out to prevent the river from flowing back through the drains to reduce the flooding and to look at putting sluices on some of those drains. When the clearing was done on the river around 1988, there was no serious flooding in the following 20 years.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) addressed the meeting. As a result of the recent floods, damage has been caused to houses, sheds, land animal fodder, bales etc. The flooding is now occurring on a monthly rather than yearly basis now. In 1988 the River Flesk was cleared and there were no problems with major flooding for 20 years. At Curreal and Gortacoosh Bridges, the flow of water is impeded. 10 houses are cut off if an emergency occurs with no way out. The water goes from a lower depth of 2ft to a higher level of 4.5ft and this can continue for up to 24 hours. The residents are requesting that the trees are cleared from Gortacoosh to Garries, that the eyes of the bridges be cleared. The survey stated that these works would only lower the flood by 10mm but this is incorrect from our 20 year experience.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae moved Notice of Motion No. 6 (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate) at this stage.

6. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: That we the members of Kerry County Council ask the Minister for Finance for funding to open up the Flesk River to remove any blockages to the river and to the Curreal and Gortahoosh Bridge and also for funding to repair the Foiladown - Clonkeen Road damaged by the Flesk River and to seek financial assistance for the householders whose houses were flooded and to prevent future flooding and to ensure that Foiladown is included in the ongoing CFRAM study.

Reply: The request to the Minister for Finance for money to dredge the Flesk River is a matter for resolution by the members. The OPW are the lead agencies in regard to flood management of rivers and these works would be coordinated by them. Funding for repair to the Foiladown and Clydagh valley roads has been requested from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport, as part of Kerry County Council's Storm Damage Submission. Kerry County Council will attend to any blockages associated with Road Bridges as maintenance funding allows. Kerry County Council has written to the OPW requesting them to include Foiladown in their CFRAM Study.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that there will be no road soon if the issue is not taken in hand. Foiladown is not included in the CFRAM Study and houses continue to be under threat. This situation is totally unacceptable. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that he has raised this issue at a number of meetings over the last number of years. All that is needed here is to clean the river. In the mid 80s the late Jackie Healy-Rae and a deputation from Foiladown met with the late Charlie Haughey and got the funding to clear the river and this worked for 20 years. Cllr. Healy-Rae requested the Council to carry out the wishes of the residents and clear the river this year. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that Kerry County Council have no remit, the OPW say they do not have anything to do with the river and the Fisheries are saying that the rivers are closed at certain times. There are 3 conflicting bodies now. Management have suggested that the N22 would be raised. These residents will be submerged if that happens. The CFRAM Study say that 15 houses are affected but in fact, 30 houses are affected by the flooding. *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* was taken out of his house by boat. This is the reality of what happened. Cllr. Healy-Rae thanked the emergency services and the Management of Kerry County Council for their assistance in getting people out of their homes. He requested the Council to seek funding to clear the river. Cllr. Healy-Rae said that it is a waste of money waiting for the CFRAM Study. The Government recently announced "3.5m to improve the weather forecasting in the country. These residents do not need to hear this. They know when water is coming up their doors. The statement "1 in 1,000 year" referring to the occurrence of floods has hurt these people. How many floods have we had in the last couple of years? These are busy people and have better things to do than attending these meetings.

Cllr. J. Sheahan said that the presentation was an eye-opener and he requested that the river be cleared. It is time that the matter be

addressed. Cllr. Sheahan agreed to talk to his colleagues on the issue and will ask them to do the best they can for these people.

Cllr. D. Grady moved NoM No. 5 (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate) at this stage.

5. Cllr. D. Grady: That we would take immediate action regarding flooding commencing in the Foiladown area back through Glenflesk and Killarney to where the river enters the sea. We need to commence dredging immediately, despite laws and regulations as peoples' homes must come first. The Council should contact the relevant bodies.

Reply: The OPW are the lead agency in regard to rivers in this country. The OPW states that the Riparian Landowner has responsibility for maintaining the banks of the river. It is a matter of Resolution by the Elected Representatives that the Council contact the relevant agencies in regard to this request.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the deputation to the meeting and stated that he had visited some of the houses in this area during the floods. Cllr. Grady stated that he had previously worked in the Fire Services and was well aware of what the residents were putting up with as the situation has been going on a long time. If the N22 is raised this will create problems. Silt and trees are blocking the river and this must be cleared. An EU Directive has been handed to the OPW and Kerry County Council are included in it. People in this area are in a bad way. (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) was taken out of his house on a boat and died a few days later. Cllr. Grady said that putting fish before people must stop. Cllr. Grady asked if we could carry out the works in Foiladown in advance of receipt of funding from the Department. We should not be tied down with bureaucracy. We will help the residents in any way we can and give some money from our Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund to dredge the river.

Cllr. N. Kelleher thanked the residents for coming to the meeting and, in particular, thanked (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) who spoke on behalf of the residents.

Cllr. Kelleher moved Notice of Motion No. 7 (Other Directorates) at this stage.

7. Cllr. N. Kelleher: This Authority calls on the OPW to take action and clear the bushes and trees from the river in Glenflesk so as to keep properties and the community safe from flooding. This was the norm a year ago; why not now?

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

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that this Authority must take a lead role to ensure we receive funds from the OPW. The CFRAM Study did not include Foiladown and this is an insult to these residents. Cllr. Kelleher welcomed the application for funding and asked when is the Emergency Fund expected. He also enquired when the eyes of the bridges will be cleared and asked when would this happen. Cllr. Kelleher referred to the bridge at Anabeg and asked if the Council were going to do anything about it. Cllr. Kelleher stated that he saw a drawing of the old bridge and it was twice as wide in previous times. This Authority built that bridge and therefore, has a responsibility for it. Cllr. Kelleher referred to the "1 in 1,000" statement and said it was ludicrous. These events are not 1 in 1,000.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the deputation to the meeting and acknowledged that it was sad that the residents had to attend. Cllr. Gleeson stated that he was born beside the Flesk and he remembered the great floods in the Fifties and discussing them with his late father. There was a huge flood in 1986 and many since then. For every 1 degree increase in temperature, it will result in a 7% increase in rainfall and we have to plan for that. Given this prediction, a 2 degree increase in temperature over the next 2 years will result in a 14% increase in rain. Any works involving the Flesk have to be looked at in totality. In relation to the Flesk Bridge, Cllr. Gleeson said he has raised this on a number of occasions and during his time in the Town Council also. The island in the river is growing bigger and some concerned body should go in there and carry out some intelligent work. Anything done to a short river like the Flesk, like an embankment, would create a problem elsewhere. Cllr. Gleeson referred to a comment by a local fisherman who said that there are 2 large rocks on the left hand side of Gortahoosh Bridge but these rocks are no longer visible as they are covered in sediment. As water approaches an obstacle it slows down and the sediment drops to the bottom resulting in the river bed rising up. It is a fact that on approach to the bridges, the river bed has raised enormously. The Flesk was a great fishing river. Spawning will not happen where there is a lot of sediment. Every river needs its floodplains. This will create a challenge to Planners in the future. It is also important that trees on the riverbanks are trimmed back but not cut. If the trees are cut, then the land will disappear as the roots will be gone which hold the banks together. Cllr. Gleeson stated that the residents have the goodwill of every Councillor present. Nobody wants to see houses flooded. This is a horrific thing. It is time that the relevant Authority takes responsibility.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the residents. To solve these issues, there are a number of minor things which need to take place, i.e. clear the river, cut the trees and take the gravel from it. The sluices on the river are important. Bridges were designed with two eyes for a reason. In Glounsharoon, Castleisland there was a big problem with flooding. The Minister came to visit the location. As a result, the river bank was built up and the culvert was widened. Kerry County Council received funding from the OPW for this work. This money would do a lot of work for the residents of Foiladown. Installing wide pipes across the road might

alleviate the problem. It would not be hugely expensive to sort out the problems. These works should have been carried out a long time ago. One of the residents in Tullig liaised directly with the OPW and got things done and he urged the residents of Foiladown to do likewise. Cllr. Culloty concluded by stating that they had the support of the Members and acknowledged that the residents were dealing with an awful situation.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the residents and thanked both speakers for relaying the human side of what they have been through in the last number of months. It is dreadful to see the power of water and the damage it can do. The water has entered their houses and destroyed their hay and silage. People need to experience this to realise how horrific the situation is. It is a sad reflection, as outlined by *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* that 4 years ago CFRAM were to provide some guidance and assistance but has not yet done so. It has failed the residents. The speaker has proved that when the river was cleared a number of years ago, there was no flooding. A normal standard of maintenance needs to be carried out. Cllr. Cronin referred to the River Gweestin and said that a local farmer experienced flood waters entering his yard and 1.5 years ago he carried works and raised the level of the land and the bank. Due to this work, this man got into serious trouble with the Inland Fisheries and the Department and all he was doing was protecting his property. These people who draw up these plans have no concept of what is involved. Cllr. Cronin stated that he fully supports the call for funding to clean the Flesk and clear the eyes. It is shocking to see the consequences and personal cost to each family trying to rectify their situation afterwards. Cllr. Cronin asked if Kerry County Council could estimate the cost to clean the river. Has this been prepared and forwarded to the OPW? He asked if the Council would clean and dredge it in 2016. He asked if the eyes of the bridges that were identified would be cleared immediately. Cllr. Cronin referred to the island in the Flesk and stated that he had put down a Notice of Motion on the issue previously. This must be removed as it is causing restriction and getting bigger. Cllr. Cronin offered his full support to the residents.

Cllr. B. O'Connell thanked the deputation for their contribution.

Mr. D. Doyle welcomed the deputation. He agreed that it was unacceptable that people had been locked into their homes as a result of the flooding. Kerry County Council made an application for funding under the Severe Weather Programme and works to Foiladown Road were included in this application. Works will be carried out in Foiladown in 2016.

In relation to the N22, Mr. Doyle said that if it is raised it could have a significant affect on the road and stated that a study would be carried out. All issues will be considered. He said he would make sure their road is passable and not to have an adverse affect on the houses.

Inland Fisheries generally allow persons to work on rivers after 1st May.

Mr. D. Ginty welcomed the deputation. He visited Glenflesk on 5th December and witnessed first hand the events that occurred. The CFRAM Study has identified Glenflesk Village as being at risk of flooding. The preferred option to mitigate flooding here is a scheme of defensive embankments/walls. In light of recent flood events and after the Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Killarney of 15th January, Kerry County Council have written to the OPW seeking the inclusion of Foiladown in the CFRAM study. We will liaise with the OPW to ascertain what can be done in order to mitigate flooding and what funding is available. We must tread carefully as remedial works at one location may increase the flood risk upstream or downstream at another location. In relation to works on the road network, we will ensure that a holistic approach is taken and that the TII and the OPW are consulted to ensure that roadworks undertaken do not increase the risk of flooding.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae referred to Mr. Doyle's comment in relation to undertaking a study in relation to works on the N22 and stated that there was no need for a study; the only work required was to clear the river.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty said that laying 2 x 3ft pipes would not have any adverse affect on Foiladown. There is no need to carry out a study on the N22. The works that the residents have requested should be carried out first.

Cllr. M. Gleeson requested that the first priority should be to clear the river.

Ms. A. McAllen thanked the speakers and referred to the presentation saying that a picture was worth 1,000 words. Ms. McAllen stated that she did not want to see anyone in that situation. The visual presentation gave everyone a small taste of what the residents had to endure. Recent weather patterns have shown this type of weather event is now the reality. Ms. McAllen gave her commitment to clear the eyes of the bridge when permission was received to enter the river. It needs to be monitored on a regular basis, especially in the latter part of the year. Ms. McAllen committed to keep the pressure on CFRAM to include Foiladown in their study. The Engineers have stated that no works will take place on the N22 unless an impact study has been carried out. Ms. McAllen concluded by assuring the residents that the Council takes the matter extremely seriously. It is an ongoing matter and will be treated as such.

Cllr. B. O'Connell thanked Cllr. D. Healy-Rae for bringing in the deputation and assured the residents that a great case has been made and hoped that the issues would be dealt with.

Cllr. D. Healy-Rae stated that he had to leave the meeting at this stage and requested that Cllr. D. Grady would move his Notices of Motion and Questions.

16.02.12.01 (c) Business prescribed, by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting:

- (a) To agree a nominee from the Killarney Municipal District to sit on the Corporate Policy Group

Mr. G. O'Brien stated that in 2014, after the Local Elections the rules relating to the make up of the Corporate Policy Group (CPG) changed. Each Municipal District must now be represented on the CPG and must include the Chairs of the Strategic Policy Committees and the Cathaoirleach of the Council. Last year, Cllr. J. Sheahan stepped down and Cllr. M. Kennelly took up the position on the CPG. As a result, the Killarney representation was dropped on the CPG and a Killarney Member is now required.

On the Proposal of Cllr. J.J. Culloty, Seconded by Cllr. B Cronin it was agreed that Cllr. N. Kelleher would be the nominee from the Killarney Municipal District to sit on the Corporate Policy Group.

- (b) To agree two nominees to the Board of Killarney Technology Innovation Ltd (KTI)

On the Proposal of Cllr. B. Cronin, Seconded by Cllr. N. Kelleher it was agreed that Cllr. J. Sheahan would be nominated to the Board of Killarney Technology Innovation Ltd.

On the Proposal of Cllr. N. Kelleher, Seconded by Cllr. B. Cronin it was agreed that Cllr. J.J. Culloty would be nominated to the Board of Killarney Technology Innovation Ltd.

16.02.12.02 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: That this Council carry out an assessment to identify the suitability of possible sites for the development of a multi-storey car park in Killarney which will be a necessary future requirement in our town as a major tourist destination.

Reply: The Traffic Management Plan will examine the parking requirement for Killarney Town and this will indicate what parking solutions are required. This plan is due for completion in Mid-March.

Cllr. B. Cronin said that Mr. Pat Dawson needed to clarify the potential footfall for Killarney House in Muckross. One of our carparks in the town centre is handed over to Bird's Amusements for 5 - 7 weeks in the peak tourist season. There have been proposals to remove on-street parking and this should be dismissed. A multi-storey facility would provide organised parking in a central and safe location and keep the visitors close to town. Cllr. Cronin Proposed that we would relay this request to Malachy Walsh & Partners and this was Seconded by Cllr. M. Gleeson. We need to address this issue in an organised fashion. A multi-storey carpark is an absolute necessity for Killarney Town.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Q3 at this stage.

3. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Killarney needs at least 400 car parking spaces with the opening of Killarney House. What is the Authority doing to deliver same?

Reply: The Traffic Management Plan will examine the parking requirement for Killarney Town and this will indicate what parking solutions are required. This plan is due for completion in Mid-March.

Cllr. N. Kelleher said that a Traffic Management Plan was not required to tell us that we need more parking. We need to get ahead of the Plan and start working to find a place for it. Parking is urgently required in this town and we need a number of solutions to solve the problem.

Mr. P. Neary stated that as part of their study, Malachy Walsh will be looking to see what the parking deficit is in the town. If Public Private Partnership was an option, then those involved would require this data in order to proceed. Mr. Neary stated that the Council are in discussions with people at present but he was not going to comment further on the matter at this stage.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would this Council seek a meeting with the TII [formerly the NRA] in the hope of gaining some clarity in the matter of planning permissions for the building of private residences along National Secondary roads by applicants from the general area? The present apparent opposition to such developments, certainly along the N72 in Ballaughcommane, Killarney, is very extreme and is causing hardship.

Reply: Senior staff from the Planning Department have held a number of meetings with the NRA/TII in the recent past. Meetings between both Authorities were held during the preparation of the current County Development Plan and the NRA/TII made submissions during this process. A subsequent meeting took place between Planning and NRA/TII staff late last year where the issue of planning permission for residential development accessing National Secondary Roads was discussed at length.

Since the issuing by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government of ~~S~~patial Planning and National Roads . Guidelines for

Planning Authorities in January 2012, National Policy regarding the granting of planning permission for development involving the creation of a new access on to a National Road or which would generate increased traffic from an existing access has become more restrictive.

Since the implementation of the Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021, a number of decisions by Kerry County Council to grant planning permission for residential development accessing National Secondary Roads have been appealed by the NRA and latterly Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) resulting in the decisions being over-turned by An Bord Pleanála (ABP). In recent refusals of permission for residential accessing the N72 National Secondary Road, An Bord Pleanála has quoted the following reasons:

- (a) Traffic hazard
- (b) Contravention of Spatial Planning and National Roads . Guidelines for Planning Authorities, January 2012
- (c) Contravention of policies and objectives of Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021

Any development involving the creation of a new access on to the N72 National Secondary Road or which would generate increased traffic from an existing access on to that road would contravene National Guidelines.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that three genuine local people had been overruled by An Bord Pleanála in relation to a grant of planning permission by Kerry County Council that was appealed by the TII. Is there any way that priority and fair treatment can be given to local people and allow them to live where they are born and reared.

2. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Regarding my previous Notice of Motion, have any plans been put in place to provide visitors to Killarney with practical and attractive signage panels, indicating places of interest in and around the town?

Reply: An inventory of all signage in the town is currently being carried out. The provision of additional signage will be considered as part of this process.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he would like to see a new type of signage used that would not be expensive and would be modern similar to what a lot of towns have. This signage would be a huge addition to the town.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the Soroptimists had published a document on guided walks. It is hoped that all historical buildings would have a plaque detailing their history and to provide an architectural tour of the town. It is progressing and hopefully will come to fruition.

3. Cllr. N Kelleher: Q 3 moved in conjunction with NoM No. 1.

4. Cllr. N Kelleher: To call on the authority to look at developing a skills register for those living in the Killarney Electoral Area.

Reply: Kerry County Council will engage with the relevant training authorities as a first step such as the ETB, Solas and Department of Social Protection to initially determine if any work has been completed in the compilation of a Skills Register.

Cllr. N. Kelleher recommended the establishment of a skills register for the Killarney Electoral Area outlining the skills of both the employed and unemployed.

16.02.12.03 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:

**Directorate Report
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Fire and Building Control Section report for February 2016

Business Unit Manager: Michael Hession CFO

Fire Brigade Operations:

Operations Statistics 2015 and comparison :

<i>Fire Service Operations</i>	2014	2015
Total Incidents	1,016	1,109
Total Mobilisations	1,136	1,255
Number of Fires	465	595
Of which: Chimney Fires	144	141
Gorse	104	223
Number of Special Service Incidents	364	327
Of which: Road Traffic Accidents	160	120

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers continued to provide the Courts with recommendations in respect of any licencing applications notified to the Fire Service.
- Fire Officers carried out performance inspections at a number of premises in the county.

Building Control:

Building Control Statistics 2015

<i>Building Control</i>	2014	2015
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	129	137
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	71	92
Commencement Notices Received	343	339

Communities & Engagement Services Report for February 2016

Business Unit Manager: Brian Looney SEO

Local Economic & Community Plan.

Following on from extensive socio economic research and consultation, the draft Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan has been developed. There are 3 themes of Economic development, Social Inclusion and Quality of Life. Draft actions for the economic elements were considered and approved at the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC on 19 November. The community elements were considered and approved at the Kerry LCDC at its November meeting. The draft document has now been sent to the stakeholders for comment for return by 29th January 2015. Meetings have organised with key stakeholders. It is anticipated that the LECP will be go to the 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 implementer (3 LDCs in Kerry's 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 has now taken place. The Preparation of Action Plans for 2016 commenced in November and are currently being finalised.

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 LDCs, 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 of the LDS were

approved at the November LCDC meeting and it is anticipated that the delivery of services under this programme will commence in February/March 2016.

Community Support Fund

Files are currently being finalised for the Community Support Fund 2015. The majority of the files have now been processed and those outstanding are being followed up. There are lessons from the administration of the Fund and a full review will take place in January. Planning for the 2016 fund has commenced based on the learning from 2015.

Comhairle na nÓg

Kerry Comhairle na nÓg Workplan for 2016 has been submitted to the Department for approval. The change for 2016 involves the expansion of the work programme into all 4 Municipal Districts. The aim of this is to encourage county wide participation and to increase the influence of Comhairle na nÓg at a Municipal District level.

The Kerry Comhairle na nÓg will be attending the European Youth Event in Strasbourg in May.

Kerry PPN

The PPN is the main link through which the Council connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors. The main work of the Secretariat during the second half of 2015 has been to consider the most appropriate communication methods for the PPN. The work programme is extensive and includes the Register of Community & Voluntary Groups and the Website development. A decision has now been taken in relation to the website development and work will commence shortly.

In addition to this the Secretariat has been heavily involved in the development of the LECP.

Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership (KRSP)

Strategic Plan 2016 - 2021 : Following extensive consultation the board is at the final stages of the development of the strategic and operational plan, which is due to be submitted to Sport Ireland (formerly Irish Sports Council) for sign off end January. It is envisaged the plan will be launched early March.

Funding : Application was submitted to Sport Ireland for 2016, which is pending.

MD Specific Update:

Mass Participation Events

Operation Transformation Walk . Due to extensive flooding the event was cancelled and is rescheduled for February 20th @12. In line with the OT programme, this event will incorporate a 5k run and options of a 5k & 10k walk.

Killarney parkrun is benefitting with increased numbers as a result of parkrun being promoted within the Operation Transformation TV programme. There is potential for further growth.

Courses

Safeguarding 1/First Aid/Disability Training - Courses will be delivered within the Killarney MD for all local clubs to attend.

Library Service Report for February 2016

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

Library service:

“ One of the actions in the national Strategy for Libraries: Opportunities for All (2013-2017), is to ‘*enable free access to core services by 2017*’. In line with this, all libraries, including Kerry introduced **free library membership for core services from 1 January 2016**.

In addition, in line with the introduction of the new national circulation Library Management System (LMS), **the fine levy on overdue books is to be standardised nationally at 5 cent per day, with a maximum charge of 30 cent per week** (a change from the current 10 cent per week). Kerry is due to link up with the national system in June 2016. However, in the day to day interaction with customers and with SMS text notifications, the emphasis is to get books returned on time, reduce the possibility of fines and thus increase the circulation of books.

“ The no. of items borrowed at Kerry's libraries during 2015 was **645,273**. While the final figure was down slightly (just 2,260 books less than in 2014), library usage county wide is quite strong.

There is a growing usage of online resources provided via the library website www.kerrylibrary.ie. During 2015, there were **93,485** usages [including local and international newspapers, languages online & local history databases] - a 41% increase on 2014.

The no. of individual **visits** to libraries was **464,450**, an increase of 6.6% on 2014.

“ Work has been completed on the provision of disability access to Killarney Library from the Rock Road.

- Funding for the provision of a new Mobile library vehicle was announced in the recent round of capital Funding for libraries . This allocation is most welcome and work will commence immediately on the provision of the new vehicle .

Business Unit Manager: Kathleen Moriarty A/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. The Scheme came into effect on 1 January 2016.

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.

An information Leaflet on the New Scheme is being compiled by the Housing Agency and this will be circulated to all tenants with other relevant documentation by the Housing Department in early February.

Housing Programme 2015 - 2017

The Council completed the ***purchase of 35 houses*** by the end of December 2015 as part of the Housing Construction and Acquisition Programme 2015 . 2017. The target for purchase for 2016 is 40 houses and we continue to seek suitable houses for purchase in the County.

The Council made a total of ***146 Council housing allocations in 2015***. In addition, a further total ***of 231 contracts and allocations were secured through the RAS and Leasing Schemes during 2015*** and we continue to seek suitable properties for lease.

We also continue to work closely with Voluntary Housing Bodies and a total of ***40 housing units throughout the county were secured in 2015*** for accommodating qualified housing applicants through the Voluntary Bodies.

Every effort continues to be made to advance the Housing Construction and Acquisition Programme and a full report was provided to Members at the Special Housing Meeting in January.

Planned Maintenance Programmes

A specific house improvement programme was funded in Budget 2015. This enabled carrying out of housing improvements to 90 Council Houses across the 4 Municipal Districts. Works carried out include gas boiler replacements, range replacements, upgrading heating systems, chimney repairs.

The Council carried out energy efficiency improvement works under this Programme in 2015 to ***351 houses*** across the 4 Municipal Districts, ***thus***

improving roof, wall and cavity insulation and the overall energy efficiency and fabric of Council houses.

Housing Grants

In 2015, the Council issued **396 grant allocations** under the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Grant Schemes **totalling €2.09 mn.**

Environmental Protection Services Report for February 2016

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

Dog/Litter warden patrols. Kerry County Council Dog and Litter Wardens will carry out further joint patrols along dog walking routes around Killarney MD area during January/February 2016, in an effort to raise awareness amongst dog owners of their responsibility to license and control their dogs and to clean up after them in public places.

Plastic recycling. In conjunction with the Southern Waste Region Planning Office a series of adverts was run in January and features the recycling of Plastics.

Tidy Towns - The annual tidy town meeting is set to take place in Tralee on Monday 7th March next.

Green schools. 60 Green Schools are renewing their Green flag with 9 new flags expected to be awarded in 2016.

Domestic Hazardous Waste Collections day - the 23rd of January last was, Domestic Hazardous Waste Collections day at all the Transfer Stations. Following an extensive advertising campaign encouraging the public to bring their Domestic Household Hazardous waste to the counties transfer stations there was a hugh response from the public. Large amounts of soluble paint and cooking oil in particular were collected

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

Social Housing Activity Report as at 19th January 2016 Killarney Municipal Area (K.M.A.)

Social Housing Applicants (Year to Date Position)

Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area	43
New Tenancies Commenced	30
Accommodation refusals	2

Social Houses

Vacant properties within Municipal Area

Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)	7
Awaiting Allocation	6

Construction Programme

Single Rural Dwellings - under construction	0
Single Rural Dwellings -Tender Stage	0
Extensions - applications on hands	6
Extensions - under construction	0

Rental Accommodation Scheme

	<u>County</u>	<u>K.M.A.</u>
Total Active Tenancies	910	207
New tenancies in 2015/2016	143	37
Tenancies terminated in 2015/2016	52	8

Leasing

	<u>County</u>	<u>K.M.A.</u>
Leased Properties	116	34
Leases under negotiation	35	13

Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>"</u>
Revised Allocation 2015/2016		2.014m
New Grants Allocated 2015/2016	393	2.081m
Total Commitment	167	0.914m
Grants Paid	337	1.676m

Following a request at the last Municipal District Meeting from Cllr. M. Gleeson, Mr. G. O'Brien distributed a report to the Members listing the number of available spaces in all public graveyards in Killarney Municipal District.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the report.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked that the Council provide a report including the private burial grounds. He stated that when the private grounds are out of space, that the Local Authority will require extra grounds.

Ms. McAllen stated that at the previous Meeting she had said that she would discuss the request to include the private burial grounds with Mr. J. Breen. Ms. McAllen made a commitment to Cllr. Kelleher that she would ask Mr. Breen to provide this information for the next half year submission.

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to the wall at Kilbonnane Burial Ground and stated that the local community were concerned with its present condition. When will these works be carried out?

Mr. P. Bradley confirmed that a contractor will be on site on Tuesday to rebuild the wall.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty said that Kileentierna/Currow were missing from the list.

Mr. Bradley confirmed he would check and revert to Cllr. Culloty.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Municipal Authority would detail its 2016 intention in relation to allotment provision proximate to Killarney.

Reply: The former Killarney Town Council leased a plot of land containing 36 Allotment plots at Coolcorcoran, Killarney in 2012, 2013 and 2014. This was continued in 2015 by Killarney Municipal District.

Uptake of the plots was as follows:

<i>Year</i>	<i>Plots taken</i>
2012	26
2013	25
2014	11
2015	4

The scheme was advertised each year in local newspapers and by posters etc, however; only 4 plots out of 36 were taken up in 2015.

Due to the declining uptake of the plots, it is not currently intended to continue with the scheme in 2016 at the current location.

Feedback from former users will be sought to ascertain why licences haven't been renewed. If there is a level of interest, the Municipal District Office will investigate the possibility of developing a Community Allotment Project within the Municipal District.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that during his time in Killarney Town Council, he had Proposed that Killarney would have an allotment. A local person offered land across from the New Cemetery and there was a good take up of plots initially but it has since declined. The plots are located a distance from town if a person had to walk there. Cllr. Gleeson asked that the Council examine the possibility of locating land closer to the town.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: Let this Council and the public know the exact regulations for the new Tenant Purchase Scheme, as they have changed dramatically from the last one that was out. When we are sending out someone to value the house, the fee for valuation should not be more than " 100.

Reply: It is hoped that comprehensive information/literature will be available for all tenants in the coming week. It is intended that an application fee will apply but no decision has been made as yet as to how much this will be. The purchase price of the house will be reduced by this fee amount.

Cllr. D. Grady said that people were being charged €200 which is very expensive and should be reduced. Cllr. Grady requested that a copy of the rules and regulations relating to the new Tenant Purchase Scheme be forwarded to the Councillors.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the new scheme excludes most people.

Ms. J. Dillane stated that a summary of the scheme was distributed to the Members at the last meeting. Full details of the scheme are due in the next week or two and on receipt, will be distributed to the Councillors.

Cllr. Grady suggested that a copy of the Scheme should be given to the Press on receipt.

3. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Kerry County Council would continue to test Local Authority houses for radon gas and extend this to the Municipal District.

Reply: Kerry County Council will continue to carry out radon testing on newly acquired properties throughout the Municipal District. All existing Council properties have been tested for radon. Any remedial works required have been carried out.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the previous Town Councils carried out radon testing trials to their houses in different areas of the town. We should continue with these trials. This is a health and safety issue and is a silent killer. Tests should be carried out in about 7 houses in each town in the Municipal District area.

Mr. P. Neary stated that all Council housing stock had been tested and these tests only need to be carried out once. Tests will also be carried out on newly acquired properties.

Mr. G. O'Brien stated that the Radon Protection Institute of Ireland carry out general monitoring. There is an ongoing programme for detection of radon gas in all the Council's buildings.

4. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council for an update regarding when works are to begin on the building of twenty houses at Chestnut Drive, Killarney.

Reply: Kerry County Council has submitted its proposal to the DOELG in respect of this development and are awaiting formal approval and confirmation of the funding allocation in order that it can proceed to the tender stage. Kerry County Council will follow up with the Department on an ongoing basis.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated he was happy with the reply. He enquired if the plans would be available to view before they go to tender.

5. Cllr. D. Grady: That a Litter Warden is urgently required solely for Killarney Town and Killarney Municipal District.

Reply: The Traffic Wardens in Killarney, in addition to their traffic duties, also have responsibility for enforcing litter legislation in the town and carrying out litter patrols. In 2015, a very small number of litter related complaints were received from the public in respect of Killarney Town, each of which were fully investigated. This small number is testament to the excellent voluntary work being done by various communities in the town and at business and Municipal level as well as the civic mindedness of its inhabitants.

Outside of the town, in the wider Killarney Municipal District, litter related complaints are investigated separately by a full time Litter Warden who also covers the South & West Municipal District. Post the amalgamation, Kerry County Council has enhanced the Litter Warden service in the town by providing support services such as litter awareness campaigns etc. The town has featured well in all of the recent IBAL reports and continues to excel in the National Tidy Towns Competition and any relevant comments from the judges are followed up. While it is considered that a dedicated Litter Warden solely for the Killarney Municipal District is not warranted at this time, if there are any particular areas of concern to any of the Municipal District Members, we will have these investigated and followed up as a matter of urgency. The Environment Section also undertakes to continue to monitor the adequacy of its litter enforcement resources deployed in this area.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the road up to Ross Castle is littered with dog fouling. He said the Council are giving money to groups like Tidy Towns but we are not serious about dog fouling. This is a waste of money. We previously had 3 Litter Wardens - 2 part-time and 1 full-time and they were taken away. A full-time Litter Warden is needed in Killarney.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty referred to the statement in the reply *"The town has featured well in all of the recent IBAL reports and continues to excel in the National Tidy Towns Competition and any relevant comments from the judges are followed up"*. Cllr. Culloty stated that there is a problem with littering on the Ross Road and in the Town Parks. A covert camera should be installed where this littering is frequent.

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

Reply: Kerry County Council and the Parish Priest are actively seeking land to extend the existing cemetery and are currently in discussion with a landowner.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated he will revert to the Council on the matter.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the update position with the acquisition of a site for a public cemetery for Killarney?

Reply: The acquisition of lands for a public cemetery in Killarney is a key priority for the Senior Management Team of Kerry County Council. Negotiations are at an advanced state. We will advise Members at the next Municipal District Meeting or earlier if matters are concluded.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked the Council to remember the letter that was forwarded from the Killarney Undertakers regarding the urgency of the matter. He requested that the situation be rectified as soon as possible in order to provide a burial ground for the next number of decades.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: To again ask when will the public toilets at the High Street car park be upgraded to provide disability access?

Reply: Kerry County Council have 4 public toilets in the town. The toilets at the Ha Ha (Kenmare Place) and at Knockreer playground are accessible. In 2015, works were carried out to the New street car park toilets and these are now fully accessible. The toilets at High Street will require substantial works to make them accessible and would require the construction of an extension. The design work can be carried out and a cost estimated prepared for this. A source of funding for the works can be investigated thereafter.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that he has raised this Motion 3 or 4 times over the last few years. It is critically important that these toilets are maintained. This is the only facility at that end of Killarney Town. Cllr. Cronin asked for a guarantee that a plan would be prepared and to take this project to the next stage.

Ms. A. McAllen confirmed that a design for the toilets would be carried out.

3. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council Housing Department to build an extension to (details with Directorate).

Reply: Kerry County Council has not yet been notified of its allocation for extensions or DPG works by the DOELG for 2016. This application will be considered, along with all other approved extension applications, once the amount available for such works is finalised.

Cllr. J. Sheahan noted the reply.

Cllr. D. Grady moved NoM No 4 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

4. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: What progress is being made with the provision of a playground for Firies?

Reply: The owners of the land in Firies at the Food Hub site have indicated they are positively disposed to a community playground being developed at that location. In this regard the community have been developing their proposal co-ordinated by the Community Support Worker from Maine Valley Family Resource Centre and will advance the proposals in consultation with the local Playground Committee.

5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: What is the current situation regarding the purchase of a burial ground for the people of Killarney?

Reply: The acquisition of lands for a public cemetery in Killarney is a key priority for the Senior Management Team of Kerry County Council. Negotiations are at an advanced state. We will advise Members at the next Municipal District Meeting or earlier if matters are concluded.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty noted the reply.

6. Cllr. N Kelleher: When will the Community Support Fund open for applications?

Reply: A review of the 2015 Scheme is nearing completion and based on the findings, a draft scheme will be brought before Kerry County Council for consideration. It is anticipated that the application process will commence in early April but in the meantime provision will be made for those groups with immediate funding requirements, e.g. St. Patrick's Day Parades.

Ms. N. O'Sullivan stated that the Scheme is under review at present. It is hoped that it will be brought before the Members at the March Council Meeting for consideration. Applications under the Scheme will be opening in April. Tidy Towns groups can contact the Municipal District Offices in advance of this date if required.

Cllr. B. Cronin enquired if the scheme would cover the cost of a voluntary community group purchasing a defibrillator.

Ms. O'Sullivan stated that if it was a community group then they could apply for funding. She stated that the group could contact her in relation to this if they wished.

7. Cllr. N Kelleher: What is the update on acquiring the private graveyard in Aghadoe?

Reply: The acquisition of lands for a public cemetery in Killarney is a key priority for the Senior Management Team of Kerry County Council. Negotiations are at an advanced state. We will advise Members at the next Municipal District Meeting or earlier if matters are concluded.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted the reply.

16.02.12.04 Water Services Directorate

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

KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí

Achoimre Stádais ar an 2^ú Feabhra 2016

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme

Status Summary at 2nd February 2016

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 Rulings apply, and on meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licenses.

IRISH WATER CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016

The Irish Water **Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016** was launched in May 2014. A total of 8 wastewater Schemes (total value of " 10.7 million) and 7 Water schemes (total value of " 22.5 million) in Kerry are included in the IW Capital Investment Programme. It is planned that a new CIP will be issued in 2016.

The Schemes listed in the **CIP** which are located in the Killarney Municipal District are outlined in the following tables.

<u>CIP WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS</u>			
Project	Status		
Mains Rehabilitation Project	Description	Value	Status
	County Direct Labour	" 2.65M	Pipelaying ongoing by Direct Labour . almost complete.
Central Regional Water Supply Scheme	Description	Value	Status
	Scart Reservoir	" 2.92M	Complete
	Water Treatment Plant - DBO	" 22.5M	Appointment of Contractor is due in March 2016

<u>CIP WASTEWATER PROJECT</u>	
Project	Status
Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme	The Scheme is included in the Irish Water CIP 2014-2016 A 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.

<u>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, KILLARNEY DISTRICT</u>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Water Bulk Meters Upgrade	<u>Countywide</u> project to upgrade bulk meters to give information on water flows	" 123,000	Substantially complete
Castleisland SS - Church St and Limerick Rd.	Replace collapsed length of sewer	" 8,000	Complete
CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works Muckross to Burma Rd	New 150mm watermain	" 250,000	Complete
CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works from Muckross Church to the Black Road and Loreto Road.	2.7Km of new 160 / 200mm watermain	" 450,000	Underway
Brosna Knocknagoshel WSS . Meenleirim Pumphouse	Provide sump to improve operation of pumps	" 10,000	Approved
Dromultan Scartaglin Pumpstation	Lay 300M of 100MM pipe to eliminate old pump station	" 35,000	Approved
Dooneen Reservoir Castleisland	Fencing works	" 8,000	Underway
CRWSS Dromhall Pk Killarney	Replace 375M of 100MM Cast Iron with uPVC pipe	" 64,000	Approved
Mid Kerry Mains Replacement - Coolbane Aglish	Replace 1.5Km of the 200mm diameter PVC Trunk Main	" 300,000	Approved
CRWSS Mains Replacement - Bushmount Raffeens Clounlara	Replace 2.2Km of the 50mm diameter PVC watermain with a 100mm PVC pipe.	" 200,000	Approved
MKRWSS Faha West	Lay 500m of 80mm watermain	" 95,000	Approved
CRWSS Kenmare Place Killarney	Replace 100M of the 150mm Cast Iron watermain with a 200mm PVC pipe.	" 155,000	Approved
CRWSS Brewsterfield Mains	Replace 4.5KM defective mains Knockanes, Headford	" 570,000	Requested
Shrone WSS . Raw Water Main	Lay main from Lake to WTP	" 160,000	Requested
CRWSS Mill Road Killarney	Lay 500m of 80mm watermain	" 60,000	Requested
CRWSS Barraduff	Lay 470m of 100mm watermain	" 52,000	Requested
CRWSS Woodlawn	Replace 400m of 150mm AC watermain with uPVC pipe	" 90,000	Requested
CRWSS St Brendan's Tce.	Replace 200m of 50mm watermain with 100MM uPVC	" 60,000	Requested
CRWSS Dalton's Ave / Marian Tce	Replace 500m of 4+ / 6+CI	" 111,000	Requested

	and AC with 100MM uPVC		
			Continued..
CRWSS O'Connell's Ave	Replace 150m of 3+AC watermain with 100MM uPVC	" 34,000	Requested
CRWSS Orchard Way / Green Lane / Pound Lane	Replace 450m of 3+AC watermain with 100MM uPVC	" 102,000	Requested
Total APPROVED		€1.7M	

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 was allocated to Kerry County Council for the various measures under the Rural Water Programme in 2015. The funding for 2016 is expected in March or April.

Takeover of Group Schemes

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

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

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council calls on Uisce Éireann to extend the public sewer to Lissivigeen, Aghadoe and Tralee Road.

Reply: Irish Water's policy on the development of wastewater infrastructure is to give priority to existing Sewerage Schemes in towns to which ECJ Rulings apply, and on meeting the requirements of the EPA's Discharge Licenses for existing waste water plants.

Kerry County Council's Water Services Department's business to-date with Irish Water suggests that the extensions of the networks at these three locations in Killarney, while desirable, are not currently among the priorities of the utility.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that sewage is seeping into rivers and lakes. He asked the Council to continue to prioritise this because of the importance of the lakes and that it be tied into the sewerage scheme.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded this Motion. In relation to the Aghadoe to Tralee Road there might be positive moves here.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council and Uisce Éireann would detail the progress, if any, made in the consideration of the development of the reed bed facility in the Demesne.

Reply: It is proposed to open discussions with Irish Water with a view to restarting the former pilot project involving an Integrated Constructed Wetland (ICW) at Reen, Killarney.

This project, initiated in the early 2000s, was intended to establish the level of further improvement in effluent quality that could be achieved by passing some of the final effluent from the Killarney Waste Water Treatment Plant, in which there is already tertiary treatment, through an ICW. It will be necessary initially to ascertain whether the proposed development of an ICW necessitates the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said this was examined in some depth 15 years ago. At that time people had slight reservations about how environmentally acceptable and aesthetic it would be. This system would help the quality of the water in the lakes. Cllr. Gleeson asked the Council to pursue this. It works very well in places. The information and the technology is there now.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council to give an estimate as to the number of houses in Killarney that have storm water connected to the sewer mains, and how this Council deals with the huge volume of storm water that enters the sewer plant during prolonged heavy rain.

Reply: There is a combined sewerage scheme in Killarney, i.e. both the rainfall run-off and the foul sewage are collected in the same pipes. This is the system used in virtually all such sewerage schemes in Ireland. Accordingly, there is storm run-off from the vast majority of the houses in Killarney flowing in the public sewerage system.

There are storm overflow manholes on the scheme . at times of prolonged and intensive rainfall the excess surface water overflows from these manholes to local watercourses / streams which are in spate on such occasions. This is the conventional / traditional engineering design, mainly for economic reasons, on most waste water schemes.

It is desirable that a separate system of piping for foul water and storm water, particularly / initially to collect street and carpark run-off, be developed where possible. There has been a substantial amount of work done on providing new storm water drainage systems at various locations in Killarney over the last decade . these include High Street, Upper New Street, Countess Road, Countess Grove, Ross Road and parts of St Brendan's Park.

It is planned to carry out a drainage area study for Killarney. A submission to Irish Water to request funding for the engagement of consulting engineers for this study is currently being finalised by the Council.

Mr. C. Mangan stated that the existing system was constructed as a combined foul and storm water scheme.

In response to a question from Cllr. J.J. Culloty, Mr. Mangan stated that the storm overflow mechanism has always been an accepted part of combined sewerage systems. It is desirable, for two main reasons, that separate storm water pipes and foul water pipe systems be provided – to prevent overflow of foul sewerage to waterways in times of flooding and also to avoid the unnecessary ‘treatment’ of storm water at the waste water treatment plant. Some separation works on the pipes’ network, as listed in the Reply to the Notice of Motion, have been done in Killarney. Irish Water has recently allocated money to assess the drainage systems in Listowel and Tralee and Kerry County Council is about to make a similar application for Killarney.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked if the sewerage system would come under huge pressure when big floods occur.

Mr. Mangan replied that yes, on such occasions foul waters will get into the overflow - this is unavoidable, if undesirable, but is mitigated by the huge dilution factor in such floods.

4. 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: The outcome of a submission, made in 2015 by the Council to Irish Water for funding of value " 51,000 to replace 470M of old and deficient watermain near Barraduff Community Field is awaited. It is planned to do this job prior to the road resurfacing works which are scheduled for this year.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the reply.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: Has a start date been set for water pipe replacement works at Aglish to Flynns Forge and Bushmount to Clonlara?

Reply: It is currently and provisionally planned that the pipe replacement works in Kilgobnet, Beaufort, Aglish and Furies will be carried out as follows:
Gearha to Kilgobnet School . completion in February 2016
Board of Works Road east of Kissanee's shop, 500M . February and March 2016
Furies Bushmount 2.22Km . April to June 2016
Coolroe to Aglish 1.5Km . July and August 2016

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to Coolroe to Aglish and stated that Aglish to Flynns' Forge was the problem area.

Mr. C. Mangan agreed and said that the 1.5km length to be replaced stretches from the Bridge near the Forge to Aglish Graveyard.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: Have Irish Water confirmed the scope and route of Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme?

Reply: No details on the Scheme, which is included in Irish Water's 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 detailed design is currently being prepared by Consulting Engineers with a view to the project going Tender in 2016.

A meeting between the Consultants and Kerry County Council's Water Services Officials to review progress was held on the 10th February 2016 and it is now expected that the final details of the proposed Scheme will be made available in the coming weeks.

Cllr. B. Cronin said the local community were exasperated with the situation.

Mr. C. Mangan said the plans have not yet been made available but he stated that he was optimistic that details will be provided soon. The Water Services Department is satisfied that Irish Water will deliver very soon on the project.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: When can we expect the laying of the sewer mains from Kilcummin to Killarney to begin?

Reply: The detailed design is currently being prepared by Consulting Engineers with a view to the project going Tender in 2016. It is expected that work will commence in 2017.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that it was disappointing that work is not expected to commence until 2017.

16.02.12.05 Operations, Health & Safety Directorate

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

Report from the Director of Operations, Health and Safety

1. Killarney Town Traffic Management Study

Malachy Walsh and Partners are carrying out a Traffic Management Study for the Town of Killarney. The key objectives of the Traffic Management Study include

the development of a Traffic Model for the Town and Environs, as appropriate, to assess the following:

- The development of proposals for the town's transport system and road network that address traffic in the town;
- Assessment of the potential benefits of proposed relief roads planned for the town including:
 - Inner Relief road linking High Street and New Street via Boreen Na Goun; and
 - Gaelscoil road linking Deerpark with the N22 Killarney bypass.
- Assess proposed changes to traffic movements in the town including:
 - Pedestrianising Main Street;
 - Pedestrianising Main Street and Plunkett Street;
 - Making New Street upper one way;
 - Making New Road one way; and
 - *Removing HGVs and buses from the town centre (Plunkett St and Main St).*
- Carparking Strategy.

The report is due to be finalised by the end of February, 2016

2. Muckross Road Traffic Calming Scheme

- It is envisaged that works will be fully complete by Mid April, 2016

3. Road Works Programme –Summary

Design and Construction works on the following projects over the next two months

<u>National Roads</u>
<u>National Primary and Secondary Pavement and Minor Works – Road Widening and Realignment - Design</u>
N72 Lahard N22 Clonkeen . County Bounds N71 Port Road

<u>National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works</u> <u>Pavement overlay and associated works</u> <u>Status of Design and Construction</u>				
Road No.	Location	Length (m)	Allocation	Comment

Transport Infrastructure Ireland Allocations for 2016 are not announced at this time.

<u>Regional and Local Roads</u>
<p><u>Restoration Improvement Programme</u></p> <p>The proposed 2016 - 2018 Restoration Improvement Programme for Regional and Local Roads in the Municipal District which will be funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport will be considered at the Special Roads meeting.</p> <p><u>Restoration Maintenance Programme</u></p> <p>An announcement of funding by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for Regional and Local Roads in 2016 was announced recently.</p> <p>Summary of the key points for County Kerry area as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Allocation " 12,916,782 . (increase of 1% on the 2015 allocation) • Restoration Improvement Grant of " 6,940,339 is the same as last year • Restoration Maintenance Grant of " 1,953,557 is the same as last year • Discretionary Grant of " 3,375,935 (increase of " 32,431 on 2015) • Bridge Rehabilitation of " 239,952 for works to 4 bridges • Safety Improvement of " 278,000 for works at 7 locations <p><u>Other works - Roads / Estates / Amenity Areas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works. • Drainage maintenance and pothole repairs following the recent severe weather events. Drainage works include identifying any problems with existing road side drainage.

- Street Cleaning
- Footpath Maintenance in Killarney Town
- Tree Surgery Works in Killarney Town
- Killarney Town Laneway Enhancements . Old Market Lane, Bohereencaol, Well Lane, Brewery Lane.

4. Housing

Works at the following locations over the next two months

Void House Upgrades	
204 Ballyspillane, Killarney	
100 Pinewood, Killarney	
214 Ballyspillane, Killarney	
38 Oakhill, Ballydribeen, Killarney	
11 Cúil an Bharraigh Furies	
59 Brúach na hAbhainn, Killarney	
60 Brúach na hAbhainn, Killarney	
20 Brúach na hAbhainn, Killarney	
51 Sliabh Lúachra, Gneeveguilla	
Routine Maintenance	
Local Authority Houses and Demountables.	Responsive maintenance as required

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

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Municipal Authority would give consideration to the introduction of Killarney Town centre evening time pedestrianisation during the summer months and thus create an ambience conducive to strolling and gentle recreation.

Reply: This matter is being considered as part of the Killarney Traffic Management study being prepared by Malachy Walsh and Partners. A traffic model is being prepared and various traffic scenarios can be modelled and tested. Providing pedestrian access only to a number of Town Centre streets can be examined and the corresponding traffic impacts can be evaluated.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated there would be a huge level of support for this initiative. Walking on the footpaths of Killarney during the height of the summer results in pedestrians having to step on and off the footpaths because of the level of movement of bodies. Pedestrianisation could be introduced in a limited form in the evenings. It would enhance the attractiveness of the town and businesses. Everyone would be a winner.

Cllr. D. Grady stated he was not in favour of this initiative. Businesses will be affected by this move. Until such time as proper measures are in place then it should not go ahead.

Cllr. M. Gleeson PROPOSED "That the Municipal Authority would give consideration to the introduction of Killarney Town centre evening time pedestrianisation during the summer months and thus create an ambience conducive to strolling and gentle recreation."

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Proposal.

Mr. G. O'Brien advised that as there was not unanimous agreement, a vote would have to be taken on the matter.

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. B. Cronin, J.J. Culloty, M. Gleeson, N. Kelleher, B. O'Connell, J. Sheahan (6)

Against: Cllr. D. Grady (1)

Absent: Cllr. D. Healy-Rae (1)

The Cathaoirleach declared the proposal CARRIED.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council in conjunction with Iarnród Éireann and TII would eliminate the terrible unevenness on the N22 at Minish Level Crossing.

Reply: Kerry County Council are currently in consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Iarnród Éireann in relation to the uneven surface on the N22 at Minish Level Crossing. The Council hope to carry out works in 2016 to resolve the issue.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that he has had this Motion on the Agenda 10 times. He requested that this work be carried out before the tourist season commences.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Municipal Authority would eliminate the terrible ponding on the footpath at lower New Street, particularly on the right hand side outbound.

Reply: There is no funding for works in this area at present however it could be funded through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. M. Gleeson expressed his disappointment that no funding is currently available. He had raised this issue in the past during his time in Killarney Town Council. Cllr. Gleeson stated that trucks and cars are parking on footpaths and are creating enormous damage. These repairs are costing the Council a huge amount of money. This footpath is in urgent need of repair and the serious parts of same should be attended to immediately.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty moved Question 27 at this stage.

27. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council undertake a full inspection of all paved footpaths in Killarney Town, and provide a time scale for replacing same. At present, some of these footpaths are unsafe and unsightly.

Reply: Killarney Municipal District does not have the resources to inspect all footpaths within housing estates in the district. However, repairs will be carried out to footpaths as resources allow for highlighted areas.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty acknowledged the fact that the costs of the Council maintaining the footpaths was high and asked if there were priority areas.

Mr. P. Neary replied that there were hundreds of kilometres of footpaths in Killarney and are aware of the worst affected areas.

Cllr. Culloty enquired if there was a possibility of receiving funding for the coming year.

Mr. Neary said there was no specific funding for footpaths.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would provide an update on the progress towards the Taking in Charge of Clounts Court, Rathmore.

Reply: The Area Engineer is currently preparing a report of any defects within the estate. When the report is complete it will be forwarded onto the Estates Section for the next phase of the taking in charge process.

Cllr. M. Gleeson noted the reply.

5. Cllr. D. Grady: NoM No 5 was dealt with in conjunction with Deputation from the residents of Foiladown, Clonkeen, Curreal, Killaha, Glenflesk and Dromnaharrie to discuss their flooding problems.

6. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: NoM No 6 moved in conjunction with Deputation from the residents of Foiladown, Clonkeen, Curreal, Killaha, Glenflesk and Dromnaharrie to discuss their flooding problems.

Cllr. D. Grady moved NoM No 7 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae

7. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the OPW to remove all the debris and blockages on either side of Listry Bridge which has recently caused serious flooding to houses in the Listry area and to clear all the Gweestin River back up to Flynn's Forge at Rockfield to ensure that this entire area is included in the ongoing CFRAM study.

Reply: Funding for structural repair works to Listry Bridge has been received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and has been included in the 2016 Operations program. Any blockages to the eyes of the bridge will be removed during these works. Kerry County Council has written to the OPW seeking the inclusion of the Gweestin River in the CFRAM study.

Cllr. D. Grady moved NoM No 8 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

8. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask for a turning off lane for Bóithrín na Marbh at Ballydowney, Fossa.

Reply: Boithrin na Marbh is a private road which intersects with the N72 National Secondary Route in Ballydowney. This route has been identified for traffic calming works in the %Review of TII HD 15 High Collision locations . Assessment 2012-2014+. The design of the scheme will commence in the near future and the treatment of this junction will be considered taking the relevant National Standards into account. The aim of this scheme will be to reduce the speed of vehicles utilising this section of road.

Cllr. D. Grady moved NoM No 9 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

9. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask that a footpath be provided from Faha School to Faha Community Centre.

Reply: Kerry County Council recently met with the Listry Community Council to discuss a number of issues in the area. The community group requested Kerry County Council to examine the proposal to link Listry Community Centre and Faha National School with a footpath. The estimated cost of the works is " 52,400. Acquisition of land from a third party is required in order to provide this footpath and land acquisition costs would be in addition to the construction costs of this project. Kerry County Council have no specific budget available for this project, however this work may be suitable for funding through a Community Involvement Scheme.

Cllr. D. Grady moved NoM No 10 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

10. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to carry out proper drainage works at Nunstown, Aghadoe to prevent a repeat of flooding of houses.

Reply: The cost of carrying out the drainage works at Nunstown, Aghadoe to prevent flooding is " 5,000. Funding for this location has been requested from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport, as part of Kerry County Council's Storm Damage Submission. However this work is suitable for funding through a Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund.

Cllr. D. Grady moved NoM No 11 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

11. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to do whatever is necessary to prevent flooding of Laccabane Housing Estate in the future.

Reply: Kerry County Council is currently assessing all areas that were subject to flooding in December 2015 and January 2016. A submission for works associated with this storm damage and flood events has been prepared and forwarded to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport. Funding for the removal of any silt from the surface water pipes within Lackabane Village has been included in this submission.

The cause of the flooding in Lackabane Housing Estate is being further examined together with the surface water drainage regime of neighbouring properties. Kerry County Council will implement any measures that may reduce future flooding in the area.

Cllr. D. Grady moved NoM No 12 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

12. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to carry out the necessary pipelaying at Knockeenduff to prevent future flooding of houses at Knockeenduff, Killcummin.

Reply: Two surface water pipes drain adjacent lands in this area from the east side of the road to the west side of the road through private property. This flooding was due to one surface water pipe being blocked and the other surface water pipe being damaged. Kerry County Council has cleared the blockage in the first pipe and this will help the situation at this location. Further investigation is required to assess the damage on the other line and this will be carried out when the water level in the adjacent field drops. The cost of these works has been included in the storm damage submission to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport.

13. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request the Roads Department along with Gardaí to re-examine the one-way system at school times on New Road to Port Road as I am informed that some traffic exiting from St Mary's Terrace and other entrances are ignoring the one way system and driving against school traffic, sometimes on the footpath, to the Port Road Junction. This is extremely dangerous to motorists obeying the traffic plan and to pupils exiting schools.

Reply: Kerry County Council has been monitoring the traffic situation at New Road during school times. There is a problem with cars ignoring the one way system. Kerry County Council will discuss this matter with An Garda Síochána and request them to police the area to improve compliance.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that on numerous occasions parents are coming up by the Vocational School and meet the cars coming down. He knows of one lady who was verbally abused by a motorist when she pointed out the one way sign to them. People are double parking and cars are going up on the footpath. This situation is lethally dangerous and it needs to be reviewed. The Gardaí should be requested to monitor this road.

Cllr. J. Sheahan Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. M. Gleeson suggested that bollards should be placed on the footpath to deter motorists from parking on them.

14. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that Kerry County Council Road Engineers along with the NRA meet with Listry Community Council to examine and cost their proposal to link Listry Community Centre with the National School with a footpath to utilise the available facilities and parking.

Reply: Kerry County Council recently met with the Listry Community Council to discuss a number of issues in the area. The community group requested Kerry County Council to examine the proposal to link Listry Community Centre and Faha National School with a footpath. The estimated cost of the works is " 52,400. Acquisition of land from a third party is required in order to provide this footpath and land acquisition costs would be in addition to the construction costs of this project. Kerry County Council have no specific budget available for this project, however this work may be suitable for funding through a Community Involvement Scheme.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that Listry Community Council wish to link the School and Community Centre with a footpath. Parking at the school is a huge issue due to the fact that there are 260 students attending the school. The Community Centre is located across the road with an available carpark which could be utilised. This would alleviate a lot of traffic coming and going. Cllr. Cronin asked would funding be possible through the Community Involvement Scheme.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed this would be examined.

Cllr. Cronin asked Mr. Neary to relay the cost of the estimate to the Community Council.

Mr. Neary confirmed he would do so and paid tribute to Listry Community Council stating they were a very positive community group.

15. Cllr. B. Cronin: In light of the recent serious flooding in the Gweestin River, I am requesting that works be undertaken to clean all material around the following 5 bridges at Ballinalane, Flying Forge, The Mall, Listry Cross and Ballymalis and to examine the safety of the structure of each bridge.

Reply: Funding is available in 2016 through the Specific Improvement Grant for structural repair works to Listry Bridge.

An application for funding for works for Ballinalane Bridge has been made through the Storm Damage submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

The other bridges listed above at the following locations, Flynns Forge, the Mall and Ballymalis will be inspected by Council Staff. However, lower water levels are required in order to carry out a thorough inspection and assess any scour damage caused by recent floods. Also an assessment will be made on the extent of material that needs to be removed in the vicinity of each structure. Executing any works deemed necessary following the structural assessments will depend on the funding available.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that it is critical that these 5 bridges be cleared and that their structures be examined. People needed to be reassured that these bridges are in a good condition following the floods.

16. Cllr. B. Cronin: As a result of the flooding of houses in Nunstown, Aghadoe from water coming in from the public road, I am requesting the provision of an adequate size pipe and gully traps for road side drainage to prevent this happening again.

Reply: The cost of carrying out the drainage works at Nunstown, Aghadoe to prevent flooding is " 5,000. Funding for this location has been requested from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport, as part of Kerry County Council's Storm Damage Submission. However this work is suitable for funding through a Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked if the €5,000 has been requested.

17. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that Kerry County Council and the TII provide a pedestrian crossing between Fossa NS / Community Centre and the Church and car park. This is vital for safety as a substantial volume of parents park in the Church car park and have no safe location to cross a busy national route with children to the school and community centre. Also speed limit indicators on both sides approaching the school and Church would improve driver awareness.

Reply: Kerry County Council will carry out Pedestrian and Vehicle Assessments at Fossa National School / Community Centre and the Church and car park in accordance with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland Pedestrian Crossing Specification and Guidance 2011 to determine the need for a pedestrian Crossing at this location. Speed surveys will also be carried out on the approaches to determine the need for speed limit indicators. Funding can then be sought from the Transport Infrastructure Ireland following these assessments.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the School's Parents' Association and Board of Management, the Church and Community Centre have voiced their

concerns regarding this location. They have spoken about a speed limit indicator and pedestrian crossing which should have been installed. There is a huge volume of traffic on this road as it leads on to the . Cllr. Cronin asked if speed limit indicators could be installed here. The issue of child and parent safety must be addressed. A proper pedestrian crossing is required as this is a National route.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

18. Cllr. B. Cronin: What works have been undertaken since our last meeting to deal with the speed on the Furies to Farranfore Road, particularly adjacent to the National School and housing estates.

Reply: The following works were carried out in Killahane, Furies in 2015 to assist in calming the traffic at the junction and in the vicinity of the national school;

- A footpath was constructed and public lighting erected adjacent to the school
- A second gateway sign was erected on the Farranfore approach

The following works will be undertaken in early 2016;

- A solar powered school warning sign will be erected on the Farranfore approach
- Another pedestrian/Speed survey will be carried in order re-assess location for a pedestrian crossing
- The public lights along the road frontage will be powered up following the completion of works in the Greenfields Estate.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that this was an expanding school with 277 pupils attending at present with 35 due to start next year. A pedestrian crossing is critically important here. Progress is being made. Forewarning signs are needed over the crest of the hill. There is a huge issue with regard to speeding vehicles as people leave the village in the direction of Farranfore. Cllr. Cronin referred to the bond works being carried out in Greenfields. He stated a commitment was given that once the work has finished, all road fronted lights will be taken over.

Mr. D. Doyle confirmed this was correct and stated that both a speed and pedestrian survey would take place in the next 4 weeks. The survey will determine whether a controlled or zebra crossing will be required.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed Mr. Doyle's comments.

19. Cllr. B. Cronin: To (a) outline all the necessary information, documentation, drawings and details which need to be contained in tender documents submitted to this Council by any company seeking work on specific road works or footpath construction schemes etc and (b) that in future following the completion and finalisation of the tendering process for any major project in this Municipal District, that the Elected Members be provided

with a full list of all firms/companies that were involved in the tendering process.

Reply: (a) Kerry County Council provide detailed drawings, specifications, pricing documents and all necessary details to allow the project to be constructed. The documentation that is required to accompany a Tender submitted by a Private Contractor for Works required by Kerry County Council is generally dependant on the scale of the project and is outlined in the request for Tender. However, in general, the company must submit the required insurances, Health and Safety documentation and the Tender sum.

(b) Once a tender has been evaluated and awarded, Kerry County Council are required to inform all tenderers which tender was successful. They are all notified where they were ranked in the tender process. We also state how many tenders were received. However we do not list the names of the contactors who tendered for the project. The only Tenderer that is named is the successful tenderer.

Cllr. B. Cronin acknowledged the comprehensive response to the Notice of Motion. He asked if the following was a fair assessment of the situation whereby someone submits a tender to Kerry County Council *"That that person would have an in-depth knowledge of what was proposed in the project"*. During the Muckross Road Traffic Calming Scheme, Members were provided with detailed plans and drawings prior to public consultation and Members also voted on and approved the Part VIII and Section 38 proposals. The works commenced and there were some concerns and scare mongering. He referred to the deputation which he brought to the Killarney Municipal District Meeting where the entire project was explained. He also referred to the meetings held between the Council Engineering staff and the residents. Cllr. Cronin referred to the Dromhall Hotel episode. A Section 140, signed by Cllr. D. Healy-Rae, directing the Chief Executive not to proceed with the works, was presented for signing by the Members and the meeting was informed that this was the way forward. Cllr. Cronin stated that he refused to sign the Section 140. He stated that Cllr. Danny Healy-Rae told the meeting that he had no idea what was going on. He did not declare that he had tendered for the works and would have known the detail of what was proposed. He referred to the Ethics Declarations that Members complete on an annual basis whereby they declare that they have read the Code of Conduct for Councillors and that they will have regard and be guided by the Code.

Cllr. Cronin then referred to the Freedom of Information request which he had submitted and the response given and asked that this would be incorporated into the record of the meeting.

"the full list of all plant hire firms and civil engineering firms that submitted tenders to Kerry County Council specifically for any works on the N71 Muckross Road Traffic Calming Scheme and who the successful firms or companies were."

Response given:

"The works at Muckcross Road, Killarney were first tendered under Tender Reference number KY15000146T on 11/06/2015. This tender was advertised on a Framework for works less than €50,000, in error, and as the Tender Price was above €50,000 the project had to be re-advertised.

The Contractors who tendered under this initial tender were;

- *Eamonn & Seamus Hobbins*
- *Arkil Ltd.*
- *Danny Healy Rae*
- *David Russell Construction*
- *Formac Construction*
- *John McGillicuddy*
- *Lagan Asphalt*
- *Mid Cork Tarmacadam*
- *Pat O' Donovan Contractors*
- *Roadstone Ltd.*

This process was then cancelled as the value of works was greater than €50,000. A new tender process was commenced. Tender Reference number KY15000158T is the tender which was used for the works at Muckcross Road. This tender was advertised on a Framework for works greater than €50,000 on 1/07/2015. This framework did not include some of the contractors who had priced the first tender KY15000146T.

The Contractors who tendered for this tender were;

- *Formac Construction*
- *John McGillicuddy*
- *Lagan Asphalt*
- *Pat O' Donovan Contractors*
- *Tarstone Road Maintenance Ltd.*

The successful tenderer was selected from this list and the the Successful Tenderer was John McGillicuddy"

On 11th June 10 companies submitted tenders and Cllr. Healy-Rae was included on that list. Due to an error in the tender this was re-advertised. The public should have been made aware and Cllr. Cronin stated that he has a major issue with that.

20. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Kerry County Council would extend public lighting at Ross Road and Mill Road as a matter of urgency.

Reply: In regard to Ross Road there is a special development levy available to provide three additional lights. There is no funding for the provision of additional lighting at Mill road.

In regard to Public lighting 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. Any request to provide additional public lighting 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. D. Grady said there is a problem with Mill Road. Cllr. Grady requested if the Council could put up 3 lights to take them up to where the houses are. This is a dangerous situation as the road is in the middle of the town and is a dark area.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he previously moved a Motion on this as people are constantly getting lost there.

21. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to provide speed ramps and pedestrian crossing at Woodlawn Road, Killarney (details with Directorate).

Reply: Kerry County Council will carry out Pedestrian and Vehicle Assessments at this location in accordance with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland Pedestrian Crossing Specification and Guidance 2011 to determine the need for a pedestrian Crossing at this location. Speed surveys will also be carried out on the approaches to determine the need for speed cushions.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he put down this Motion on behalf of the parents. St. Oliver's School is very busy and from a safety perspective, these families need a pedestrian crossing and speed ramps similar to the ramps provided on New Road at Holy Cross School.

Cllr. D. Grady agreed with Cllr. J. Sheahan's comments but stated that before any speed ramps are provided, the people in the area should be consulted as some people living there have objected to them previously.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he was worried about people's safety.

Mr. P. Neary stated that a Section 38 public consultation process would have to take place in advance of any proposed works taking place.

22. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when will the pedestrian crossing be provided at Rathmore Town Centre adjacent to the Community Centre.

Reply: Rathmore Village is located on the N72 National Secondary Route. Pedestrian and Speed surveys were carried out in Rathmore in 2015 at the behest of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (T.I.I.). The results of these speed surveys were forwarded to the T.I.I. Road Safety Officer. The T.I.I. 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. J. Sheahan stated that this work have been overdue for many years.

23. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to resurface the road at Station Road, Rathmore as it is in a bad state. This is a health and safety issue as there are many deep potholes here.

Reply: The R-582 from Cloonts Cross to Rathmore Railway Station has been included in the Draft 2016-2018 Restoration Improvement Programme and if approved will be resurfaced in 2017.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that Station Road had a series of potholes and it was costing the Local Authority a lot of money to constantly fill and refill them. He welcomed the response.

24. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask this Council to resurface the road from Clounts Cross to Ballinahulla as it is unsafe for road users.

Reply: The L-2032 from Cloonts Cross to Ballinahulla is due to be surface dressed in 2016 by means of funding through an ESB Road Opening Licence.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the response.

25. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a footpath adjacent to the Primary School in Barraduff as soon as possible.

Reply: There is inadequate road width at this location on the R-570 to install a footpath linking the school to the N72 land acquisition would be required to enable these works. If land acquisition was forthcoming these works could be funded through a community involvement scheme or through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund.

Cllr. J. Sheahan requested that the Council Engineers liaise with the landowner.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

26. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to provide footpaths from the Whitebridge entrance to the Cork Road.

Reply: The adjacent land owners have been met at this location and have agreed in principal to give the required land for the footpath. The legal process for the acquisition of this land can now be commenced and a source of funding will be investigated.

Cllr. J. Sheahan said these footpaths were long overdue and the issue had previously been raised by other Councillors.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated that he previously had a Motion regarding this. This was very welcome news.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the response.

27. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to make Glenflesk Village a 60km/h speed zone.

Reply: Glenflesk Village has been submitted for consideration for inclusion in Kerry County Council's current speed limit review.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that a person had been involved in a very serious accident in the village. People try and cross the road after Mass to access the shop. When driving out from the Headford area it is hazardous.

28. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As the recent flooding caused the earth on the lower side of the road on the R577, close to Scartaglin, to slide away, I call on this Council to, as soon as possible, place rock armour, or similar, to support this very busy road, and prevent a very serious situation from occurring.

Reply: It is proposed to carry out embankment stabilisation works at this location in the coming weeks when weather permits access through the adjacent field.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that there is a drop-off on the verge and hoped the work would be carried out very soon.

29. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council, to repair the gully close to (details with Directorate) house in Mount Scartaglin, and also to carry out some skirting and general maintenance work on this section of road, from (details with Directorate) house to Scartaglin Village, as I am in no doubt that this is the worst section of public road in this county.

Reply: General maintenance work will be carried out on this section of road during 2016.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated this was the worst section of road in the County. He asked the Council to offer whatever assistance it can.

Mr. B. Mulhern agreed that the road was in a bad condition and said that the Council were reviewing it.

Cllr. Culloty requested that the road be built up again in the sections where it has fallen. The forestry machinery using this road is not helping the situation.

30. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to remove any material which may impede the flow of water which flows under the road at Lawlor's Cross, and with the aid of a camera, to investigate the very long culvert, to identify any other obstructions that may exist. Every effort must be made to help the flow of water at this junction, in a bid to avoid a repeat of the serious flooding which occurred at a residence during the very heavy rainfall recently. This is the first time that water has reached this level, and locals feel that it's as a result of raising the N22, which prevents excessive water from crossing the road.

Reply: Subsequent to the very extreme weather event of the 29th December 2015 drainage works were carried out to improve the inlet to the culvert at Lawlor's Cross. A camera survey has now been commissioned to investigate the condition of the culvert under the roadway. Following the results of this survey Kerry County Council will be able to determine if any further improvements can be carried out at this location.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply and stated that the raising of the road had a bearing on this and added to the problem. This is a very long culvert. Cllr. Culloty requested that the details of the survey be forwarded to him.

31. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council, to immediately replace some of the plant which is currently used for road maintenance in the Killarney Municipal District, in particular the Durapatchers which are in need of much repair and the modern Durapatchers are far more effective and efficient.

Reply: Kerry County Council typically uses a Single Axle lorry and a tow along Durapatcher to carry out pothole repairs and patching works in the Killarney Municipal District. These Durapatchers are velocity patching units that use bitumen and chips to repair the potholes and damaged road surfaces. These Durapatchers have proven to be very effective in carrying out pothole repairs even though they require ongoing maintenance due to the abrasiveness of the chips and the long distances that they are towed. While Kerry County Council is considering other options such as more modern patching units, the replacement of the existing Durapatchers is subject to budgetary constraints.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the Council were paying huge taxes on diesel and road taxes and getting very little back. It seems to be expensive to have tipper trucks moving material. These staff should be moved to road repairs and get private companies to carry out this work. Repairs are a huge problem. More focus should be put into repairing roads. Has anyone looked at the new patching truck?

Mr. D. Doyle confirmed that this option had been looked at and Cork County Council have purchased one. It is a one man operation and significant costs are involved. Kerry County Council have 5 Durapatchers and use one full-time since the start of the year. A review on how patching is being carried out is being undertaken at present.

32. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: When a local Authority House becomes vacant, and a staff member assesses the amount of work that is needed to be carried out to allow it to be re-occupied, I ask that each Member of the Killarney Municipal District be made aware of the length of time that is envisaged to complete this work, and also a general idea as to the scope of works that need to be undertaken.

Reply: During 2015 a total number of 116 void properties were repaired by the Council. From our total stock of 4,074 units this represents a vacancy rate of just 2.8% of stock.

A comprehensive update on the changes that have been made to the processes and procedures to enable the swift return of vacant units to stock was given at the recent Special housing meeting . At that meeting members were advised of the revised timescales for repairs to vacant units commensurate with the cost of repairs as follows:-

We have developed new targets, in conjunction with the Operations Department , for the turnaround times of void properties dependant on the extent of work required to properties being returned. These revised timelines are set out in the table below and are being implemented from the second quarter of 2016 onwards.

Estimated Repair Cost	Turnaround Time for Works
<10,000	4 weeks
10,000 . 20,000	8 . 10 weeks
>20,000	10 + weeks

We will continue to monitor the standards and our performance during 2016 such that turnaround times continue to improve and that costs are kept to a minimum.

Regular updates on void properties and repairs underway will be provided to the Municipal District Meeting during 2016 as heretofore.

Kerry County Council have not been informed to date of any allocation for void properties for 2016 and accordingly any repairs to be carried out will have to be considered in the context of whether this national funding will be available or whether we will be required to provide the funding from our own Housing budgetary resources which will have an inevitable impact on other areas.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty commented that houses are left vacant for up to 3 - 4 months. Cllr. Culloty asked that the Members be informed as to what works are involved and how long the repairs will take as this information will be beneficial.

33. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council undertake the necessary works on the bridge at Ballinahalla, Cordal, to make it structurally sound for the future.

Reply: Kerry County Council proposes to carry out repair works to L-11064 Ballynahalla Bridge Abutments in 2016 subject to the approval of Inland Fisheries Ireland.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that Inland Fisheries are the issue here. They request that the river be dyed. They need to change. A balance must be kept and people must come before fish.

34. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To again ask this Council to consider removing the cycle islands on the town side of the Killarney by-pass, and replacing them with road markings indicating a cycle lane.

Reply: The cycle islands on the N22 Killarney Bypass were constructed as part of a Traffic Calming Scheme. The purpose of this scheme was to reduce the speed of vehicles using this road. The removal of this island may lead to increase traffic speeds at this location. Kerry County Council have discussed the matter with the T.I.I. and they are not in favour of this proposal.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty said this was a serious situation. The cycle lane is constantly filling with grit and wet earth and is impossible to cycle on. The islands are counter-productive. To keep the lanes clear, the Council would have to clean them on a weekly basis. Cllr. Culloty suggested that the islands be removed and replaced with road markings to indicate a cycle lane. The islands are not serving a purpose and are making the situation worse.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion. On the N22, east of Lissivigeen Cross there is a sludge pool and no-one cycles there.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to examine how these lanes can be maintained.

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

Reply: 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 in summer 2015 and they indicated that they would approach the ESB for an estimate of the capital works cost. The ESB are finalising their costings. Thereafter Kerry County Council can prepare a budget estimate for the entire project. Potential funding streams will be investigated thereafter.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked when would the ESB costings be available.

Mr. P. Neary hoped that the estimate would be available in the next 2 weeks.

36. Cllr. N Kelleher: What is the current position with regard to the upgrading of the Main Street in Rathmore? Has a design team been approved and if not when can it be expected? Can the appointed team meet on the ground with the local Community Council?

Reply: Rathmore Village is located on the N72 National Secondary Route. Pedestrian and Speed surveys were carried out in Rathmore in 2015 at the behest of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (T.I.I.). The results of these speed surveys were forwarded to the T.I.I. Road Safety Officer. The T.I.I. 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. A meeting will be arranged with the local community group and road design engineers in the next two weeks.

Cllr. N. Kelleher enquired if the Design Team had been approved.

Mr. D. Doyle confirmed that the design would be prepared by Kerry County Council.

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

Reply: The L-3014 from Shrone Church to Gortacarrin will be considered for inclusion in the 2016 Restoration Maintenance Programme.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked if the road would be considered this year.

Mr. P Neary confirmed that it would be considered in the next 2 weeks.

38. 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: The R-582 from Cloonts Cross to Rathmore Railway Station has been included in the Draft 2016-2018 Restoration Improvement Programme and if approved will be resurfaced in 2017. It is proposed to construct the footpath at this location in 2016 prior to the resurfacing works in 2017.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that 2017 was a long time to be repairing potholes. This is a shocking situation.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to repair the potholes as best as possible.

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

Reply: The location of Pavement Improvement works for National Secondary Routes are decided by the Transport Infrastructure Ireland based on pavement condition surveys that are carried out annually / bi annually by private contractors. However this request will be forwarded to the Transport Infrastructure Ireland Inspector for Kerry.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked why the TII should dictate to the Council where we spend our money. He asked that the request for funding be forwarded to them for consideration.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Is all now in readiness for the commencement of the footpath from Páirc Chuimín to Kilcummin Village as such is vital for the safety of all pedestrians and in particular for the well-being of school going children?

Reply: Consultations and discussions have taken place with two adjacent landowners at this location. Cost of the land acquisition and the accommodation works required has been prepared. The cost of the project is well in excess of an available special planning levy. A source of funding for the addition works required is being investigated.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked if the Engineers were optimistic that a funding source would be found and if full agreement regarding the transfer of lands had been received.

Mr. D. Doyle replied that full agreement had not yet been received. An agreement has yet to be finalised with the landowner on the left hand side.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has a resolution to the satisfaction of the landowners been reached in the matter of providing a safe entrance/exit to/from the Bóithrín half way along the Pike Hill outbound, as its present status has since the 1980s greatly inconvenienced them?

Reply: Kerry County Council has met the landowner in question and have discussed a number of alternate solutions to access these lands. The land owner is considering these options presently.

Cllr. M. Gleeson acknowledged the reply and hoped the matter would be solved soon.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the TII Safety Officer given any response to my frequently made request for a safety barrier on the N72 in the townland of Ardaneanig? Numerous accidents have occurred at this bend and a number of vehicles have gone through the fence and into the adjacent field.

Reply: This matter has been discussed with the T.I.I Safety Officer. The T.I.I. are waiting for consultants to complete a HD17 (Safety Review) Report for the N72 National Route. Further to the completion and review of this report, the T.I.I. will decide if safety barriers are required at this location.

Cllr. M. Gleeson enquired if there was likely to be a fruitful outcome.

Mr. D. Doyle replied that the matter had been brought to the attention of the TII Safety Officer and is at present being reviewed from a road safety point of view. A final report on the N72 has not yet been received.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council undertaken an inventory of the footpaths in Pinewood Estate in order to determine their condition and if so what are the findings? Does the Council have the finance necessary to undertake any necessary repairs?

Reply: Kerry County Council is currently carrying out an inventory of the condition of footpaths in Pinewood estate. When this inventory is complete the cost of any footpath repairs required will be estimated. Maintenance will be carried out on these footpaths as funding allows.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply and asked that a copy of the findings be forwarded to him when finalised.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Council enter into discussion with the NPWS with the aim of having appropriate and non-invasive viewing alcoves installed into the existing wall along Mission Road with the purpose of affording pedestrians an enticing glimpse of the splendour within?

Reply: This proposal can be forwarded to the National Parks and Wildlife.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that this proposal would bring the National Park and Town closer together and asked the Council to pursue the matter with the NPWS.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Have the long awaited remedial works commenced in Mountain View Estate, Kilcummin and is there sufficient money in the released Bond to complete all that needs to be done?

Reply: Kerry County Council has met with representatives of the Mountain View Residents committee to discuss the proposed works at Mountain View. Water Services will carry out the required works to the Waste Water Treatment Unit in the first instance and thereafter the Operations section will attend to the remaining works to be carried out.

Cllr. M. Gleeson enquired if the Council were optimistic about reaching a satisfactory solution and that this issue be taken off the Agenda. Cllr. Gleeson stated that he had this matter on the Agenda 23 times. Cllr. Gleeson enquired if the Council were optimistic that adequate finance will be made available.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed that he had met with the residents' group. Water Services have to carry out the required works first. A meeting with Water Services is to take place in a week's time and following that, Mr. Neary confirmed he will meet with the residents and discuss the required works with them.

Cllr. B. Cronin moved Question No. 16 at this stage.

16. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the position regarding the spending of the bond in Mountain View Estate, Kilcummin?

Reply: Kerry County Council has met with representatives of the Mountain View Residents committee to discuss the proposed works at Mountain View. Water Services will carry out the required works to the Waste Water Treatment Unit in the first instance and thereafter the Operations section will attend to the remaining works to be carried out.

Cllr. B. Cronin shared the sentiments expressed by Cllr. M. Gleeson and asked if there is sufficient funding to do all the required works.

Mr. P. Neary said that he will examine the works and see what can be done with the available money and will revert.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Question No 7 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

7. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to provide flashing lights adjacent to Currow School and Community Area.

Reply: The installation of speed indicator signs is scheduled to be carried out at this location on the L-2033 in the coming weeks.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Question No 8 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

8. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask for a footpath from Fossa Caravan Site westwards towards the Gap Cross on the right hand side of the road.

Reply: The cost of providing a footpath on the right hand side of the N72 at Fossa from existing footpath westward to the last house at Gap Cross is in the region of " 60,000. There is a development levy of " 5,000 available but there

is no other funding currently available for this work. Kerry County Council have requested funding from the T.I.I. for these works, however no funding has been made available.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Question No 9 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

9. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask for a pedestrian crossing in Castleisland Town from WK O'Connors towards Lawlor's Restaurant.

Reply: Kerry County Council will carry out Pedestrian and Vehicle Assessments at this location in accordance with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland Pedestrian Crossing Specification and Guidance 2011 to determine the need for a pedestrian crossing. If warranted and funding is available a public consultation process will be carried out as per Section 38 of the 1993 Roads Act.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Question No 10 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

10. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask for a pedestrian crossing from the bottom of the Loretto Road crossing the Muckross Road.

Reply: Kerry County Council will carry out Pedestrian and Vehicle Assessments at this location in accordance with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland Pedestrian Crossing Specification and Guidance 2011 to determine the need for a pedestrian crossing at this location. If warranted, funding can then be sought from the Transport Infrastructure Ireland following these assessments.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Question No 11 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

11. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to do whatever is necessary to prevent flooding of houses in the Gap Road in the future.

Reply: Additional works have been carried out at this location which has greatly reduce the threat of flooding.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Question No 12 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

12. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what can be done to assist the residents and businesses in the White Bridge and Ballycasheen areas to alleviate flooding problems.

Reply: The CFRAM study is currently under the remit of the OPW who are the lead agency responsible for flood risk management. The OPW works in close partnership with Local Authorities in delivering the objectives of the CFRAM Programme. The White Bridge and Ballycasheen areas have been identified under the CFRAM study as areas at risk of flooding arising from the Flesk River and are located in the Killarney AFA.

The preferred option to mitigate flooding in this area in this area consists of a scheme of defensive walls and embankments. This option was placed public

display in the Avenue Hotel, Killarney on Tuesday 8th of December 2015. This event was widely advertised and was open to members of the public.

The final phase of the CFRAM study involves the preparation of a flood management plan for Killarney. This flood management plan will include specific measures including new infrastructure such as the defensive structures outlined, and non-structural measures to mitigate the flood risk in the Killarney area. This plan will take the entire catchment and river route into consideration ensuring that works proposed do not have a negative impact on properties downstream.

These plans are to be published in June of this year for public consultation and will be placed before the elected members of Kerry County Council for consideration shortly thereafter.

The works identified in the CFRAM flood management plans will be completed subject to Government funding.

13. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can water tables be opened and skirting be done on the following roads - Clash Road, Listry, Rockfield to Flynns Forge, Ballydunlea Road, Rathanane Road, Kilcummin and Rathcomane Road?

Reply: Water tables will be opened and skirting will be carried out in the coming weeks on the following roads; Clash Road, Listry, Rockfield to Flynns Forge, Ballydunlea Road, Rathanane Road, Kilcummin and Rathcomane Road.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the reply.

14. Cllr. B. Cronin: Will Kerry County Council include the Clash Road, Listry for funding in the next 3 year Roads Programme?

Reply: The Clash Road, Listry was considered for inclusion in the Multi-annual Restoration Programme 2016 to 2018, however due to the available funding and taking the condition of other roads into account this road was not included. However drainage and repair works are currently being carried out at this location.

Cllr. B. Cronin requested that the Council ensure that some works be carried out on these roads. There are a couple of bad sections there at the moment.

15. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will the " 35,000 allocated for improvement work at Boulia Junction be spent?

Reply: The required signage has been erected at the Boulia Junction. The main road will be overlaid between the adjacent junctions in quarter two 2016. Following the overlay works the lining and studding will be reinstated.

Ms. B. Mulryan confirmed that this road would be overlaid by the end of Q2. 20 metres of the side road at Boulia Junction will also be surfaced.

Cllr. B. Cronin acknowledged the reply and stated that a dip on the road is reoccurring continually.

16. Cllr. B. Cronin: Question No 16 moved in conjunction with Question 6.

17. Cllr. D. Grady: What is the update on overlaying Scartaglin Village as it is in atrocious condition?

Reply: It is not proposed to overlay Scartaglin Village in the Restoration Improvement Programme 2016 to 2018; however it will be considered for inclusion in the Restoration Maintenance Programme.

Cllr. D. Grady asked the Council to keep the matter under review.

18. Cllr. D. Grady: What is the update on flooding so far, what action have Kerry County Council taken to date? This item needs to be kept on the agenda.

Reply: Details of the extent of the recent flooding are being recorded and will be submitted to the OPW, who are the lead agency for flood risk management and have been tasked by the Government to identify options to mitigate for the future risk of flooding. All of the areas severely impacted by the floods in Killarney and Glenflesk are included in these CFRAM studies. These studies involve very complex modelling of flood predictions, taking into consideration the changing environment, and various assessments on the impact of climate change.

The National Primary Road N22 at Glenflesk, sections of the N72 at Beaufort and the N71 at Muckross had to be closed during these events. Sections of the National Road network, critical for access, will be reassessed with TII.

Many local roads throughout the county were flooded at various times during these weather events and these areas are being assessed. A submission has been forwarded to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport to repair roads, bridges and drainage systems damaged during these extreme events.

Following these weather events the entire road network has suffered significant damage. Pothole and drainage issues will continue to exist over the coming month. Council crews will focus on drainage and road surface repairs to address these issues.

Scouring may have occurred at a number of our bridges but this is difficult to assess due to the high river levels at present. Surveys of these bridges will take place over the coming months.

The Council is also assisting the Red Cross in processing any claims from small businesses for emergency funding.

Cllr. D. Grady asked that the Council revert to him regarding Ross Road.

Cllr. Grady also requested an update in relation to Fossa.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to provide an update on this.

19. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when is work due to commence to replace the footpaths on both sides of Mangerton View.

Reply: This work has commenced and it is intended the footpaths will be completed within the next two weeks.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

20. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to apply for funding to repair the road at Farrankeal Bridge L7027-33 and erect flood defence wall to prevent recurring flooding.

Reply: This section of the L-7027 has been repaired recently following flood damage and an application for funding to erect a bund wall at this location has been made to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

21. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if they have an up date from TII regarding then Digital Speedometers for 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 (T.I.I.). 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 T.I.I. If mitigation / safety measures are required, a scheme will be designed for the village. The design will be costed and submitted to T.I.I. for funding. These scheme may involve the provision of Digital Speed Indicator signs.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

22. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to apply for funding to dredge the River Gweestin as this has caused great damage due to flooding.

Reply: The OPW are the lead agency in regard to flood management of this river. Kerry County Council has contacted the OPW and requested them to include this river in their CFRAM study.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he hoped that this river can be dredged as it is causing a problem to families on its route.

23. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council has the OPW been contacted regarding the removal of large trees on the road verge at Ballydowney.

Reply: The trees along this section of the N72 are in the ownership of Tourism Ireland. Tourism Ireland were contacted in 2015 about tree surgery works that were needed to be carried out. They agreed to allow Kerry County Council carry out these works and a number of trees were removed in December 2015. Furthermore a large number of trees were cut back and trimmed.

Cllr. J. Sheahan commented that there are many big trees on this road and if they fell on top of a car or bus they would cause ferocious damage. He asked that the Council continue to liaise with Tourism Ireland and request them to remove the trees. Cllr. Sheahan further requested that a suitable cycle lane be provided.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the TII have asked the Council to prepare a design for a Traffic Calming Scheme and it might have a knock on effect regarding tree removal.

24. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council has Coillte offered / gifted a strip of ground to enable Kerry County Council to widen the road at Mangerton, Muckross, Killarney.

Reply: Kerry County Council have not been offered a strip of ground for road widening at Mangerton, Muckross. However, the Council will investigate the location for widening and contact the necessary landowner.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that the road at Mangerton is on a steep hill and is very difficult for elderly people to use same. Cllr. Sheahan enquired if the Council could provide lay-bys or some ground to widen the steep incline.

25. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council implement changes to the drainage system at Woodlawn Park and Woodlawn Road. It should be drained down into the Flesk River.

Reply: The Woodlawn Park Area drains into a soakway. No significant flooding was experienced at this location during the recent extreme weather events. However, Kerry County Council will investigate the works required to pipe this area to the Flesk and the extent of land acquisition required.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that this matter was brought to his attention. Culverts are draining into soakways. With the current volumes of rainfall, the ground is saturated and ponding is occurring here. Cllr. Sheahan requested that these areas be drained into the River Flesk.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to meet with Cllr. Sheahan at the location.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Question No 26 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

26. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: Has any progress been made with the provision of a safe pedestrian crossing in Killahane, Furies for the safety of the children going to Furies NS?

Reply: The following works were carried out in Killahane, Fries in 2015 to assist in calming the traffic at the junction and in the vicinity of the national school;

- A footpath was constructed and public lighting erected adjacent to the school
- A second gateway sign was erected on the Farranfore approach

The following works will be undertaken in early 2016;

- A solar powered school warning sign will be erected on the Farranfore approach
- Another pedestrian/Speed survey will be carried in order re-assess location for a pedestrian crossing
- The public lights along the road frontage will be powered up following the completion of works in the Greenfields Estate.

27. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: This Question was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 3.

28. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: What is the delay in building the part of the bridge which was demolished at Counguilla, Scartaglin?

Reply: The repair works to Twiss Bridge Wall have been re-scheduled to be carried out in the coming weeks; they were to be carried out prior to this but were delayed due to flooding events in the Killarney East Area during December and January.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

29. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As the horses travelling on the Mission Road and the Ross Road are causing a dip in the middle from constant pounding of hooves, would this Council consider removing this strip, approximately .5 of a metre in width, and replace it with concrete?

Reply: Kerry County Council have taken a number of core samples from the Ross Road and Mission Road and are getting them tested to ascertain the extent of the pavement being damaged. The results of these tests will indicate what best material should be used for this repair. Funding for the repair to Mission Road will be requested from the Transport Infrastructure Ireland. Repairs to the pavement at Ross Road will be carried out as road maintenance funding allows.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated there was a big dip in the road and enquired if anything could be done.

Mr. K. O'Halloran replied that the Council were trying identify more suitable material to repair these sections of road.

Cllr. Culloty enquired if that section of the road could be cut out and replaced.

Mr. O'Halloran confirmed the Council would look at this option as this has been carried out to sections of roads previously.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. B. O'Connell: That Kerry County Council contact Irish Rail and request that the Railway Station in Rathmore be named in honour of Pádraig O'Connor who died in the Rising of 1916.

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

Cllr. B. O'Connell Proposed that the late Pádraig O'Connor should be recognised in his own County.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Municipal Authority would call on Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann to develop a footbridge between the Train Station and the Bus Station in Killarney Town.

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

Cllr. M. Gleeson commented that even though the two stations are so near, they were very far apart for pedestrians. Passengers have to haul their luggage the long way around to access either the railway or the bus station. In Mallow Station, a walkover is provided. In a prime location like Killarney, there is an increased use of the bus and train services. Cllr. Gleeson requested both Iarnród Éireann and Bus Éireann to develop a modern footbridge to provide a quick, safe passage for passengers, free from the elements of the weather.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Notice of Motion No 3 on behalf of Cllr. D. Healy-Rae.

3. Cllr. D. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the Department of the Environment to allow landowners to take gravel and silt out of their rivers in the open season.

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

4. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Kerry County Council would write to the relevant Ministers regarding the closure of Homebase, Killarney and the loss of 30 jobs. This is due to close in May 2016.

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

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the closure of Homebase will result in the loss of 30 jobs in Killarney.

5. Cllr. D. Grady: The we Kerry County Council would write to the relevant Minister requesting Solas to provide training on bus driving in Kerry. This training is being provided in other parts of the country.

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

Cllr. D. Grady stated that people should be given the opportunity to receive this training as it is very important. This training is provided in other Counties. Killarney is the hub of tourism in Ireland and therefore should be provided in this County.

6. Cllr. D. Grady: I am reactivating the Drugs Liaison Committee in the Killarney Area this month and I would like to know if the Killarney Municipal Area are interested in participating.

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

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the Drugs Liaison Committee started in Killarney in 1999 and had the backing of Killarney Town Council. Every school was involved as were the Gardaí in getting the message out. Leaflets were distributed on the danger of drug and alcohol misuse. The Killarney Municipal District area should become involved in this.

Ms. A. McAllen acknowledged that this matter had been raised previously and at that time, Ms. McAllen agreed to contact the Director of Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life. The Joint Policing Committee and a county-wide approach should be first established. Ms. McAllen acknowledged the work of the Drugs Liaison Committee as being completely meritorious, however, it may be more beneficial to have county-wide perspective.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that he was Chair of the JPC and they were planning to set up a Committee to deal with such issues immediately. However, due to the retirement of Chief Superintendent Pat Sullivan this has been delayed until such time as a new Chief Superintendent has been appointed. It is hoped that the JPC will approve a 6 year work programme.

Cllr. Grady stated that this was totally different to that of the Drugs Liaison Committee and stated that he will continue on with the original Committee. The Committee will continue their work and the Municipal District can link in with it if they so wish.

7. Cllr. N Kelleher: NoM No 7 moved in conjunction with Deputation from the residents of Foiladown, Clonkeen, Curreal, Killaha, Glenflesk and Dromnaharrie to discuss their flooding problems.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Part 8 Planning process been initiated that would, on completion, allow for the removal of the dilapidated structure that once was the Pretty Polly factory?

Reply: Kerry County Council will commence the internal consultation for this Part 8 planning process by the end of Quarter 1, 2016.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that she has been in discussion with Mr. J. Purcell, Facilities Manager and it is hoped to commence internal consultation by the end of Quarter 1.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Question 6 at this stage.

6. Cllr. N Kelleher: To call on the Council to set up a working group immediately to explore the opportunities for the development of the Pretty Polly site.

Reply: Kerry County Council is presently reviewing all properties lying within its portfolio. The Pretty Polly site is a substantial site of 5.7 Ha. Kerry County Council intends to explore the opportunities for development of the site and this will require close engagement with business development agencies and the establishment of a working group to review opportunities.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked if there was a commitment to remove the structure.

Ms. McAllen confirmed there was.

Cllr. Kelleher asked that all opportunities be explored and asked when would a Working Group be established.

Ms. McAllen replied that she had spoken with Chief Executive and it is hoped to set up an interagency group as soon as possible.

Cllr. Kelleher enquired if Elected Members could sit on this group as one or two Elected Members had been pushing this project forward.

Ms. McAllen confirmed that she would discuss this with the Chief Executive.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: How much money is the Killarney Municipal District giving to the Cork/Kerry Link Bus?

Reply: A recommendation will be included in each Municipal District's Community Support Fund that " 1,500 each be allocated to the Cork Kerry Health Link Bus. A provision of " 6,000 has been made in Budget 2016, as

matching funding towards any allocations approved by the Members of each Municipal District.

Cllr. D. Grady thanked the Council for their commitment to such a worthy cause.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, has any further progress been made in the acquisition of Áras Pádraig?

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District Manager and Kerry County Council Arts Officer are currently seeking sources of funding for the refurbishment of the Áras Padraig building. The acquisition will be concluded once the necessary funding has been secured.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty enquired if funding was holding up this project.

Ms. A. McAllen confirmed that Mr. J. Purcell, Facilities Manager had carried out a full review. In consultation with Ms. K. Kennelly, Arts Officer, the Council are trying to find a source for funding to refurbish this property. Meetings are due to take place in the coming weeks and a funding plan needs to be put in place. It will cost a minimum of €0.25m before the building can be opened plus all other costs.

4. Cllr. N Kelleher: That this Authority calls on the petrol stations in Killarney to bring prices in line with similar suppliers in other towns and villages in Kerry. It is not good for the reputation of the town as a whole.

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

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that a clear message needs to issue. These petrol stations are sourcing their fuel from the same provider and are charging different prices to their customers in comparison to other towns and villages.

5. Cllr. N Kelleher: That we call on the HSE to provide a full list of waiting times for ambulances in the Killarney Electoral Area?

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

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that Gardaí have been waiting up to an hour for ambulances to attend at road traffic accidents.

6. Cllr. N Kelleher: Question 6 was moved in conjunction with Question 1.

7. Cllr. N Kelleher: Rathmore needs a full time GP. That we call on the HSE to reinstate the full Rural Practise Allowance and ensure Rathmore has a full time GP Practice.

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

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that he believed there had been progress on the matter and the HSE have contacted people locally on the matter. Cllr. Kelleher requested that the HSE provide an update in writing on the matter.

16.02.12.07 To consider request for the reception of the following deputation:

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J.J. Culloty, SECONDED Cllr. N. Kelleher, it was agreed to receive a deputation from the Residents of Whitebridge regarding flooding.

16.02.12.08 Correspondence

It was agreed to note the following correspondence which was circulated.

1.	Email dated 22 nd December 2015 from Superintendent Flor Murphy regarding provision of an occasional Garda presence at Ballydowney with a view to increasing compliance with the speed limit.
2.	Letter dated 11th January 2016 from Mr Ray Mitchell, Assistant National Director, Parliamentary Affairs Division, Health Service Executive regarding developing a serenity garden in Killarney Community Hospital and St. Columbanus Home.

16.02.12.09 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Killarney will be held on Wednesday, 13th April 2016.

16.02.12.10 Any Other Business

National Book Award

Cllr. M. Gleeson wished to congratulate Mr. Tommy O'Connor on receiving a National Award for his book on hurling.

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund and said that people were awaiting works to commence.

Junction at New Street

Meeting with HSE re Ambulance Service

Mr. G. O'Brien replied that he will follow up on the matter.

G. O'Brien

Cllr. B. O'Connell
Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD