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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM KILLARNEY ON WEDNESDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2016

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I LEABHARLANN CHILL ÁIRNE AR AN CHÉADAIOIN, 14 MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2016

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

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

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae
Cllr. N. Kelleher
Cllr. B. O'Connell**

Apologies

Cllr. J. Sheahan

In attendance/i láthair

Ms. A. McAllen	Delegated Executive for the MD of Killarney
Mr. P. Neary	Senior Engineer
Mr. D. Doyle	SEE Operations
Mr. L. Quinlan	Meetings Administrator
Mr. M. Ó Coileáin	Municipal District Officer
Mr. T. Sheehy	SE Capital Infrastructure Unit
Mr. P. Curry	SE Kerry National Road Design Office
Mr. D. Murphy	SEE Housing Estates Unit
Mr. N. Horgan	CO Housing Estates Unit
Mr. C. Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. C. O'Leary	EE Water Services
Mr. P. Bradley	EE Operations
Mr. D. Ginty	Executive Planner
Ms. K. Curtin	AO Housing
Ms. B. Mulryan	EE Killarney
Mr. K. O'Halloran	AE Killarney
Mr. B. Mulhern	AE Killarney
Ms. S. Murphy	ASO Killarney MD
Ms. M. Galvin	CO Corporate Affairs

The meeting commenced at 10.05am.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. B. Cronin took the Chair.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed Ms. Susan Murphy to the meeting and wished her every success in her new role in the Killarney Municipal District Office. Cllr. Cronin also paid tribute to Ms. Liz Breen who had worked in that role previously.

16.09.14.01 (a) Confirmation of the following Minutes:

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. O'Connell, SECONDED by Cllr. M. Gleeson, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 15th June 2016 be confirmed.
- (b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, SECONDED by Cllr. J.J. Culloty, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 27th June 2016 be confirmed.

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

(a) Deputation from Residents of Castlelough/Muckcross regarding the provision of a by-pass from Castlelough/Muckcross to Lissivigeen

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the deputation to the meeting and outlined the Standing Orders in relation to the reception of deputations.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and stated she was glad that she requested this deputation to attend the meeting and welcomed those present who had come to highlight the traffic congestion problems, specifically on the Muckcross Road and also the town. This congestion could be greatly relieved by building a link road from Castlelough, Muckcross to Lissivigeen to join up with the National Primary Road. This link road was originally proposed as part of the new bypass infrastructure from Muckcross to Lissivigeen through Kilcummin to Farranfore and this would have an immediate positive impact on traffic in Killarney Town.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) from O'Callaghan Coaches addressed the meeting and thanked those present for the opportunity to voice the concerns of the deputation. He stated that Muckcross Road was in a unique situation. Tourist coaches travel to Muckcross House on a daily basis which is one of the biggest tourism attractions in the country but on their return, they can expect delays of up to one hour due to the traffic

congestion on Muckross Road. These delays are creating a negative experience of the town. School children who finish school at 4.00pm are not getting home until as late as 5.30pm some evenings due to the traffic delays. These delays are stopping the town developing and growing on a national level. A by-pass from Castlelough/Muckross to Lissivigeen would take this excess traffic off Muckross Road.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) from The Lake Hotel, Killarney addressed the meeting. *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* stated that due to the traffic delays experienced on the Muckross Road, the reputation of the tourism industry in Killarney was a big concern. Guests staying in the hotel are finding it difficult to visit surrounding areas and attractions. Sometimes the traffic is backed up as far as Torc Waterfall. Lines of traffic queuing past the hotel can be seen on a daily basis. Guests in the hotel have missed trains as a result of the traffic congestion. Bus operators are now telling people to avoid Killarney. *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* stated that the Muckross Road is the worst place in Kerry for traffic delays and it must be rectified otherwise the tourism industry will suffer the consequences.

Cllr. Culloty agreed with the sentiments expressed by the speakers. Cllr. Culloty stated that the tourism industry is huge business for Killarney and the roads around the town are not fit for the volumes of traffic. Pressure must be put on Central Government and our own TDs to provide funding for a link road. This would not cost a huge amount of money when compared to plans in Dublin to build an underground road from the City Centre to the Airport. The traffic issues in Killarney are sending out the wrong message to the country and the world.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae thanked the speakers for their presentation. The residents in Woodlawn, Mill Road and Muckross are tormented from queuing on a daily basis. There are hotels, restaurants and businesses on the Muckross Road who all want to see a by-pass constructed. This is of paramount importance. The delays are having a negative impact on workers in Liebherr, people travelling to and from Cork, school children and the jarveys. People from Kenmare, Sneem, Bonane, Bantry etc wanting to access Killarney, Tralee and Mallow must go around Kenmare Place thus adding to traffic congestion. Cllr. Healy-Rae requested the support of all the Elected Members to get this by-pass constructed. There is no question but that Killarney Town is entitled to this by-pass. There are roads being built underground in Dublin and the people of Killarney deserve this road.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that in 2004, a public consultation was held in the Great Southern Hotel displaying the plans and design of both outer relief roads planned for Killarney and a commitment was given that both these roads would be completed in 2009. Unfortunately, the finance for same was withdrawn. These roads would have relieved the enormous pressure that now exists.

Cllr. Gleeson stated that he had moved a previous Notice of Motion requesting a public light at the junction of the N22 and the L.3015 at Curraglass and had given a commitment to allocate from his Councillor's Allocation towards its provision but it had been refused. This may have promoted the use of the Lough Guitane Road as an access to Muckross.

Cllr. Gleeson stated that we should insist that our National Politicians, vigorously pursue the construction of this by-pass with the TII and give same due priority. A by-pass such as this is a necessity. Furthermore, the need for adequate parking in the town needs to be addressed by the Local Authority. Tourism and the town will be the beneficiary.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the deputation and stated he would provide assistance in any way he could regarding this by-pass. He said that a deputation should meet with the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport together with our local TDs and push this project along. Killarney is choked with traffic on a daily basis.

Cllr. N. Kelleher thanked both speakers for their contributions. Cllr. Kelleher stated he had attended a Joint Policing Committee Meeting on Monday with the new Chief Superintendent for Kerry who had informed him that there was a 40% increase in traffic on the Ring of Kerry. If this road was built and Killarney had more car parking spaces, it would give great relief to Muckross Road and would make this town a better and more pleasurable experience for the residents and tourists. He agreed that the 8 Killarney Elected Members and 5 Kerry TDs need to meet with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and Minister Shane Ross, Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport to pursue this issue. Revenue from Killarney businesses and tourism contributes to the National income. It is incumbent on our National Government to provide this road in Killarney. Cllr. Kelleher requested that a letter issue to Minister Shane Ross, the TII and the 5 Dáil Deputies to make sure a meeting is held without delay.

Cllr. B. O'Connell informed the deputation that he understood the frustration of the residents who have to sit in their cars for up to an hour in traffic. This was the experience in Castleisland for years with traffic backed up 4 - 5 miles outside the town. Since the Castleisland By-pass was constructed, it has improved the businesses in the town. Killarney is the catalyst for this County's tourism and business but unfortunately, is a victim of its own success.

Cllr. B. Cronin complimented both speakers for the accurate account given in relation to the problem with traffic at Muckross Road. The volume of traffic that occurs at this location every day has been compared to traffic that comes to Killarney on Munster Final Day. It is very frustrating to be caught up in this traffic. This by-pass would alleviate the enormous amount of traffic. Cllr. Cronin referred to Cllr. Gleeson's comments in relation to the public consultation process in 2004. This specific section of road was a critical part of the original plan in 2004 but unfortunately did not

proceed and neither did Lissivigeen to Farranfore section, as all road projects were shelved. It will be an uphill job to secure funding for this road. Cllr. Cronin said that the only option available was to go directly to the TII and Minister Shane Ross. This will be a huge task and undertaking. We will have to look to an adjoining County for Ministerial support. Cllr. Cronin offered his full support to the deputation and concluded by stating that this by-pass is a necessity for Killarney.

Ms. A. McAllen thanked the deputation for coming to the meeting and in particular, the speakers who provided a real sense of the realities faced by people living and working in that area. Ms. McAllen introduced Mr. P. Curry, SE, Kerry National Road Design Office to the deputation and stated that she had invited him to the meeting to address the concerns of the residents. Mr. Curry's office deals with large capital infrastructural projects and Ms. McAllen hoped that this would afford the deputation an insight into the process involved in acquiring funding for a project such as this one. In the short-term, Killarney Operations Department have commissioned a Traffic Management Plan for Killarney which will be published in October. The Plan sets out to look at a range of measures to improve traffic flow in the town in the short, medium and long-term. Following on from this report, Ms. McAllen confirmed that measures would be put in place to alleviate the main pressure points in the town as recommended in the Report.

Mr. P. Curry welcomed the deputation and stated that the construction of this by-pass road has been well canvassed by the Elected Members and he understood the frustrations experienced by all of the residents. This by-pass was part of the overall plan for the Farranfore to Killarney Road Improvement Scheme in 2004. The Chief Executive raised this matter again earlier this year with the TII. The Kerry National Road Design Office has started to look at Castlelough to Lissivigeen as a stand alone scheme and see how it will function on its own. It will function differently compared to the 2004 plan. The TII have stated that it is not part of the Investment Plan for 2016 - 2021. They have "300m to run the entire National network so it will be a challenge to get this by-pass sanctioned. The cost of providing this by-pass could amount to "30m as a significant crossing of the River Flesk would be required together with crossing the railway line. Land prices at the location will be reasonably high. He outlined that having regard to the projected cost of the project, the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform will carry out an appraisal of the project. A team of economists will scrutinise the cost and benefits attributable to the proposed scheme. Mr. Curry concluded by stating that the Council will do all it can to pursue this project but there will be significant challenges ahead.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that a deputation should travel to Dublin to meet with the Minister for Transport and they should present a business case to him detailing how much the tourist industry is worth to Killarney, employment figures associated with tourism and how businesses in Killarney contribute to the National finances.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) stated that people are now visiting Killarney with the perception

that they will be stuck in traffic. If one of the guests at his hotel had an accident, how long would it take for an emergency vehicle to reach them? Realistically, it could take an ambulance up to 1½ hours before it would reach the hospital in Tralee.

Cllr. Cronin wished to have it noted that Cllr. J. Sheahan sent his apologies for not being in attendance at the meeting but offered his full support to the delegation.

(b) Barraduff Community Group regarding issues in the Village

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed both *(names withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* to the meeting.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that Barraduff Tidy Village Group had been established over a year ago and the progress of this group is evidence of what an active community organisation can achieve.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) addressed the Members and stated that the group initially started off by strimming hedges to make it safer for cars exiting onto the main road and they continued this work up into the village. They also repainted the old hair salon and planted flower beds. The speaker asked for the assistance of the Council to carry out some minor works such as levelling off the grass margin on the right hand side of the Killarney road. They also requested that Council staff would carry out their work in a neater fashion. Recently a chunk of earth was dug out from the roadside in Barraduff by Council staff and thrown to the side. It would be nice to see this work finished off. Mr. Kelly also requested that a pedestrian crossing would be provided in the village. Cars speed through the village as there is no speed management in place. A substantial amount of money received through LEADER funding was spent on Barraduff National School but it is now lying idle. This would make a great centre for the community. Barraduff has two ghost estates and the fencing surrounding one of the estates has blown down and looks unsightly. The speaker stated it would be much appreciated if the street sweeper could visit Barraduff every 2 months. This would make a huge difference to the village. In the long-term, *(name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* asked if the overhead cables could be undergrounded. The residents would also like to see a bus shelter provided in the village. In conclusion, *(name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* thanked Kerry County Council for funding they have received for the last 2 years through the Community Support Fund which has afforded the group the opportunity to carry out many of these works in the village.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) addressed the Members and referred to an area next to the bridge which is lying idle. This would make an ideal picnic area as many motorists already park here to take a break. The area is next to the river and has a great view of The Paps. There is a dip on the main Killarney Road that needs to be filled.

At this stage Cllr. N. Kelleher requested that in the absence of Cllr. J. Sheahan, that his Question No's 9 and 10 (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate) in relation to Barraduff Village be moved.

9. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if TII have given a commitment for the installation of the speed reader signs at Barradubh?

Reply: The TII require that speed surveys are required to justify the provision of speed indicator in Barraduff. This speed survey will be carried out in the next three weeks and if justified, the speed indicator signs will be erected in November 2016.

10. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if TII have given a commitment for a controlled pedestrian crossing at the Church entrance in Barradubh?

Reply: The TII require that speed and pedestrian surveys are required to justify the provision of a pedestrian crossing in Barraduff. This speed survey will be carried out in the next three weeks and if justified an application will be forwarded to the TII for these works.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Notice of Motion No. 37 (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate) at this stage.

37. Cllr. N Kelleher: The road sweeper that is to be going to our small towns and villages is not going as per the Operation Programme set out and approved by the Killarney Municipal District. I strongly object to this and urge the Executive to honour their commitments. Another road sweeper is required to ensure the service is provided and should be delivered.

Reply: There had been some issues with the programming of street cleaning operations in a number of towns and villages in the Killarney Municipal District to date. However, the Killarney Municipal District are now in a position to adhere to the Municipal District Works plan in regard to street cleaning.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that he received a commitment from the Council that road sweeping would be carried out every 2 months without exception.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Question No's 30 & 31 (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate) at this stage.

30. Cllr. N Kelleher: On the Killarney side of Barraduff there are more lags developing which are becoming a serious hazard to road users. Can these lags be addressed as was done in Calfmount 18 months ago?

Reply: This section of the N72 requires a pavement overlay; Kerry County Council will seek funding for same from TII.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted the reply.

31. Cllr. N Kelleher: Speed is a big issue in Barraduff with a heavy volume of traffic. Can a speed survey be carried out as it is the local community's belief that there are high volumes of motorists breaching the speed limits? Traffic calming may be required in the village. There is no footpath from the new development of the Killarney side of Barraduff into the village. Can the Local Authority ask the TII for the provision of same. This is a big development and there are more houses being built there at present.

Reply: The TII require that speed surveys are required to justify the provision of Traffic Calming in Barraduff. This speed survey will be carried out in the next three weeks. The TII have indicated that if the speed surveys indicate a high level of non-compliance with the speed limit, they would consider an application for Traffic Calming Measures in the village.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted the reply.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed the results of this speed survey would be available in two months.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked the Local Authority write to the OPW regarding the old school and enquire what is the position in relation to same. This school would be a great facility for the community to utilise.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that it was incumbent on this Authority to assist the Barraduff Tidy Village Group and he thanked Mr. Neary for the provision of a lawnmower which was due to be delivered soon. Cllr. Kelleher concluded by thanking the deputation for all the work they have carried out in Barraduff Village and offered them every assistance for the future.

Cllr. M. Gleeson thanked both speakers and congratulated them on their achievements in the Village which has been transformed by their efforts. This Village is at the entrance to the County and is now to a presentable and inviting standard. Cllr. Gleeson referred to a previous Notice of Motion that he had moved in relation to the lags in the Village and was given a guarantee that this work would be done but has not been completed to date. Cllr. Gleeson referred to the Killarney Municipal District Meeting held in July 2015 at which time he read out a list of recommendations drawn up by the Head of Traffic in An Garda Síochána in relation to the junction at Barraduff Village and which in his view, should be implemented over a period of time. In conclusion, Cllr. Gleeson confirmed his commitment to provide funding towards the provision of a footpath from his Councillor Specific MD Allocation.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the deputation had demonstrated their commitment and pride in their Village by taking the time to attend the meeting. By painting the old hair salon, it now stands out for the right reasons. Cllr. Culloty agreed that the picnic area would be a great addition to the Village as it was in a lovely location. A footpath is also required and Cllr. Culloty stated that he would contribute towards such works from his Councillor Specific MD Allocation. Cllr. Culloty hoped that the deputation would continue with the work they are doing.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed both speakers to the meeting and stated that the work carried out by Barraduff Tidy Village Group has made a great difference to Barraduff. Cllr. Grady committed to providing €1,000 from his Councillor Specific MD Allocation towards a footpath if same were to be provided.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae thanked the speakers for attending the meeting and agreed that a pedestrian crossing was required. When funerals take place there is traffic mayhem in the village and is therefore a health and safety issue. Cllr. Healy-Rae noted that the street sweeper would visit Barraduff on a bi-monthly basis and was glad that a commitment was given as she had previously raised this issue by way of a Notice of Motion. Cllr. Healy-Rae requested that a letter issue to the National Transport Agency requesting that a bus shelter be provided in the village and also committed to allocating money from her Councillor Specific MD Allocation towards the provision of a footpath.

Cllr. B. O'Connell acknowledged the work of Barraduff Tidy Village Group and assured them that they had the full support of the Members.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the deputation and informed the speakers that Cllr. J. Sheahan had sent his apologies as he was not able to attend the meeting but he wished the deputation to note that he fully supports their work and has had previous Notices of Motion in relation to providing a pedestrian crossing in the village.

Cllr. Cronin stated he was delighted that the group attended the meeting as this was a good news story. The Barraduff Tidy Village Group have pride in their community and the village has been transformed as a result. Cllr. Cronin stated he would make a contribution from his Councillor Specific MD Allocation towards the provision of a footpath. A pedestrian crossing is also very important but will be subject to the results of the traffic assessment. Cllr. Cronin also requested that a letter issue to the National Transport Agency seeking a bus shelter for the village. He stated that he had been looking for a shelter in Farranfore for years but received a negative response from them. The Members should come together and put a bus shelter in place once a suitable site has been located. Cllr. Cronin referred to the street sweeper and stated that one of the key elements in passing the Budget was that the sweeper

would make regular visits to many of the smaller towns and villages in the Municipal District area. In relation to the Community Support Fund, Cllr. Cronin stated that this fund was very important since it was developed 3 years ago and he firmly believed that it is the first time that such a fund is available that benefits voluntary rural communities and that the Council are able to assist with a financial contribution. The majority of the Members of Kerry County Council chose not to alter the Local Property Tax and as a result, this money provides €750,000 for the County.

Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to the road sweeper and said it was important that communities get the benefit of it. Cllr. Kelleher asked if the Tidy Village Group could be notified of the dates when the sweeper will visit Barraduff, which will allow them time to sweep the debris from the roadside into the middle of the street to be collected by the sweeper.

Ms. A. McAllen thanked the deputation for attending the meeting. This was a good news story. A group of 30 people have taken pride in their village and it is a job well done. The Community Support Fund has a direct impact and it is good to hear the positive feedback as a result of this fund.

Mr. P. Neary thanked the deputation and said it was great to have a group such as this one. Mr. Neary stated it is important that the Council supports such groups together with the Elected Members. In relation to the grass margin, Mr. Neary said that he would look at getting it levelled. The provision of a speed indicator sign is a matter for the TII as this is a National route. If approval is received from the TII, it will be installed. Mr. Neary referred to the ghost estates and informed the deputation that a developer has indicated he may be seeking to commence work again on one of the estates. Mr. Neary confirmed that the road sweeper would call to Barraduff 6 times a year. In relation to the undergrounding of cables, Mr. Neary stated that this would be a larger issue as it would entail a big project with huge costs. Mr. Neary referred to the provision of a bus shelter and said that a suitable location would be required.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) said that it could be provided in front of Fitz's Bar.

Mr. Neary confirmed that he would visit the location together with Mr. B. Mulhern. Mr. Neary referred to the proposed picnic area and confirmed that Irish Water own the site. He has been speaking with them and hopes to have some positive news on this.

In relation to the housing estates in Barraduff, Mr. D. Murphy confirmed that there are two large unfinished estates in Barraduff (only portions of the overall sites are developed). The estate on the western side has a bond in place for the portion currently developed and the Housing Estates Unit wrote out to the developer with a snag list during the week. The developer is considering

reactivating this site for further development. A claim is currently with the special liquidator of IBRC in relation to the bond for the estate on the eastern side of Barraduff, compromising of residential and mixed use development. It will be some time before Kerry County Council will know the outcome of the claim.

Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to the footpath from the new estate on Killarney Road. If planning is going to be approved, then a footpath should be provided.

- (c) **To consider the installation of traffic calming measures on the R563 Regional Road at Listry Bridge, Co Kerry in the townlands of Lissavane East, Lissavane West and Listry, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.**

The proposed works will comprise of the installation of kerbed rubbing strips along the bridge on both sides of the road, enhanced advance warning signage & road markings as well as improved sight distance to the bridge and all other associated ancillary works.

Mr. D. Doyle, A/Director of Operations & Safety's report dated 6th September 2016 on the Traffic Calming Measures at Listry Bridge was circulated to the Members.

"Dáta/Date: Tuesday, 6 September 2016

Chuig: **Cathaoirleach Brendan Cronin and each member of the Killarney Municipal District
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Chill Árne**

Ábhar/Subject: **Section 38 –Traffic Calming Measures
R563 Listry Bridge, Co. Kerry**

The Council proposes to install traffic calming measures on the R563 Regional Road at Listry Bridge, Co Kerry in the townlands of Lissavane East, Lissavane West and Listry.

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A Public Notice was published in the Kerryman on Wednesday, 6th July 2016. Drawings of the proposed works were put on display. The closing date for receipt of submissions and observations was Monday, 8 August 2016. Five responses was received which were from An Garda Síochána. Tony Darmody, Listry, Brendan O'Shea, Listry, Cormac Sweeney, 9

Killcolman, Miltown and Cllr Brendan Cronin, Rathcommane, Faries. The issues raised in their submissions are detailed hereunder.

I am recommending the adoption of this scheme, in accordance with Section 38(4) of the Road Traffic Act, 1994.

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David Doyle
A/Director of Services
Operations & Safety"

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Persons or bodies who responded within the prescribed period:-

Persons or bodies who responded within the prescribed period:-	Submissions or Observations Raised
1. Sergeant Michael Fleming, on behalf of Superintendent Murphy, Killarney Garda Station	No recommendations or objection to the proposed works
2. Mr Tony Darmody, Listry Community Council Ltd., Old Schoolhouse, Faha, Killarney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Previous Principal Inspection (structural) Report carried out by Roughan and OqDonovan in 2012 on behalf of KCC should be updated in light of recent severe weather events.• Construction of the rubbing strip along by the parapet wall

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> will create a hazard to Cyclists and Pedestrians The R563 should be designated a National Route
3. Mr Brendan O'Shea, Listry, Faha, Killarney, Co Kerry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refers to the Principal Bridge Inspection (structural) Report carried out by Roughan and O'Donovan in 2012 on behalf of KCC and outlines that the structural work carried out on the bridge to date is not sufficient. Construction of the rubbing strip along by the parapet wall will create a hazard to Cyclists. Finance should be sought for new Structure rather than the proposed works.
4. Mr Colin Sweeney, 9 Killcolman, Milltown, Killarney, Co. Kerry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction of the rubbing strip along by the parapet wall and the creation of a 3.5m carriageway will create a hazard to Cyclists and pedestrians. Solid white line should be removed across the bridge. Different coloured surfacing and rumble strips should be used either side of the bridge.
5. Cllr Brendan Cronin, Ballyhar, Killarney, Co. Kerry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are Kerry County Council seeking funding for a new bridge or widening of the existing and what are the costings for same. Can the proposed warning signage proposed under this scheme commence at 300m before the bridge instead of 250m? Can the kerbed rubbing strip be omitted along the bridge?

SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED

Can funding be sought for a new bridge or the widening of the existing bridge. What would be the cost of these works?

The cost of widening this bridge would be of the order of €750,000 and the cost of a new structure would be of the order of €2 million. The only funding mechanism previously available for such works was through the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Specific Improvement Grant. However, funding under the Specific Improvement Grant Scheme in recent years has been limited and the only monies made available in 2016, was €239k for Bridge Rehabilitation Works only & this funding is required to carry out repairs to 4 bridges in the county, including a sum of €28,830 for Listry Bridge, which are now substantially complete.

The safety measures will involve the construction of kerbed build outs along the parapets of the bridge together with additional signing and lining. The purpose of the safety measures is to reinforce the one way system that currently operates on the bridge and will be comparable to the layout on the Caragh Bridge on the N70 near Glenbeigh.

The Principal Bridge Inspection Report (Structural) carried out by Roughan and O'Donovan in 2012 on behalf of KCC needs to be updated in light of recent severe weather events. The structural work carried out on the bridge to date is not sufficient.

Roughan O'Donovan carried out a number of regional road bridge surveys and prepared Principal Inspection Reports on behalf of Kerry County Council in 2012. These reports have been used to apply for bridge rehabilitation funding for a number of bridges in Kerry since 2012.

In 2016 €28,830 was allocated for works to Listry Bridge. Bridge rehabilitation works were carried out on Listry Bridge in the current year, these works included vegetation clearing, re-pointing of structural masonry, the installation of structural tie rods with structural holding plates and the spraying of gunite mortar to one of the arches of the bridge. These works were carried out taking cognisance of Principal Inspection report and the current condition of the bridge.

The bridge will be further inspected in the coming weeks to ascertain the success of the structural works carried out to date.

Construction of the rubbing strip along by the parapet wall and the creation of a 3.5m carriageway will create a hazard to cyclists and pedestrians. Can this rubbing strip be omitted?

This scheme has been designed to further implement the one way system that has operated at this Bridge for a number of years. The current layout at the bridge has resulted in the parapet walls being damaged due to collisions. By reducing the carriageway width to 3.5m will not allow two way traffic flow on the bridge and hence improve safety at this location. Traffic will not be able to overtake cyclists on the bridge and will have to yield to cyclists coming in the opposite direction. A similar layout is in operation on the N70 Caragh bridge, near Glenbeigh.

Furthermore the construction of the kerbed rubbing strips improves the surface water drainage of the bridge and prevents surface water infiltrating through the bridge at the parapet walls and washing out mortar at the arches.

Solid white line should be removed across the bridge. Different coloured surfacing and rumble strips should be used either side of the bridge.

The solid white line will be removed as part of the scheme as there will be only one lane 3.5m wide through the bridge.

Can additional warning signs be erected as part of the scheme?

Additional warning signs can be erected as part of the scheme.

Can the R563 should be designated a National Route?

The designation of National Routes is a matter for the Transport Infrastructure Ireland and would be subject to a Ministerial order."

Mr. P. Neary discussed the report with the Members and advised that it was Management's recommendation that the traffic calming measures proceed at Listry Bridge.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that he had made a submission on the proposed works as he had some concerns. He stated it was imperative that the proposed warning signage commence at 300m before the bridge instead of 250m. In relation to the rubbing strip, Cllr. Cronin stated that concerns had been raised by people regarding the safety of pedestrians on the bridge.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the rubbing strip will be on the left hand side of the bridge, heading in the Milltown direction and the bridge will be 1m at its widest and 0.8m at its narrowest. There will be a place for pedestrians to mount to avoid the vehicles.

B. Cronin inquired about the removal 227mtrs of ditch on Milltown side and whether the project could go ahead without the landowners agreement.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the Council will not be entering into discussions until the project is ready to proceed. If approval is received from the Members to proceed with these works, discussions with the landowner will commence.

Cllr. Cronin stated that any funds that are available should be spent on further safety works on both sides of the bridge.

Mr. Neary replied that the budget will be spent on the project and he will look at putting in additional measures if any funds remain.

Cllr. Cronin stated that it was imperative that every cent of this funding is used for the purpose of safety warnings. Advance warnings must be given that this is a dangerous location thus ensuring there are no issues afterwards.

Cllr. Cronin also thanked both *(names withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* who spoke on behalf of a deputation from Listry that came to the Municipal District Meeting in January 2015. A request for a sensor operated light system was made at that meeting and hopefully, in time, this will be provided on the bridge.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae agreed that the safety measures should be installed and requested that the bridge be cleared. Cllr. Healy-Rae asked if a traffic survey could be carried out at the location.

Mr. P. Neary stated that a structural survey had taken place last week. A few minor works were noted which will be attended to. The bridge is in a good structural state.

Cllr. B. Cronin PROPOSED that Traffic Calming Measures on the R563 Regional Road at Listry Bridge, Co. Kerry be installed.

The Proposal was SECONDED by Cllr. J.J. Culloty and was unanimously agreed by the Members.

- (d)** In accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and having regard to Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in relation to the taking in charge of estates, to consider any objections or representations received and the making of an Order declaring the following road to be a public road pursuant to Section 11 (2) (i) of the Roads Act 1993:

Kilbannivane, Castleisland, Co. Kerry - Road from its junction with the L-2030 to all terminal points within the estate Kilbannivane, Castleisland, Co. Kerry Map 20 (serving 8 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: 212m

It was noted that the following report dated 14th September 2016 from Gerard O'Brien, A/S.E.O., Environmental Services, Planning Enforcement, and Housing Estates Unit had been circulated to the Members:

"Dáta/Date 14th September 2016

Chuig/To: Cathaoirleach Brendan Cronin
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Chill Árne

Ábhar/Subject: Declaration of Roads to be Public Road~~s~~ in Accordance with
Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993

A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

In accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 I enclose a report on the Taking in charge, by Kerry county Council of one housing estate in the Killarney Municipal District.

Public notice of our intention to declare the roadway as public roadway was advertised in the local press and submissions were invited.

No Submissions or observations were received.

I now recommend that this estate is Taken in Charge by Kerry County Council, in accordance with the legislation and the Taking in charge policy, adopted by the Council in June 2008 and the recent Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol with Irish Water.

The consideration of this Report and the making of the Order to declare this roadway as a public roadway is now a reserved function of the members of the Killarney Municipal District in accordance with the Local Government act 2001 (as amended).

Is mise le meas,

Gerard O'Brien, A/S.E.O.
Environmental Services, Planning Enforcement,
and Housing Estates Unit

**KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAI**



**Report to the Municipal District of Killarney in accordance with
Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993**

Declaration of Road to be Public Road at the following location:

- (i) **Kilbannivane**, Castleisland, Co. Kerry

Date: 14th September 2016

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY/CEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE
Report Prepared Pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993

Locations of Roads to be taken In Charge:

Kilbannivane, Castleisland, Co. Kerry - Road from its junction with the L-2030 to all terminal points within the estate Kilbannivane, Castleisland, Co. Kerry **Map 20** (serving 8 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 212m

Background:

Pursuant to Taking in Charge Policy, adopted by the Council in June 2008, it is proposed to take this roadway in charge.

Statutory Procedures:

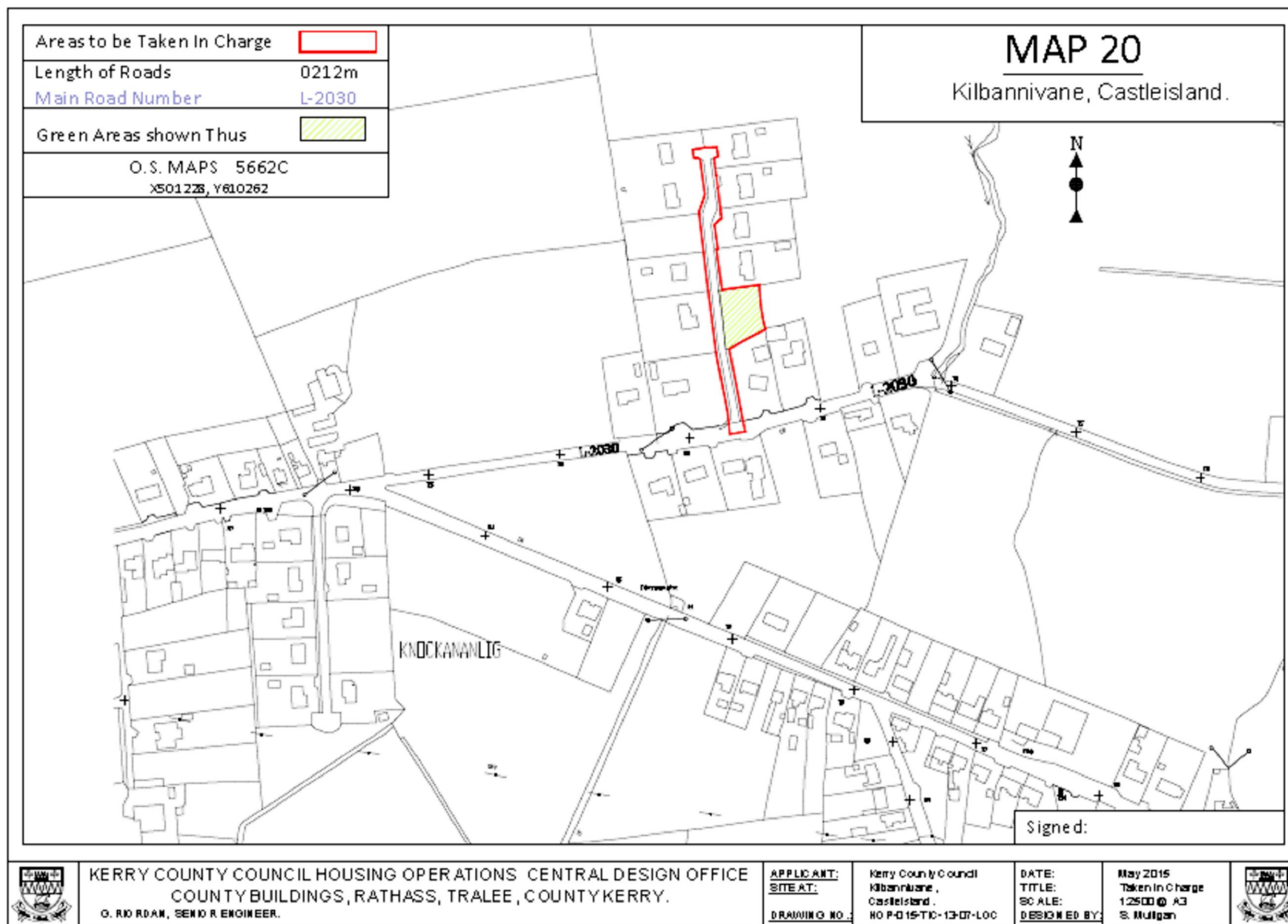
In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in Kilbannivane, Castleisland, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 20th April 2016.

Persons or Bodies who made objections or observations within the prescribed period:

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell
A/ Director of Economic & Community Development"



On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. O'Connell, SECONDED by Cllr. M. Gleeson it was unanimously agreed that Kilbannivane, Castleisland, Co. Kerry from its junction with the L-2030 to all terminal points within the estate Kilbannivane, Castleisland, Co. Kerry be taken in charge by Kerry County Council.

(e) To agree a nominee to the Killarney Sports & Leisure Campus Ltd

On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Gleeson, Seconded by Cllr. J.J. Culloty, it was agreed that Cllr. D. Grady be nominated to the Board of Killarney Sports & Leisure Campus Ltd.

(f) To agree that Michael Fassbender be inducted into the Order of Innisfallen

On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Gleeson, Seconded by Cllr. N. Kelleher, it was agreed that Mr. Michael Fassbender be inducted into the Order of Innisfallen.

**16.09.14.03 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development
Directorate**

Cllr. N. Kelleher requested that a Directorate Report be provided for the next Municipal District Meeting setting out the priorities for Killarney and that quarterly Reports be provided to the Members going forward.

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would detail the present situation in the matter of the eagerly awaited walkway cum cycleway from Ross Road to Muckcross Road, partly along the northern bank of the Flesk River.

Reply: Kerry County Council has completed the purchase of lands adjacent to the River Flesk. A portion of the proposed route for the walkway and cycleway is located on these lands. The Municipal District members will be updated in due course on further progress in this regard to this cycle route.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply and enquired if the Council has all the necessary land to proceed with development in the immediate future?

Ms. A. McAllen replied that not all of the land has been acquired but the Council are at present exploring opportunities.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Is the oft-requested permanent sound system for Killarney town centre being progressed?

Reply: This is viewed as a project of merit for Killarney Town Centre that deserves support. LEADER is being explored as a possible source of capital funding but applications for funding will not be accepted until later this year. The operation and management of the sound system will be explored with Killarney Chamber.

Cllr. M. Gleeson enquired if the Council were actively pursuing this project and seeking funding for same.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that this is a project of merit and deserving of support. The option of securing funding through LEADER is being explored at present.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can an update be provided on the progress of the taking in charge application for Rose Hill Avenue and Greenfields Estates, Firies and Hill View, Woodlawn Road?

Reply: The following is the position regarding the 3 Housing Estates referred to:

(1) A valid taking in charge application was received from the Rose Hill Estate in July 2016. This is currently being processed in accordance with our Taking in Charge Policy and our Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water.

(2) The contractor appointed by the Bondsman has substantially completed the agreed schedule of works on this estate. We are arranging to have an inspection carried out to confirm that the works requested have been carried out to our satisfaction. We will then commence the statutory taking in charge process.

(3) We have a valid taking in charge application on hands for this estate. We are processing this in accordance with our taking in charge policy and our memorandum of understanding with Irish Water.

Cllr. B. Cronin noted the reply and enquired what was the current position with regard to Hill View, Woodlawn Road.

Mr. N. Horgan said that this was currently being processed by Water Services and awaiting final sign off. It is hoped this will be forwarded to Irish Water with the next batch of estates.

4. (a) To note update report from the 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:

Housing/Social Services Report

Business Unit Manager – Mrs. Christina Farrell, Senior Executive Officer

Tenant Purchase Scheme Update

As at the 28th August 2016, we have received 195 applications.

Breakdown as follows:

- Assessed forms and Pre qualified - 74
Decision due by end of September 2016 after which all tenants will be notified of same, Without Prejudice, that provided the qualifying criteria for tenants eligibility to purchase the property is met e.g. provide a certificate from Irish Water to advise that all water charges have been paid in full, the application will then be progressed to Valuation.
- Assessed and not qualified - 68
All assessed non qualified applicants have already been corresponded with and advised of decision.
- Assessed and further information requested – 35
All tenants have been corresponded with and further information requested.
- Still to be assessed – 18

Housing Needs Assessment Progress Report

As part of the 2016 HNA we have written to all qualified social housing applicants who had not been assessed by a Housing Investigations Officer within the past two years seeking an update on their housing situation.

We also placed an advertisement in the local papers asking anybody who did not receive a letter to contact the office.

To date over 3600 letters have been issued along with reminders and new letters where it was found that the applicant had moved address. We have also carried out an Infosys check on over 700 applicants who did not respond which has resulted in almost 200 applications being closed and a further 160 approximately to be further investigated. It is hoped to have all applications up to the 31/12/2013 updated by the date of the HNA (21st Sept 2016).

The remaining applicants i.e. those who applied in 2014, 2015 & 2016 will be dealt with as part of the next HNA which is expected in 2017.

HAP Implementation

Circular received in July 2016 advising that the Housing Assistance Payment scheme is to be introduced in Kerry in 4th quarter 2016. The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is a new social housing support. HAP will replace Rent Supplement for those with a long term housing need. No definite date has yet been announced for the commencement of this scheme.

A meeting was held with the local DSP officials in July to begin discussions on the implementation of the scheme and further meetings will take place over the coming weeks.

It is envisaged that all new rent supplement applicants will be targeted first followed by those who apply for rent supplement renewal and change of addresses etc.

Social Housing Activity Report as at 5th September 2016
Killarney Municipal Area (K.M.A.)

Social Housing Applicants (Year to Date Position)

Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area	30
New Tenancies Commenced	25
Accommodation refusals	4

Social Houses

Vacant properties within Municipal Area

Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)	7
Awaiting Allocation	1
Aquired Properties	3

Construction Programme

Single Rural Dwellings - under construction	0
Single Rural Dwellings -Tender Stage	0
Extensions - applications on hands	4
Extensions - proceeding to construction	1

Rental Accommodation Scheme

County

K.M.A.

Total Active Tenancies	914	209
New tenancies in 2016	60	16
Tenancies terminated in 2016	31	12

Leasing

K.M.A.

Leased Properties	14
Leases under negotiation	4

Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>€</u>
Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)	No.	"
Grant Allocation 2016		" 2,096,050
New Grants Allocated 2016	299	" 1,411,445
Total Commitment	285	" 1,430,500

Tenant Purchase Update Scheme Killarney MD:

	<u>No.</u>
Tenant Purchase Scheme Update:	
Total Number of applications submitted	195
Assessed Forms and Pre-qualified:	74
Assessed and not qualified:	68
Assessed and further information requested:	35
Awaiting Assessment:	18

Capital Killarney MD:

Proposed Development: The Park, Killarney

Closing date for Tenders for the development in The Park, Killarney is the 09th September. Following this date there will be an Assessment of all Tenders and a Tender Report will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government for their approval. On receipt of this approval Kerry County Council will be in a position to appoint a contractor, aiming to commence the construction works in December 2016. The construction period for the project will be one year.

LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

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

Library service:

“ The new Sierra Library Management System went live at each Kerry Library on 12 July. The implementation went satisfactorily across each location.

During July, **71,891** items have been borrowed using the Sierra system from libraries across the county. This is a 17.4% increase on the no. of items borrowed during July 2015 [61,232]

This increase is due to a no. of factors including the option to now borrow up to 12 items at any given time, the range of book stock, public access to the catalogues of all Sierra participating libraries and a facility to request items from their collections, a national transportation system to facilitate fast fulfilment of requests and the annual Children's Summer reading promotion.

“ Killarney Library will have an additional opening evening on **Culture Night, 16 September**. As well as normal library services, there will be a Writing Workshop / Open Mic Evening with Máire Holmes, Kerry Co. Council Writer in Residence from 6.00 - 8.00p.m.

“ In association with the Kerry Archaeological & Historical Society and as part of the Library Decade of Commemorations programme the following lecture will take place at Killarney Library on Tuesday, 13th September at 7.30p.m.: **Frongoch Camp, Wales and Kerry POWs by An t-Ath. Tomás Ó Luanaigh**

ENVIRONMENT SERVICE REPORT

Business Unit Manager – Ger O'Brien, Senior Executive Officer

Bottle bank re-branding

As previously notified Kerry County Council in conjunction with the SRWMO will make changes to the signage and appearance of bottle banks in 30 locations throughout the county in the next few months - Funding for these sites is to be provided by Southern Regional Office. A new sleeve has been developed to wrap over each bottle bank with new signage above each bottle bank. We had hoped that works would have been completed at this stage however we expect that Bottlebanks in Coolcashlagh recycling centre and Killarney will be completed before the end of September.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Business Unit Manager – Captain Michael Hession, Chief Fire Officer

Fire Service Operations – Statistics:

	Jan to Aug 2015	Jan to Aug 2016
Total Incidents	739	666
Total Mobilisations	827	797
Number of Fires	435	369
Of which: Chimney Fires	98	79
Gorse	211	146
Number of Special Service Incidents	177	170
Of which: Road Traffic Accidents	83	89

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- This time of year is the busiest for Fire Officers' Inspections of premises as the annual licencing Courts commence on 2nd of September and run throughout September and into October.
- Fire Officers carried out inspections and provided recommendations in respect of various Fire Works Displays in August, including those for Puck Fair and the Rose of Tralee Festival.
- Fire Officers carried out pre Event inspections of the Festival Dome in respect of the Rose of Tralee Festival 2016.

- A Pre Event meeting in respect of the Listowel Races Week was held on the 29th August and this included attendance by Fire Officers. Prior to the event a live exercise will be held at the racecourse involving attendance by Listowel and Ballybunion fire brigade personnel.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of August 2016 was 281 which is:
 - 22.17% increase on the figure of 230 for the same period last year.
 - This indicates an increase 22.17% in construction activity in the county.
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of August 2016 a total of 63 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 106 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents increases of
 - 6.8 % in Disability Access Certificate applications and
 - 20.45 % in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2015.

Building Control Statistics:

	Jan to Aug 2015	Jan to Aug 2016
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	88	106
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	59	63
Commencement Notices Received	230	281

Killarney Municipal District Meeting

Community Department Report

September 2016

Municipal District Officer Update

The Municipal District Officer supports a number of local community councils/ groups on and also represents the Council on the following committees to ensure issues of public concern are addressed and that projects which support the development and enhancement of the districts towns and villages are progressed:

- Killarney Looking Good
- Killarney Access Group
- Killarney Municipal District Strategic Twinning Committee

In addition quarterly meetings are held with the Killarney Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and the Castleisland Chamber Alliance.

Outlined below is an update on specific projects that have progressed over the last number of months.

Aras Phadraig, Killarney Town

The Request for Quotations (RFQ) to carry out a Feasibility Study and Business Plan on the optimum use for the Áras Phádraig building in Killarney town was issued on the 5th of September 2016. As per Kerry County Councils Procurement Procedures the request for quotation, which includes details of the contract, was sent to six Consultants. The Municipal District Officer for Killarney, will have overall responsibility for managing this project. The tenders will be assessed the week of the 26th September 2016 and it is envisaged that the Feasibility Study and Business Plan will be completed within a six week time frame from the appointment of the successful applicant.

Killarney Cultural Centre

An application for funding under the Departments Art and Culture Grant Scheme is currently being prepared in conjunction with Kerry County Councils Arts Office. An application is being made to refurbish and enhance the cultural centre in Killarney town as a purpose built centre where locals and visitors can explore culture, music, literature, art, film and more. The closing date for receipt of applications is the 16th of September 2016.

Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership (KRSP)

The following is an update in relation to the progression of actions under the KRSP Strategy which are relative to the Killarney Municipal District.

Running

- Continue to develop the weekly *parkrun* events which have been established in Killarney National Park and Tralee Town Park
 - Killarney parkrun : 50 participants

Cycling

- Deliver *Kerry Safer Cycling Programme* to Primary School children.
 - Safer Cycling Programme delivered to 14 schools/373 Students
 - MD€ Killarney 6 primary schools / 155 pupils participated in programme. (Holy Family NS, Raheen NS, Fossa NS, Cullina NS, Scoil Mhuire agus Naomh Treasa, Fíries NS)

- Establish an inter-agency working group to organise and roll out a *National Bike Week* initiative in collaboration with external agencies and communities
 - Inter-agency group established resulting in the Pedal in the Park initiative being expanded across 3 municipal districts and extra bike week initiatives rolled out during week.
 - Total bike week participant numbers 1080
 - *Pedal in the Park Killarney:*
 - 180 participants
 - *NBW Community Grant Scheme*
 - 2 orgs, schools, workplaces from Killarney MD successfully submitted applications
 - " 400 was allocated to clubs
 - Successful Clubs - Anabla NS, Astellas

Older People

- Organise Go for Life Physical Activity Leader (PALs) training to enable volunteers deliver activity sessions and programmes within groups and clubs for older people.
 - Go for Life PALs 1 day Refresher training delivered
 - 17 participants / 11 groups represented
 - MDs: Killarney . 3 groups represented
 - Kilcummin Community Care, Castleisland Day Care Centre, Castleisland ARG,
- Establish and train a Go for Life Games Team to organise friendlies and blitzes amongst groups, clubs and communities across the county.
 - Go for life Games Blitz delivered - ITT Student Placement
 - 38 Older Adults participated / 13 groups
 - MDs: Killarney . 2 groups represented
 - Castleisland ARG, An Riocht
- Organise Go for Life CarePALs Training to enable staff working in care settings deliver health-enhancing activity sessions.
 - CarePALs Training Delivered
 - 18 Staff / 12 Facilities
 - MDs: Killarney . 3 groups represented
 - Castleisland Day Care Centre, Killarney Community Hospitals - St Columbanus and Scartaglen Community Group

People with Disability

- Redesign the delivery of the Swim For All Programme so that Leisure Centres take a lead role in association with KRSP Tutors.
 - Programme redesigned with leisure centres now taking the lead role:
 - Killarney Sports and Leisure . 28 participants

Sport Sector

- Continue delivery of education and training workshops for sports club coaches and administrators
 - Workshops delivered as per schedule below: -
 - Safeguarding 1 Training
 - MD Killarney . 2 workshops
- Administer grant schemes to incentivise sports clubs and community groups to increase participation in disadvantaged areas or by marginalised groups

- KRSP Sports Grants Administered . as per below
 - " 2,190 was allocated to clubs in Killarney
 - Successful Clubs
 - An Ríocht Athletic Club, Castleisland AFC, Gneeveguilla Basketball Club, Killarney Boxing Club, Killarney Celtic Football for All, Killarney Swimming Club

Schools

- Organise and evaluate a *Scoil Gníomhach* initiative in Secondary Schools.
 - programme roll out completed academic year 2015/2016
 - 4 Kerry ETB schools / 186 students participated in programme
 - Killarney Community College & Castleisland Community College participated in programme
- Support the delivery of the *Be Active After School Activity Programme* in Primary Schools.
 - Training Delivered
 - Killarney MD- 3 schools (Kilcummin NS, Cullina NS, Fries NS)

LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)

The formal launch of the Local Economic & Community Plan was held on Monday, July 18th, 2016 in the Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre.

Following the formal launch of the LECP it is intended to give regular updates to the Council on the progress being achieved in relation to its implementation which have the potential to have a major impact on the economy of the County.

Social Inclusion and Community Activation programme (SICAP)

The LCDC as the contracting authority is required to monitor and review the performance of the Programme Implementers and the meeting of specific actions in Annual Action Plans. For the delivery of the programme in Kerry, the county is divided into 3 Lots with 3 Programme Implementers appointed to deliver services in each of the three lots, i.e. the 3 Local Development Companies in Kerry's case.

Each Programme Implementer developed an Annual Action Plan for the delivery of services within their Lot Area for 2016. The performance of the Programme Implementers in terms of meeting the specific targets of the Action Plan are reviewed at mid-year and at end of year. The Mid-Term Review was completed at the end of July and approved by the LCDC at its July meeting.

LEADER 2014-2020

Implementation of LEADER Local Development Strategy (Rural Development Programming period 2014-2020)

The Kerry LCDC is the Local Action Group (LAG) under the LEADER Programme with the 3 Local Development Companies (LDCs) implementing the programme on the ground. Formal approval of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) was issued by the Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to Councillor Norma Moriarty, as Chair of the Kerry LAG, on 22nd June, 2016.

The LEADER Funding Agreement was signed by the LAG and by each of the Programme Implementers on 7th July and the Programme was officially launched at a national event hosted by Minister Heather Humphreys on 8th July. Moira Murrell, Chief Executive, together with Councillor Norma Moriarty, Chair of the Kerry Local Action Group, attended at the official launch on behalf of the Kerry LAG.

The LDC, KCC and the LAG each have a role in the implementation of the strategy. The Department has published a comprehensive set of Operating Rules that provide a clear governance framework for the implementation of the LEADER Programme, and the LAG Local Development Strategy, and also supplement the terms of the contract (Agreement) between each LAG and the Department.

At the request of the LAG, a workshop to explore the application process having regard to the terms of the Agreement and the Operating Rules is to be organised for October 2016.

Community Support Fund

The 2016 applications approved under the Community Support Fund are now being implemented by the successful applicants.

The financial assistance of Kerry County Council, including the display of the Council's logo on all printed matter, is required to be acknowledged and will serve to promote awareness of the Fund.

It is proposed to invite applications for the 2017 Fund in November of this year, subject to budget approval. The Municipal District Officers will facilitate pre-application advice clinics in advance of the closing date for receipt of applications in order to assist and advise applicants regarding the eligibility of projects within the terms of the Fund.

The Guidelines for the 2017 have also been revised to provide more clarity to groups.

Comhairle na nÓg

The Kerry Comhairle na nÓg work plan for 2016 has been approved by the Department of Youth and Childrens Affairs. The two topics we will now be working on for the year are .

1. Develop a You Tube channel with a web series to look at issues affecting young people.
2. Sexual health education

A change for 2016 involves trialling the expansion of the work programme into all four 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 organised a Reeling in the Years Fashion Show 1916 - 2016+ which was held at the Ashe Hotel on 24th April 2016 at 7pm. Fashion and music from every decade was showcased and a great evening was had by all.

Eight members of the Kerry Comhairle na nÓg were sponsored by Sean Kelly MEP to attend the European Youth Event (EYE) 2016 held at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France on 20-21 May 2016. It was a unique opportunity for thousands of young Europeans to make their voices heard.

During the event, they exchanged ideas and perspectives on youth-related issues, developed innovative solutions to crucial questions for the future and met with

European decision-makers and speakers with a wide range of professional experience.

KERRY Public Participation Network

The PPN is the main link through which the Council connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors. The Secretariat of the Kerry Public Participation Network organised two workshops in June, 2016 for community groups /organisations wishing to access funding, i.e. workshops held in Caherciveen on the 14th and in Tralee on the 16th. A similar workshop will be held in Listowel in September.

Referring to the Directorate Report, Cllr. N. Kelleher enquired about the requirement under the new Tenant Purchase Scheme that the tenant purchaser must produce confirmation from Irish Water that all bills relating to the property have been paid to date. Cllr. Kelleher asked when did this become a requirement.

Ms. K. Curtin stated this requirement has always been included in the legislation. If the tenant does not produce the certificate, they will not qualify for the scheme.

Cllr. Kelleher referred to the Housing Needs Assessment and enquired if the majority of applicants were engaging with the Council.

Ms. Curtin confirmed that only 30% of qualified social housing applicants have replied despite numerous letters having been sent to all applicants.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Kerry County Council would immediately put an effective plan in place to address dog fouling in Killarney area and we would also write to the NPWS requesting that they do likewise. This has never been taken seriously by any of these two bodies.

Reply: Kerry County Council have laid out a series of preferred walking routes for dog owners. There are currently 7 of these in Kerry Towns with dispensers for plastic bags and bins for disposal. Similar facilities are to be found at the 13 blue flag beaches. We can discuss the issue with the National Parks and Wildlife Service but ultimately they are responsible for what facilities are placed in the National Parks. It is the responsibility of every dog owner to clean up after their pets.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he has never seen dog fouling as bad as it is at present. This issue needs to be taken seriously. There are not enough bins to put the waste into. The Ross Castle area is littered with dog foul. This must not continue.

Cllr. M. Gleeson commented that this was a National issue. The impact this has on the visually impaired and wheelchair users needs to be highlighted - it is horrific to witness the resulting outcome.

Mr. M. Ó Coileáin stated that the Council runs a campaign in relation to dog fouling each year. **Mr. Ó Coileáin** confirmed that bag dispensers will be installed in Killarney Town and he will discuss with **Cllr. Grady** the most appropriate locations. Ultimately, cleaning up dog foul is the responsibility of the dog owners. The Litter Wardens will continue to monitor the situation.

Cllr. Grady stated that it is vital that a full-time Litter Warden be assigned to Killarney Town.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District would write to the new Director of Housing requesting a full-time Housing Officer for the Killarney Municipal District Area to be based in Killarney.

Reply: The Housing Department continuously reviews its staffing complement based on the needs arising relative to the nature of this demand led service. Our Investigation Officers are assigned defined geographic areas. At present there is an Investigation Officer allocated to deal with housing applicants to include the Killarney area. Applicants are met on an appointment basis in Killarney. All staffing requirements are reviewed as part of the annual budgetary process.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that a Housing Officer is based in the Killarney Office one day per week but a full-time Housing Officer is required who is based in Killarney. Having to travel to the Tralee Office from Killarney to meet a Housing Officer is not acceptable.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and said a Killarney based Housing Officer was very much needed.

3. Cllr. B. O'Connell: That Kerry County Council take action in relation to the illegal dumping in the Cordal area.

Reply: The Environment Department received 6 complaints in 2016 regarding dumped waste in the Cordal area around forest entrances at Knocknaboul. 20 bags of rubbish in all were found. The last dumping incident was on 22nd June where evidence was found in 2 bags of dumped rubbish. A fine was issued and has been paid. No further incidences have occurred since. Anti-litter signage is erected in the area and the area is being monitored by our Litter Wardens.

Cllr. B. O'Connell appreciated the reply and said it was an unpleasant job. This is in a very remote area and the last thing we want is to have a dumping epidemic. **Cllr. O'Connell** enquired if the person who dumped the rubbish was named.

Mr. M. Ó Coileáin said they were not permitted to release these details.

Cllr. O'Connell stated there was no deterrent in only paying a fine. There was a high possibility that the same culprit dumped a lot of the bags that were there.

Mr. Ó Coileáin stated that the Data Protection Agency have advised that there is an issue with regard to publishing names.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked did the Council follow up with the person who was fined to ensure they are disposing of their waste properly.

Mr. Ó Coileáin confirmed that the Council do follow this up.

4. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask Kerry County Council to re-examine all potential sites in Firies Village to identify a suitable location to provide a playground.

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District Office has looked at five potential sites in the village of Firies which might be suitable for a playground. Three of these sites have been eliminated due to a variety of issues. The site has to meet the criteria for playgrounds as outlined in the Council Playground Policy, "Spraoi". Assessment of the two remaining sites is currently in progress.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the provision of this playground has been ongoing for 14 years. It is now at a stage where a generation of children did not have access to a proper playground. The agreement to provide a site has regrettably fallen through and we are now left with two possible sites. The Members are going to have to take a stand on this. One of these sites is centrally located and 90% of the families that would utilise it would do so on foot. There would not be a great need for parking but this decision would require a tough call. The community need outweighs everything else. This site is protected as a green area but we should utilise a small portion of this for a playground.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved Question 2 at this stage.

2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: What progress has been made with the provision of a public playground for Firies?

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District Office has looked at five potential sites in the village of Firies which might be suitable for a playground. Three of these sites have been eliminated due to a variety of issues. The site has to meet the criteria for playgrounds as outlined in the Council Playground Policy, "Spraoi". Assessment of the two remaining sites is currently in progress.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that there is a great need for a playground in Firies. How long more will the residents have to wait?

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

Mr. M. Ó Coileáin replied that the Council are working on progressing this.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Department made available the money necessary to reconfigure the ~~the~~ Halting site in Gortroe?

Reply: Funding was secured for a 2 bedroom extension to Bay 5 at Gortroe Halting Site. The extension was sited and associated works completed in September 2016. The site has been reduced from a 5 bay to a 4 bay. Enhancement works are on-going in consultation with the residents to develop a green/planted area within the site.

Cllr. M. Gleeson wished to thank Mr. P.J. Galvin and everyone involved in relation to the improvements that have taken place at this site.

2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Question 2 was moved in conjunction with NoM No 4.

3. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: When will Kerry County Council build more houses in Rathmore?

Reply: Kerry County Council received stage one approval in principle to develop a design of 20 No. houses from Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, in Barraduff- Rathmore area. The project is currently in design process. Due to a busy construction program the construction stage is not likely to be commenced before 2018.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae said she was disappointed with the reply and asked that this be progressed as soon as possible. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that her father, Deputy D. Healy-Rae had fought hard to prevent this land being sold off and she would like to see more progress on the matter.

4. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To again ask this Council, when is construction on the 20 houses in The Park to begin, and when is it expected that they will be ready for occupation?

Reply: Closing date for Tenders for the development in The Park, Killarney is the 9th September. Following this date there will be an Assessment of all Tenders and a Tender Report will be submitted to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government for their approval. On receipt of this approval, Kerry County Council will be in a position to appoint a contractor, aiming to commence the construction works in December 2016. The construction period for the project will be one year.

Mr. T. Sheehy stated that this project is currently at Stage 1 and the Council have received agreement in principle from the Department. The next stage involves completing the preliminary layout which will then be forwarded to the Department and then, if approved, it will move on to the next stage.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked if the Council were confident the works would start in December.

Mr. Sheehy replied that he was confident the works would start at in December. The tenders were now in and have come in within the budget figures. A report is currently being prepared on the tenders which will be forwarded to the Department and Mr. Sheehy stated that he could not envisage any delays from the Department.

5. Cllr. N Kelleher: The rental market in Killarney is at an all time low when it comes to supply and the current rent thresholds and caps are too low. The 20 houses off Park Road are still not developed. Will Kerry County Council get a Taskforce together to deal with this as RAS tenants are being served notice to quit and the private market is getting more expensive, demand is far outweighing supply? Housing applicants are being forced to move in with relatives in over crowding situations which is unacceptable.

Reply: A total of 18 RAS contracts were terminated in Killarney Municipal District since 1st January 2016, 12 of which were in Killarney Town. Six of the properties were being sold or taken back by the landlord. However, all tenants looking to stay in their areas have been accommodated. We are constantly reviewing the situation and especially having regard to the implementation of the new HAP Scheme in December 2016.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that there are people on RAS for a long time and asked what is the outcome for people who have been on the housing waiting list for 9 years.

Ms. K. Curtin replied that there were 800 RAS properties in the County. A lot of houses are coming back to the Council and the situation is being monitored. There is no taskforce set up for this purpose.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that he would like to see a taskforce comprising of Council staff and Members.

Ms. Curtin stated that when tenants come out of RAS houses, the Council are obliged to house them.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that there are single people on the housing waiting list for 8 - 9 years who cannot even get a RAS house.

Ms. Curtin agreed to discuss the matter with the Director of Housing and SEO Housing.

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

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

**Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme
Status Summary at 6th September 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 is 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 is 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 current **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 . virtually complete.
Central Regional Water Supply Scheme	Description	Value	Status
	Scart Reservoir	" 2.92M	Complete
	Water Treatment Plant - DBO	" 30M	Contractor has commenced. Completion date is April 18.

<u>CIP WASTEWATER PROJECT</u>	
Project	Status
Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme	The Scheme is included in the Irish Water CIP 2014-2016 and the water utility expects to apply for Planning Permission prior to the year's end.

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	Countywide 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	2.2 Km of new 150MM watermain	" 250,000	Complete
Brosna Knock RWSS Dooneen Rsvr Castleisland	Fencing works	" 8,000	Complete
CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works from Muckross Church through the Black Road and Loreto Road to Sheheree	2.7Km of new 160 / 200MM watermain	" 450,000	Complete
CRWSS Mains Replacement - Bushmount Raffeens Clounlara	Replace 2.2Km of the 50MM diameter PVC watermain with a 100MM PVC pipe.	" 226,000	Complete
CRWSS Dromultan Scartaglin Pumpstation	Lay 300M of 100MM pipe to eliminate old pump station	" 35,000	Complete
CRWSS Shronedarragh Barraduff	Lay 470M of 100MM watermain	" 51,000	Complete
CRWSS Dromhall Pk Killarney	Replace 375M of 100MM Cast Iron with uPVC pipe	" 64,000	Complete
Mid Kerry Mains Replacement - Barleymount Coolroe	Replace 400M of the 200MM diameter PVC Trunk Main	" 44,000	Complete
CRWSS Ballyspillane Killarney	Replace 200M of 200MM AC with 250MM uPVC pipe	84,000	Partially Complete
Mid Kerry Mains Replacement - Coolbane Aglish	Replace 1.5Km of the 200MM diameter PVC Trunk Main	" 300,000	Underway
CRWSS Mill Road Killarney	Lay 500M of 80MM watermain	" 44,000	Approved

MKRWSS Faha West	Lay 500M of 80MM watermain	" 95,000	Approved
Brosna Knocknagoshel WSS . Meenleirim Pumphouse	Provide sump to improve operation of pumps	" 10,000	Approved
CRWSS Kenmare Place Killarney	Replace 100M of 150MM CI with 200mm PVC pipe.	" 100,000	Approved
Rathmore WSS Cloonts	Replace 500M of 200MM AC with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 94,000	Approved
CRWSS Woodlawn Rd Killarney	Replace 400M of 100MM cast iron with 110mm uPVC pipe	" 50,000	Approved
CRWSS Brewsterfield Mains	Replace 4.5KM defective mains Knockanes, Headford	" 570,000	Requested
Shrone WSS . RawqWater Main	Replace water main from Lake to WTP	" 160,000	Requested
CRWSS Ballymacadam Reservoir	Provide Actuator Control Valve	" 8,000	Requested
CRWSS Mangerton	Replace 1100m of 30mm pipe with 100MM uPVC main	" 110,000	Requested
CRWSS Allmanç Tce Killarney	Replace 250m of 80mm CI with 80MM uPVC pipe	" 89,000	Requested
CRWSS Woodlawn Killarney	Replace 400M of 150MM AC watermain with uPVC pipe	" 90,000	Requested
Total APPROVED to-date		€2.036M	

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.**

The funding for **2016** was announced on the 29th August and " 692,000 has been allocated for Kerry.

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.

Mr. C. Mangan referred to the Directorate Report and stated that pipe replacement works, approved by Irish Water, were due to start the next day at both Mill Road, Killarney and Faha West. Mr. Mangan also advised that similar works, firstly on Woodlawn Road and in November on the road to Mangerton, would be done in the coming weeks. Work would also commence in Cloonts, Rathmore in October.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated he appreciated the effort from the Council's Water Services staff. He complimented the Council on the excellent workmanship and pipe laying carried out from Barleymount Reservoir to Flynn's Forge. The funding for this work would not have come but for Irish Water and said it was important to recognise this. This section of pipe laying is important to the whole community. Cllr. Cronin also thanked Mr. C. O'Leary and his team for the work they carried out to ensure the South Kerry Ploughing Championship went ahead as planned at Grenagh, Fossa.

Mr. Mangan thanked Cllr. Cronin for his comments and also acknowledged the work of County Supervisor, Mr. Freddie Bartlett as this was a team effort, with Councillors, engineers and outdoor staff all working well together.

Cllr. N. Kelleher thanked the Water Services Department for doing the mains replacement work at Shronedarragh Barraduff. This work was appreciated.

In answer to Cllr. Kelleher's enquiry about possible mains replacement at Shrone Lake, Mr. Mangan stated that this proposal had been submitted to Irish Water. A major overview of the water supply to the greater Shrone Rathmore Barraduff area is taking place at the moment and so no decision on replacement mains at Shrone will be made in the short-term.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would inform the meeting if it has learned from Uisce Éireann of the extent of the catchment area that will be facilitated by having the opportunity to connect to the Kilcummin to Killarney public sewer.

Reply: Irish Water this week announced that it is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a planning application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Sewerage Scheme for Kilcummin. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 kilometres of new foul sewers and a pumping station to connect to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant. The purpose of this proposed sewer line is to ensure that wastewater from Kilcummin is treated and discharged in compliance with the appropriate National and European standards. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year. No further information on the route has been made available.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the announcement from Irish Water. This news has been long-awaited and most welcome. This will allow houses to be connected to the sewer and the road will be brought up to the required standard. Cllr. Gleeson enquired about the extent of the catchment that will be allowed to connect.

Notices of Motion No's 2 and 6 and Questions 1, 3, 4 and 5 were also moved at this stage.

In the absence of Cllr. J. Sheahan, the following Notice of Motion No 2 was moved by Cllr. N. Kelleher.

2. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council Water Services and Irish Water give an update progress report on the Kilcummin Sewage Scheme.

Reply: Irish Water is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a Planning Application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 Km. of new foul sewers and a pumping station. The proposed new sewer network would be connected to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year.

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

Reply: Irish Water is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a Planning application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 Km. of new foul sewers and a pumping station. The proposed new sewer network would be connected to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year. No further information on the route has been made available.

Q1. Cllr. D. Grady: Question 1 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 1. Please provide an update on the sewer from Kilcummin to Killarney.

Reply: Irish Water is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a planning application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 Km. of new foul sewers and a pumping station. The proposed new sewer network would be connected to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year. No further information on the route has been made available.

Q3. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Question 3 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 1. What is the problem with progressing the Kilcummin sewer or has the route been identified at this stage?

Reply: Irish Water is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a planning application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 Km. of new foul sewers and a pumping station. The proposed new sewer network would be connected to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year.

Q4. Cllr. B. Cronin: Question 4 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 1. Is there any progress regarding the provision of Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme? At a number of previous meetings we were informed that the decision was imminent.

Reply: Irish Water is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a planning application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 Km. of new foul sewers and a pumping station. The proposed new sewer network would be connected to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year. No further information on the route has been made available.

Q5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Question 5 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 1. As there are a number of projects unable to be progressed until the Kilcummin to Killarney sewer mains route is identified, when can we expect to have this information, and when can we expect this work to begin?

Reply: Irish Water is progressing the necessary studies as part of the preparation of a planning application to Kerry County Council for the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5 Km. of new foul sewers and a pumping station. The proposed new sewer network would be connected to the existing Killarney Town sewer system and waste water treatment plant. It is expected that the planning application will be lodged before the end of this year. No further information on the route has been made available. The purpose of this proposed sewer line is to ensure that wastewater from Kilcummin is treated and discharged in compliance with the appropriate National and European standards.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the progress being made on the sewer and asked if the connection cost per average house was known. He presumed some of the pipe will be pressurised.

Cllr. D. Grady acknowledged and welcomed the reply.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae said it was good news that this scheme was progressing.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated this was welcome news as the road needs to be resurfaced.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the positive response as said this has been an issue for years. **Cllr. Cronin** enquired if the route was following the route that the acquired wayleaves were on and also if a house was adjacent to this, could they connect into this system?

Mr. C. Mangan stated that Irish Water had a recently made an announcement about this scheme going ahead but it did not detail the route. Planning Permission will be sought later this year and at that stage, the exact route will obviously become known. **Mr. Mangan** stated that he had an indication that it would be broadly along the lines of the old route.

Mr. Mangan referred to **Cllr. M. Gleeson's** enquiry regarding the catchment area and stated that it would depend on the topography. He did stress that this pipe is being planned to bring sewage from Kilcummin to the Killarney and, while all existing developments will be connected if possible, any further developments will obviously depend on planning, zoning, etc.

Cllr. Gleeson queried what would happen if the pipe was passing someone's house.

Mr. Mangan replied that, while all existing developments will be connected if possible, at least some of the proposed pipeline may be pumped / pressurised, and, of course, houses cannot be connected to such a 'pumped' main.

In relation to the connection cost, **Mr. Mangan** stated that the current cost for a connection is €2,200. In the past, when a new sewer was developed, there was an 'amnesty' / free connection available for existing properties but the situation is now unclear as Irish Water is in charge of such matters.

Notice of Motions Continued

3. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request Irish Water to provide the necessary funding to replace the water mains from Meanus towards Curran Village as a matter of urgency as this road has been allocated funding in this year's roads programme.

Reply: An application for funding of " 25,000 to extend the existing watermain by 250M to replace and enable the decommissioning of a similarly long 13MM service pipe to a customer at Meanus, Farranfore, was submitted to Irish water in early 2016. A response is awaited.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked that the work be progressed on the road as soon as possible.

Mr. C. Mangan stated he was hopeful that a positive response would be forthcoming.

4. Cllr. B. Cronin: As construction of a new housing development has begun at Madam's Hill and will be connected to Killarney main sewer, can Kerry County Council extend the sewer pipe the short distance to cater for the existing housing developments in the Aghadoe area.

Reply: Irish Water's policy on the development of infrastructure for dealing with waste water is to give priority to existing sewerage schemes in towns to which ECJ Rulings apply and on meeting the requirements of the EPA's Discharge Licenses for existing waste water schemes. Irish Water also wrote earlier in 2016 that it currently has no funding stream to provide (or extend) services to properties with private sewerage facilities, except at the expense of the property owners and on foot of Connection Agreements. Kerry County Council's Water Services Department's business to-date with Irish Water suggests that the extensions of the networks at locations such as Aghadoe and Lissivigeen in Killarney, while desirable, are not currently among the priorities of the utility.

Irish Water is currently planning to carry out an overall study/review of the Killarney Drainage Area and also of the Killarney Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that many people reside in Aghadoe and this is a great opportunity to have the sewer brought up to this major residential location.

Mr. C. Mangan stated that under the Planning granted for the development, the sewer is to be extended from Cleeny to the site at the expense of the developer. Irish Water does not have funding to pay for this pipeline. If / when the sewer pipe is laid up to Aghadoe, any further connections can be then considered.

Cllr. Cronin reiterated that it was a necessity to take this opportunity. This is a new development that has to be serviced.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty supported the Motion and stated that the developer must put a pipe in place.

5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As the tests carried out on water samples taken from an expanding pond on the land of *(name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* indicate the presence of fluoride and chlorine, which is at odds with samples taken by this Council, I ask this Council, with permission from the landowner, to again take samples, and have them tested in a bid to identify if public water is leaking in this area, and contributing to the expansion of this pond.

Reply: The Council has thoroughly investigated this situation, both by deployment of leak detection crews and chemical analysis over the past year and is satisfied that there is no mainswater in this pond which is situated at 90M from the roadside boundary and has been in existence for at least many decades.

It is extremely unlikely that chlorine, which is consumed / dissipates in normal earthy or bacterial conditions, would be present in such a pond. Fluoride is a naturally occurring element and the levels detected are not remotely as high as those in fluoridated drinking water.

As requested, a further sample is to be taken this week and analysed.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty thanked the Council for their investigation into the matter and also thanked the landowner for allowing access to the pond.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. D. Grady: Question 1 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 1.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has there been any indication from Uisce Éireann that they intend providing money for the provision of badly needed adequate water mains in Iron Mills, Clohane, Brewsterfield and Knockanes?

Reply: An application for funding of " 570,000 to lay 4.5Km of 100MM uPVC water main which would replace the old, inadequate and burst-prone 50mm water pipe at Headford was submitted to Irish Water in early 2015 and a response is awaited.

The 35 year old pipeline consists of a combination of 50mm and 75mm diameter uPVC pipeline from the N22 Cork - Killarney Road to the Barraduff - Glenflesk Road. This main is part of the Central Regional Supply network and is served from the reservoir at Rossalia near Lough Guitane, Glenflesk. The problem is twofold . breakages occur on the water main at regular intervals but the bigger issue is the lack of pressure and flow, particularly on the higher ground, due to the inadequate size of the pipe. Replacement of the main would significantly improve the service to approximately 100 customers, school and a quarry business and would also allow more flexibility in serving the area.

Irish Water is currently assessing the wider picture in relation to the supply of this and the Barraduff and Shrone areas and the results of this assessment will be critical to this application for funding.

Cllr. M. Gleeson requested that Irish Water be pursued to fund this watermains. It is very important for the community, school and quarry.

Mr. C. Mangan stated that Irish Water are currently looking at the overall situation vis-à-vis water supply to this Barraduff Shrone Rathmore area.

No decision on this proposal will be made until the bigger picture has been assessed.

3. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Question 3 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 1.

4. Cllr. B. Cronin: Question 4 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 1.

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

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

Report from the Director of Operations, Health and Safety

1. Killarney Town Traffic Management Study

Workshop with the Elected Members and Traffic Consultants will be arranged at the Municipal District meeting in regard to the Traffic Management Plan.

2. High Street Social Interaction Space

To be completed by the end of the month.

3. Road Works Programme –Summary

Restoration Maintenance and Improvement Programme
Restoration Improvement

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Cost €	Status
R-570	Barraduff - Shronedarragh.	470	66,811 Killarney East	Strengthening and Surfacing Complete, Lining Outstanding.
R-577	Tonbwee - Caheragh X.	1,000	168,569 Killarney East	Strengthening and Surfacing Complete, Lining Outstanding.
L-3002	Canguilla - Knockrower.	1,100	90,142 Killarney East	Strengthening and Surfacing Complete, Lining Outstanding.
L-6528	Crag X - Knockardtry X.	1,000	47,240 Killarney East	Strengthening and Surfacing Complete, Lining Outstanding.
L-11207	Maulyarkane - Lyratongue	1,000	69,414 Killarney East	Strengthening and Surfacing Complete, Lining Outstanding.
L-7026	Tooreencahill - New Quarter Br.	1,000	111,351 Killarney East	Strengthening and Surfacing Complete, Lining Outstanding.
L-7031	Doyles X - Annaghilymore.	700	62,201 Killarney East	Strengthening and Surfacing Complete, Lining Outstanding.
L-11115	Knockrower - Knockreagh.	900	63,774 Killarney East	Strengthening and Surfacing Complete, Lining Outstanding.

Road No.	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area(m)	Cost	Area	Status
R-570	Dromcarban to Headfort	1000	6,000	180000	Killarney West	Strengthening and Surfacing Complete
L-7001	N22 Cloonlara-N22-Currans	800	3,600	72,000	Killarney West	Strengthening and Surfacing Complete
L-7039	Barleymount X to Aglish	1400	6,300	126,000	Killarney West	Strengthening and Surfacing Complete
L-7059	Filodauane	1250	4,375	87,500	Killarney West	Works starting mid September
L-3011	Coolcaslagh to Knocknahoe	1100	4,950	100,000	Killarney West	Strengthening and Surfacing Complete, Lining Outstanding

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Cost €	Area	Status
R876	Park Road	300	55,000	Killarney Town	Works to Start end of September
L-3911	Mill Road	400	50,000	Killarney Town	Works to Start end of September
L-3907	Woodlawn Road	400	59,000	Killarney Town	Works to Start end of September

Restoration Maintenance

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Cost €	Eng. Area	Status
L-2033	Dicksgrove to Currow.	650	17,550	Killarney East	Surface Dressed, Lining Outstanding.
L-2033	Cloonclough to Lisheenbawn.	1,000	24,750	Killarney East	Surface Dressed, Lining Outstanding.
L-7004	Crag to Ardcrone.	1,000	15,750	Killarney East	Surface Dressed, Lining Outstanding.
L-7027	Gneeveguilla to Maughantoorig.	1,400	25,200	Killarney East	Surface Dressed, Lining Outstanding.
L-7046	Gortanahaneboy East to Shrone Beg.	1,000	22,500	Killarney East	Surface Dressed, Lining Outstanding.
L-7053	Kilquane to Lisnagrave.	2,200	46,790	Killarney East	Surface Dressed, Lining Outstanding.
L-7101	Scartaglen Village.	1,000	36,000	Killarney East	September

Road No.	Road Description	length m	Area	Cost	Status
L-7048	Crosstown	1400	Killarney West	" 28,350.00	Surface Dressed, Lining Outstanding
L-7043	Woodline	1900	Killarney West	" 34,200.00	Surface Dressed, Lining Outstanding
L-7050	Gortahoosh-Tullaha	1500	Killarney West	" 30,375.00	Surface Dressed, Lining Outstanding
L-2019	Scarteen-Dromdoodhig	1100	Killarney West	" 29,700.00	Surface Dressed, Lining Outstanding
L-7039	Laharn-Flynns Forge	1000	Killarney West	" 20,250.00	Surface Dressed, Lining Outstanding
L- 7042	Kilbrean	1,500	Killarney West	" 29,475.00	Surface Dressed, Lining Outstanding

4. Severe Weather Allocation

<i>Killarney Municipal District – Repairs following Severe Weather – Tranche 1</i>				
Road Number	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Length	Cost €	Status
L-7027	Lisheen	50	2,500	Complete.
L-7027	Lisheen	100	5,000	Complete.
L-3013	Tooreencahill	50	7,500	Complete.
R-577	Gortglass	40	10,000	Complete
L-11060	Currananefield	50	10,000	(Embankment Repairs planned to take place in the next fortnight subject to weather.
L-3002	Canguilla	10	12,000	Complete.
L-3002	Carker	10	15,000	90% Complete.
L-3006	Scartaglen, Twiss Br.	10	10,000	Complete.
L-7018	Toornanaunagh	10	6,000	Outstanding.
L-7012	Ranaleen	100	50,000	Complete.
L-7019	Tooreenamult.	10	7,000	Outstanding.
L-11064	Ballynahalla	10	8,000	Outstanding.
L-7025	Ballynahulla	5	2,000	Outstanding.
L-2032	Knockdown	5	4,000	Outstanding.
L-3002	Dicksgrrove	5	5,000	Outstanding.
L-3009	Annablaha	5	3,000	Outstanding.
L-11182	Cumeenavrick	50	15,000	Complete
L-7059	Foildown	100	35,000	To Commence shortly
L-7059	Foildown	100	45,000	To Commence shortly
R-570	Glenflesk	15	25,000	Ongoing
L-7058	Clydagh Valley	300	50,000	Complete
L-7024	Knocknaboul	15	50,000	Outstanding.
L-3015	Mangerton	20	25,000	Outstanding.

L-3911	Mill Road, Killarney	10	2,000	Outstanding.
L-3911	Mill Road, Killarney	50	15,000	Outstanding.
L-3905	Ross Road, Killarney	200	10,000	Outstanding
L-4040	Gap Road, Fossa	100	35,000	Ongoing
R-569	Poulgorm	10	5,000	Complete
L-7039	Faha	100	5,000	Outstanding
L-3018	Fossa	30	5,000	Complete
L3015	Muckcross	110	5,000	Outstanding
L-2033	Knockeenduff	10	5,000	Finished
L-11000	Ballymalis	100	10,000	Finished
L-11019	Ballineen	100	10,000	Complete
L-3003	Nunstown	75	5,000	Ongoing
L-2019	Ballyhar	20	5,000	Commenced
L- 2027	Rathmore	50	25,000	Complete
R-563	Aghadoe	25	5,000	Next fortnight

Killarney Municipal District – Repairs following Severe Weather – Tranche 2				
Road Number	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Length	Cost €	Status
L-7007	Brehig.	12	5,000	To Commence
L-3009	Toormore Br.	10	6,000	To Commence
L-2032	Cloonts Culvert.	12	5,000	To Commence
L-7017	Knockreagh Culvert.	12	4,000	Outstanding, (Knockreagh Culvert Replacement planned to take place in the next fortnight subject to weather.)
L-11143	Annaghbeg Culvert.	12	4,000	To Commence
L-7024	Knocknaboul Culvert.	8	3,000	Complete
L-3002	Killeentierna Culvert.	12	5,000	To Commence
L-2032	Cloonts Culvert.	12	6,000	To Commence
L-7022	Adraval Culvert.	12	5,000	Complete
L-7019	Knockrower	100	3,000	Complete
L-3010	Knockanane West	20	15,000	To Commence
R-570	Dromcarbin	10	10,000	To Commence
L-3003	Farranaspig	50	7,500	To Commence
L-7050	Gortahoosh	30	6,000	To Commence
L-11203	Tomies	30	3,000	Next Fortnight
L-11005	Lissavane East	50	7,000	To Commence
L-8001	Boolia	100	3,000	To Commence
L-11018	Aglish	10	10,000	Not started
L-2033	Knockeenduff	70	20,000	ongoing
L-7034	Rathinane	150	6,500	ongoing
L-11072	Minish		9,000	not started
L-3907	Ballycasheen	50	15,000	Not started
R-569	Loo Bridge		20,000	Not started

5.0 Other works - Roads / Estates / Amenity Areas / Severe Weather

- Castleisland . Upgrade works to Traffic Island at Market Cross, Castleisland
- Provision of combined use Taxi Rank / Loading Bay at Main Street, Castleisland. Re-lining of loading bays.
- Ongoing drainage, maintenance and pothole repairs
- Street Cleaning
- Footpath Maintenance in Killarney Town (ongoing)
- Replacement of damaged section of footpath on Countess Road (200m) approx September/October 2016
- Completion of Archway at Market Cross (End of September)

4. Housing

Works at the following locations over the next two months

Vacant House Upgrades	
43 St. John's Park, Castleisland	
18 Desmond's Avenue, Castleisland	
5 Dóirín Aláinn, Killarney	
15 Willow Grove, Ballydribeen	
7 Cahereens, Castleisland	
Insulation Project 2016	
Insulation of 63 houses at An Chaisleáin Mór, Castleisland	
Routine Maintenance	
Local Authority Houses and Demountables.	Responsive maintenance as required

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

(b) Proposed Part 8 for Burial Ground at Knockeenduff, Kilcummin, Killarney

Mr. P. Bradley circulated a map of the proposed works for the Burial Ground at Knockeenduff to the Members and confirmed that the Proposed Part 8 has gone out for public consultation for a 6 week period and then an additional 2 week period after this time for submissions regarding the proposed development. When all proposals are received, the report will be brought before the Killarney Municipal District Members for their consideration. The Burial Ground will provide 2,315 burial spaces and 145 car parking spaces, including disability parking, and a car park that allows for day to day visiting. When funerals take place, a larger parking area will be opened up. The layout allows for cars to drive around the cemetery. The Council are also maintaining the native hedgerow and will build walls inside the hedges. There will be a stone faced front wall which will be recessed back 3.5 metres from the edge of the road.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he was absent from the last Killarney Municipal District Meeting when the decision to pursue the option of this site had been agreed by the Members. Cllr. Grady stated he was against this development. For hundreds of years people in Killarney have been buried in Aghadoe. The people want to continue with the purchase of Aghadoe as it is a cheaper option. Cllr. Grady asked what is the cost of providing a burial ground in Knockeenduff compared to that in Aghadoe. He stated that this will cost the Council " 750,000. He stated that no notice will be paid to submissions received from the public.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that Cllr. Grady was entitled to his views as was his democratic right but making statements that were not factually correct was not acceptable. The facts regarding the development of Knockeenduff are that after 10 years or more we finally have a property for a new public cemetery for the people of this community. Cllr. Cronin stated that anyone wishing to be buried in Aghadoe could still do so. Cllr. Cronin stated that "0.75m was a substantial amount of money that was set aside by the previous Killarney Town Council and that money is being utilised for the long-term provision of a public facility which the Council are duty bound to do. This has been a crisis situation for years and we must act responsibly. In relation to submissions received from the public on the Part VIII, Cllr. Cronin stated that all submissions would be taken seriously provided they are justifiable. If they are vindictive this is another matter. Cllr. Cronin stated that Cllr. Grady was entitled to vote against proceeding with this burial ground but it is the duty of the Council to make provision for the future.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the developments in relation to Knockeenduff and acknowledged that the layout as per the plans was done well. Cllr. Culloty stated that he was 100% behind this option as this site will meet current needs for at least 35 years.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the Council has been pursuing this since he became an Elected Member in 1994. A property is required to provide a long-term solution. Aghadoe has only 8 years left and this is not adequate. We are failing people if we do not find an adequate site. Cllr. Gleeson stated that he supported the view to proceed with this proposal but the views of the public must be taken on board; both for and against.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae enquired how long will it take before the Burial Ground will be ready to use.

Mr. Bradley replied that if the Part VIII is to be approved in January, it will go out to tender immediately thereafter.

Cllr. Healy-Rae asked that in the interim, where will people be buried if all the plots in Aghadoe are taken.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that Mr. C. O'Sullivan had circulated the Site Options Assessment at the June Municipal District Meeting and the Council hope that this situation will not occur. There are limited spaces in Aghadoe and all we can do is commit to progressing this project as fast as possible. The development of this Burial Ground is an absolute priority for Kerry County Council. Mr. P. Bradley has presented the map to the Members and outlined the dates for tendering the project. The Council are very conscious of the timeframe involved.

Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to the road from Killarney up to the proposed Cemetery and stated it would have to be widened. Cllr. Kelleher referred to the 11 carparking spaces and said that more should be provided for day to day regular access. Cllr. Kelleher suggested that a loop system for vehicles should be provided, i.e. one entrance in and one entrance out.

Mr. Bradley referred to Cllr. Grady's comments in relation to submissions received as part of the Part VIII process and confirmed that all submissions are considered and weighted and form part of the whole document.

Cllr. Grady replied that it was his opinion that people's minds have already been made up.

Mr. L. Quinlan stated that the Chief Executive's Report must comment on each submission received.

Mr. Bradley referred to Cllr. Kelleher's comments regarding the proposed layout and stated that the roadways are 5m in width and allow cars to pass each other. There is only one access in to the Burial Ground and there will be a circular route to get around and this has been reflected in the design. The carpark allows for two entrances. The area that will be closed off has two gates which will create a one-way system.

Cllr. Culloty stated that the proposed Burial Ground offered the public 145 carparking spaces as opposed to a minimal amount in Aghadoe. Cllr. Culloty also asked for clarification on the lifespan of the Burial Ground.

Ms. McAllen confirmed that the Knockeenduff option offered a 35 year lifespan whereas the Aghadoe Burial Ground will only provide burial spaces for the next 7 - 8 years.

Cllr. B. Cronin, Cathaoirleach sought approval of the Members to move all Notices of Motion and Questions in relation to Burial Grounds at this stage while Mr. P. Bradley was available to answer them.

This was unanimously agreed by the Members.

Question 7: Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council has any progress been made with the provision of more ground for a graveyard in Gneeveguilla?

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

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the space was very short in Gneeveguilla.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed the Council were pursuing land at the location.

In the absence of Cllr. J. Sheahan, Questions 14, 15 and 16 were moved by Cllr. N. Kelleher.

Question 14. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if we have an update on progress for the new graveyard at Knockeendubh?

Reply: Kerry County Council propose to publish a Part VIII planning process for the scheme in the coming weeks.

Question 15. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when new paths will be laid at Holy Cross Cemetery, Kilcummin?

Reply: New paths will be laid in Holy Cross Cemetery before the end of 2016.

Question 16. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when the new wall at Old Kilcummin Cemetery will proceed?

Reply: The extension to old Kilcummin Burial Ground will commence before the end of 2016. Funding is currently not available to build the new stone wall around this extension. A stock proof fence will be erected here as a temporary measure to allow for the opening up of this extension.

Question 23. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will work begin on the new extension to Old Kilcummin Cemetery?

Reply: The extension to Old Kilcummin Burial Ground will commence before the end of 2016.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked when will the Council be in a position to accept burials there?

Mr. P. Bradley replied it would be before the end of 2016.

Question 29. Cllr. N Kelleher: What is the update position with acquiring the much needed extension to the graveyard in Gneeveguilla, together with parking around or near the Church?

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

Cllr. N. Kelleher acknowledged the reply and asked the Council to progress matters.

Cllr. B. Cronin, Cathaoirleach sought approval of the Members to move all Notices of Motion and Questions in relation to flooding at this stage while Mr. D. Ginty was available to answer them.

This was unanimously agreed by the Members.

Mr. D. Ginty addressed the Members and stated that the Draft Flood Management Plans would be brought before the Council at the Full

Council Meeting on Monday, 19th September and Mr. Conor Galvin Project Manager, CFRAM South West, Office of Public Works will make a presentation to the Members.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: That an update be provided in respect of works which have been carried out and works which are planned to prevent further flooding in the following areas - Foiladonn, Glenflesk, Fleming's Caravan Park, Silver Springs Guest House, Hegarty's Ross Road and all Fossa and Gap Cross areas.

Reply:

Foiladuane: The area of interest has been surveyed. A design is currently being prepared and costed and if same proves viable, an application will be made to the OPW for funding to construct the scheme.

The Foiladuane road will be raised from the N22 at Garries Bridge for a distance of 1km to allow for improved access during flood conditions. These works will be carried out in the coming week.

Glenflesk Village: Glenflesk Village is located in the CFRAM project. A Flood Management Plan for Glenflesk Village is currently out to public consultation. Members of the public may make a submission / observation on the plan to the OPW up until 28th September 2016.

Vegetation has been removed adjacent to the bridges along this section of the river. Excavation works at Glenflesk to unblock one of the eyes of the bridge will commence in the coming days.

Fleming's Caravan Park: The Flood Management Plan for Killarney Town which includes the Whitebridge and Ballycasheen areas is currently out to public consultation. The plan proposes a system of defensive walls and embankments. Members of the public may make a submission / observation on the plan to the OPW up until 28th September 2016. The final plan will come before the members of Kerry County Council in November. Should the plan be adopted by Kerry County Council, a decision on when the Killarney scheme is forwarded for detailed design and construction rests with the OPW and the Government.

Other Areas

- Works will commence in October to improve surface water drainage adjacent to the Crystal Springs Guest House.
- Additional drainage has been provided at Fossa adjacent to the Gap Cross and towards the village. Surface restoration works will commence here shortly.
- It is proposed to install a silt trap in Forest Close housing estate, Fossa to prevent the flooding that occurred there last Christmas.
- Tree and vegetation removal has commenced on the islandsqdown stream of the Flesk Bridge.
- A range of surface water drainage has been installed in the Killarney Municipal District in the current works programme.

Cllr. D. Grady stated he was happy to see this advancing and delighted to see work in progress.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and agreed with Cllr. Grady's comments.

20. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Why is there such a delay in seeking funding to address flooding problems in Glenflesk and Currow. Funding was to have been requested under the Flood Mitigation Minor Works Scheme. This request could and should have been made to the Minister and the OPW long before now.

Reply:

Glenflesk village: Glenflesk Village is located in the CFRAM project. A Flood Management Plan for Glenflesk Village is currently out to public consultation. Members of the public may make a submission / observation on the plan to the OPW up until 28th of September 2016.

Foilduane: The area of interest has been surveyed. A design is currently being prepared and costed and if same proves viable an application will be made to the OPW for funding to construct the scheme.

Currow: There is a defensive embankment on private lands in Currow Village on the southern bank of the Brown Flesk River. Concerns regarding this embankment were brought to the attention of the Council recently. The embankment has been examined and surveyed. Kerry County Council are liaising with the OPW to ascertain if the construction of a replacement embankment and / or works to same are viable and meet the criteria for minor works funding.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

In relation to Currow, Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that if the river is not cleared, all areas will be flooded and the embankment needs to be inspected.

Mr. Ginty stated that after the February Municipal District meeting, Kerry County Council wrote to the OPW seeking the inclusion of the Foilduane area. The OPW responded and stated they were not in a position to include this area at present in the study but that the study will be reviewed in 2019 and all areas will be reviewed again. However, one location in the Glenflesk area at Foilduane, which is not on the CFRAM study, has been surveyed with the view to undertaking a minor works scheme to defend a small number of properties. We are at present working on a design and costing and if same is feasible, we will submit an application to the OPW for funding.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed that the process of removing sediment and vegetation at Glenflesk Bridge had begun.

27. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the OPW to clear the rivers to prevent the areas of lower Tullig; the community hall and the main road to Scartaglen on the south side of Tangney's Funeral Home, from being flooded as to leave it in its present state is totally unacceptable and what measures are being put in place to prevent flooding in Cordal?

Reply: The River Maine and associated tributaries are under the remit of the OPW. Kerry County Council will forward this matter and concerns to the OPW for their attention. The existing surface water drainage systems will be inspected in Currow Village and maintained if required.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked what was the plan for Cordal?

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated that the flooding on the other side of Castleisland was being dealt with. Cllr Culloty asked what other works are envisaged there to alleviate the problem at Barrack Lane? Water is touching the bottom of the bridge.

Mr. Neary stated that Mr. B. Mulhern will monitor the area and will keep the existing gullies cleared.

Mr. Ginty stated the River Maine is the responsibility of the OPW and agreed to forward on the concerns of the members.

Q5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Department given any indication of a time frame for the commencement of the flood prevention measures at White Bridge and Ballycasheen?

Reply: The Flood Management Plan for Killarney Town which includes the Whitebridge and Ballycasheen areas is currently out to public consultation. The plan proposes a system of defensive walls and embankments. Members of the public may make a submission / observation on the plan to the OPW up until 28th September 2016. The final plan will come before the members of Kerry County Council in November. Should the plan be adopted by Kerry County Council, a decision on when the Killarney scheme is forwarded for detailed design and construction rests with the OPW and the Government.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked if Kerry County Council and the OPW could ensure that any works carried out at any Point A, will not have an adverse impact on any Point B. If an embankment is built, it will displace the water elsewhere. The Mill Road collapsed and this could perhaps be traced back to the development of an embankment at another location. Cllr. Gleeson stated he wanted the concerns of all people on both banks of the Flesk to be heard when works are being undertaken.

Q26. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: At what stage are plans to build a flood protection barrier for a number of houses at Foiladown, and what progress has been made in finding a solution to flooding in other affected areas of Glenflesk?

Reply:

Foiladuane: The area of interest has been surveyed. A design is currently being prepared and costed and if same proves viable an application will be made to the OPW for funding to construct the scheme.

Glenflesk Village: Glenflesk Village is located in the CFRAM project. A Flood Management Plan for Glenflesk Village is currently out to public consultation. Members of the public may make a submission / observation on the plan to the OPW up until 28th September 2016.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply and agreed to await the report from the OPW at the Full Council Meeting due to be held on 19th September.

Q27. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Has any solution been devised to alleviate flooding at Whitebridge Caravan Park?

Reply: The Flood Management Plan for Killarney Town which includes the Whitebridge and Ballycasheen areas is currently out to public consultation. The plan proposes a system of defensive walls and embankments. Members of the public may make a submission / observation on the plan to the OPW up until 28th September 2016. The final plan will come before the members of Kerry County Council in November. Should the plan be adopted by Kerry County Council, a decision on when the Killarney scheme is forwarded for detailed design and construction rests with the OPW and the Government.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply and agreed to await the report from the OPW at the Full Council Meeting due to be held on 19th September.

(c) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. D. Grady: That Kerry County Council would erect fencing from Maple Drive to the green area and Fire Station yard.

Reply: Fencing can be erected at this location. However, no funding is available at present for these works. This would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operation Fund.

Cllr. D. Grady agreed to allocate €500 towards the cost of this work from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Mr. P. Neary agreed that Mr. K. O'Halloran would prepare an estimate for these works and forward same to Cllr. Grady.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: NoM No. 2 was moved in conjunction with discussion held on flooding by Mr. D. Ginty (Operations, Health & Safety)

3. Cllr. D. Grady: That Kerry County Council would immediately re-instate the two lanes at the Cathedral Junction, one serving New Street and the other serving Port Road.

Reply: A design will be carried out at this location to ascertain the feasibility of creating an extra filter lane at this junction. This location has been considered in the current Traffic Study.

In regard to the Traffic Management Plan, it is proposed to hold a workshop between the Killarney Elected Representatives, the Traffic Consultants and Kerry County Council to discuss all the findings of the report. The date for this workshop shall be agreed with the members.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that there is a back up of traffic at this location and that the Council should revert to the previous 2 lane system.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed that a design will be prepared for this junction.

4. Cllr. D. Grady: That Kerry County Council would put Traffic Calming Measures in place at the new entrance to Killarney National Park on the Muckross Road to facilitate Jaunting Cars crossing from the Car Park to this entrance.

Reply: Kerry County Council, in conjunction with the TII, will review the existing measures and signage that are in place at the first entrance to Killarney National Park on the Muckross Road to facilitate Jaunting Cars crossing from the Car Park to this entrance. Any necessary improvements will be considered.

Cllr. D. Grady requested that traffic calming measures be installed on the approach to the new entrance.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and stated that a pedestrian crossing was needed here.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty moved Notice of Motion No. 30 at this stage.

30. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to provide a pedestrian crossing to cater for the public, and jaunting cars who need to cross the road from the car park to the jaunting car entrance to Muckross House and Muckross Abbey etc.

Reply: A pedestrian count was carried out at this location and a pedestrian crossing is not warranted. However, Kerry County Council in conjunction with the TII will examine the existing measures that are in place at the first entrance to Killarney National Park on the Muckross Road to facilitate the public and the Jaunting Cars crossing from the Car Park to this entrance. Any necessary improvements will be considered.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that it is important that some measures be carried out at this location. A pedestrian crossing is needed. Jaunting

cars cross here and this is a 100 km/h zone with no safety measures in place. Whatever is within our remit to do, should be carried out here.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Mr. P. Neary replied that a pedestrian crossing is not warranted at this location but informed the Members that the TII are willing to install some signage here.

Cllr. Culloty stated that this is a location where people work and they should be afforded protection.

5. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Since Kerry County Council have decided to go with the Knockeenduff option for a graveyard, I am asking that the Knockeenduff link road be upgraded, widened where possible and resurfaced in conjunction with the opening of the new graveyard at Knockeenduff.

Reply: This roadway, the L-11028 between the N22 and Knockeenduff, can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement programme, which is expected to be considered for renewal in 2018.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that this link road should be upgraded in conjunction with the works to the graveyard.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he had met the residents and the Chief Executive and Mr. P. Neary on this matter. This road is in need of an upgrade. The gullies are too high and when the Roads Programme was being drafted, it was not taken into account that this could be a busy road. Cllr. Culloty asked that the Council take a favourable view of this.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated it was very important that we deal with the issues raised here as part of this Burial Ground process.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that a section of this road is in dire need of being upgraded. Cllr. Cronin supported the sentiments of the Members. It is lethally dangerous when trying to exit that road on the right hand onto the N22.

Cllr. D. Grady declared, in accordance with Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, that a family member has a Jarvey Licence and he would leave the meeting while this Motion was being considered.

Cllr. Grady then left the meeting.

6. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to allow Jarvey Licences to be transferred to sons or daughters or other direct family members.

Reply: The current bye-laws that regulate horse drawn carriages is ~~Bye-~~Bye-Laws Regulating the Operation of Horse Drawn Hackney Carriages 2010q Bye-law number 5 of these bye-laws states the following:

"The Council shall determine annually the number of licences to be issued. In the event that an existing licence holder should cease to hold his/her licence, then it shall automatically revert to the Council. In re-issuing such licences or in issuing fresh licences the council shall have regard to the provisions of bye-laws no 9, 10, 11, of those bye-laws".

This bye-law prohibits the transfer to a licence to a son or daughter.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that a number of jarveys had contacted her about this issue. This is their family business which they have invested finances into. Cllr. Healy-Rae noted that the bye-laws prohibit the transfer to a licence to a son or daughter and queried when these bye-laws would be reviewed.

Mr. D. Doyle stated that when a jarvey licence is re-issued, invitations to apply for same are invited from the public and if the demand exceeds the supply, they are drawn by lot. The Council cannot have a Bye-Law that states that a licence should be limited to one person. The process must be open and transparent. Mr. Doyle confirmed that he would seek legal advice on the matter.

Cllr. Grady then returned to the meeting.

7. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: When will the Black Road and the Loretto Road be resurfaced following the laying of the water pipes at these locations. Residents are very concerned about this.

Reply: Kerry County Council intend to resurface the Black Road and Loretto Road in the 2nd Quarter of 2017, meanwhile maintenance works will be carried out as required.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the residents are very concerned. They cannot understand why Irish Water do not provide money to reinstate the road following the laying of pipes.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and stated it was urgent that the road be resurfaced as soon as possible.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that Irish Water have set aside a certain amount of funds for the permanent restoration of the road. Irish Water will only provide funds to reinstate trench width. However it is intended to supplement these funds with Restoration Maintenance funds in 2017 and improve the entire width of carriageway therefore the residents would have a fully upgraded roadway, which is a better value for money option. A good job will be carried out to this road as opposed to just reinstating the trench.

Cllr. Healy-Rae asked if funding from Irish Water could be received sooner.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to raise the matter with Irish Water.

8. Cllr. M. Gleeson: As part of the overall review of traffic movement and general road safety on the N22 from Lissivigeen Roundabout to the Ballycasheen exit onto the National Primary Road, that special attention would be given to relieving the torment being endured by those seeking to exit from the Upper Lissivigeen/Coolcoslough Road onto the N22. The delays being experienced are lengthening by the week. In reality, a roundabout is needed at this junction and while that is awaited, a filter lane to facilitate traffic turning left would be of some help, particularly to parents/guardians transporting children to the local National School.

Reply: These junctions will be considered as part of the design for traffic calming from Lissivigeen roundabout to Daly's Roundabout. An appropriate solution will be designed and included in the overall feasibility report which will be submitted to the TII in due course for funding.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that this item has been on the Agenda frequently. Quarries are getting busy again and the "back to school" traffic has added to the build up of traffic leading to huge delays. Cllr. Gleeson asked that a left hand filter lane with a lead up be provided and asked the Council to acquire the necessary land. This needs to be prioritised. A roundabout may be necessary here.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated that he uses the road on a daily basis. It is a narrow road but the filter lane would be the best option at present. There have been accidents here especially when people are trying to exit to the right. A roundabout is needed here.

9. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would, in consultation with relevant organisations, actively pursue the development of fishing stands along the River Flesk. I made this proposal to Killarney Town Council before cruel fate intervened.

Reply: Kerry County Council has completed the purchase of lands adjacent to the River Flesk. The Council will progress this project actively over the coming months.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that fishing stands would be a wonderful addition along the banks of the River Flesk. The cost for same would be minimal. Cllr. Gleeson asked that the relevant Council staff would liaise with a disability group in an effort to progress the project.

Ms. A. McAllen confirmed that she had asked Mr. M. Ó Coileáin to look at progressing this project.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated that the fishing stands would be hugely beneficial and relaxing for people with disabilities.

10. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That in order to ensure the safety of the many who cross from the public car park at Aghadoe to the Viewing Point, the Council would erect appropriate advance warning signs advising motorists to drive

with great care or alternatively that the Council would develop a controlled pedestrian crossing.

Reply: Kerry County Council will review this location in Aghadoe, where the public cross from the car park to the viewing point. Any required signs at this location will be erected.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that hundreds of people cross at this location. Cllr. Gleeson asked that warning signs be provided to ensure the safety of those crossing and provide advance warning to motorists. People of advanced years are also crossing at this location. Cllr. Gleeson stated he would contribute to any works from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Allocation Fund.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and stated that every tour bus that travels on the Ring of Kerry pulls in at this location.

In the absence of Cllr. J. Sheahan, Notices of Motion No's 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 were moved by Cllr. N. Kelleher.

11. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council apply to the TII to provide a roundabout on the N22 where it meets the L-2019 (Madam's Hill, Killarney).

Reply: Transport infrastructure Ireland prioritise their budget allocations on road improvements as follows:

- Priority 1 . Asset Management, Network Rehabilitation and Network Operations
- Priority 2 . National Secondary Roads Improvements, Bottleneck Improvement Projects, Safety Projects and Traffic Management Projects
- Priority 3 . Network Improvement Projects

This location has not been identified to date under the TII's Network Safety Ranking. The installation of a roundabout at this location would be categorised as Priority 3 and as the minor road is a local road, this location is highly unlikely to be identified for improvement by TII. However this matter will be discussed with the TII inspector for Kerry.

12. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council provide a footpath and street lighting at the new development on Madam's Hill (L-2019).

Reply: There is a 2m wide footpath proposed to connect the existing footpath on the N22 to the new development, which is currently being constructed, at Cleeny. This footpath is to run parallel to the L-2019, Madam Hill roadway up to the Aghadoe Road Junction.

13. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council carry out road resurfacing on the Spa Road (L-3010) from Tiernaboul Bridge to the Industrial Park, Killarney.

Reply: This road, the L-3010 can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement programme, which is expected to be prepared in 2018. Meanwhile the road will be maintained as far as funds allow.

14. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council resurface at Rossanean to Castleisland Cross (L-7008).

Reply: The L-7008, Rossanean to Castleisland Cross can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement programme, which is expected to be prepared in 2018. Meanwhile the road will be maintained as far as funds allow.

15. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council write to the TII to provide a 50km speed limit at Beaufort Bridge on the N22.

Reply: This matter is being considered as part of the overall speed limit review for the county. Kerry County Council has proposed a 50kph speed limit at Beaufort Bridge on the N72 to the TII as part of the Speed Limit Review. The TII have employed consultants to review the speed limits on the national routes and the recommendation for this location is 80kph.

16. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council address the parking issue at Pinewood Estate.

Reply: Kerry County Council are not aware of any significant parking problem in Pinewood Estate. Housing Estates within Killarney Town are not subject to parking bye laws and therefore no parking enforcement can be carried out at this location. However if there is a specific issue at this location Kerry County Council can investigate the matter.

17. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council repaint the road markings at Cloonts Cross, Rathmore.

Reply: The road markings at L-2032 Cloonts Cross will be repainted in the coming weeks.

18. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council when will the TII/NRA provide a specific improvement grant to remove the dangerous bends at Gortahaneboy, Rathmore.

Reply: Kerry NRDO are currently developing a minor improvement scheme proposal to realign the N72 at Gortahaneboy. This 1km road improvement scheme is currently being discussed with TII with a view to securing funding from 2017 onwards to further develop and complete the scheme. In the meantime, HD15 safety measures are being implemented this year which include the provision of improved signage, lining, surface retexturing and safety barrier at this location.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked when will the safety measures be installed.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Mr. P. Neary stated that he would clarify the matter with Mr. P. Curry and revert to Cllr. Healy-Rae on the matter.

19. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the NRA/TII to address the danger presenting when motorists turning off at Brewsterfield are not able to get off the line at the N22 Road safely following the changes that were made to the junction layout with a right hand turning off lane was put in place to facilitate people turning off for Brewsterfield coming from the Cork side.

Reply: The current right turning lane was added almost ten years ago resulting in the hard shoulder being narrowed on the north side of the road. The current accident rate at this junction is low, however, the future accident frequency will be monitored closely. The provision of a deceleration lane for motorists turning left into the junction will be considered having regard to accident rates when the next signing and lining works are being designed for this section of road as its inclusion will require significant alterations to the current lining layout.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that when a vehicle turns left, there is nowhere to pull in.

Mr. P. Neary replied that the Kerry National Road Design Office will review the matter. In relation to deceleration lanes, Mr. Neary stated that they are becoming less common.

20. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: NoM No 20 was moved in conjunction with Mr. D. Ginty's discussion on flooding (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate)

21. Cllr. B. Cronin: In light of the ongoing traffic and parking crisis in Killarney, where is the Traffic Management Plan and assessment that was to be delivered at the start of 2016 and has any progress been made on my previous request to examine the need for a multi-storey car park for Killarney.

Reply: In regard to the Traffic Management Plan it is proposed to hold a workshop between the Killarney Elected Representatives, the Traffic Consultants and Kerry County Council to discuss all the findings of the report. The date for this workshop shall be agreed with the members. The issue of car parking and putting in place a strategy for parking in Killarney Town will be dealt with at this workshop.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the provision of parking is a critical aspect of getting people off the roads. A multi-storey facility for Killarney must be looked at.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and queried if there was any solution to the parking issues in the short-term.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the Council were taking the issue very seriously. A Parking Strategy is covered in the Traffic Management Study.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Notice of Motion No. 34 at this stage.

34. Cllr. N Kelleher: Killarney Town really needs more car parking space and it is obvious that lands are at premium therefore the only solution is to built a multi storey car park development either in Beech Road or in the Glebe Carpark. I ask that this Local Authority give a commitment to start the process and get serious about this issue. It is affecting the town as a whole.

Reply: In regard to the Traffic Management Plan it is proposed to hold a workshop between the Killarney Elected Representatives, the Traffic Consultants and Kerry County Council to discuss all the findings of the report. The date for this workshop shall be agreed with the members. The issue of car parking and putting in place a strategy for parking in Killarney Town will be dealt with at this workshop.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that two separate offers regarding the provision of a multi-storey car park were made to the Council. One such offer was within close access to the town and would have been an ideal solution. Cllr. Kelleher said that parking in Killarney is a problem and more needs to be done regarding signage. An interim solution needs to be found. Cllr. Kelleher referred to the Outlet Centre Carpark and noted that it closes each day at 7pm. He asked that an approach be made to the management of the facility and ask if they would be willing to open their car park from 7pm - 9pm each day thereby offering an alternative place to park in the evenings.

Mr. P. Neary replied that the issue of parking was being taken seriously. Surveys were carried out two days previous and during month of August and signage has also been upgraded in the private car parks. Mr. Neary acknowledged that the Council's own car parks are quite full.

Cllr. B. Cronin requested that the Council explore multi-storey options.

22. Cllr. B. Cronin: Have Kerry County Council made provision for the construction of a footpath from the N22 junction at Cleeny to the new housing development on the Madam's Hill?

Reply: There is a 2m wide footpath proposed to connect the existing footpath on the N22 to the new development, which is currently being constructed, at Cleeny. This footpath is to run parallel to the L-2019, Madam Hill roadway up to the Aghadoe Road Junction.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the reply and enquired if the footpath was being moved out onto road from the existing boundary or is the embankment going to be set back. HGVs and buses use this road and it is critical that the road is not narrowed. The footpath is a condition of Planning.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that as part of their grant of planning permission, the developer has to maintain the roadway width at 7.5m.

Cllr. D. Grady stated it was vital that the 50km/h zone be moved out beyond this location.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to include this in the **Speed Limit Review**.

23. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that the pathways in Listry Cemetery be tarmaced to provide ease of access for people with disabilities.

Reply: Kerry County Council will assess the works required at this location. These works can then be considered for inclusion in the 2017 Works Programme.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated he hoped that these works would be carried out soon.

24. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will the synchronised traffic lights that were promised at the end of 2015 for Woodlawn Road Junction and Ross Road Junction be put in place?

Reply: At the end of 2015 the existing lights on the Muckross Road were linked via radio signal. Furthermore, all the road sensors were replaced and upgraded. This has lead to an improvement of the traffic flow on the Muckross Road. However the lights at both the Ross Road Junction and the Muckross Road Junction are in need of replacement to avail of the most up to date traffic light technology (Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation). This project requires excavations on the public road and will take place in early October when the tourist season has abated. The project cost is " 80,000.00 and will result in further improvements on the Muckross Road.

Cllr. B. Cronin noted the reply but said that the same issues were reoccurring. In a short distance, vehicles are getting caught at the lights and this is choking the traffic. **Cllr. Cronin** stated that he thought it had been agreed that new lights would be provided at this junction.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the distance between both junctions means that linked signals may not be very effective. However the lights will be upgraded and the upgraded lights will be able to ascertain queuing lengths and prioritise green times for better traffic flow. The lights will be upgraded in 2016 and **Mr. Neary** was confident there would be an improvement.

25. Cllr. B Cronin: That the following work be included in the planned improvement on N72 Beaufort /Ballymalis (a) provision of adequate size pipe crossing N72 to prevent further flooding of *(name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* and around dwelling house, (b) assist with providing proper visibility at the entrance to

(name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)

Reply: Kerry County Council have previously met both landowners in regard to the proposed works at Ballymallis. The section of the N72 is forms part of a proposed pavement improvement scheme which is currently at the design stage:

- (a) *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* concerns regarding flooding will be addressed during the design process of this scheme
- (b) An improved line of visibility has been set out through *(name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* lands. Following *(name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* acceptance of this new boundary line, it is proposed to include this safety improvement measure in aforementioned pavement improvement scheme.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the reply.

26. Cllr. D. Grady: That we would ask the appropriate authority for permission to move the electric telephone poles in St. Mary's Terrace back by approximately 1 ft.

Reply: Kerry County Council will contact the ESB in regard to this request. However there will be a capital cost associated with this project and a funding source will have to be identified.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that some of these lights could be moved and put on the walls and requested that the Council contact the relevant Authority. For an emergency vehicle using this road, the 1ft difference makes this a valid request.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

27. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: NoM No 27 was moved in conjunction with Mr. D. Ginty's discussion on flooding (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate)

28. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As there are 510km of non-national roads in the Castleisland area, and this Council intends to surface dress 8.2km and strengthen and surface dress 7km only in 2016, I call on this Council to explain how it intends to rectify the obvious lack of investment on these roads.

Reply: In the Killarney East area in 2016, 15km of roadway was improved, 7km of road was strengthened under the Road Restoration programme and 8km was surface dressed under the Restoration Maintenance programme. Similar distances will be improved in the life of the current plan 2016 . 2018. The improvement and maintenance of the County's non national road network is funded by the grant allocations from the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport as well as the provision made by the members for Own Resources

in the adopted 2016 budget. The overall level of investment provided in grant aid is inadequate to maintain the existing network, particularly the local road network. The 2016 allocation of almost " 13 million represents an almost 50% reduction on the funding made available in 2007. However with improvements in the economy, grant allocations may improve in the coming years.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty referred to the Local Property Tax (LPT) coming in at over €13m.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the LPT allocation was €13.7m. 80% of LPT receipts are retained by the County and 20% goes to the Equalisation Fund. This year the allocation reflects the Pension Related Deduction of €2.6m. We will be in receipt of this now. It comes back to general funding to the Council.

Cllr. Culloty stated that the roads we have in East Kerry are an investment. If the investment is not looked after, it will cost us more. The CIS is the only way of getting roads repaired. Hedge cutting is way short of what it should be and will continue to deteriorate. Is there anything in place to rectify the lack of investment?

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and stated the CIS Scheme was not viable. If we do not invest in these roads, we will have a problem with them.

Mr. P. Neary stated that roads funding is allocated by the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport. As the economy improves, it is hoped this funding will improve.

Cllr. Culloty stated that roads covered under the CIS are public roads and it is unfair for people to have to contribute to the upgrade of public roads.

Mr. P. Neary replied that no one is forcing people to use this scheme. The issue here is with National Government funding. The Council is restricted in what it can do. The CIS scheme targets Local Tertiary Roads and cul de sacs, which may never get any central Government allocations.

Cllr. Culloty stated that people are paying because they have to. The CIS is an option. The Local Improvement Scheme was for private roads and the same difficulties arose. It transformed the road network on roads to people's homes. The CIS was an avenue.

29. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to update the by-laws in Killarney, and in particular to review the by-laws on street parking and car parks.

Reply: The preparation of the review of the parking bye laws in Killarney has commenced. The existing parking in the town has been surveyed. Maps

have been prepared outlining the different parking areas within the town. The bye laws will be reviewed in the coming months and it is proposed to have new draft bye laws prepared in early 2017.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty hoped that the by-laws will be reviewed as soon as possible.

30. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: NoM 30 was moved in conjunction with NoM No 3.

31. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council what agreement if any, is in place between the Council and Bird's Amusements, regarding the use of Fair Hill Car Park. Also, what was the outcome of the talks which Paul Neary, Senior Engineer referred to on 13/04/2016, when he said that he intended entering into discussions with Bird's Amusements, requesting them to provide facilities for their patrons, during the summer when they locate to Fair Hill.

Reply: Birds Amusements traditionally operate out of Fairhill Carpark during the summer period. Further to discussions with Birds Amusements in May of this year, Birds agreed to provide toilets on site for their patrons. These toilets were in operation during the summer of 2016.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the query he raised in his Notice of Motion relating to what agreement was in place had not been answered.

Ms. A. McAllen replied that the Traditional Market Rights are in place for Bird's but legal confirmation is needed to ensure this is correct. Ms. McAllen confirmed that the Council will be in a better position to confirm the position for the next Municipal District Meeting.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that this issue has been queried over the years and nobody has provided a definitive answer. Bird's had given money to surface dress the carpark. Nobody has seen any written document.

Cllr. D. Grady confirmed that the carpark was tarred at one stage.

Cllr. Culloty stated this was a substantial property in Killarney Town. To revert to him with this response was not acceptable.

Ms. McAllen replied that the reason for this was that she needed adequate time to investigate the matter and will provide the Members with an assessment following the meeting.

32. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As the raising of the N22 road at Lawlor's Cross contributed to the flooding of the home of *(name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*, I call on this Council to carry out the necessary works on the culvert crossing the N22 at this point, to maximise the flow of water through it, thus removing the threat of this house being flooded in the future.

Reply: There is no evidence to suggest that the pavement improvement of the N22 at Lawlor's Cross contributed to flooding of private property. The

condition and capacity of the existing culvert crossing will be assessed. Subject to the outcome of the assessment and if an upgrade is recommended, a Section 50 application will be prepared for submission to the OPW. Discussions will then be held with the TII to secure the necessary funding to carry out intervention works.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he was certain that the raising of the N22 contributed to the flooding of this home. Cllr. Culloty stated that he checked the level of the N22 against the flow level in the house that got flooded and the road was 23cm higher than the house. There is only one culvert crossing the road and the flooding did not happen before this. The road and land dips at that point. These homeowners will not get house insurance again. This problem will arise again if not investigated.

Mr. P. Neary agreed the NRDO would assess the location and a Section 50 application will be prepared for the OPW.

33. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council take the necessary measures to make it safer for motorists coming from Coolick towards Killarney and vice versa at Finnegan's Cross. At present, it is extremely dangerous, and there have been many accidents at this junction in recent years.

Reply: Kerry County Council will review the junction at Finnegan's Cross and any measures required would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operation Fund.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that a lot of accidents have occurred at this location, particularly on the Coolick side. Cllr. Culloty asked that measures be taken to improve the safety of the junction.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and has had Notices of Motion on this matter previously. Cllr. Cronin stated that he had come upon an accident at this junction. Cllr B Cronin agreed to contribute to the improvement of this junction from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operation Fund.

34. Cllr. N Kelleher: NoM No 34 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 21.

35. Cllr. N Kelleher: At Park Road Roundabout there are 9 lights broken/no light, either at the roundabout or on the approach road. Can the Authority get serious with the contractor responsible as other Members and I are sick of reporting lights which are not being fixed. I personally find it hard to vote for the amount paid for this service when the service is not provided.

Reply: Kerry County Council are aware of 3 lights out of order. Two of these lights require civil works to be carried out by Kerry County Council due to a car accident damaging the light and underground cable faults. We will attend to these civil works shortly. Furthermore Kerry County Council have

contacted our lighting maintenance contractors and expressed our concerns at delays in repairs to public lights. Electricians have dealt with the third fault.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the contactor is not carrying out the work.

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

36. Cllr. N Kelleher: Management needs to ensure that there are enough foremen and outdoor staff in each area in the Killarney Municipal District as this is affecting the normal running of getting minor works carried out.

Reply: Kerry County Council reviewed outdoor staff numbers in Municipal Districts in the current year. Further to that review, five foremen have been appointed. In addition eight temporary operatives were employed to deliver the Municipal District Works Plan. Staffing levels will be reviewed again in 2017 when the Municipal District works plan has been prepared.

Mr. P. Neary stated there is an issue in Killarney. There is a requirement for two additional Foremen. Mr. Neary hoped that these posts will be filled in the coming months.

Cllr. N. Kelleher requested asked that the Members be kept informed on the matter.

Mr. Neary agreed to this.

37. Cllr. N. Kelleher: NoM 37 was moved in conjunction with the Deputation received from Barraduff Tidy Village Group.

Cllr. N. Kelleher reiterated that it is important that the Council liaise with the community in advance of visiting the village in order that the debris can be brushed out onto the road to be collected by the sweeper.

38. Cllr. N Kelleher: Our laneways in Killarney are under-utilised and we need to encourage their use and brighten a number of them up while also putting more bin storage locations. Can we get a commitment to put a team together to promote the development of our laneways and ensuring their appearance is upgraded.

Reply: Work on the laneways of Killarney is already under way, with improvements currently taking place on Old Market Lane. Bin storage in laneways throughout Killarney town is a growing problem. At present we are in discussions with businesses and waste collectors to find a solution to the storage and collection points at Chapel Lane and in the Glebe Car Park. We would hope to extend the solutions to other laneways. The Killarney Municipal Office is committed to continuing to improve and upgrade the laneways in town.

Ms. A. McAllen confirmed that Mr. M. Ó Coileáin has been working with Killarney Looking Good on this project.

Mr. K. O'Halloran stated that the Bohereencael had been re-paved and new planters had been put in there. It is also planned to put new lights here. A new ceiling has also been put into the Old Market Lane. These two lanes are a priority and additional lighting will be installed there.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the Council have met with KWD and are looking to draw up a plan.

Ms. McAllen stated that all involved parties need to do this.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty referred to Kendall which is Twinned with Killarney and stated that a similar project has enhanced the town. This will be hugely important to a town of Killarney's size.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that this project was a weekly matter for discussion with Killarney Looking Good Committee.

39. Cllr. N Kelleher: 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 and this road re surfaced?

Reply: The footpath works will be carried out in Q1/Q2 of 2017 and the road resurfacing works will be carried out later in 2017 as part of the Restoration Improvement Programme.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that a commitment was previously given that these works would be carried out in Q1/Q2 2016.

40. Cllr. N Kelleher: An idea was mooted in the past regarding bringing the display of beauty in the Gardens of Killarney House into the town by erecting a glass top to the wall between Killarney House and the town on Mission Road. Is this something the Authority would be willing to explore as I believe it would be a win-win situation for all involved.

Reply: We will certainly explore the possibility of the glass top on the wall between Killarney House and Mission Road with the NPWS and OPW.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he is a Member of the National Park Liaison Committee and agreed to raise this matter.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. Culloty enquired if railing could be provided instead of glass.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that glass would look more sophisticated than railing.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the NPWS were not in favour of railing but would consider "glass windows" in the wall.

(d) Questions

1. Cllr. D. Grady: Please provide an update on overlaying/tarmacing in Scartaglin Village.

Reply: Surface dressing of Scartaglin Village has been completed.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the reply.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has a decision been reached in relation to the location of the long awaited Fair Hill pedestrian crossing?

Reply: A pedestrian crossing had been previously been designed for this location together with improvement works adjacent to the Friary Roundabout. This design was subject to a public consultation process and during this process an alternate location for the pedestrian crossing was proposed at a Killarney Municipal District Meeting. This new alternate location was assessed and deemed not to be acceptable from a safety point of view. A new design will be carried out at this location.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the decision to carry out a review.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has there been progress towards the provision of a footpath from Páirc Chuimín Estate to Kilcummin Village?

Reply: Kerry County Council has been unable to acquire the land to date for the provision of a footpath at this location. However, Kerry County Council will continue to work towards the provision of a footpath at this location.

Cllr. M. Gleeson noted with disappointment that the land cannot be acquired. This footpath is becoming more necessary.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the necessary land for a car park been acquired adjacent to Gneeveguilla Church and Funeral Home?

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District has been unable to acquire the necessary lands for the provision of car parking adjacent to the Gneeveguilla Church and Funeral Home. Further options will be investigated for providing additional parking along the Public Road.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that a car park is vitally important at this location. During funeral times, it is chaotic and dangerous. There could be serious consequences if an emergency vehicle is required when a busy funeral is taking place.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Question No 5 was moved in conjunction with Mr. D. Ginty's discussion on flooding (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate)

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council, in conjunction with the other interested parties, made progress in the matter of developing an adequate car park at

Upper Goragullane [11077] in order to facilitate mountaineers and to ensure safety for local residents?

Reply: This location in Upper Gortgullane is located off a private road which is in turn located off the L-11077 roadway and is used by mountaineers to park while climbing Mangerton Mountain. Kerry County Council has had discussions with the National Parks and Wildlife Service and they have indicated that they do not have funding for such a scheme. Kerry County Council will provide assistance to this project if any future funding opportunity becomes available.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the location was at the top of the existing road.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that this was a private road.

Cllr. Gleeson asked if the Council had surface dressed the top half of this road at one time.

Ms. Mulryan replied that 700 - 800 metres at the end of that road is private.

Cllr. Gleeson stated that it is important to develop a car park. Health and safety demands that adequate car parking facilities be provided.

7. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Question 7 was moved in conjunction with Mr. P. Bradley's discussion on Burial Grounds (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate)

8. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Following discussions between Kerry County Council and the Courts Service in early September, what is the update regarding the provision of public toilet facilities at the Courthouse in Killarney?

Reply: A meeting with the Court Services is scheduled in the coming weeks in relation to Court facilities in the County. The progress on the provision of toilets facilities for the public during Court sittings at Killarney Courthouse will also be raised.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae noted the reply.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the meeting had been organised to move this matter forward.

In the absence of Cllr. J. Sheahan, Question No's 9 & 10 were moved by Cllr. N. Kelleher in conjunction with the Deputation received from Barraduff Tidy Village Group.

In the absence of Cllr. J. Sheahan, Question No's 11, 12 & 13 were moved by Cllr. N. Kelleher.

11. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when the pedestrian crossing at Port Road Killarney will be relocated?

Reply: The TII are funding an overlay on the Port road in 2017. The relocation of the pedestrian crossing will be carried out as part of the overlay works.

12. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if the TII have given a commencement date for the repair of road surface of the N22 at Minish Gates Railway Crossing, Killarney?

Reply: The TII have not provided funding for this project in the current years works programme. This matter will be raised again with the TII and the Kerry Inspector.

13. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if the tailback warning signs on the N22 near Minish Gates Railway Crossing have been approved?

Reply: A tailback warning sign has been approved by the TII and will be erected on the Killarney approach to the level crossing at Minish. This sign is due to be erected shortly.

In the absence of Cllr. J. Sheahan, Question No's 14, 15 and 16 were moved by Cllr. N. Kelleher in conjunction with Mr. P. Bradley's discussion on Burial Grounds (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate).

17. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: What progress has been made for a turning area at the top north-eastern area of Ballyspillane and for parking set-backs?

Reply: An extension will be provided to this turning area in late October. However, there are no plans for any additional parking set-backs.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.

18. Cllr. B. Cronin: Following the provision of a specific taxi space in Castleisland, can a taxi sign be erected at this location?

Reply: A dual use loading bay and taxi rank sign has been erected at this location.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the reply.

19. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can a footpath be constructed from the Eugene Leonard Roundabout at Clashganniv to meet the existing footpath on the Killarney Road, Castleisland as this is used as a very popular walking route.

Reply: This footpath may be considered for funding as part of next years Municipal District Works Plan if adequate funding is made available for footpath improvements.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that this is the first roundabout after Farranfore and many people use this road as a walking route. There is a grass margin of approximately 3ft and people have to walk outside its verge on the road and asked if it could be skirted.

20. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can proper extra parking be provided adjacent to the Molly Darcy entrance to the National Park as currently cars are forced to park on the grass area opposite the entrance to the Park.

Reply: The carpark in question at Molly Darcys is owned by the National Parks and Wildlife Service. This request will be forwarded on to the NPWS for their consideration.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that up to 35 cars park up on the grass embankment at the Abbey entrance near Molly Darcys. No adequate parking is provided. Cllr. Cronin asked that the NPWS be written to on the matter and improve parking to their own facilities.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that someone had claimed that the section from the Post Office to Molly Darcy's is in Kerry County Council ownership.

Cllr. Cronin asked the Council to get confirmation on this.

21. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will the " 35,000 allocated for improvement work in the 2015 roads budget for the Boolia Junction, Furies be spent?

Reply: Kerry County Council were not able to acquire the necessary lands to facilitate road widening at this location. Pavement works along with signing and lining will be carried out at this location in October 2016.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that there is a big dip in the road when turning left at Furies and asked that it be corrected and utilise the funds on this.

22. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can a permanent disabled parking space be provided adjacent to the Culture Centre on East Avenue Road?

Reply: Following consultation with the Killarney Access Group, it is intended to provide one disabled parking space adjacent to the Cultural Centre. Works will commence this week.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the reply.

23. Cllr. B. Cronin: Q23 was moved in conjunction with discussion held on burial grounds by Mr. P. Bradley (Operations, Health & Safety)

24. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Will Kerry County Council change car parking signs in Killarney Town that say street parking for 1 hour as tourists who would like to go on a jarvey ride are afraid of exceeding the 1 hour limit and then decline to go on the jarvey ride which is having a very negative impact. The signs should read how much the parking is per hour?

Reply: The street parking signs are in accordance with the current On Street Parking Bye Laws. On street parking is limited to one hour to allow for a high turnover of vehicles accessing the retailers on the streets. Longer duration parking is available in all the car parks in Killarney Town.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked when will these Bye-Laws be reviewed?

Mr. P. Neary replied that on-street parking fees are designed to get people in and out of the town centre. The retailers want a frequent turnover of customers. Any change to the Bye-laws would have to be considered on a financial basis also.

25. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: When will repair work on the bridge at Knocklebede begin? It is currently very dangerous for road users.

Reply: Kerry County Council will carry out the parapet repair works at Knocklebede within the next 3 weeks.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

26. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Question No 26 was moved in conjunction with Mr. D. Ginty's discussion on flooding (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate)

27. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Question No 27 was moved in conjunction with Mr. D. Ginty's discussion on flooding (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate)

28. Cllr. N Kelleher: Plans were brought before us before for the redevelopment of High Street and Plunkett Street. When will these matters be brought before the Members of the Killarney Municipal District again?

Reply: Both these schemes were progressed to the Public consultation phase. At the Killarney Municipal District Meeting held on the 7th October 2015, these Traffic Schemes were on the agenda for consideration by the Killarney Members as per Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994. Following the consideration of the submissions, the members deferred a decision pending the completion of the Traffic Management Study.

In regard to the Traffic Management Plan, a workshop will be organised between the Killarney Elected Representatives and the Traffic Consultants to discuss all the findings of the report. The date for this workshop to be agreed with the members. The merits of these schemes will be discussed at this workshop.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked if this matter could be brought up at the next Municipal District Meeting after discussing them at the Traffic Management Plan Workshop.

Mr. P. Neary agreed that after the Traffic Study was outlined to the members, the Section 38s could be considered.

29. Cllr. N Kelleher: Q29 was moved in conjunction with discussion held on burial grounds by Mr. P. Bradley (Operations, Health & Safety)

30. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Question 30 was moved in conjunction with the Deputation received from Barraduff Tidy Village Group.

31. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Question 31 was moved in conjunction with the Deputation received from Barraduff Tidy Village Group.

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

Reply: This scheme is being designed by the Kerry National Road Design Office. They are preparing a TII feasibility study for the project. This feasibility study will be forwarded to the TII, when complete, for official approval of the scheme.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that it was agreed that a Draft would be provided at the end of next month.

33. Cllr. N Kelleher: Listry Bridge is unsuitable for the current day uses of this bridge and the community have for years been fighting for a new bridge. While in the short term it is not possible to deliver a new bridge, can the Council give a commitment to make endeavours to start the process of delivering same? It will take many years but provisions need to be put in place now to be in a position to deliver it into the future.

Reply: The cost of widening this bridge would be of the order of " 750,000 and the cost of a new structure would be of the order of " 2 million. The only funding mechanism previously available for such works was through the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Specific Improvement Grant. However, funding under the Specific Improvement Grant Scheme in recent years has been limited and the only monies made available in 2016, was " 239k for Bridge Rehabilitation Works only.

In 2012 Kerry County Council surveyed all the bridges on our regional roads which identified structural works to be carried out on a number of bridges. Bridge funding will be prioritised for these works in the coming years.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked if Kerry County Council would give a commitment to start the process of delivering this bridge and get it to a shovel ready stage so that work may progress as soon as funding is received.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed that he would start the process and meet with the relevant landowner. How far this can be progressed is the issue here.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked if this could be done out of the Council's own budget.

Mr. Neary replied that for a bridge design, a consultant would need to be appointed but firstly, a Structural Engineer would have to be appointed. The only Structural Engineer in the Council is Mr. Michael O'Donoghue.

Cllr. Kelleher asked if this project could be forwarded to him.

Mr. Neary agreed to this.

34. Cllr. N Kelleher: In Lackabane Village in Fossa the roadways need to be strengthened. Can this work be put on the programme as I don't believe there are enough funds in the CIS to provide for same?

Reply: The improvement works required at Lackabane Village can be considered for inclusion in the next Restoration Improvement Programme, meanwhile the roads will be maintained as far as funds allow.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked when is the next Restoration Improvement Programme due to commence?

Mr. P. Neary replied that the next Programme will commence in 2018.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. D. Grady: That we write to the appropriate Government Minister and the Regional Manager of the Killarney National Park and Wildlife Services requesting that a Board of Trustees for Killarney House would be established, separate to that which exists in respect of Muckross House.

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

Cllr. D. Grady asked that a letter issue to Mr. Pat Dawson, National Park and Wildlife Services. The NPWS are doing an excellent job but separate Trustees are needed for Killarney House.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that he was a Trustee of Muckross House and asked if Cllr. Grady would withdraw the last part of the Motion.

Cllr. Grady agreed to withdraw this.

2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: We the Members of Kerry County Council must highlight that there are not enough Disability Taxi services in the Killarney area. What can be done to improve this service?

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

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae advised that staff from Cheshire Homes have stated that they are not able to get wheelchair accessible taxis.

It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Taxi Regulator on the matter.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council, in conjunction with the Court Services, agree a plan to improve facilities at the Courthouse in Killarney. Such improvements should include separate toilets for Judges, Barristers, Solicitors, etc and also toilets for the public when the Courthouse is open. Mediation rooms should also be provided as there is a real opportunity to provide more services in this Courthouse.

Reply: A meeting with the Court Services is scheduled in the coming weeks in relation to Court facilities in the County. The improvements detailed will be raised with the Court Services, however the provision of the services is a matter for the Court Services.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated there was an opportunity here to provide more services in the Courthouse such as a Mediation Room.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the toilets are not satisfactory in the Courthouse and a public toilet is needed to the rear of the building.

Cllr. Culloty stated that money should be spent on toilets facilities that are for use by the public while the courthouse is in session. There should be separate toilets provided for the legal personnel.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would once more communicate with Bus Éireann and Iarnród Éireann requesting the development of a connecting pedestrian bridge between both stations in Killarney.

Reply: While this is a matter for consideration by the Members, it should be noted that you received a reply from Bus Éireann dated 12th August 2016 on this particular matter.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that Iarnród Éireann did not reply to the letter that issued to them and requested that a further letter be sent to them.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would give an update on the ongoing process relating to the future of the "Pretty Polly" site and the dilapidated building thereon.

Reply: Kerry County Council has completed the internal consultation element of the Part 8 process and the Environmental Assessment Screening Report is currently being prepared by the Environmental Assessment Unit of the Planning Section. The Environmental Assessment Screening Report will be complete by end of September 2016. Kerry County Council anticipated commencement of the Part 8 public consultation in November 2016.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked that this matter be brought to fruition and that this "eyesore" be removed.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would provide an update on the progress being made towards returning Áras Phádraig to public use.

Reply: Kerry County Council have sought quotations to compile a report on how to maximise use of the Áras Phádraig building for groups in and around Killarney. We hope to be able to appoint the successful candidate at the end of September and have the completed report by end of year.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what is the delay with opening up Áras Padraig and making it available to the local communities and as parking is at a premium in the town of Killarney, why isn't the Áras Padraig car park being made available to the public?

Reply: Kerry County Council have sought quotations to compile a report on how to maximise use of the Áras Phádraig building for groups in and around Killarney. We hope to be able to appoint the successful candidate at the end of September and have the completed report by end of year. The carpark site is not in the ownership of Kerry County Council.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked who owned the Áras Phádraig carpark.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that it was in the ownership of the Friars but the matter would be discussed with them.

2. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: What are the present intentions of this Council regarding the Pretty Polly site?

Reply: Kerry County Council has completed the internal consultation element of the Part 8 process and the Environmental Assessment Screening Report is currently being prepared by the Environmental Assessment Unit of the Planning Section. The Environmental Assessment Screening Report will be complete by end of September 2016. Kerry County Council anticipated commencement of the Part 8 public consultation in November 2016. The Part 8 is for demolition and clearance of the buildings and site.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he hoped this process would take place as soon as possible.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, when will Áras Phádraig be ready for use?

Reply: Kerry County Council have sought quotations to compile a report on how to maximise use of the Áras Phádraig building for groups in and around Killarney. We hope to be able to appoint the successful candidate at the end of September and have the completed report by end of year.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

16.09.14.07 To agree dates for holding the following meetings:

(a) A workshop to discuss the Draft Traffic Management Plan for Killarney

It was agreed that a workshop to discuss the Draft Traffic Management Plan for Killarney will be held on Wednesday, 3rd October 2016 at 2.30pm in Killarney Library.

(b) To consider and adopt the Draft Budget Plan for the Municipal District of Killarney

It was agreed a Meeting to adopt the Draft Budget Plan for the Municipal District of Killarney will be held on Wednesday, 26th October 2016 in Killarney Library.

(c) The next Killarney Municipal District Meeting

It was agreed the next Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney will be held on Wednesday, 23rd November 2016 in Killarney Library.

16.09.14.08 To consider the reception of a deputation from the residents of Aghadoe and Knockasarnett regarding Madam's Hill Junction with the N22 - Cllr. B. Cronin

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. Cronin, SECONDED Cllr. N. Kelleher, it was agreed that a deputation from the residents of Aghadoe and Knockasarnett regarding Madam's Hill Junction with the N22 would be received.

16.09.14.09 Correspondence

It was agreed to note the following correspondence which was circulated

1.	Letter dated 16th June 2016 from Ms Niamh Redmond, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government regarding the length of time it is taking to commence the construction of 20 houses at The Park, Killarney
2.	Letter dated 20th June 2016 from Mr Conor Galvin, Project Manager, CFRAM South West, OPW regarding the preferred option identified in the CFRAM Study for the Whitebridge area of Killarney Town
3.	Letter of thanks from Sr Mary Buckley, Presentation Convent, Castleisland regarding the Dedication of Castleisland Library to Mother Joseph Harnett
4.	Letter dated 2 nd August 2016 from Mr Hugh Creegan, Deputy Chief Executive, National Transport Authority regarding the provision of bus shelters in Fossa and Farranfore
5.	Letter dated 12 th August 2016 from Mr Martin Nolan, CEO, Bus Éireann regarding a request to develop a footbridge between the train station and bus station in Killarney

The meeting concluded at 2.55pm.

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Meetings Administrator

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