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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN THE RIVER ISLAND HOTEL, CASTLEISLAND ON WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2016**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I ÓSTÁN RIVER ISLAND, OILEÁN CHIARRAÍ AR AN CHÉADAIOIN, 15 MEITHEAMH 2016**

**PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí**

**Cllr. B. Cronin  
Cllr. J.J. Culloty  
Cllr. M. Gleeson  
Cllr. M. Healy-Rae**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher  
Cllr. B. O'Connell  
Cllr. J. Sheahan**

**Apologies**

**Cllr. D. Grady**

**In attendance/i láthair**

<b>Ms. A. McAllen</b>	<b>Delegated Executive for the MD of Killarney</b>
<b>Mr. C. O'Sullivan</b>	<b>Director of Services, Operations &amp; Safety</b>
<b>Mr. P. Neary</b>	<b>SEE Killarney</b>
<b>Mr. L. Quinlan</b>	<b>Meetings Administrator</b>
<b>Ms. N. O'Sullivan</b>	<b>Municipal District Officer</b>
<b>Mr. G. O'Brien</b>	<b>SEO Enforcement</b>
<b>Mr. M. Lynch</b>	<b>SEE Planning &amp; Sustainable Development</b>
<b>Mr. M. Ó Coileáin</b>	<b>MD Officer</b>
<b>Mr. D. Murphy</b>	<b>SEE Housing Estates Unit</b>
<b>Mr. J. Ahern</b>	<b>EE Water Services</b>
<b>Mr. P. Bradley</b>	<b>EE Operations, Health &amp; Safety</b>
<b>Ms. L. O'Donnell</b>	<b>AO Environment</b>
<b>Ms. K. Curtin</b>	<b>AO Housing</b>
<b>Ms. B. Mulryan</b>	<b>EE Killarney</b>
<b>Mr. K. O'Halloran</b>	<b>AE Killarney</b>
<b>Mr. B. Mulhern</b>	<b>AE Killarney</b>
<b>Mr. M. O'Connell</b>	<b>Senior Asst. Chief Fire Officer</b>
<b>Mr. N. Horgan</b>	<b>Housing Estates Unit</b>
<b>Ms. M. Galvin</b>	<b>CO Corporate Affairs</b>

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

**16.06.15.01 (a) Confirmation of the following Minutes:**

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, SECONDED by Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016 be confirmed.
- (b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, SECONDED by Cllr. J.J. Culloty, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be confirmed.
- (c) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, SECONDED by Cllr. N. Kelleher, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be confirmed.

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

**(a) Dedication of N22 Park Road Roundabout**

On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Gleeson, Seconded by Cllr. J.J. Culloty, it was agreed that the N22 Park Road Roundabout be dedicated to Council staff, past and present and to the many volunteers who jointly ensure that the overall area is well maintained.

**(b) Briefing on preparation of Litter Management Plan 2016 - 2019**

Ms. L. O'Donnell, AO Environment read the following report to the Members on the preparation of the Litter Management Plan 2016 - 2019.

- "The Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009 obliges each council to review its Litter Management plan every 3 years. Kerry County Councils current Litter Management plan 2013-2016 is therefore being reviewed now.
- The Draft plan when prepared will be put out for public consultation during the summer.
  - i) Advertisements will be placed in the local newspapers and on local radio.
  - ii) Copies of the plan will be forwarded to each member of Kerry County Council, local TDs and Senators, Tidy Town groups, Coillte, National Parks and Wild Life Service.
  - iii) Copies will be available, for review by the general public, at County Buildings, Tralee, Environment Office, Maine St. Tralee, all Council Municipal district offices and County Libraries.

Any written submissions received from any of the above in relation to the plan should be submitted to the Environment Section, Maine Street and will be considered by the members of each Municipal District. The Local Government Reform Act 2014 has

listed the making, review or replacement of a litter management plan as a reserved function of each Municipal district so the plan will be brought before each Municipal District for approval.

The plan will consider the objectives under the following headings

- Education and awareness
  - Litter Prevention and Control
  - Partnerships
  - Enforcement
  - Recycling and Recovery"
- (c) In accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and having regard to Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in relation to the taking in charge of estates, to consider any objections or representations received and the making of an Order declaring the following roads to be public roads pursuant to Section 11 (2) (i) of the Roads Act 1993.
- (i) Firies, Killarney - Road from its junction with R-561 to all terminal points within the estate in Village Green, Firies, Killarney, Co. Kerry **Map 16** (serving 13 houses).
- Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge - 60m
- (ii) Firies, Killarney - Road from its junction with L-11045 to all terminal points within the estate in Firies Drive, Firies, Killarney, Co. Kerry **Map 17** (serving 23 houses).
- Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge - 167m
- (iii) Firies, Killarney - Road from its junction with R-561 to all terminal points within the estate in Firies Close, Firies, Killarney, Co. Kerry **Map 18** (serving 28 houses).
- Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge - 262m

The following reports were circulated to the Members:

"Dáta/Date 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Chuig/To: Cathaoirleach B. O'Connell  
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Chill Áirne

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

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A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

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

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

No Submissions or observations were received.

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

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

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

**KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAI**



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

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

- (i) Village Green, Firies, Killarney, Co. Kerry
- (ii) Firies Drive, Firies, Killarney, Co. Kerry
- (iii) Firies Close, Firies, Killarney, Co. Kerry

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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

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**Locations of Roads to be taken In Charge:**

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Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 60m

**Background:**

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

**Statutory Procedures:**

In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in Village Green, Firies, Killarney, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

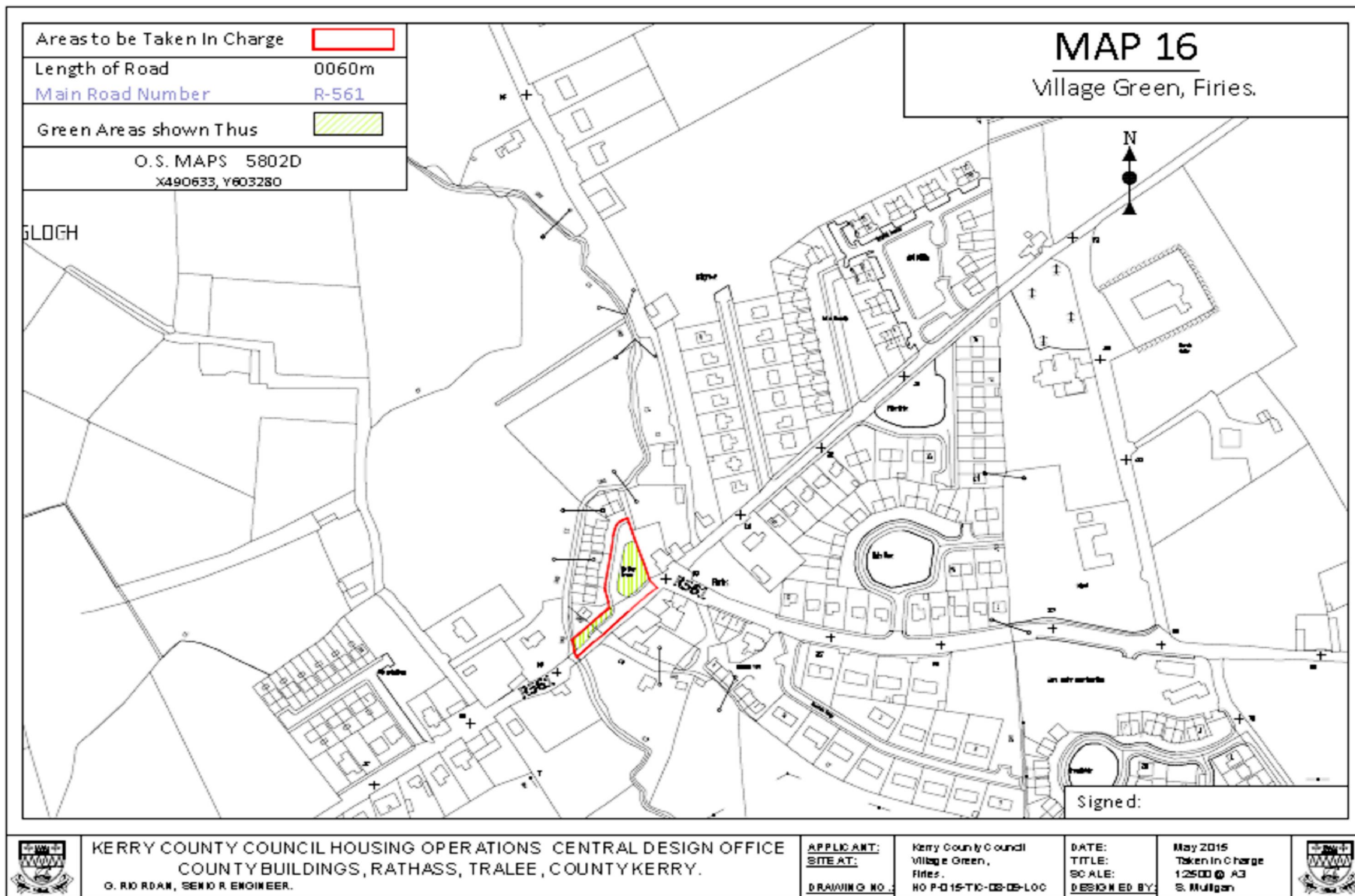
**Persons or Bodies who made objections or observations within the prescribed period:**

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

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Michael Scannell  
A/Director of Economic & Community Development





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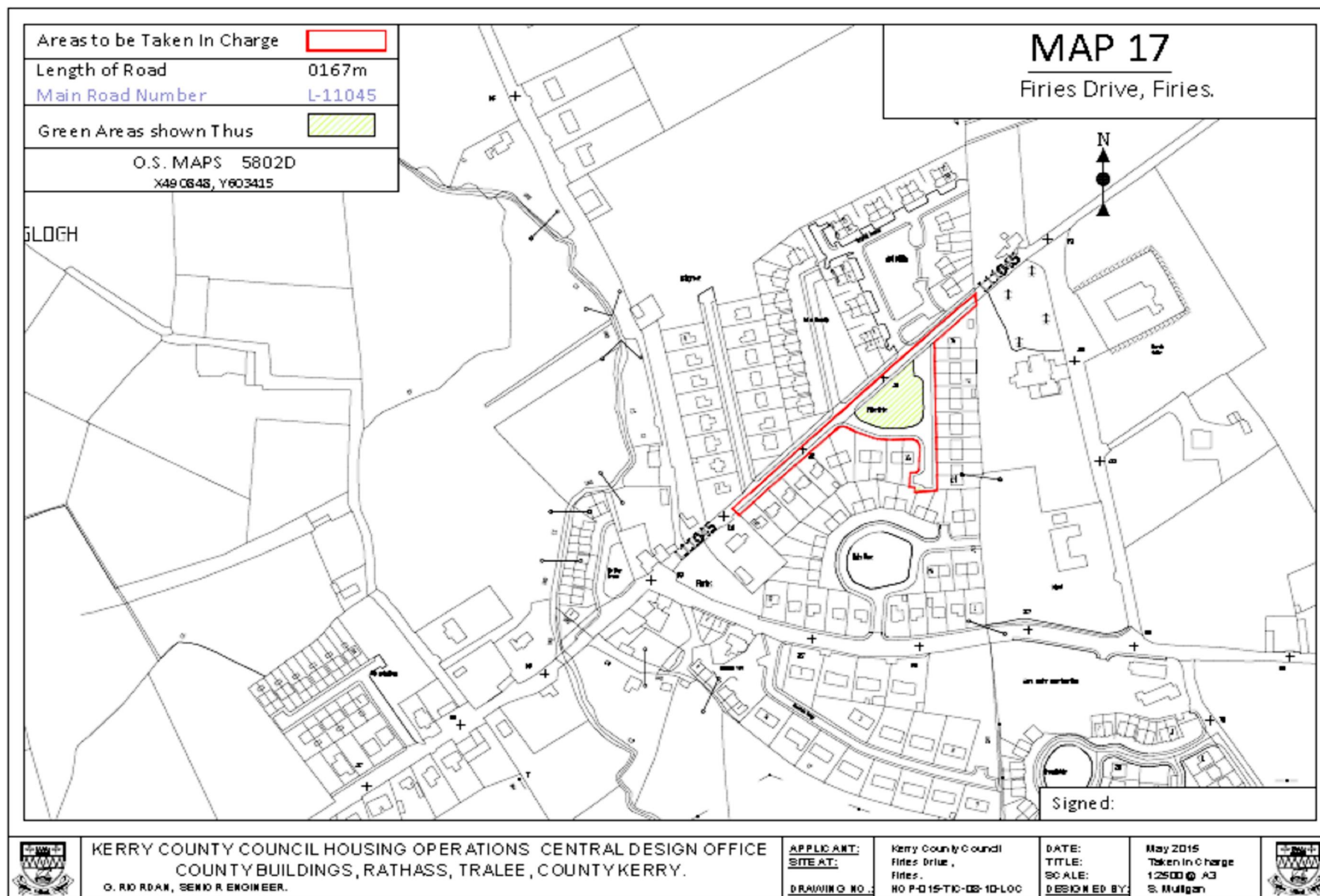
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Areas to be Taken In Charge



Length of Road 0262m

Main Road Number R-561

Green Areas shown Thus



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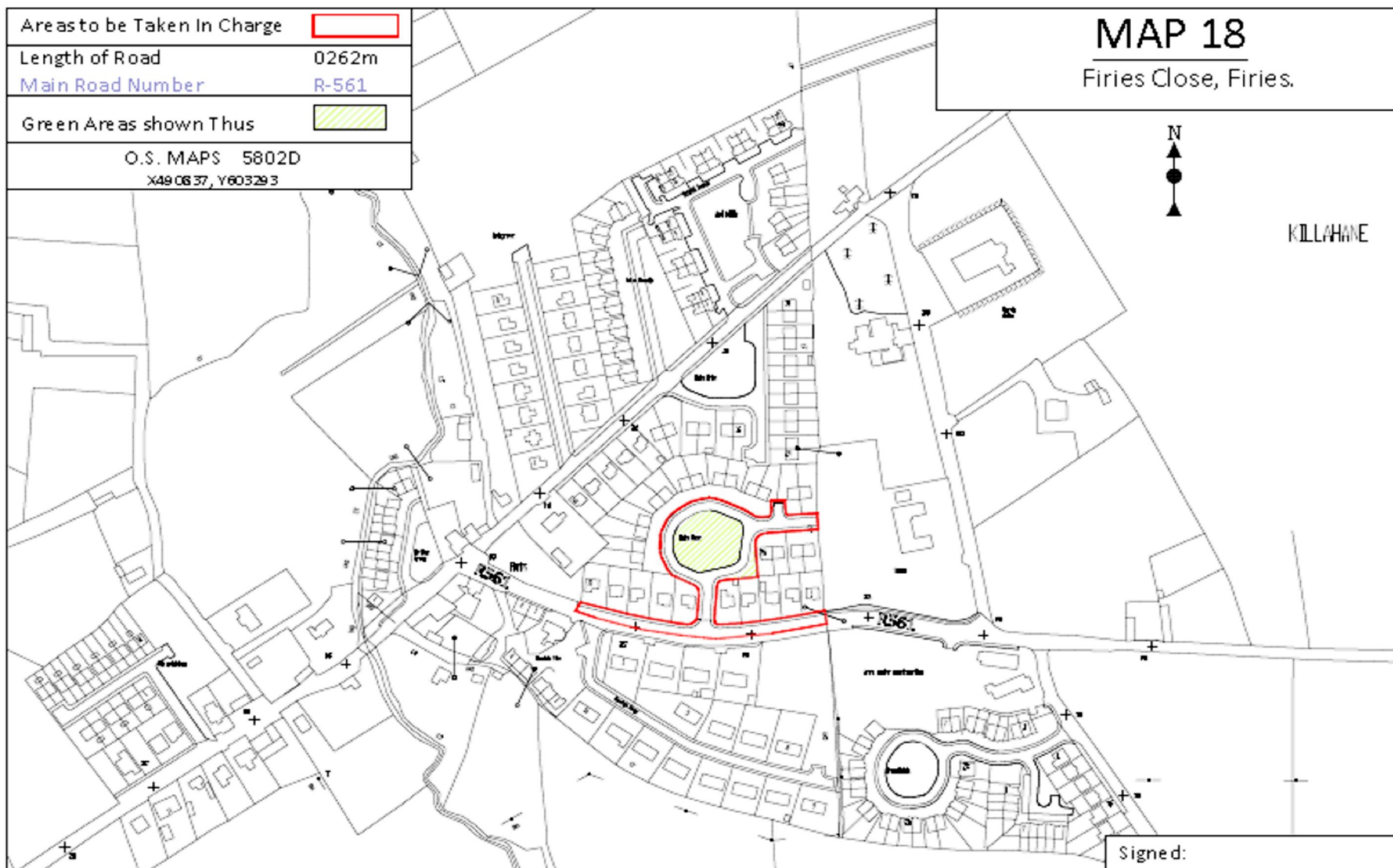
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## MAP 18

Firies Close, Firies.



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Signed:



KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING OPERATIONS CENTRAL DESIGN OFFICE  
COUNTY BUILDINGS, RATHASS, TRALEE, COUNTY KERRY.  
G. RIO RÓAN, SENIOR ENGINEER.

APPLICANT:  
SITE AT:  
DRAWING NO.:

Kerry County Council  
Firies Close,  
Firies.  
HO P-015-TIC-03-13-LOC

DATE:  
TITLE:  
SCALE:  
DESIGNED BY:

May 2015  
Taken in Charge  
1:2500 @ A3  
S. Mulligan



**Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed both Mr. D. Murphy and Mr. N. Horgan to the meeting. Cllr. Cronin referred to these three estates and said they were built during the building boom. To have these estates taken in charge by Kerry County Council was a monumental day for the residents and is great news after their long and hard battle. Cllr. Cronin acknowledged the huge amount of work that had gone into this process and expressed his gratitude to Mr. Horgan and Mr. Murphy for their assistance in this regard.**

**On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. Cronin, SECONDED by Cllr. J.J. Culloty it was unanimously agreed that Village Green, Furies, Killarney Co. Kerry, Furies Drive, Furies, Killarney, Co. Kerry and Furies Close, Furies, Killarney, Co. Kerry be taken in charge by Kerry County Council.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson moved Notice of Motion No. 2 (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate) at this stage.**

**2. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would detail the progress made in Mountain View Estate in the matter of bringing to fruition the full and proper completion of the Estate in accordance with the conditions of the Planning permission.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has met with the Mountain View Residents Association on a number of occasions in regard to the works to be carried out in the estate. The public lighting is now reinstated and certified. Investigatory works are currently ongoing to ascertain the location of a rising main from the current Waste Water Treatment Plant to the public road. This rising main will be tested and if it is in a good condition, the remainder of the works to be carried out in the estate will be completed.

**Mr. P. Neary stated that he has met with the residents. Once the rising main has been located and if in a good condition, works will be carried out to the road and footpaths.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson thanked Mr. Neary and stated that this was welcome progress. The people in Mountain View have endured this situation for too long. Cllr. Gleeson requested that in the interest of the people who paid big money for these houses, that Kerry County Council would move with all due haste.**

**Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.**

**Cllr. B. Cronin moved Question No. 17 (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate) at this stage.**

**17. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To ask for an update on bond works in Greenfields, Furies along with outstanding works.

**Reply:** The Council have been advised that the Contractor engaged by the Bondsman is due to return to this estate again shortly. We have been advised that it is their intention to address all remaining outstanding issues

when back on site. A Taking in Charge application has been received in respect of this estate and once all outstanding works have been completed to the satisfaction of the Council and Irish Water, the statutory taking in charge process can commence.

**Cllr. B. Cronin asked when was the contractor expected to return to Greenfields. There is a ponding of water between gullies fronting onto the side road that Greenfields adjoins. This should be pointed out to the contractor to see if anything can be done to rectify same.**

**Mr. D. Murphy stated that he had spoken with their agent and works to the gullies will be assessed. It is expected that the contractor will be back to finish the works in their entirety in a matter of weeks.**

**Cllr. B. Cronin moved Question No. 18 (Operations, Health & Safety Directorate) at this stage.**

**18. Cllr. B. Cronin:** What is the current situation with the taking in charge of Hill View, Woodlawn Road.

**Reply:** This estate has been assessed by Kerry County Council and in accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water, all necessary information is being forwarded to Irish Water for its decision in relation to the taking in charge of the water services infrastructure. Subject to approval of Irish Water, it is intended to commence the statutory taking in charge process.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher asked that this be referred to Irish Water for approval.**

**Mr. N. Horgan anticipated that it would be referred to Irish Water in July/August.**

**Cllr. B. Cronin enquired when Hillview and Woodlawn would be forwarded to Irish Water.**

**Mr. N. Horgan stated that the Council are currently collating all information and hope to forward it to Irish Water in July/August 2016.**

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae queried why Kilbannivane Estate was not included on the Agenda.

Mr. D. Murphy agreed to revert on the matter.

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

It was unanimously agreed by the Members that this item would be deferred to the next Meeting of the Killarney Municipal District.

**(e) Part VIII - 3 Bay Extension to Killarney Fire Station**

Ms. A. McAllen referred the members to the Part VIII report which was circulated.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, SECONDED by Cllr. J.J. Culloty it was agreed to note the proposed development and the Municipal District Manager's Report thereon to construct a 3 bay extension totalling 160 sq. mtrs. to Killarney Fire Station, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

**16.06.15.03 (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:

**Directorate Report,  
Killarney Municipal District Meeting,  
June 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Housing Services Report**

**Business Unit Manager: Christina Farrell SEO**

***2016 Allocation for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability***

The Council has received notification from DOECLG of the 2016 Allocation for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Grant Scheme of €2,013,778 of which €402,756 is to be provided from our own resources. This Allocation reflects an increase of €180,000 on Exchequer funding from the 2015 Initial Allocation and is most welcome at this early stage of the year. The Council is continuing to allocate grants in accordance with our Priority Scheme.

***Tenant Purchase Scheme***

Currently, we have received the following number of applications:

**Tralee MD : 60 applications**  
**Listowel MD : 24 Applications**  
**South & West MD : 27 Applications**  
**Killarney MD : 30 Applications**

All the applications received have been acknowledged - it is our intention to commence the process of examining these applications in detail this month to ensure

they meet with the eligibility criteria for the scheme. We will be corresponding with each applicant in the coming weeks in this regard.

### ***Energy Efficiency Insulation***

An Interim Allocation has been received for 2016 under the above programme to allow continuation of installation of energy efficiency insulation works to local authority houses up to a maximum of 50% of our 2015 Allocation i.e. €253,687. The Council have advertised tenders for the carrying out of this work and an assessment of the tender will be conducted over the next period.

### ***Returning Vacant Housing Properties to Productive Use***

The Housing Department awaits allocation from DOECLG in relation to this Programme for 2016.

### ***Assessment of Housing Need***

The statutory Housing Needs Assessment is ongoing and involves the deployment of significant resources in Kerry County Council. It is vital that accurate and timely information is returned from all applicants in order to ensure that the assessment is accurate and reflects the true need of the applicants.

## **Environment Services Report – June 2016**

**Business Unit Manager: Ger O'Brien, SEO**

### ***Coolcashlagh Waste and Recycling Centre***

Kerry County Council in conjunction with the Southern Regional Waste Management Office (SRWMO) is carrying out a pilot project to develop improved customer information signage at the Coolcashlagh site. Following the pilot it is envisaged that the signage will be rolled out to all recycling and waste centres in the County and the southern waste region thereby having consistency throughout the region.

Improvement works are also being carried out at the Coolcashlagh site with some changes to the site lay-out, improvement of paths, refurbishment of skips and some additional parking spaces being provided.

### ***Bottle bank re-branding***

Kerry County Council in conjunction with the Southern Region Waste Management Office plan to make changes to the signage and appearance of bottle banks in 30 locations throughout the county in the next few months - Funding for these sites is to be provided by Southern Regional Office. A new sleeve has been



developed to wrap over each bottle bank with new signage above each bottle bank.

In addition to the 30 sites, Killarney Municipal District is also funding an up-grade of all bottle banks in the town accordingly.

#### ***County Clean Up Day 2<sup>nd</sup> April***

As reported at the last M.D meeting The County Clean Up day, which was facilitated by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council, was a great success. 55 tonnes of waste was collected during the clean up.

#### ***Litter Management Plan 2016-2019***

As mentioned at the March Council Meeting, Kerry County Council's Litter Management plan will be reviewed during the next few months and a new draft plan will be prepared. The draft plan will be subject to a public consultation process and any submissions received following consultation will be considered for inclusion in the final litter plan which will be brought before each Municipal district for adoption.

#### ***Sustainable Transport***

Pedal in the Park is organised for Killarney on Friday Evening June 17th at 7.00p.m. Start point Deenagh Lodge (across from Cathedral).

Cycle to work Challenge for Bike Week (June 11th - 19th) is being promoted by the Local Authority and the Chamber Alliance in Killarney.

### **Library Services Report June 2016**

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

#### ***Library service:***

É As part of a national roll out, Kerry Library, along with 10 other authorities will be joining Phase 2 of the national Library Management System [LMS] in July 2016. This system operates the circulation, cataloguing and public search elements of the library service.

The Phase 1 Implementation libraries were (went live June 2015): Dublin City; Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, Kildare, South Dublin and Wexford. Phase 2 comprises Kerry, Clare, Donegal, Galway, Limerick, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Tipperary, Waterford City/County and Wicklow. Phase 3 (to go live by end 2016) includes Carlow/Kilkenny / Cavan/Monaghan / Cork City & County / Laois/Offaly / Longford/Westmeath and Sligo/Leitrim /Roscommon

Library users will be able to borrow up to 12 items at any given time [up from 8], will have access to the catalogues of all participating libraries and will be able to request & receive books, delivered free of charge to their home library. Usage of the online e-books, e-magazines, e-learning and e-languages services already in place will be additional to this.

Training for library staff will be provided in house during June and will necessarily require short library closures as follows: *from 10.00a.m. to 12.30p.m.* Kenmare ó Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June / Killarney ó Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> June / Castleisland ó Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June

In tandem with this, there will be a change nationally in the fines system for overdue books. At present Kerry Library levies fines on overdues at a rate of 10c per item per week or part of a week. The new system will standardise the fines system nationally at 5 cent per day up to a maximum of 30 cent per week per item as authorities join the new LMS project. Borrowers will receive a courtesy notice via e-mail in advance of books becoming overdue.

***Free library membership has been in operation nationally since 1 January 2016.***

É The Children's Reading programme 2016 - **Summer Stars** – will be running in all Kerry Libraries and most public libraries throughout the country this summer. Summer Stars is a free programme, open to all children.

Each child must register at their local library. A *Summer Stars Reading Card* will record their reading progress and the *Summer Stars Reward Stamp* will be added to their card at the library for each book read. Fun rewards will be provided along the way and an awards ceremony will take place at the end of summer. The Summer Stars programme provides children with the opportunity to explore the range of events and facilities which are available in their local library, such as story time sessions, children's activities, access to talking books and games, computers, internet access and of course children's books for all ages.

A new feature this year is the **Talking e-books** service, with both English and Irish titles. Each e-book is accompanied by audio on every page. In the junior versions, the audio can be played for each page, each individual word or sentence. Full audios and text for all the stories are also provided. Popular Irish songs and poems are also available. Songs and poems can be listened to in full or each verse played individually. Full text accompanies each one. Further details at <http://www.librariesireland.ie/summer-stars/talking-ebooks/stories>

É Library events programme [countywide details at [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie) ]

Killarney Library:

7th June ó 16th July	‘The Sun is Rising for Ireland ó Killarney 1916 Exhibition’ [by Conor Doolan] - will include original and replica memorabilia in relation to the early 1900s in Ireland. A short audio visual presentation will form part of the display.
16 June 6.30 - 7.30pm	Dóchas Drama presents ‘Bloomsday - an evening with Joyce’
30 June 6:30 - 7:30pm	Dóchas Drama presents ‘Words & Music’ in the Library

Castleisland Library:

Friday, 3 - Thursday, 30 June	Project displayø Improving life in Castleislandø ó a Castleisland Community College Project
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### **Fire and Emergency Services Report for April/May 2016**

***Business Unit Manager: Michael Hession CFO***

#### ***Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:***

- May in particular was much quieter for operational incidents. There were 479 incidents up to the end of May 2016 compared to 587 for the same period in 2015. The number of fires was down to 287 from 381. The number of Road traffic Accidents was down to 47 from 60.
- 2 No. Citroen Relay mechanics vans were delivered as part of our programme to upgrade our fleet.

#### **Major Emergency Management**

- Regional participation has been ongoing. The second quarterly meetings of both the COMAH Group and the Regional Working Group for 2016 were held in May.

#### **Fire Safety and Prevention:**

- Fire Officers continued to provide the Courts with recommendations in respect of any licensing applications notified to the Fire Service and with inspections of premises where required. Fire Officers attended pre -event meetings in respect of Puck Fair 2016 and Rose of Tralee Event 2016.
- The primary schools programme to all 3<sup>rd</sup> class pupils in primary schools has now been completed for the school year 2015/2016.

#### **Building Control:**

- Year-on-tear activity is up in the order of 25% across the board on Jan-May 2015.
- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of May 2016 was 173 which is a 19% increase on the figure of 145 for the same period last year. This indicates an increase in construction activity in the county.
- Up to the end of May 2016 a total of 42 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 72 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents increases of 23.5% in Disability Access Certificate applications and 44% in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2015. Further rise will out-stretch current staffing resources

### **Jan-May Statistics:**

Set out hereunder are the Statistical details in respect of Building Control:

<b>Building Control Statistics</b>		
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	50	72
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	34	42
Commencement Notices Received	145	173

## **Community Department Report June 2016**

**Business Unit Manager:** Niamh O'Sullivan SEO

### **Local Economic & Community Plan.**

The Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan went before the elected members and was adopted on April 18th, 2016. Following adoption of the plan, in house editing of the final document was completed. Professionally finished copies of the final document will be available in the coming weeks. Discussion is ongoing at the moment around putting a process in place to ensure effective implementation and monitoring of the actions in the Plan. Discussions with IT are focused on procedures and a shared reporting template to be put in place that allow for a means of both internal and external feedback from lead agencies on the progress of the implementation of their agreed actions.

An update will be provided at MD meetings going forward in respect of the progress being made. This will also help members in prioritising projects going forward and seeking funding options in respect of same.

### **SICAP**

For the delivery of the programme in Kerry the county is divided into 3 Lots with a programme implementers (3 LDCs in Kerry's case) appointed to deliver services in each of the three lots. Each Programme Implementer developed an Action Plan for 2016 for the delivery of services within their Lot area and this plan was approved by Kerry LCDC. The LCDC as the contracting authority is required to monitor and review the performance of Programme Implementers and the meeting of specific targets against the Action Plan. The Mid-Term Review is due to be completed before the end of July.

### **LEADER 2014-2020**

Kerry LCDC is the Local Action Group (LAG) under the LEADER Programme with the 3 Local Development Companies implementing the programme on the ground.

The Local Development Strategy (LDS) has now been approved by the Department of the environment, community and Local Government and we are now awaiting finalisation

The LDCs, KCC and the LCDC each have a role in the development and implementation of the strategy.

### **Community Support Fund**

The 2016 applications submitted under the Community Support fund have now been assessed by the Community Support Fund Advisory Panel and the various allocations approved by the Members of the Municipal District. Notification Letters are currently being prepared to issue to all applicants.

It is important to note that under the conditions of the grant, all successful applicants are required to acknowledge the financial assistance of Kerry County Council, including the display of the Council's logo on all printed matter. Reference must also be made to Kerry County Council's support in any publicity relating to the activity/event. The Council also reserves the right to invite An Cathaoirleach and/or An Leas Cathaoirleach of the relevant Municipal District to attend all grand aided events.

It is proposed to invite applications for the 2017 Fund in November of this year. The Municipal District Officers will facilitate 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.

In total, 89 no. applications relevant to the Killarney Municipal District were received and 64 no. have been approved for funding with a monetary value of €214,203.

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

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

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

A change for 2016 involves trialling the expansion of the work programme into all four Municipal Districts. The aim of this is to encourage county wide participation and to increase the influence of Comhairle na nÓg at a Municipal District level. These sub-groups took on the following areas of the work for the year ó

- Listowel: PR and AGM
- Killarney: You Tube web series
- Caherciveen: Sexual Health
- Tralee: 1916 Fashion Show (and then they will help out other areas)

The Kerry Comhairle na nÓg organised a "Reeling in the Years Fashion Show 1916 - 2016" which was held at the Ashe Hotel on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7pm. Fashion and music from every decade was showcased and a great evening was had by all.

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

During the event, they exchanged ideas and perspectives on youth-related issues, developed innovative solutions to crucial questions for the future and met with European decision-makers and speakers with a wide range of professional experience.

At the same time the EYE provided an opportunity to experience the rich cultural diversity within the European Union through the staging of various artistic performances and spectacles.

As follow-up, a report with the ideas discussed during the event will be made available to all Members of the European Parliament. As well, former EYE participants will have the opportunity to present the most concrete ideas produced by young people to a number of parliamentary committees and receive feedbacks from Members.

### **Kerry PPN**

The PPN is the main link through which the Council connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors. The Secretariat of the Kerry Public Participation Network has organised an event for community groups /organisations wishing to access funding. The event is intended to assist groups in their planning of community activity/projects.

Two events are being held in June - **Caherciveen** 14th June at The Library. 7.30pm - 9.30pm. **Tralea** on the 16th June 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

A similar event will be held in Killarney in late September.

## Social Housing Activity Report as at 7th June 2016

### Killarney Municipal Area (K.M.A.)

<u>Social Housing Applicants (Year to Date Position)</u>		
Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area		23
New Tenancies Commenced		30
Accommodation refusals		2
<u>Social Houses</u>		
<b>Vacant properties within Municipal Area</b>		
Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)		8
Awaiting Allocation		2
Aquired Properties		3
<b>Construction Programme</b>		
Single Rural Dwellings - under construction		0
Single Rural Dwellings -Tender Stage		0
Extensions - applications on hands		4
Extensions - proceeding to construction		2
<u>Rental Accommodation Scheme</u>		<u>County</u>
		<u>L.M.A.</u>
Total Active Tenancies	910	228
New tenancies in 2016	41	8
Tenancies Terminated in 2016	31	9
<u>Leasing</u>		<u>County</u>
		<u>L.M.A.</u>
Leased Properties	175	46
Leases under Negotiation	17	4
<u>Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)</u>		
	<u>No.</u>	<u>€</u>
Grant Allocation 2016		" 2096,050m
New Grants Allocated 2016	143	" 739,997m
Total Commitment	188	" 1,080,318m
Grants Paid	83	" 423,944m
<b>Tenant Purchase Update Scheme Killarney MD:</b>		
	<b>No.</b>	
Applications Received, acknowledged & currently in process of assessment.	30	
<b>Capital Killarney MD:</b>		
<b>Proposed Development: The Park, Killarney</b>		
- Construction due to commence in late September 2016.		

## **(b) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council what is the update regarding discussions between Kerry County Council and the HSE in relation to acquiring land at St. Finan's for a graveyard for Killarney.

**Reply:** A detailed report on the provision of a burial ground was presented to the Members today. The preferred option is for the development of a new graveyard at Knockeenduff, subject to planning approval. The Council will now proceed with the statutory procedures in accordance with provisions of the Section 179 (3) of Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and intend to have a report on any submissions received, as part of this process, before the end of the year.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae noted the reply.**

**2. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** Having tabled a Notice of Motion at the July 2015 Municipal Meeting, calling on this Council to begin construction on the twenty houses, at Park, Killarney, to which I was informed that construction on these long awaited houses would begin in Quarter 4 of 2015, I now have reason to believe that it could be Quarter 4 of 2016 before construction commences. At the March Municipal District Meeting, I requested all correspondence between Kerry County Council and the Department since this process began. I now call on this Council to present in full, all correspondence between this Council and the Department since the beginning of this process. The reason for this unacceptable delay needs to be exposed and highlighted to ensure it does not occur in the future.

**Reply:** The advancement of all Capital projects is a 4 stage process with the DOECLG approval required at each stage. Kerry County Council included this scheme in the 2015 - 2018 Programme on the basis that planning approval was in place. The planning approval was for a 12 house scheme. Following discussions with the Department, this was increased to a 20 house scheme.

In recent discussions between the Department and CCMA, the 4 stage project approval process is being reviewed in an effort to streamline capital delivery.

### **STAGE 1**

- In May 2015, Kerry County Council received stage approval to add an extra 12 houses to make a total of 20 x 3 bedroom units at The Park
- In June 2015, we received a revised approval to develop the entire scheme with an estimated cost of " 3,114,078.00.

### **STAGE 2**

- On 06/11/2015, Kerry County Council submitted our Pre-Tender application to the DECLG, including a full set of drawings and estimate cost plan of " 3,605,473.75.
- Kerry County Council received correspondence from Department stamped on 11<sup>th</sup> February approving " 3,370,733. This left a shortfall of



- " 271,512. The issue required a revised mechanical and electrical design and reduced General Specification for various items in the project.
- Following the exercise that was carried out by Kerry County Council Design Team to reduce project specification, reduced estimate cost was achieved from " 3,605,473 and was submitted in October 2015 to an all-in estimated cost of " 3,498,160.00. Revised design and estimate cost was sent on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016.

### STAGE 3

- Approval to go to tender received from Department dated on 19th April.

In the current stage, we are procuring Quantity Surveyor Services. Service pricing is expected to be returned by the middle of June 2016. The Appointed QS will be required to prepare contract documents by the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and it is expected that the project if approved at **Stage 4** would be submitted to tender for 21 days, with expected tender return on 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2016.

Report on tender to be prepared and sent to the Department by 29<sup>th</sup> of August. Kerry County Council would expect to receive an approval of the Department by the 23 of September when the contractor would be authorised to commence the construction.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that an extremely serious delay has been ongoing in relation to the construction of these 20 houses. Cllr. Culloty stated that 12 months ago he was informed that this work would commence in Q4 2015 and now the reply states " *Report on tender to be prepared and sent to the Department by 29<sup>th</sup> of August.*" An overall look at this process needs to be undertaken to see what is taking place between the Local Authority and the Department. The delays that have occurred need to be highlighted and forwarded to the Department. He said there was laziness between the Department and the Local Authority in progressing this scheme. Cllr. Culloty stated that the delays experienced are unnecessary and not acceptable.**

**Ms. K. Curtin replied that significant delays have been experienced at each stage of the process which they are seeking to have reduced.**

**Cllr. Culloty stated that a letter should issue to the Department requesting a reduction in the amount of stages required as they are taking an unacceptable length of time.**

**Ms. A. McAllen reiterated that when making a significant submission to the Department regarding ongoing housing capital, the Council have highlighted that the required stages are slowing the process.**

**As Cllr. D. Grady was absent from the meeting, Notice of Motion No. 3 was not moved.**

**As Cllr. D. Grady was absent from the meeting, Notice of Motion No. 4 was not moved.**

**5. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Can Kerry County Council clarify how long has it been since I first proposed that management enter into negotiations with the HSE regarding purchasing St Finan's lands and what is the current position.

**Reply:** The initial proposal was made approximately three years ago. Recently a meeting has taken place with the HSE to discuss this and other HSE lands in the County. We will engage with the HSE to progress matters of mutual interest in the short and medium term.

**Cllr. B. Cronin stated he had raised this matter previously with the HSE and at Kerry County Council meetings whereby he requested both parties to meet and discuss the land and its ownership because of its unique location for future developments in Killarney. The town is very limited regarding development regarding availability of land. This land at St. Finan's offers huge potential for housing development, tourism and sporting opportunities. It could also be used to improve road access at the Lewis Road Junction. Accidents are continually occurring at this location. Back in 2006 the then Town Council were looking at this land. This proposal needs to be brought back to the HSE as it has massive potential. The Council should try and negotiate a purchase.**

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion. This is a huge plot of land and is vitally important to make the best use of it. Cllr. Culloty welcomed the news that a meeting had taken place as he had previously requested this.**

**6. Cllr. B. O'Connell:** That Kerry County Council clean out the well at Tullig as it is having a serious impact on the environment in the area.

**Reply:** The Environment Section have investigated this claim and are not aware of any environmental issues associated with Tullig Well. Following investigation, this disused well is overgrown with weed.

**Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that weed was growing in the well but it is disguising the fact that rubbish is also being dumped there. A discussion has since taken place with the local Area Engineer on the matter.**

**7. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** What is the update with the acquisition of the graveyard for the people of Killarney? Does the Council intend on proceeding with purchasing Aghadoe Lawn Cemetery?

**Reply:** A detailed report on the provision of a burial ground was presented to the Members today. The preferred option is for the development of a new graveyard at Knockeenduff, subject to planning approval. The Council will now proceed with the statutory procedures in accordance with provisions of the Section 179 (3) of Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and

intend to have a report on any submissions received, as part of this process, before the end of the year.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher noted the reply.**

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

**Reply:** As previously advised at the December and February meeting, there have been some discussions at local level regarding the provision of an extension to the local graveyard and in relation to possible road widening to facilitate parking. These discussions are ongoing and we will be examining all options available.

Cllr. N. Kelleher wished to stress the urgency of the situation and that a solution be found in the short-term.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the locals in Gneeveguilla fear that somebody will need an ambulance and that it will be unable to access the area due to the parking issue. The local committee are now directing traffic during busy times.

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the Council made application to the Department of the Environment for the finance necessary to provide more modern demountable units on the site at Gortroe and if so, has the Department responded positively and has the necessary finance been made available to allow for the very necessary extension to one existing unit?

**Reply:** The Council has submitted an application to the Department for funding to provide more modern units on this site. The Department have sought further information on the application and we are actively engaging with the Department to secure funding for same. In addition to this, following a meeting at the site with the residents, the Council are in the process of developing a new site layout plan with suitable housing for the entire Gortroe site. Once the plan is available, the proposed design will be discussed with the residents and agreed with them. Thereafter, a new proposal will be submitted to the Department for the entire site.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson noted the reply but asked for more information in respect of the second part of the Question.**

**Ms. K. Curtin replied that she would revert to Cllr. Gleeson with an answer.**

**2. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** Has funding been made available to proceed with the extension at the home of a Kerry County Council tenant? (Details with Directorate).

**Reply:** This application, together with all other applications, are currently being assessed to determine what is the most appropriate housing solution to meet the applicants need. While the funding has not been announced for 2016 to date, it is not expected to meet the funding requirement for all applications. Alternative solutions will be considered on a case by case basis such as sourcing alternative properties through the leasing scheme.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan enquired if the Housing Department would prioritise extensions for their tenants and asked was appropriate funding available. Cllr. Sheahan asked that this would be prioritised.**

**Ms. K. Curtin replied that at present, the Housing Department have received 30 applications for extensions and due to funding limitations, the Housing Department will have to look at alternative solutions.**

**Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that something needs to be done for this family.**

**Ms. Curtin replied that all 30 applications are being examined on a case by case basis.**

**3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** Can we have an update on the purchasing of a graveyard to serve the people of Killarney.

**Reply:** A detailed report on the provision of a burial ground was presented to the Members today. The preferred option is for the development of a new graveyard at Knockeenduff, subject to planning approval. The Council will now proceed with the statutory procedures in accordance with provisions of the Section 179 (3) of Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and intend to have a report on any submissions received, as part of this process, before the end of the year.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty noted the reply.**

**4. Cllr. B. Cronin:** When will work begin on lands provided for an extension of old Kilcummin Cemetery?

**Reply:** It is anticipated that the wall will be constructed during the summer months of 2016.

**Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the landowner gave his land to the Council to extend this Cemetery. Cllr. Cronin enquired when will the works commence and asked that Mr. P. Bradley would make contact with the landowner.**

**5. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Does Kerry County Council Management realise just how serious the situation is with the lack of public grave space in Killarney?

**Reply:** A detailed report on the provision of a burial ground was presented to the Members today. The preferred option is for the development of a new graveyard at Knockeenduff, subject to planning approval. The Council will now proceed with the statutory procedures in accordance with provisions of

the Section 179 (3) of Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and intend to have a report on any submissions received, as part of this process, before the end of the year.

**Cllr. B. Cronin noted the reply.**

**6. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** Can this Authority set up a working group to report back with possible solutions to the unsightly bins being put out in the evening while this town is at its peak with tourists and to include representatives of all affected.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will contact the Chamber of Commerce & Tourism and the Refuse Operators in Killarney Town with the intention of setting up a Killarney Refuse Working Group.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher enquired if a trial had been carried out in parts of Killarney Town and if so, what was the outcome? It is unsightly having bins on the streets in a tourist town.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that the refuse collectors also need to be included in the Working Group and the issue regarding collection times of the bins will be raised with them. Mr. Neary stated that the system works out well in Chapel Lane and will be rolled out to more lanes. He agreed to contact Killarney Chamber of Commerce with a view to setting up a Working Group as early as possible.**

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

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

**KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING**

**Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí**  
Achoimre Stádais ar an 8<sup>ú</sup> Meithimh 2016  
**Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme**  
Status Summary at 8<sup>h</sup> June 2016

**Funding Priorities for Capital Projects**

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

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

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

**IRISH WATER CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016**

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

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

<b><u>CIP WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS</u></b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>		
<b>Mains Rehabilitation Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Status</b>
	County Direct Labour	" 2.65M	Pipelaying ongoing by Direct Labour . virtually complete.

<b>Central Regional Water Supply Scheme</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Status</b>
	Scart Reservoir	" 2.92M	Complete
	Water Treatment Plant - DBO	" 30M	Contractor has commenced. Completion date is April 18.

<b><u>CIP WASTEWATER PROJECT</u></b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme</b>	The Scheme is included in the Irish Water <b>CIP 2014-2016</b> . A Consulting Engineer is currently working on the detailed design and contract documents to enable the project to go Tender.

### **IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME**

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

<b><u>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, KILLARNEY DISTRICT</u></b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Status</b>
Water Bulk Meters Upgrade	<b>Countywide</b> project to upgrade bulk meters to give information on water flows	" 123,000	Substantially complete
Castleisland SS - Church St and Limerick Rd.	Replace collapsed length of sewer	" 8,000	Complete
CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works Muckross to Burma Rd	2.2 Km of new 150MM watermain	" 250,000	Complete
Brosna Knock RWSS Dooneen Rsvr Castleisland	Fencing works	" 8,000	Complete
<b>CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works from Muckross Church through the Black Road and Loreto Road to Sheheree</b>	<b>2.7Km of new 160 / 200MM watermain</b>	<b>€450,000</b>	<b>Underway</b>
<b>CRWSS Mains Replacement - Bushmount Raffeens Clounlara</b>	<b>Replace 2.2Km of the 50MM diameter PVC watermain with a 100MM PVC pipe.</b>	<b>€ 226,000</b>	<b>Underway</b>

<b>CRWSS Barraduff</b>	<b>Lay 470M of 100MM watermain</b>	<b>€52,000</b>	<b>Underway</b>
Brosna Knocknagoshel WSS . Meenleirim Pumphouse	Provide sump to improve operation of pumps	" 10,000	Approved
CRWSS Dromultan Scartaglin Pumpstation	Lay 300M of 100MM pipe to eliminate old pump station	" 35,000	Approved
CRWSS Dromhall Pk Killarney	Replace 375M of 100MM Cast Iron with uPVC pipe	" 64,000	Approved
Mid Kerry Mains Replacement - Coolbane Aglish	Replace 1.5Km of the 200MM diameter PVC Trunk Main	" 300,000	Approved
MKRWSS Faha West	Lay 500M of 80MM watermain	" 95,000	Approved
CRWSS Kenmare Place Killarney	Replace 100M of 150MM CI with 200mm PVC pipe.	" 100,000	Approved
CRWSS Ballyspillane Killarney	Replace 200M of 200MM AC with 250MM uPVC pipe	84,000	Approved
CRWSS Brewsterfield Mains	Replace 4.5KM defective mains Knockanes, Headford	" 570,000	Requested
Shrone WSS . RawqWater Main	Lay main from Lake to WTP	" 160,000	Requested
CRWSS Ballymacadam Reservoir	Provide Actuator Control Valve	" 8,000	Requested
CRWSS Mill Road Killarney	Lay 500M of 80MM watermain	" 95,000	
CRWSS Mangerton	Replace 1100m of 30mm pipe with 100MM uPVC main	" 110,000	Requested
CRWSS Cloonts Rathmore	Replace 500M of 100MM PVC watermain	" 94,000	Requested
CRWSS Allman's Tce Killarney	Replace 250m of 80mm CI with 80MM uPVC pipe	" 89,000	Requested
CRWSS Woodlawn Killarney	Replace 400M of 150MM AC watermain with uPVC pipe	" 90,000	Requested
<b>Total APPROVED to-date</b>		<b>€1.805M</b>	



## **THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME**

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

A total Block Grant Allocation of " 780,100 was allocated to Kerry County Council for the various measures under the Rural Water Programme in 2015. **The announcement on funding for 2016 is awaited.**

### **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.

**Referring to the Water Directorate Report, Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the major investment in Lough Guittane.**

**Mr. J. Ahern stated that the Water Services Department of Kerry County Council has benefited from funding from Irish Water and that the Lough Guittane DBO Contract in particular will be funded up to the value of €30m.**

**Mr. Ahern stated that the Lough Guittane DBO contract commenced on 29<sup>th</sup> April and that site investigations/surveys started on 30<sup>th</sup> May. It is hoped that the Contractor will be mobilised on site by 3<sup>rd</sup> September. By 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018, fully treated water will be supplied into the network, with the whole project substantially completed by 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

**Mr. N. Kelleher commended the hard work undertaken by Kerry County Council.**

**Cllr. B. Cronin referred to it being a Design, Build, Operate project and enquired how long will contractors be responsible for the facility and who were they.**

**Mr. Ahern replied that the successful contractors were involved in many Local Authority projects. Mr. Ahern stated for standard contracts, responsibility for these schemes usually lasts 20 years.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson referred to status of CRWSS Mill Road Killarney listed on Page 3 of the report and asked for Mr. Ahern to clarify same.**

**Mr. Ahern agreed that Water Services would revert with an update on the status of this particular scheme.**

## **(b) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Irish Water if a satisfactory solution has been found to remedy the problems with the sewer system at Shinnagh, Rathmore.

**Reply:** There is a difficulty with this sewerage pumping station, located in a public green area at Shinnagh Cross, Rathmore, in that there can be overload at times of extremely heavy / prolonged rainfall, which results in back-up of the existing inadequate storm water overflow system. The Water Services Department is currently pursuing a particular solution to this overflow problem.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan said he had raised this matter previously and stated that the residents would not be happy with this reply. Cllr. Sheahan requested the Council to move as quickly as possible on pursuing a solution as the odour emanating from the sewer system is very unpleasant.**

**Mr. Ahern replied that a solution is currently being sought and he will revert once a decision has been formulated.**

**2. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Can Kerry County Council urgently seek funding from Irish Water to replace the short section of mains pipe from the reduction valve at Coolroe Cross South to the break pressure tank as there have been bad breaks here over the past weeks and this road is on the 2016 Roads Programme.

**Reply:** This issue relates to the frequent interruptions to the water supply from Barleymount Reservoir on the Mid Kerry Regional Water Supply Scheme.

Works will be commenced in July on the " 300,000 replacement of 1,500M of 200MM water pipe from Aglish Cemetery to the bridge at Coolbane. This length of trunk main has been the subject of repeated burst pipes in recent years.

The 400M length immediately south of Coolroe Cross South has not been as problematic until this year. Until this year, there was an average of one break per year. There have been three breaks, including one last Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>, to-date on this pipe in 2016. A submission requesting funding of " 89,000 for this job was made to Irish Water by Kerry County Council in May 2016.

**Cllr. B. Cronin stated that on the same pipeline further South, Kerry County Council recently installed a reduction valve 400m from a break pressure tank. Between that there have been 3 bad breaks, the last one occurring on Saturday night. As a result of the breaks, the road is in a very bad state. The residents do not have water and over 2,000 people depend on this reservoir which is causing great upset. Three years ago, on that particular 400m section from the tank to the reduction valve, Cllr. Cronin stated that he received a Road Restoration Improvement Grant exactly where the pipe is breaking. Cllr. Cronin stated that he has**

requested Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Mr. P. Neary, Mr. C. O'Leary and Irish Water to provide funding and propose it would be treated as an emergency. If road repairs are carried out, they will be washed away. Firstly, the pipes must be replaced and then repair the 1.5km of road. Cllr. Cronin stated that he would bring the matter to the attention of Irish Water on the date of the next Council Meeting where they would be in attendance in County Buildings to meet with Members.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.**

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** Has the route for the sewer main between Killarney and Kilcummin been agreed?

**Reply:** Irish Water has informed Kerry County Council that the design of the scheme has been progressed to the point where Irish Water is now carrying out a final internal review of all options. The preferred design will be chosen in a matter of weeks and Irish Water will then continue with the necessary statutory processes, including Planning and land/wayleave acquisition. Irish Water expects that the Planning application will be lodged before the end of 2016, with construction commencing later in 2017, following contract procurement.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty** stated that the residents want the road repaired as it is in a dire state. The money that should have been spent on it in the last few years should now be made available to resurface it. A huge volume of traffic uses this road. Cllr. Culloty referred to the statement in the reply *"The preferred design will be chosen in a matter of weeks and Irish Water will then continue with the necessary statutory processes, including Planning and land/wayleave acquisition."* Cllr. Culloty stated that the Councillors had previously been told that all wayleaves had been acquired.

**Mr. Ahern** agreed that these would have been acquired for the original design, however depending on the preferred design chosen by Irish Water, this could result in additional land/wayleave acquisition.

**Cllr. Culloty** requested that after the design and route have been chosen, that work could commence on resurfacing the sections of the road where the pipe is not being re-laid.

**Mr. P. Neary** stated that he would have to view the agreed route first, however, all restoration improvement works have been committed for this year.

**Cllr. Culloty** stated that the money that would have been spent on this road in the last few years should now be used to resurface it.

**Mr. Neary** replied that when money is not spent on a road, it is transferred to another road.

**As Cllr. D. Grady was absent from the meeting, Question 2 was not moved.**

**3. Cllr. B. Cronin:** As the future of Irish Water is now uncertain, where does this leave Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme?

**Reply:** Irish Water has informed Kerry County Council that the design of the scheme has been progressed to the point where Irish Water is now carrying out a final internal review of all options. The preferred design will be chosen in a matter of weeks and Irish Water will then continue with the necessary statutory processes, including Planning and land/wayleave acquisition. Irish Water expects that the Planning application will be lodged before the end of 2016, with construction commencing later in 2017, following contract procurement.

**Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the road from Inchycullane to Coolcorcoran is in a very bad state. Cllr. Cronin referred to previous meetings where the Councillors had been told that Irish Water were very near a final decision and to date, the final design has yet to be chosen. Irish Water must clarify the route as a matter of urgency.**

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

**Report from the Director of Operations, Health and Safety**

**1. Killarney Town Traffic Management Study**

- Malachy Walsh and Partners are carrying out a Traffic Management Study for the Town of Killarney. The key objectives of the Traffic Management Study include the development of a Traffic Model for the Town and Environs and to assess various proposed infrastructural improvements within the town.

**2. Muckross Road Traffic Calming Scheme**

- The works are substantially complete. The uncontrolled cycle / pedestrian crossing will be completed in the next 10 days.

**3. Road Works Programme –Summary**

**Regional and Local Roads**

**Restoration Maintenance and Improvement Programme**

- Skirting and hedge cutting for Restoration Maintenance and Improvement is currently ongoing.
- Restoration Improvement works are currently ongoing as outlined hereunder.

## Restoration Improvement

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

Road No.	Road Description	Length (m)	Cost	Area	Status
R-570	Dromcarban to Headfort	1000	180000	Killarney West	Completed by End of July
L-7001	N22 Cloonlara-N22-Currans	800	72,000	Killarney West	Completed by End of June
L-7039	Barleymount X to Aglish	1400	126,000	Killarney West	Drainage Works
L-7059	Filodauane	1250	87,500	Killarney West	Drainage Works
L-3011	Coolcaslagh to Knocknahoe	1100	100,000	Killarney West	Completed by End of June

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

## Restoration Maintenance

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

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

#### **Other works - Roads / Estates / Amenity Areas**

- Traffic Lights Installation Main Street, Castleisland,
- Severe Weather allocations . works at Carker Bridge, Gortglass Bridge, Clydagh, Knockeendubh, Mill Road, Faha (surface repair).
- Ongoing drainage, maintenance and pothole repairs
- Street Cleaning as per Municipal District Works Plan
- Footpath Maintenance in Killarney Town at the following locations:
  - Countess Grove, Daltons Avenue, Fairhill, Mangerton View, Park Drive
- New footpaths constructed at Countess Road
- Killarney Town Laneway Enhancements . Old Market Lane, Bohereencaol, Well Lane, Brewery Lane.
- Relocation of Salmon Monument from Ironmills to Lissyviggeen Roundabout to be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016
- Amenity Area at High Street Junction . to be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016
- Commemoration Area at Court House - complete
- Lighting of a number of Monuments in Killarney Town - complete
- Commemoration Area in Farranfore and Rathmore

#### **4. Housing – Summary**

Works at the following locations over the next two months

<b>Vacant House Upgrades</b>	
51 Sliabh Luachra, Gneeveguilla	
8 Desmond's Avenue, Castleisland	
43 St. John's Park, Castleisland	
73 Ballyspillane, Killarney	
18 Desmond's Avenue, Castleisland	
<b>Routine Maintenance</b>	
Local Authority Houses and Demountables.	Responsive maintenance as required

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

**Referring to the Directorate Report, Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to the Killarney Town Traffic Management Study and enquired when it was expected to be finalised.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated it was hoped to finalise the draft by month end. The Council would need to revert to the Consultants with changes and following this, it is planned to hold a Special Meeting with the Members to discuss same. Mr. Neary agreed that many Notices of Motion at previous meetings were waiting for the outcomes of the Traffic Management report.**

**Ms. A. McAllen stated that the Council will revert to the Elected Members as soon as is practical.**

**(b) Notice of Motion**

**1. Cllr. B. O'Connell:** That Kerry County Council attach a safety railing to Church Street Bridge accessing the River Walk, Castleisland.

**Reply:** Pedestrian handrails will be installed at this location in the coming weeks through your County Councillors Allocation.

**Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that this is a recreational walk used by many people, including the elderly. Sometimes the path can get quite slippery. Cllr. O'Connell said he was happy with the reply and was glad he could contribute towards the provision of a handrail from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.**

**2. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** NoM 2 was moved in conjunction with Item 16.06.15.02(c) (Taking in Charge of Estates)

**3. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would in the interest of equality of treatment devise some scheme, possibly multi-annual, to allow the L.11078 at Gortdromakeerie to be reasonably presentable and safe as a local public road that is much used.

**Reply:** There is no funding mechanism for improvement works on this roadway, the L11078, other than the Multi-Annual Restoration Programme, or Community Involvement Scheme. This roadway was included in the Community Involvement Scheme in 2015; however it could not go ahead as the local contribution was not paid. This roadway can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi Annual Restoration Programme. Meanwhile the Council will maintain the roadway as far as funds allow.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated at the outset that there are bad roads and there are deplorable roads and this road is the most deplorable road that he is aware of in this County. Cllr. Gleeson said that when he was a Councillor, Deputy Danny Healy-Rae attempted to bring in a Community Involvement Scheme but the residents did not feel they could meet the requirements of the scheme. The road is covered in potholes and is**



resulting in damage to vehicles that travel on it. There are approximately 28 residences on this road. Cllr. Gleeson requested the Council Officials to become involved with the residents again and make the road reasonably safe.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. P. Neary** acknowledged that the residents did not proceed with the Community Involvement Scheme last year which was regrettable as it would have been an ideal solution. This road was not included on the Multi-Annual Road Restoration Programme this year as it is a cul-de-sac road but can be considered for inclusion in the next Programme.

**4. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would seek to determine the overall condition of the lovely stone built wall on the southern side of part of the Mill Road.

**Reply:** A structural survey will be carried out on this wall and any remedial works will be identified and a costing will be estimated.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson** stated that if anything happens to the wall during the summer it will have serious consequences for traffic and work needs to be undertaken to stabilise it. Campervans have driven down Mill Road and it is totally unsuitable for vehicles of this size. They should have been directed towards the Woodlawn Road. Cllr. Gleeson stated that if a Councillor Specific Municipal District Allocations Fund could be used here, he would see what he could do.

**Cllr. JJ Culloty** Seconded the Motion and would also contribute towards the cost of the repairs from the MD Allocations Fund. Cllr. Culloty also acknowledged that the Mill Road is getting busier.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** moved Notice of Motion No. 41 at this stage.

**41. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council that since there are now fierce delays again on the Muckcross Road and it is getting worse as the tourist season progresses, many motorists are now using the Mill Road. What can be done to make it safe for residents living along this road? Can it be widened or could Kerry County Council carry out a traffic audit as something needs to be done urgently.

**Reply:** There is no funding available to carry out any widening works to the Mill Road, Killarney. Funding for Roadworks is through the Road Restoration or Road Maintenance Programmes. These programmes facilitate road strengthening works or surface dressing works only. There is some funding available for the Mill road in the current year and this funding is for road strengthening works at the Whitebridge end of the Mill Road. The road will be examined to ascertain if any additional signage can be erected to warn drivers they are driving through a residential area.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** stated that at the very least, additional signage should be installed to highlight that this is a residential area.

**Mr. P. Neary** said that the issue of camper vans utilising this road is due to weight restrictions on Woodlawn Road. **Mr. Neary** confirmed that there was no money available to widen the Mill Road but agreed to look at the issue of signage in the area.

**5. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would give serious consideration to the provision of a public light adjacent to the entrance to Aglish Cemetery.

**Reply:** This request will be recorded on a centralised database and all requests will be assessed annually having regard to the available resources and Kerry County Council's Public Lighting Policy which was adopted on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 (see section A.3.5 of the Policy).

**Cllr. M. Gleeson** stated that he has been requested by the local people to provide a light at this location.

**6. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would detail the level of investigation and consultation that has taken place in regard to the provision of adequate parking in the Killarney Urban area with particular reference to the possible development of a well designed and suitably landscaped high rise car park.

**Reply:** As part of the data gathering exercise for the Killarney Traffic Management study, a number of parking surveys took place in regard to the demand on car parking in Killarney Town. The Traffic Management Study is currently at Draft stage and this draft is currently being considered by the Kerry County Council Executive. It is proposed to brief the Killarney Municipal District Members when the report is finalised.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson** referred to the Traffic Management Study and stated that its implementation will not come into effect for 1½ to 2 years. **Birds Amusements** have just moved into the Fairhill Carpark further reducing the level of available parking in the town. Killarney is experiencing a wonderful level of visitors this year and is deemed to be at capacity. However, it is important to the economy of Killarney that it would continue to welcome visitors. The carparking situation is now reaching crisis point and **Cllr. Gleeson** asked that emergency measures would be looked at for this summer. A specialised latting to save the ground was recently used for carparking in St. Brendan's field when large crowds attended the Cathedral. **Cllr. Gleeson** asked if the Council could engage in talks with the Diocesan Trust and St. Brendan's College to utilise the site adjacent to Port Road for parking during the summer season. This would help alleviate the congestion.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher** moved Notice of Motion No 46 at this stage.

**46. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** We are just about to embark on another summer season and we have no progress made to provide extra parking in the town of Killarney. What plans have the Executive?

**Reply:** The public car parks in the town are generally fully utilised in the peak summer season of July and August. However there are a number of car parks in the town that are accessible to the public but privately run. Locations of these carparks include the Outlet Centre, the Malton, Scott Street, Penneys and Dunnes. Kerry County Council has entered discussions with a number of these private operators and intend to increase signage in the area, highlighting these parking areas.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the private carparks are also full. He agreed with Cllr. M. Gleeson's suggestion to look at St. Brendan's. A solution for the long-term parking needs of Killarney needs to be identified.**

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan stated that one of the difficulties with providing carparking in the town centre is that it generates more traffic which is already an issue. One of the issues in the Traffic Management Report was identifying parking on the periphery of the town. The Council will also look at providing cycling facilities. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that the outcome of the final report will need to be reviewed and look at the long-term measures.**

**Cllr. Kelleher enquired if there is adequate parking available.**

**Cllr. Culloty suggested the Council purchasing aluminium mats to facilitate car parking in fields which he previously raised as a Notice of Motion.**

**Ms. A. McAllen agreed that the Diocesan Trust would be contacted on the matter.**

**Mr. P. Neary agreed to review the proposal but stated that the site at St. Brendan's has poor sight distance and agreement to widen the access would be required.**

**7. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would detail the degree of progress made towards

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are currently in negotiations with a landowner adjacent to Gneeveguilla Church with a view to acquiring lands to improve parking at the church. The Killarney Municipal District members will be updated in due course.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply.**

**8. Cllr. B. O'Connell:** That Kerry County Council reinstate the earth ditch at the junction of L11059 and L3002 at Ballybogy, Currow as it is extremely dangerous at present.

**Reply:** The earth ditch will be reinstated at this location in the coming weeks.

**Cllr. B. O'Connell welcomed the reply and stated that the location should have read "Ballybeg".**

**9. Cllr. B. O'Connell:** That Kerry County Council give an update on the flood and drainage remedial works at Tullig and Kilbanivane, Castleisland.

**Reply:** In regard to the works at Tullig, Castleisland which involves the installation of 50m of a precast box culvert, the Tender for the completion of these works is currently advertised on the eTenders public procurement website. The closing date for receipt of Tenders is the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016. Subject to the successful award of the tender, it is anticipated that these works will be carried out in July / August 2016. In regard to the works adjacent to Kilbanivane Graveyard, it has previously been outlined that these works would not commence until the culvert at Tullig was installed. Therefore the works at Kilbanivane will be carried out in September / October 2016. Consultation with the local community at Kilbanivane is ongoing in regard to the proposed works.

**Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that the whole area would have been flooded were it not for the diligence of the Council's Engineer who built up the wall at the Glounsharoon River and greatly reduced the amount of water flowing in the direction of Tullig. It will be a dereliction of duty if this area gets flooded. Cllr. O'Connell stated that he brought Minister Simon Harris to view this location. It will cost €144,000 to carry out the work and asked that the Council give a commitment to complete these works by August.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that this project has gone to tender and the closing date is 22<sup>nd</sup> June. The tenders will be assessed and a contract will be awarded as soon as is possible.**

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty moved Notice of Motion No 21 at this stage.**

**21. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** As this Council has been granted " 200,250.00 by the OPW for works to alleviate flooding around the Tullig area of Castleisland, I ask for a breakdown as to where this funding has been used and to give details as to how the remaining funding will be used.

**Reply:** The breakdown for the cost estimate for this project is as follows:-

<b>Proposed Measures</b>		
(a)	<b>Raising of retaining wall, raising of outfall invert level and selected removal of gravel build-up / Miscellaneous Works</b>	Estimated cost - " 14,000
(b)	<b>Culvert replacement at Tullig</b>	Estimated cost - " 135,000
(c)	<b>Storm Water drainage pipe at Kilbannivane</b>	Estimated cost - " 60,000

To date the raising of the retaining wall and the dredging of the gravel build up at the weir on the Glanshearoon has been completed. The expenditure to date on the scheme is approximately " 11,000.00.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the project was "down to the wire" and that the Members had previously been given an indication that it would be carried out earlier in the year. Cllr. Culloty stated he was concerned that the Inland Fisheries will not allow access to the river if the project is delayed. The OPW have written saying they will look at this favourably.**

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae supported Cllr. B. O'Connell's Notice of Motion and asked if the wall could be raised higher and if the river could be cleared.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that the Consultants recommended the height to build the weir to. He confirmed the gravel will be cleared out of the river annually.**

**On reviewing the cost estimate, Cllr. Culloty queried if the consultants' fees were included or taken out of the overall figure. He also queried the overall estimated cost. In relation to raising the wall, Cllr. Culloty commended the Council. It has alleviated flooding and was a job well done.**

**Mr. Neary stated that the figures submitted were the budget estimate for the scheme. The €11,000 expenditure includes works to the Glanshearoon Weir and consultants' fees.**

**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 Lissyvigeen Cross to Dalysq 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. M. Gleeson stated that he recently had a narrow escape at this junction when a motorist pulled out of the junction in front of his car. There is a constant build up of traffic on the Ballycasheen Road and this is the reality for people who use this road. The situation is worsening because of the ongoing increase in the volume of traffic. Someone will suffer injury or death at this junction if something is not done. Cllr. Gleeson called on the Council and the TII to come up with a methodology to reduce the frustration of delays experienced at this location.**

**Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and stated it was lethal coming out of Ballycasheen Junction turning right towards Lissivigeen. An assessment is required to make this junction safer. People are waiting for long periods of time and driving onto the road and creating traffic hazards. This junction needs to be improved sooner rather than later.**

### **Killarney Burial Ground**

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan circulated the Site Options Assessment Report regarding a Burial Ground for Killarney and outlined the findings to the Members. In summary as per the Report's recommendation, Mr. O'Sullivan advised as follows:**

*"Of the 9 sites examined, the site at Knockeenduff (Site No. 4), satisfies the criteria assessed for a burial ground to meet the future needs of Killarney.*

*It is within reasonable distance of Killarney Town. The lands are zoned Rural General and therefore open to consideration for the development of a cemetery. Ground conditions based on the desk survey, site walkover and the results of trial holes dug on the site, favour these lands for the development of a burial ground.*

*The lands can provide for 2340 Burial plots (over 4,500 burials), whilst also allowing for the provision of 140 car parking spaces. It would meet current needs for at least 35 years.*

*It is in an area of low housing density with the nearest dwellings over 100m from the site.*

*The estimated cost of development at €1,050,000, equating to €449 per burial space, offers good value for money.*

*The development of the burial grounds will require screening for an Appropriate Assessment and be subject to planning, in accordance with the provisions of Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended)"*

**Cllr. B. O'Connell thanked Mr. C. O'Sullivan for the report and acknowledged the work undertaken by Mr. P. Bradley and Ms. A. McAllen. Cllr. O'Connell hoped that the burial ground will come to fruition.**

**Cllr. B. Cronin stated that as a Public Representative, this is singularly the most important issue and project that has come before the Members. He requested that it be brought to fruition and ensure prudent spending. Cllr. B. Cronin said that based on the recommendations of Mr. O'Sullivan, he supported the option for Knockeenduff. This site is easily accessible and provides for off-road parking. Knockeenduff enables the Local Authority to provide burial plots for the public at a reasonable cost. Cllr. Cronin Proposed that the Council proceed to commence the Part VIII process to acquire this site as soon as possible.**

**Cllr. J. Sheahan thanked Ms. A. McAllen and Mr. C. O'Sullivan and the staff involved in the preparation of this report. This issue has been ongoing for a long time. The site being proposed is very suitable and has capacity to provide spaces for many years to come. Cllr. Sheahan stated he looked forward to seeing this project being delivered.**

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty thanked Management for a very detailed report. This process should have taken place sooner than it did. The provision of off-road parking is very important. The cost of the burial spaces has to be appreciated.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson thanked Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Mr. P. Bradley, Ms. A. McAllen and staff for the report. He was delighted to see progress had been made on the issue. This option was positive on matters such as the cost, meeting current needs for at least 35 years, provision of on-site parking and the cost of burial plots. Cllr. Gleeson hoped that the commitment given of 12 - 15 months would be adhered to as the people of Killarney have been waiting a long time.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher enquired if the land being acquired was subject to Part VIII approval.**

**Mr. O'Sullivan confirmed this was correct.**

**Cllr. Kelleher said the provision of a suitable burial ground was going on a long time. There is a plan in place now. It is important that a bereaved person never finds themselves in a position of not acquiring a space in a graveyard. A lot of potential sites were investigated as part of the process and these landowners should be thanked for facilitating these studies.**

## **Notices of Motion Continued**

**11. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** As the Council has recently become the riparian owner of a portion of land along the banks of the River Flesk in the townland of Scrahane, that it would seek to exercise its right and duty to properly maintain the river, in order to ensure normal water free-flow, by undertaking the removal of the ~~island~~ that has evolved there since the removal of the original bridge.

**Reply:** This area of the River Flesk is located in a Special Area of Conservation. Discussions are currently ongoing with The National Parks and Wildlife and Inland Fisheries in regard to what in stream works will be allowed in the river at this location. Kerry County Council will carry out allowable river bank clearing works and allowable clearing works to the island in August 2016.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the River Flesk and the floodplains were very special to him. We are now the riparian owners of a portion of land alongside the Flesk. Cllr. Gleeson said that the island downstream has grown on the foundation of the former bridge. Cllr. Gleeson hoped that the Inland Fisheries would accept the fact that the huge growing island is the cause of sediment in the river. The removal of same will not alleviate the flooding problems in the Flesk but it will improve its free flow.**

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.**

**Cllr. J. Sheahan moved Notice of Motion No. 16 at this stage.**

**16. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council remove the islands on the Flesk River adjacent to the Flesk Bridge, Killarney.

**Reply:** This area of the River Flesk is located in a Special Area of Conservation. Discussions are currently ongoing with The National Parks and Wildlife and Inland Fisheries in regard to what in stream works will be allowed in the river at this location. Kerry County Council will carry out allowable river bank clearing works and allowable clearing works to the island in August 2016.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he supported Cllr. Gleeson and the many residents in Muckross Road that are getting flooded. These people have very real concerns. He urged the Council to progress discussions with the Inland Fisheries, OPW and NPWS and remove the islands in the Flesk.**

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved Notice of Motion No. 39 at this stage.**

**39. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council and the OPW to seek funding under the flood mitigation works scheme to clear obstructions from the Flesk River to prevent flooding to houses and properties in Foiladown, Clonkeen, Curreal & Killaha, Glenflesk and the N22 at Garries.



**Reply:** The responsibility for the maintenance of rivers NOT in the control of the OPW or Kerry County Council lies with the riparian landowners. The river Flesk is not under the control of the OPW or Kerry County Council.

A Local Authority may apply for funding to undertake works where there are a number residential or commercial together properties at risk of flooding. Funding under this scheme will not be forthcoming to undertake works for single isolated properties.

The large scale removal of vegetation from the banks of the Flesk river in the Glenflesk area was analysed as part of the CFRAM study to ascertain what contribution these works would make to river flood levels. The study found that these works in the Glenflesk area would result in a negligible reduction in flood levels.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated she was not satisfied with the reply. There was no suggestion made in the Motion that it was for a single isolated property. 22 houses have been flooded at these locations. The river was cleared in the 1970s and 1980s and it prevented the flooding. Cllr. Healy-Rae requested the Council to seek funding for these works.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that the CFRAM study will result in a firmed up body of works to form the Works Programme for OPW approval. Mr. Neary agreed to clear the bridges at Garries and Gortahoosh. The Council will seek money to raise the road at Foiladonn. The Flesk is a huge issue. The Council will carry out some works but cannot guarantee they will solve the flooding problems in the Flesk catchment. Mr. Neary agreed to speak with Mr. D. Ginty regarding small schemes funding from the OPW.**

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae said there were issues on the N22 also.**

**Mr. Neary replied that the TII were looking into the issue and carrying out a flood study. A range of measures are being investigated in the Flesk area.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that concerns have been expressed by locals on the issue of raising the N22.**

**Mr. Neary replied that the TII was aware of their concerns and will investigate them.**

**12. Cllr. B. O'Connell:** That Kerry County Council give an update on the closure of the storage yard adjacent to the viewing area at Dooneen, Castleisland.

**Reply:** A potential alternative site has been identified and the feasibility of this site is being investigated. Further to site investigation being carried out

and a cost estimate being prepared, a report will be forwarded to the Senior Management Team to progress the matter.

**Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that this was a very positive reply. The vista afforded when coming over the Limerick border is a grey wall with gravel which is spoiling the beautiful view. It is a necessity that this yard be moved as it is located on the gateway to Kerry.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated he had this Motion on the Agenda on numerous occasions. The potential of every site should be maximised to enhance the economy. Cllr. Gleeson expressed his delight that this was being brought to fruition.**

**13. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council repair the dangerous lag from the top of Ross Road all the way down to Ross Castle, on the right hand side.

**Reply:** The Severe Weather allocation received by Kerry County Council will facilitate the repair of 300 metres of the Ross Road from Ross Castle towards the Muckcross Road. Further repairs will be carried out if further funding allocations become available.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that the Ross Road was one of the busiest roads in Kerry and the road is sinking and the footpath is disintegrating. Money needs to be acquired for these works. Cllr. Sheahan urged the Council to prioritise this section of road.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.**

**14. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council replace the footpath from Demense entrance up to Scrahan Court. The footpath is a maze of cracks and it is only a matter of time before someone trips and gets hurt.

**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 race course 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 noted the reply.**

**15. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council install a pedestrian crossing on the Woodlawn Road next to Ferndale Avenue, for children crossing on the way to Ballycasheen School.

**Reply:** A pedestrian survey was conducted on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016. A report was prepared based on the results of the survey and in accordance with the TII Specification for Pedestrian Crossings. The results indicate that a signal controlled or Zebra crossing would not be justified at this location.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan noted the reply.**

**16. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** NoM 16 was moved in conjunction with NoM No 11.

**17. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council re-examine the section of road on the N72 at Danu School. A passing lane on the left side, travelling towards Rathmore is required as motorists are overtaking when traffic is attempting to cross the road.

**Reply:** This section of road is located on the N72 National Secondary Route. Any amendments to the road layout will be subject to the approval of the TII and subject to the Section 38 of the 1994 Roads Act Public Consultation process. This matter has been referred to the Kerry County Council National Road Design Office for investigation and analysis.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan referred to people dropping children off at the school. Motorists not familiar with surroundings do not realise that cars in front of them are making a right hand turn and proceed to overtake them. Cllr. Sheahan requested that a section of road be provided for cars to pass on left hand side to make this road safer.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher requested that in the interim, could signage be improved at the location.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that an assessment on this road will be carried out.**

**18. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council resurface the Knockrour to Knockreagh Road in Scartaglin as soon as possible.

**Reply:** The L-11115 Knockrour to Knockreagh road will be strengthened and resurfaced in the coming weeks under the 2016 Restoration Improvement Programme.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.**

**19. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** That Kerry County Council resurface and repair the dangerous potholes on the N22, approaching Lawlor's Cross from Killarney.

**Reply:** The potholes on the N22 approaching Lawlor's Cross from Killarney have been repaired recently.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.**

**20. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To ask this Council to clearly advertise the times and days that motorists need to display parking discs. At present, it is not clearly shown on the parking meters.

**Reply:** Additional signage will be erected in the Public car parks in Killarney Town to inform customers when they need to display parking discs. This signage will be erected in the next three weeks.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the commitment to provide additional signage. It is annoying for motorists inadvertently pay for parking when not required to do so.**

**21. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** NoM 21 was moved in conjunction with NoM No 9.

**22. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That this Council place rubber matting on the roundabout at the Countess Road/Muckcross Road junction which would alert motorists that they are entering a roundabout. These are commonly used on similar sized roundabouts in other areas. Also, to erect clearer roundabout signage on entering this junction.

**Reply:** The roundabout at the junction of Muckcross Road and Countess Road is being re-lined this week as the existing lining has faded. The Council are investigating the use of a rubber matting central island at this location but it may prove unsuitable due to the turning circle required for HGVs exiting the Countess Road and turning right for the Haha. The entry signage at this location is to recommended standards.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty noted the reply and noted the existing signage was to recommended standards but stated that this junction was not a standard junction. Motorists come on it too fast and this needs to be highlighted. A balance needs to be struck here. HGVs need to be able to turn but this roundabout poses a danger if something is not done to improve it.**

**Cllr. B. Cronin moved Notice of Motion No. 31 at this stage.**

**31. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Will the Council urgently repaint the roundabout at the Countess Road Junction at the Golden Gates. There is also a need for improved signage on approaches to the roundabout.

**Reply:** The roundabout at the junction of Muckcross Road and Countess Road is being relined this week as the existing lining has faded. The Council are investigating the use of a rubber matting central island at this location but it may prove unsuitable due to the turning circle required for HGVs exiting the Countess road and turning right for the Haha. The entry signage at this location is to recommended standards.

**Cllr. B. Cronin stated that he has discussed this junction with both Mr. P. Neary and Mr. K. O'Halloran on behalf of Countess Road residents. When coming from Muckcross people realise too late that they are on a roundabout. There have been a number of near misses. Cllr. Cronin welcomed the reply that the roundabout would be re-lined. He acknowledged that the lining was to recommended standards which would be fine if this were a straight road, but motorists have to take account of the presence of a pedestrian crossing at the cinema, the location of the Jarvey stand and traffic coming from the direction of The Plaza and after 30 - 40 metres there is a roundabout. The present entry signage may be recommended in a manual but it is not relevant to this**

**junction. Safety needs to be improved here. A decent sign is required at Ross Road and at the cinema side to indicate the presence of a roundabout.**

**Mr. K. O'Halloran confirmed that the roundabout was re-lined the previous night. He agreed that there were several elements involved at this location, however, if signs were located back at the International, people may think that the roundabout was located there. Mr. O'Halloran agreed to review the signage.**

**Cllr. Culloty asked if Mr. O'Halloran would look at the provision of matting as it would make the roundabout more evident.**

**Mr. O'Halloran stated that the provision of matting had been looked at previously but it may cause other issues.**

**23. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That this Council replace the section of wall at Muckross View which collapsed as a result of a storm.

**Reply:** Discussions have taken place with the landowners in relation to this. It has been agreed that this section of wall will be removed and will be replaced with 1.8m high green mesh fencing. It is hoped that this work will be going to tender within the next month.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.**

**Mr. K. O'Halloran confirmed that the wall will be knocked and removed and a green fence will be erected in its place. This has been agreed with landowner.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson moved Question No. 7 at this stage.**

**7. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the Council immediate plans to rebuild the fallen portion of boundary wall at Muckross View and also to ensure that the remainder of the wall is in a safe condition. The gaping hole and closed portion of footpath have been there since last November. The safety of all the residents must be the absolute priority.

**Reply:** Discussions have taken place with the landowners in relation to this. It has been agreed that this section of wall will be removed and will be replaced with fencing. This work will be going to tender within the next month.

**Cllr. Gleeson hoped that the work would be done quickly.**

**24. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That this Council repair the bridge at Knockataggle, Kilcummin as at present, it is in a dangerous condition.

**Reply:** The parapet on the bridge on the L-7012 at Knockataggle Beg, which is damaged, will be repaired within the next number of weeks. Meanwhile the location will be cordoned off and made safe in the interim.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.**

**25. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to provide a pedestrian crossing for the safety of parents, teachers and children accessing the school in College Road, Castleisland.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will carry out Pedestrian and Vehicle Assessments at the School on College Road, Castleisland in accordance with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland Pedestrian Crossing Specification and Guidance 2011 to determine the need for a pedestrian Crossing at this location. If a pedestrian crossing is warranted, a source of funding will be investigated.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae enquired how long would it take to carry out the assessment.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that it may be more prudent to carry out this assessment in the first week of September when the schools re-open, to take account of the increased volume of traffic.**

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

**Reply:** There is currently no funding available for these works. These works would cost in the order of " 2,000.00 and is suitable for Councillor Specific Municipal District Allocation.

**Notice of Motion No. 26 not moved as Cllr. D. Grady was absent from the meeting.**

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

**Reply:** Funding has been received through the Severe Weather Allocation for works at Foiladown, Glenflesk, Fossa and the Gap Cross areas. The works at Foiladown involve rock armour works to the bank of the River Flesk where the river is undermining the public roadway. The road accessing the Foiladown residents will be raised to improve access during severe weather events. The works at Glenflesk involves removing materials in the vicinity of the bridges at Glenflesk Church, the Annabeg Bridge, Garries Bridge and Gortacoosh Bridge.

The works at Fossa and Gap Cross involves repair to an existing surface water outfall pipe and roadside drainage works. All in stream river works will be carried out in July / August with all other works being completed by the end of October.

Flemings Caravan Park and the Ross Road area have been examined by the OPW as part of the CFRAM process. The CFRAM study is currently under the remit of the OPW who are the lead agency responsible for flood risk management. The OPW works in close partnership with Local Authorities in delivering the objectives of the CFRAM Programme. The White Bridge, Ballycasheen and Ross Road areas have been identified under the CFRAM study as areas at risk of flooding arising from the Flesk River and are located in the Killarney AFA.

The preferred option to mitigate flooding in this area in this area consists of a scheme of defensive walls and embankments. This option was placed on public display in the Avenue Hotel, Killarney on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015. This event was widely advertised and was open to members of the public.

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

These plans are to be published in mid 2016 for public consultation and will be placed before the elected members of Kerry County Council for consideration shortly thereafter. The works identified in the CFRAM flood management plans will be completed subject to Government funding.

**Notice of Motion No. 27 not moved as Cllr. D. Grady was absent from the meeting.**

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

**Reply:** Kerry County Council do not propose to provide a right hand turning lane off the Mission road to facilitate right hand turning movements onto New Street. However Kerry County Council will examine the proposal to create a double lane exit from New Street onto the Mission Road / Port Road. This proposal will require some minor road widening in the vicinity of the green area adjacent to the cathedral wall. A layout will be designed and a costing will be estimated. The required public consultation process will be carried out thereafter.

**Notice of Motion No. 28 not moved as Cllr. D. Grady was absent from the meeting.**

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

**Reply:** The road in question is the N71 National Secondary Route. Any Traffic Calming measures proposed on this route would be subject to TII approval. This matter will be discussed with the TII and the next meeting of the Operations Section with the TII. In the interim additional signage at this location will be considered.

**Notice of Motion No. 29 not moved as Cllr. D. Grady was absent from the meeting.**

**30. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To again call on the Council to begin a full survey on the footpaths in and around Killarney Town with a view to putting together a plan to replace many of these footpaths. At present, many of these footpaths are very shabby and give a very bad reflection on one of the top tourist towns in the country.

**Reply:** There is no specific funding included in the 2016 Killarney Municipal District Works plan for the upgrade of Footpaths in Killarney Town. The majority of grant funding is allocated for Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance works and this funding can only be used for road improvement works. As outlined at the adoption of the Operational Service Plan Adoption Meeting, grant allocations for the maintenance and improvement of local roads has reduced by 50% since 2007, this includes the Discretionary Maintenance Grant. The Discretionary Maintenance Grant, together with own resources funding, is used for general maintenance works to the local roads including pothole repair, patching, drainage works, bridge works and some footpath maintenance.

Kerry County Council will provide some funding from the Killarney Municipal District maintenance budget for targeted footpath repairs in the current year. Furthermore the upgrade of footpaths is also suitable for the Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the footpaths are not in a good condition and are inadequate which is not acceptable due to the amount of money being paid in rates in the town. This town is hugely important to tourism. The footpaths should be a priority in next year's budget.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.**

**31. Cllr. B. Cronin:** NoM 31 was moved in conjunction with NoM No 22.

**32. Cllr. B. Cronin:** As there is a terrible bad section on the Killeens to Lissataggle Road which has not been improved in over 40 years, can this section of road be included for proper funding?

**Reply:** Maintenance work has been carried out on a section of the The L-2012 Killeens to Lissataggle recently. There is currently no funding available to carry out full road strengthening improvement works at this location, however it can be considered for inclusion in future Restoration Improvement programmes. However in the interim it will be maintained as far as funding will allow.



**Cllr. B. Cronin stated that this road is in an appalling state. It has recently been made passable but it needs to be trunked and resurfaced. Cllr. Cronin Proposed that at the first opportunity, if discretionary funding is received, that this road is resurfaced to a decent standard.**

**Cllr. B. O'Connell Seconded the Proposal.**

**33. Cllr. B. Cronin:** As the two bollards protecting the footpath and entrance to Maurice Dennehy's, Farranfore are constantly being broken, can Kerry County Council take whatever steps necessary to ensure vehicles do not block the footpath or this family's entrance.

**Reply:** The bollards protecting the footpath at the entrance to Maurice Dennehy's, Farranfore will be replaced in early July.

**Cllr. B. Cronin referred to the two bollards that are continually being damaged by trucks and HGVs entering the shop. Cllr. Cronin asked that concrete bollards be provided so that they are not damaged if a truck hits off them. This family have a right to access their home unobstructed and people walking on the footpath should be afforded the same protection.**

**Ms. B. Mulryan agreed to review this matter.**

**34. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To ask that immediate repairs be undertaken to make safe the dangerous wall on the footpath on the main Woodlawn Road, opposite the entrance to Woodlawn Park.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have made contact with the owners in regard to the dangerous wall and they have given an undertaking to repair this section of wall.

**Cllr. B. Cronin stated the wall was in an extremely dangerous condition.**

**Mr. K. O'Halloran replied that a builder was being employed to repair this section of wall.**

**35. Cllr. B. Cronin:** As there has been a slippage on the roadside drain and at a lay-by on the road from Laharn Cross to Flynn's Forge, will work be undertaken to make this road safe.

**Reply:** Improvement works are due to be carried out on the Laharn Cross to Flynn's Forge roadway this week and as part of these works the slippages will be repaired.

**Cllr. B. Cronin stated this was highly dangerous as there are very deep drains on either side of the road. It is important that this work be carried out.**

**36. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Has progress been made in providing a footpath to link Whitebridge Manor to the N22.

**Reply:** The design of this 150m footpath has been completed and the outline cost estimate including land acquisition is approximately " 80,000.00. A funding source will be investigated for these works.

**Cllr. B. Cronin enquired if agreement had been reached with the landowners to provide the necessary ground and how likely will it be to receive funding? This work is vital for the people in this area.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that agreement with both landowners had been reached. Next year's budget will be reviewed in relation to sourcing funding for this work. Accommodation works will also be required here.**

**37. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council and the OPW to dredge the Maine River in Castleisland from Tullig where the new culvert is to be placed down past the Community College, out beyond Garveys and out beyond the Sewerage Plant as far as the Tralee Road to ensure that the Community College and the area around Tonbwee does not get flooded again.

**Reply:** The River Maine is the responsibility of the OPW. Kerry County Council is not responsible for this river. However, Kerry County Council will forward this request to the OPW.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae noted the reply.**

**38. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council what route is the water from Kilbanivane Graveyard in Castleisland to be taken? Local people are saying it should be taken Westward towards the Limerick Road, otherwise it will exacerbate the town.

**Reply:** The original and current proposal is to drain the surface at Kilbanivane Graveyard eastwards towards the stream at Tullig. However, further to a meeting with locals on site at Kilbanivane, Kerry County Council agreed to examine other proposals and revert to the residents in the area prior to any works commencing. Kerry County Council are currently examining other proposal, however the option of draining this surface water to the Gleanshearoon at the Limerick Road is not feasible. Kerry County Council will revert to the residents prior to the drainage works commencing.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked why this would not be feasible.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that the distance involved would be too long but would look at different solutions to see if they are feasible.**

**Cllr. Healy-Rae enquired if a soakway could be opened up.**

**Mr. Neary replied that Mr. B. Mulhern and himself had met with the residents and confirmed with them that they would look at all feasible options.**

**Cllr. B. O'Connell stated he hoped the commencement of this project would not be jeopardised by investigating alternate proposals.**

**39. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** NoM 39 was moved in conjunction with NoM No 11.

**40. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to provide extra setbacks in Ballyspillane Estate and a turning area at the North Eastern side of the estate (roughly No. 81 & 82), in the interest of safety.

**Reply:** There is currently no funding for these works. These works would be suitable for the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operation Fund.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that her father, Deputy D. Healy-Rae had received a commitment 3 years ago to carry out this work. Motorists are parking on either side of the road and cars have to reverse out of the estate as there is nowhere to turn.**

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated he had raised this issue by way of a Notice of Motion previously. The situation in the estate is very haphazard and dangerous.**

**Mr. K. O'Halloran agreed to prepare an estimate for the works suggested.**

**Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that her Motion is about facilitating the residents with a turning area for their vehicles.**

**41. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** NoM 41 was moved in conjunction with NoM No 4.

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

**Reply:** These works are due to take place in 2017 as per the 2017 Restoration Improvement Programme. The road will be maintained in the interim as funds allow. Footpath works will be carried out before the end of 2016.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated he was happy with the reply and this was positive progress.**

**43. 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?

**Reply:** Road Narrow signs will be erected at the bridge at Glenflesk Church on the R-570.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated there have been a number of near misses at this location. He enquired if right of way signs could also be provided.**

**Mr. P. Neary agreed to review the matter.**

**44. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** The river at Ballycullane, Rathmore is blocking up at the bridge and flooding the adjoining properties. Can this be investigated and remedied as it is a new occurrence in the last few years.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are aware that there has been a flood event here recently. This matter will be investigated to ascertain if any solution is available.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that even though the weather has been good, these properties were flooded 3 weeks ago which necessitated them getting sandbags. This occurrence is happening regularly.**

**Mr. P. Neary agreed to investigate the matter.**

**45. 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, the condition of this section of road will again be highlighted to the TII when the Council next meets with the Authority.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the previous work to the footpath resulted in a high footpath as it was envisaged at the time that there would be an overlay but this did not materialise. This issue needs to be dealt with.**

**46. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** NoM 46 was moved in conjunction with NoM 6.

**47. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** The eyes in the bridges on the N22 need to be opened to prevent the disasters last winter. Can this work be carried out without delay when waters are at their lowest?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council intend to remove materials in the vicinity of the bridges at Glenflesk Church, the Annabeg Bridge, Garries Bridge and Gortacoosh Bridge before the end of August. July / August is the opportune time to carry out these works due to the low flow in the rivers.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher said it was important that this work be carried out. A commitment was given earlier in the year. The Inland Fisheries need to be consulted about gaining entry to the river.**

**Mr. P. Neary agreed to follow up on the matter.**

**(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council if a provision can be made to keep parking available for residents in Bishop Moynihan Crescent, Killarney as there is a huge problem with parking in this estate.

**Reply:** The area in question is a residential area and not subject to the Killarney Town Parking By-laws, i.e. there are no parking restrictions in place. However Kerry County Council will erect signs in the area requesting that Residents Parking be respected at this location.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that when there is an overflow in the carpark, people park their cars in this estate. Cllr. Healy-Rae was not sure if the signs would work but they would be worth a try.**

**2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Has Kerry County Council sought funding for a School Traffic Warden at (a) College Road, Castleisland (b) Fossa National School?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council is currently carrying out a review of staffing level requirements of all the Municipal Districts. This request will be assessed as part of this review.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae enquired when the review would be carried out.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that he hoped it would be carried out in September.**

**3. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the Council, in consultation with the landowners, devised a safe and acceptable exit from the non-county road onto the N22 at Pike Hill, Killarney?

**Reply:** The access in question is an agricultural access located on the Pike Hill on the N22 Killarney to Lissyviggeen Road. This agricultural access was originally constructed in the 1980s when this section of the National Primary Route was originally widened. The landowner in question has not been satisfied with this access. Kerry County Council is in discussions with the landowner in question to discuss available options to improve this access. These discussions are ongoing.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson enquired if the Council were optimistic that the work would be done. This exit is unsafe. This was originally carried out by the Council when the N22 was being developed and people have endured it since.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that the Council are looking at options how to make the existing access safe.**

**4. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has there been progress in the matter of developing a footpath from Páirc Chuimín to the village of Kilcummin? It is vitally important for the safety of pedestrians, particularly schoolchildren as they journey to and from school.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have been in discussions with adjacent landowners in regard to securing the required lands for this project. However, no agreement has been reached to date.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson said that a footpath was essential for the safety of children going to and from school.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that planning permission for an additional 40 houses for this area has been submitted. Mr. Neary confirmed that he will make further attempts to purchase the required land in the next couple of weeks.**

**5. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** When does the Council hope to provide a proper surface on the "Black Road" from the L301 to the L3016?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council intend to improve and resurface the Black Road from the junction with L3017, Loretto, to the junction of the L3016 Muckross in 2017.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply.**

**6. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** When does the Council intend to put in place the committed pedestrian crossing at Fair Hill, Killarney?

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

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the Members had agreed that a pedestrian crossing would be located at Fairhill.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that a Section 38 which involves public consultation had been discussed at a previous Municipal District meeting. Agreement was reached that the location of same would be changed and subsequent to this, the Council carried out further assessment on the new location.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that all the Section 38s presented that day had been deferred until the Traffic Management Plan was available. He asked if agreement had been received to re-locate the Fairhill crossing from the original proposed location.**

**Mr. Neary stated that his understanding was that the Members asked if it could be located further down the road near the Outlook Centre. He agreed to check the Minutes of the meeting.**

**7. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Q7 was moved in conjunction with NoM No 23

**8. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** What is the update on the pedestrian crossing at the Community Centre in Rathmore?

**Reply:** The location of a pedestrian crossing in Rathmore will be designed as part of an overall Traffic Scheme for the Town. Speed surveys through the town have indicated that there is a level of non-compliance with the existing speed restrictions. The TII are satisfied that traffic calming may be a suitable measure to address this non compliance. Kerry County Council have met representatives of the community in Rathmore and have commenced a design for Traffic Calming measures. A feasibility study and preliminary design will be finalised in 2016 and a submission will be forwarded to the TII before the end of the year.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan acknowledged the reply.**

**9. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** When will Kerry County Council repair the wall at Bridgefield, Killarney? Children play at this area.

**Reply:** Repairs to this wall will commence on Monday next, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.**

**10. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** Can I have an update regarding Electronic Speed Readers for Barraduff?

**Reply:** Barraduff is located on the N72 National Secondary Road. The provision of an Electronic Speed Indicator signs would be subject to the approval of the TII. Discussions have taken place with the TII in regard to the provision of a number of safety measures at Barraduff Village. The TII have informed Kerry County Council that they will consider minor safety works within the village and have requested that a design and a feasibility study be prepared. It is intended to have these design works complete and submission forwarded to the TII by the end of 2016.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan enquired if the Electronic Speed Indicator sign would be included in the submission.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that it was a matter for the TII to decide on.**

**11. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** When will works commence on the relocation of the pedestrian crossing on the Port Road, Killarney?

**Reply:** A layout for the new location of the pedestrian crossing is being finalised. Further to the completion of this layout, a Public Consultation process will commence and the relocation of the pedestrian crossing will take place thereafter. This process will take approximately 4 months.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan asked if the work would be completed in 4 months.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that this project requires a Section 38 process which it is hoped to commence soon.**

**12. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** When will works commence on the footpath at Muckross Road, opposite the Dromhall Hotel?

**Reply:** Repair works will commence on the footpath on the Muckross Road opposite the Dromhall in June.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that the road surface was very rough and enquired if a new surface was going to be laid.**

**Ms. B. Mulryan confirmed that the tar will be dug out and replaced.**

**13. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** Have the OPW responded to my request to have dredging done on the Gweestin River at Ballyhar?

**Reply:** The responsibility for the maintenance of rivers NOT in the control of the OPW or Kerry County Council lies with the riparian landowners. The Gwestin river is not under the control of the OPW or Kerry County Council.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan acknowledged the reply.**

**14. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** Have the TII responded to my previous Motion regarding the dangerous surface on the N72 approach to Barraduff, travelling east?

**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, the condition of this section of road will again be highlighted to the TII when the Council next meets with the Authority. Furthermore it has been uploaded onto the NRA GEOAP as an area of the National Network that needs funding for extensive maintenance.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that the road approaching Barraduff is in a bad state and asked if a submission could be made about it.**

**Mr. P. Neary agreed to highlight this again to the TII.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson said it was very dangerous and unsafe.**

**15. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** Are we any closer to having the unsightly and unnecessary telephone kiosk removed from outside the Town Hall?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have had discussions with Eircom in this regard. Their policy is that if the public phone has any activity it will not be removed by Eircom.



**Cllr. J.J. Culloty said he was very disappointed with the reply. He asked that the Council issue a letter to Eir to remove it as it is only used very infrequently. He asked that a case be made as Killarney is a tourist town and this phone box is unsightly.**

**Mr. P. Neary agreed to write to Eir on the matter but he stated that Eir have said that if there is any activity then they will not remove the phone boxes.**

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

**Reply:** The resurfacing works in Scartaglen Village will be carried out before End September 2016 as per the 2016 Restoration Maintenance Programme.

**Question No. 16 not moved as Cllr. D. Grady was absent from the meeting.**

**17. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Q17 was moved in conjunction with Item 16.06.15.02(c) (Taking in Charge of Estates)

**18. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Q18 was moved in conjunction with Item 16.06.15.02(c) (Taking in Charge of Estates)

**19. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Have Kerry County Council got the results of recent survey taken at Furies regarding provision of a pedestrian crossing.

**Reply:** A pedestrian survey was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> March. A report was prepared based on the results of the survey and in accordance with the NRA Specification for Pedestrian Crossings. The results indicate that a signal controlled or zebra crossing would not be justified at this location.

**Cllr. B. Cronin said it was hard to believe that the results of the survey did not reach the criteria. He asked if this could be funded from the Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund. This is a very busy route and there is a requirement for a pedestrian crossing.**

**20. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Have Kerry County Council examined my previous request for a pedestrian crossing at Fossa National School and local Church.

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

**Cllr. B. Cronin** stated that there are 240 children attending this school. A lot of parents are parking at the church. There is no safe zone to get across. He enquired when would the survey be carried out.

**Mr. P. Neary** agreed that the survey would be undertaken this coming Friday, before the school term ends.

**21. Cllr. B. Cronin:** When will Firies Drive, Firies Close and Village Green be taken over.

**Reply:** The formal taking in charge of these Estates are before the Members for consideration at today's Municipal District Meeting.

**Cllr. B. Cronin** acknowledged that this matter had been dealt with at Item 16.06.15.02 (c)

**22. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council is there any chance that the Railway crossing at Minish can be upgraded?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have met with Irish Rail and made the application for funding to the TII to carry out works to improve the riding surface of the roadway at the Minish Level Crossing. As soon as funding is approved the works will commence.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** enquired when would funding be received.

**Mr. P. Neary** stated that the track had been laid over 20 years ago and will not settle any more. As soon as funding is received, plans to undertake the work will be organised.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan** stated that he had previously requested Traffic Queuing signs to be placed at the junction.

**Mr. P. Neary** stated that he had raised the provision of this signage with the TII and agreed to revert to them again on this.

**23. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** When will Kerry County Council carry out the necessary works to Ballinahalla Bridge at Cordal, Castleisland?

**Reply:** It is envisaged that these bridge abutment repair works will be carried out by September 2016.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** welcomed the reply.

**24. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Ask Kerry County Council and the OPW when are they going to clear the Gweestin River adjacent Ballinanane Bridge, Ballyhar to safeguard and prevent houses from being flooded?

**Reply:** Funding has been received from the Department of Transport and Tourism through the severe weather allocation to open the blocked arch on the bridge over the Gweestin at Ballyhar. River training works are also

proposed to be carried out to allow the river utilise this blocked archway. It is proposed to carry out this work in August 2016.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.**

**25. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council when will the pedestrian crossing be put in place crossing from the playground to the Train Station in Rathmore, adjacent to Dennehy's Corner?

**Reply:** The location of a pedestrian crossing in Rathmore will be designed as part of an overall Traffic Scheme for the Town. Speed surveys through the town have indicated that there is a level of non-compliance with the existing speed restrictions. The TII are satisfied that traffic calming may be a suitable measure to address this non compliance. Kerry County Council have met representatives of the community in Rathmore and have commenced a design for Traffic Calming measures. A feasibility study and preliminary design will be finalised in 2016 and a submission will be forwarded to the TII before the end of the year.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae acknowledged the reply.**

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

**Reply:** We will log this fault with our maintenance contractors for direct repair.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the contract for light repairs is not being fulfilled.**

**Mr. P. Neary said that the Council are currently trying to sort out the issue with the current contractor.**

**27. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** When will the Councillors be briefed on the findings of the Traffic Management Plan?

**Reply:** The Traffic Management Study is currently at Draft stage and is this draft is currently being considered by the Kerry County Council Executive. It is proposed to brief the Killarney Municipal District Members when the report is finalised.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher acknowledged the reply.**

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

**(a) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** We the members of the Killarney Municipal District wish to support an invitation by Aidan O'Connor and the Glenflesk/Rathmore Musical Drama Group to the President Michael D. Higgins and his wife, Sabina to a repeat performance in the INEC at a date and time that would suit them of the outstanding production by Aidan O'Connor of the musical drama "Patrick" depicting a local patriot from Rathmore, Patrick O'Connor who gave his life for the freedom of Ireland in 1916.

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

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that she wished to amend the wording of the Notice of Motion and to issue the invite to the President from the Members of Killarney Municipal District.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Proposal.**

**Following a discussion among the Members, it was agreed in the first instance that the Arts Office of Kerry County Council should be involved in discussions with the Play organisers before any invitation is issued on behalf of the Municipal District.**

**Therefore, the Notice of Motion was not moved as confirmed by Mr. L. Quinlan, Meetings Administrator.**

**2. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That this Council design a new Mayoral Chain and insignia as previously agreed and also to design pens, badges etc for visitors from twinning towns, for example.

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

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty said this was an important matter. It was agreed previously that an insignia would be designed. Cllr. Culloty asked that a commitment be given to provide same as it is hugely important that the Cathaoirleach would have a Chain that would encompass the Municipal District as a whole.**

**Ms. A. McAllen stated that a new Mayoral Chain was designed for the South & West Kerry Municipal District as this was a new District that set up following the Local Government reform. Ms. K. Kennelly was involved in this process. Ms. McAllen stated that she needed a general consensus from the Members that a new chain was required.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the current Chain was Killarney specific and should be broadened to represent the entire area.**

**Ms. McAllen confirmed that she would discuss the matter with the Arts Office to progress same.**

**As Cllr. D. Grady was absent from the meeting, Notice of Motion No. 3 was not moved.**

**(b) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the Council made progress with the removal of the dilapidated structure commonly known as the Pretty Polly building for the purpose of maximising the potential of the location?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has commenced the Part 8 process. The internal consultation in relation to the Part 8 process will be completed by end of Quarter 3 in 2016.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson noted the reply.**

**2. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has the Council secured or made appropriate provision for the funding necessary for the upgrading of Áras Phádraig? The greater Killarney area urgently needs a quality location for social and artistic pursuits.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council is arranging to undertake a feasibility study to identify potential uses for the Áras Padraig building. This study will assess its viability as a social and community centre for the greater Killarney Area. This study will involve consultations and workshops with residents and relevant groups in the Killarney area to establish the viability and need for a facility which will provide for the future needs of the community and be financially sustainable. The outcome of this study will result in the identification of a number of potential uses and user groups for the building that would enable it to be viably redeveloped as a community facility and ensure no duplication. The study will also identify a viable management structure that would oversee the redevelopment of the building and its long term management as a community facility. It is anticipated that the study will be completed by the end of November 2016.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson requested Kerry County Council to progress the upgrade of Áras Phádraig as quickly as possible so that it will be available to the many groups who use it.**

**Ms. A. McAllen stated that this approach was the fairest way to progress. The study will progress over the summer.**

**3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** When can we expect Áras Phádraig to be ready for use by the public?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council is arranging to undertake a feasibility study to identify potential uses for the Áras Padraig building. This study will assess its viability as a social and community centre for the greater Killarney Area. This study will involve consultations and workshops with residents and relevant

groups in the Killarney area to establish the viability and need for a facility which will provide for the future needs of the community and be financially sustainable. The outcome of this study will result in the identification of a number of potential uses and user groups for the building that would enable it to be viably redeveloped as a community facility and ensure no duplication. The study will also identify a viable management structure that would oversee the redevelopment of the building and its long term management as a community facility. It is anticipated that the study will be completed by the end of November 2016.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that it was important for the town that this facility is available.**

**4. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** When will the Cultural Centre be open?

**Reply:** The planned completion date for works to the Cultural Centre is the end of July 2016.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.**

**5. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to liaise with Bus Éireann to provide a bus stop at the Garden Centre for the people of Currans.

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

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae requested that a letter issue to Bus Éireann as this was important for the people of Currans.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.**

**6. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council if they will liaise with Bus Éireann to provide a bus shelter on the Main Street in Castleisland.

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

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that a bus shelter was needed at this location.**

**Cllr. B. O'Connell stated there was an issue relating to the location of the bus shelter. It has been said by some groups that the proposed location could lead to anti-social behaviour. Consideration must be given to its location in the first instance.**

**16.06.15.07 To consider request for the reception of the following deputation:**

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. N. Kelleher, SECONDED Cllr. B. Cronin, it was agreed that a deputation from the residents of Woodlawn Road and Whitebridge Manor, Killarney would be received to discuss traffic exiting onto the Cork Road.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J.J. Culloty, Seconded by Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, it was agreed that a deputation would be received from Barraduff Tidy Towns regarding issues in the Village.

#### **16.06.15.08 To agree a date for the holding of the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting**

It was agreed the next Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney will be held on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in the Town Hall, Killarney.

#### **16.06.15.09 Correspondence**

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

1.	Letter dated 27th April 2016 from Mr Richard Bruton, TD, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation regarding the closure of Homebase, Killarney and the loss of 30 jobs.
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#### **16.06.15.10 Any Other Business**

##### **Maularkane to Lyratongue Road**

Mr. B. Mulhern discussed the following matter with the Members.

The L-7001 from Meanus Bridge to Currans Bridge is on the 2016 Restoration Improvement Programme, however, Water Services have to relay a section of water main along this road. A request for funding issued to Irish Water earlier in the year but as yet, has not been approved.

On this basis, Mr. Mulhern requested that the L11207 from Maularkane to Lyratongue be brought forward to the 2016 Programme from the 2017 Restoration Improvement Programme in place of this road as they are similar budgets and this road can be strengthened and surfaced next year after the water main has been relayed and the trench given adequate time to consolidate.

The Members unanimously agreed to this request.

##### **Gortglass Bridge, Scartaglen**

Cllr. J.J. Culloty referred to the R577 - Gortglass Bridge, Scartaglen where the banks have given away at the bend.

Mr. B. Mulhern confirmed that funding had been received under the Severe Weather Allocation and repair works will be carried out late July / early August.

##### **Community Support Fund**

Mr. M. Ó Coileáin informed the Members that a sum of " 10,765 has been retained from Killarney Municipal District Community Fund Allocation. Two

recommendations on how this money could be spent were presented to the Members:

1. " 8,000 to be given as a contribution to the working of the Strategic Twinning Committee. Of this amount, " 2,000 is to be allocated to the Killarney Town Twinning Association to maintain relationship with existing twinned towns.
2. " 2,765 to be given as a contribution to Killarney Bike Fest towards the cost of organising the annual festival.

The recommendations were approved on the Proposal of Cllr. J.J. Culloty and Seconded by Cllr. M. Healy-Rae.

The meeting concluded at 2.05pm.

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**Meetings Administrator**

**Cllr. B. O'Connell**  
**Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD**