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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, 23 NOVEMBER 2016

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I LEABHARLANN CHILL ÁIRNE AR AN CHÉADAIOIN, 23 SAMHAIN 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
Cllr. J. Sheahan**

In attendance/i láthair

Ms. A. McAllen	Delegated Executive for the MD of Killarney
Mr. P. Neary	Senior Engineer
Mr. L. Quinlan	Meetings Administrator
Mr. M. Ó Coileáin	Municipal District Officer
Mr. D. Murphy	SEE Housing Estates Unit
Mr. C. Mangan	SEE Water Services
Ms. K. Curtin	AO Housing
Ms. B. Mulryan	A/SEE Killarney
Mr. B. Mulhern	AE Killarney
Ms. S. Murphy	ASO Killarney MD
Ms. M. Galvin	CO Corporate Affairs

The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

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

16.11.23.01 (a) Confirmation of the following Minutes:

- (a)** On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. N. Kelleher, 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 14th September 2016 be confirmed.

16.11.23.01 (b) Reception of Deputations

(a) Deputation from Residents of Woodlawn & Whitebridge Manor regarding safety concerns exiting onto Cork Road (N22)

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the deputation to the meeting.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) **thanked those present for the opportunity to address the meeting.** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* **stated that vehicles were coming down the hill from Lissivigeen Roundabout at 100km/h close to 60km/h junction. Motorists are not adhering to the 60km/h speed limit and it is like trying to cross a motorway when trying to turn in the direction of Lissivigeen. There are many residents living in Mill Road and Woodlawn and it can take up to 12 minutes to get across the road when exiting here. The cars build up behind the junction and often reach back as far as the Railway Bridge. People further behind in the queue start beeping at the people at the front of the queue and this puts enormous pressure on the motorist at the front to cross and to try and judge the traffic coming in both directions. Some people have started to leave the queue and turn left and drive to the Castle Heights Hotel and then turn around rather than wait to cross. This is further exacerbating the problem.** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* **requested that the 60km/h speed limit be placed further back in an effort to slow down the traffic passing their junction.** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* **requested that this matter be given serious attention as the residents fear that a fatality will occur if something is not done here.**

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request), **Principal of Lissivigeen National School addressed the Members. He stated that parents are speeding in the school gates after 9am due to the fact that they cannot cross the road at this junction. Fifty families attending the school have to exit at this location.** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* **stated that he carried out a mini survey that morning. Between 9.00am and 9.15am, 251 vehicles drove towards Killarney and 207 exited Killarney. That was a total of 458 vehicles in a 15 minute window that passed this junction. People are under a lot of pressure to exit from people behind them in the queue and move their cars to the middle of the N22 waiting for a gap in traffic which is highly dangerous.** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* **referred to the roundabout in Lissivigeen and stated it had transformed the area and this is what the residents of Woodlawn and Whitebridge Manor want for their junction.**

Cllr. J.J. Culloty thanked the deputation for their presentation. He requested that his Notice of Motion No. 16 (Operations) be moved at this stage.

16. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As there has been a steady increase in the volume of traffic exiting and entering Ballycasheen to and from the N22, I call on this Council to consider constructing a roundabout at this very busy and dangerous junction.

Reply: This junction is being considered as part of the design for traffic calming from Lissyviggeen roundabout to Daly's Roundabout. An appropriate solution will be designed by the National Road Design Office, Castleisland early in 2017, and included in the overall feasibility report which will be submitted to the TII in due course for funding.

Cllr. Culloty stated that motorists are moving out from the junction into the "island" in the middle of the N22 and this is highly dangerous. He asked that this be given serious attention before a fatality takes place. The residents have asked that a roundabout be provided and also that the 60km/h speed limit be moved out further than it is at present.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and welcomed the deputation. **Cllr. Gleeson** stated that he lived in that area and in June 2016 he had moved the following Notice of Motion:

"10. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the TII and Council would endeavour to devise an acceptable traffic management system that would ease the torment of interminable delay being endured by drivers seeking to emerge from the Woodlawn/Ballycasheen road onto the N22, particularly those wishing to turn right towards the Pike Hill.

***Reply:** The TII have indicated that the current traffic calming layout from Lissyviggeen Cross to 'Dalys' Roundabout should be examined and a feasibility report prepared in regard to any proposed works that are deemed necessary. The Junction of the Ballycasheen / Woodlawn road and the N22 will be examined as part of this process. A design will be completed and costed and a submission will be forwarded to the TII for their consideration. It is proposed to submit a proposal for this stretch of road to the TII before year end."*

Cllr. Gleeson stated that a categoric commitment had been given in that reply. He stated that he was going to put it on the Agenda again in January 2017 at which stage he would have expected a report to have been submitted to the TII. **Cllr. Gleeson** stated that interminable delays were experienced by motorists when exiting onto the N22. The roundabout at Lissyviggeen has transformed traffic flow. **Cllr. Gleeson** offered the deputation his support.

Cllr. D. Grady thanked the deputation for addressing the meeting. He said this issue had been spoken about several times when the Town Council was operating. He stated that the TII must be made aware of the

situation that exists. Cllr. Grady requested that the Council write to the Mr. Shane Ross, Minister for Transport and ask that he meet with a deputation on the matter. Cllr. Grady stated that further deaths will occur at this location if something is not done. He offered his full support to the residents.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae thanked the deputation for their presentation and stated she was well aware of the dangers at that location. The statistics provided speak for themselves. Cllr. Healy-Rae requested that her Question 18 be moved at this stage.

18. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to highlight to the TII the necessity of reducing the speed on the N22 for health and safety reasons at the following locations: (i) Glenflesk Village, (ii) between Lissiviggeen and the bottom of the Pike Hill.

Reply: The above locations on the N22 at Glenflesk Village and between Lissyviggeen and the bottom of the Pike Hill are being considered as part of the design for traffic calming schemes for Glenflesk Village and for Lissyviggeen Roundabout to Daly's Roundabout. An appropriate solution will be designed by the Road Design Office early in 2017 and included in the overall feasibility report which will be submitted to the TII for approval and funding.

Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that when Deputy D. Healy-Rae was a Councillor he had looked for a roundabout at this location and she stated that she had also requested that the speed limit be reviewed. Cllr. Healy-Rae referred to the Traffic Management Study which stated that to alleviate the problem on Muckross Road, traffic should be diverted to Woodlawn and she stated that she had totally objected to that as it was her opinion that this would create mayhem. Cllr. Healy-Rae requested that the speed limit be reviewed and provide a roundabout at the junction.

Cllr. J. Sheahan thanked the deputation for attending the meeting. He stated that a roundabout at this location was long overdue. He hoped that a fatality would not occur here. Cllr. Sheahan stated that he had this matter on before as a Notice of Motion. Safety is paramount here.

Cllr. N. Kelleher thanked the deputation for attending and highlighting their issues. He stated that there was a backlog of traffic coming out from Woodlawn and Muckross traffic is also coming out at this junction and increased the back log massively. Cllr. Kelleher stated it was paramount that their two requests are given consideration, i.e. a reduction of the speed limit and provision of a roundabout at that junction. He offered the deputation his full support and stated that he agreed with Cllr. Grady's suggestion requesting a meeting with the Minister for Transport.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the deputation. He stated that they both gave a very accurate definition of what people are going through on a daily basis. 458 cars passing in 15 minutes makes it treacherous to come out

of that junction. Cllr. Cronin stated that he has had repeated Motions seeking a roundabout here. He stated that Cllr. Kelleher had made reference that traffic coming up from Muckross and has added to the problem. Cllr. Cronin stated he was fully supportive of the deputations' requests and all Members had put down Motions over the last few years on this issue. He agreed that a roundabout would be a huge benefit and would free up the Woodlawn side. The speed limit was a statutory process involving the Gardaí, TII, Kerry County Council and public consultation. That process has now begun. He stated that this location is where the Garda speed checks should be carried out. He promised that the Members would do everything they could to bring this to fruition.

On behalf of Kerry County Council Executive, Mr. P. Neary thanked the deputation for attending the meeting. He agreed with their comments and acknowledged that there were delays at this junction. Mr. Neary confirmed this junction had previously been highlighted to the TII who are responsible for funding remedial measures on National Routes. He confirmed he had spoken with the TII Safety Officer who had requested that a Feasibility Study be prepared to outline any further traffic calming measures required. Mr. Neary stated he had received a commitment from the Kerry National Road Design Office that they would commence the feasibility study in January 2017. In relation to TII funding, Mr. Neary said the feasibility study will be progressed in the New Year and an application for funding would be prepared thereafter. In relation to the Speed Limit Review, Mr. Neary said it was subject to Garda and TII approval.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) asked if the Feasibility Study is carried out by Kerry County Council.

Mr. Neary replied that the TII have a Regional Design Office in Kerry and they will review this in January and an application for funding would be prepared thereafter.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) enquired that if the study acknowledges that this is a dangerous junction and a roundabout is recommended, this could take a year before it would be provided. Is there any interim measure that could be used in the intervening period such as traffic lights?

Mr. Neary replied that there would be no interim measures provided. Traffic lights are costly to provide. We will have to wait for the final solution.

(b) Deputation from Residents of Residents of Aghadoe and Knockasartnett regarding Madam's Hill Junction with N22

ClIr. B. Cronin welcomed the deputation to the meeting and stated that they had two main issues and both affect the vast majority of these residents.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) **addressed the Meeting and stated that she represented the people of Aghadoe, Coolgarriv, Knockasartnett, Furies and Barleymount. Hotels, guesthouses, coaches and a graveyard are all located in this area and everyone has to use the same junction to exit onto the N22. (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) stated that people were depending solely on the courtesy of people to let them exit. Previously there was a period of respite but that has gone now. People are leaving the 50km/h zone just outside the town and by the time they pass the Aghadoe junction they have reached 100km/h. (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) referred to the white stop line at the bottom of the junction. This line was moved about 3 years ago and a pavement was put in there. People have come off their bicycles here and ended up in the ditch. She stated that it is highly dangerous for people who are walking on this road as it is too narrow. There have been a number of accidents on it and minor tips and near misses that have not been documented. (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) said that she had approached the Gardaí about the white line as it was her opinion that any motorist crossing the white line was breaking the law. Elderly people have to judge the speed when exiting the junction and also families with children in their cars. (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) stated it was an insult to their community that nothing has been done to remedy the situation. The residents had no issue with the 26 house development that is being built in Aghadoe but it will lead to 50 - 70 additional cars coming out onto the road. The footpath is of no benefit. What is required is a slip road. (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) concluded by asking that Kerry County Council would move the white line at the junction forward, provide a slip road and look at the speed limit on the N22.**

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) **addressed the meeting and read the following to the Members:**

"1. One third of Irish homes depend on the septic tank system. When this system is not designed correctly, it leads to a high level of contamination and so a major environmental issue. This is a public health risk. Aghadoe and the surrounding area is part of that one third. A decrease in septic tanks should be the aim. In legislation, the home owner has a role and responsibility and now we are requesting the authority to extend the public sewer as part of that responsibility.

2. The National Inspection Plan 2015-2017

It appears that 67 houses are inspected per year in County Kerry in what are deemed high risk areas. The community now have an opportunity to request an extension of the public sewer. This will lead to less inspections, no advisory notices and of course no expensive remedial works. Aghadoe and the surrounding area is an area of outstanding beauty. It has an ever increasing population. The evidence is where there is an increase in population using the septic tank system there will be a higher level of domestic water pathogens for those using the well system. If there is a poor percolation, as can be found in this area, then an increase in nitrogen and phosphorus levels may occur.

We now have an opportunity to improve our environment and so living conditions and hopefully balance the costs to the taxpayer in the long run."

Cllr. B. Cronin thanked the speakers for their contributions which were much appreciated. He stated that he had requested this deputation and they are here today due to their frustration. He stated that he has continuously been making representations seeking improvements to that junction. There is a huge volume of traffic using that road and it is used as a "back road" to Tralee. A housing development was granted by Kerry County Council and each house has a minimum of 2 cars exiting on to the road. Motorists depend on the courtesy of people to let them exit. People have to negotiate traffic coming from Killarney and Tralee plus the turning lane. Cllr. Cronin stated that he has had specific Notices of Motion regarding the movement of the white line and thought it a bad decision to move it back at the time. The elderly and learner drivers have to make a judgement call to cross there and at high speed it is highly dangerous. There have been a number of crashes here. Prior to the white line being moved back, a person was able to turn left but that option is not available to people now. The kerbing on the left hand side is preventing that. The white line needs to be repositioned. The TII need to recognise the fact there is a requirement for a roundabout to enable these residents to get the opportunity to exit safely.

In relation to the sewer, Cllr. Cronin stated that the Members have requested this extension for years. The sewer is going to be coming into the housing development. Most of the work which Kerry County Council and Irish Water would need to have done will now, to a substantial extent, be done. There is a huge problem with percolation and septic tanks. If we are serious as a Local Authority in protecting our lakes and environment, we should extend that sewer up and allow people to connect on to it. There are a number of housing developments that the Environment Department of Kerry County Council has visited because the treatment plants in these housing developments are letting "unsavoury liquid" out which, in turn, is entering the lakes. Substantial work has been done to get the sewer this far. Kerry County Council need to relay our concerns to Irish Water and cater for the residents and end pollution and environmental risk. Cllr.

Cronin referred to *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* **comments in relation to random inspections. The Government have a grant in place to alleviate problems caused by some septic tanks. The only issue is that people can only access this fund if they were one of the 67 houses that were inspected by Kerry County Council and where a problem was identified. Of those 67, there was only one household in Kerry that benefitted from that grant in Kerry last year. Cllr. Cronin concluded by requesting that the sewer be extended by Irish Water and that the TII recognise that people's lives are at stake when having to cross the junction onto the N22 and that we request that they address this.**

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) **informed the Members that the public lights do not extend as far as the junction and requested that they be extended to the bottom of the hill.** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* **also referred to water that flows down the hill and stated that when it freezes it is lethally dangerous.**

Cllr. J.J. Culloty thanked the deputation for attending the meeting. He stated that the solution for this junction would be to remove the bank on the left hand side and this would make a huge difference enabling people to turn left towards Tralee. He stated that Killarney was a great town with Liebherr continuing to expand and a massive growth in the tourist industry but this growth is not being taken into account by the TII. Many of the problems are because of traffic coming into the town. The white line at the junction must be moved. Cllr. Culloty also referred to the sewers which were put in place during previous construction of houses. The area has poor ground and percolation. The reason our town is so busy is because of what we offer and that is the Lakes of Killarney. This foul water ends up in our lakes. The contractor of the new housing development has taken the pipe up this road and Kerry County Council can tap into this if they want to. Cllr. Culloty referred to the grant and stated that the system that is in place is not working.

Cllr. D. Grady thanked both speakers for their presentations. He stated that the white line should be moved out further. There are major problems at this junction and a roundabout is the only solution here. Cllr. Grady referred to the TII and said that any requests that the Members have had to meet with them have been refused. Cllr. Grady stated that when he was a Fire Officer, he attended accidents at this junction. The speed limit at this location is ludicrous and lives are in danger. In relation to the sewer, Cllr. Grady said it is vital. The underground water is flowing into the drains and onto the lakes. Cllr. Grady concluded by offering his support to the deputation.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the deputation to the meeting. He stated that he was from the Lissivigeen area and lived next to the river which flowed into Killarney Lakes. Cllr. Gleeson stated that he had a Notice of Motion requesting that the public sewer be extended to Lissivigeen and

Aghadoe. The most important gift we have in Killarney are the Lakes but pollution poses a constant threat to them. The Treatment Plant is well capable of dealing with this and both areas should be included on this sewer line. Cllr. Gleeson stated he believed in the "well being of water" but further improvements were needed. He offered his full support to the deputation in relation to this issue and stated that our environment and tourism are sacred and precious. Cllr. Gleeson referred to the Aghadoe area and stated it was a town in itself and that people trying to exit there is a test of one's heart. People are panicked and terrified trying to cross the road. It should be a pre-requisite that when any major developments are granted planning permission, that the TII and the Operations Department of Kerry County Council should carry out corresponding upgrading of related infrastructure.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae thanked the speakers for their presentation and stated that all the Members understood their plight and frustration on trying to exit at one of the most dangerous junctions in the County. Cllr. Healy-Rae supported the deputation's request to extend out the speed limit and for public lighting in the area and furthermore, their request to connect to the sewer.

Cllr. N. Kelleher thanked the deputation for their presentation and the residents who attended the meeting. Cllr. Kelleher referred to the junction and the white line. Former Members had requested that this line be moved back. The reason being that people could see back the Tralee Road. This was not a solution. The TII is opposed to single rural dwellings coming out on to National Roads yet the new development in Aghadoe will exit onto that road. The only upgrading works have been the provision of a footpath. The storm drains have not yet been connected to the sewer. The Planning Conditions for that development have been drawn up now. Kerry County Council has responsibility to deal with these issues and provide funding to make sure water is taken off the road and ensure public lighting is provided there. The sewer should be connected. Cllr. Cronin requested the Council to make representations to Irish Water about this matter. The only short-term solution in relation to the junction is to move the speed limit sign out further and in the long-term, a roundabout is required. This is very important as more people will be building on this road and visitors to the graveyard and hotels are adding to the traffic.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed both speakers and the deputation to the meeting. He stated that they made a good case. Cllr. Sheahan stated that the only solution for this junction was for a roundabout to be provided. He said this needs to be pursued and a deputation should meet with the TII or the Minister. The matter of the sewer should also be raised. Cllr. Sheahan requested that his Notice of Motion No 4 should be moved at this stage:

4. Cllr. J. Sheahan: *To ask Kerry County Council and Irish Water if there are plans to provide a sewer connection to the Tralee Road and Aghadoe.*

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. Sheahan referred to Cllr. Gleeson's comments in relation to the quality of the water entering the lakes and concurred that this area needs these sewerage facilities as the lakes require the water to be in mint condition. Cllr. Sheahan offered his support to the deputation and said that a delegation to the TII was the best option.

Mr. P. Neary welcomed the deputation and stated that this junction was located on the National Primary route of Killarney to Farranfore on the N22. Any major infrastructural works regarding improvement to junctions would be subject to TII approval. Mr. Neary confirmed that he had spoken to the TII regarding this junction but was not hopeful that they will commit to funding improvements. In relation to the speed limit, Mr. Neary accepted the comments made and stated he was confident that the TII would move the speed limit out to the Tralee side of the junction. A Speed Limit Review will be carried out in 2017. Mr. Neary agreed to review the placement of the white line at the junction and confirmed he will move it to a more workable position. In relation to the housing development, Mr. Neary confirmed that the footpath was being developed as part of the planning conditions and as planning has now been granted, the entrance cannot be moved. Mr. Neary confirmed that Ms. B. Mulryan will investigate the issue of the surface water on the road, together with the drainage and look at taking the water off the road. The request for a public light requires TII approval and this matter will be raised with them shortly. In conclusion, Mr. Neary stated that the Council will meet the TII Inspector and re-address the issues that had been discussed. If possible, a design will be prepared for them. The short-term issues will be addressed immediately.

Cllr. Cronin appreciated that Mr. Neary agreed to look at re-positioning the white line and the speed limit. He enquired if there was a possibility of providing a slip lane on the left hand side measuring at least 3 - 4 car lengths. He agreed to contribute to same from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund if this was approved. Cllr. Cronin also enquired if there was ducting in the footpaths for public lights.

Mr. Neary agreed to revert to Cllr. Cronin on this.

Cllr. Cronin also wished to recognise the submissions made by Fossa Security Alert regarding the request for the extension of the speed limit and safety works.

Mr. C. Mangan addressed the deputation and stated that, for clarification, Irish Water owns all public water supply and sewerage schemes in the country and the Local Authorities act as agents for them through separate annual Service Level Agreements for each local authority. While there is consultation and liaison with the Local Authorities, all decisions are now made by Irish Water. This matter has been the subject of regular Notices of Motion from Councillors for a number of years, and the Notice of Motion on today's Agenda is a typical example. Again, in relation to proposed extensions and new sewerage schemes, Irish Water's current priority is to upgrade the existing defective systems, prior to addressing new issues. The reply to the Notice of Motion again outlines this position. Irish Water also wrote to the Council earlier this year, stating that it currently has no funding stream except that which may be provided by private developers, for such new infrastructure. Mr. Mangan stated that the developer of the new housing estate at this location has actually commenced construction, and a Condition of Planning is that he / she extends the public sewer as far as that site. Irish Water plans to carry out a Drainage Area Plan for the whole of Killarney and this should surely acknowledge that any extension to the sewer would be very welcome, both to facilitate the existing houses and equally from the environmental / lakes perspective.

Cllr. Cronin stated that the pipe that will be brought to the development is a substantial extension and being carried out at no cost to Irish Water. He asked that the Council impress upon Irish Water to continue the sewer pipe. A lot of people are living at the North and Western sides of this new housing development.

Mr. Mangan replied that the Minutes of this meeting will be forwarded to Irish Water. On the basis of Irish Water's position to-date, he stated he is not optimistic that progress may be made in the short-term on extending this sewer for the wider community at this location.

Cllr. Gleeson asked if the pipe would be of an adequate size to take future connections.

Mr. Mangan replied that it would.

A member of the deputation asked if Kerry County Council had any power of its own as this situation is not acceptable.

Mr. Mangan replied that, while Irish Water makes all the policy decisions, there is no doubt that Irish Water has made huge progress and investment on the ground to infrastructure and very good work is being done. It has been very successful on the ground in Kerry,

irrespective of its great difficulties nationally with image, water charges, politics, etc.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the Council have to work within the constraints of National Policy. Deputations such as these highlight and assist the Council in making a case to Irish Water and gives an edge to submissions. In relation to the junction, Ms. McAllen stated that we help where we can, for example, adjusting the white line at the junction.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) stated that the deputation appreciated the small changes but it is still a major issue to get across the road. The residents do not want to see the provision of a roundabout delayed just because the white line will be moved and stated they cannot wait for fatalities to occur.

Cllr. Cronin stated that the deputation attended the meeting in order to express their concerns and keep the pressure on. The people of Aghadoe and not going to back down. Cllr. Cronin concluded by thanking the deputation for attending the meeting and stated that hopefully the immediate items would be attended to and our concerns will be forwarded to the TII and Irish Water.

16.11.23.02 (a) To note update report from the Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development Directorate

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. M. Scannell, Director of Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development Directorate which was circulated:

Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development Directorate Report

Economic Development

Ms Bridget Fitzgerald, Economic Development Officer was appointed recently and will attend at the next series of Municipal district meetings to brief members on the role and priorities for 2017.

Funding for Rural Recreation Projects

Following the making of a number of Expressions of Interest for Recreational Funding across the county submitted in 2015 by Kerry County Council to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs for the development of recreational infrastructure, we have been recently advised of an additional 100% grant allocation of " 71,000 for the following works:

Gneeveguilla:	Eco-tourism Study	" 12,000
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Town & Village Renewal Grants Scheme

Seven towns and villages across the four Municipal Districts in Kerry will benefit from funding under the 2016 Town and Village Renewal Scheme. The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs recently confirmed funding of " 380,000. The following projects were approved for the Killarney MD:

Gneeveguilla:	" 42,222
Castleisland:	" 50,667
TOTAL	€92,889

This grant funding is supplemented by a minimum local contribution and work will commence in relation to the realisation of the projects as soon as possible.

REDZ (Rural Economic Development Zones)

Three applications have been submitted to the Department for funding under the REDZ programme. Two are considered under the small REDZ scheme and one is of Medium Scale this is the McGillicuddy Reeks Upland Forum. The McGillicuddy Reeks Upland Forum is shared with Killarney MD & South & West MD. The previous grant of funding in respect of this project has been hugely successful and has been highlighted as best practice nationally.

Sara Lee Site

The determination of the future of the Sara Lee Site will form a priority for 2017. A report on the methodology for advancing the project will be brought to members in early 2017. While recognising the Island of Geese Site in Tralee is not entirely comparable and a funding mechanism has not yet been identified for the Killarney site, the engagement of the public around the process in Tralee has been hugely successful and will inform the development of the Sara Lee Site.

Local Enterprise Office

Training

The training schedule is currently very busy with the Winter Programmes up and running.

A number of autumn programmes have now been completed and the new series of Business Start Up programmes have commenced.

Two Business Growth Programmes are presently running in Tralee and Killarney respectively with 24 attendees.

Social media and Digital Marketing programmes for small businesses have commenced.

Mentor Programme

85 mentor assignments have been made to date in 2016 across a range of business disciplines.

Kerry's Best Young Entrepreneur

The Bootcamp was completed on the 4th /5th November and participants will pitch their businesses on 18th November for a share of the " 50,000 prize fund. An awards ceremony is scheduled for 23rd November.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme

The trading Online Voucher Scheme continues to generate interest and assist businesses. A further 8 vouchers have been applied for in October/November.

Student Enterprise Awards

Work continues on the Student Enterprise Awards with mentoring and business development support.

Grant assistance

20 projects have been approved funding (year to date) amounting to " 288,430 and " 264,000 has been paid out to date. This approvals funding has the capacity to create an additional 47 jobs.

National Women's Enterprise Day

Kerry LEO hosted the Regional Women's Enterprise Day on 19th October with over 100 attendees.

Additional Funding Applications

The LEO has submitted applications for additional funding under a number of schemes including;

- Small Business Innovation Research Scheme
- CEDRA Agritourism Funds

Promotional Campaign

The LEO will commence a promotional campaign on Radio and press in November 2016.

Details and booking are available on www.localenterprise.ie/kerry

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would seek to ensure that no unauthorised signage is placed on streets and buildings in towns and villages or on the approach road to those towns and villages.

Reply: Both the Operations Department and the Planning Enforcement Unit will address any unauthorised signage placed on streets and buildings in towns and villages or on the approach roads to those towns and villages.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that 25 years ago, Killarney was infamously described as "a town best viewed in a rear view mirror". Cllr. Gleeson asked that anything that appears unauthorised is removed forthwith as it is so easy to destroy the perfection that has been achieved.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion. Plastic and billboards are beginning to appear around the town again. Killarney Town Council had its own Planner that had this designated role and any unauthorised signage was removed within 2 weeks. It is a shame that this role is not given back to Killarney Municipal District.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: When do Kerry County Council expect that Hill View Estate, Ballycasheen Road, Woodlawn be taken in charge.

Reply: The taking in charge application for this estate is currently being processed in accordance with our Taking in Charge Policy and our Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water. It is anticipated that this estate will be proposed for taking in charge during 2017.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated he was delighted with the progress being made in relation to the works.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the update on the Greenfield Estate and Rosehill Avenue Estate taking in charge applications?

Reply: Following a recent meeting at Greenfields Estate with the Agent for the Bondsman and Contractor, a small list of minor outstanding works have been agreed. As soon as these items have been addressed, we will then commence the statutory taking in charge process.

We have requested that the public lighting issue be prioritised by the contractor. Once we receive the required certification and we are satisfied that all is in order, we will request the Council's energy supplier to have the lights turned back on in advance of the estate being formally taken in charge.

A valid taking in charge application was received from Rose Hill Estate in July 2016. This is currently being assessed in accordance with our Taking in Charge Policy and our Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water. It is hoped that this estate be taken in charge before the end of 2017.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that this was very welcome news and hopefully the estate will be taken in charge in 2017.

3. Cllr. N. Kelleher: How many enforcement files have been opened since mid-2014 when the Killarney Municipal District was set up and how many are still open?

Reply: Between 1st June 2014 and 31st October 2016, 123 files were opened in respect of complaints made in relation to unauthorised development in the Killarney Municipal District. 63 of these files are currently closed.

Cllr. N. Kelleher acknowledged the reply.

16.11.23.03 (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:

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

November 2016

LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

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

Library service:

“ Kerry Library has completed the digitisation of a further set of 8 Kerry newspapers and they are now available fully searchable, free of charge at each library. These are: **Kerry Reporter** (1924 - 1935); **Kerry Champion** (1928 - 1958); **Tralee Liberator** (1914-1939); **Kerry Press** (1914 -1916); **Kerry Advocate** (1914-1916); **Kerry People** (1902 - 1922; 1925 - 1928); **Kerry Evening Star** (1902 - 1914); **Kerry News** (1894 - 1920; 1924 -1941).

20 Kerry newspapers are now available in this format and this completes the available resources that can be digitised. This constitutes a continuum of newspaper coverage for the county from 1829 (**Kerry Evening Post & Tralee Mercury**) to the present (**The Kerryman**). [*Kerry's Eye* and *The Kingdom* are copyright restricted and do not form part of the offering].

In addition, national titles (***Irish Independent, Cork/Irish Examiner & Irish Press***) are also available and this is a huge resource with free access across the library network. In relation to ***The Irish Times***, this is available on the Ask About Ireland website [www.askaboutireland.ie] and access is not restricted if used through the public library network.

“ Library Ireland Week 2016 will take place nationally from Monday, 28 Nov. to Saturday, 3 Dec. Kerry Library will have 2 main initiatives (i) a fines amnesty on any overdue books (ii) User education events at each library to promote the library online resources [e-books; e-learning courses, e-audio, e-magazines, e-newspapers, e-languages, etc.] & update users on the catalogue search, book renewal and book request services capabilities of the new Library Circulation Management system

- Library events programme [countywide details at www.kerrylibrary.ie]

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

Update on Water Framework Directive – River Basin Management plans

The second cycle of the river basin management planning process has commenced at national level. The outcome of this process will see the publication of revised national river basin management plans in 2017. The plans will form the basis for much of the scheduled water-quality inspection work (eg. septic tank inspection, farm inspections etc.) which will be undertaken by local authorities over the coming years. In preparation for this, Kerry County Council recently held preliminary discussions with the EPA about the establishment of an investigation assessment work-programme. This would entail carrying out desk-top and field-based investigation work to identify possible water quality issues in a number of surface water catchments in the County.

Local Authority Water & Community Offices (LAWCOs) have also been established in each of the Water Management Regions and these have been given the role of ensuring improved coordination between the various local authorities in carrying out their water quality management functions and of engaging with local communities on issues of local importance in the water quality area and to promote public awareness, knowledge sharing and participation in the protection and management of our natural waters.

Kieran Murphy has been recently appointed as the Community Water Officer based in Inniscarra, Co Cork. His primary role will be to provide on the ground support to communities in the delivery of Water Framework Directive objectives (i.e., good water, ecological status). Kieran will provide support for the Cork County Area and will (in the short term) provide a caretaker role for Co. Kerry until the new Community Water Officer, to be based in Tralee, takes up her position. Kieran can be contacted by email on kmurphy@lawco.ie or by mobile on 085 8083059

A South West Region Water and Environment Management Committee, is also being established, chaired by the Chief Executive of Kerry County Council initially, to co-ordinate and share experience and best practice among local authorities and catchment communities in the South West Region.

Farm Hazardous Waste Collection

Collection of farm Hazardous waste took place in the Milltown Mart on the 12th November 2016. There was a charge for disposal of Pesticides and biocides - Veterinary medicines - Doses, dips, wormers - Dry cow & mastitis tubes - Needles and syringes - Waste paints - Aerosols - Corrosives (acids, detergents) - Oil and air filters.

Oily wastes - Brake fluids - Brake pads - Antifreeze - Adhesives - Coolants - Grease cartridges . Creosote. All empty plastic and metal containers.

With free disposal of - Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) - TVs - Computers - Fridges - Freezers - Power tools, kettles - Fluorescent lamps & CFLs, waste engine and hydraulic oil and all batteries including tractor car, fence, portable

It was a very successful day and follows on from the pilot event which took place in Castleisland Mart in 2013.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Business Unit Manager – Captain Michael Hession, Chief Fire Officer

Operation of the Fire Brigades Service:

Set out hereunder are the statistical details in respect of the Fire Service and Building Control for the period 1 Jan 2016 to 31 Oct 2016 along with the details of 2016 for reference purposes:

Fire Operations	Jan-Oct 2015	Jan-Oct 2016
Fires Number		
Chimney Fires	114	92
Gorse Fires	223	151
Other Fires	185	206
Total	522	449
Special Services Number		
Entrapment	9	16
Gas/Chemicals	3	4
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	1	0
Hazardous Substances non Transit	3	1
Machinery	0	0
Miscellaneous	72	50
Other rescue	23	24
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	8	1
Road traffic accident	97	109
Water pumping/flooding	22	9
Total	238	214
False Alarms Number		
Malicious	26	19
Good Intent	122	124
Total	148	143
Total Number of Incidents	908	806
Total Number of Mobilisations	1021	958

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers carried Inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and forwarded Fire Officers recommendations to the annual licensing Courts during October. The bulk of licence applications have now been processed for 2016.
- Fire Officers continued with premises inspections as required.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of October 2016 was 368 which is a
 - 22.25% increase on the figure of 301 for the same period last year.
 - This consolidates the 2016 indication of an increase of over 20% in construction activity.
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of October 2016 a total of 82 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 134 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents increases of
 - 5.12 % in Disability Access Certificate applications and
 - 11.66 % in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2015.

Building Control	1 Jan 2015 to 31 October 2015	1 Jan 2016 to 31 October 2016
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	120	134
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	78	82
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices Received	301	368

Construction Products:

There has been a report of an issue with CE marking on a Henley type stove which is manufactured and distributed in Tralee. This is currently being investigated.

John Breen
Director of Services
November 2016

Killarney Municipal District Meeting Community Department Report November 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 tenders to carry out a Feasibility Study and Business Plan on the optimum use for the Áras Phádraig building were assessed. The successful tenderer has been notified in line with Kerry County Council's procurement procedures, a standstill period is applicable to this tender; work can therefore not commence until the expiry of the standstill period i.e. 27th of November 2016. The successful tenderer has confirmed that they will be in a position to commence immediately at that time.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

Two applications were submitted for the Killarney Municipal District under the 2016 Town and Village Renewal Scheme. The announcement has been made by the DAHRRGA on successful applications.

Funding of **€42,222** has been allocated to Gneeveguilla to underground the wiring in the village to enhance its attractiveness and funding of **€50,667** has been allocated to Castleisland to upgrade the Carnegie Building as an enterprise/incubation space within the Town.

Funding for Rural Recreation Projects

Following the making of a number of Expressions of Interest for Recreational Funding across the county submitted in 2015 by Kerry County Council to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs for the development of recreational infrastructure, we have been recently advised of an additional 100% grant allocation of "12,000" to support an Eco-tourism Study in Gneeveguilla.

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.

The launch of the 2017 Fund will be held on the 21st of November. 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 Clinic for community groups in the Killarney Municipal District is scheduled for Monday the 28th of November from 8pm . 9.30pm in the Dromhall Hotel, Killarney.

The Guidelines for the 2017 have also been revised to provide more clarity to groups. The closing date for receipt of completed applications under the 2017 CSF is Friday the 13th of January 2017.

LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN

Following the formal launch of the LECP; priority actions for 2017 are currently being agreed with the Lead Agencies and will be presented to the LCDC at their meeting in December. 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 will be reviewed at the end of year. The Mid-Term Review was completed at the end of July and approved by the LCDC at its July meeting. The planning process for the 2017 Action Plan under SICAP, is currently underway and will be presented to the LCDC at their meeting in December 2016.

LEADER 2014-2020

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

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.

Moirá 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's, 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 was held in October 2016.

At this stage, Expressions of Interest Forms have been completed by project promoters and are been presented to the Local Action Group on the 14th of November 2016. All potential applicants must complete an expression of interest form prior to submitting an application for support under the new LEADER Operating rules.

Kerry PPN

Kerry PPN Secretariat has been meeting to consider the revised guidelines issued in relation to the operations of PPN structures. Workshops on good practice and governance are ongoing. A major piece of work was achieved with the completion of the website available at kerryppn.ie; Registration of groups is now open and all community & voluntary groups have been notified of this.

Comhairle na nÓg

Kerry Comhairle na nÓg's AGM took place on Thursday 13 October, 2016, at the Rose Hotel in Tralee from 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. The event is totally planned and managed by the current Comhairle na nÓg members. Young people aged 12-18 were invited from all 25 secondary schools and this year we had 131 attendees from 22 out of the 25 schools.

You tube videos showcasing the work of the Comhairle in Kerry were shown as part of the day's events. This year the Comhairle na nÓg was consulted in relation to the Kerry 1916 Commemorations and made submissions following a meeting with the National Coordinator. Members also organised a "Reeling in the Years Fashion Show 1916 -2016" held at the Ashe Hotel to commemorate the Easter Rising and a video of the fashion show was shown at the AGM.

Also the Kerry Comhairle na nÓg was invited by Sean Kelly MEP to attend the European Youth Event (EYE) which took place in the European Parliament

seat in Strasbourg from 20-21 May 2016. It was a unique opportunity for thousands of young Europeans, including members of the Kerry Comhairle, to make their voices heard.

At the AGM an election took place where 57 new members joined Kerry's Comhairle following this year's AGM. Those elected are afforded opportunities to attend national events and to represent young people on a number of policy making bodies both at county level and nationally. Outgoing members who are 18 years old and now have to leave the Comhairle as their term is over, were presented certificates by Cllr. Norma Foley on behalf of the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council.

Housing Services Report

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

Restructuring In Housing

The Housing section now consists of 3 sections as follows:

- 1. Asset Management Services** led by Brigid O'Riordan
Contact No (066) 718549, Mobile (087) 6401889 Email: bwalsh@kerrycoco.ie
- 2. Support Services** led by Kathleen Curtin
Contact No (066) 7183933, Mobile (087) 9305777 Email: kcurtin@kerrycoco.ie
- 3. Customer Services** led by Brenda Conway
Contact No (066) 7183932, Mobile (087) 6898866 Email: bconway@kerrycoco.ie

Enhancement to Service for Public Representatives

A dedicated helpline will be available in November to allow our public representatives contact the Housing department in relation to any queries or representation they wish to make. Our aim is to answer the call on receipt and to ensure that it is responded to in a timely manner. The phone number and operational date will be circulated in the near future.

New Reporting Format for MD meetings

We intend adding to the standard report for the MD meetings which will give full visibility on activity in Housing in the previous period.

We intend on developing this further into the future and are putting data collection and logging systems in place to allow us to do this in an efficient manner.

We welcome feedback on this and indeed any other suggestions of reports that you would like us to include for future meetings.

Tenant Purchase Scheme Update

The total number of applications received to date is **209**.

We have agreed to sell **76 properties** in total throughout the County.

To date, **75** applicants did **not** qualify based on the Terms of the Scheme and these applicants have all been notified of decision.

The total number of properties which Kerry County Council have agreed **not** to include in the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme is **11**.

The other applications are currently under consideration at the moment.

Turnkey Expressions of Interest

The Council advertised in the Examiner, the Kerryman & Kerry's Eye for persons to submit applications for Expressions of Interest in relation to the delivery of Turnkey Units in Kerry. The closing date for the receipt of these Applications for Expressions of Interest was Friday, 28th October, 2016. After the closing date the applications will be examined on a number of factors e.g. housing need in the area, costings, date of delivery. A submission will then be made to the Department of Planning, Housing, Community & Local Government for approval for these schemes.

Local Infrastructure Activation Fund

The Council advertised in the Examiner, the Kerryman & Kerry's Eye inviting submissions for large-scale developments, at minimum in excess of 150 houses. The closing date for the receipt of these submissions was 23rd September, 2016. No submissions were received.

HAP Implementation

The Housing Assistance Payment scheme will Circular be introduced in Kerry on the 01 December 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.

Voids Programme

We received an allocation of €771,700 from the DPHCLG early in the year for the purpose of returning 54 vacant Social Housing properties to productive use and 49 of these units have been completed and claimed to date. A further allocation was approved and notified on the 03 October 2016 for 47 units at the cost of €665,620 and works have been completed on these units and will be claimed by the 23 November 2016.

Social Housing Activity Report as at 10th November, 2016 Killarney Municipal District (K.M.A.)

Social Housing Applicants (Year to Date Position)

Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal District	32
New Tenancies Commenced	31
Accommodation Refusals	1

Social Houses

Vacant properties within Municipal District

Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)	9
Awaiting Allocation	6

Construction Programme

Single Rural Dwellings - under construction	0
Single Rural Dwellings -Tender Stage	0
Extensions - applications on hands	9
Extensions - proceeding to construction	2

Rental Accommodation Scheme

	<u>County</u>	<u>K.M.A.</u>
Total Active Tenancies	924	179
New tenancies in 2016	79	19
Tenancies terminated in 2016	72	15

Leasing

	<u>County</u>	<u>K.M.A.</u>
Leased Properties	201	53
New Tenancies in 2016	52	17
Leases under Negotiation	20	3

Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>€</u>
Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)		
Grant Allocation 2016		" 2,096,050
New Grants Allocated 2016	374	" 1,742,873
Total Commitment	245	" 1,190,771
Paid	256	" 1,309,442

Capital Killarney MD:

Proposed Development: The Park, Killarney

Tender to re-issue as open tender on e-tender website before end November 2016.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would re-imagine and re-design into the 21st century the inside of Killarney Library.

Reply: There has been ongoing work to the inside of Killarney Library since 2013. Upgrades have included new lighting, gas heating, automatic entrance door and window and roof insulation (funded by SEAI grants and Kerry County Council. In 2014 the carpet was replaced in the adult, children's and reference areas of the library.

Killarney Library refurbishment is on the Kerry County Council Capital Programme 2017 - 2019, subject to Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government funding.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that Killarney Library has served the area excellently and wished to compliment Mr. E. Brown and staff. An ever-increasing demand for books proves how popular the library is to the community. It is a magnificent facility but expectations have increased. Cllr. Gleeson acknowledged the work done to date but suggested that the air conditioning unit be adjusted and an overview of the building be carried out.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and said the Library was very important to the town.

2. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to provide addresses of houses which it owns in the Killarney Municipal District, and which have not been lived in for over one year, and to give individual information on each.

Reply: There are three houses in the Killarney Municipal District which are owned by Kerry County Council and which have not been lived in for over a year. These three properties are single rural dwellings and while strictly they are considered to be long-term voids, the reality is that these properties cannot be tenanted.

These properties are some of a limited number of such properties across the County where historic legacy issues (e.g. access, right of way, ownership etc) exist which prevent the Council from returning the properties to our tenanted housing stock.

The three properties are located at Knockinane East, Kilcummin, Knocknacullig North, Kilcummin and Mastergeehy, Headford.

Kerry County Council is engaged with the Department regarding the future of these properties.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that one of these houses needs to be demolished and also the house in the Council's ownership should be demolished.

Ms. K. Curtin confirmed that the house in Mastergeehy would be demolished. There is, however, a right-of-way issue with the property in Kilcummin.

Cllr. Culloty asked that something be done with them as soon as possible as they are getting less valuable as time goes on.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that houses have been unoccupied for over one year. Cllr. Kelleher referred to the Dóirín Aláinn Estate backing onto the Celtic Football Club field and stated that a number of people have said they are Kerry County Council properties and they have not been completed yet.

Cllr. Culloty stated that the estate in question was a private one.

Cllr. Kelleher asked if there was any house in that area of town that are shell units that the Council own.

Ms. Curtin agreed to check and revert on the matter.

3. Cllr. B. Cronin: In light of its importance to Killarney, can the Killarney Municipal District assist in ensuring that the proposed running track and facilities granted planning on the site provided in St Brendan's College will secure LEADER funding.

Reply: The first timebound call for Expression of Interests under the LEADER Programme for the following themes, Rural Tourism, Enterprise Development, Rural Towns and Basic Services targeted at hard to reach communities closed on 28th October 2016. Successful and unsuccessful applicants are currently being notified by the relevant Local Development Company, on behalf of the Kerry Local Action Group (LAG). To be considered for funding under the new LEADER Programme, all potential projects must complete an Expression of Interest form prior to submitting an application form.

Cllr. B. Cronin said it was imperative that this project gets approval to proceed. There has been a huge commitment by the fundraisers and the College have provided land for the facility. This project has massive benefits. Cllr. Cronin requested the Council to do everything it can to get this over the finish line. A large number of people have put a huge effort into this project.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion. This running track will be part of Killarney for ever more and will fill a huge gap.

4. Cllr. D. Grady: That Kerry County Council no longer accepts rubbish burning which is taking place in Ballyspillane Estate at present. 95% of the residents wish to have this problem addressed. This is very unfair on families that are living there.

Reply: Both the Housing and Environmental Services Departments will arrange to further investigate this matter. From our initial investigations it appears to be more an anti-social behaviour issue, which also may need to be referred to the Gardaí.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the burning has now stopped. 95% of the residents in this estate wish to have the problem addressed. This anti-social behaviour has cost the Council a lot of money. It is a horrible situation for the law abiding people of Ballyspillane and must be stopped. There are not enough Gardaí to police the situation.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that all these problems are a result of anti-social behaviour and he requested that CCTV be installed in Ballyspillane, similar to what was provided in the Mitchel's Regeneration Project in Tralee. Cllr. Kelleher asked that the Council ensure that the CCTV is separate from the Killarney Town Centre Project. Cllr. Kelleher stated that the Gardaí do not have the resources available so they need these cameras to deal with the crimes being carried out there. This estate needs to be made more peaceful for the residents living there. A commitment was made previously by a Director of Service to deliver CCTV.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that a previous commitment had been made by Kerry County Council.

Cllr. Grady stated it was vital to have CCTV and it should have been provided 6 months ago.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that Ballyspillane was on the edge and it needs to be rescued now or we will lose it. He stated he had a great affinity with the place and it requires a pre-emptive strike now to prevent disaster.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that all CCTVs should marry into each other. A small minority of people are getting away with too much. There are good hard-working people living in Ballyspillane and a wedge is being driven there.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he has raised this issue at every opportunity and also at JPC meetings. The lives of many people living there have become unbearable. Cllr. Sheahan stated he would like to see community policing there to deal with issues and CCTV to establish what is going on there.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the Residents' Association has been in contact with him and he wanted to acknowledge the great work that is being undertaken there. There are decent people in Ballyspillane and a tiny element are making life miserable for them. It is time that this be addressed.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the anti-social behaviour was a matter for the Gardaí. An Inter-Agency group has been set up and a number of measures are required. **Mr. M. O'Donoghue**, A/Director of Corporate Services & Housing and Superintendent **Flor Murphy**, An Garda Síochána are to meet to progress this and identify the measures that can be taken to counteract this behaviour.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: Have the Council made any progress locating a suitable site for a playground in Firies and has any consideration been given to use part of the car park adjacent to the childcare centre?

Reply: Kerry County Council is actively working with a local Community Group to investigate 3 no. sites to establish the suitability of these for potential sites for a playground, including the site at the carpark which is adjacent to the crèche.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked if the Council had identified any potential site.

Mr. M. Ó Coileáin stated there was one possible site but the landowner had not been approached by the Council. All the other sites do not seem feasible. An attractive package will have to be presented to the landowner.

2. Cllr. N. Kelleher: How many houses were purchased/rented/leased in Killarney Municipal District in the last three years?

Purchased

2014	-	None
2015	-	5
2016	-	11

RAS

2014	-	44
2015	-	35
2016	-	15

Leasing

2014	-	4
2015	-	13
2016	-	11

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked if there was a way around the 5 year RAS or leasing obligation that landlords have to enter into.

Ms. K. Curtin replied that the contract is either for a 5 year or 10 year term. The Council are finding it very difficult to acquire RAS properties in the County. Landlords do not want to enter into these agreements with the Council. **Ms. Curtin** confirmed that the Council are trying to

promote leasing and are hoping to increase same. With leasing the term is for 5 years but is flexible whereas under RAS there is no flexibility.

Cllr. Kelleher asked if a landlord can give notice if they are selling a property.

Ms. Curtin replied that they could.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that landlords need to be informed of this fact as they are not aware of this. We will be faced with a huge problem in a few years time if we cannot source suitable properties.

Ms. Curtin agreed to review the conditions and revert on the matter. She stated that as the housing prices are increasing, property owners are seeing this an opportune time to sell their properties.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that "involuntary landlords" now see a way out.

It was agreed to move Notice of Motion No. 1 (Other Directorates) at this stage while Ms. K. Curtin was present.

NoM 1. Cllr. D. Grady: That Kerry County Council request the appropriate authority to open Armagh House to accommodate the homeless as this is the reason why it was purchased first day.

Reply: The availability of facilities for homeless persons in Killarney has been under review for some time.

The property was purchased by Clúid with the support of Kerry County Council and the Department of Environment.

The current proposal is to demolish the existing building and to construct a new purpose built building on site to provide supported accommodation to persons who are homeless.

This plan has been sanctioned by the Department of the Environment and Kerry County Council are in discussions with Clúid Housing Association to finalise the design and apply for planning for the new development.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that this house was to be opened for the homeless but it has been left lying idle for the last 8 - 10 years. There are people that could use this facility.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and stated this building has been lying idle for 10 years and is an eyesore located on a prime entrance to this town.

Ms. K. Curtin stated that this house was purchased by Clúid with the support of Kerry County Council and the Department of the Environment. The current proposal is to demolish the existing building

and to construct a new purpose built building on site to provide supported accommodation to persons who have or who are homeless.

Cllr. Grady stated the situation was going on too long.

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

KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí

Achoimre Stádais ar an 14^ú Samhain 2016

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme

Status Summary at 14th November 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 national **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 expected that a new CIP will be issued in late 2016 or early 2017.**

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

CIP WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT			
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.

CIP WASTEWATER PROJECT, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT	
Project	Status
Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme	The Scheme is included in the Irish Water national CIP 2014-2016 . The water utility expects to apply for Planning Permission prior to the 31 st December 2016.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

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

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT			
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 lengths of sewers	" 8,000	Complete
CRWSS Scart Reservoir	Decommission temp. bypass	" 15,000	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	2.7Km of new 160 / 200MM watermain	" 450,000	Complete

Road to Sheheree			
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
CRWSS Woodlawn Rd Killarney	Replace 400M of 100MM cast iron with 110mm uPVC pipe	" 50,000	Complete
CRWSS Mill Road Killarney	Lay 500M of 80MM watermain	" 44,000	Complete
Mid Kerry Mains Replacement - Barleymount Coolroe	Replace 400M of the 200MM diameter PVC Trunk Main	" 80,000	Complete
MKRWSS Faha West	Lay 500M of 80MM watermain	" 95,000	Complete
Mid Kerry Mains Replacement - Coolbane Aglish	Replace 1.5Km of the 200MM diameter PVC Trunk Main	" 300,000	Complete
CRWSS Mill Road Killarney	Lay 500M of 80MM watermain	" 44,000	Complete
CRWSS Ballyspillane Killarney	Replace 200M of 200MM AC with 250MM uPVC pipe	" 84,000	80M Complete
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 uPVC pipe	" 100,000	Approved
Rathmore WSS Cloonts	Replace 500M of 200MM AC with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 94,000	Approved
CRWSS Allman's Tce Killarney	Replace 250m of 80mm CI with 80MM uPVC pipe	" 89,000	Approved
CRWSS Mangerton	Replace 1600m of 30mm / 50mm pipe with 100MM uPVC main	" 292,000	Approved
CRWSS Farranfore	Replace 600MM Sluice Valve	" 19,000	Approved
CRWSS Castleisland Main St	Replace 700M AC, CI and Lead pipes with 150mm uPVC main.	" 250,000	Approved
CRWSS Currans Meanus	Lay 250M of 90MM new main to replace long connections	" 25,000	Requested
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
Total APPROVED to-date		€2.781M	

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 Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme and stated that indications from Irish Water were that Planning Permission is being lodged before Christmas.

Mr. Mangan referred to Pages 2 and 3 of the Water Services Directorate Report and stated that all the works listed had either been completed or were ongoing. Dromhall Park and Woodlawn Road water mains replacement jobs were complete. Approximately 1,600m of piping is due to be replaced at Mangerton, commencing next week. Works are due to commence in Kenmare Place in January 2017. Works at Cloonts, Rathmore will go ahead at the start of February 2017. Replacement of the water mains will commence in Main Street, Castleisland in February 2017. Replacement of the defective mains in Brewsterfield would solve the problem for customers from Minish to the other side. Discussions on this proposal are currently ongoing with Irish Water.

Cllr. N. Kelleher enquired about Shrone.

Mr. Mangan replied that he was hopeful about this.

Cllr. B. Cronin enquired about a short mains extension to replace long connections between Currans and Meanus near Farranfore.

Mr. Mangan stated he was not optimistic as Irish Water is concerned that there are not enough connections involved. This road will be on next year's Road Programme.

(b) Questions

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that Questions 1, 3 and 5 would be moved together.

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: Has Irish Water clarified the route of the sewer pipe from Kilcummin to Killarney and if domestic connections can be made to this pipe along the route?

Reply: Irish Water expects to apply for Planning Permission for the scheme prior to the 31st December 2016. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5km of new foul sewers and a pumping station, to connect to the existing sewerage scheme in Killarney. No further information on the route has been made available. The Planning Application will include the details of the pipelines.

3. Cllr. D. Grady: What is the update in relation to the laying of new sewer from Kilcummin to Killarney?

Reply: Irish Water expects to apply for Planning Permission for the scheme prior to the 31st December 2016. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5km of new foul sewers and a pumping station, to connect to the existing sewerage scheme in Killarney. No further information on the route has been made available. The Planning application will include the details of the pipelines.

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

Reply: Irish Water expects to apply for Planning Permission for the scheme prior to the 31st December 2016. The project involves the construction of approximately 8.5km of new foul sewers and a pumping station, to connect to the existing sewerage scheme in Killarney. No further information on the route has been made available. The Planning application will include the details of the pipelines.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that he was very anxious to see this Planning Permission lodged. He enquired if a domestic connection could be made to this piped route?

Mr. Mangan replied that it could be but if it was on a length where the sewer was pumped / 'pressurised', then it would not be possible.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the reply and stated it was good to see this moving along.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked that when this project is forwarded for planning permission, will Irish Water be able to forward copies of the proposed route to the Members or will they have to view the Planning file.

Mr. Mangan replied that he would organise for each of the Members to receive a copy of the plan of the proposed route.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: What steps have been taken to modernise the pumping system in Barleymount Reservoir which supplies the 18 houses adjacent to the reservoir?

Reply: The 18 customers located near the reservoir are served by a 60MM pumped pipeline. Alterations to allow the pump operate even when the water in the reservoir drops to a lower level than before were made in June 2016. The Council has applied to Irish Water for funding to upgrade this local pump station and a response is awaited.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that there were discussions that a new or back up pump would be provided and enquired if there was any progress on the matter.

Mr. Mangan replied that he was cautiously optimistic that funding would be received.

4. Cllr. J. Sheahan: Notice of Motion No. 4 moved in conjunction with the Deputation from Residents of Aghadoe and Knockasartnett.

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

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

Report from the Director of Operations, Health and Safety

1. Works Update

Killarney Town

Glebe Car Park	Bin Storage unit	Scheduled for completion by 25 th November 2016
Market Cross	Completion of Archway at Old Market Lane, enhancement of Archway ceiling to include new lighting and model of Killarney Lakes	To be complete by 18 th November (one day's work)
East Avenue road / Ha Ha	Planting Autumn bedding plants around Golden Gates	Scheduled for completion by end November 2016
Main Street, Killarney	Placing of traditional telephone box to contain defibrillator	Complete

Stagmount Bends

Works have been carried out to provide verge widening and safety barrier at this location in October as part of a HD15 Safety scheme.

N72 Realignment at Gortahaneboy West & East

Consultation will take place in December at a local venue in relation to current proposals to realign 1km of the N72 at Gortahaneboy West & East

Upcoming Part 8 processes

The Part 8 Notices will be published in the coming weeks for bridge improvement works at two locations as part of the Kerry, Cork Clare Bridge Rehabilitations Programme:

N23 Dysert [KY-N23-005] . Works include a bridge replacement and minor road realignment in the vicinity of the bridge

N72 Beheenagh [KY-N72-009]- Works include bridge widening and minor road realignment in the vicinity of the bridge

Works are scheduled to be carried out in 2017.

N22 Corranamarree Pavement

Pavement Improvement Works are nearing completion on a 3km section of the N22 from Derryreag to the County Bounds.

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

- Completion of works under Severe Weather funding
- Footpath Maintenance in Killarney Town (ongoing)
- Ongoing drainage, maintenance and pothole repairs across the Municipal District
- Street Cleaning
- Low Cost Accident works at Listry Bridge

2. 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	Complete
R-577	Tonbwee - Caheragh X.	1,000	168,569 Killarney East	Studding Outstanding
L-3002	Canguilla - Knockrower.	1,100	90,142 Killarney East	Complete
L-6528	Crag X - Knockardtry X.	1,000	47,240 Killarney East	Complete
L-11207	Maulyarkane . Lyratongue	1,000	69,414 Killarney East	Complete
L-7026	Tooreencahill - New Quarter Br.	1,000	111,351 Killarney East	Complete
L-7031	Doyles X - Annaghilymore.	700	62,201 Killarney East	Complete
L-11115	Knockrower - Knockreagh.	900	63,774 Killarney East	Complete

Road No.	Road Description	Length (m)	Cost	Area	Status
R-570	Dromcarban to Headfort	1000	180000	Killarney West	Complete
L-7001	N22 Cloonlara-N22-Currans	800	72,000	Killarney West	Lining Outstanding
L-7039	Barleymount X to Aglish	1400	126,000	Killarney West	Lining Outstanding

L-7059	Filodauane	1250	87,500	Killarney West	Lining Outstanding
L-3011	Coolcaslagh to Knocknahoe	1100	100,000	Killarney West	Complete

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Cost €	Area	Status
R876	Park Road (East Avenue Road)	300	55,000	Killarney Town	Complete
L-3911	Mill Road	400	50,000	Killarney Town	Lining Outstanding
L-3907	Woodlawn Road	400	59,000	Killarney Town	Complete

Restoration Maintenance

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

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

3. Housing

Works at the following locations over the next two months

Vacant House Upgrades
99, Ballyspillane, Killarney
9, Mountain Range, Furies
Woodside Ballycasheen
25 St John's Park Castleisland

19 Marian Terrace, Killarney	
7, Cahereens Castleisland	
Insulation Project 2016	
Insulation of 87 houses at Cahereens and An Chaisleain 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) Accessibility Update

Mr. P. Neary updated the Members in relation to access in Killarney Town:

- Killarney Municipal District has quarterly meetings with the Access Group where issues are considered. The next meeting is on 5th December 2016.
- Whenever Kerry County Council are putting new infrastructure in place, access issues are considered as a priority
- Whenever Kerry County Council are required to remove disability bays, these will be replaced with a disability bay in another suitable location

The following works have been undertaken in recent times:

- Works at McSweeney Arms which included changes to the footpath
- Adaptation of pedestrian crossing at the Outlet Centre - the central island does not have a push button so effectively, pedestrians are "marooned" on the island until such time as they can cross safely. A tree in the middle of the footpath across from it was recently removed
- Works in conjunction with road improvement works on Muckross Road and Countess Road
- Dropped kerbs in housing estates
- Disability access provided at Killarney Library
- Toilet at Beech Road Carpark
- Accessible carpark spaces

Mr. Neary stated that if any Member had any issues in relation to accessibility, the Council will review same.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the push button in the middle of the pedestrian crossing at the Outlet Centre was very important as was the disabled parking bay at the Cultural Centre. In relation to the entrance to Fairhill, Cllr. Cronin requested that it all be painted blue.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated he was a Member of the Access Group. The Council should insist that disabled parking bays are for disabled persons only. People continue to park illegally in these designated spaces. Cllr. Gleeson stated that motorists were also parking on the double yellow lines from Beech Road to New Street and this is causing an issue with visibility, especially for people with disabilities. Cllr. Gleeson referred to the pedestrian crossing at the Funeral Home where a large amount of money was spent on developing it. Recently he noticed that someone had parked right up against the pedestrian crossing which impeded visibility. This crossing needs to be monitored. Cllr. Gleeson also asked that the Fairhill pedestrian crossing be brought to the required standard.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked if the Council could bring out the lining machine.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that the liners are in the area as the weather is dry at present. The lining machine is constantly in operation around the County.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that a disabled parking bay is required at Listry Church.

Ms. B. Mulhern stated this would be done.

(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That this Council would undertake the work necessary to ensure reasonable safety for road users at the junction of the L 7047-0 with the Upper Lissiviggeen/Coolcoslough Road [L 3011]. The present situation is extremely dangerous and a source of deepest concern to all.

Reply: The Road Design Office produced a proposal for this location, the junction of the L-7047 and the L-3011 at Upper Lissiviggeen a number of years ago. At that stage there was difficulty in acquiring the lands. Kerry County Council met with the local Residents Group on Monday and will now re-examine this location for alternative solutions.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated this was the most dangerous exit in the County. It is totally blind in both directions with no sight distance. It is used by heavy vehicles. There is enormous concern about the exits on this road. Cllr. Gleeson welcomed the news that the Council met with the residents and he hoped that something could be done to end the torment and torture endured at this junction.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: As Killarney House and Gardens are about to become a major attraction for locals and visitors, that the Council would provide a safe crossing from New Street Carpark to the Mission Road entrance to the attraction.

Reply: The Council, in conjunction with the TII Road Safety Officer, will produce a proposal for a safe crossing at this location from New Street Car Park to the Mission Road entrance to the Park. As this is a National Secondary Road, funding would be subject to TII approval.

Cllr. M. Gleeson hoped that the Gardens would open next Spring as it is going to be an enormous attraction. The closest parking spaces are in New Street and people will need to get across Mission Road in safety. This will be challenging for the elderly. Cllr. Gleeson asked that a safe crossing be provided.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty supported the Motion. He stated that this area will be very busy and a pedestrian crossing needs to be provided as soon as possible. Please give it the priority it needs.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would examine the matter of safety at the Shronedarragh and Upper Barraduff entrances to the village of Barraduff. This matter has been highlighted by way of previous Notices of Motion and more recently by the members of the deputation to the September Area Meeting.

Reply: This crossroads on the N72 in Barraduff will be examined by the Road Design Office early in 2017. An appropriate solution will be designed and submitted to the TII in due course for funding.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that he raised this matter at a previous meeting. Two people came in and spoke as part of a deputation and they referred to this matter, especially the Barraduff side. There is a requirement for safety there. The Head of the Traffic Corp in Kerry brought this to Cllr. Gleeson's attention. Positive action needs to be taken to ease the unease of people accessing this road.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion. This crossroad was highlighted by the deputation at the previous meeting. It is especially bad at school times on the school side of the junction. Cllr. Kelleher stated he was amazed that a serious accident had not taken place.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that the Council will have a design resource to review the junction in the New Year.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that there are a number of areas where this needs to be done. A dedicated, skilled up resource is required to get this to the feasibility stage.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would from here until Christmas concentrate in a special way on ensuring that water tables and water gullies are fit for purpose. This work is of vital importance in order to ensure that our roads do not suffer further damage.

Reply: The Council have carried out substantial drainage works in 2016 across the Municipal District under the Severe Weather Funding. This work will be invaluable going forward into the Winter Season. Ongoing drainage maintenance will be carried out and special attention will be given to areas prone to flooding.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked the Council to ensure there will be no water ponding on the roads and welcomed the reply. He referred to gullies that are blocked solid with accumulated earth and asked that they be opened.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated he had been on the bypass and grass was growing out of the gullies.

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to the area coming down from the German Flats in Fossa and asked the Council to check the gullies there as they are blocked.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Municipal Authority would acquire a commercial type edging machine in order to ensure that grass margins are kept properly trimmed. This is very important from the perspective of the overall appearance of our tourist County.

Reply: There is currently no funding available for the purchase of a commercial edging machine. However, we will investigate purchasing same in early 2017.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated he is involved with Meitheal and Killarney Looking Good and he has witnessed the difference it makes when grass margins are properly maintained. Places look dishevelled when grass is growing over the margins. We would be well served by having one of our own machines to enhance the appearance of the area.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated he was also involved with Meitheal and he has seen the difference that the edging makes.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council, in conjunction with interested parties, would seek to develop a car park adjacent to Muckross Catholic Church.

Reply: The provision of car park is primarily a matter for Church and community, however, Kerry County Council will assist where possible, though the project will have to be led by the above parties.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that parking creates chaos at this location. There is a dangerous plinth in front of the wall and Cllr. Gleeson requested that this would be coloured informing people to keep away. Cllr. Gleeson asked Kerry County Council to do everything it can to try and encourage the local people to find land and that the Council will co-operate in every way.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion. When mass takes place there is a road safety issue.

7. Cllr. B. Cronin: In light of the recent accident involving two cars at Faha Cross, I am requesting a full upgrading of all approaching signage, lining and junction boxes to this dangerous junction on R563.

Reply: The Council will review the junction at Faha Cross on the R563 and will upgrade the approach signage and lining where necessary.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that when coming from Killarney Country Club side, it is not possible to see the junction. The stop sign had been blown down so it is not visible. There is a need for improvement to lining and signage and the sign needs to be moved back.

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 the next Motion was being considered.

Cllr. Grady then left the meeting.

8. Cllr. B. Cronin: To amend Paragraph 5, Section 2 of the 2010 Killarney Jarvey Bye-Laws to make provision for security of family incomes by ensuring that a named next of kin will be able to secure an operating licence in the event of anything happening to a current licence holder.

Reply; Kerry County Council is currently dealing with a Judicial Review case challenging how the former Killarney Town Council administered the Jarvey Bye-Laws. As the case is before the Courts, it would be prudent for the Council Executive to defer any proposals for amendment of the existing Jarvey Bye-Laws pending the outcome of this Court case. A hearing date of 27th February 2017 has been allocated.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the jarveys in question have families and mortgages and an amendment should be made to the Bye- Laws that a next-of-kin could operate their licence in the event of a fatality. Cllr. Cronin asked that following the Judicial Review, could the Council Officials revert to the Members and see can a provision be included to safeguard family incomes, subject to the findings of the hearing.

Ms. A. McAllen agreed to this.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and stated that she had raised this issue by way of Notice of Motion at the last Municipal District Meeting. The jarveys put a huge investment into this business which is their livelihood and it is not fair that they cannot pass it on to another member of their family.

Cllr. Grady then returned to the meeting.

9. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request the TII to recognise the high traffic volume on the N72 Beaufort to Ballymalis Road and to provide adequate funding to properly resurface this section of a major tourist route.

Reply: This section of roadway the N72 from Beaufort Bridge towards Ballymalis is due to be overlaid in early 2017 and extensive drainage works

will be carried out as part of this overlay. Currently the works are at the procurement stage.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that there were huge concerns with regard to road safety on this route and there are a few issues in relation to drains. There is a particular exit that is very dangerous.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that she spoken with landowners and tried as far as possible to incorporate their concerns. She confirmed that she had reviewed the visibility issue and that will be incorporated into the works.

Cllr. J. Sheahan Seconded the Motion.

10. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will road reinstatement take place following mains replacement on the road from Muckross Church Junction through the Black Road and North past Loretto National School. This section of road is in a deplorable condition and now has 87 new manholes. Can Kerry County Council ensure that when an allocation is made for mains replacement, that enough money is included to properly repair the road.

Reply: The entire width of the roadway at Black Road and North past Loretto School will be upgraded in the 2nd Quarter 2017 following the water mains replacement. The patching unit will carry out works on these sections of roadway this week so that they are maintained until the final road surfacing works take place next year. It is expected to fund these works with a combination of the Irish Water's reinstatement monies and the Restoration Maintenance monies. Irish Water allows appropriate funding to reinstate the trench only, but do not include funding to restore the entire roadway.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the road has been left in a bad state. There are 87 manhole covers, the vast majority of which are above the road. Cllr. Cronin enquired what was the situation regarding finishing the surface on it to bring it back to an acceptable standard and what is the financial position regarding same.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that Irish Water are putting forward €120,000 for reinstatement of the trench. The intention is to the works with our own Restoration Programme and combine the money and carry out resurfacing on the entire road and do "ditch to ditch" rather than just filling in the trench now. This will be a value for money option. Ms. Mulryan said she would try and get the lips on the road raised in the short-term until the works commence in April/May.

Cllr. Cronin enquired if the €120,000 was secure.

Ms. Mulryan confirmed that it was.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the Restoration Maintenance Plan for 2017 would require the support of the Members in relation to approving the allocation of money to this road.

Ms. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and stated she has raised this matter previously. She stated that she thought it unacceptable that Irish Water only pays to reinstate the trench.

11. Cllr. B. Cronin: Is there adequate funding to reinstate the roads from Flynn's Forge to Aglish, and Faha School towards Rockfield following completion of recent water mains replacement.

Reply: Kerry County Council intend to upgrade those sections of roadway, the L-7039, Flynn's Forge to Aglish and the L-11007, Faha School towards Rockfield following the watermain replacement in the 2nd Quarter 2017. It is expected to fund this work with a combination of the Irish Water reinstatement monies and the Restoration Maintenance monies. Irish Water allows appropriate funding to reinstate the trench only, but do not include funding to restore the entire roadway.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked if the funding for these works will be ringfenced.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated she was confident that the funding would be received from Water Services. They have to contribute the reinstatement money.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

12. Cllr. B. Cronin: To again request the Roads Department to provide a culvert to remove the lodging water adjacent to the bridge on the Killarney side of Two Mile School. Also, what would it cost to widen one side of this bridge by a metre to allow two vehicles to pass safely.

Reply: Skirting and piping was carried out last week to remove the lodging water at the bridge on the Killarney Two Mile School. The estimated cost to widen the bridge is " 40,000 and there is no funding currently available to carry out these works.

Cllr. B. Cronin enquired what would it cost to widen one side of the bridge.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that it is a slab on two piers, therefore the two piers would need to be extended.

Cllr. Cronin enquired about a box culvert and asked the Council to look at it again.

Ms. Mulryan agreed to review that option.

13. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask what progress has been made on the issue regarding overgrown trees, damaged footpaths, road markings and the need for an extra public light outlined recently by the Kilcoolaght Residents' Association to Council Engineers.

Reply: The Council are in contact with the Kilcoolaght Residents' Association. Trimming of trees has been carried out at the green areas. Signs have been erected for Neighbourhood Watch. The lanes at the back of Marian Terrace and St. Brendan's Terrace have been cleaned. Further works will be considered for this location in the 2017 works programme.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the Kilcoolaght Residents' Association have asked that the Council attend to the cracks in the footpaths, road markings and the public lights in their area. Cllr. Cronin welcomed the fact that the trees in the green area had been trimmed. He asked if the lining at the junction could be repainted.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that the junction would be remarked in early 2017.

Mr. P. Neary stated that further trimming of the trees would be carried out and ongoing maintenance would take place during 2017.

14. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to place signage on both ends of the Mill Road indicating weight restrictions on this very narrow road.

Reply: Weight restriction signs have been erected at both ends of Mill Road.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that this narrow road is taking very high volumes of traffic and a large number of wing mirrors are being damaged as a result. Cllr. Culloty welcomed the provision of the signage and asked if it could be enforced.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the provision of signage. He stated there was previously a barrier at the Flesk Bridge entrance which was resisted at one time but perhaps should be re-examined. He recently saw a cavalcade of campervans on Mill Road due to the restrictions on Woodlawn Road.

15. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to erect two digital speed indicators on both approaches to Faha National School.

Reply: The cost of providing and erecting two solar digital speed indicator signs as Faha National School is " 3,800 each and would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty confirmed that he would contribute to these works through his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

16. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As there has been a steady increase in the volume of traffic exiting and entering Ballycasheen to and from the N22, I call on this Council to consider constructing a roundabout at this very busy and dangerous junction.

Reply: This junction is being considered as part of the design for traffic calming from Lissyviggeen roundabout to Daly's Roundabout. An appropriate solution will be designed by the National Road Design Office, Castleisland early in 2017, and included in the overall feasibility report which will be submitted to the TII in due course for funding.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty acknowledged that this matter had been discussed earlier in conjunction with the deputation.

17. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to erect a flashing amber arrow indicating left turn at the exit from High Street Car Park. This light should be synchronised with pedestrian crossing.

Reply: Kerry County Council will investigate the issue of a flashing amber arrow at the exit from High Street Car Park in conjunction with the Traffic Management Study for Killarney Town.

This measure is generally more suitable for T-junctions as at a crossroads, the driver exiting the car park has to look out for traffic coming from two directions.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty said that the last paragraph of the reply had no relevance to this Motion. Providing a flashing amber arrow would be a solution to the problem and it would be safe. It would free up people exiting the carpark.

Mr. P. Neary replied that he had spoken about this with the Consultants and the suggestion will not be dismissed.

18. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to erect appropriate signage at the Knockrour Junction with the R577 that would alert motorists not to overtake on this section of road.

Reply: There is an existing solid centreline at the Knockrour Junction on the R577 which can be refreshed.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that people were concerned coming on to that junction. "No overtaking" signs are not provided there.

Mr. B. Mulhern stated that the "no overtaking" signs were for temporary use only and are used when roadworks take place but stated that the Council would look at putting in a double solid line there.

19. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As the waiting time for the Road Enforcement Officer to get some landowners to cut their roadside hedges is totally unacceptable, I call on this Council to provide a Road Enforcement Officer specifically for the Killarney Municipal District.

Reply: The Council put in place revised procedures in 2015 to address the concerns expressed by the members with compliance by landowners in maintaining hedgerows. These procedures included a more pro-active

approach by Council staff in ensuring compliance and we also established a database to manage and monitor complaints. Kerry County Council's Enforcement Officer would receive in excess of 400 complaints annually in relation to locations where hedges are considered to be a risk to public safety and all of these locations are investigated. Where it is considered that there is a potential hazard, we serve notices on the landowner or occupier to have the matter addressed. In the vast majority of such cases the landowners comply with the notice served. In instances where the notice is not complied with, Kerry County Council cut hedges with the intention of recouping the cost from the registered landowner. Area staff carry out additional investigations of the road network to identify areas where landowners are not complying with the requirements of the Roads Act. The Municipal District Budget 2017 does not provide for an additional Roads Enforcement Officer. However, any areas of concern should be highlighted to Sean Barry or the Killarney Municipal District Office.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he could say for certain that there are a number of roads that are in an awful state. Cllr. Culloty stated that the present situation is not working as he had called for hedges to be cut in May and it is November now and it has still not been done. The vast majority of landowners are cutting their hedges but there are some who are not. He asked that some other system be put in place. This is an all year round issue and should not stop for the birds hatching. There are a lot of ditches all over Kerry so there are alternative places for the birds to go. People's safety must come first.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and stated that keeping ditches trimmed back was part of general maintenance for most landowners. Environmentalists say we are destroying the fauna but we have thousands of miles of ditches giving plenty of places for birds to hatch. A public road is a public road and safety is paramount. Truck drivers are losing their mirrors as a result of these uncut hedges.

20. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council erect a STOP sign at the junction at Tullig, Castleisland, and also to paint lines on the road at this point, as it is an extremely dangerous junction.

Reply: A stop sign and stop road markings will be erected on the junction of the L-10691 with the L-2036 Black Road, Tullig in the coming weeks.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

21. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: What progress has been made in relation to clearing the Flesk River?

Reply: The roads and bridges in the ownership of Kerry County Council crossing the Flesk have been inspected. Vegetation and sediment at select locations in and around a number of bridges, i.e. River Flesk; Garries Bridge, Annabeg Bridge, Curreal Bridge, Gortahoosh Bridge and the Flesk Bridge, have been removed in the interests of the structural stability of the bridges and road network.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the work that had taken place on the bridges. She stated she was enquiring about the Flesk River itself and that it needed to be dredged.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated that down from the Bridge in Whitebridge, the area on the left hand side is full of stone and gravel and he requested that it be cleared.

Mr. P. Neary replied that clearing was ongoing all year and the Council staff carried out what they had committed to do. In relation to the Flesk, a Flood Study is being undertaken in relation to the overlay at Glenflesk with a view to mitigating against any flooding in the area. Mr. Neary stated he would forward the results of the study when completed.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that the river needs to be dredged and cleared for the people who live there.

22. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: What progress is being made with the provision of a bus stop at Farranfore? If a bus stop won't be allowed on the streetscape, why can't it be considered to be put into the Railway Station yard?

Reply: The provision of bus shelters is primarily a matter for Bus Éireann, with the National Transport Authority providing funding on occasions. When this matter was previously raised with Bus Éireann, they outlined that the provision of a bus shelter in Farranfore was not being prioritised as it is a request stop and not a permanently scheduled stop. Kerry County Council will contact Bus Éireann and Iarnród Éireann again in relation to this matter.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked that she be kept informed on this and reiterated that a bus stop should be provided in Farranfore.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and said he had previous Notices of Motion regarding this. He referred to Bus Éireann's comments that "*it is a 'request' stop and not a permanently scheduled stop*" as absolute nonsense and stated that every bus coming through Farranfore stops. He stated he would be looking for an on-road bus stop.

23. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what progress is being made in securing a Traffic Warden for (i) Fossa Primary School and (ii) College Road, Castleisland where there are three schools.

Reply: Further to discussions with the TII Road Safety Officer, it is felt that under the current circumstances at Fossa Primary School, that the provision of a Traffic Warden is not appropriate. The TII Roads Safety Officer is currently investigating the situation at Fossa Primary School to ascertain whether additional traffic calming measures can be implemented to aid traffic movements in the area at School times.

In regard to the College Road, Castleisland, Kerry County Council intend to provide additional Traffic Warden resources in the afternoon to alleviate the parking congestion at this location.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated she was not happy with the first part of the reply as the locals see the provision of a Traffic Warden as a necessity. She enquired when will the Warden be in Castleisland.

Mr. P. Neary replied that the Traffic Warden would be requested to visit Castleisland the occasional afternoon.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion. He requested that the TII report be sent to the Members in writing. A Traffic Warden is urgently needed in Fossa.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the Safety Officer is reviewing the situation in Fossa at present. The TII have reservations about a Traffic Warden being on the road in the mornings.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked if the TII's response could be forwarded to all the Members.

24. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a footpath from the new housing development on the western side of Barraduff into the village.

Reply: This proposed footpath at Barradubh would be located on the N72 National Secondary route and the project would require the acquisition of private gardens on a number of properties. TII funding would be required for these works, however, it is not envisaged that funding will be forthcoming as the TII have not allocated any significant monies to footpath development in recent years.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked if an application could be put forward to the TII to see what can be done. This is very important.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that that site stretches back a good part of the village. He asked the Council to be cognisant with future developments to ensure that some pedestrian access is made available.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the development of a footpath at this location was fully dependent on the further development of the housing estate.

25. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the TII to provide a right hand turn off at Fahaduff for the safety of parents and children at Crinny National School.

Reply: This location is in the charge of the Tralee Municipal District. We will refer this motion to the Tralee Municipal District for their attention.

Mr. L. Quinlan advised Cllr. Healy-Rae that as this Notice of Motion relates to another Municipal District, that she write to the Tralee Municipal District on the matter.

26. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: What is Kerry County Council going to do now to control the deer on the roads in the Killarney Electoral Area, especially in places like Faha School, Glen's Cross, Kilcummin where there have been numerous car crashes due to deer.

Reply: Further Deer warning signs will be installed along roads near Faha School, Glen's Cross and Kilcummin.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated she was glad to hear that the warning signs will be installed and enquired when this would happen. There are a large amount of accidents taking place.

Ms. B. Mulryan confirmed that the signs will be put up early in 2017.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he had received calls from the public in relation to this issue. It is a big problem, especially on Ross Road. Stags are entering people's gardens and homeowners are afraid to approach them.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated he had a Notice of Motion requesting a fence from Ballydowney to Castlerosse Hotel but this was refused by the NPWS.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty said that the deer were causing a big problem but he could see why the NPWS refused the fence. Licences are required to cull the deer and people can apply to the NPWS for this.

27. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to resurface the road to Rockfield from Faha following pipe laying that was recently done.

Reply: Kerry County Council intend to upgrade this section of roadway, the L-11007, Faha School towards Rockfield following the watermain replacement in the 2nd quarter 2017. It is expected to fund this works with a combination of the Irish Water's reinstatement monies and the Restoration Maintenance monies. Irish Water allows appropriate funding to reinstate the trench only, but do not include funding to restore the entire roadway.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.

28. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to move the speed limit sign further out towards Ballybane, Fries from the Greenfields housing estate as it is of no use where it is presently situated.

Reply: This location at Ballybane, Fries has been included for consideration in the upcoming Speed Limit Review.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the speed limit should be further out the Ballybane road.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and said he had this Notice of Motion on the Agenda last year. Its current location is not suitable and should be moved out.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the sign should be moved beyond the housing estate and Food Hub.

29. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District would immediately purchase a new road sweeper for our area, as the present one is breaking down very often and it is over twenty years old.

Reply: Kerry County Council are currently investigating the procurement of a new sweeper for Killarney Municipal District.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the reply and stated that a road sweeper was badly needed.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

30. Cllr. D. Grady: That we would write to Mowlam Health Care (Killarney Nursing Home) to request the removal of the security hut at the entrance to the Nursing Home as it is a danger to all using this road.

Reply: This hut at Killarney Nursing Home is located on private property, therefore it is a private matter.

Cllr. D. Grady asked if the Council could write to Mowlam Health Care and request that they move the security hut as it is in a very dangerous location. There have been many near misses involving the elderly people living up there.

Mr. L. Quinlan replied that the Council would make a request.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he wished to withdraw Notice of Motion No. 31.

32. Cllr. D. Grady: Can the footpath in Tullig, Castleisland be provided for which a number of Councillors, including myself, have allocated monies towards. This should be provided as soon as possible.

Reply: The footpath works in Tullig, Castleisland are scheduled for December 2016.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the reply.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated that he, together with Cllr. B. Cronin, Cllr. D. Grady, Cllr. M. Gleeson and Cllr. B. O'Connell all contributed money from their Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund to this work and this was a great example of people coming together.

33. Cllr. D. Grady: With regard to the junction at Cathedral Place/Mission Road, that we Kerry County Council would revert to the original design which was in place. The present design is slowing down traffic.

Reply: This location was considered in the Killarney Traffic Management Study. It was decided that delays and queuing would be likely to be reduced locally as a result of implementing a two lane approach to the junction. A design will be prepared for this location with a view to implementing same.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the reply.

34. Cllr. D. Grady: That Kerry County Council would resurface a section of road in Hazelwood Drive as it is in a deplorable condition.

Reply: There is no funding stream for resurfacing the roadway at Hazelwood Drive. However, it would be suitable for funding by Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that this particular section was in a very bad state. He asked if the Councillors had to contribute by way of their Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF) or could the Council carry out the work.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that there was no funding stream available for overlays. The CSMDOF was the only option available and Ms. Mulryan stated that she would get the work measured and priced.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he had a small amount of funds left in his CSMDOF.

35. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council install a controlled pedestrian crossing at East End Rathmore. Residents are concerned for the safety of their children.

Reply: A pedestrian crossing will be investigated for East End, Rathmore as part of the overall Traffic Calming Scheme for the village. The work is being carried out by the National Road Design Office, Castleisland. They are assigning resources to this project in January 2017.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated he had received a letter from a lady who had a disability who could not go to the shops because of the large amount of traffic on the N72 as she would have to wait too long to get across the road. Cllr. Sheahan said that a controlled pedestrian crossing was required which would allow people to cross the road in a safe fashion.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and fully supported the request for a crossing at this location.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Question No. 32 at this stage.

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

Reply: The work is being carried out by the National Road Design Office, Castleisland. They are assigning resources to this project in January 2017.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the community in Rathmore will be furious to hear this. We have had deputations attending the Killarney Municipal District Meetings regarding these pedestrian crossings as well as traffic calming in Rathmore. We now have to wait for these pedestrian crossings to be included as part of the bigger Traffic Calming Scheme and are being told we will have a resource appointed in January. Cllr. Kelleher asked the Council to ensure that this is dealt with as a matter of urgency. Rathmore is forgotten and must be a priority. People are walking on rubble.

Ms. A. McAllen replied that there were a number of projects being forwarded to a resource and Rathmore will be the first project that will be dealt with.

36. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council provide additional car parking spaces for residents at Deerpark Crescent Killarney as currently the only option is to park on the footpath.

Reply: There is no funding stream to provide additional car parking spaces for the residents at Deerpark Crescent. However, this would be suitable for funding by Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated he was very disappointed with the reply. There are no places for the residents to park and they are forced to leave their cars on the footpath. This causes a problem for wheelchair users as they have to move out onto the road.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

37. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council cut the hedges at the junction to Rathbeg, Rathmore adjacent to the Bridge Bar.

Reply: Hedge-cutting of the junctions along the N72 is currently in progress. This junction is included in these works.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

38. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council cut hedges at Anablath, Kilcummin.

Reply: Hedges at both Coopers Cross and Maulyarkane Junction are scheduled to be cut to improve sightlines in the coming week.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

39. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council install road safety signs at New Line Junction at Anablath, Kilcummin.

Reply: The junction improvement works at Newline Junction at Anablath can be carried out before year end and would be suitable for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. J. Sheahan enquired about the signs.

Mr. B. Mulhern confirmed the signs had been ordered.

40. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when works are to commence on the enhancement of the Flesk Bridge as it is the main gateway into Killarney.

Reply: The TII Bridge Department intend to carry out the resurfacing works across the bridge in 2017. They will also paint the bridge railing as part of this project.

Cllr. J. Sheahan said this was very important and a number of residents feel it has been neglected for a number of years. The bridge is in need of a major facelift and Cllr. Sheahan requested that the flowers be brought back.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed that a plan for the bridge was in the process of being drawn up. The bridge is a lovely feature coming into Killarney. The road surface on the bridge will be completed also.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that an overlay on the bridge will be carried out by the TII in 2017. Ms. Mulryan stated she had spoken to the Road Design Office in Castleisland about the maintenance aspect. They will put a list together of what is required and it is hoped this will be included as part of the overlay works. In relation to the flowers, they were removed due to anti-social behaviour as they were being thrown into the Flesk. A viable option is required here.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the Council could not commit to hanging baskets but it would be reviewed.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that in Glenbeigh the hanging baskets arch over the river.

41. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to replace the footpath at Ross Road as it is in a dangerous condition and thus a hazard for pedestrians.

Reply: There is approximately 500m of this footpath on the right hand side going towards Ross Castle from Scrahan Court to the entrance to the Racecourse in need of maintenance. The cost of repairing/replacing that section of footpath would be " 72,500. There is no funding currently available to carry out these works. However, some of these works would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific MD Operation Fund. Essential maintenance works will be carried out by the Municipal District.

Cllr. J. Sheahan said this was an important matter as many residents are unhappy with the condition of the footpath. Cllr. Sheahan acknowledged it would be costly to replace it but said the Council should go ahead with it as any potential compensation claims could perhaps far outweigh the cost of repair. Cllr. Sheahan stated he would contribute to this work by way of his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and said he had Notices of Motion regarding this matter previously. He suggested that some Councillors should come together and contribute to repairing the worst sections of the road.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that she would look at the possibility of dividing the footpath into sections and perhaps carry out work over a 2 - 3 year period. These works would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

42. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council liaise with the OPW regarding the removal of the Leylandi trees that are providing a hideaway for antisocial behaviour at Demesne, Ross Road.

Reply: Kerry County Council will liaise with the OPW in relation to the removal of the Leylandi trees at Demesne, Ross Road.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that the trees were creating a big problem in the estate. He hoped the OPW would remove them as it may help alleviate the anti-social behaviour.

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

Reply: New LED lanterns have been installed to replace a number of existing lanterns that were beyond repair.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that a lot of the lights were broken around Killarney Town. 30 different lights have been reported and are not being repaired. Airtricity are failing on their contract with us.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the contractors are not always to blame. Sometimes faulty lights are due to cabling issues which cannot be fixed by the contractors. Mr. Neary said there is a need to track this information and he agreed to address this in the coming weeks.

44. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can Councillors get quarterly updates of the short/medium/long term objectives of the Traffic Management Report.

Reply: Updates of the short/medium/long term objectives of the Traffic Management Report will be provided to Members as part of the Directorate Report at each Municipal District Meeting.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that this was important.

45. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the position with the possibility of re-routing the N72 at Mossie's Turn?

Reply: Works have been carried out on the N72 at Gortanahaneboy to provide verge widening and safety barrier at this location in October as part of a HD15 Safety Scheme. Consultation will take place in December at a local venue in relation to current proposals to realign 1km of the N72 at Gortanahaneboy West & East. It is anticipated that, subject to TII approval, the Preliminary Design will be completed and that the Part 8 process will be commenced in 2017.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the reply.

46. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the update position with acquiring the much needed extension to the graveyard in Gneevegullia together with parking around or near the church?

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

Cllr. N. Kelleher enquired if discussions had been held with any landowners.

Mr. P. Neary replied that Mr. P. Bradley has had discussions with landowners.

47. Cllr. N. Kelleher: The bridge at Glenflesk Church is too narrow for two cars to pass. Can warning signage and yield right of way signs be erected? This was promised but still hasn't been completed.

Reply: Road Narrow signs have been recently erected at the bridge at Glenflesk Church on the R-570.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the reply.

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

Reply: The TII allocates funding based entirely on national pavement condition surveys undertaken by the TII. There is currently no mechanism available to the County Council to formally request an individual stretch of road be considered for inclusion for a pavement overlay. However, this section of roadway on the N72 between both parts of Rathmore has been forwarded to the TII for their consideration.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that a stretch of road in Rathmore is in a bad state. The footpath at the side of the road was kept up high so when the road surfacing works would be carried out, it would align with it. That was 10 years ago and it has not been surfaced yet. Cllr. Kelleher asked that the Council discuss this with the TII and insist with them that this work is relevant to the Traffic Calming Scheme and these two projects should be carried out together.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

49. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Management need to ensure that there are enough foremen and outdoor staff in each area in the Killarney Municipal District. What is the current headcount in operation.

Reply: The headcount in Killarney Municipal District changes from time to time depending on the Works Programme. In 2016, ten seasonal staff were employed to help deliver the Killarney Municipal District Works Plan. Additional Foremen were appointed in 2016. However, there is still a requirement for some additional Foremen and we are in discussions with the Human Resources Department in relation to appointing these for 2017.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that he had concerns in relation to the headcount. He said he did not want another year of depleted resources as there is a lot of work to carry out.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the Council advertised for Foremen in 2016 but were unable to fill the complement. Killarney Municipal District was short 1 - 2 Foremen. Mr. Neary stated that this would be addressed between now and early 2017.

Cllr. Kelleher asked what is the procedure if the Council is unable to recruit internal staff.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and acknowledged the work being done at present but it is not enough.

Mr. L. Quinlan stated that both the Operations and Human Resources Departments are identifying suitable staff for this purpose.

Cllr. Kelleher asked that he be given an update when these roles are filled.

Mr. Quinlan agreed to this.

Cllr. D. Grady asked if the moratorium on staff recruitment was still in place.

Mr. Quinlan stated the moratorium had been lifted but regard must be given to the Budget and identifying suitable work. The Council must keep within the general numbers identified in the Workforce Plan .

(d) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the TII Safety Officer given sanction and finance for the provision of a safety roadside barrier on the N72 at Ardaneanig, Killarney? Quite a number of vehicles have left the road at this gradual bend and entered the adjoining field.

Reply: This matter has been discussed with the TII Road Safety Officer. The NRA are waiting for consultants to complete a HD17 (Safety) Report for the N72 National Secondary Route. Further to the completion and review of this report, the NRA will decide what sections of the route requires safety barrier. However, no funding was made available in 2016 for this location.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked if there was any realistic hope that this would be done.

Ms. B. Mulryan agreed to discuss the matter again with the TII Safety Office and revert to Cllr. Gleeson.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Have all outstanding matters been resolved in relation to Mountain View Estate, Kilcummin?

Reply: A report on the water and sewerage system has been carried out. We are awaiting a meeting with EPS to ascertain the pumping system that is required to be included in the tender. These works will be included in the overall tender. It is envisaged that these works will go to tender in January 2017.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply and asked Kerry County Council to do everything it can to bring this to resolution.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: If any additional money becomes available for County roads, would the Council please give priority to the L11078 at Gortdromakeerie? It is in a deplorable condition and the constant patching is not the most prudent use of scarce resources if any alternative course of finance could be identified.

Reply: There is no additional funding currently available for the L-11078 roadway at Gortdromkerrie. However, this roadway can be considered for

inclusion in the next Restoration Improvement Programme which is expected to be renewed in 2018, meanwhile the roadway will be maintained as far as funds allow.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated this was the worst road in the entire County and should be given favourable consideration.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Will the Council ensure that the parking space adjacent to each e-charging machine is painted green?

Reply: The parking spaces adjacent to the e-charging have been painted.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Will the Council seek to convince the TII of the urgent need to resurface the roadway at Lissiviggeen Roundabout and at the Park Road (Daly's Roundabout)? The present condition is totally unacceptable and dangerous.

Reply: The Park Road (Daly's Roundabout) has been submitted to the TII for funding for an overlay through the TII National Roads Maintenance App. Also, extra funding has been requested to repair the damaged section on the Lissiviggeen Roundabout. Word on these submissions is not expected until early 2017.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the Area Engineer had filled a large pothole on the Lissiviggeen Roundabout but it needs to be filled again.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that the bond to seal the joints on the carriageway had deteriorated.

6. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to do something with Finnegan's Cross Junction, Kilcummin to increase safety there as it is highly dangerous.

Reply: The Council will upgrade the approach signage and lining at Finnegan's Cross in the coming weeks. Hedges were also cut at this location recently. The adjacent landowners will be approached with a view to improving sight distance. If the landowners are agreeable to this, sources of funding will be explored.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty enquired about the signage.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that further signage and lining will be carried out as soon as possible. There are four houses on the four corners at this junction and the Council will look at reaching an agreement with the landowners to move back the hedges.

7. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, has any progress been made regarding purchasing or leasing land for parking in Killarney?

Reply: An Expression of Interest and market sounding to identify possible sites for this additional car parking will be advertised in local publications shortly. The aim of this process is to identify parties who may be willing to sell property suitable for the development of a car park and to explore the possible financial parameters within which such additional site acquisition might be progressed with private sector interests. Expressions of Interest can include proposals for further development of Killarney MD car parks, joint management or leasing options. It is intended that the expressions of Interest will be returned to the Killarney Municipal District prior to year end. These Expressions of Interest will then be examined for their feasibility thereafter.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the Members will be kept informed on this matter. The closing date for receipt of Expressions of Interest is 9th December and they will be evaluated at that stage.

8. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, when is it envisaged that work will commence on the walkway/cycleway from Muckross Road to Ross Road?

Reply: The lands for the construction of the walkway / cycleway have been acquired. A final design will now be progressed and a Part VIII planning process will commence in early 2017. The project will also incorporate development of the Maurice O'Donoghue Memorial Park.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the contracts for the purchase of land from the Racecourse have been signed which will enable the progression of the next stage of the process. The Council now owns a 4 metre strip of land at the Racecourse. The final design needs to be considered and submissions will be sought regarding sources of funding.

9. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, when will the tarring of the footpath in Tullig, Castleisland begin?

Reply: Works on the footpath in Tullig, Castleisland are scheduled for December 2016.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

10. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Having tabled previous Notices of Motion on this matter, I ask this Council has any progress been made regarding removal of gravel from one eye of Twiss Bridge in Counguilla, Scartaglin?

Reply: Gravel has been removed from the eye of Twiss Bridge in Counguilla recently.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply and thanked the staff involved.

11. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To again ask this Council, to give details of the arrangements between this Council and Bird's Amusements - 1) what rights Bird's Amusements have to the Fairhill Carpark? 2) What were the financial arrangements between Bird's Amusements over the past five years? 3) What charges are planned for this Carpark in the future?

Reply: Bird's Amusements have traditionally used this car park under licence or permission granted by the Council for around 70 years. There is a complex background to this matter involving historic market and fair rights.

Each year Bird's recompense the local authority for income forgone as a result of their occupation of the car park. This is included in car parking income for budgets each year. Invoiced amounts 2014 " 13,530/2015 " 16,605/2016 " 20,603.

Ms. A. McAllen acknowledged the assistance of **Ms. M. Horgan** in the Legal Department in relation to this and stated that Bird's Amusements have been using the Fairhill Carpark with the permission of the Council. There is a complex background to this arrangement. There is a precedent of Case Law where people have challenged situations such as these regarding Fair Day Rights.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that if Bird's are asked to move, he was certain they would challenge the decision as Fairhill Carpark is a lucrative location.

Ms. McAllen replied that the Council are exacting the maximum amount it can from Bird's.

12. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council what is the current position regarding the construction of the twenty houses in The Park, Killarney, and when is it planned to have them completed?

Reply: As a result of the treatment of VAT in the tendering process by one of the tenderers and on the basis of legal advice received, the tender for the construction of 20 houses at Park, Killarney has been collapsed. Kerry County Council has re-tendered this project. It is expected that a recommendation on the appointment of a contractor will be forwarded to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government by the end of January 2017.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty enquired if this could have been avoided.

Ms. A. McAllen replied that the area of Procurement, particularly for large contracts is complex. The advice received resulted in a more time efficient outcome for Kerry County Council.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that it was a lesson learnt for future tenders.

13. Cllr. B. Cronin: I am asking Kerry County Council for permission to allow the appropriate placing of a limestone plaque adjacent to the boundary

wall of the New Cemetery, Coolcorcoran to remember the deceased families that once lived in the house which was in the cemetery lands.

Reply: An appropriate location will be investigated with a view to erecting a plaque to remember the deceased families that once lived in the house which was on the land at New Cemetery and will be erected in 2017.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that a friend of one of the deceased families is prepared to cover the cost of this plaque and Cllr. Cronin will forward this person's name to the Council.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

14. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can the dangerous lags from Finnegan's Cross towards Lisroe be repaired.

Reply: Repair works will be carried out on the on the lags from Finnegan's Cross towards Lisroe this week.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the reply.

Ms. B. Mulryan confirmed that repair works had commenced on the lags.

15. Cllr. B. Cronin: What work do Kerry County Council intend doing to address the dangerous bends on the Coolcaslaugh Road approaching the Junction with the N22 and can road widening be accommodated as requested by the local Residents' Association.

Reply: The Road Design office produced a proposal for this location, the junction of the L-7047 and the L-3011 at Upper Lissyviggeen, a number of years ago; at that stage there was difficulty in acquiring the lands. Kerry County Council met with the local Residents' Group on Monday and will now re-examine this location for alternative solutions.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the reply.

16. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to carry out the necessary works needed to rectify the bad lags on the road between Glenflesk and Dromcarbin.

Reply: The bad lags between Glenflesk and Dromcarbin will be maintained in Q1 2017, however, this roadway requires extensive works in the longer term and will be considered for inclusion the next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme which is due for renewal in 2018.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated this road was very dangerous. Some works need to be carried out in the interim.

17. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council why aren't the public lights working in Greenfields Estate?

Reply: Following a recent meeting at Greenfields Estate with the Agent for the Bondsman and Contractor, a small list of minor outstanding works have been agreed. As soon as these items have been addressed, we will then commence the statutory Taking in Charge process.

We have requested that the public lighting issue be prioritised by the contractor. Once we receive the required certification and we are satisfied that all is in order, we will request the Council's energy supplier to have the lights turned back on in advance of the estate being formally Taken in Charge.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.

18. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to highlight to the TII the necessity of reducing the speed on the N22 for health and safety reasons at the following locations: (i) Glenflesk Village, (ii) between Lissiviggeen and the bottom of the Pike Hill.

Reply: The above locations on the N22 at Glenflesk Village and between Lissiviggeen and the bottom of the Pike Hill are being considered as part of the design for traffic calming schemes for Glenflesk Village and for Lissiviggeen Roundabout to Daly's Roundabout. An appropriate solution will be designed by the Road Design Office early in 2017 and included in the overall feasibility report which will be submitted to the TII for approval and funding.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.

19. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to clear the eyes of King's Bridge in the Demesne near the Cathedral.

Reply: Kerry County Council met with Inland Fisheries Ireland. They advised that material cannot be removed from the eyes of the bridge. These works would be subject to environmental screening because of ecological concerns. Kerry County Council's Heritage Officer will carry out the required screening to ascertain whether works should go ahead.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked that she be kept informed on this matter.

20. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to do necessary works to ensure that the low wall along the Port Road, Killarney doesn't fall in on the playground as it is being undermined.

Reply: The condition of the wall which is across the River from the playground on Port Road is currently being examined and necessary maintenance works will be carried out thereafter.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked when will the works be carried out.

Ms. A. McAllen replied that there was no wall beside the playground.

Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that she will show the wall in question to Ms. B. Mulryan.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that works would commence in early 2017 if the Council can do so without interfering with the river.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked that for accuracy purposes, would Cllr. M. Healy-Rae change the word "playground" to "river".

Cllr. Healy-Rae agreed to this amendment.

21. Cllr. D. Grady: What is the update on all reported Flooding Areas in the Killarney Municipal District area? A lot of work has been done to date this year and a lot more to do.

Reply: The underneath table sets out funding received under Severe Weather Allocations and works are due to be carried out by the end of November. Separately, Kerry County has completed flood relief works at Tullig, Castleisland to the value of " 196,205. These works, which were funded by the OPW, included the raising of a weir at Glanshearoon and the replacement of a Culvert at Tullig under the Cordal Road.

In addition, Kerry County Council is working on a design to protect three houses at Foiladuane, Glenflesk and to replace a defensive embankment at Currow. Should these schemes prove cost beneficial, it is envisaged that an application will be lodged with the OPW for funding in December.

Road Number	Road Name and / or Townland Name	Length	Cost €
L-7027	Lisheen	50	2,500
L-7027	Lisheen	100	5,000
L-3013	Tooreencahill	50	7,500
R-577	Gortglass	40	10,000
L-11060	Curranabfield	50	10,000
L-3002	Canguilla	10	12,000
L-3002	Carker	10	15,000
L-3006	Scartaglen, Twiss Br.	10	10,000
L-7018	Toornanaunagh	10	6,000
L-7012	Ranaleen	100	50,000
L-7019	Tooreenamult.	10	7,000
L-11064	Ballynahalla	10	8,000
L-7025	Ballynahulla	5	2,000
L-2032	Knockdown	5	4,000
L-3002	Dicksgrove	5	5,000
L-3009	Annablaha	5	3,000
L-11182	Cumeenavrick	50	15,000
L-7059	Foiladown	100	35,000

L-7059	Foildown	100	45,000
R-570	Glenflesk	15	25,000
L-7058	Clydagh Valley	300	50,000
L-7024	Knocknaboul	15	50,000
L-3015	Mangerton	20	25,000
L-3911	Mill Road, Killarney	10	2,000
L-3911	Mill Road, Killarney	50	15,000
L-3905	Ross Road, Killarney	200	10,000
L-4040	Gap Road, Fossa	100	35,000
R-569	Poulgorm	10	5,000
L-7039	Faha	100	5,000
L-3018	Fossa	30	5,000
L3015	Muckross	110	5,000
L-2033	Knockeenduff	10	5,000
L-11000	Ballymalis	100	10,000
L-11019	Ballinalane	100	10,000
L-3003	Nunstown	75	5,000
L-2019	Ballyhar	20	5,000
L- 2027	Rathmore	50	25,000
R-563	Aghadoe	25	5,000
L-7007	Brehig.	12	5,000
L-3009	Toormore Br.	10	6,000
L-2032	Cloonts Culvert.	12	5,000
L-7017	Knockreagh Culvert.	12	4,000
L-11143	Annaghbeg Culvert.	12	4,000
L-7024	Knocknaboul Culvert.	8	3,000
L-3002	Killeentierna Culvert.	12	5,000
L-2032	Cloonts Culvert.	12	6,000
L-7022	Adraval Culvert.	12	5,000
L-7019	Knockrower	100	3,000
L-3010	Knockanane West	20	15,000
R-570	Dromcarbin	10	10,000
L-3003	Farranaspig	50	7,500
L-7050	Gortahoosh	30	6,000
L-11203	Tomies	30	3,000
L-11005	Lissavane East	50	7,000
L-8001	Boolia	100	3,000
L-11018	Aglish	10	10,000
L-2033	Knockeenduff	70	20,000
L-7034	Rathinane	150	6,500
L-11072	Minish		9,000
L-3907	Ballycasheen	50	15,000
R-569	Loo Bridge		20,000

Cllr. D. Grady stated he was delighted to see a comprehensive report. Good work has been carried out and must continue.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that Housing will be holding their "In Committee" meeting on Monday, 28th November and Councillors will have an opportunity to discuss issues with Mr. D. Ginty in relation to an item on that Agenda regarding last winter's severe weather event.

22. Cllr. D. Grady: Please provide update in relation to junction at top of Lewis Road onto the By-Pass? Accidents continue to happen at this location.

Reply: We have raised the concerns of the members in relation to the Lewis Road Junction with the TII on a number of occasions. The Junction with the Killarney By-Pass is part of the N22 National Primary Road Network. Any improvement works, including the revision of the road layout, is subject to the approval of and provision of funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). The TII directly determines the locations that will be funded, based on criteria that are set down in their technical standards, and which are ranked having regard to recorded collision data. Whilst the location was not included on the list of schemes approved for design in the current year, we had further discussion with the TII, particularly having regard to the recorded minor injury accidents at this location over the past 5 years. We will shortly be making a formal submission to have this junction assessed.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that this was the most dangerous junction in Ireland and asked the Council's Engineers to give this priority.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated it was shocking that the reply stated *"the location was not included on the list of schemes approved for design in the current year."*

23. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to put a pedestrian crossing in place crossing from the Main Street to Dennehy's Corner in Rathmore.

Reply: A pedestrian crossing will be investigated for this location in Rathmore as part of the overall Traffic Calming Scheme for the village. The overall scheme is being prepared for submission to the TII for approval and funding.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae noted the reply.

24. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council for an update on the downhill cycle track planned at Glenflesk.

Reply: This project previously received grant funding under a previous Fáilte Ireland programme. The project related to a private development and the funding was awarded to Kerry County Council to facilitate same, subject to a number of conditions including agreement between a number of parties in relation to the operation of the project. The Council were not satisfied that the grant could be drawn down in compliance with complex procurement requirements which relate both to the construction and operation of the project. A further grant application is required to proceed this project.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that there has been some confusion in relation to this track and the Council need to proceed with this. This track will be hugely important to Killarney and will extend the tourist season. Downhill cycling was an event in the Summer Olympic Games and was very entertaining to watch. These tracks are big business in England and Wales. This project must be delivered as many people will benefit from it when it arrives.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that a downhill cycle track is listed in the Tourism Strategy. The terms and conditions of the grant as offered were not feasible for Kerry County Council from a procurement perspective. The landowners at that location need to make grant application themselves to LEADER or Fáilte Ireland. The fact that this is listed on the Tourism Strategy is very positive.

25. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when works are to commence on the 20 new houses at Chestnut Drive, Killarney.

Reply: As a result of the treatment of VAT in the tendering process by one of the tenderers and on the basis of legal advice received, the tender for the construction of 20 houses at Park, Killarney has been collapsed. Kerry County Council has re-tendered this project. It is expected that a recommendation on the appointment of a contractor will be forwarded to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government by the end of January 2017.

Cllr. J. Sheahan noted the reply.

26. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to repair lags on the L-3010 adjacent to Lucey's Garage, Kilcummin.

Reply: The lags on the L-3010 adjacent to Lucey's Garage will be repaired in the coming weeks.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

27. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if there are plans to upgrade the type model of Patcher when the current truck is replaced.

Reply: Kerry County Council are currently carrying out an efficiency review of the Machinery Yard Operations. The County patching operation will be examined as part of this review. It is intended to have the review completed by January 2017.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that it is vital that the Council has good transportation and good vehicles to carry out work on our roads, particularly in winter. We need to keep our roads passable and the County open for business. A patcher is vital for Killarney Municipal District.

28. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when resurfacing works will commence at Glounanea Grotto, Kilcummin.

Reply: The resurfacing works will be carried out on the trench at Glounanea Grotto in three weeks time.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

29. 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 there any update on discussion on this item?

Reply: We will certainly explore the possibility of the glass top on the wall between Killarney House and Mission Road. This will require agreement with the NPWS and OPW and we will discuss it with them and report back with our findings at the next Municipal District Meeting.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked if the Council could meet with the OPW and explain in detail what he has proposed.

Ms. A. McAllen stated Mr. M. Ó Coileáin will liaise with Cllr. Kelleher on this matter.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked if Cllr. Kelleher's proposal was to take down some of the existing wall and put a glass panel on it and enquired about the cost of same.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that he was recommending stretches of the wall and not all of it. Part of the wall could be done. This is a magnificent amenity in our town and a glass wall would bring the beauty of it into the town and blend as one. It will be costly but would be worth the expense. It would transform that part of the town.

Cllr. M. Gleeson suggested that there could be glimpses of viewing areas in the wall and the OPW would be favourable to examine that option.

Ms. McAllen noted that a number of options had been mooted and agreed to ask Mr. Ó Coileáin to assess them and to revert to the next meeting with ideas.

Cllr. D. Grady referred to the Golden Gates and suggested that railing could also be an option here.

Cllr. Kelleher stated he would not be in favour of railing. The idea of having glass would make people aware of the peace and tranquillity of the gardens when outside in the hustle and bustle.

Cllr. Cronin stated that they would await the recommendations and costings and revert on the matter.

30. Cllr. N. Kelleher: The road up to Shrone Lake should be maintained more regularly. Can we get this commitment?

Reply: The Shrone Lake Road has been maintained in accordance with the resources available. Works to this road are also suitable for County Councillors Allocations.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that this road led to magnificent beauty and was in a very bad state.

Ms. B. Mulryan agreed that the road did not have an even surface but would require a large amount of funding to carry out improvements.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that a lot more needed to be done to enhance the area for walkers who need access it.

Ms. A. McAllen stated she would liaise with the Tourism Office with a view to developing this as an amenity.

31. 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: The bad lags on the N72 at the Killarney side of Barraduff will be maintained in early 2017; however this roadway requires extensive works in the longer term and will be submitted to the TII for consideration for funding.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the reply.

32. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Q 32 was moved in conjunction with NoM No 35 (Operations).

33. Cllr. N. Kelleher: In Lackabane Village, Fossa the roadways need to be strengthened. Can these works be put on the programme? I do not believe there are enough funds in the CIS to provide for same.

Reply: The overlay works at Lackbane Village, Fossa can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme. This Programme is due for renewal in 2018. Also it may be possible to carry out these works under the Community Involvement Scheme on a phased basis, for example, carrying the works out over a 3 year period.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted the reply.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. D. Grady: NoM No. 1 was moved in conjunction with the Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate.

2. Cllr. N. Kelleher: That we support an increase of the Councillors' Allocation in the budget next year.

Reply: This is a matter for Budget 2018 consideration. The current allocation for the Municipal District Operation Fund for Kerry County Council for 2017 is " 29,000 per Councillor.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that he wished to bring this matter to the attention of Management in advance of next year's Budget. Cllr. Kelleher stated that prices have increased and asked the Council to be aware of this when reviewing the allocation. Cllr. Kelleher acknowledged that we were fortunate in Kerry County Council to have this fund.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Council please request Bus Éireann to install an electronic timetable at the Bus Station in Killarney in order that intending passengers would have up to the minute information on any alterations?

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

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that an electronic timetable would be a great addition and asked that the Council write to Bus Éireann requesting that same be provided.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Have the Consultants appointed to progress the rehabilitation of Áras Phádraig concluded their public consultation and formulated their proposals and if so has a financial resource been sourced to allow the work to progress?

Reply: The tenders to carry out a feasibility study and Business Plan on the optimum use for the Áras Phádraig building have been assessed and the successful tenderer has been contacted. Once the standstill period has elapsed, the consultant will start work on the feasibility study which will involve consultations with representatives of all potential users and user groups and other relevant stakeholders. It is envisaged that contracts will be signed the week of 28th November 2016. A Project Team, lead by the Killarney Municipal District Manager, has also been established to oversee the management of this contract.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked if this will be advertised for public consultation once the contracts are signed.

Ms. A. McAllen replied this was correct.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has progress been made in the matter of determining the future productive use of the large site at Upper Park Road [formerly Pretty Polly/Sara Lee]?

Reply: The internal consultation for the Part 8 planning process has been completed. Given current work programmes and available resources, the public consultation on demolition of the building will be completed in Quarter 1, 2017.

Cllr. M. Gleeson acknowledged the reply.

4. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council can an update be given on any discussions with the HSE regarding St. Finian's Hospital and grounds?

Reply: The Chief Executive, Director of Housing and the Killarney Municipal District Manager met with senior HSE Officials to review their property assets in Killarney and in particular, any lands that may be available to Kerry County Council.

The HSE has specific plans for its own service provision in Killarney which take priority and they are working through their plans at this point.

There will be on-going engagement with the HSE to ensure any opportunities are availed of.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty advised that the HSE only require land for the District Hospital and St. Columbanus' Hospital. They do not require the remaining land.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that he believed the HSE has made contact with Kerry County Council.

Ms. A. McAllen confirmed that the Council met with the HSE regarding availability of sites across the County, especially in relation to social housing. The Council are engaging with them at present.

5. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made between Kerry County Council and St. Brendan's Trust in relation to providing parking spaces at Áras Phádraig, Killarney?

Reply: The car park is in the ownership of the Friary. Kerry County Council has made contact recently at Cllr. Healy-Rae's request. We await a reply and will update members upon receipt of response.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked that she be kept informed on this matter.

6. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made with the acquisition of the Áras Phádraig, Killarney?

Reply: The tenders to carry out a feasibility study and Business Plan on the optimum use for the Áras Phádraig building have been assessed and the

successful tenderer has been contacted. Once the standstill period has elapsed, the consultant will start work on the feasibility study which will involve consultations with representatives of all potential users and user groups and other relevant stakeholders. It is envisaged that contracts will be signed the week of 28th November 2016. A Project Team, lead by the Killarney Municipal District Manager, has also been established to oversee the management of this contract.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

16.11.23.07 To agree a date for the holding of the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney would be held on Wednesday, 1st February 2017 in Killarney Library

16.11.23.08 Correspondence

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

1.	Email dated 28 th October 2016 from Ms Niamh Redmond, Private Secretary, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government regarding a request from Killarney Municipal District that the number of stages in the approval process for social housing projects be reduced
2.	Letter dated 10 th November 2016 from Ms Wendy Thompson, Head of Taxi Regulation, National Transport Authority regarding wheelchair accessible SPSV services in the Killarney Area
3.	Letter dated 15 th November 2016 from National Transport Agency requesting that a bus shelter be provided in the village.

The meeting concluded at 2.55pm.

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Cllr. B. Cronin
Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD