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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN THE LIBRARY MEETING ROOM, KILLARNEY ON WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2017

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I LEABHARLANN, CHILL ÁIRNE AR AN CHÉADAIOIN, 1 FEABHRA 2017

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

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

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

In attendance/i láthair

Ms. A. McAllen	Delegated Executive for the MD of Killarney
Mr. C. O'Sullivan	Director of Operations, Safety & Infrastructure
Mr. P. Neary	Senior Engineer
Mr. J. Foley	Meetings Administrator
Mr. M. Ó Coileáin	Municipal District Officer
Mr. D. Murphy	SEE Housing Estates Unit
Mr. C. Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. M. Boyce	SEE Environment
Ms. K. Curtin	AO Housing
Ms. L. O'Donnell	AO Environment
Ms. B. Mulryan	A/SEE Killarney
Mr. K. O'Halloran	EE Killarney
Mr. C. O'Leary	EE Water Services
Mr. B. Mulhern	AE Killarney
Ms. S. Murphy	ASO Killarney MD
Mr. N. Horgan	CO Housing Estates Unit
Ms. M. Galvin	CO Corporate Support

The meeting commenced at 10.30am.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin took the Chair.

17.02.01.01 (a) Confirmation of the following Minutes:

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, SECONDED by Cllr. N. Kelleher, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 26th October 2016 to consider and adopt a Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Killarney for 2017 be confirmed.
- (b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, Seconded by Cllr. J.J. Culloty, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 23rd November 2016 be confirmed.

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

- (a) 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 a public road pursuant to Section 11 (2) (i) of the Roads Act 1993:

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

- (i) Homeland, Dromhale, Killarney, Co. Kerry
- (ii) Clounts Court, Cloonts, Rathmore, Co. Kerry
- (iii) Forest Lake Cottages, Fossa, Killarney, Co. Kerry
- (iv) Tobairín, Boolasallagh, Firies, Co. Kerry
- (v) Cahereen Heights, Cahereen West, Castleisland, Co. Kerry

It was noted that the following report dated 1st February 2017 from Gerard O'Brien, A/S.E.O., Environmental Services, Planning Enforcement, and Housing Estates Unit had been circulated to the Members:

Dáta/Date 1st February 2017

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

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

A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

In accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 I enclose reports on the Taking in charge, by Kerry county Council of five 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 estate 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).

Is mise le meas,

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

**KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAI**



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

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

- (vi) Homeland, Dromhale, Killarney, Co. Kerry
- (vii) Clounts Court, Cloonts, Rathmore, Co. Kerry
- (viii) Forest Lake Cottages, Fossa, Killarney, Co. Kerry
- (ix) Tobairín, Boolasallagh, Fries, Co. Kerry
- (x) Cahereen Heights, Cahereen West, Castleisland, Co. Kerry

Date: 1st February 2017

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

Locations of Roads to be taken In Charge:

Dromhale, Killarney, Co. Kerry - Road from its junction with the N71-0 to all terminal points within the estate Homeland, Dromhale, Killarney, Co. Kerry **Map 39** (serving 6 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 81m

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:

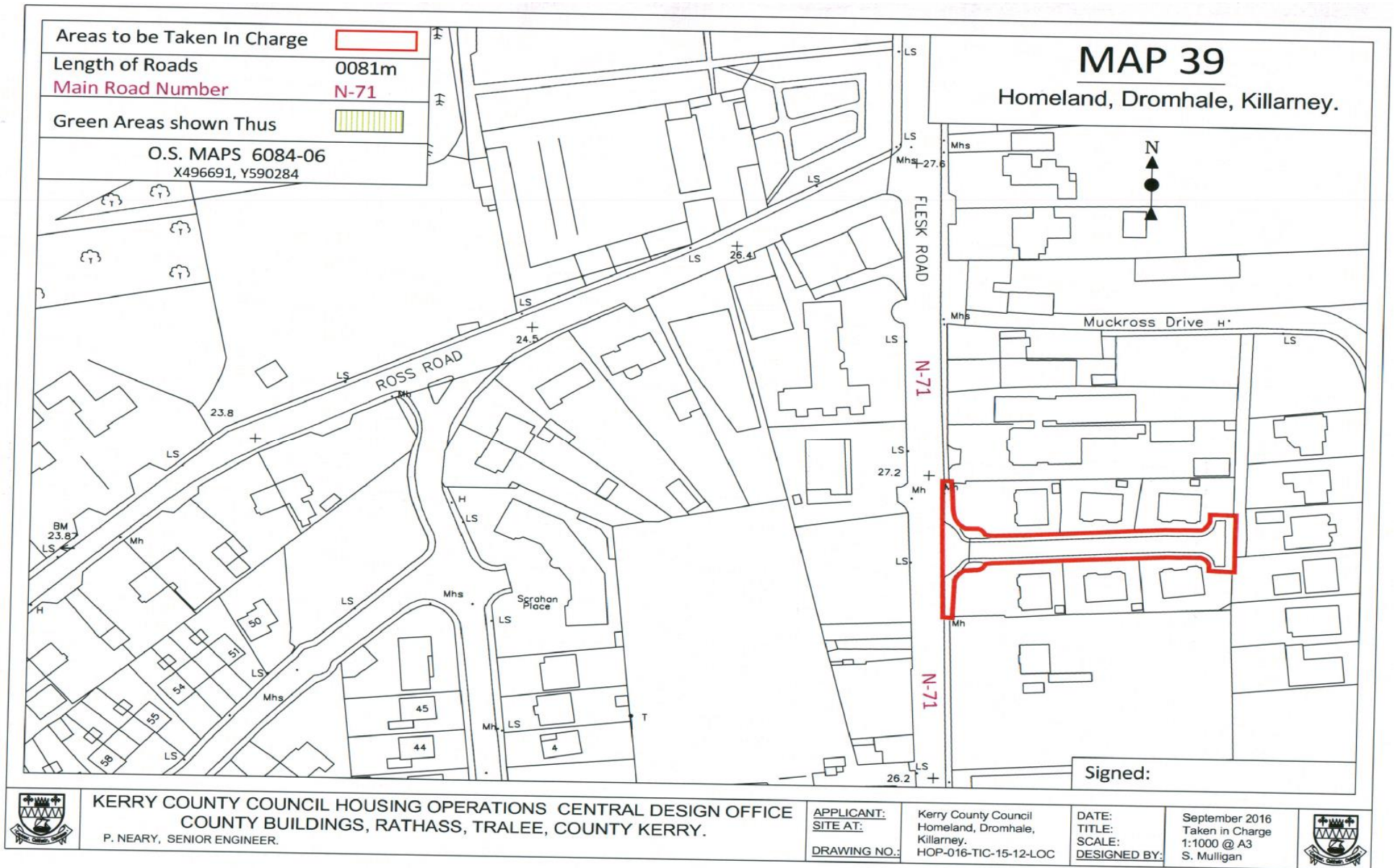
In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in Homeland, Dromhale, Killarney, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 9th November 2016.

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

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell
A/ Director of Economic & Community Development



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

Locations of Roads to be taken In Charge:

Cloonts, Rathmore, Co. Kerry - Road from its junction with the L2032-256 to all terminal points within the estate Clounts Court, Cloonts, Rathmore, Co. Kerry **Map 25** (serving 9 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 100m

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:

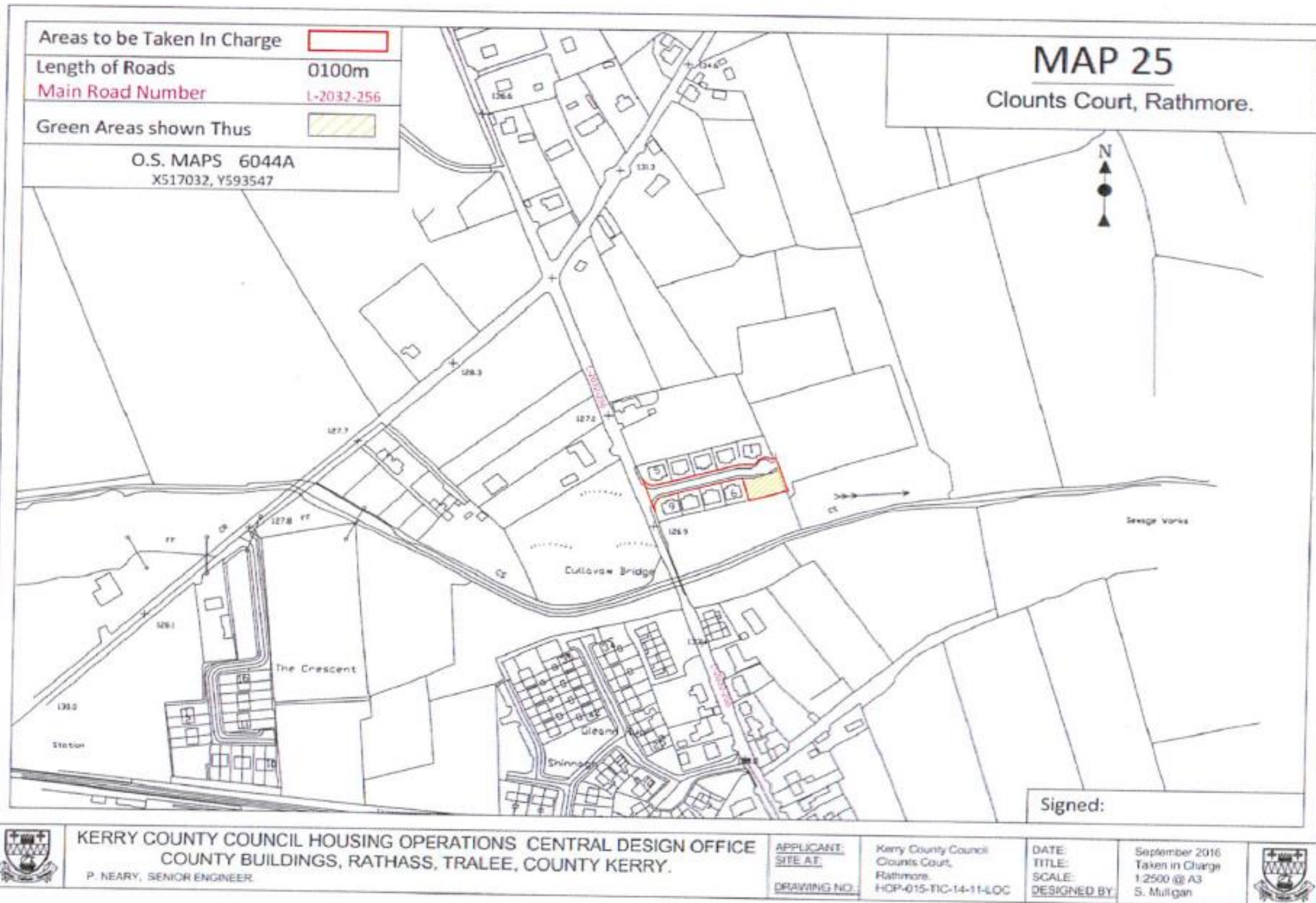
In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in Clounts Court, Cloonts, Rathmore, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 9th November 2016..

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

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell
A/ Director of Economic & Community Development



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

Locations of Roads to be taken In Charge:

Fossa, Killarney, Co. Kerry - Road from its junction with the N72-1089 to all terminal points within the estate Forest Lake Cottages, Fossa, Killarney, Co. Kerry **Map 15** (serving 9 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 72m

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:

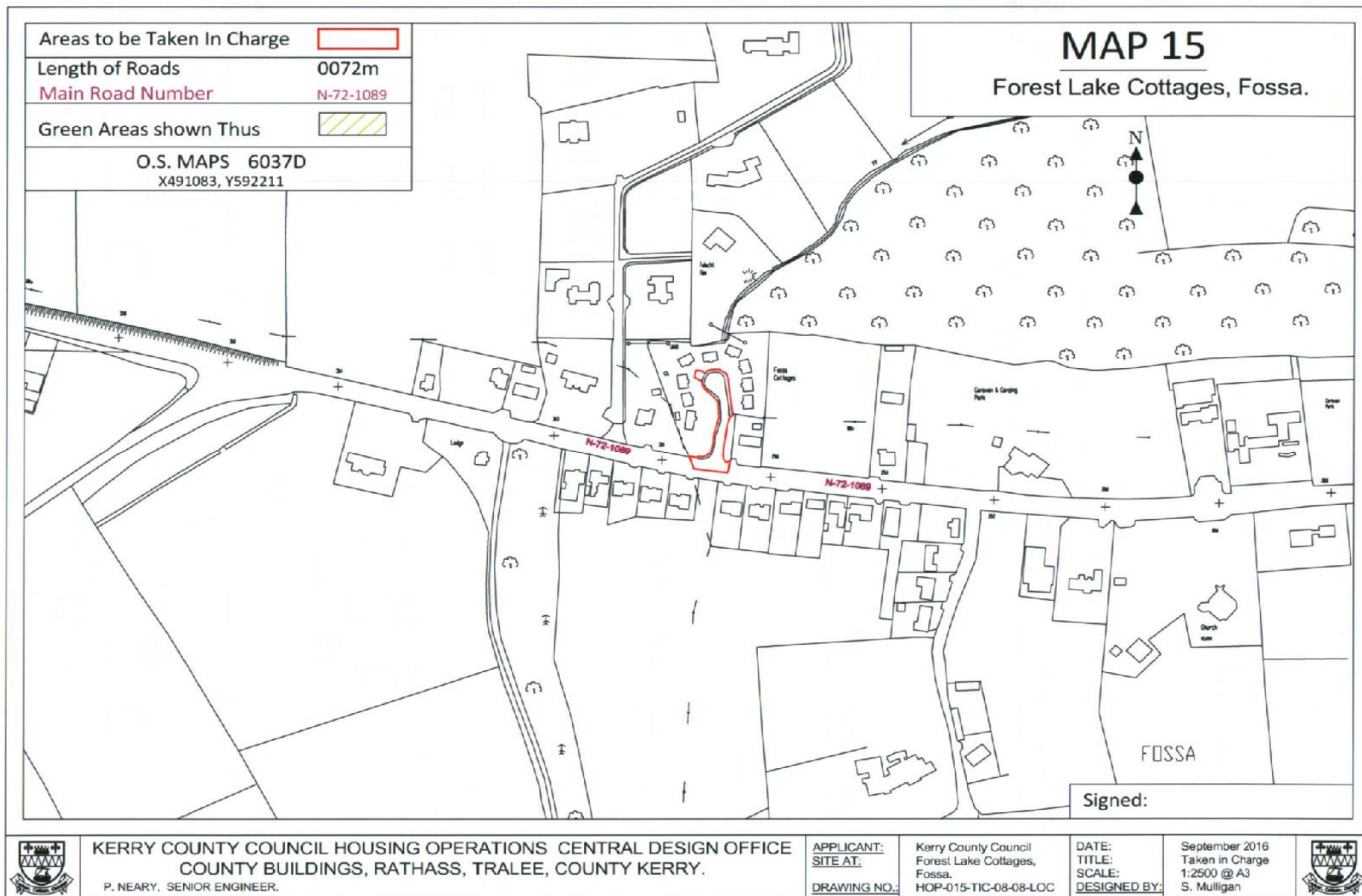
In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in Forest Lake Cottages, Fossa, Killarney, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 9th November 2016.

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

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell
A/ Director of Economic & Community Development



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

Locations of Roads to be taken In Charge:

Boolasallagh, Furies, Co. Kerry - Road from its junction with the L2019-90 to all terminal points within the estate Tobairín, Boolasallagh, Furies, Co. Kerry **Map 30** (serving 6 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 98m

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:

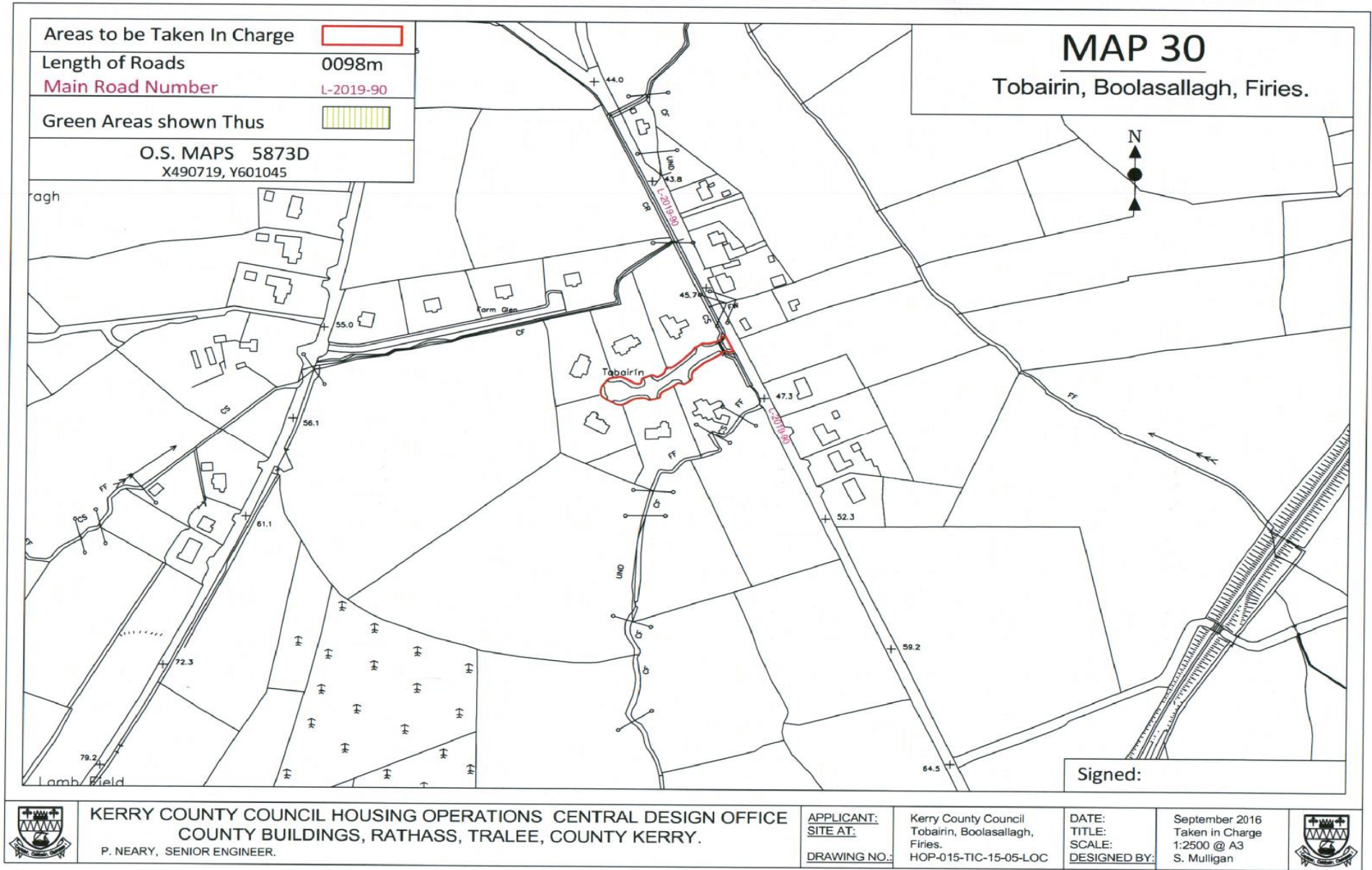
In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in Tobairín, Boolasallagh, Furies, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 9th November 2016.

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

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell
A/ Director of Economic & Community Development



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

Locations of Roads to be taken In Charge:

Cahereen West, Castleisland, Co. Kerry - Road from its junction with the L2037-0 to all terminal points within the estate Cahereen Heights, Cahereen West, Castleisland, Co. Kerry **Map 8** (serving 99 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 1450m

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:

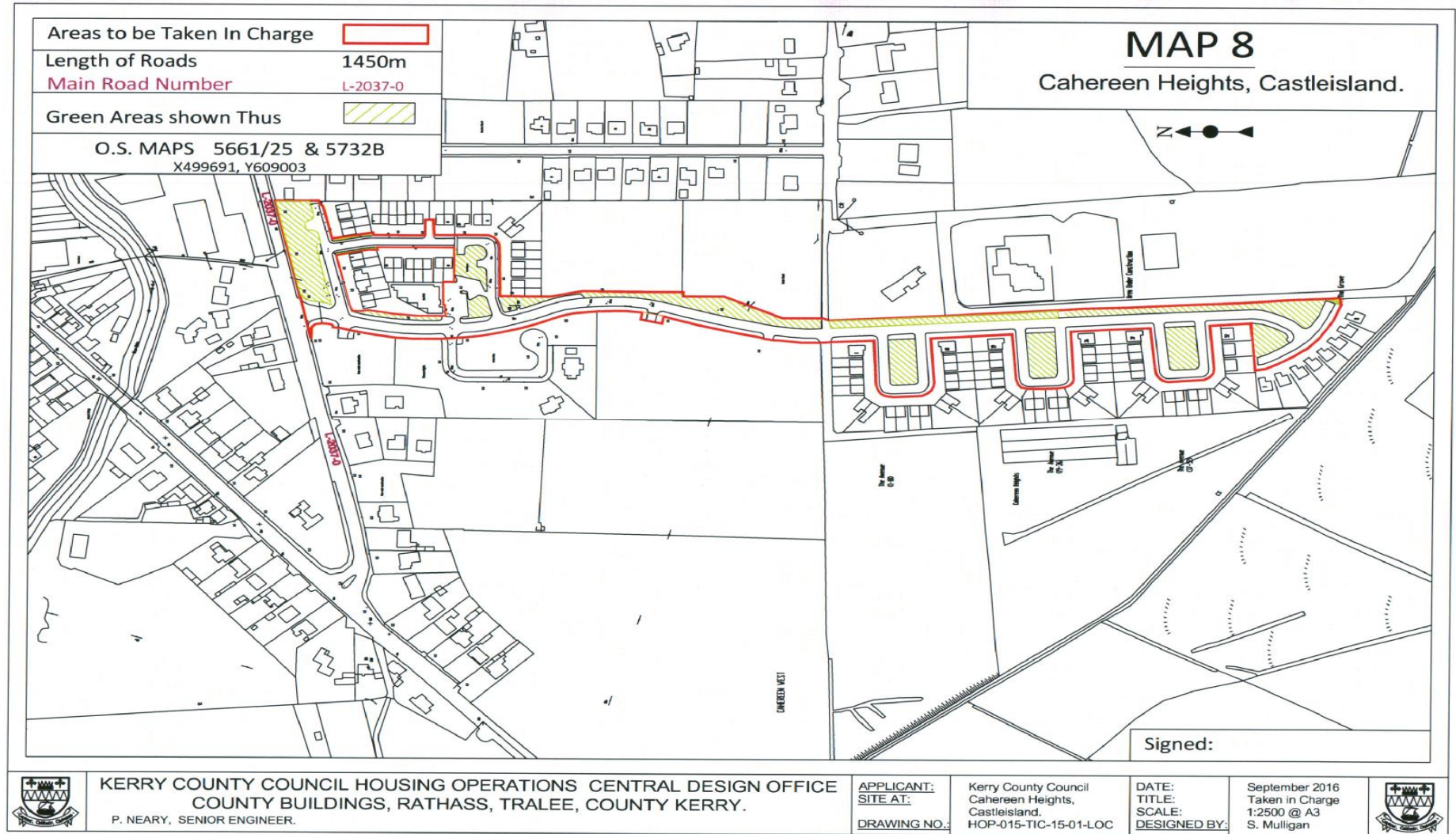
In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in Cahereen Heights, Cahereen West, Castleisland, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 9th November 2016.

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

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell
A/ Director of Economic & Community Development



On the PROPOSAL of Cathaoirleach B. Cronin, SECONDED by Cllr. N. Kelleher it was unanimously agreed that Homeland, Dromhale, Killarney, Co. Kerry be taken in charge by Kerry County Council.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, SECONDED by Cllr. N. Kelleher it was unanimously agreed that Clounts Court, Cloonts, Rathmore, Co. Kerry be taken in charge by Kerry County Council.

In relation to Clounts Court, Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the light No. 4 was not working.

Mr. P. Neary agreed that this would be investigated.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, SECONDED by Cllr. N. Kelleher it was unanimously agreed that Forest Lake Cottages, Fossa, Killarney, Co. Kerry be taken in charge by Kerry County Council.

On the PROPOSAL of Cathaoirleach B. Cronin, SECONDED by Cllr. J.J. Culloty it was unanimously agreed that Tobairín, Boolasallagh, Furies, Co. Kerry be taken in charge by Kerry County Council.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. O'Connell, SECONDED by Cllr. M. Healy-Rae it was unanimously agreed that Cahereen Heights, Cahereen West, Castleisland, Co. Kerry be taken in charge by Kerry County Council.

Cllr. B. O'Connell read a letter received from Cahereen Heights Management Co. Ltd. expressing their thanks to the Management of Kerry County Council for agreeing to take their estate in charge.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin acknowledged that the residents of Cahereen Heights had attended a previous Municipal District Meeting. The Management Company had gone through very difficult times. Cllr. Cronin commended the work carried out by Mr. D. Murphy and Mr. N. Horgan and the Housing Estates Unit for the huge volume of work to take these estates in charge and acknowledged the outstanding advice that they gave to the residents involved.

Cllr. M. Gleeson complimented the Management of Kerry County Council on bringing this matter to fruition.

- (b) To consider the adoption of draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019 in accordance with Local Government Reform Act 2014, Schedule 3, Part 1 Section 131A, which amends Section 13 of Litter Pollution Act 1997**

It was noted that the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017 - 2019 had been circulated to the Members.

Ms. L. O'Donnell addressed the Members and stated that in accordance with Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 Kerry County Council propose to make a new Litter Management Plan. The current Plan expired in 2016 and a new Draft Plan has been prepared to cover the period 2017- 2019.

The Draft Plan contains a review of litter management in the County over the last 3 years. There has been a lot of success during the period with Killarney and Tralee doing well in the Irish Business Against Litter Awards, the growing success of Kerry's towns and villages in the Tidy Towns competition, the co-operation shown by businesses, community groups and Kerry County Council working together to tidy the County during County Clean-Up Day and during the Annual Spring Clean period in particular and throughout the year.

The plan sets out the principal litter challenges facing the County which include:

- Illegal dumping in the countryside in the bogs, mountainside, rivers and forests**
- Litter tipping along road ways by passing motorist and pedestrians**
- Dog fouling along walking routes and in housing estates**
- The growing amount of litter discarded from convenience food outlets etc**
- Cigarette and gum littering**

In order to address these issues, the Plan has a number of primary objectives set out in Page 13, namely:

- Educate and Raise Public Awareness - To roll out a programme of education and awareness activities, through our Environmental Awareness Officer, to schools, community groups etc. to raise awareness of relevant legislation, challenges and opportunities in relation to the management of litter.**
- Litter Prevention and control - To undertake and develop litter prevention and control measures throughout the County to ensure a reduction in littering and to continue with integration with Municipal District Offices.**
- Enforcement - To carry out effective enforcement in order to prevent and control litter.**
- Develop Partnerships - To continue to develop partnerships with the business and community sectors to assist with the management and control of litter.**
- Promote Recycling and Recovery - To promote usage of recycling infrastructure provided and to extend this infrastructure so that all towns and villages are adequately served with easily accessible recycling facilities.**
- To prioritise the litter issues affecting the County and to deploy resources in the most cost effective and efficient way**

The actions, targets and indicators for each of these objectives are set out from Page 14 to the end of the Plan. Many of the actions planned are continuing from the previous Plan, some actions and initiatives will be carried out in conjunction with the Southern Region Waste Office and there will be greater emphasis on partnerships with businesses, community groups and the general public to tackle the County's litter problems.

In November the public were invited to submit their observations and suggestions on the Plan. Two submissions were received and details of these are set out in separate report including our response to their suggestions:

1. Comharchumann Forbartha an leith Triúigh Teo
2. Scéim Bhruscair Uibh Ráthaigh

The Plan has also been considered by the Quality of Life SPC who have recommended the formal adoption of the plan by Municipal District Members in accordance with LG Reform Act 2014 and I ask that you today approve the adoption of the Plan.

Cllr. M. Gleeson thanked Ms. O'Donnell for her report. Cllr. Gleeson stated that littering continues to be an enormous problem. Without the assistance of the volunteers, this would be an even greater issue. Cllr. Gleeson said that with this in mind, he had Proposed that a roundabout at Daly's shop would be dedicated to the outdoor staff and volunteers and had hoped, that at this stage, the appropriate bi-lingual signage would now be in place. Cllr. Gleeson referred to a previous Notice of Motion that he had moved many years before requesting that all trailers bringing material to the Transfer Stations would be covered and that this would be implemented. Only last Sunday he witnessed tarpaulin and waste left on the side of the road. People are not complying with this request. The Transfer Stations were charging €15 and the Members asked that it be brought down to €3. The price is now increasing and so too is the level of dumping. Recently a friend of Cllr. Gleeson found a 50kg black bag containing bottles on the side of the road. This is the level of dumping taking place in the County at present. Cllr. Gleeson wished to commend Mr. M. Ó Coileáin on his work with the schools in raising litter awareness. He referred to a survey taken 20 - 25 years ago which outlined that if dumping continues at this level, then the amount of plastic in the ocean will eventually outweigh the volume of fish. We must work at ways of protecting inland sources getting into our lakes and rivers. Bottles continue to wash up in Killarney Lakes. A New Zealander is using plastic to build blocks which are used for thermal insulation. This is an efficient way of recycling plastic and we need to look at similar projects. Cllr. Gleeson referred to Ballymun and stated that it had been transformed by new buildings. The Ballymun Rediscovery Centre accepts all waste including clothing and redesigns and remodels it. This would be very important in a tourist town such as Killarney.

Cllr. D. Grady thanked Ms. O'Donnell for her presentation and he acknowledged all the voluntary groups for their assistance in trying to keep the County litter free. Raising public awareness is vital, especially in schools. Cllr. Grady referred to dog fouling which is very prevalent at Ross Castle and Muckcross House. There are only two dog fouling bins in Killarney which is not enough. Cllr. Grady stated that Killarney needs its own Litter Warden.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Notice of Motion 2 at this stage (Quality of Life - Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate)

2. Cllr. D. Grady: That a full-time Litter Warden be employed in the Killarney Municipal District Area, to address the big litter problem and dog fouling in the area.

Reply: Kerry County Council takes the issues of litter pollution and dog fouling very seriously. The new Litter Management Plan which is before you today for adoption prioritises both these areas.

We currently have three full time Litter Wardens and in addition to this our Traffic Wardens also have responsibilities for enforcing breaches of the litter legislation in towns. In addition to this we have two Waste Enforcement Officers who investigate serious issues of illegal dumping. All complaints are investigated in a timely matter and pursued where sufficient evidence is available to do so. Kerry County Council is recruiting an additional Traffic Warden for the 2017 season. Litter enforcement duties will form part of their brief.

Cllr. Grady stated that walks around Killarney are being spoilt by dog fouling. There are only two dog fouling bins in Killarney and it is vital that more are provided.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked where were the three Litter Wardens based.

Ms. O'Donnell replied that they cover the whole County.

Cllr. Grady stated there were two part-time Traffic Wardens and they do not have any time to carry out litter patrols.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the Council will be recruiting an additional Traffic Warden for the 2017 season and litter enforcement will form part of their duties.

Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that until such time as people are held accountable for where they dump their rubbish, then littering will be a problem. It should be obligatory to have a litter collection at their homes. People who dump should be treated like pariahs. People are dumping rubbish wherever they want and it is not acceptable.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty thanked Ms. O'Donnell for her briefing. Young people have to be educated on the issue of littering. Without the work being carried out by the volunteers, there would be a huge littering problem. This is not just a tourist town, it is a tourist County. Cllr. Culloty suggested that a National scheme should be initiated, implemented by the Local Authority and that for two days per week, students could litter pick along the main roads during the summer. This would be a huge benefit to a County such as Kerry. Cllr. Culloty also referred to dog fouling and stated that there was a need for a dog fouling bin outside the Golden Gates. Cllr. Culloty stated that he requested the Council to purchase six covert cameras. He said he was given assurances they were purchased and being used. There is now a need to acquire six more cameras and Cllr. Culloty asked that thought be given as to where they will be placed. If people are caught dumping they should be taken to the limits and be publicly named and shamed.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that Cllr. M. Gleeson should be commended for all the years he has given to collecting litter from the roadside. Littering is a big problem. People who give their time are under pressure as there are only a few of them. The amount of litter being thrown from cars is unbelievable. Cllr. Sheahan agreed with the sentiments expressed by Cllr. B. O'Connell where he suggested that people should be asked where they are disposing of their waste. Cllr. Sheahan stated that he has been told of instances where tenants are vacating their properties and leaving the premises full of litter which has to be disposed of by the landlords.

Cllr. N. Kelleher agreed with the sentiments expressed by the other Members. He stated he is Chairman of the Environment SPC that brought this Draft Litter Management Plan before the Members. He agreed with Cllr. B. O'Connell and Cllr. J. Sheahan. It is time to get serious about where people are disposing of their waste. We should write to somebody nationally about this serious issue.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae commended the work that had gone into drafting the Plan and also acknowledge the tremendous work carried out by Tidy Town and community groups. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that there are black spots in the County for littering. Cameras that are mobile should be used to catch these people.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved Notice of Motion No. 1 (Quality of Life Directorate) at this stage.

1. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what they are going to do to address the problem of illegal rubbish dumping off the Barr na Gleanna Road into the Glen?

Reply: We will arrange for our Litter Warden to monitor this location on a regular basis. If sufficient evidence is found, we will pursue the perpetrators. Due to accessibility issues with this location it is not always possible to remove the dumped material.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply and suggested that something more technical be used to catch whoever was dumping at this location.

Ms. O'Donnell replied that the cameras are not suitable at every location. Light and weather conditions are not always adequate for them to work effectively. Ms. O'Donnell confirmed that the Litter Warden had visited the location in the last few days. The litter is now being spread along the roadway.

Ms. McAllen confirmed that the Council would look at acquiring more sophisticated equipment to deal with the more problematic areas and hopefully capture images of the offenders.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty agreed that the cameras did not work well at night.

Cllr. Healy-Rae asked if the area at Barr na Gleanna could be fenced off.

Ms. O'Donnell agreed to review the matter but stated that the area might not be suitable to fence.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that people are throwing waste down 200ft at this location into the Glen. This is the problem. It is in an isolated location. Cllr. Cronin supported the sentiments of the Councillors and said that we must look at acquiring more suitable cameras. In rural areas there is an increase in indiscriminate littering. Tyres are also being dumped in the Kilcummin/Barleymount area. This is disgraceful behaviour. Cllr. Cronin referred to dog fouling and said we cannot blame the dog; the problem lies with the owner. These people have no respect for someone on a bicycle or wheelchair users. Dog owners must bring bags to dispose of the dog foul with them. Cllr. Cronin also supported Cllr. B. O'Connell. He stated there are houses with no bins. Each dwelling generates huge volumes of waste. Questions must be asked as to where this waste is going. People must prove where they are disposing of their waste. Cllr. Cronin also acknowledged the tremendous work being undertaken by community groups, Tidy Towns groups and volunteers and this is evidenced by the National Tidy Towns Awards. Killarney won the Gold Medal and this is due to the hard work carried out by these people. He acknowledged that three of the Councillors present are also involved in this work. Killarney was also graded as being "Cleaner than European Norms" in the 2016 IBAL Anti-Litter League.

Cllr. M. Gleeson requested that a sign be erected stating that "Only the Filthy Litter".

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin agreed with this request.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that each house should be made responsible for their waste. A survey was undertaken 3 years previous and 13% of people had no way of showing where they were dumping their rubbish. Unfortunately, this exercise was not taken further.

On the PROPOSAL of Cathaoirleach B. Cronin, SECONDED by Cllr. M. Gleeson, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019 in accordance with Local Government Reform Act 2014, Schedule 3, Part 1 Section 131A, which amends Section 13 of Litter Pollution Act 1997.

17.02.01.02 (a) To note report from Economic and Community Development Directorate

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

**Economic and Community Development
Report**

KILLARNEY Municipal District

1st February 2017

A/Director of Service: Michael Scannell

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

The Local Enterprise Office has continued with the roll out of programmes in 2017.

There has been strong promotion of events in the local newspapers which has led to a number of funding enquiries and these are being developed further through standard grant process and loan schemes.

A number of programmes are presently underway including Business Start Up, Business Growth and Digital marketing.

Discussions are ongoing with the retail committee of the Killarney Chamber of Commerce regarding delivery of a retail programme in the town.

Recruitment for the Food Academy programme is presently ongoing with a proposed interview process in February.

The LEO executive continues to meet with potential clients throughout the MD with referrals to sister agencies.

ECONOMIC AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Kerry County Council has appointed the Economic Development Officer Bridget Fitzgerald. They have also appointed the Broadband Officer Diarmuid O'Reilly who will work with the Economic Development Officer. There has been a PR campaign in the local media in relation to the recent appointments. The Economic Development Officer has been meeting with various government Agencies

ACCESSIBLE TOURISM:

The Tourism Unit and the Killarney MD Manager and staff, working with Mr. Paudie Healy CEO Universal Access and the Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, are investigating opportunities with Failte Ireland and ENAT (European Network for Accessible Tourism) to promote, develop and support improved accessibility for the community and visitors.

MACGILLYCUDDY REEKS MOUNTAIN ACCESS FORUM:

The MacGillycuddy Reeks Mountain Access Forum and SKDP received an additional grant in December 2016 in the sum of " 150,195 under the REDZ programme, for the continuation of the upgrade of the mountain trails.

TASTE KERRY:

The Taste Kerry Food Trail, which includes several food and drink producers, bars, restaurants, accommodation providers and retailers in the Killarney area, where local Kerry produce can be enjoyed, will be officially launched in February 2017. The Tourism Unit has worked closely with Taste Kerry on their re-branding, website launch and food trail development to ensure an enhanced experience for visitors to the county.

TBEX:

TBEX is the world's largest gathering of travel bloggers, travel writers, new media content creators and social media savvy travel industry professionals. The Tourism Unit working with Fáilte Ireland and the Kerry Convention Bureau have secured TBEX 2017 and the conference will take place from the 3rd to the 5th October 2017 in the INEC, Killarney. Kerry County Council will be involved in the development of an extensive programme of events and activities for conference delegates.

CMT Germany:

Tourism groups from Killarney and Castleisland joined those from the Ring of Kerry, West Kerry, North Kerry, Kenmare and Tralee at the Destination Kerry/Kerry County Council promotion at Europe's biggest travel fair in Stuttgart from 14th-22nd January 2017.

Other Initiatives:

The provision of all-weather coverings on Main Street, Killarney (and The Square, Tralee) to facilitate weather independent events in the town centre is to be further investigated.

Council officials are working with Killarney Chamber and SKDP to progress plans for a public address system and electronic tourism information sign for the Killarney Town Centre.

COMMUNITY

Municipal District Officer Update

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

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

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

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

Áras Phádraig, Killarney Town

The Feasibility Study and Business Plan on the optimum use for the Áras Phádraig building is currently underway. A public meeting was held on Thursday 26th January in Killarney Avenue Hotel. People can also submit ideas in writing to the MD Office and there is also an on-line survey available on www.kerrycoco.ie and www.killarney.ie. The deadline for submissions is February 10th. The report will be issued shortly after this date.

Town & Village Renewal Scheme

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

Funding of **€42,222** has been allocated to Gneeveguilla to underground the wiring in the village to enhance its attractiveness and funding of **€50,667** has been allocated to Castleisland to upgrade the Carnegie Building as an enterprise/incubation space within the Town. Work is to begin on these projects in the coming weeks. With the Government announcement recently of its plan for Rural Ireland, there is an expectation that the funding for Town and Village Renewal will be increased in 2017.

Funding for Rural Recreation Projects

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

Community Support Fund

The Applications for the 2017 Community Support Fund will be assessed in the coming weeks and we currently expect to be in a position to have informed successful groups by March

Cultural Centre

An application for Funding was submitted to the Department of Arts in December to renovate the Killarney Cultural Centre. We expect to have a reply from the Department by February. If successful, the funding will allow us to transform this underused space into a vibrant and flexible space for artistic expression.

LEADER 2014-2020

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

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

The LDCs, KCC and the LAG each have a role in the implementation of the strategy. The Department has published a comprehensive set of Operating Rules that provide a clear governance framework for the implementation of the LEADER Programme, and the LAG Local Development Strategy, and also

supplement the terms of the contract (Agreement) between each LAG and the Department.

At the request of the LAG, a workshop to explore the application process having regard to the terms of the Agreement and the Operating Rules was held in October 2016.

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

Kerry PPN

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

Comhairle na nÓg

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

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

Also the Kerry Comhairle na nÓg was invited by Sean Kelly MEP to attend the European Youth Event (EYE) which took place in the European Parliament seat in Strasbourg from 20-21 May 2016. It was a unique opportunity for thousands of young Europeans, including members of the Kerry Comhairle, to make their voices heard.

At the AGM an election took place where 57 new members joined Kerry's Comhairle following this year's AGM. Those elected are afforded opportunities to attend national events and to represent young people on a number of policy making bodies both at county level and nationally.

Outgoing members who are 18 years old and now have to leave the Comhairle as their term is over, were presented certificates by Cllr. Norma Foley on behalf of the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council.

PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Development Contribution Scheme.

Work continued on the Development Contribution Scheme. It is proposed to bring the draft DCS to SPC in February.

2 Year review of the County Development Plan.

Section 15(2) of the Planning Act requires that a report be prepared outlining the progress achieved in securing the objectives contained in the Plan. This review is presently underway.

Killarney Municipal District Plan.

Planning policy relevant to the Killarney Municipal District is at present contained in the following Plans:

1. Killarney Town Development Plan.
2. Castleisland Functional Area Plan.
3. Tralee / Killarney Hub Functional Area Plan.
4. Rathmore Local Area Plan.

These Plans will be replaced by a single Local Area Plan covering the Killarney Municipal District.

The preparation of this plan has commenced.

Public consultation commenced in December 2016 seeking pre-draft submissions.

Approximately 40 submissions have been received.

Preparation of Environmental reports has also commenced including:

- Strategic Environmental Assessments.
- Habitats Directive Assessment.
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

Development Management.

359 Planning Applications were received by Kerry County Council in the Killarney Municipal District during 2016. The corresponding figure for 2015 was 308. This represents a 17% increase in the number of applications received.

Heritage.

Ecclesiastical Heritage Audit of Kerry.

Work on the Ecclesiastical Heritage Audit of Kerry, which includes religious structures in the South and West Municipal District continues.

Kerry Way Folklore and Heritage Trail App.

The Kerry Way Folklore and Heritage Trail App development in partnership with Béaloideas Chiarraí, Solas, South Kerry Development Partnership, Muckross House and the Institute of Technology Tralee is complete. This is expected to be launched in the coming weeks

Audit of Historic Memorial, Plaques and Signs in County Kerry, Phase 2.

The Audit of Historic Memorial, Plaques and Signs in County Kerry, Phase 2, (which includes the South and west Municipal District) is to begin in February 2017. This study focuses on Memorials, Plaques and Signage Associated with World War 1, the 1916 Rising, War of Independence and Irish Civil War.

The ecclesiastical study and the Plaques & monuments report will be published in a GIS format.

Kerry County Heritage Plan.

A review of the Kerry County Heritage Plan has commenced. This plan is due for completion by the final quarter of 2017. It is envisaged that there will be significant interaction between the Council and local interest groups during the preparation of this plan.

Biodiversity.

Kerry County Council continued its programme of managing and where possible treating Japanese Knotweed on public lands. This programme included working in collaboration with local community groups. Leaflets, signage etc was also forwarded to community groups, landowners and area offices for distribution.

McGillycuddy Reeks Rural Economic Development Zone (REDZ) Upland habitat restoration / trail repair project - 2017

This proposal is a follow on project to the McGillycuddy Reeks REDZ Pilot initiative. The focus of the forthcoming works program will be on the Strickeen Path which is a popular walking route accessed from the Gap of Dunloe. Works will also be undertaken on the lower Cronins Yard path and the Upper Hags Glen Paths. This project will help up-skill the participants for the even more technically challenging trails higher up in the Reeks.

Funding of " 150,000 was received from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs and it is hoped that the National Parks and Wildlife Service, and Failte Ireland will make up the match funding contributions in a manner similar to 2016.

Conservation

Beaufort House, Beaufort.

Conservation works were successfully completed to Beaufort House, Beaufort which was awarded " 4,550 funding under the Structures at Risk Fund 2016. Funding was allocated to this regionally important structure, part of which dates to 1650, in response to the Action Plan for the Sustainable Future of the Irish Historic House in Private Ownership, published by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in 2015. Conservation works and materials were supplied by local companies based in Beaufort and Killarney, resulting in 100 days of local conservation-based employment.

St. Stephen & John's Church, Church Street, Castleisland.

Stained glass windows at Stain Stephen and John's Church, Church Street, Castleisland were successfully conserved under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016. A total of " 7,500 public funding was matched by " 7,500 private funding. The work was carried out by a window conservation company based in Brosna which provided for 100 days of local specialist employment.

Castleview House, Castleisland.

Castleview House, Castleisland received funding of " 2,000 under Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016 for conservation works to prevent water ingress and loss of period features. This property incorporates fabric of an earlier charter school, dated 1750.

Flesk Castle, Dromhumper, Killarney.

Flesk Castle, Dromhumper, Killarney was awarded "10,000 for essential conservation works under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016. Works were successfully completed in the last quarter of 2016. In excess of "53,000 was spent on building conservation works which supported 156 days of local specialist employment, in particular lime plastering and roof stabilization. The upper areas of the castle including turrets, towers and roofs are now fully stabilized, weathered and sealed with features unique to the building, including the interior, conserved for the future.

Queries regarding works that affect the character of a Protected Structures:

Section 57 of the Planning and Development Act allows a property owner to apply for a declaration as to what works may or may not affect the character of a protected structure.

A total of five declarations were prepared for the Killarney MD area under Section 57 of the Planning and Development Act. These declarations provide clarity for building owners and occupiers regarding what works are permitted without planning permission to protected structures. Detailed historical research and cartographic analysis, site-specific conservation advice and survey work along with on-site meetings and discussions with owners typically form part of the declaration process.

Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to the Directorate Report and acknowledged that it was more detailed than what was previously received. Cllr. Kelleher stated that more structured meetings are required with the Chamber of Tourism & Commerce. At present, both groups only meet once a year. Cllr. Kelleher commended the Council for proceeding quickly on the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Cllr. Kelleher also referred to the Killarney Municipal District Plan and noted that Planning policy relevant to the Killarney Municipal District is at present contained in four separate plans and enquired where this was advertised. He noted that 40 submissions were received to date and thought this was a small number taking into account all of the areas involved. Cllr. Kelleher asked when is the new Plan coming before the Members. This is a very detailed Plan and very welcome.

Ms. J. Foley stated that more detailed Directorate Reports would be presented to the Councillors at future Municipal District meetings which will be very specific to Municipal District level. Ms. Foley asked the members to notify her if they wished to see something specific included in the report. In relation to the Killarney Municipal District Plan, Ms. Foley agreed to check the date with Planning and revert to Cllr. Kelleher.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that when she meets with groups, she is very conscious that she only relays information that is in the public domain and that has already been discussed with the Members.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that it is important that all links are maintained and developed with groups in the Municipal District. It is

important that we will have to take responsibility for decisions made. We will have to vote on funding for the Community Support Fund that provides funds to groups such as the Chamber of Tourism & Commerce. It is vitally important that if any meetings are held with any organisation, that all eight Elected Members be fully aware of what that information is, prior to those meetings taking place.

Cllr. D. Grady agreed with **Cllr. Cronin** and stated that the eight Elected members are the people that took over from Killarney Town Council.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the Executive has done well in keeping that balance with groups.

In relation to **Áras Pádraig** referred to in the report, **Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** stated that public consultation was ongoing. A public meeting was held recently and was very successful and constructive.

Cllr. M. Gleeson moved Q3 (Other Directorates) at this stage.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the public consultation period in relation to **Árus Phádraig** been concluded and if so, what is the next part of the process of returning the building to public use?

Reply: The public consultation process has commenced and will continue until the 19th of February. Over 65 people attended a public meeting on the 26th of January and the public can also make written submissions or complete an online survey. Feedback from the public consultation process will inform the Feasibility Study which will be completed early April.

Cllr. M. Gleeson thanked Management for the reply and expressed his dismay at how long **Áras Pádraig** was left idle but this facility is now back in our ownership. **Cllr. Gleeson** stated that he had attended the recent public meeting and it was very well attended. The ideas put forward at that meeting will now inform and inspire the consultants to come up with ideas. This facility will greatly enrich this town and communities that visit. The Abbey Players once visited Killarney and there is potential for them to do so again. **Cllr. Gleeson** asked that this be progressed as soon as possible.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and said **Áras Pádraig** was vitally important for Killarney but will take some time to get it up and running.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin noted that every Member was fully supportive of this.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would examine the feasibility of providing an aesthetically pleasing and environmentally appropriate permanent roof for the Knockreer Playground. Such a development would ensure its usability irrespective of the prevailing weather conditions.

Reply: Knockreer Playground is designed as an outdoor playground. The outdoor aspects of playgrounds are a central component of the playground experience for children. Given the nature and size of the Knockreer Playground, it is not considered feasible to roof this outdoor playground.

Exposure to the weather is also an essential maintenance element for the equipment as rain washes equipment and the sun's UV rays sterilise surfaces.

It was not considered, as part of the overall design, to roof this outdoor playground.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that one of the great gestures that the NPWS made was providing the land for the Knockreer Playground. It is the most lauded piece of development and keeps visitors entertained. We do get rain and this wonderful facility lies idle on those days. Cllr. Gleeson asked for an open style cover so young people can go and play on wet days. Cllr. Gleeson noted the reply and asked that the Council reach a compromise.

Ms. A. McAllen agreed to speak with Mr. V. Foley to see if there any element that could be covered. It is a very large facility and designed as an outdoor playground.

Mr. P. Neary stated that providing roof cover over the playground would require a massive structure.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: That Kerry County Council would take over Killarney Country Club (Faha Court, Faha). Please provide update as to why it is not taken over by now.

Reply: No taking in charge application has been received/submitted for this development. However, should an application be submitted it will not be taken in charge as this is a Holiday Home Development and in accordance with our Taking in Charge Policy, which was adopted in June 2008, Holiday Home Developments are not taken in charge by Kerry County Council.

Cllr. D. Grady stated he was well aware these were holiday homes but since 2008 many holiday homes have been taken over by Kerry County Council.

Mr. D. Murphy stated that the Taking in Charge Policy adopted by Kerry County Council precludes taking in charge holiday home developments, apartments and gated developments. He was not aware of any holiday home development that had been taken in charge by Kerry County Council. There have previously been instances where holiday homes were granted and each house came in and looked for retention as a permanent place of residence and they were considered for taking in charge after that.

Cllr. Grady reiterated that holiday homes had been taken over and asked that the Council proceed with Faha Court and see where it goes.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin enquired that if an application is submitted to the Council, will it be taken in charge?

Mr. Murphy replied that it would not be; based on the Kerry County Council policy that exists regarding holiday home developments.

Ms. A. McAllen asked Cllr. Grady to provide the Council with information on the holiday homes that he was aware of that had been taken in charge.

Mr. N. Horgan stated that the only possibility of this happening is where there is a mixed development with integration of permanent homes and holiday homes/apartments. Mr. D. Murphy said it may be possible to take in charge the communal services and areas directly serving the permanent residential portions of an estate but exclude the holiday home communal services and areas. This would have to be determined on a site by site basis and would depend on the configuration and layout of the development.

3. Cathaoirleach B. Cronin: Have Kerry County Council lands in their possession in Furies that can be considered for a playground as families have now been waiting over 15 years.

Reply: Kerry County Council recently met with individuals in Furies Village to look at two potential sites close to the village. Access to both sites requires further investigation. A second meeting has been scheduled in a few weeks and we hope to be able to report back with more certainty within a month.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that the people of Furies have been waiting 15 years for this playground and it has also been on the Killarney Agenda for 15 years. Over 280 planning permissions for houses were granted and at no stage was any provision made for the children of families that lived there. Cllr. Cronin thanked Mr. M. Ó Coileáin for trying to progress this and enquired was the meeting being held to establish access to the site.

Mr. Ó Coileáin replied that the Council were looking at two sites. The access road needs to be widened. The community needs to talk to the landowner and if he is happy, Mr. V. Foley will apply for planning permission. Mr Ó Coileáin confirmed that the Council were in ownership of the site.

Cathaoirleach Cronin stated he was glad to hear that one site is in the Council's ownership. This has been a very frustrating saga. Planning permission was given and the playground was never considered. Provision of playground facilities are now a requirement in every urbanised village. Cathaoirleach Cronin asked that the matter be progressed and offered his assistance.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion. The people of Furies will be glad to hear this news. It is a highly populated housing estate full of children. These children should be provided with a place to go.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Is there any possibility of re-commencing the Allotment Project?

Reply: Previous experience indicates a very low uptake in 2015 for this service. If enough interest is expressed, the Municipal District Officer will work with Members to explore this option.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated he was pleased that the Council will examine the possibility of finding a location nearer to the town.

2. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to order that the owner of Aherne's Old Garage, close to Lidl, reinstate the perimeter fence, closing off from public view an unsightly dilapidated building.

Reply: The Derelict Sites Unit has recently written to the owners of this property asking them to address this issue.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he had received many calls on this issue. This is a prime site near Killarney and is now an eyesore. It gives a bad impression of Killarney. Cllr. Sheahan asked that the Council get the landowner to reinstate the fence.

Ms. A. McAllen replied that she would revert to Cllr. Sheahan regarding the timeframe involved.

3. Cllr. D. Grady: What is update in relation to the taking in charge of the following estates (i) Rossdara, Killarney and (ii) Elmwood, Mill Road, Killarney.

Reply: Rossdara - Unless funding from some other source becomes available, it is likely that a Site Resolution Plan will need to be prepared and agreed by Kerry County Council and also submitted to Irish Water for approval in advance of progressing this taking in charge application. This will take some time to prepare. Should funding be made available under the NTICI Initiative again in 2017, this estate can be considered for inclusion.

Elmwood, Mill Road - Unless funding from some other source becomes available, it is likely that a Site Resolution Plan will need to be prepared and agreed by Kerry County Council and also submitted to Irish Water for approval in advance of progressing this taking in charge application. This will take some time to prepare. Should funding be made available under the NTICI Initiative again in 2017, this estate can be considered for inclusion.

Cllr. D. Grady referred to Elmwood and said that this was to be taken in charge and asked why this has not happened.

Mr. D. Murphy replied that he has not received any news back from the Department as to whether NTICI funding will be allocated in 2017.

Cllr. Grady stated that he had a Notice of Motion 1 year ago and was told it was going ahead.

Mr. Murphy replied that Irish Water had included Elmwood as a “special project” to determine the defects. However, they have not committed to undertaking any of the required remedial works on site to date.

4. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the position regarding the taking in charge of Greenfields Estate, Firies and can the public lights be turned on.

Reply: We hope to be in a position to commence the statutory taking in charge process for this estate, once the minor works outstanding have been completed.

Arrangements are being made with the contractor on site to have the lighting switched back on. We expect this matter to be resolved shortly.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin complimented everyone involved in this and asked if the Council had any idea when the lights would be turned on.

Mr. D. Murphy said that the pressure was being put on the Bondsman through their Agent to resolve the matter and understood there was an issue with a connection. Mr. Murphy was hopeful the lights would be switched on in the short term and would continue to pursue the bondsman regarding same.

5. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the update regarding the taking in charge of Rosehill Avenue Estate, Firies.

Reply: This Taking in Charge application is currently being assessed in accordance with our Taking in Charge of Housing Estates Policy and our Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water. We hope to be in a position to commence the statutory taking in charge process during 2017.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the reply.

6. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will the bond money drawn down by Kerry County Council for Mountain View Estate, Kilcummin be spent to finish works in this estate.

Reply: It is now planned to proceed to construct a waste water pumping station and rising main to connect this development to the proposed public sewerage scheme for Kilcummin. When the connection to the proposed Kilcummin Scheme is completed the existing malfunctioning system will be de-commissioned. Following completion of these works, the remaining bond monies will be spent by the Operations Department to address any outstanding issues in the estate.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated this had been on the Agenda on numerous occasions by the Councillors and asked when is work expected to begin?

Mr. D. Murphy stated that the Housing Estates Unit had agreed a settlement on the two bonds claimed with the Bondsman and had been paid the settlement amount. This money was transferred to Operations (and Water Services) to manage the undertaking of works to the value of the bond settlement money received.

Mr. P. Neary stated that commencing some elements of the works is interlinked with Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme going ahead and this is the problem that Operations have had.

Mr. K. O'Halloran stated that a rising main pipe is coming out to the main public road for connection to the sewer. A meeting is due to be held next week to see what is being done. The works can go to tender then.

Cathaoirleach Cronin asked that he be kept informed on the matter.

7. Cllr. B. Cronin: When can the residents of Hill View, Woodlawn Road expect to have their estate taken in charge.

Reply: This Taking in Charge application is currently being assessed in accordance with our Taking in Charge of Housing Estates Policy and our Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water. We hope to be in a position to commence the statutory taking in charge process during 2017.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin acknowledged that the statutory taking in charge process will commence in 2017. He stated that the residents will be thankful for that.

8. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: What progress has been made in sourcing and erecting modern tourist information signage, which would be of huge benefit to visitors to Killarney?

Reply: This is an action in the Tourism Strategy which our County Tourism Officer, John Griffin, is currently researching. It is essential that the proper format, style and capacity is fully investigated before any final product is agreed. A funding stream for this item of infrastructure will also need to be identified. The Operations Department is currently reviewing and updating finger post information signage throughout the Town.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that there is a need for proper and modern signage that is beneficial to people walking around the town. This would be an integral part to Killarney Town.

Ms. A. McAllen replied that an approach has been made to LEADER from the Chamber of Tourism & Commerce in an effort to identify sources of income for this project.

Cllr. Culloty referred to the signage used in Kendal, England which looks well and is very beneficial to the town.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

17.02.01.03 (a) To note update report from the Quality of Life - Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate

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

**Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services
Report**

Killarney Municipal District

DATE: February 1st 2017

Director of Service: John Breen

Fire/Building Regulation

Business Unit Manager: Michael Hession CFO

Fire Service Operations:

Please find set out hereunder the Statistical details in respect of the Fire Service and Building Control for the period 1 Jan 2016 to 31 Dec 2016 along with the details of 2014 and 2015 for reference purposes:

Fire Service Operations	Year 2014	Year 2015	Year 2016
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Total Incidents	1016	1110	958
Total Mobilisations	1136	1259	1138
Number of Fires	464	595	531
Of which: Chimney Fires	144	141	123
Gorse	104	223	161
Number of Special Service Incidents	364	329	257
Of which: Road Traffic Accidents	160	120	135

Total incidents in 2016 are down by 13.5% from 2015 (and about 6% from 2014) despite a busy March 2016 when there was a spell of dry spring weather and a high seasonal volume of wild land fires. Road traffic collisions were up 12% in 2016 due to the exceptional year it was for Kerry tourism.

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Licencing inspections, During Performance inspections and inspections in respect of complaints and as otherwise required continued through December.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of December 2016 was 418 which is a
 - 24.4% increase on the figure of 336 for last year.
 - This consolidates the 2016 indication of an increase of over 24.4 % in construction activity.
- In 2016 a total of 103 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 159 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents increases of:
 - 11.95 % in Disability Access Certificate applications and
 - 15.21 % in Fire Safety Certificate applications over 2015.

Building Control	Year 2015	Year 2016
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	138	159
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	92	103
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices	336	418

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Library Services

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

“ The level of usage of the county’s public libraries continues to be quite positive.

During 2016, the no. of **items borrowed** across all Kerry’s libraries was **644,376**. In fact overall borrowings show a 57% increase over the no. of items borrowed 10 years ago, back in 2006.

Tralee continues to be the busiest library with 153,483 items borrowed in 2016.

2016 returns for the libraries in the Municipal District are:

Library	No. of items Borrowed 2015	No. of items Borrowed 2016	% change on 2015	No. of Visits 2015	No. of Visits 2016	% change on 2015
Killarney	79,912	77,137	-3%	69,700	74,139	+6%
Kenmare	37,638	42,786	+14%	27,001	29,157	+8%
Castleisland	45,616	45,546	0%	29,608	28,082	-5%

The no. of individual **visits** county wide was **478,560**, an **increase of 3%** on 2015. Most visits, 117,718, were to Tralee library with Killarney second busiest at 74,139.

“ Forthcoming events [details of events county wide are available at www.kerrylibrary.ie

30 Jan. . 17 Feb.	Castleisland Library	Joint photography Exhibition between Transition Year students Multi-media class at St. Patrick’s & Presentation Schools
3 Feb. . 28 Feb.	Killarney Library	Case Studies of the 1916 Rising: The exhibition highlights the major events of that week with the case studies on some of the individuals involved in various aspects of the events before, during and after the Rising. The case studies give a little biography of

		people involved on many levels, from senior IRB members and Volunteer Officers, to nurses serving under artillery fire, and teenage members of the Irish Citizen Army.
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Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Ger O'Brien SEO

Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021

Annual report 2016

The Annual Report for 2016 was recently launched by the Southern Region Waste Management office. The Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015 . 2021 is focused on the safe and sustainable prevention and management of waste.

Among the key performance indicators in the report which includes a number of telling comparisons in the waste management practices across the region between 2012 and 2014, is that the disposal rate of waste to landfill from households has dropped from 37% to 25% in that period.

Other positive results include that the recycling and recovery rate has improved from 63% in 2012 to 75% in 2014. The report reveals that the annual amount of household waste produced per person has increased from 295 kgs to 299 kgs from 2012 to 2014. The average amount of waste produced per household in 2014 was 807kgs.

Other key findings in the report include:

- Household waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) recovery in the region is now at almost twice the minimum EU target of 4kgs per inhabitant.
- 67% of households have now signed up for a waste collection service.
- 45% of households availing of a collection service have on organic bin

A Copy of the report has been circulated to Members

Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí
Achoimre Stádaís ar an 20^ú Eanáir 2017

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme
Status Summary at 20th January 2017

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

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

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

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

IRISH WATER CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016

The Irish Water national **Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016** was launched in May 2014. A total of 8 wastewater Schemes (total value of " 10.7 million) and 7 Water schemes (total value of " 22.5 million) in Kerry are included in the IW Capital Investment Programme. **It is expected that a new CIP will be issued in late 2016 or early 2017.**

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

<u>CIP WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</u>			
Project	Status		
Mains Rehabilitation Project	Description	Value	Status
	County Direct Labour	" 2.65M	Pipelaying ongoing by direct labour . complete.
Central Regional Water Supply Scheme	Description	Value	Status
	Scart Reservoir	" 2.92M	Complete
	Water Treatment Plant - DBO	" 30M	Contractor has commenced. Completion date is April 08.

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

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

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

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Castleisland SS - Church St and Limerick Rd.	Replace collapsed lengths of sewers	" 8,000	Complete
CRWSS Scart Reservoir	Decommission temp. bypass	" 15,000	Complete
CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works Muckcross to Burma Rd	2.2 Km of new 150MM watermain	" 250,000	Complete
Brosna Knock RWSS Dooneen Rsvr Castleisland	Fencing works	" 8,000	Complete
CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works from Muckcross Church through the Black Road and Loreto Road to Sheheree	2.7Km of new 160 / 200MM watermain	" 450,000	Complete
CRWSS Mains Replacement - Bushmount Raffeens Clounlara	Replace 2.2Km of the 50MM diameter PVC watermain with a 100MM PVC pipe.	" 226,000	Complete
CRWSS Dromultan Scartaglin Pumpstation	Lay 400M of 100MM pipe to eliminate old pump station	" 35,000	Complete
CRWSS Shronedarragh Barraduff	Lay 450M of 100MM watermain	" 51,000	Complete
CRWSS Dromhall Pk Killarney	Replace 340M of 100MM Cast Iron with uPVC pipe	" 64,000	Complete
CRWSS Woodlawn Rd Killarney	Replace 350M of 100MM cast iron with 110mm uPVC pipe	" 50,000	Complete
CRWSS Mill Road Killarney	Lay 660M of 80MM watermain	" 44,000	Complete
Mid Kerry Mains Replacement - Barleymount Coolroe	Replace 400M of the 200MM diameter PVC Trunk Main	" 80,000	Complete
MKRWSS Faha West	Lay 400M of 80MM watermain	" 95,000	Complete
Mid Kerry Mains Replacement - Coolbane Aglish	Replace 2060M of 200MM diameter uPVC Trunk Main	" 300,000	Complete

CRWSS Mangerton	Replace 2100m of 30mm / 50mm pipe and extend with 100MM uPVC main	" 256,000	Underway
CRWSS Ballyspillane Killarney	Replace 200M of 200MM AC with 250MM uPVC pipe	" 84,000	80M Complete
Brosna Knocknagoshel WSS . Meenleirim Pumphouse	Provide sump to improve operation of pumps	" 10,000	Approved
CRWSS Kenmare Place Killarney	Replace 100M of 150MM CI with 200MM uPVC pipe	" 100,000	Approved
Rathmore WSS Cloonts	Replace 500M of 200MM AC with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 94,000	Approved
CRWSS Allman's Tce Killarney	Replace 250m of 80mm CI with 80MM uPVC pipe	" 89,000	Approved
CRWSS Farranfore	Replace 600MM Sluice Valve	" 19,000	Approved
CRWSS Castleisland Main St	Replace 700M AC, CI and Lead pipes with 150mm uPVC main.	" 250,000	Approved
CRWSS Currans Meanus	Lay 250M of 90MM new main to replace long connections	" 25,000	Requested
CRWSS Brewsterfield Mains	Replace 4.5KM defective mains Knockanes, Headford	" 570,000	Requested
Shrone WSS . RawqWater Main	Replace water main from Lake to WTP	" 160,000	Requested
CRWSS Ballymacadam Reservoir	Provide Actuator Control Valve	" 8,000	Requested
Total APPROVED to-date		€2.578M	

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 Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government. **Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.**

The funding for **2016 - 2018** was announced on the 29th August 2016.

Takeover of Group Schemes

Since 1 January 2014, responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes has transferred to Irish Water, and KCC is no longer in a position take over Group schemes.

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

Funding has been allocated in the 2016-2018 programme for upgrade works prior to take-over by IW at the Group Water Schemes of Inch Foildaun (€510,000) and Laccabawn-Fahaduff (€100K).

It was agreed that Notices of Motion No 3 and Questions 1, 2, 5 and 7 would be moved at this stage.

NoM 3. Cathaoirleach B. Cronin: When will Irish Water lodge the planning for Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme and identify the pipe route. We were told that this would be done in December 2016.

Reply: This project, which is being designed to address the wastewater treatment needs of Kilcummin Village, involves the construction of approximately 8.5km of new foul sewers and a pumping station, to connect to the existing sewerage scheme in Killarney.

Irish Water has prepared the necessary Planning Application and is currently making arrangements for its submission to Kerry County Council's Planning Department. It is expected that the application, which will show the layout of the scheme, will be lodged in the coming weeks.

Question 1. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council and Irish Water to proceed with the Kilcummin Sewage Scheme as soon as possible.

Reply: This project, which is being designed to address the wastewater treatment needs of Kilcummin Village, involves the construction of approximately 8.5km of new foul sewers and a pumping station, to connect to the existing sewerage scheme in Killarney.

Irish Water has prepared the necessary planning application and is currently making arrangements for its submission to Kerry County Council's Planning Department. It is expected that the application, which will show the layout of the scheme, will be lodged in the coming weeks.

Question 2. Cllr. D. Grady: What is the update in relation to sewer and road from Killarney to Kilcummin Post Office.

Reply: This project, which is being designed to address the wastewater treatment needs of Kilcummin Village, involves the construction of approximately 8.5km of new foul sewers and a pumping station, to connect to the existing sewerage scheme in Killarney.

Irish Water has prepared the necessary Planning Application and is currently making arrangements for its submission to Kerry County Council's Planning Department. It is expected that the application, which will show the layout of the scheme, will be lodged in the coming weeks.

Question 5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: What is the current situation regarding extending Killarney sewer network to Kilcummin?

Reply: This project, which is being designed to address the wastewater treatment needs of Kilcummin Village, involves the construction of approximately 8.5km of new foul sewers and a pumping station, to connect to the existing sewerage scheme in Killarney.

Irish Water has prepared the necessary Planning Application and is currently making arrangements for its submission to Kerry County Council's Planning Department. It is expected that the application, which will show the layout of the scheme, will be lodged in the coming weeks

Question 7. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can we have an update on the position/route of the sewer from Kilcummin to Killarney?

Reply: This project, which is being designed to address the wastewater treatment needs of Kilcummin Village, involves the construction of approximately 8.5km of new foul sewers and a pumping station, to connect to the existing sewerage scheme in Killarney.

Irish Water has prepared the necessary Planning Application and is currently making arrangements for its submission to Kerry County Council's Planning Department. It is expected that the application, which will show the layout of the scheme, will be lodged in the coming weeks

Mr. C. Mangan addressed the Members. He stated that Irish Water published the statutory public notice which signals its intention to apply for Planning Permission for the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme in today's edition of "The Kerryman" newspaper. Irish Water intends to organise a Press Release or publish a Statement on the matter in the coming days. The Contract Documents are currently being prepared and, pending a positive outcome to the Planning process, the hope now is that the scheme may be put out to Tender before year's end. Irish Water is committed to the scheme.

Cllr. B. Cronin said it was very welcome news that the scheme has progressed to this stage. Cllr. Cronin stated that yesterday an interview with a local person had taken place on Radio Kerry on the subject of the road conditions in Kilcummin, during which all eight Elected Members from the Killarney Municipal District were castigated for doing nothing and no opportunity was afforded to any Member to counter this. Cllr. Cronin stated that he is as honest as he can be on information he has received. Some years ago, Cllr. Cronin stated he visited the then Minister Batt O'Keeffe together with Cllr. M. Gleeson and Cllr. J. Sheehan to ask for funding for Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. Funding was received and a Council Official decided to merge the Barraduff, Milltown and Kilcummin Sewerage Schemes together. Due to unforeseen circumstances (difficulties with the appointed Contractor), Barraduff and Milltown Schemes proceeded and Kilcummin was suspended. Cllr. Cronin stated that they received the funding they sought for Kilcummin and the contract documents and tendering were then a matter for officialdom of Kerry County Council. Unfortunately, the scheme did not proceed. Cllr. Cronin stated that the people in Kilcummin are angry and tormented with the section of road at Inchycullane. It was stated at the interview that the Councillors were not doing anything to help the residents. Cllr. Cronin stated that he reviewed past Minutes of the Killarney Meetings, and since 2008 to date, there have been 46 Area Meetings at which an average of 5 - 7 Notices of

Motion on Kilcummin have been moved at every single one of those meetings. Each Councillor has seen fit to repeatedly put in a Notice of Motion on Kilcummin. He stated that our integrity has been taken away without being able to comment. When integrity is taken away, it hurts. Cllr. Cronin stated that he took grave exception to any person taking his credibility without affording him the opportunity to counter it. The interviewer said the Councillors had "done nothing". When the Councillors were here in 2015 preparing their 3 year Road Programme, a deputation regarding the state of the road in Kilcummin and the effect it was having on people's cars, was received. The Management of the Council should have dealt with these three tenders separately. Following the deputation, all eight Councillors voted that €321,000 be ring-fenced for that section of road - €165,000 for Inchycullane and €155,000 around Kilcummin Village. This money is still ring-fenced on the 2017 Roads Programme. There was a suggestion that the road should be repaired prior to the Sewerage Scheme going ahead. Cllr. Cronin asked that if one is building a house does one put in a floor and then pull it up and put in the plumbing? That would be foolish. A substantial block of money has been put aside to reinstate that road and Cllr. Cronin suggested that the sensible thing to do is to 'hold' this money. Cllr. Cronin concluded by stating that the Members need to protect their integrity and creditability on the work that was done here and also of the work carried out by previous Members and stated that he wished to put this on record.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that Cllr. Cronin had spoken well on the matter. He said that he did not hear the interview. How public money is spent is of vital importance. He stated he was approached on Sunday about that road as cars are 'rattling' on it. Cllr. Gleeson said he could not justify spending €321,000 to repair a road that will be dug up in the immediate future. He asked that this badly needed work will be done with all due haste once the sewerage scheme is in place. People have endured more than their share and deserve respect as tax payers and citizens.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty congratulated the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Cronin for the sentiments expressed. The Councillors are being undermined. Cllr. Culloty said that he did not hear the interview but noted that it did not reflect well on the Councillors. When the project was initially 'pulled', that road should have been repaired then. This has gone on far too long.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that Cllr. Cronin had made all the relevant points. If there was funding it should have gone ahead. He stated that he would like to see a plan of the proposed route for the Scheme.

Mr. C. Mangan replied that the layout plan of the proposed pipeline will be contained in the documents submitted in support of the planning permission application.

Cllr. D. Grady agreed with the comments made by Cllr. Cronin. He said he has raised the concerns in relation to Kilcummin at every second

meeting and he also has a Question in relation to the matter on today's Agenda. This has been discussed constantly at the Killarney Meetings. Cllr. Grady said he was glad to see the Sewerage Scheme proceeding to this stage.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae commended the work that was undertaken to get the Sewerage Scheme to this stage. It is good news for the people of Kilcummin. In relation to the funding for the road, Cllr. Healy-Rae enquired if the funds would be carried forward, depending on when the sewerage scheme goes ahead. Cllr. Healy-Rae thanked Cllr. Cronin for standing up for the Elected Members. We should be entitled to stand up for ourselves and it should have been a balanced and non-biased interview.

Mr. P. Neary replied that the Roads Programme will come before the Members in a few weeks at which time the Councillors will be requested to decide how best to deal with the roads in Kilcummin that are on the 2017 Roads Programme.

Cllr. N. Kelleher commended Cllr. Cronin for his speech and stated he was correct in what he said. Cllr. Kelleher said that the route will be known within 2 weeks and he seconded Cllr. J.J. Culloty who stated that if there is any stretch of this road that can be repaired, i.e. that won't have a pipe laid in it, it should be done as soon as possible. Cllr. Kelleher stated that the right decision was made by not repairing the road. Cllr. Kelleher referred to the media and said that all Minutes and discussions are available on public record on Kerry County Council's website. If people took time to look at them they would see that the Councillors are constantly raising this Kilcummin matter. Cllr. Kelleher concluded by complimenting Mr. C. Mangan, Mr. C. O'Leary and Irish Water for bringing the proposed sewerage scheme to where it is now.

Cllr. B. O'Connell concurred with the sentiments expressed by the Councillors.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that we as a Local Authority are dependent on going to the Department for funding. Since Irish Water was formed, we are dependent on the staff in Water Services to apply to Irish Water. This is a huge investment in Kerry. Furthermore, €30m is also being spent in Lough Guitane and further major investment is also currently being made in pipe replacement works. It is important to recognise the work carried out by Water Services with Irish Water.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Notice of Motion 1 was moved in conjunction with discussion on the Draft Litter Management Plan.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: Notice of Motion 2 was moved in conjunction with discussion on the Draft Litter Management Plan.

3. Cllr. B. Cronin: Notice of Motion 3 was moved in conjunction with discussion on Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme above.

4. Cllr. B. Cronin: As there have been a number of breaks on the pipe from Crohane Pumps to Barleymount Reservoir at Doonkinane, does this section of pipe need replacement.

Reply: There was a break, caused by an electrical power-cut on the 9th January 2017 on this 40 year old, 2.5km long, 225mm diameter, asbestos cement, pumped rising main. There was one break on this pipe in 2016. The re-setting some years ago of the pump controls at Crohane to ensure a constant lesser flow rather than a stop-start system has significantly reduced the hitherto high frequency of breaks and improved the reliability of the supply.

Kerry County Council will apply to Irish Water for funding to replace this old pipe, also with a view to relocating it to the public road in preference to its current route, much of which is through privately owned lands.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that there were repeated breaks from Crohane pump house to Doonkinane.

Mr. C. Mangan replied that applications for pipe replacement works are made on a countywide needs basis. Water Services will apply for this funding in the short term.

5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council to write to Irish Water, requesting that they extend the public sewer line in Castleisland, to facilitate the residents in the vicinity of Tullig.

Reply: Irish Water's policy on the development of infrastructure for dealing with waste water is to give priority to existing Sewerage Schemes in towns to which ECJ Rulings apply, and on meeting the requirements of the EPA's Discharge Licenses for existing waste water schemes. Irish Water also wrote to Kerry County Council in 2016, outlining that it currently has no funding stream to provide (or extend) services to properties with private sewerage facilities, except at the expense of the property owners and/or on foot of Connection Agreements.

Kerry County Council's business to-date with Irish Water suggests that the funding of extensions of the sewer networks at locations such as Tullig, Castleisland and Aghadoe and Lissivigeen in Killarney, while desirable, is not currently among the priorities of the utility.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated this was a disappointing reply. This will have to be done some day. There is capacity there to take extra volume. This is a huge environmental issue. There is clay ground here with no percolation. It is unfortunate that there is no funding stream available. Cllr. Culloty requested that Irish Water be pursued to extend this sewer line. This would make a huge difference.

Cllr. B. O'Connell seconded the Motion and said he has been requesting this for years. Tullig is a satellite of Castleisland Town. The ground is damaging to the environment and this must be expedited.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. J. Sheahan: Question 1 was moved in conjunction with discussion on Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme above.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: Question 2 was moved in conjunction with discussion on Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme above.

3. Cllr. B. Cronin: As funding has been allocated for road improvements from the Garden Centre towards Currans, what is the position with the funding for pipe replacement.

Reply: Kerry Council applied in 2016 for funding to Irish Water for an " 25,000 extension to the existing watermain to replace a 250M, old half-inch long service connection at Meanus, Currans, but no funding has been made available for the job.

Cathaoirleach. B. Cronin asked if there was any hope of receiving the €25,000.

Cllr. Kelleher also asked Mr. Mangan for his view on the Currans Meanus proposal.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty also inquired about the Garden Centre to Currans job and complained that road is in a bad state.

Mr. C. Mangan replied that this was a long connection going to one farm and would require an extension to the main to replace that one connection. The matter of value for money is a key consideration. Irish Water has not, to-date, agreed to fund this.

Cathaoirleach. B. Cronin stated that there was a wide road there and asked would there be enough space inside the margin. The engineer agreed to re-visit the site and review the application.

4. Cllr. B. Cronin: Is it possible to have the bottle bank moved further southwards at Listry Cemetery.

Reply: The location of the bring banks in Listry was reviewed recently. Moving the five bring banks (*currently located on the paved area outside the wall of the burial ground*) further south would bring the banks closer to overhead power lines, endangering the contractors when emptying the bins. Therefore for Health & Safety reasons it is not possible to move the bring banks further south.

Cathaoirleach. B. Cronin stated that the power line has been altered and is now outside where the active burial spaces are. There is now an opportunity to move the bottle bank. Cllr. Cronin asked if it could be moved to the other side of the gate and if a timber frame could be provided to disguise it.

Mr. M. Boyce replied that he will investigate the matter and revert.

5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Question 2 was moved in conjunction with discussion on Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme above.

6. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: How many septic tank inspections have been carried out in the Killarney Municipal District, how many have failed, and for what reason, also how many households have received grants to rectify the problems encountered?

Reply: Since the introduction of the inspection programme for domestic waste water treatment systems in 2013, 52 septic tank inspections have been carried out in the Killarney Municipal District of which 27 passed and 25 failed.

The 25 failed inspections were due to:

- 8 properties required new percolation areas
- 6 properties required the septic tank to be emptied
- 5 properties were discharging untreated grey waters (waters from sinks, showers, washing machine etc) to ditches, dykes or streams
- 6 properties had clean roof or yard water accessing the septic tank.

19 of the 25 who failed have carried out the required works. The 6 outstanding are the most recently inspected and must comply with the advisory notices issued by September 2017.

2 households have received grants to rectify the problems.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty noted that only 2 households had received grants. This inspection programme needs to be reviewed to make it more accessible.

Mr. M. Boyce stated that the numbers were consistent with the rest of the country. Each household is examined on a case by case basis.

7. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Question 7 was moved in conjunction with discussion on Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme above.

Discussion on Water Services Report:

Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to the "approved" projects listed in the report and asked if there was any indication when these works would be carried out.

In relation to the approved works being carried out, Mr. C. Mangan stated that the Water Services Department usually does have a work

schedule for these projects but two staff have just retired in Kenmare and this shortage has interfered with the schedule. A pipe replacement job is underway in Mangerton and the crew will move to Cloonts Rathmore for similar work after that job. It is planned that the replacement works in Castleisland Main Street will be carried out in March/April/May.

Regarding the works under the 'Requested' status, Mr. Mangan stated that Irish Water has been in contact about Brewsterfield and the decision on this proposed job is under consideration at present. Hopefully funding will be received to replace at least some of that main. Mr. Mangan was not optimistic that Shrone would be done. The Shrone source and plant may ultimately be abandoned and the network then served by the CRWSS.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin referred to an old sluice box outside a house in Boulia, Furies which is redundant but has pipes attached to it. The house next to the box has been recently renovated and Cllr. Cronin enquired if there was any way the box could be removed.

Mr. Mangan agreed to investigate the matter.

Finally, Mr. Mangan drew the Members' attention to the annual grant subsidy which is available for Group Schemes. Group Schemes may incur costs during the year and grants towards such costs must be drawn down before June. Mr. Mangan asked the Councillors to advise relevant members of such Group Schemes to claim this money. Less than 40% of groups apply for this national grant scheme and more should avail of it.

17.02.01.04 (a) To note update report from the Housing Directorate

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Director of Housing & Corporate Services which was circulated:

Housing Report – Killarney Municipal District

1 Housing Applications

	<u>No</u>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	1429
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	5
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	2

2 Void Management

Municipal District breakdown	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	1
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	0
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	10
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	11
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	3
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	25

3 Social Housing Options

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	1	918
RAS	2	205
Leasing	0	55
HAP	3	3
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	6	1181

4 Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

Schemes/S.R. dwellings at planning/design stage in Municipal District

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Killarney	20	Three bedroomed units . two storey.	Feb. 2017	Feb. 2018

House Acquisitions since the start of the year

<u>General Location in MD</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
None closed to date in 2017			

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2017, 42 No. requests for repairs have been received for the Killarney Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2017, 2 No. grants have been allocated in the Killarney Municipal District.

7 Extensions to Local Authority dwellings

Since 1st January, 2017, none allocated to date in the Killarney Municipal District.

TURNKEY DEVELOPMENT

In July 2016 the Government published its Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness . Rebuilding Ireland. The primary goal of this Action Plan was to significantly increase housing supply including actions to increase and expedite the delivery of social housing units, boost private housing and improve the rental market.

Kerry County Council placed an advertisement in the local and national press seeking suitable projects and proposals which can assist with the delivery on these actions.

Kerry County Council received 16 submissions which are currently being assessed taking into account various factors which need to be considered when purchasing such units. It will be a number of months before a decision is made on these submissions.

Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

Total number of applicants to date is 233
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Number of Properties <u>Agreed</u> to sell, provided required documentation is in order e.g. Water charges paid up to date and Garda Vetting is complete and in order:

(94, to date, in total)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 67 x 3 Bedroomed properties• 16 x 2 Bed properties• 4 x 4 Bedroomed properties• 7 x Single Rural Cottages |
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To date we have 36 applicants (from the above 94) who have returned their documentation in relation to the payment of their water charges and the files have now progressed to the next phase that being Garda Vetting and Valuation.

- 5 applications to be checked with IOs prior to decision being made (5)
- 36 requests for further information to be submitted (36)
- 87 did not qualify for scheme (87)
- 11 Properties which Kerry County Council declined to sell for reasons of the long term management of our housing stock . (the high demand for these types of dwellings in these areas .

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME

Introduction

The Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP) was introduced late last year and is currently available in seven local authority areas under Wave 1 of the project. The Wave 1 authorities are Limerick, Waterford City and County Council, Cork, Louth, Kilkenny, South Dublin and Monaghan County Councils. Currently there are 1,690 HAP tenancies in total in the scheme. Wave 2 has also been implemented.

The Department have now initiated Wave 3-the final wave of the project and Kerry County Council is included. Following discussions with the Department of the Housing, Planning, Environment, Community and Local Government and the Department of Social Protection it commenced in Kerry County Council on 1st December 2016. This in effect means that any new rent supplement applicant who has not previously been in receipt a payment must first apply to the Council for Social Housing Support and if approved then apply for the HAP scheme.

General Information

The introduction of the scheme represents a fundamental reform to the way in which social housing support will be provided in future in that its aim is to transfer responsibility for the provision of rental assistance to those with a long term housing need from the Department of Social Protection to local authorities who are currently responsible for a range of social housing supports. It will result in a more integrated and streamlined social housing sector under the auspices of the Department of Environment and Local Government. Therefore, the transfers into HAP also forms an integral part of the Housing Strategy 2020, where in conjunction with the RAS scheme, it is proposed to meet the housing needs of up to 75,000 approved households during the period 2015 . 2020. Rent supplement will still be available from the Community Welfare Service to households with a short term need i.e.

temporarily unemployed or a household who has been in rent supplement at any time over the previous 12 months.

Benefits of the Scheme

- It supports activation and provides pathways to work in that HAP recipients can work full time and retain their payment or a portion thereof. The weekly rent will be adjusted in accordance with the Council's Differential Rent Scheme . previous to this the rent supplement payment was discontinued
- Over time it will lead to improving quality of accommodation as properties will be inspected by the Council
- It supports better regulation of the private rented sector and it creates a system of integrated housing supports as they will all now be provided through the Council

Who is Eligible to apply?

- Any household that is qualified for social housing support is eligible for HAP

How does it Work?

- The household sources their own accommodation in the private rented market
- The rent supplement limits apply
- The landlord is paid directly by the Council on a monthly basis
- The HAP recipient pays their weekly rent to the Council based on its Differential Rent Scheme through the Household Budget Scheme or by direct debit.
- The HAP recipient signs a tenancy agreement with the Landlord and their tenancy is covered under the Residential Tenancies Act, 2004 . note the Council is not the landlord
- The accommodation needs are met; however, the household may apply to the Council for a transfer to standard social housing support unit i.e. leased or council owned

Where can applications be made?

- Applications should be made as normal to Kerry County Council Housing department. Applicants may present during normal working hours as is the case for all housing supports but this will be kept under review.

Implementation Schedule

While it is the intention that over a two-year period all rent supplement applicants and recipients in the County will be transferred into HAP, this will be done on a systematic basis. The tentative schedule agreed is as follows:

1st December 2016 - All new RS applicants or those in receipt of rent supplement who have obtained employment which would result in them no longer qualifying for rent supplement

All these will be dealt with by the Council as and from 1st December 2016.

All existing RS recipients who are changing address-date to be decided on review of scheme (ongoing review will be done)

All these will be dealt with by the Council on the date agreed with the DSP (probably within 6 months). In the meantime, their payment arrangements will continue as is.

Thereafter - All remaining RS recipients

All these will be dealt with thereafter by the Council in tranches in agreement with the CWOs locally. In the meantime, their payment arrangements will continue as is.

Shared Service

Limerick City and County Council is currently providing a transactional shared service to all local authorities who are operating the scheme. Therefore, while Kerry County Council will decide on the amount of differential rent payable it will notify Limerick City and County Council, who is then responsible for payments to landlords and collection of rents from the HAP recipients.

Allocation Scheme

A person who is accommodated in HAP is deemed to have had their housing need met. However, it is acknowledged that households on the waiting list who apply for HAP may have expectations that they would receive a more permanent form of social housing support. Therefore, in conjunction with the statutory regulation which will be enacted to give effect to the scheme in Kerry, it is expected that a Ministerial direction will issue to ensure that HAP recipients can avail of a move to other forms of social housing support through a transfer list. This will necessitate a change to the existing Allocation Scheme and this will be brought back to the Council in due course.

Conclusion

The implementation of the scheme while proving challenging, presents an opportunity for a standardisation of the provision of social housing supports for local authorities and will be openly embraced by Kerry County Council to ensure that there is a seamless transfer from rent supplement to HAP.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would state if the money is available to fund the provision of CCTV cameras for Ballyspillane Estate, Killarney. The residents anxiously await the fulfilment of a commitment which they state was given by a previous Area Manager.

Reply: The Council (Killarney Municipal District Manager and Director of Corporate Services & Housing) recently met with An Garda Síochána to advance the proposed CCTV project for Killarney (Town Centre and Ballyspillane). An application has been made for funding for this project and we await a decision on that application.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that wonderful people resided in this estate and there is a great community there. Littering is a sizeable problem in the estate and it drags down the entire area. Stricter action needs to be taken on people who dump. Cllr. Gleeson requested funding to install covert cameras at the location.

2. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to invest in CCTV for Killarney Town and also for Ballyspillane Estate where there is recently an unprecedented rise in anti-social behaviour.

Reply: The Council (Killarney Municipal District Manager and Director of Corporate Services & Housing) recently met with An Garda Síochána to advance the proposed CCTV project for Killarney (Town Centre and Ballyspillane). An application has been made for funding for this project and we await a decision on that application.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he had received calls from two individuals who were being targeted by certain people in Ballyspillane. These people are afraid to name the culprits. The best way forward is to install CCTV in the estate and Killarney Town. Large groups of people frequent Killarney Town and it is important that CCTV be provided from a safety point of view. Cllr. Sheahan referred to the murder of Jill Meagher in Melbourne and said it was mainly due to the CCTV footage that the Police were able to solve the case. If it resulted in finding a child that was lost, it would serve a purpose.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded Cllr. M. Gleeson's Notice of Motion and said she had raised the matter previously. Ballyspillane Residents' Association have raised this matter regarding anti-social behaviour and the only way to address this is by providing CCTV.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded Cllr. J. Sheahan's Notice of Motion and said that he has an item on today's Agenda requesting that the residents of Ballyspillane be granted a deputation at the next available Killarney Municipal District Meeting. Good people are living in Ballyspillane but there are a few people who are taking part in anti-social behaviour. Cllr. Kelleher stated that a commitment was given by Kerry County Council in the past and people would like to have that commitment honoured. The

funding stream has not yet launched for this. This is a big issue and a real time monitor should be provided. It is important so the Gardaí can deal with this behaviour.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that he had raised a Motion at the January Council Meeting on this issue. He stated that the required resources from the Gardaí, Community Policing, manpower and CCTV were required to abolish this anti-social behaviour. It must be a priority.

Ms. A. McAllen confirmed that a submission to the Department of Justice had been made by Mr. B. Looney, Secretary of the Joint Policing Committee for both Killarney Town Centre and Ballyspillane. Following a meeting with An Garda Síochána the optimum solution for Ballyspillane is to have that CCTV rolled out in conjunction with Killarney Town Centre. The Rural Revitalisation Scheme does make reference to the provision of CCTVs in communities. Submissions have been made on the basis that Killarney is a unique destination town with 1.6m visitors annually. Ms. McAllen stated that it will be progressed and she hoped to provide a response to the Members at the next Municipal District meeting.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that the previous Chief Superintendent had applied for 6 extra Gardaí for the Killarney Division and this will be rolled out.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that in the event that only Ballyspillane gets a CCTV, he would have no hesitation in providing funding from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund towards the cost of same.

3. Cllr. D. Grady: That we write to the appropriate Minister asking why there is a delay in sending Auctioneers to value local authority housing for those who are lucky enough to be in a position to purchase their houses?

Reply: The Housing Department has been actively progressing the Tenant Purchase applications received in an effort to identify how many would eventually qualify for the scheme. There are several stages of the application process before a request for a valuation is issued. Housing are now in the process of seeking tenders for this Valuation Panel and it is hoped that this process and to have a panel of Valuers in place by mid April 2017.

The Department has recently opened a public consultation process on the operation of the Scheme. Members were advised of this by the Director of Service and Members can make individual submission or can contact the Director of Service to have their views / comments included in a central submission.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that only 10% - 20% of tenants can only purchase their homes under this Tenant Purchase Scheme and people are not happy with it. Some people applied to purchase their homes over a year ago and they have not had anyone out to value their homes. House

prices are increasing and as a result, this will increase their purchase price and this is not fair.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

Ms. K. Curtin stated that the Tenant Purchase Scheme was rolled out in June/July. The Housing Rents Assessments had to take place before this and people were advised of this in early January/February. Application forms were not received until July/August/September. There are a lot of stages to go through and it is not always the fault of the Council. All applicants must be Garda vetted and their water charges must be paid up to date. 104 applicants have qualified for the scheme and the Housing Department has only received 41 that are ready to progress to valuation stage out of that 104. A lot of people still have to send back documentation. The main delay is due to the payment of water charges. The establishment of a Valuation Panel is going to tender soon. There will also be a separate panel where people can appeal their valuation.

Cllr. Grady stated he had spoken to people who had sent in all their documentation.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin referred to Cllr. Grady's Notice of Motion wherein he asked that we write to the appropriate Minister.

Ms. Curtin replied that there was no point in forwarding a letter as the Minister is not responsible for this.

17.02.01.05 (a) To note update report from the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate

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

1. Road / Transportation

<u>National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works</u> <u>Pavement overlay and associated works</u> <u>Status of Design and Construction</u>				
Road No.	Location	Length (m)	Allocation	Comment
N72	Kilbonnane Scheme	5000	" 2,259,696	Contract Awarded, Drainage works commenced
N71	Five Mile Bridge, Muckross	1000	Awaiting	Design Stage

Regional and Local Roads
Restoration Improvement Programme
Restoration Maintenance Programme

Notification was received on 24th January, 2017 from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in relation to the Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations for 2017 and these will form part of this year's Schedule of Municipal District Works Plans.
Detailed information in relation to these will be provided to the Members at the Municipal District Works Plan meeting.

Other Road and Public Area Works

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Project	Allocation	Comment
Firies National School . Safety Measures	25,000	Design Stage
Barraduff NS . Safety Measures	30,000	Design Stage
Currow N.S. . Safety Measures	10,000	Design Stage
Gneeveguilla N.S Safety Measures	25,000	Design Stage
Kilbonnane Graveyard . Local Access Road	20,000	Due to commence in Q3

Town and Village Renewal

Project	Allocation	Status
Gneeveguilla Village Enhancement . Undergrounding	50,000	Ongoing

Ongoing Works

- Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund Works
- Local Road Maintenance (Drainage, Maintenance and Pothole Repairs)
- Footpath Repairs
- Street Cleaning

2. Capital Infrastructure –

Project	Est. Cost	Comment
Plunkett Street, Killarney	" 300,000	Works to commence in Q1

3. Other Operational Matters

Burial Grounds

Project	Est. Cost	Comment
Construction of footpaths at Holy Cross Cemetery, Kilcummin	" 5,000	Ongoing
Extension to Burial Grounds at Old Kilcummin (Doneen) Cemetery	TBA	Design Stage Complete

Charlie O'Sullivan

Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety

(b) Accessibility Update

Ms. B. Mulryan referred to a meeting with the Accessibility Group and stated that their concerns were dealt with as far as possible and the Group were updated on the Traffic Management Plan. Ms. Mulryan confirmed that two disability bays had been provided at the Cultural Centre. In relation to people parking in disability spaces on Beech Road, Ms. Mulryan confirmed that the Traffic Warden will monitor this location at busy periods.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin enquired about the Glebe Carpark.

Mr. K. O'Halloran replied that what is there is only temporary and all previous spaces will be reinstated. He stated there are two disability bays at the Cultural Centre now.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that illegal parking impedes people with disability. Cllr. Gleeson referred to the left hand side of Beech Road, exiting onto New Street. It needs to be made clear that parking is never allowed there. It makes it very dangerous for those who are disabled that are trying to turn left.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty agreed with Cllr. Gleeson's sentiments.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked when will the Municipal District Schedule of Works be published.

Mr. P. Neary replied that it would be published in the next number of weeks. The Department of Environment grants were only received a few days previous.

Cllr. Kelleher referred to the Operations Directorate Report and that a decision had been made that the road sweeper would go out to our towns and villages on a predetermined basis. He stated that the commitment is in the Municipal District Plan and it must be delivered.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the Traffic Warden needed to focus on Beech Road.

Cllr. D. Grady said he had moved a previous Notice of Motion requesting a road sweeper.

In response to Cllr. N. Kelleher's query, Mr. P. Neary referred to the Municipal Districts Work Plan and stated that the issue regarding the street cleaning in villages was resolved in the latter half of the year. He confirmed that the villages will be cleaned every Quarter.

Cllr. Kelleher asked if MD Budget is down if the €300,000 comes out of it.

Ms. McAllen replied that the Schedule of Municipal District Works is based on resources available. The Council are committed to delivering as outlined.

Cllr. Kelleher stated he was concerned if this would have a knock-on effect.

Ms. McAllen asked that the debate be deferred until the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan meeting is held.

(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. B. O'Connell: That Kerry County Council give immediate priority to the viewing area at Dooneen, Gleannsharoon, Castleisland as it is of vital importance to Kerry.

Reply: Plans are currently being finalised for the viewing area at Doneen, Gleannsharoon, Castleisland with a view to carrying out the works towards the end of February. These plans involve the upgrade and enhancement of the viewing area with hard and soft landscaping. Kerry County Council intend to carry out these works towards the end of February.

Cllr. B. O'Connell stated he had this Notice of Motion on previous Agendas and he was happy with today's reply and thanked Ms. A. McAllen. This is one of the best vistas in the country, both by day and

night. It was very short sighted to locate the storage area here, thereby blocking the views. Cllr. O'Connell asked that the works be expedited.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and stated he has had this matter on previous Agendas. This is one of the finest viewing points at the entrance to any County in Ireland and will now serve the purpose for what it was created for.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would interact with the NPWS in order to ensure that the sand and gravel mound on the approach to King's Bridge on the River Deenagh does not in any way pose a threat to the well-being of Saint Mary's Cathedral through impeding the proper functioning of gullies and subterranean aqueducts.

Reply: Kerry County Council met with the Inland Fisheries and the NPWS last November and they gave permission to clear the areas at the outlets from gullies on Port Road. However, they advised that further material cannot be removed from the eyes of the bridge as this work would be subject to environmental screening because of ecological concerns. Kerry County Council's Heritage Officer will carry out the required screening to ascertain whether further works should go ahead.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that Killarney is fortunate to have 19th Century buildings such as St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Brendan's College. The River Deenagh's course was re-routed for the Cathedral. Cllr. Gleeson stated that this Notice of Motion is not about sediment but relates to an ever-growing mound and is blocking gullies. Nothing should jeopardise the wellbeing of the Cathedral. Japanese Knotweed is expanding by the bank of the river. This is a priceless structure and it needs to be protected.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated that a problem will arise here if not dealt with soon.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would have as a proximate objective the under-grounding of the electricity cables on Park Road, Killarney as they detract from the visual aspect of this vitally important approach road to the town.

Reply: It is an objective of Kerry County Council to underground the electricity cables on Park Road. However there is no funding currently available for under-grounding works of this scale. If funding is made available for more minor footpath works, Kerry County Council will allow for the provision of the required ducting so that the under-grounding works can be carried out when funding becomes available.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the electricity cables diminish the approach to the town and asked the Council to do everything possible to achieve the under-grounding over the next year or so. It would be a great service to the entire local community and visitors.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would erect two lights on the northern side of Countess Road along by the Malton Wall as it is dangerously dark for the many people who walk and run along the footpath at that location.

Reply: The request for two additional public lights on the northern side of Countess Road along by the Malton Wall will be accessed in accordance with Kerry County Council's adopted Public Lighting Policy. Following this assessment, if the lights requested are deemed to comply with the Public Lighting Policy, they would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that this is the darkest place in Killarney Town and for a 250m stretch, the road is pitch black and requested that funding be requested to provide the two lights.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and agreed that the area was extremely dark in Winter and fully supported Cllr. Gleeson's request.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would make financial provision for the elimination of ponding on both footpaths at Lower New Street, Killarney.

Reply: Remedial works will be carried out on the footpaths at Lower New Street in the coming months.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that parking vehicles on footpaths needs to be stopped. The bricks become uneven due to the weight of the vehicles and ponding occurs and this is not acceptable.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would detail the progress made thus far towards eliminating the extremely hazardous situation for all road users at the junction of the Upper Lissivigeen/ Coolcoslough Road and the L.7047 [Ryan's Nursery Road].

Reply: Currently the original design is being re-examined for this junction, the L-7047 & L-3011 (Upper Lissivigeen/Coolcaslough Roadway). Meanwhile a survey will be carried out on the existing signing and lining with a view to upgrading same.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the L7047 was no longer in a rural setting. It is a village which is now densely populated. People are terrified because they have to stop to turn right and are facing into a steep hill. Cllr. Gleeson asked that the option of acquiring more land on the right hand side coming down be explored. He stated he was aware of one landowner who would be willing to deal with Kerry County Council in an effort to make the road straight. This road needs to be made safe.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion. People living close to that junction use an alternative road to avoid it. It is highly dangerous.

7. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would detail its schedule of works and a time frame for the development of the cycleway cum walkway from Ross Road to Muckcross Road, partly along the northern bank of the River Flesk.

Reply: The lands required for the construction of the cycleway are now in the ownership of Kerry County Council and the design stage is currently underway. A Part VIII planning process will now commence for this project and a report will be presented to the Members in due course.

Cllr. M. Gleeson thanked Kerry County Council for the progress made in relation to this project. This will be a magnificent contribution to Killarney Town and Cllr. Gleeson asked that it be up and running for the summer season.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the design stage was underway but could not commit to the project being completed by June. Ms. McAllen agreed to revert to the Councillors with a timeframe. A Part VIII will have to commence. Ms. McAllen hoped that something will be in train for the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and stated that all the Councillors shared Cllr. Gleeson's sentiments. This will be a huge asset and attraction and Cllr. Cronin looked forward to the Part VIII plan.

8. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when works are to commence on moving the pedestrian crossing on Port Road to the new location nearer the Port Road/ New Road junction.

Reply: The Design Office is currently preparing an overlay proposal for the N71 at Port Road from Ballydowney Roundabout to the Cathedral. As part of these works, the pedestrian crossing and that general location will be examined and any works required will be incorporated into this project.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that this pedestrian crossing has been the scene of bad frights for people in Killarney Parents & Friends whose premises is located next to it. It is very difficult to cross going into the National Park. Cars are parked illegally and the carers are trying to push wheelchairs across the pedestrian crossing and motorists are driving through the red light. Cllr. Sheahan asked that the crossing be moved towards the junction.

9. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council that when Port Road is to be newly resurfaced, that both jobs be carried out simultaneously.

Reply: The Design Office is currently preparing an overlay proposal for the N71 at Port Road, from Ballydowney Roundabout to the Cathedral. As part of these works, the pedestrian crossing and that general location will be examined and any works required will be incorporated into this project.

Cllr. Sheahan asked that the overlay of Port Road would be incorporated into the re-positioning of the pedestrian crossing.

10. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry Council to cut back trees and vegetation growing on the river banks of the River Flesk at Clonkeen.

Reply: The responsibility for the maintenance of rivers which are 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.

However, the Local Authority has responsibility to ensure bridge infrastructure is not damaged as a result of blockages on streams and rivers. Considerable work has been carried out in the removal of material in the vicinity of bridges in the Glenflesk area, notably at Glenflesk Church, Annabeg Bridge, Garries Bridge and Gortacoosh Bridge, following consultation with the Fisheries and Wildlife Services, and these bridges will continue to be monitored for potential blockages etc.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he has had this Motion on Agendas many times. He stated that many people have raised concerns about this in Muckcross Grove. Cllr. Sheahan said he would like to see a grant to assist people to cut the Sally bushes. This would assist in keeping the river free of blockages.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion. He said that the situation is haphazard between the Fisheries and the OPW. Clearing is allowed in one place and not in another. Cllr. Culloty referred to the bridge at Glenflesk and stated that the trees need to be cut back.

Mr. P. Neary agreed that the bridges would be cleared by the Council but the river banks were the responsibility of the riparian landowners.

11. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when works are to commence on replacing the footpaths on the Ross Road from the Muckcross junction to the Racecourse.

Reply: There is approximately 500m of this footpath on the right hand side going towards Ross Castle from Scrahan Court to the junction with the Racecourse is in need of maintenance. The cost of repairing/replacing this section of footpath would be " 45,000. 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 Municipal District Operation Fund.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he would allocate funds towards this work from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operation Fund.

12. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if there is any further plan to progress with the downhill cycle track at Glenflesk.

Reply: This project received grant funding under a previous Fáilte Ireland programme. The project related to a private development and the funding was awarded to Kerry County Council to facilitate same. The award of funding was based on the understanding that agreement could be reached between Cycling Ireland, the landowner and Kerry County Council in relation to the operation of the project. Having reviewed the procurement requirements, Kerry County Council are not in a position to proceed with the project as outlined in the grant Terms and Conditions. The Council were not satisfied that the grant could be drawn down in compliance with the detailed procurement requirements which relate both to the construction and operation of the project. A further application is required to Fáilte Ireland by the landowner under the new Capital Projects Scheme to progress this project. Kerry County Council's Tourism staff and Fáilte Ireland personnel have spoken to the landowner and will continue to keep the matter under review.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that the landowner in question has gone to great lengths to make this happen and is frustrated with the legal requirements. If the planning is allowed to expire, a new Feasibility Study will have to be prepared and this is very expensive and time consuming and the landowner does not want to go through this process again.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion and stated that people in Killarney are enquiring about this project. It is vital for Killarney and East Kerry. It needs to get back on track.

Ms. A. McAllen said this was an identified need listed in the Tourism Strategy. Difficulties were experienced in relation to the Terms & Conditions of the Fáilte Ireland grant in the format they had structured it. Council Officials together with Fáilte Ireland have met with the landowner in an effort to assist him, however, the landowner needs to re-apply to the scheme. Ms. McAllen confirmed that the Council were working with the landowner to progress the matter.

13. Cllr. D. Grady: That Kerry County Council would underground the overhead cables at Rathmore as they are very unsightly upon entering Rathmore Village.

Reply: An assessment of Rathmore Village is currently being carried out by the NRDO in regard to a Traffic Calming Scheme for the village. When complete, the Feasibility Report will be sent to TII for their consideration. We will ask the NRDO to consider the undergrounding of overhead cables as part of this assessment.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the overhead cables were very unsightly from the Cork side of the village. Cllr. Grady said he was pleased to hear this will be included in the assessment. This would result in a big improvement to Rathmore.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion. He stated that the community had recently made a decision to apply for the Town & Village Renewal Scheme this year.

14. Cllr. D. Grady: When funerals take place in Barraduff Village, that some safety measures would be implemented in an effort to protect the public as they are forced to queue on the main road and this is highly dangerous.

Reply: The Funeral Home in Barraduff village is on the N72 National Secondary Route, which is the responsibility of the TII. An assessment is currently being undertaken by the NRDO for Barraduff. The NRDO will explore possible safety measures at this location as part of their assessment.

Cllr. D. Grady stated he was glad to see this would be reviewed. At funeral times, people are standing on the main road. The TII needs to examine this with safety in mind. Safety measures need to be put in place.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion. He stated that people are queuing onto the road and are walking up the street when they come out of the Funeral Home. People are also parking on the other side of the road and it is a highly dangerous situation.

15. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to widen the Gap Cross to Tomies Cross for bicycles and pedestrians as it is currently unsafe. The Council bought land to do this work over 40 years ago.

Reply: Kerry County Council, in partnership with NPWS, Fossa Development and Killarney Chamber of Tourism and Commerce is working on the development of a looped walk around Lough Leane. The route of trail will incorporate a new greenway between The Gap Cross and Tomies Cross and will address safety issues for cyclists and pedestrians. The proposed development will see an off-road trail incorporating a new pedestrian crossing of the River Laune. Work is well advanced on the design and discussions are ongoing with the relevant landowners.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated she was glad to see there are plans for a looped walk. It should be wide enough for pedestrians and cyclists.

16. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to rectify where the road has sunken at the Park Cross urgently as this is very unsafe for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

Reply: The water leak at Park Cross was repaired recently. Further works will take place this week to remove the undulation on a temporary basis. Overlay works will be carried out at this location to rectify the situation permanently in Q2.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the response that work will be carried out at the location.

17. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to carry out works on the footpath on the North side of the Park Road as it is in an awful condition. These works are necessary as it is used frequently by residents, children, elderly people and wheelchair users.

Reply: The cost of repairing/replacing that section of footpath on North side of the Park Road would be approximately " 60,000. 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 Municipal District Operation Fund. Meanwhile essential maintenance works will be carried out as far as funds allow.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that these works were necessary and questioned the estimate of €60,000 to carry this out. Something practical should overrule anything that would look pretty.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that this road has been forgotten. It is a public road and has been left go into disrepair. Funding from some source is urgently required and Cllr. Grady asked the Engineers to review the matter again.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked that if the works were going to take place, that consideration be given to undergrounding the wires.

Ms. B. Mulryan acknowledged this request.

18. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to accept the necessity and provide the much needed toilets at the Courthouse in Killarney and to utilise part of the Courthouse to the rear of the building for the toilets which have been already identified to us and which the Court Services are in full agreement with. Furthermore, plans to replace the toilets were drawn up originally, where are these plans gone? How much did these plans cost? (ii) Public toilets need to be available in this part of town especially during the weekend to accommodate people who have left public houses and discos and are waiting for taxis and lifts home. Proper sanitation is essential for health and well being.

Reply: As stated at a number of Municipal District Meetings, the temporary toilets that were located at Fairhill were removed as they were beyond repair. The former Town Council had reached the design stage of a proposal, however, given the high number of public toilets in Killarney and the identified need for amenity areas in the town, a social interaction area was developed and built in this area.

Killarney has a number of public toilets located at the Ha Ha, New Street Car Park and High Street Car Park and at Knockreer Playground. This compares extremely favourably with other towns and is considered adequate. The toilets at the Ha-ha are located close to the Fair Hill Car Park site. Kerry County Council have provided increased signage at this location and other locations directing people to public conveniences throughout the town.

Opening hours for the public toilets in Killarney are extended until 8pm in the tourist season to cater for tourists and families.

Kerry County Council's Facilities Manager met with the Court Services in relation to provision of toilet facilities within the Courthouse. The Court Services have engaged the services of the OPW to design and construct toilet facilities on the non-secure area within the Courthouse for public use when the building is open.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae noted the reply and said that she had not received a reply to her question in relation to the cost of the plans. Plans had been drawn up which indicated there was a need for same. People are using the facilities at nearby hotels. Services are not being provided by the Council. Cllr. Healy-Rae further reiterated that the Friars stated there were not adequate facilities in the vicinity. Cllr. Healy-Rae noted the reply that opening hours for public toilets are extended until 8pm during the tourist season and stated this was not adequate. Tourists have nowhere to go and taxi drivers who provide a service to people have nowhere to go. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that if a toilet is to be provided in the Courthouse, then an agreement should be reached whereby people attending the Courthouse during the day could use the facilities and the general public could use them outside of those hours. A new public toilet should have been provided where the social interaction area was developed.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he previously had a Notice of Motion requesting that the OPW should provide toilets in the Courthouse. Cllr. Culloty stated that he did not want anything to do with spending money on another toilet in Killarney. Cllr. Culloty referred to the Friars but said the issue relates to anti-social behaviour at night when the public toilets are closed. The cost of providing new facilities would be in the region of €250,000 - €300,000. Cllr. Culloty stated that Killarney had more toilets than Dublin, Galway and Cork put together. It is costly to run them and Killarney is more than adequately serviced. Cllr. Culloty concluded by stating he had no intention of wasting public money on another public toilet for the town.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that toilets need to be put in place for users of the Courthouse when it is sitting. He stated this was the only part of the Notice of Motion that he agreed with. The previous toilets at this location were never open at the times referred to in the Motion. Every public house in Killarney Town has toilets. The special amenity area that has replaced them is used very regularly by people.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated he had no issue with the Courthouse providing a toilet. The toilets that were built were totally inappropriate from an architectural point of view and were a source of great concern. Very dangerous behaviour was taking place in them. The area that has replaced them is a delightful addition to the town and has been commended by groups such as Killarney Looking Good. A subterranean toilet had been provided in O'Connell Street in Dublin but

had to be closed as it was attracting drug addicts. There are no public toilet facilities on Dublin's Southside. Killarney Town has three facilities which serves this need very well. Cllr. Gleeson stated that no Public Authority would keep toilets open until 12am as it would attract dangerous and inappropriate behaviour. Cllr. Gleeson stated that toilet facilities are available in the Railway and Bus Station and the Outlet Centre. We would be doing ourselves a disservice and drawing trouble on ourselves if we were to keep a public toilet open late at night. Killarney is more than adequately served. The new addition of the special amenity area is well used and adds greatly to the overall aspect of town.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that this saga has been ongoing and said he fully supported and endorsed the aspect of the Motion which requests the provision of a toilet in the Courthouse during working hours but stated that under no circumstances would he support the provision of a late night toilet facility for people who have left public houses and discos. To provide this would be a serious high risk and the Council would be opening its doors to liability claims. It would require being supervised by two security men and two security women. It would attract anti-social behaviour and would be abused after 8pm. Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that it was incumbent on the Members that they do not agree with this. Killarney has three facilities which stay open until 8pm during the summer season. He stated that to come along and say we should set up a late night facility is absolute madness and he rejected the request but agreed that the Courthouse does require facilities.

Cllr. Culloty said he had a Motion on that exact situation. The Courthouse needs to provide toilet facilities on Courthouse days. Cllr. Culloty stated that Killarney Town has four toilet facilities as there is also a facility at the Playground in Knockreer.

Cllr. Healy-Rae said she was not referring to drunk people using the facility. There is a case where a bar is closed and people are waiting for lifts and also for taxi drivers who have nowhere to go. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that the room to the rear of the Courthouse is currently vacant. This could be used by the public and the Courthouse personnel.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the temporary toilets that were located near the Courthouse were unsightly and were highlighted in many Tidy Towns reports. It was the first thing people saw when coming out of the Railway Station. Anti-social behaviour was taking place there. An assessment was carried out as to whether there was a need for public toilets at this location. There are four sets of toilets that have extended opening times to service Killarney. Late night opening would be unwise on so many levels. Ms. McAllen stated that there is much support in Killarney for the public interaction area that replaced the temporary toilets. Mr. J. Purcell, Facilities Manager has worked with the Courthouse and has made enormous strides. The Court Services have engaged the services of the OPW to design and construct toilet

facilities. The Council will continue to work with the OPW to provide a toilet for Court days.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that if the OPW discovered that this facility was being considered for late night use, it could jeopardise the project.

Cllr. Healy-Rae said the toilet that is there should be made available to the public.

Cathaoirleach. Cronin stated that he accepted that a toilet should be provided at the Courthouse during opening hours but he rejected the remainder of Cllr. Healy-Rae's Motion.

Ms. McAllen stated that the Members could not decide if the Courthouse toilets are to be made available to the general public outside of Courthouse hours in isolation.

Cllr. Kelleher said that he did not want public toilets there but wanted to make toilets available to people on Courthouse days.

Cllr. Grady stated he would Second the part of Cllr. Healy-Rae's Motion if the toilet is within the Courthouse.

Cllr. Gleeson suggested that we initially accept having the toilet facilities open on Courthouse days and examine in due course having them open for the public.

Cllr. Healy-Rae said that she would amend the wording of her Motion and PROPOSED that We the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney propose that the toilet facilities in the Courthouse are open at all times.

This Proposal was not SECONDED.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin PROPOSED that We the Members of Municipal District of Killarney propose that the toilets in the Courthouse are opened only during Court hours.

This Proposal was Seconded by Cllr. N. Kelleher.

A vote on the Proposal was taken as follows:

For: Cllrs. J.J. Culloty, M. Gleeson, N. Kelleher, J. Sheahan, B. Cronin (5)

Against: Cllr. M. Healy-Rae (1)

Not Voting: Cllr. D. Grady (1)

Absent: Cllr. B. O'Connell (1)

The Cathaoirleach declared the proposal CARRIED.

Ms. J. Foley, Meetings Administrator advised the Councillors that in accordance with the Standing Orders, this Motion could not be raised again for a period of 6 months.

19. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a footpath from the shop and funeral home eastwards to the church in Scartaglin as this is a very dangerous cross.

Reply: Kerry County Council will approach the landowner involved with a proposal to provide a footpath from the shop and funeral home eastwards to the church in Scartaglin. The proposal can be progressed further pending the outcome of this meeting.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed that the Council would approach the landowner and stated that there is a wide bank there so a footpath could be put in there. People have requested that this be provided.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that the landowner had stated that he did not want the Council to take the ditch and only agreed to the ditch being dropped in height.

20. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Following my previous motion regarding the third eye of the Currow bridge, I ask Kerry County Council why hasn't this been cleared and who is responsible if Currow is flooded again which could end up in the bridge being carried away again.

Reply: Discussions have taken place with the Inland Fisheries and they have approved the clearing of the third eye of Currow Bridge after the 1st of May 2017. The work will be carried out at that time.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae requested that this be cleared as soon as possible. The area is prone to flooding.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

21. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to carry out necessary works to the bad lags to the west of Barraduff Village towards Lissivigeen.

Reply: This roadway, N72 west of Barraduff towards Lissivigeen requires extensive overlay works and has been submitted to the TII for consideration for funding for an overlay. Meanwhile an application has also been made to the TII through the TII Maintenance App for funding to carry out minor repair works at this location. We are awaiting confirmation of this funding.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that these were dangerous lags and asked when they would be repaired.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that the application for funding has been made and the Council are awaiting a decision as to whether funding is available to carry out the minor works. No date is available as yet.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Question No. 28 at this stage.

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

Reply: This roadway, N72 west of Barraduff towards Lissivigeen requires extensive overlay works and has been submitted to the TII for consideration for funding for an overlay. Meanwhile an application has also been made to the TII through the TII Maintenance App for funding to carry out minor repair works at this location. We are awaiting confirmation of this funding.

Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to Question No. 31 referred to in the Minutes of the Killarney Municipal District Meeting held on 23rd November 2016

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

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

Cllr. Kelleher stated it was very important that negative replies are not given when a commitment has previously been made, as was given in the reply above at the November Meeting.

Mr. P. Neary replied that the maintenance crews are keeping the road patched. The Council are looking to cut out sections of the road and carry out repairs to same.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that there was bog on either side of the road.

22. Cllr. D. Grady: That Kerry County Council would examine the type of tarmacadam being used on our roads. Is the proper mixture of bitumen being used. How often is it tested by our Engineers and can the results of tests be supplied.

Reply: Bituminous materials (Tarmacadam) for road surfacing are manufactured to comply with the TII specification for roadworks. Regular sampling is ongoing on all the national overlays and most of the non - nationals. Samples are tested by both the manufacturer and also by Kerry

County Council's in-house Laboratory. Results are available if requested. Skid tests are also undertaken prior to opening a new tarmac surface to traffic.

It is important to note that bituminous materials are manufactured to withstand the stresses associated with normal traffic conditions. The aggregates used in tarmac are checked so that the properties meet the requirements for different traffic categories i.e., crushing values, skid properties etc.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the road was worn where the horses travel. The road was not being worn like this 15 years ago. He stated that the bitumen or the stone must be the wrong type. It was causing a dip to appear in the middle of the roads.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty moved Question 25 at this stage.

25. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Are there any plans in place to repair the channels caused by horses on the Ross Road and Mission Road?

Reply: The Mission Road, N71, is the responsibility of the TII and this roadway has been brought to their attention as requiring resurfacing. Kerry County Council intend to ask the TII to extend the Port Road overlay contract to include Mission Road.

Repair works were carried out on 300m of the L-3905, Ross Road in Q4 of 2016. However, there is no funding currently available for further resurfacing works. This roadway can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Programme which is expected to be due for renewal in late 2017.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded Cllr. D. Grady's Notice of Motion. Cllr. Culloty referred to Ross Road and Mission Road which were in a poor condition. He stated that a metre of Ross Road should be done in concrete. He said that the bitumen was not the problem, but the stone below it was.

Ms. B Mulryan circulated copies of the following report on "Works Update Killarney Traffic Management Plan - 31st Jan 2017" to the Members as it related to Notice of Motion No's 23 and 33.

Works Update Killarney Traffic Management Plan -31st Jan 2017

Measures	Project	Update
Traffic Calming and Public Realm Enhancements	Plunkett Street Traffic Calming Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract awarding ongoing Progressing to construction
	High Street Traffic Calming Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey, redesign and Section 38.
	Regularisation of Loading Bay at Tesco, Beech Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding received from DTTAS Low Cost Safety Scheme Progressing to design/ Section38
Relief Roads	Inner Relief Road from Monsignor O'Donohue Road to New Street via Boreen na Goughan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiating with landowners Progressing Detail Design
	Link road from Gaelscoil to N22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress the Part 8 Process
Other Traffic Management Measures	Replace the Traffic Lights at Woodlawn Road and Ross Road with an Intelligent System (MOVA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quotations being sought Progress to construction
	Increase two lane approach from the Mission road into the Hahah area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey Complete Progressing to Design stage
	Signage Improvements throughout the town.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey stage
Town Car Parking Options	Additional visibility of private car parks that are accessible to the public including Penny's Car Park, Malton Car park, Scott Street Car Park and the Outlet Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing discussions with private owners Survey of sign requirements carried out Progressing to sign acquisition and erection
	Electronic Signage and SMS real time information to be available for parking availability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researching the system in order to prepare a proposal for Killarney Town
	Car Parking Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressions of interest sought Currently Assessing submissions

23. Cllr. B. Cronin: What works are being undertaken in Killarney town to alleviate traffic and parking problems following the presentation of the Traffic Management Plan.

Reply: An update on the Traffic Management Plan will be circulated at the meeting.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Notice of Motion No. 33 at this stage.

33. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What updates are there on the short/medium/long term objective of the Traffic Management Plan. What is the position with the planned works on Plunkett Street and High Street.

Reply: An update on the Traffic Management Plan will be circulated at the meeting.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin thanks Ms. Mulryan for her report and acknowledged that the Traffic Management Plan had been examined by the Members and issues were identified. The Cathaoirleach stated that a huge tourist season was ahead and steps must be taken to regularize and provide extra parking in the town. Cllr. Cronin also enquired how long would it take to complete the works on Plunkett Street.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that the intention was to start the works towards the end of this month and continue until approximately 16th April.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that, as agreed, all HGVs will now be refused access to Plunkett Street.

Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that from a safety point of view, what had gone on there was ridiculous. Cllr. Cronin also stated that one of the most important issues is the provision of electronic signage approaching the town highlighting the number of available spaces in identified carparks and enquired what was the Council's position on this.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed that the Council were putting together a proposal. A company who have provided signage in Waterford City and Kilkenny will be provide a cost estimate and a specification for the works. The project will be tendered thereafter to ascertain the true cost. Mr. Neary stated that it must be done at a reasonable cost.

Cathaoirleach Cronin enquired if the signage outside carparks would be achievable this year.

Mr. Neary replied that it would depending on the cost of the works.

Cllr. Cronin enquired about the Inner Relief Road.

Ms. B. Mulryan confirmed that she had been in discussions with Eir and Dunnes Stores about this and Eir, in principle, do not have an issue. A detailed design is being prepared for Eir and surveying of the affected property is ongoing.

In regard to resident parking permits, Mr. Neary stated that people need to meet the criteria of the Bye-Laws proving they are residents. The Bye-Laws will be reviewed in 2017 and will come before the Members for adoption.

Cllr. N. Kelleher enquired about High Street and said that a design had been prepared and asked why was it being reviewed and changed.

Mr. Neary replied that if the Inner Link Road was constructed and additional car parking provided, then there was potential to provide a superior project along High Street. The current proposal only provides for minimal foot path widening.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Question No. 31 at this stage.

31. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What expressions of interest came from the notice regarding car parks?

Reply: Two expressions of interest were received in regard to the provision of a Car Park in Killarney Town. These expressions of interest are currently being examined to ascertain their feasibility.

Cllr. Kelleher enquired about the provision of a car park.

Ms. McAllen said this was a complex matter and requires relevant expertise. Ms. McAllen confirmed she would revert with an update for the next Municipal District Meeting. Ms. McAllen said that the Council are still interested in receiving details of suitable sites.

Cllr. Kelleher asked if a commitment was made in relation to electronic signage being provided.

Mr. Neary replied that a commitment was given to provide signage outside the car parks only. If signage is to be erected outside private car parks, then permission will need to be received from the owners. Phase 2 of the project is for signage outside the town. This project will go out to tender in due course.

Cllr. M. Gleeson enquired about the inner relief road and asked if works would commence this year.

Ms. Mulryan replied that would be dependent on securing the required lands and the funding being available.

Cllr. D. Grady referred to the works due to take place on Plunkett Street and stated that he was contacted by a resident who stated that he had not been contacted by Council personnel in relation to the roadworks.

Ms. Mulryan replied that Council staff will be knocking on each door on Plunkett Street in the next week advising residents and businesses about the planned works.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the signs will make a big difference.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that parking was scarce on High Street and this needed to be reviewed.

24. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will the synchronised traffic lights be installed at Woodlawn Road and Ross Road junctions.

Reply: Kerry County Council are seeking quotations to replace the Traffic lights at Woodlawn Road and Ross Road Junctions with a Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation (MOVA) system. This system is a well established strategy for the control of traffic lights signals. It is expected that the lights will be replaced by May 2017.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that it was hugely important that traffic lights be provided at both Woodlawn and Ross Road as they were not synching with each other.

25. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the cost of erecting one public light at the exit of Dóirín Aláinn Estate on to Ballydribeen Road. This area is encountering anti-social behaviour along with graffiti sprayed on a boundary wall. Can this be painted over.

Reply: Prior to providing a cost for erecting an additional public light at the exit of Dóirín Aláinn Estate on to Ballydribeen Road, this location will be assessed to ensure that it complies with the adopted Kerry County Council Public Lighting Policy.

Following the assessment, if the lights are deemed to comply with the Public Lighting Policy, a costing will be prepared. These works would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. The graffiti will be painted over this week.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that anti-social behaviour was taking place and there were issues with graffiti. Cllr. Cronin believed his request did comply with the Lighting Policy and asked that costings on the provision of a light be forwarded to him.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated that old people are residing there and are concerned.

26. Cllr. B. Cronin: Have Kerry County Council assessed all submissions made in the public consultation regarding the proposed new cemetery at Knockeendubh. What is the time frame to proceed to construction.

Reply: It is proposed to set a date at today's meeting for consideration of the submissions received in relation to the Part VIII report.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin noted the reply.

27. Cllr. B. Cronin: Will Kerry County Council do repair work to the surface of the margin inside the yellow line on the N22 on the left travelling from Dunrine towards Lawlors Cross. This area is all potholes and dangerous for all road users.

Reply: Works will be carried out this week to repair the surface inside the yellow line on the N22 from Dunrine to Lawlors Cross.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated there were a number of houses on the right hand side. When traffic is coming from the Killarney side, motorists have to pull into these properties and traffic has to move inwards and onto the verge. There is a lot of water on the road and it is highly dangerous. Cllr. Cronin stated this was a short section of road and asked that it be rectified as soon as possible.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

28. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Due to the increase in the area that staff have to service in the Castleisland District, I call on this Council to deploy extra outdoor staff, and in particular, an extra Foreman to this area.

Reply: An additional Foreman will be deployed to the Killarney East Area shortly. Further temporary staff will be considered, depending on the budget available.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply. Cllr. Culloty stated that Castleisland was a huge area and he hoped that further temporary staff would be considered. He asked when will the Foreman be deployed.

Mr. Neary confirmed the Foreman was due to commence next week. This will be a permanent position.

29. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council remove the concrete railing at the junction of the Two Mile School road with the Barleymount road. At present, this railing is obstructing the view of motorists exiting onto the Two Mile School road.

Reply: Discussions are currently taking place with the landowner at this junction in Knockasartnett. It is expected that works will be carried out at this location during the coming weeks.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that he had enquired about this on a number of occasions. He said he would like to see how it cost £3,400 in 2002 to remove a ditch.

30. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council to consider the possibilities of extending the car park in High Street.

Reply: Kerry County Council are currently assessing High Street car park with a view to providing extra car parking spaces, further to consultation with the local residents group.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

Ms. McAllen stated that Mr. M. Ó Coileáin was dealing with the matter.

31. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council to look at parking arrangements at Ross Castle, with a view to improving parking for people with disabilities.

Reply: The car park at Ross Castle is in the charge of the NPWS. We will forward this request to the OPW.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty acknowledged the reply.

32. Cllr. N. Kelleher: To ask Kerry County Council to replace the broken bulbs in the many lights that have been reported by me in the past.

Reply: All lights reported are forwarded to the Public Lighting Section of Kerry County Council for the attention of the maintenance contractors. Some of the lights reported have already been repaired, and further repairs are ongoing.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that he has reported 25 - 30 lights that are not working. The contractors are not fixing the lights. Cllr. Kelleher stated that he has reported the broken lights several times and asked who was responsible as repairs need to be carried out.

Mr. P. Neary replied that the Council were working on the issue. Mr. Neary stated that an inventory was being carried out and will be completed shortly and a new maintenance contract could be prepared thereafter. A database will be kept to track the repairs in a more appropriate manner. Mr. Neary agreed that there were issues at present but measures are being put in place.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that Service Level Agreements were given to the Members regarding lighting. He stated that the public are told the lights will be fixed in 10 days and they are not fixed 3 months later.

Mr. Neary stated that sometimes the fault might be due to a cabling issue and not just a matter of bulb replacement. Mr. Neary stated that he was looking at providing Councillors with monthly updates.

Cllr. Kelleher asked Mr. Neary to provide an update to him on the lights that he had emailed him about.

Mr. Neary agreed to revert to Cllr. Kelleher.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion and stated that 6 months ago he had a Notice of Motion requesting that an inventory of the lighting be carried out. Cllr. Grady stated that he had seen a great improvement in the last 2 months.

33. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Notice of Motion No. 33 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 23.

34. Cllr. N. Kelleher: As there are plans to re-align the N72 at Mossie's Bend in Stagmount, I request we write to Irish Rail and ask them to upgrade the level crossing at Stagmount and look at automatic gates.

Reply: The provision of an automated level crossing is the responsibility of Irish Rail. Kerry County Council will write to Irish Rail and ask them to consider upgrading the level crossing at Stagmount to an automated gate.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted the reply and stated he hoped Irish Rail would revert with a response.

Cllr. J. Sheahan moved Question 10 at this stage.

10. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask that Kerry County Council write to the TII to install automated barriers at Stagmount Junction, Headford adjacent to the N72 in conjunction with the planned Stagmount /Mossy Turn bypass.

Reply: The roadway on which the level crossing is situated is a local roadway, the L-11170 and therefore is not the responsibility of the TII. The provision of an automated level crossing is the responsibility of Irish Rail. Kerry County Council will write to Irish Rail, subject to the approval of the Members, and ask them to consider upgrading the level crossing at Stagmount to an automated gate.

Cllr. J. Sheahan asked if a light could be provided at the level crossing in the interim while waiting for the automated barriers.

Ms. B. Mulryan agreed that when a letter issues to Irish Rail, a request for the provision of short-term lighting would be included in same.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved Question 17 at this stage.

17. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Iarnród Éireann to provide public lighting at Stagmount Railway Crossing.

Reply: Kerry County Council will write to Iarnród Éireann, with the approval of the Members, and request that they provide public lighting at Stagmount Railway Crossing.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked if the agreement of the Members had been received to issue a letter to Irish Rail.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin confirmed a letter would issue.

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

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

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked were meaningful discussions taking place with the adjacent landowner regarding extra space. Cllr. Kelleher stated there was no space for new burials and said that 6 years space, as was advised previously, is not there. Cllr. Kelleher acknowledged that Mr. D. Doyle had met with the Parish Priest but no progress has been made in this matter since. It is a very worrying situation for people in the area. Cllr. Kelleher stated that he did not get involved on the ground and left the Council deal with the issue but the matter has not been advanced. Cllr. Kelleher stated that if no agreement is reached, people will have to go to Rathmore to be buried.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved Question 14 at this stage.

14. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made with acquiring more space for the graveyard in Gneeveguilla and car parking space?

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

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the same reply was being given each time.

Mr. P. Neary gave a commitment that the landowners would be met in the next two weeks.

Cllr Kelleher stated that he would forward on the contact details.

36. 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: An assessment of the current traffic on the N72 roadway in Rathmore is underway to establish the traffic patterns, vulnerable road user patterns, accident history etc and the potential solutions required to address problems.

The findings will be identified in a Feasibility Report. When completed, this Report will be forwarded to TII for their consideration. It is anticipated that the Report will issue in April/May 2017.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Question 29 at this stage.

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

Reply: An assessment of the current traffic on the N72 within Rathmore town is currently underway to establish the traffic patterns, vulnerable road user patterns, accident history etc and the potential solutions required to address problems. The findings will be identified in a Feasibility Report. When completed the Report will be sent to TII for their consideration. It is anticipated that the Report will issue in April/May 2017.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that Rathmore is a town that has been neglected by the Local Authority when it comes to infrastructure. It is compounded by rubble on the streets in the town. Cllr. Kelleher stated that at the previous Killarney Municipal District Meeting, Ms. A. McAllen had agreed that Rathmore would be the first project that will be dealt with and now it is anticipated a report on the Feasibility Study will issue in April or May 2017.

Mr. P. Neary replied that a Feasibility Report will issue in April/May.

Cllr. Kelleher enquired if the draft drawing would be completed.

Mr. Neary confirmed he would get an update from the National Road Design Office.

Ms. McAllen stated that she had made a commitment that a dedicated resource would be assigned to this project and this has been done.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that this project needs to be advanced.

Mr. Neary confirmed it was being advanced.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that at a meeting 8 months ago, a commitment was made that draft drawings would be available by October/November and Ms. McAllen committed in November that this would be the first project assigned in 2017.

Mr. Neary replied that the first phase is to go to the TII with a Feasibility Study and then it goes on the funding list. The National Roads Design Office would then commence work in Quarter 1. Mr. Neary agreed to revert to Cllr. Kelleher in the coming days in relation to the draft drawing.

37. Cllr. N. Kelleher: The junction Lissivigeen up Coolcaslough was the scene of another accident recently. Can this junction be upgraded for safety.

Reply: The NRDO are currently carrying out an examination of the existing roadway from the Park Road Roundabout to Lissiviggeen Roundabout on the N22. The junction at Coolcaslough is part of this examination and works are underway to establish the geometric constraints, road condition, signage, accident history etc and the potential solutions required to address problems. The findings will be identified in a Feasibility Report. When completed, this Report will be forwarded to TII for their consideration. It is anticipated that the Report will be issued in March/ April 2017.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the danger is compounded by having to sit in traffic at this junction. Minor accidents occur at this junction that are not logged on the Garda Pulse system. He welcomed the reply that a Feasibility Report would be prepared. Cllr. Kelleher concluded by stating this was exceptionally important as lives were at risk at this junction.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and stated that levies from developers totalling €130,000 had been received from developers and enquired why this funding was not used to improve this junction. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that the speed limit needs to be reduced from Lissiviggeen to Pike Hill.

Cllr. M. Gleeson moved Questions 3 and 4 at this stage.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Road Design Department made progress in the matter of preparing and presenting measures to ensure greater safety for all road users accessing/exiting the L.7047 from/to the Upper Lissiviggeen/Coolcaslough Road [L3011]?

Reply: Currently the original design is being re-examined for this junction, the L-7047 & L-3011 (Upper Lissiviggeen/Coolcaslough Roadway). Meanwhile a survey will be carried out on the existing signing and lining with a view to upgrading same.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Road Design Section in conjunction with the TII produced a overall plan for the N22 from the Gillian O'Sullivan Roundabout at Lissiviggeen to The Park Road Roundabout including the junctions to Upper Lissiviggeen/Coolcaslough and of the Ballcasheen Road with the N22 and is there finance in place to undertake the vitally important work?

Reply: An examination of the existing roadway from the Park Road Roundabout to Lissiviggeen Roundabout on the N22 is underway to establish the geometric constraints, road condition, signage, accident history etc and the potential solutions required to address problems. The findings will be identified in a Feasibility Report. When completed, the Report will be sent to TII for their consideration. It is anticipated that the Report will be issued in March/April 2017.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that a tailgating accident had recently occurred at the exit from Woodlawn and Ballycasheen Road onto the N22. This

must be examined and a solution found. It is very frustrating for motorists who have to sit in their cars trying to exit the junction. There should be a left turn onto the N22 to relieve the traffic. Turning right onto the National Road is hazardous.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked if matters such as near misses and how this road compares with others in relation to accidents are taken into account when compiling the Feasibility Report. Cllr. Culloty asked if the responsibility for this lay with the TII.

Mr. P. Neary replied that the Feasibility Report takes into account accident clusters, minor and serious injuries. Speed surveys form part of the Report. Mr. Neary stated that the National Road Design Office will put a design together and will take cognisance of what the Members have said.

38. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Hollymount Bridge on the Cork/Kerry border often needs to be repaired due to it being narrow and on a bend. Can we look at upgrading safety measures there.

Reply: The existing safety measures at the Hollymount Bridge on the Cork/Kerry border will be investigated with a view to upgrading them.

39. Cllr. N. Kelleher: A number of accidents have happened at the bridge in Gleangrisken. Can upgrading safety measures be put in place.

Reply: The existing safety measures at the Gleangriskeen Bridge will be investigated with a view to upgrading them.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Motions No's 38 and 39 together.

In relation to the comment "*with a view to upgrading them*", Cllr. Kelleher asked for further explanation.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that in relation to Hollymount Bridge, a warning sign could be provided saying there is a narrow bridge ahead. In relation to Gleangrisken, warning signs stating that there is a narrow and humpback bridge ahead can be erected.

Cllr. Kelleher enquired if there was a possibility of carrying out some linking at each side of both bridges. He stated that a wall outside a person's house in Gleangrisken was knocked down.

Ms. Mulryan agreed to review this.

(d) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council progressed the acquisition of the land necessary to allow for the progressing of the Inner Relief road from Bóithrín na nGabhann to the top of High Street?

Reply: Discussions are underway with the landowners involved in Inner Relief Road from Bóithrín na nGabhann to the top of High Street.

Cllr. M. Gleeson noted the reply.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Have the TII and the Council progressed the matter of ensuring greater safety at the Shronedarragh and Upper Barraduff junctions with the N72 in Barraduff Village?

Reply: The NRDO are currently examining the existing road on the N72 in Barraduff Village to establish the geometric constraints, road condition, signage, accident history etc and the potential solutions required to address problems. The findings will be identified in a Feasibility Report. When completed, the Report will be sent to TII for their consideration. It is anticipated that the Report will issue in March/April 2017.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that every effort should be made to ensure greater visibility when coming down the N72.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Question 3 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No 37.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Question 4 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No 37.

5. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to repair the dangerous lag at Coolcorcoran Cross as soon as possible.

Reply: A water leak at Coolcorcoran Cross was repaired recently. Further works will take place this week to remove the undulation on a temporary basis. Overlay works will be carried out at this location to rectify the situation permanently in Q2.

Cllr. J. Sheahan asked when would the road be resurfaced.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that a temporary repair may have taken place the previous day. It is envisaged that overlay works will be carried out at the end of Quarter 2.

6. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to install a pedestrian crossing to Kilcummin School within the village.

Reply: Following discussions with the TII Safety Officer it was decided that the most appropriate solution for this location, the junction adjacent to the school in Kilcummin, would be a raised table top system. Kerry County

Council intend to carry out this work in conjunction with the overlay of the road in Kilcummin Village.

Cllr. J. Sheahan enquired if the provision of a pedestrian crossing would be affected by the sewer scheme.

Ms. B. Mulryan confirmed that this work would take place when the overlay in the village is carried out. This work is on the 2017 Programme.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked if a commitment could be made that it would be a raised footpath.

Ms. Mulryan confirmed it would be a raised table top system.

7. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County to install speed reader signs at Ballydowney, Killarney to slow down traffic in an attempt to prevent the re-occurrence of traffic accidents.

Reply: The Road Design Office have submitted a Feasibility Study for a Traffic Calming Scheme on the N72 at Gortroe/Ballydowney to the TII. We are currently awaiting a reply from the TII in relation to this.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he hoped these signs would be installed very soon. A neighbour's wall had recently been crashed into.

8. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to install speed ramps adjacent to 34 Gleann Rua Estate, Rathmore to control speed within the estate.

Reply: A speed survey will be carried out at this location. The provision of a speed ramp will be considered if excessive speeds are recorded. This will be subject to a Section 38 procedure.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated he hoped the ramps would go ahead as there are a number of people in the estate concerned about the speed of vehicles.

9. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when works are to commence to resurface Station Road, Rathmore and if the building of a footpath is being done at the same time.

Reply: Road resurfacing at Station Road, Rathmore is due to take place in Q3 2017. It is intended that the footpath will be done at the same time.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated he had raised this Motion in the past.

10. Cllr. J. Sheahan: Question 10 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 34.

11. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the TII to reduce the speed limit at Madam's Hill, Killarney in the interests of health and safety by moving the reduced speed limit out the Tralee Road.

Reply: The reduction of the speed limit at Madam's Hill, Killarney will be included for consideration as part of the Speed Limit Review for the County.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.

12. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: In relation to the Woodline Road at Kilbrean, currently there are signs warning people to keep out, however this isn't satisfactory because if a car went in, it is very dangerous. I ask Kerry County Council to install a protection barrier at this location in the interest of health and safety.

Reply: A safety assessment can be carried out on the Woodline Road at Kilbrean and it will be considered for submission for funding under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Measures for 2018.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae enquired if any measures could be undertaken in the interim.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that there was 500 metres of road involved. There are chevron signs there at present. The work entailed would be quite extensive and would be expensive. Ms. Mulryan agreed to include it for funding under the Low Cost Safety Improvement Measures for 2018. Ms. Mulryan agreed to provide more chevrons at the location.

13. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the TII when funding will be provided to take the bends at Gortahaneboy as these works are urgently required.

Reply: This project is currently being developed in consultation with the TII, however it has not received an allocation in 2017. The project planning is well advanced and an emerging preferred route will be chosen in Q1 2017. Subject to TII approval, a Design Report will be prepared on the preferred route following on from which the Part VIII Planning Process will be undertaken in 2017.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae enquired if any specific date was available.

Mr. P. Neary replied that the National Roads Design Office were working towards this.

14. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Question 14 was raised in conjunction with Notice of Motion 35.

15. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to (i) make a more determined effort with the NRA/TII for the link road between Lissivigeen to Muckross and (ii) to outline what progress has been made since I had a deputation in about this.

Reply: The progression of the Planning and Design of the link between Castlelough and Lissyviggeen has been raised with TII both in writing and at recent meetings. TII continue to advise that the project is not included in the Building on Recovery-Infrastructure and Capital Development 2016-2022 and that due to funding constraints they are not in a position to advance the project. The matter will continue to be raised with TII at future meetings.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the importance of this link road could not be underestimated. A deputation was recently received at a Killarney Municipal District Meeting where their issues were highlighted. All the traffic arriving from South Kerry enters Killarney from this direction. Cllr. Healy-Rae asked that the pressure be kept on the TII.

16. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a footpath from Whitebridge Manor to join the existing footpath at the bottom of the Pike Hill. Given that this is a heavily populated area, the provision of a footpath is essential in the interests of health and safety.

Reply: Land negotiations for the footpath at this location at Whitebridge Manor are now complete. The design is now being prepared for the footpath and accommodation works. A funding stream for these works is being explored.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked if there was any timeline for these works.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that there was no funding stream available for footpaths and no timeframe was available.

17. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Question 17 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 34.

18. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council when is the protection barrier on the left hand side from Farranfore to Castleisland going to be installed. These works were promised in the past.

Reply: This matter has been discussed with TII. The TII are waiting for consultants to complete a HD17 (Safety) Report for the N23 National Primary Route. Further to the completion and review of this report, the TII will decide what sections of the route requires a safety barrier.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that this was highly dangerous as the road was very open with a dropdown. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that a barrier was vital.

19. Cllr. D. Grady: When will the works on the lag at the top of Park Hill towards the new cemetery be done?

Reply: The water leak at Park Cross was repaired recently. Further works will take place this week to remove the undulation on a temporary basis.

Overlay works will be carried out at this location to rectify the situation permanently in Q2.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the reply.

20. Cllr. D. Grady: Why are delivery vehicles still carrying out deliveries within the town of Killarney after midday despite there being a Bye-Law in place stating that they have until 12 noon to make deliveries?

Reply: The Traffic Wardens will monitor the loading bays to ensure that the Bye-Laws for Killarney Town are adhered to.

Cllr. D. Grady noted that the Traffic Wardens were doing a great job. He stated that people needed to adhere to the Bye-Laws and carry out their deliveries before 12pm.

21. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will road reinstatement works begin following pipe laying from Muckross Church through the Black Road to Loretto School.

Reply: The entire width of the roadway at Black Road and North past Loretto School will be upgraded in the 2nd Quarter 2017 following the watermain replacement. It is expected to fund these works with a combination of the Irish Water's reinstatement monies and the Restoration Maintenance monies. Irish Water allows appropriate funding to reinstate the trench only, but do not include funding to restore the entire roadway.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that the road was in an awful state and asked would the upgrade definitely extend as far as Loretto School.

Ms. B. Mulryan confirmed it would extend to Loretto School.

22. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will road reinstatement work begin following pipe laying from Flynn's Forge to Aglish Cemetery and Faha School junction towards Rockfield.

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

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that sections on that roadway are in an appalling state, particularly from Aglish to Coolbane junction. Where the new pipeline was just put on the right hand side, there were 8 - 10 breaks over a 300m section.

23. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Having previously tabled a Notice of Motion on this issue, what progress has been made on improving sight distance for traffic entering Finnegan's Cross from Coollick or Killarney?

Reply: The extra approach signage will be put in place by mid February and the lining is due to be carried out when the lining crew are next in the area. We are currently meeting the adjacent landowners with a view to improving sight distances. If the landowners are agreeable to this, sources of funding will be explored.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that if a hedge is causing a problem with sight distance, there must be some way of dealing with it. It is quite dangerous.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed that if the landowner will not cut the hedge, then the Council will.

Cllr. J. Sheahan concurred with Cllr. J.J. Culloty's comments and said that motorists have to move out to the middle of the road before they can get a clear view.

24. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: What is the current situation regarding the review of Killarney Town Parking Bye-Laws?

Reply: The Killarney Town Parking Bye-Laws will be reviewed in 2017. A drawing is currently being finalised in regard to the allowed parking within the town and the Bye-Law document will be drafted thereafter. The amended Bye-Laws will be presented to the members in due course for adoption.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty noted the reply.

25. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Question 25 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 22.

26. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: When will the walls at Mill Road and Port Road be replaced?

Reply: The wall on Port Road is on the N71 National Route and is the responsibility of the TII. Prices have been received for repair work to the wall and consultation is currently taking place with the NPWS and Inland Fisheries in relation to the construction which is expected to start soon.

The wall at Mill Road is currently being constructed by the landowner.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

27. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the position with the Graveyard in Killarney?

Reply: It is proposed to set a date at today's meeting for consideration of the submissions received in relation to the Part VIII Report.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted the reply.

28. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Cllr. N. Kelleher Question No. 28 in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 21.

29. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Question 29 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 36.

30. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Ross Road and Mission Road needs resurfacing, especially where the jaunting cars use the roadway. Can this be put into the schedule?

Reply: The Mission Road, N71, is the responsibility of the TII and this roadway has been brought to their attention as requiring resurfacing. Kerry County Council intend to ask the TII to extend the Port Road overlay contract to include Mission Road.

Repair works were carried out on 300m of the L-3905, Ross Road in Q4 of 2016. However, there is no funding currently available for further resurfacing works. This roadway can be considered for inclusion in the next Multi-Annual Restoration Programme which is expected to be due for renewal in late 2017.

Cllr. N. Kelleher enquired if the Council could implement what Cllr. J.J. Culloty suggested in his earlier Question (Question 25).

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that the issue had been investigated. The Bitumen mix is designed for cars and not horses. Ms. Mulryan stated that there was a possibility that something suitable could be designed for that location and stated that she might carry out a trial run on a section of that road.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the stone underneath it was causing the problem and it should be a concrete strip.

Ms. Mulryan stated that they might source different stronger chips.

Mr. K. O'Halloran stated that trial holes tests were carried out last year. The top layer was being worn away by the tracks of the horses but the base layer was in perfect condition.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated he had a previous Notice of Motion about a pedestrian crossing there. Someone will fall there if that is not dealt with.

31. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Question 31 was dealt with in conjunction with the discussion on the Works Update (Operations Directorate)

32. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Any update on the Bin Management Committee?

Reply: We are currently working with the Gardaí, businesses and waste collectors to find a satisfactory solution to the collection and storage of bins at Church Lane and The Glebe Car Park.

Work has begun on storage in the Glebe Car Park which will help alleviate the problems. We hope to have a possible solution in place by early summer.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that Ms. A. McAllen had agreed to set up a Taskforce with a view to finding a solution to the collection and storage of bins.

Mr. K. O'Halloran stated that a Taskforce had been set up which included, Mr. M. Ó Coileáin, Mr. Noel O'Reilly, KWD, Mr. Noel O'Leary, Kerry County Council, Ms. B. Mulryan, Kerry County Council and Ms. Sinead Sheehan, Porter House Restaurant.

Mr. M. Ó Coileáin stated that the Taskforce were trying to find an adequate solution. Planning also requires that some businesses move their bins. He stated that they were trying to find some space in Glebe Carpark for some bins. Negotiations with KWD have been ongoing.

Cllr. Kelleher asked that he be kept updated on this.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that a two-weekly update can be provided on developments in the town.

Mr. O'Halloran agreed to provide these updates to the Members.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if there is a plan for the development of the Pretty Polly site. The buildings are idle and falling into a dilapidated state.

Reply: Kerry County Council has completed the Environmental Assessment Screening Report and the next stage of the Part VIII process is that of public consultation which will commence in 2017. The Part VIII is for demolition and clearance of the buildings and site. The building on site is not suitable for use without significant investment.

Cllr. J. Sheahan asked if any businesses were interested in setting up in the Pretty Polly building.

Ms. A. McAllen replied that the Council were progressing with a Part VIII to demolish the building.

Cllr. M. Gleeson moved Question 1 at this stage.

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council made progress in the matter of determining a future beneficial use for the large site at Upper Park Road, Killarney, previously known as the Sara Lee site?

Reply: Kerry County Council has completed the Environmental Assessment Screening Report and the next stage of the Part VIII process is that of public consultation which will commence in 2017. The Part VIII is for demolition and clearance of the buildings and site. The building on site is not suitable for use without significant investment.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that this premises was an eyesore. This was being used as a chipyard by the Council.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty moved Notice of Motion 7 at this stage.

7. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask does this Council intend to demolish the derelict building, formerly known as Sara Lee, and if so, what is the estimated cost in doing so.

Reply: Kerry County Council has completed the Environmental Assessment Screening Report and the next stage of the Part VIII process is that of public consultation which will commence in 2017. The Part VIII is for demolition and clearance of the buildings and site. The building on site is not suitable for use without significant investment. Further to carrying out specialist surveys, a more accurate costing will be determined.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that a €100,000 - €200,000 had been spent on this building to date and said that it would probably cost in the region of €500,000 to demolish it. Cllr. Culloty queried if the cost to demolish it would be in-built into the sale price and asked if there was an overall strategy in relation to the building.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that he previously had a Notice of Motion in relation to this premises. He stated this was an extremely valuable site but the only solution here was to demolish it. Cllr. Kelleher asked what the future plans for the site were and it needed to include a public consultation process, similar to that which took place for Áras Pádraig. Cllr. Kelleher stated that due to its periphery to the town, it could create employment similar to the Kerry Technology Park.

2. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if anything can be done to expedite the transfer of the Áras Pádraig to Council ownership. Many Killarney groups are searching for a premises.

Reply: The public consultation process has commenced and will continue until the 19th of February. Over 65 people attended a public meeting on the 26th of January and the public can also make written submissions or complete an online survey. Feedback from the public consultation process will inform the Feasibility Study which will be completed early April.

Cllr. J. Sheahan noted the reply.

3. Cllr. D. Grady: That we would request the Office of Public Works to install a defibrillator at Ross Castle.

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

Cllr. D. Grady stated that there was a need for a defibrillator and it should be located next to the shop.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and stated it was a valid proposal.

4. Cllr. D. Grady: That the correspondence received from other bodies in reply to motions which I have submitted over the last two years be brought before the Members, e.g. from Board of Directors for Killarney House be separate from Muckross House Directors.

Reply: All replies received from external Bodies arising from Notices of Motion raised at Killarney Municipal District Meetings are emailed directly to the proposer of the Motion of Motion. The replies are then circulated to all of the Municipal District Members when the Agenda for each Municipal District Meeting is issued.

On the recommendation of Members, we will in future issue the replies in hard copy to the proposer. It is also the intention to list each individual correspondence received on the Agenda for ease of reference for Members.

Cllr. D. Grady acknowledged that he received the correspondence by email and welcomed that future correspondence would be posted to him.

5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As the HSE has indicated that they will only require a small portion of the grounds of St. Financs Hospital to construct a facility which would replace Killarney Community Hospital and St Columbanus Home, I call on this Council to actively engage with the HSE, with a view to purchasing any part, or all, of the remaining portion of land which would have strategic value to this Council.

Reply: The Council continues to engage proactively with the HSE in relation to land and property in its ownership. The next meeting will take place in February 2017. Members will be provided with an update at the next Municipal District meeting.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the HSE were open to negotiations and asked that the Council make every effort to engage with them in this regard.

Cllr. M. Gleeson moved Question 2 at this stage.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council made progress with the HSE in the matter of determining productive future uses for the former Saint Financs Hospital?

Reply: The Council continues to engage proactively with the HSE in relation to land and property in its ownership. The next meeting will take place in

February 2017. Members will be provided with an update at the next Municipal District meeting.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that he had recently asked Minister Simon Coveney to ask the HSE what their intention is in relation to the land and property in their ownership.

6. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to assist the Management of Killarney National Park in any way possible, to ensure that our National Park keeps the very important UNESCO status.

Reply: Whilst the lands forming Killarney National Park are not in the ownership or control of Kerry County Council, Kerry County Council recognises the important role the designation a UNESCO Biosphere site contributes to the tourism economy of the Killarney area. Kerry County Council will assist the lead agency, NPWS in its efforts to retain the Biosphere status of Killarney National Park.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated it was vitally important that the National Park keep its UNESCO status. It would be a disaster if this was not retained.

7. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Notice of Motion No 7 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 1.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Question 1 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion 1.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Question 2 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion 5.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: This Question was moved in conjunction with the Report from the Economic and Community Development Directorate.

17.02.01.06 (c) To agree a date for the following meetings:

(a) The next Killarney Municipal District Meeting

Ms. J. Foley informed the members that she had prepared a schedule of dates for the Killarney MD Meetings for 2017 and agreed to email them to the Members. It was agreed that the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 5th April 2017 at 10.00am in Killarney Library.

(b) Special Meeting of the Killarney Municipal District Members to consider the proposed development and the Chief Executive's Report thereon in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) in respect of the proposed new Burial Ground at Knockeenduff, Killarney, Co. Kerry

It was agreed that a Special Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 14th February 2017 at 2.30pm in Killarney Library.

(c) Special Meeting of the Members of Killarney Municipal District to consider and approve allocations from the 2017 Community Support Fund

It was agreed that the Special Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 1st March 2017 at 2.30pm in Killarney Library.

17.02.01.06 (d) Approval for Reception of the following Deputations

(a) Residents of Barrack Street, Castleisland regarding traffic calming measures - Cllr. B. O'Connell

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. O'Connell, SECONDED Cllr. J.J. Culloty, it was agreed that a deputation from the residents of Barrack Street, Castleisland regarding traffic calming measures would be received.

(b) Downhill Cycle Track proposed for Glenflesk, Killarney - Cllr. J. Sheahan

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Sheahan, SECONDED Cllr. J.J. Culloty, it was agreed that a deputation in relation to a Downhill Cycle Track proposed for Glenflesk, Killarney would be received.

(c) Ballyspillane Residents' Association regarding installation of security CCTV cameras for Ballyspillane Estate in conjunction with the Local Authority and An Garda Síochána - Cllr. N. Kelleher

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. N. Kelleher, SECONDED Cllr. J.J. Culloty, it was agreed that a deputation from the Ballyspillane Residents' Association would be received.

17.02.01.06 (e) Correspondence

It was agreed to note the following correspondence had been circulated:

1.	Letter dated 4 th January 2017 from Mark Byrne, Regulatory & Administration Unit, Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the N22 at Lissivigeen
2.	Letter dated 13 th January 2017 from Anthony McCarthy, Private Secretary to Michael Ring TD regarding a request to establish a Board of Trustees for Killarney House

Any Other Business

Rugby World Cup 2023 Bid

Ms. A. McAllen informed the Members that Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Operations and Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Director Housing and Corporate Services are at present working with the GAA, Fitzgerald Stadium and the Chamber of Tourism and Commerce in relation to Ireland's bid to host the Rugby World Cup in 2023. Ms. McAllen agreed to revert to the Councillors on progress in the Municipal District Report.

Kerry County Council Annual Awards Event

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin referred to the Council's Awards Event which will take place on Friday, 3rd February in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Tralee at which there will be four awards at County Council level and one award from each of the four Municipal Districts. Fossa Rowing Club are one of the recipients for winning the Junior Men's Race in the Coastal Rowing Championships. It was agreed that this Club would be honoured at the Awards Night. Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that he had received a call from the Rowing Club that only three people were allowed to attend the ceremony, other than the 4 members of the team. Friends and supporters will not be allowed attend. Three football teams and one hurling team are to be honoured on the night and therefore, the Chambers will be at full capacity. Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that had he known this in advance, he would have brought them into the Killarney Municipal District Meeting and not the Awards Night. He stated it was highly disappointing that mothers and fathers would not be allowed attend and said that he was withdrawing his support for future Awards Nights if there is to be a restriction on numbers. Respect should be given to everyone in the Association.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that as a member of the Corporate Policy Group (CPG), it was never highlighted that this event would be held in the Council Chamber.

Ms. J. Foley, Meetings Administrator stated that it was decided to have the Awards Event in the Council Chambers because it would afford a higher status to the event. Ms. Foley stated that she had spoken with Officials from Fossa Rowing Club on the previous Thursday and had agreed to them receiving a further three invitations. Eight invites had issued to the Club which was more than afforded to any other group. Ms. Foley stated that if an invitee is not able to attend, then their invite may be passed on to Fossa Rowing Club.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that when this was discussed by the CPG, it was never envisaged that there would be a situation where people could not attend. He stated that it was never thought that the Awards Night would be held in the Chambers.

Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that the Municipal District Receptions should be separate. Each person who is involved should be able to attend.

Ms. J. Foley reminded the Members that in the latter end of the year, an Annual Awards Night would be held in each Municipal District in accordance with the Civic Reception Policy that had been approved at Full Council. She committed to reviewing the invitations available at this stage.

The meeting concluded at 3.40pm.

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Meetings Administrator

Cllr. B. Cronin
Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD