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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, KILLARNEY ON WEDNESDAY, 5 APRIL 2017

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I HALLA AN BAILE CHILL ÁIRNE AR AN CHÉADAÓIN, 5 AIBREÁN 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
Ms. B. Mulryan	A/SEE Killarney
Mr. J. Foley	Meetings Administrator
Mr. M. Ó Coileáin	Municipal District Officer
Mr. M. Lynch	SEE Planning
Mr. C. Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. G. O'Brien	A/SEO
Ms. B. Conway	AO Housing
Mr. K. O'Halloran	EE Killarney
Mr. C. O'Leary	EE Water Services
Mr. B. Mulhern	AE Killarney
Mr. S. McCarthy	Housing Liaison Officer
Ms. S. Murphy	ASO Killarney MD
Ms. M. Galvin	CO Corporate Support

The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin took the Chair.

The Cathaoirleach wished to congratulate St. Brendan's College, Killarney on their tremendous achievement on winning the Hogan Cup at the weekend. Cathaoirleach Cronin also paid tribute to the St. Brendan's College Soccer Team on winning the FAI Schools Minor Boys National Cup Final U15s for the second year in succession.

Cllr. M. Gleeson wished to pay tribute to Kerry Footballer, Mr. Colm Cooper who had announced his retirement from Inter-County Football during the

week. Cllr. Gleeson stated that Mr. Cooper had provided enjoyment to thousands of supporters over the years and wished him well in his retirement.

Cllr. D. Grady concurred with the sentiments expressed by Cllr. M. Gleeson. He said he had seen Colm Cooper playing football at 2 years of age as he lived behind his house. Cllr. Grady stated that both Mr. Cooper's mother and father, RIP, would have been very proud of his successes at both Town and County level.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty wished to be associated with congratulating the two St. Brendan's College teams on their recent successes. Cllr. Culloty also paid tribute to Colm Cooper and wished him well on his retirement. He stated that Mr. Cooper was a role model to people who wish to play football and commended the way he conducted himself on the football pitch.

Cllr. N. Kelleher also concurred with the previous speakers in congratulating St. Brendan's College, Killarney on their recent successes. Cllr. Kelleher also referred to Colm Cooper and noted he was leaving the Inter-County stage and stated that this was not an end to Mr. Cooper's footballing days as he would still play with his own Club, Dr. Croke's. Cllr. Kelleher wished Mr. Cooper the very best for the future.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae wished to be associated with the previous comments and wished Colm Cooper well in his retirement.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that Colm Cooper had given this County tremendous service and hoped that he would stay on at some level in the future. He would give great encouragement to have a man of his calibre coaching and advising young people and Cllr. Sheahan wished him well for the future. Cllr. Sheahan also congratulated the two St. Brendan's Teams on their tremendous success and noted it was great to see a flow of young talent. Cllr. Sheahan stated it was good to see the great work taking place with the young students in St. Brendan's College.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin acknowledged that requests had been received from Members to hold a Civic Reception for Croke's Senior Football Team, St. Brendan's College who won the Hogan Cup All Ireland Football Final and also the St. Brendan's College U15 Soccer Team on winning the All-Ireland College Soccer Final. It is hoped that these Civic Receptions will be held as soon as possible in the evening in an effort to facilitate everyone involved.

The Cathaoirleach congratulated Colm Cooper for his many years of entertainment and this had been recognised across the media. He was the most naturally talented player ever to have put on the Green & Gold.

Ms. J. Foley advised the Members that she had made contact with the Management of Dr. Croke's who will revert with a suitable date and time.

17.04.05.01 (a) Confirmation of the following Minutes:

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. O'Connell, SECONDED by Cllr. M. Gleeson, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 1st February 2017 be confirmed.

Mr. G. O'Brien stated that he wished to draw the Members' attention to the recently adopted minutes of the Meeting held on 1st February wherein the Members voted in favour of a taking in charge application for Cahereen Heights. Mr. O'Brien stated that there may be a potential mapping issue and a portion of the area that was proposed to be taken in charge on the map that was circulated may be in private ownership. Discussions with the parties involved are ongoing at present and Mr. O'Brien confirmed that if the portion of ground in question was in private ownership, that it would not be taken in charge by the Council.

- (b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, Seconded by Cllr. J. Sheahan, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 14th February 2017 be confirmed.
- (c) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. O'Connell, Seconded by Cllr. J.J. Culloty, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 1st March 2017 be confirmed.

17.04.05.01 (b) Reception of the following Deputations:

- (a) Residents of Barrack Street, Castleisland

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the deputation to the meeting.

Cllr. B. O'Connell introduced the speakers to the meeting.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) addressed the meeting and stated that he lives in Barrack Street and has noted that that the traffic has increased greatly over the last few years and it is moving too fast. The speaker requested the Council to install ramps in an effort to slow the traffic down. Children and the elderly find it dangerous trying to cross the road due to the speed and volumes of the cars. The speaker concluded by hoping that some measures would be provided on the street.

Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that he uses Barrack Street 15 - 20 times per day and has tried to get improvements carried out here, but nothing has been done. Cllr. O'Connell stated that traffic calming measures are required in Barrack Street. There is an elderly population there and people are in dread of their lives. A gym has opened up in the area and that has brought in a lot of extra traffic and facilities such as the playground, two supermarkets and the Funeral Home attract a lot of additional traffic. Cllr. O'Connell stated that all

the residents want is to implement measures to slow the traffic down and these people deserve that respect. Cllr. O'Connell stated that the traffic calming measures undertaken in Woodlawn were very effective and suggested that one of those options would work on Barrack Street. Cllr. O'Connell stated that a traffic survey was not needed to confirm that the traffic needed to slow down.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) addressed the Meeting and stated that as traffic comes down from Castleisland Town, there is a very quick descent and motorists start picking up pace. The speaker stated that the traffic at *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*

corner is similar to Brands Hatch Motor Circuit. Motorists try and cut the corner as quickly as possible. As the cars move along Barrack Street, they are unhindered and move down through the street and increase their speed all the time. There is a Youth Club situated at the corner of *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*

Young people come out of the Youth Club and are running straight across the road. It is very unsafe for both young and old. Cork and Killarney traffic is using Barrack Street now. The By-Pass that Kerry County Council provided is being ignored by people trying to take shortcuts and speed ramps should be put on Barrack Street to compel people to use the By-Pass.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the deputation and acknowledged that the speeding traffic would create an issue with the ageing population on Barrack Street. Cllr. Grady enquired if the majority of the residents wanted traffic calming measures installed.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) replied that they did. The speaker stated that he had carried out his own 2 - 3 minutes car survey on Monday which he handed to Cllr. B. O'Connell.

Cllr. Grady concluded by offering his assistance to the group and stated that it is common sense to put in some traffic calming measure.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* to the meeting and stated that he was well aware of the issues relating to Barrack Street and agreed 100% with their comments. Cllr. Kelleher stated that the activity on Barrack Street in the last 2 - 3 years had increased and people are not slowing down. This road is being used by people from Scartaglen and surrounding areas. Cllr. Kelleher concluded by stating he was fully supportive of the residents and agreed that measures needed to be put in place.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he went to school in Castleisland so he was very familiar with the area. He stated that Browne's Home Agri & Builders Providers were also located in the area and as a result a lot of cars and trailers would be accessing these premises. Cllr. Culloty noted that Barrack Street was quite narrow and said that the deputation's request was a

reasonable one and he was very supportive of their request. He asked the Council to install one ramp and see what the result of this would be.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the members of the deputation and stated that there were two issues with Barrack Street, namely the older residents and the young people rushing to where they needed to be. The roads were designed and built by younger people and maybe the older people should have been consulted in relation to the layout of the roads. Cllr. Gleeson stated he was fully supportive of their request and said if he could give a contribution to the works, he would. Cllr. Gleeson concluded by stating that safety is a right and people should not have to plead for it.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and stated that what they were requesting has been highlighted several times. It was a genuine and simple request and Cllr. Healy-Rae asked the Executive to consider installing measures on the street to increase the safety for the road users.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the residents to the meeting and said that their concerns were genuine. Cllr. Sheahan stated that speed was a bad habit and people are rushing all the time now. People should realise that nothing is gained by speeding. Cllr. Sheahan hoped that the deputation would be provided with speed ramps in an effort to curtail speeding which would bring back normal living to the street and requested that the Operations Department would help in whatever way they could.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed each of the residents and noted that they had outlined very accurately their concerns which they face on a daily basis and the difficulties and dangers facing the elderly residents and pedestrians on Barrack Street. The Cathaoirleach noted that there was a Funeral Home, two supermarkets, Rhino Mills, Browne's and a playground in the vicinity and the traffic associated with same are congregating and putting serious pressure on the area. Cllr. Cronin fully supported the sentiments expressed by Cllr. B. O'Connell and stated it was imperative that we request the Operations Department to take heed of what the deputation have sought. Speed ramps should be installed to slow down the traffic and make it safer. The Cathaoirleach guaranteed the deputation of his personal support regarding the provision of these safety measures.

Ms. B. Mulryan addressed the meeting and welcomed the deputation. Ms. Mulryan stated that the deputation had stated their case well, especially in relation to the vulnerable road users and agreed to meet with *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* on the ground with a view to identifying reasonable measures that can be put in place. Ms. Mulryan stated that ramps can also have a negative effect but she did agree to assess the area and select the best option. Ms. Mulryan concluded by agreeing to arrange a meeting with the deputation.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin said that no one wants to see any fatalities or injuries in the location. He noted that the deputation had outlined their issues and had made a very reasonable case. A commitment had been given by the Council to investigate same and a decision will be made shortly on the request. The Cathaoirleach stated that if some funding is needed, then he would support it.

Cllr. O'Connell thanked the Elected Members for their support on the matter.

Mr. John Lordan thanked those present for their patience and kindness.

- (b) Ballyspillane Residents Association regarding installation of CCTV cameras and issues with the Estate - Requested by Cllr. N. Kelleher

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the deputation to the meeting.

Cllr. N. Kelleher introduced (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) to the meeting.

The following document was distributed to the Members and Officials and was read by both(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*)

"Councillors, officers of Killarney Municipal District, Ladies and Gentleman thank you for giving us this opportunity to meet with you to discuss our communities needs. Our sincere thanks to Cllr. Niall Kelliher for arranging this Deputation.

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

Brief History /Profile

The first scheme of Local Authority Housing was built in Ballyspillane in the 1970s with the first resident's moving in 1979, building continued for a short time after and there are now 216 houses in the estate in Ballyspillane.

The Resident's Association has always been an important element of the community in Ballyspillane. The Ballyspillane Residents Association was initially set up in 1983 in response to the need to address the issues of the young families in the area and the expanding community.

Over the years the Residents Association have been very proactive in the development of our community, achieving a number of significant successes, the opening of the community centre in 1987 by the group, developing through the years to achieve Family Resource Centre status in 2004 and opening of the new FRC purpose built facility in 2009 .

We won the Pride of Place All Island Award in 2012, and had success at a number of 'Killarney Looking Good' award events. We also presented to the Kerry Co/ Council Quality of Life committee in Nov. 2015, at which some of today's concerns were raised.

Ballyspillane is approaching its 40th year anniversary of people living in the estate in 2019. In comparison with other similar estates we feel that the estate has never had a natural maturing cycle. Over the last number of years this has been more acutely felt and it is taking its toll on community cohesion and community spirit.

In 2015 with the support of Ballyspillane Family Resource Centre an interagency group was set up to try help to address some of the issues highlighted by the residents; this group has representatives from Tusla, Gardai, Kerry County Council and Killarney Municipal area, SKDP, KDYS Kerry Travellers and Ballyspillane Family Resource Centre.

The Resident's Association felt that a community survey would bring all of the issues together and reach out to as many residents as possible. Dr. Brendan O'Keeffe, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, was approached to carry out the survey. Ballyspillane CFRC, SKDP, KCC and KTHCDP supported the survey work. Karina Cronin Research Student compiled the survey findings. The findings are still in draft format but the findings are important, some of which are highlighted on your hand out.

The objectives of the survey were to find out the age profile of the residents, to explore the resident's perspectives of living on the estate, and determine the concerns of the residents. To establish what improvements are needed in the estate and to prioritise actions for future development.

From the survey findings the highest age category of resident's is in the 30-49 and 18-29 age categories.

In the survey it was asked what the best things were about living the estate, these were the proximity to town, having good neighbours and being close to family and friends.

The survey also asked the worst things about living in the estate. Anti-social behaviour was a stand out in this regard, with children's behaviour, litter and cars blocking roadways also issues which were presented.

Previously we made a submission to the Council for additional community safety measures and were given a commitment that as part of the Killarney Purple Flag Safer Communities Initiative CCTV cameras would be installed in the area to act as deterrents against illegal dumping and anti-social behaviour.

Today we ask and look for commitment that the CCTV cameras will be installed before Autumn 2017 to help address an issue which is so clearly highlighted in our survey findings as a matter of concern for all residents.

As we said earlier, the RA has worked over the years to get a CFRC for the area, and the survey highlights that two thirds of the survey participants avail of the services offered by the CFRC. People in general were happy living on the estate, and we call on you to play your part in your capacity to support us to keep that strong sense of community and ensure that all residents have a good quality of life.

There has been a lot of work done, but we can only do so much, the resident's association in its history has worked tirelessly for our community, Ballyspillane CFRC and the current interagency group that is in place have worked for our community but there is more to do and we request your commitment to seeing this next phase of life for Ballyspillane Community succeed.

Our priorities going forward are:

The installation of CCTV cameras, as were previously promised and the upgrade of street lighting as a matter of urgency to help counter anti social behaviour and illegal dumping.

We request that officers within Kerry County Council housing dept. when allocating houses will bear in mind the diverse social demographic profile that is already resident in the estate, and be respectful of this.

As we said in the beginning, the estate itself is approaching its 40th Anniversary; however construction began in 1979, making some infrastructure in the estate 38 years old. We request that an audit of the infrastructure of the estate which includes footpaths, roadways, public lighting and car parking be carried out and that the financial support within the council will be prioritised with regards the outcomes of said audit, as you all can appreciate infrastructural needs have significantly changed in the last 38 years across the board and we would like to see our community evolving with those changing needs.

We would request the ongoing monitoring of the control of horses and dogs, illegal dumping and burning of rubbish by council officers.

To conclude I think it is important to highlight that the estate has had its ups and downs but the sense of community is still alive and strong as is evident from the survey. We want your active support and commitment in addressing the serious issues raised here today in order to provide a positive quality of life for all community residents wherever they may be in line with KCC Local and Economic Community Plan.

Thank you for listening to us, if you have any questions."

Cllr. N. Kelleher thanked both speakers and said it was one of the best presentations he has seen. Cllr. Kelleher acknowledged the amount of work and research undertaken for the survey and congratulated the residents on acquiring the services of Dr. B. O'Keeffe to carry out the survey. Cllr. Kelleher stated that a letter was received 6 months previously regarding the concern of the residents in relation to a commitment given to Ballyspillane to provide CCTV. The Members have spoken to the Town Manager, Ms. A. McAllen about the situation. As Chairperson of the CPG, Cllr. Kelleher stated that he had also spoken with Superintendent Flor Murphy on the issue. Cllr. Kelleher stated that he drove around Ballyspillane the previous day and noted that great work had been undertaken in such a large estate. There are a few people responsible for causing anti-social behaviour but there is a lot of good with Ballyspillane. This behaviour needs to be dealt with and it is the responsibility of the Council to assist the residents in living peacefully in that estate. Cllr. Kelleher acknowledged that it was evident from the survey that community spirit is strong in the estate. The requests made by the deputation are something that has already received a commitment. An application for CCTV funding has been forwarded to the Department and we are at present awaiting a response. Systems like this are working in other estates. Cllr. Kelleher stated that the Council must work with the Residents' Association and with the Gardaí and set up a proper Community Policing Unit in Killarney and make Ballyspillane a better place to live and deal with anti-social behaviour.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the deputation and stated that he had made representations and had a Notice of Motion moved at the last meeting about

the anti-social behaviour in the estate and to work with the Gardaí to put a Community Garda back on the beat. When there was a Community Garda working in the area, the culprits for the anti-social behaviour was known and issues were dealt with quickly. More Gardaí are needed in Killarney. People are being targeted. Cllr. Sheahan stated that the residents had his support and confirmed that he would continue to lobby for additional Gardaí and CCTV which will provide proof of the culprits.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty thanked each of the deputation for attending the meeting and noted that they had prepared a very professional presentation and congratulated them on it. Cllr. Culloty noted that Dr. O'Keeffe had a great understanding and the Residents' Association had received a lot of information back from him. Winning the Pride of Place Award was a great achievement. Cllr. Culloty stated that a handful of people are causing the trouble there and he confirmed that he had spoken to Chief Superintendent Tom Myers about installing CCTV in the estate. CCTV footage needs to be utilised in the best way. Cllr. Culloty offered his support and assistance to the deputation.

Cllr. M Gleeson stated that he had lived previously in Ballyspillane and has had a lot of interaction with the residents over the years. Residents have an entitlement to grow and live in peace and harmony. Cllr. Gleeson wished to commend the Residents Association for all they have achieved over the years. He outlined that the level of dumping is unacceptable with horses grazing and dogs running wild. Cllr. Gleeson re-iterated that the residents deserve enormous credit for what they have done. Cllr. Gleeson acknowledged the work carried out by Sean McCarthy, Tenancy Management Officer. Cllr. Gleeson commended the deputation for their work and offered his assistance.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae thanked the deputation for their contribution to the estate and acknowledged that they had written to her about a year ago which she had included in a previous Notice of Motion. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae offered her assistance to the deputation.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that no week goes by that he does not have contact with the Sergeant. There are a small number of people causing havoc but things have improved over the past six months. On occasions when there are bonfires, the Council are immediately cleaning it up. Previously, the Council have impounded horses. Funding for CCTV has been applied for. Cllr. Grady acknowledged the work that the residents are doing and offered his support for the future.

Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that he was certain that Mr. S. McCarthy and the Council staff would assist the residents of Ballyspillane who are trying to better their community. Cllr. O'Connell stated that the Residents' Association have shown great leadership and it was incumbent on the Council to provide every assistance to the group.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed each of the deputation and wished to congratulate the Residents' Association on the tremendous work they have undertaken to date. The Cathaoirleach referred to their presentation which

included detailed content and research which has identified a number of key issues regarding anti-social behaviour. Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that he had put forward a Notice of Motion to Full Council asking that the Council honour its commitment to assist in the provision of CCTV to Ballyspillane and to increase Garda resources. The Cathaoirleach noted that the vast majority of residents are content. However, we need to focus our attention on the control of horses and dogs and the burning of rubbish. The Dog and Litter Wardens must address these issues and hopefully there will be clarity regarding the CCTV. The CCTV is vitally important and will be a huge deterrent. It will give opportunity to the Gardaí to bring to justice the people who are carrying out illegal activities. The Cathaoirleach concluded by stating that there was an onus on the Elected Members and Management to stand by the people of Ballyspillane and he offered his assistance to the deputation.

Ms. B. Conway addressed the meeting and referred to the comment made by the deputation:

Ms. Conway stated that she had visited Ballyspillane Estate with Ms. Sean McCarthy who is the Tenancy Management Officer with the Council and noted that it was a fine estate. Ms. Conway confirmed that Mr. McCarthy would be remaining on in his role in the Killarney area. Ms. Conway stated that there were two issues in the estate, namely the allocation of houses and new and existing residents. Mr. McCarthy will be responsible for the tenancy management of houses. Ms. Conway stated that it is not possible for the Local Authority to solve all anti-social behaviour. It requires a joint effort and she was conscious of the strength of the Residents' Association in achieving that. Ms. Conway referred to the following comment made in the presentation:

"In assessing the allocation of houses, regard must be given to the Council's Allocation Scheme. Consideration is given to the demographics of the area and the desire of people to live in their area of choice."

Ms. Conway stated that careful consideration is given to the demographics of the area and all potential applicants go through a rigorous Garda check. Ms. Conway stated that she felt that those two elements are important in settling down of any estate such as Ballyspillane.

Ms. A. McAllen welcomed the deputation to the meeting and stated that the document that they distributed gave a real sense of how organised and strong the Residents' Association is. Ms. McAllen stated that the survey was very interesting and focused on both the positive and negative issues in the estate and noted that the Family Resource Centre are referenced very highly in the survey. The survey indicates that there is an overwhelming willingness to help the Residents' Association and they have the backing of the vast majority of residents in the estate which is very positive reflection of themselves. Ms. McAllen stated that Ballyspillane is a very good example of agencies working together and noted that it was very interesting that Mr. S. McCarthy of Kerry County Council accompanied the deputation to the meeting. Ms. McAllen referred to the Operations Department and said that when they are auditing the infrastructure of the estate, that recommendation could be brought into their Work Programme for 2017. Ms. McAllen referred to the Municipal

District Officer and noted that he attended many of the Residents' Association meetings thereby highlighting any issues to the Council. Ms. McAllen confirmed that she would relay the deputations' issues to the Senior Management Team to make sure they are prioritised. Ms. McAllen referred to the CCTV and stated that she, the Director of Housing and the Gardaí had met on the provision of CCTV. The development of CCTV will be most effective if done in conjunction with the Council and the Gardaí. Following consultation with the Gardaí it was deemed that the most effective way to proceed with the CCTV was to combine the application with the development of the CCTV for the Town Centre. Both Agencies have proposed that both would be applied for at the same time and have confirmed that it will not delay the application but will effectively make it a stronger case for a town such as Killarney. There has been a recent announcement regarding funding for community CCTV and Ms. McAllen expected an announcement on Killarney's application would be imminent and would be hopeful that some element of funding would be received. Having CCTV in Killarney would further strengthen the image of Killarney as a safe place for tourists to visit. The provision of CCTV has been raised at the Joint Policing Committee meetings and therefore has full support of everyone. Killarney will be one of the first places in the country to apply for such funding.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that if a joint application was to be made for both Ballyspillane and the Town Centre, it will delay the process. Cllr. Grady stated that the provision of CCTV for the town has been ongoing for 20 years and the Council should now concentrate solely on Ballyspillane.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated he was glad to hear a commitment regarding the provision of the CCTV and hoped that the application for same would be successful.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that what is important is that there will be continuity from today's meeting. Cllr. Gleeson formally Proposed that there will be quarterly briefings with the Residents' Association regarding what is presented here today so no void exists.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Proposal.

Ms. McAllen stated that the reason Ballyspillane is being rolled out with the town application is to make it more effective. Ms. McAllen acknowledged Cllr. Gleeson's Proposal and confirmed that quarterly updates would take place.

Cllr. Kelleher asked that Mr. M. Ó Coileáin's replacement would meet with the Residents' Association as soon as possible.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) stated that they would like to meet with the Members in 6 months time to review the progress that will be made for their community. There will be a launch of the survey findings for all the community and *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* extended an invitation to all Councillors and Council Officers to attend same.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) stated that if a problem is ignored, it does not go away; it only gets worse. *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* stated that they are working for every member of their community and looking for the necessary resources.

17.04.05.02 (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

5th April 2017

A/Director of Service: Michael Scannell

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

Promotion and general activity

March 2017 is designated as Enterprise Month which sees a strong focus on enterprise development throughout the County by the Local Enterprise Office and other State Agencies. The activities were supported by extensive online promotion and print promotion. This has led to an increase in requests for financial and other supports from businesses within the Killarney MD.

Training Events held in Killarney MD

- A **Start Your Own Business** Course commenced in Killarney on the 17th January. The course ran over 8 weeks and 18 people participated.
- A **Retail Development Programme** is currently running in Killarney. There are a total of 8 businesses taking part from all over Kerry. The programme consists of four full day workshops, one to one mentoring and in-store audits.
- A **Business Growth Programme** commenced in Killarney on the 2nd February. The programme runs over 8 weeks and the programme is fully booked with 11 participants.

Other Events

The Furies Food Hub which features 4 dedicated food production units was officially launched on the 27th March. The centre received financial support from KCC and the former County Enterprise Board.

Upcoming Events

Killarney Expo Event

This will take place 9th April at the INEC, Killarney. The event is to showcase business and job opportunities in Kerry. Over 100 businesses have expressed an interest at exhibiting at the event.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development Officer has been liaising with the various agencies. She has met clients and referred them to the appropriate support structures. She is actively promoting Kerry as a place to do business.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Travel Blog Exchange – TBEX 2017

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 Failte 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. A steering group has been established and is progressing the final programme, in conjunction with Killarney Municipal District and Operations staff.

Accessible Tourism

The Tourism Unit is working closely with Failte Ireland and the private sector in Killarney to progress an accessibility project for the area. Activities and facilities that are inclusive and accessible by all, can be promoted amongst our business providers and state agencies as a key component of the Kerry offering. Opportunities to promote, develop and support improved accessibility for the both the local community and visitors, are being investigated.

COMMUNITY

Purple Flag Award

The process to renew Purple Flag Award has begun again with the deadline for application in June 2017. The committee have met in March to deal with issues arising

Cultural Centre

A successful application for funding to renovate the Cultural Centre in Killarney as a flexible performance space was made to the Department of Arts in October. The Dept have recently confirmed they will provide 50% of the costs involved and Kerry County Council have committed to matching the fund . total funding available " 240,640. We are currently looking to set up a project team and we await the conditions of the contract from Dept of Arts

Áras Phádraig

A public consultation on the future use of the former Theatre was undertaken towards the end of 2016 and we are currently finalising the report for publication.

Tidy Town Group

Liaising with the Killarney Looking Good Group is part of the on-going work of the Municipal District Officer. The group meets on a fortnightly basis to progress the work involved

Community Support Fund

Managing and co-ordinating the Community Support Fund in the Killarney Municipal District. The initial phase of funding is about to be distributed and the co-ordination of the projects and remaining funds will be ongoing.

Muckross House Trustees

Micheál Ó Coileáin attend monthly meetings of the Muckross House Trustees on behalf of Kerry County Council. Aspects of this work overlaps with the Municipal District duties.

Killarney Municipal Twinning Group

We organise regular meetings with the Killarney Municipal Twinning groups on the many links (Town Twinning and Sister Cities) they have in the US and in Europe. In 2016 we focused on setting up cultural links with the Town of Kendal in the English Lake district and the Mountain Film Festival they run there annually in November. We are working towards having a week-end film festival of a similar nature in Killarney in Sept 2015. We are liaising with the Kerry Film Festival to this end.

Access Group

We liaise on a quarterly basis with the Killarney Access Group to ensure that issues related to easy access to all facilities are provided in Killarney to all ages and abilities.

We keep in regular contact with the group to update them of any works in progress in the town which impact on access to footpaths, parking etc.

Laneways

In 2016 work began on the writing and design of appropriate signage for the laneways in Killarney . providing the correct name and a brief history of the area on metal plaques. The work is almost complete on presenting information for 8 laneways and deciding how best to present the information on each laneway.

Waste Bins in Laneways

We continue to work with the businesses, Tidy Town group and the Waste Collectors to find a solution to the problem of bin storage and bin collection points in Church Lane and the Glebe car park. This work is on-going, but some progress has been made.

PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Work is continuing on the preparation of the Killarney MD.

The Killarney MD survey was open from the 6th of February to the 3rd of March. In total 217 people filled out the survey, of these 159 were in relation to Killarney.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would give an update on the implementation of the works necessary to allow Mountain View, Kilcummin to be completed in compliance with all of the conditions of Planning.

Reply: It is planned to construct a waste water pumping station and rising main to connect this development to the proposed public sewerage scheme for Kilcummin. Work will commence on site at Mountain View when the current planning process for Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme has been completed and when the schedule for the construction of the proposed public scheme becomes more clear. When these works are completed, any

remaining bond monies will be spent by the Operations Department to address any outstanding issues in the estate.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that Mountain View Estate has been waiting a long time to realise its full potential and stated that this is his 16th time having a Notice of Motion on the Agenda in relation to this matter. Cllr. Gleeson asked that Kerry County Council would move as soon as possible to ensure all conditions of planning would be implemented. It is vital that the sewer is progressed. The people of Mountain View have been very patient and we owe them a commitment.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and agreed that this had been a long running saga and needs to be concluded. The Cathaoirleach hoped that there would be positive news for Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme.

Mr G O'Brien stated that before the Council proceeded to spend the Bond they wanted to be sure that the works proposed aligned with the Sewerage Scheme Proposals. Works would proceed following the granting of planning permission and when the schedule for the construction of the proposed scheme becomes more clear.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: What progress has been made on possible sites for a playground in Furies.

Reply: Discussions are ongoing with the community in relation to the availability of a suitability site. We are currently looking at a number of options and there are a number of avenues being examined at present.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that this is a long running saga. Mr. M. Ó Coileáin has met with different groups and has been in negotiations regarding another potential site. There is specific criteria in place that must be adhered to regarding siting of a playground.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved Question 3 at this stage.

Q3. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made with providing a playground in Furies.

Reply: Discussions are ongoing with the community in relation to the availability of a suitability site. We are currently looking at a number of options and there are a number of avenues being examined at present.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked that the options be reviewed carefully as this has been going on a long time.

Mr. M. Ó Coileáin stated that he had visited the village with Mr. V. Foley. There are a number of sites that are not suitable for one reason or another. Mr. Ó Coileáin confirmed that they were examining a number of options.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that another meeting is to take place so this will be discussed further.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That we, the Members of Killarney Municipal District, discuss best practice when dealing with Part 8 Planning.

Reply: The statutory procedures to be adhered to in relation to development by a Local Authority, or on behalf of or in partnership with a Local Authority (where an EIA or AA are not required), are set out in Section 179 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 . 2016 and Articles 79 . 85 of the Planning Development Regulations 2001 . 2015.

This legislation outlines the development types that require consent, the procedures to be adhered to, public notifications required, procedures for the receipt of submissions and observations, notifiable bodies, timelines and the prescribed content of the Chief Executive's report to the elected members for consideration.

A Briefing will be arranged for Members, if required, in relation to this matter.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty referred to the reply and agreed that a briefing would be beneficial to the Members. Cllr. Culloty referred to the recent Part VIII report considered by the Killarney Municipal District Members in relation to the proposed Knockeenduff Burial Ground. Cllr. Culloty stated that he felt insulted that someone was distributing information while the meeting was in progress. Cllr. Culloty asked why this documentation was not circulated to everyone in advance of the meeting, thereby affording everyone the opportunity to read and see what was put before the Members. He stated that the documentation that was circulated was mostly inaccurate. Cllr. Culloty stated that he did not want to see anyone going up to Engineers and asking them to look at the documents and other Members not having seen the said documents. Cllr. Culloty stated that when a future Part VIII is to be discussed, the Executive should ensure that a Consultant who has been employed on the project should be present on the day to deal with any queries and an Engineer from the Council should also be present to answer queries as they arise. Cllr. Culloty stated that Part Vllls are extremely important and that the decision that he, as an Elected Member, makes will be for the right reasons. He stated that it was not wise for a politician to be critical of the media but he has been a great believer that with free press, there come responsibilities and some of what was said needs to be clarified as follows:

- **The proposed graveyard at Knockeenduff is on a remote country road bounded by lines of trees that obscure the view - this statement is untrue**
- **It is a fact that Knockeenduff is 1/3 km closer to Killarney than Aghadoe Graveyard**
- **Knockeenduff is in the Parish of Killarney whereas Aghadoe is in Fossa Parish**
- **It is a fact that there are no environmental issues with the site in Knockeenduff**

- If planning permission were sought for a burial ground in Aghadoe today, it would be refused
- The drain referred to in the documentation did not, in fact, carry any water as was alluded to

Cllr. Culloty stated that the location of the graveyard in Knockeenduff was the only place suitable in the Killarney area. Cllr. Culloty stated it was important to point out the true facts. It is important that when a Part VIII is before the Members, it is vitally important that accurate information is provided. The provision of a new graveyard in Killarney has been ongoing for 20 years. The Council have found an ideal site and the process should be left go through. Cllr. Culloty asked that the Members receive a briefing on the Part VIII process.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that it was acknowledged by Mr. P. Neary who walked the land, that a drain is present where he had said there was.

Cllr. Culloty stated that the drain did not carry water.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that a vote and a decision on the Manager's Report for the Part VIII had taken place. The vote was 5 in favour and 3 against. Planning has been granted. The Cathaoirleach stated that he was not going to spend the day debating the matter. He stated that he did not receive a copy of what was distributed at the meeting and this was not a responsible way of doing business. If documents are to be debated, then all Councillors should have view of them, and not just a select few. The matter is now in the hands of Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Operations to move it to the next stage.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that he respected the decision made but every document that he printed had been published on the internet and he stated that he did his duty as an Elected Member as he found the documents referred to. Cllr. Kelleher stated that he would not take criticism on the matter as he carried out his role and duty.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that a briefing on the Part VIII process would be organised for the Members with Corporate Services.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that if we was not allowed to discuss the matter, then he would leave the meeting. Cllr. Grady said that it was wrong to hear a decision has been made and that the Cathaoirleach allowed Cllr. J.J. Culloty to continue. Cllr. Grady stated that as a result of what had just occurred, that his mind was made up and he was clear on what he had to do next.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that Cllr. D. Grady had a right to make his point heard as Cllr. J.J. Culloty was allowed to speak on the matter.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin adjourned the meeting for 10 minutes at 11.45am.

The meeting resumed at 11.55am.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the position with the turning on of the lights in Greenfields Estate and what is the update on the taking in charge application?

Reply: The Contractor on site has given a commitment to resolve the lighting issue as a matter of urgency. We have been informed that they have contacted the ESB in this regard and we are in regular contact with the Bondsman's agent in connection with the matter also. We expect the matter to be resolved shortly. Once the minor outstanding works, including works to the public lighting, have been carried out to our satisfaction, we will commence the statutory taking in charge process.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated he was aware that substantial headway had been made and said he was grateful to the Enforcement Section, the Housing Estates Unit, the Engineers and the Bondsman on bringing the taking in charge application to where it is currently at and asked that the taking in charge application be advanced as quickly as possible.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the position with the taking in charge of Hill View Estate, Woodlawn Road, Killarney. Are there any issues outstanding?

Reply: Having received a taking in charge application for this estate, the necessary assessment of works required to bring it up to taking in charge standards has been completed. As this is a historic estate, with no bond available, a comprehensive site resolution plan is now required to be prepared with detailed costings for all outstanding works to be included prior to forwarding to Irish Water for approval in accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that at a very early stage approximately 2.5 years ago, he had put down a Notice of Motion about this. An estimate was available which was quite small.

Mr. G. O'Brien stated that the completion of a Site Resolution Plan was a new requirement following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water. He confirmed that he would contact Cllr. Cronin regarding the costs of the outstanding works.

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

17.04.05.03 (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: April 5th 2017

Director of Service: John Breen

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Ger O'Brien SEO

2017 Anti-Dumping Initiative

We have been notified by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment of the 2017 Anti-Dumping initiative. The aim of the initiative is to work in partnership with local community organisations in identifying high risk or problem areas, developing appropriate enforcement resources and carrying out clean up operations.

The Department is making available an initial allocation of " 650,000 from the Environment Fund to support this initiative which will be delivered through the

Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs). Funding will be allocated to support projects where community groups and other state agencies work in partnership to clean up and prevent illegal dumping and where appropriate enforcement actions are being taken by local authorities. Kerry County Council has submitted proposals for funding under this initiative.

Publication of draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021

Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government has recently, published the draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021. The draft plan will now be subject to six months public consultation as required by the Water Framework Directive.

This second cycle River Basin Management Plan takes a very different approach to river basin management planning to that adopted during the first cycle plans. A single river basin district approach has now been taken with a much improved evidence base to underpin decision making. Implementation structures have been strengthened to ensure more effective and coordinated delivery of measures, and the approach to public consultation and engagement has been improved. Work will continue throughout 2017 in completing the characterisation of our River Basin District and on further developing the proposed measures outlined in the draft plan, informed by the views of respondees to the consultation process. It is intended to publish the final River Basin Management Plan by December 2017 following approval by the Minister.

A copy of the draft Plan approved for publication by the Minister, together with the associated Environmental Report and Natura Impact Statement can be obtained at the following link: <http://www.housing.gov.ie/water/water-quality/river-basin-management-plans/public-consultation-draft-river-basin-management>

The Department is currently finalising the details of its strategy for public consultation and community engagement over the next 6 months but certain key components of that strategy can already be communicated, including:

- LAWCO (the Local Authorities Water and Communities Office) will have a key role in facilitating local engagement with the RBMP
- The National Water Forum, referred to in the draft Plan, is likely to be established on an administrative basis before the Summer; this will allow it to actively engage on the draft Plan
- A national stakeholders workshop is likely to be held in May to facilitate broad understanding of the draft Plan and to ensure that the engagement process is robust

The Department is now seeking the views and comments of all those interested in the draft River Basin Management Plan.

Review of Ireland's Nitrates Action Programme – Public Consultation

The Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Mr Simon Coveney, T.D. has announced the opening of public consultation in relation to the review of Ireland's Nitrates Action Programme.

Ireland's Nitrates Action Programme is given effect by European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 31 of 2014). The regulations contain specific measures to protect surface waters and groundwater from nutrient pollution arising from agricultural sources. In accordance with the Nitrates Directive these regulations are due to be reviewed this year.

The review is a key step in the preparation of regulations that will underpin Ireland's fourth Nitrates Action Programme which will remain in place until 2021.

The closing date for receipt of responses is 28 April 2017. This consultation is run jointly by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG) and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). Full details are available on the Department's website at <http://www.housing.gov.ie/water/water-quality/nitrates/public-consultation-irelands-nitrates-action-programme>

Further Scope of accreditation for Kerry County Council laboratory

Our in house Kerry County Council laboratory has recently received confirmation from the Irish National Accreditation Board that following a successful application process our scope of accreditation has been extended to cover testing for Clostridium Perfringens, Sodium, Zinc and ecoli for bathing waters.

This is a further endorsement and professional recognition of the work and the processes in our laboratory and a testament to the dedicated work of our staff.

This further accreditation will also allow us to carry out more testing of samples in house rather than having to rely on external private laboratories for these tests as heretofore.

County Clean Up Day

The County Clean Up day, which is facilitated by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council, will take place on the 8th of April next.

This will be the sixth year of collaboration on the County clean Up Day between KWD and Kerry County Council.

Fire/Building Regulation

Business Unit Manager: *Michael Hession CFO*

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers carried out Inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and forwarded Fire Officers recommendations to the relevant Courts during February 2017.
- Fire Officers continued with premises inspections in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of February 2017 was 71 which is a 22% increase on the figure of 58 for the same period last year.
- Up to the end of February 2017 a total of 18 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 27 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents increases of:
 - 28.57% in Disability Access Certificate applications and
 - 12.5% in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2016.

Building Control	Jan/Feb 2016	Jan/Feb 2017
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	24	27
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	14	18
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices Received	58	71

Fire Brigade Operations:

Operational Statistics	Jan/Feb 2016	Jan/Feb 2017
Fires Number	76	79
Special Services Number	48	34
False Alarms Number	30	13
Total Number of Incidents	154	126
Total Number of Mobilisations	176	142

Fire Safety and Prevention:

Fire Officers continued with inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.

Library Services

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

Library service:

“ Kerry Library will be supporting the national **Spring into Story-Time** initiative during the month of April.

While many libraries already run regular story-time sessions, this initiative aims to run at least one story-time session in every library throughout the country during the month of April. Events will be advertised locally at each of the 9 Kerry libraries and details will also be available on the Kerry Library website www.kerrylibrary.ie

As part of the national Right to Read strategy, parents and children from toddlers to five year olds are invited to come and engage in the experience of sharing stories and laying the foundations for children to read. Children can now borrow up to 12 books, free of charge, at any given time from all public libraries.

Spring into Story-Time sessions at Castleisland & Killarney Libraries are:

Castleisland Library	Thursday, 20 April, 3.00p.m.	After school story time session
Killarney Library	Saturday, 1 April, 10.30a.m.	Story time for toddlers and pre-schoolers accompanied by parents / childminders

KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí

Achoimre Stádais ar an 22^ú Máirt 2017

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme

Status Summary at 22nd March 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 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			
Central Regional Water Supply Scheme			
	Description	Value	Status
	Water Treatment Plant - DBO	" 30M	Contractor has commenced. Completion date is April 18.

<u>CIP WASTEWATER PROJECT, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</u>	
Project	Status
Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme	The Scheme, to connect the village to the existing waste water scheme in Killarney, is included in Irish Water's national CIP 2014-2016 . The water utility applied for Planning Permission in early February 2017.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

The Irish Water **Minor Capital Works Programme** is a rolling List 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 1600m of 30mm / 50mm pipe and extend with 100MM uPVC main	" 256,000	Complete
CRWSS Ballyspillane Killarney	Replace 200M of 200MM AC with 250MM uPVC pipe	" 84,000	80M Complete
Brosna Knocknagoshel WSS . Meenleirim Pumphouse	Provide sump to improve operation of pumps	" 10,000	Approved
CRWSS Kenmare Place Killarney	Replace 100M of 150MM CI with 200MM uPVC pipe	" 100,000	Approved
Rathmore WSS Cloonts	Replace 500M of 200MM AC with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 94,000	Approved

CRWSS Allman's Tce Killarney	Replace 250m of 80mm CI with 80MM uPVC pipe	" 89,000	Approved
CRWSS 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 Brewsterfield Mains	PRV and Controller at Doocarrigbeg, Barraduff	" 28,000	Approved
CRWSS Brewsterfield Mains	Replace 4.5KM defective mains Knockanes, Headford	" 570,000	Requested
CRWSS Currans Meanus	Lay 250M of 90MM new main to replace long connections	" 25,000	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		€2.606M	

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).

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would furnish the most recent water quality readings for the River Flesk at Flesk Bridge and for Loch Léin at the point of entry to the Lake of the Folly Stream.

Reply: Since January 2015, the Flesk and Folly Stream which flow into Lough Lein have been measured at least 50 times as part of EPA compliance and Kerry County Council operational monitoring programs. They have been measured for a range of chemical and biological parameters.

The River Flesk satisfies criteria for good quality as laid down by Surface Water Regulations. This is further corroborated by invertebrate monitoring undertaken by both EPA and Kerry County Council which designate the site at Flesk Bridge to be of good quality.

The Folly Stream is of less than good quality status and its outfall to the lake at Ross Bay is mildly eutrophic (mildly enriched). The main body of the lake i.e. Lough Lein continues to be of good or acceptable quality as per surface water regulations i.e. mesotrophic status.

The Killarney Wastewater Treatment Plant, which outfalls to the Folly Stream, is fully compliant with both the Urban Wastewater Directive and the Emission Limit Values stipulated in the EPA Wastewater Discharge License.

The EPA License further requires Irish Water to carry out an assessment of the suitability of the existing WWTP outfall point to the Folly Stream by 2021. This assessment will have to take account of the existing quality status of the Folly Stream and its assimilation capacity to accept final effluent discharges from Killarney WWTP.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that monitoring the River Flesk was an enormous responsibility for Mr. D. Lenihan and his Laboratory staff in Kerry County Council and wished to congratulate them on the award of their recent accreditation by the Irish National Accreditation Board. Cllr. Gleeson stated he had a great interest in the River Flesk and has watched its gradual recovery. He said he was delighted to see that it is in good quality. Cllr. Gleeson referred to the comment in the reply "*The Folly Stream is of less than good quality status and its outfall to the lake at Ross Bay is mildly eutrophic (mildly enriched)*" and asked why this has occurred if Killarney Waste Water Treatment Plant which outflows to the Folly Stream is fully compliant. Then surely the Folly should be of pristine quality?

Ms. A. McAllen stated that there are other outflows involved and agreed to discuss this with Mr. J. Breen and ask him to contact Cllr. Gleeson directly on the matter.

Mr. G. O'Brien agreed to check out the matter and revert to Cllr. Gleeson.

Cllr. Gleeson stated it was extremely serious if other outflows are entering into our water sources.

2. Cllr. B. O'Connell: What is the up to date position on a sewage scheme for Scartaglin.

Reply: There is no existing Sewerage Scheme in Scartaglin village and there is no provision for a proposed Scheme in Irish Water's draft Capital Investment Programme 2017-2021. Kerry County Council has made a submission to Irish Water in 2014, for the IW Water Services Strategic Plan, to request the provision of sewerage infrastructure to un-sewered villages such as Scartaglin.

However, Irish Water's policy is to give priority to upgrading existing substandard sewerage schemes, and also to meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences for existing sewerage schemes, prior to considering investment in new schemes or in extensions to existing schemes.

Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that Scartaglin was indicative of a lot of villages in our Municipal District and in Kerry. Cllr. O'Connell stated it was important to provide a Sewerage Scheme which will in turn cut down the number of people looking for houses in Killarney. If we were able to build small estates in villages, we would revitalise them and let people play and work with their community in their areas.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated that he had Notices of Motion moved on this matter previously. Cllr. Culloty stated that up to 40 houses or less would benefit from a rebate type system. From a pollution point of view, the situation in Scartaglin is not acceptable. What is entering streams is not acceptable. Cllr. Culloty requested that pressure be kept on Irish Water and see if they would provide a pilot scheme which would incur relatively minimum costs.

3. Cllr. B. Cronin: In light of the repeated water breaks from Ballymalis Cross to Eadies Mills Cross, has there been any progress on my previous request to Irish Water for funding to replace this section of water mains.

Reply: There has been an increasing number of breaks in the past year over a 1Km length on this 40-year-old 75MM diameter PVC pipe at Coolroe / Ballymalis. The Council's Water Services Department has already made Irish Water aware of the need to replace this pipe, and will also make a formal submission in the coming weeks for funding.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin referred to the water mains and stated that one section broke 3 - 4 times. This is evidenced by the number of excavation marks on the road. The Cathaoirleach welcomed the request for funding and formally Proposed that this section of pipe gets funding.

4. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council if Irish Water have been made aware of the need for an extension to the public sewer in Castleisland to cater for the needs of areas such as College Road, Brosna Road, Cordal Road and the Black Road which has been sought for over 40 years.

Reply: Irish Water's policy is to give priority to upgrading existing substandard sewerage schemes, and also to meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences for existing sewerage schemes, prior to considering investment in new schemes or in extensions to existing schemes.

This proposed extension to Castleisland Sewerage Scheme had been on the Government's national Water Services Investment Programme 2007 - 2009 and previous Programmes. While the proposed upgrade of Castleisland's waste water treatment plant is included in Irish Water's current national draft Capital Investment Programme 2017-2021.

Irish Water's currently stated position is that it has no funding stream to provide (or extend) services to properties with private sewerage facilities.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked if there was any discussion with Irish Water on the matter or was it not on their Agenda?

Mr. C. Mangan replied that Irish Water has repeatedly stressed its position, as set out in the Reply, on such proposed extensions, and there is no point in raising the matter for discussion with Irish Water. The situation with Irish Water is that they are concentrating on existing sewerage schemes before they consider new extensions or villages. Mr. Mangan did not expect an extension to Castleisland in the foreseeable future.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and said he had raised a Notice of Motion on this previously. The situation of a suggested private Group Sewerage Scheme, whereby each resident may have to contribute more than €10,000 per household, is a non-runner. The ground in this area is quite poor which has implications for pollution.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has Uisce Éireann given any indication of intention to progress the often asked for larger water pipes in Clohane, Brewsterfield and Knockanes?

Reply: The investment required to meet the cost of the installation of larger pipes is substantial. Irish Water has allocated " 28,000 for the carrying out of network modifications to facilitate the switching of the existing water supply to this district from the Central Regional Water Supply Scheme to the adjacent Barraduff WSS to the east, which is at a substantially higher pressure. The situation will then be monitored to check the volume and pressure available to these customers.

Cllr. M. Gleeson enquired when was it expected that switching would take place?

Mr. C. Mangan replied that money has been allocated in the last few weeks and it is expected it will be take place between now and the summer. Mr. Mangan stated it will be interesting to see if this change can make a significant difference.

Cllr. Gleeson enquired if the existing pipes would be able to cope.

Mr. Mangan replied that the pipes may have to be replaced in the long-term. This is a short-term solution.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask that the old concrete unused sluice box be removed at Boulia, Furies.

Reply: This redundant and unsightly break pressure tank will be removed with the use of heavy machinery in the coming weeks.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked if this could be removed as soon as possible.

Mr. Mangan agreed that it would be.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As the final plans for the route of the Kilcummin Sewer line are near completion, I ask will this Council give a commitment to resurface the sections of road which will not be impacted by this work?

Reply: As the Kilcummin sewer line impacts on the entire road from Kilcummin Village to Doneen, no section of this road will be resurfaced in 2017. However, the situation can be reassessed in early 2018.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty noted that the situation would be "*reassessed in early 2018*".

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that it will depend on what progress has been made with the sewer. Ms. Mulryan stated it will have to be reviewed in 2018 to see if any works can be carried out.

4. Cllr. D. Grady: What is happening with the sewer from Kilcummin to Killarney?

Reply: The Planning Application for Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme which was submitted on the 20th February 2017 by Irish Water to Kerry County Council is currently under consideration.

Cllr. D. Grady noted the reply and enquired about the timeline.

Mr. C. Mangan stated that there is a statutory two-month period available to Kerry County Council for consideration of the application but he understood that a decision on the scheme is imminent.

5. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council if Irish Water have been made aware of the need for a public sewer in the Villages of Scartaglin and Currow.

Reply: Scartaglin and Currow are among a number of Kerry villages in which there are currently no public sewerage schemes. In the early 1980s Kerry County Council had developed a strategy to address these infrastructural needs, and has since made Irish Water aware of this plan.

However, Irish Water's policy is to give priority to upgrading existing substandard sewerage schemes, and also to meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences for existing sewerage schemes, prior to considering investment in new schemes, and Kerry County Council has not received any indication that investment will be forthcoming in the development of new village sewerage schemes in the short term.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae noted the reply and asked if the matter could be kept on the agenda and Mr. C. Mangan replied that it would be.

Mr. Mangan informed the Members that there will be a water mains replacement job underway in Main Street, Castleisland after Easter.

Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to the Water Services Directorate Report and in particular, to the four projects where funding has been requested in this Meeting's Notices of Motions.

Mr. C. Mangan said the Brewsterfield Barraduff issue had already been discussed. In relation to Meanus Cordal, Mr. Mangan stated that he is hopeful this 300M extension to the water main can be done. He will again discuss the issue with the Roads Engineer to seek co-operation on it.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin referred to the wide grass margin there.

Mr. Mangan added that this will be helpful for the job. In relation to Ballymacadam, Mr. Mangan hoped that funding would be received shortly.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that he hoped the €28,000 for Brewsterfield would solve the problem.

Mr. Mangan replied that the €28,000 to be spent in installing a pressure reducing valve to allow the Brewsterfield customers be served from the Barraduff supply may immediately solve the 'pressure' problem for customers and accordingly this would put off the immediate need to replace the pipes along Brewsterfield.

Cllr. Kelleher enquired when works would commence at Cloonts?

Mr. Mangan replied that he hoped works would commence some time during the summer. The recent retirements of two Water Services Caretakers in the Kenmare area have increased the work load on the Water Services van crews and has led to difficulties in commencing new jobs. It is hoped that the new Caretaker appointments in Kenmare in the coming weeks will help this situation.

17.04.05.04 (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 Directorate Report

KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

27th March 2017

A/Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue

Housing Report – Killarney Municipal District.

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	1361
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	53
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	42

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	4
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	1
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	5
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	<u>11</u>

Social Housing Options

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	4	708
RAS	8	211
Leasing	0	55
HAP	12	13
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>987</u>

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>
Rathmore/Barraduff	20	12 No. three bedroomed & 8 No. two bedroomed units (two storey)	April 2018	April 2019

Schemes/ S.R. dwellings under construction in Municipal District

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>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>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
Killarney	1	4	February
There is 1 property at closing stages.			
2 further properties are to be provided through Part V.			

Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2017, 204 No. requests for repairs have been received for the Killarney Municipal District.

Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2017, 24 No. grants have been allocated in the Killarney Municipal District.

Bedroom Extensions

Since 1st January, 2017, no bedroom extensions have been allocated in the Killarney Municipal District.

Summary Rent Review

The 2017 Annual Rent Assessment process is currently underway. Circumstance forms have been posted out to tenants with a closing date of 17/2/17 for submission. This year's review will be done on the M.D.s of Tralee & Killarney only reducing accounts to be assessed from 5,000 to just under 3,000. The remaining M.D.s will be done in 2018. In accordance with Differential Rent Scheme, rents will be assessed based on income details/household circumstances as submitted by tenants.

The effective rent date is the first Saturday in July, i.e. 1st July, 2017.

Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2017

The purpose of the Summary of Social Housing Assessments is to capture the total number of households qualified for social housing support across the country whose social housing need is not being met, in order to understand the level of need for such support. This is now an annual assessment of housing needs whereas it was every three years previously.

In order to ensure an accurate picture of the housing need in Kerry it will be a count of the total number of households qualified at a particular date in 2017 and housing authorities are required to return this data. It is expected that this will be in May 2017 and we await confirmation from the Department on this. Where a household is eligible and demonstrates a need (in accordance with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011 as amended by the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) Regulations 2016, and hereafter referred to as the Social Housing Assessment Regulations), they are then deemed to be qualified, i.e. they are entered on the record of qualified households for social housing support for that housing authority.

The results of the most recent Summary of Social Housing Assessments in 2016 were analysed by the Housing Agency and shows **91,600** households qualified for social housing support nationally- **an increase of 1,728 (1.9%)** over 2013. The figure for Kerry as of 21 September 2016 was 3916.

It is vital that accurate and timely information is returned from all applicants in order to ensure that the assessment is accurate and reflects the true need of the applicants.

The following procedure is proposed to deal with the completion of the Assessment of Housing Need:

1. A rigorous tracing of existing applicants will be carried out.
2. An advertisement will be placed in the Local newspapers and on Radio Kerry.
3. An initial letter will issue from the L.A. to the client.
4. In the event of no reply, a second letter will be sent informing the client that they will be removed from the waiting list if they do not respond.
5. Where an existing applicant fails to respond to two letters from the housing authority, all other available means of communication will be utilised including phone calls and email where this data is available.
6. The Council will then examine each client's application on a case by case basis to determine if the applicant household is no longer in housing need or has left the area of the authority. If it is determined that there is no longer a need or if they have left Kerry, they will then be removed from the list and the application will be closed.
7. Should contact be re-established with the applicant, and where a household subsequently comes back with information, within a reasonable time, then the authority will on a case by case basis determine if that application will be reactivated without affecting the original date of qualification.

Tenant Purchase

A total of 244 applications have been received to date. Of these, 105 deemed were deemed eligible and of those 50 are ready to go to the property valuation stage. A panel of external valuers will be formed in the coming weeks following an advertisement in the local newspapers. Of the remainder who applied under the TPS, 31 were requested to provide further information and 108 were deemed ineligible.

Turnkeys

Housing Department advertised in Sept/Oct 2016 for Expressions of Interests for Turnkey Developments for Kerry County Council. We received 17 applications. We are in discussions with 9 of the applicants with regard to their proposals. The other 7 proposals were not deemed suitable due to a number of factors such as the housing need in the area, cost, location and design of development.

Stock Survey Overview

As a Pilot Project the Housing Department arranged for the survey of 87 properties in older estates in Killorglin and Glenbeigh on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2017. We utilised the services of 14 of our own technical staff and

gained access to 65 of the properties on the day. We are currently assessing the findings of this survey and this will help us make an informed decision with regard to completing a stock survey for our remaining housing stock. In the interim staff will be completing a Stock Survey form on all vacant houses being re-let which is approximately 125 per annum.

A stock survey will be carried out in the Council owned properties in the estates below on Thursday, 30th March, 2017 in the Killarney MD.

A letter will issue to all tenants in these estates informing them that officials from the Housing Department will be calling to their house on this day to enable the completion of a house survey.

Castleisland

Estates Desmonds Avenue
 Cahereens
 St. John's Park

(b) Notices of Motion - Housing and Corporate Services

1. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As many people working in Killarney are finding it impossible to purchase a house, I call on this Council to explore options which would help make it possible for people to purchase their own homes.

Reply: The Council is acutely aware that there is a difficult market in Killarney currently with a shortage of housing coming to the market and indeed with development land availability.

The *Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness – Rebuilding Ireland* sets out Government policies across a range of areas to deal with the current housing supply issues.

The Council's role is primarily within the various schemes and policies designed to accelerate the delivery of units in the social housing area.

The Council does not have a primary role in the private market and the general conditions and issues arising there are many, complex and largely beyond the influence of Kerry County Council. Council policy does however promote and support private sector development. Specifically, the Council does have responsibilities in two areas which do affect the market as follows:

Development Plan Framework

The Council has responsibility for the local Planning Framework which influence land use. The Local Area Plan for Killarney is currently under review and the current zoning and land use are being reviewed as part of that process. Government Policy clearly identifies the need to ensure that lands

zoned for housing development purposes are likely to become available for that purpose or, in the absence of such availability, the review and consideration of alternative land for such zoning.

Development Contribution Scheme

The current Development Contribution Scheme is being reviewed and the public consultation process is commencing following the approval of Council at the March Meeting. This revised scheme seeks to promote and underpin housing development.

The Government introduced the First Time Buyers (Help to Buy) Scheme in 2016. It is designed to assist first-time buyers with obtaining the deposit required to purchase or self-build a new house or apartment to live in as their home. The incentive provides for a refund of Income Tax and Deposit Interest Retention Tax (DIRT) paid over the previous four tax years to first-time buyers who purchase or self-build a new house or apartment to live in as their home. A first-time buyer of a house or apartment who purchases or self-builds a new residential property between 19 July 2016 and 31 December 2019 may be entitled to claim a refund of Income Tax and DIRT paid over the previous four years.

The introduction of any further schemes to help people purchase their own properties can only be introduced on a National basis and is not a matter for Kerry County Council.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the cost of accommodation in Killarney has gone very high. There are many people who cannot get a mortgage and the cost of a house in Killarney is quite high. The houses are not there. In the past there were big developers but they are no longer in the business. Now we have smaller businesses who cannot afford to purchase land. If planning is given for 100 affordable houses, a developer would have to pay €400,000 upfront. This makes it impossible for people. Cllr. Culloty suggested that Kerry County Council could own part of the site and when the houses are completed, the levy could be paid then. There is a need to provide more affordable houses. The Council would not be exposed but would get their contribution at a later date.

Cllr. D. Grady asked if we are saying that we would help the developer to get land?

Cllr. Culloty stated that rather than ask a developer for €400,000 upfront, his suggestion was to let Kerry County Council have control and pay the levies at a later date.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the legislation says that the levy becomes payable on commencement of the works. However, Ms. McAllen confirmed that the Council works with developers with regard to payment plans for development contributions.

Cllr. Culloty stated that it would take the pressure off Kerry County Council because people are looking to the Authority for housing. It would be helpful if people could purchase their own houses.

Ms. McAllen stated that the Council will engage as effectively as possible while having regard to National Policy.

2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council when will the construction of the much needed Council houses begin in Rathmore.

Reply: This project has received initial Stage 01 approval from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government and is on the Council's Capital Programme. The Council is proceeding to advance the detailed design and planning stages.

Subject to satisfactory progress and the required Part VIII approval, it is hoped to commence construction of this project in mid 2018.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply and stated it would be great to see the development in Rathmore which will breathe life back into the town.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and stated he had spoken to the Director of Housing on the matter. Cllr. Kelleher stated that whilst the Council owns lands on the Killarney side of the town, it would be encouraging if the Council would look at providing housing in the town and suggested that buildings could be demolished and rebuilt. Rathmore has struggled to get businesses back into the town. Cllr. Kelleher noted that only one child has been born in the town itself in the last 16 years.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to consider providing housing in some section of St. Finian's lands in an effort to address the housing crisis in Killarney.

Reply: This matter has been dealt with at Council / Municipal District meetings on a number of occasions.

The lands at St Finian's are in the ownership of the HSE and are not currently available for housing purposes. Council Management have met with HSE Management on a number of occasions to review their property holdings in Killarney.

Initially it is a matter for the HSE to consolidate and finalise their plans for their service provision in Killarney and how this impacts on their property holdings.

It has been agreed with the HSE that when this work has been completed and any surplus lands identified, that the Council would then review any such lands to assess their suitability for Council needs.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the housing list is getting longer and she knows of a person who is paying €800 per month for a 1 bedroom apartment in Killarney. **Cllr. Healy-Rae** stated that a strong request should issue to the HSE for some part of their lands for the provision of housing.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin supported the Motion and stated that this request has been made over the years and there has been no real productive discussion on the matter. The Cathaoirleach noted that there is now an indication that the HSE are willing to consolidate their own properties.

2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to explain why all of the 20 houses to be built in Killarney are 3 bed houses instead of a variety of housing?

Reply: Kerry County Council's current Housing Construction Program includes the provision of 71 No. three bedroom units. It should be noted that the Killarney Area of Choice had a waiting list of 323 qualified applicants on the three bedroom property waiting list and addressing this need is a priority for the Council.

This development at the Park had an existing planning permission granted by the former Killarney Town Council for the building of 20 no. three bedroom houses on this site. This permission allowed Kerry County Council to progress the development in an expedient manner under the current Capital Programme. Any changes to the fundamental design would have required a full redesign, would have required a fresh Part VIII process and a further application to the Department for sanction. This is apart from a fundamental question as to the suitability of the site for a mixed unit type development.

It was the considered opinion of Management that the project in its current design should be expedited to provide some delivery of units in Killarney and its progress to construction is very welcome.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the plans to construct the 20 houses and hoped they would commence. **Cllr. Healy-Rae** stated that applicants who were single had no way of getting a Council house. Most of the people on the housing list are on their own.

Cllr. D. Grady stated he was delighted to see the houses starting but the 3 bedroom houses are extremely small.

Ms. B. Conway replied that making any changes to the proposed development at this stage would require a fresh Part VIII process and application and approval from the Department.

3. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can we do a public call for landlords to come forward with properties they would lease to the Local Authority?

Reply: The Housing Department has in the last week received the relevant Circular detailing the new Repairs & Leasing Scheme. The Scheme details

are currently being reviewed. It is intended to issue a public call for people interested in the Scheme. However, the final format of this call and relevant targeting of the scheme remains to be determined. We are concerned that a separate call for other properties at this time would have the potential to cause a degree of confusion.

However this matter is currently under review and it is intended that the matter would be dealt with later this year.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked that his request be reconsidered. Cllr. Kelleher stated he understood about Repair and Leasing but the RAS and HAP Schemes need to be explained to people. Cllr. Kelleher stated that in the last month he has dealt with 4 people who have been made homeless and he is dealing with quite a number of people imminently facing that situation who cannot find a property. Some people will not rent to Local Authority applicants and there is a lot of discrimination, however, there may be people who are willing to rent their houses to the Council. Cllr. Culloty asked Ms. B. Conway to organise an advert asking people to reconsider their position and rent to the Local Authority.

Ms. B. Conway stated that the Council had carried out this exercise within the past 2 years but had yielded very few usable units by way of response. When assessments were carried out on the large number of units offered to the Council, they proved unsuitable due to varying reasons e.g. location, planning breaches and unit sizes not meeting demand in a particular area were among the reasons they were deemed not suitable. Ms Conway agreed that some landlords appear to prefer to rent to the private sector. The introduction of the HAP Scheme in December 2016 is very positive and should address some of the difficulties experienced by landlords and potential tenants in the private market as it provides direct rental payments from the Council to the landlords and the tenants pay their rent directly to the Local Authority. It affords people more support when trying to rent in the private sector and Ms. Conway stated it will prove more positive in the long-term. Ms. Conway also advised that the Council operates a support service for tenants dealing with notices to quit through its homeless support service.

Cllr. Kelleher asked if the Housing Department could provide the Members with a document outlining the options that are available to landlords which may be distributed to the public.

Ms. Conway undertook to provide same.

17.04.05.05 (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:

**Operations, Safety & Infrastructure
Report**

Killarney Municipal District

DATE: 5th April, 2017

Director of Service: Charlie O Sullivan

1. Road / Transportation

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works **Pavement overlay and associated works** **Status of Design and Construction**

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 was provided to the Members at the Special Meeting to consider and adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the Killarney Municipal District which was held on 29th March, 2017.

Other Road and Public Area Works

Project	Est. Cost	Comment
Plunkett Street, Killarney	" 300,000	Ongoing

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Project	Allocation	Comment
Firies National School . Safety Measures	25,000	Section 38 Public Consultation Process ongoing
Barraduff NS . Safety Measures	30,000	Section 38 Public Consultation Process ongoing
Currow NS . 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 Q2

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
- Drainage works for Restoration Maintenance and Restoration Improvement Programmes commenced

2. Capital Infrastructure –

Lough Leane Project

The development of the proposed trail around Lough Leane requires very careful consideration. The trail passes through areas of high scenic amenity value and through areas of environmental sensitivity. In that context the project requires a very detailed and rigorous environmental assessment. Two significant environmental issues remain to be resolved, namely the impact of the proposed route on the White Tailed Sea Eagle and the habitat of the White Fronted Geese. The environmental consultants engaged for the project, RPS, are working on assessing this impact. Once these issues have been resolved a clearer picture of the proposed project and the timescales for completion to planning stage will be available.

Housing Construction

The construction of 20 No. Houses at Park, Killarney scheme, commenced in Feb 2017, project to be finalised in Feb 2018.

3. Other Operational Matters

Burial Grounds

Project	Est. Cost	Comment
Construction of footpaths at Holy Cross Cemetery, Kilcummin	" 5,000	Complete
Extension to Burial Grounds at Old Kilcummin (Doneen) Cemetery	" 63,000	Works Commenced

Public Lighting

A report on the number of complaints received in relation to public lighting outage in the MD, response times on repairs and current status of outstanding requests is being prepared and will be presented at the meeting.

Charlie O'Sullivan

Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety

(b) Traffic Management Plan Update

Works Update Killarney Traffic Management Plan - 5th April 2017

Measures	Project	Update
Traffic Calming and Public Realm Enhancements	Plunkett Street Traffic Calming Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works progressing and expected completion 14th April
	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 • Survey complete • Currently being designed
Relief Roads	Inner Relief Road from Monsignor O'Flaherty 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"> • Prices in Friday and will progress to construction thereafter
	Increase two lane approach from the Mission road into the Hahah area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey Complete • Design Complete • Seeking Quotations
	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 Complete • Signs have been erected
	Electronic Signage and SMS real time information to be available for parking availability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing the proposal for Killarney Town
	Car Parking Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressions of interest sought & assessing same • The Council are actively pursuing and seeking land for the development of car parking in Killarney Town Area

Ms. B. Mulryan referred to the electronic signage outside car parks of which there were two elements - Phase 1 involved putting in loops entering and exiting the car park and installing signs locally and Phase 2 involved the outer electronic signage on approach roads to the town. Discussions have been ongoing with car park owners requesting more obvious signage. In the last 2 - 3 weeks extra signage has been provided in the public and private car parks.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the report and enquired how many of the proposals on the report are the Council thinking of putting in place this summer? Cllr. Grady stated it was important not to start digging up the town during the tourist season. Cllr. Grady referred to the Link Road and stated that dialogue is needed with the people in the area and let them know when the works will start.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin referred to the traffic lights (Intelligent System - MOVA) required at Woodlawn Road and Ross Road and stated that it is critically important that they are put in place for the tourist season.

Mr. K. O'Halloran stated that they would be up in time.

Cathaoirleach Cronin discussed the electronic signage at car parks and stated it was critically important that motorists are able to see the availability of spaces in the car parks. The Cathaoirleach referred to the works being undertaken in Plunkett Street and remarked that it was looking well and would be disabled, elderly and family friendly. The Cathaoirleach asked that no further works would start in the town in July.

Mr. K. O'Halloran replied that a commitment was previously given that no major works would take place in the town during summer.

(c) Accessibility Update

Ms. B. Mulryan read the following report to the Members:

- *"A meeting was held with the Killarney Access Group on 16th February last. These meetings are to be held on a quarterly basis so that all are kept up to date in relation to access issues*
- *The second wheelchair parking bay was completed outside the Cultural Centre*
- *Kerbs were dropped and tactile paving put in place at the junction with St. Margaret's Road and Rock Road*
- *New tactile paving was put in on the Rock Road crossing outside Bowlers Garage*
- *Kerbs were dropped and tactile paving was put in place on the footpath outside the Cathedral*
- *Accessible Tourism*
The Tourism Unit is working closely with Fáilte Ireland and the private sector in Killarney to progress an accessibility project for the area.

Activities and facilities that are inclusive and accessible by all can be promoted amongst our business providers and state agencies as a key component of the Kerry offering. Opportunities to promote, develop and support improved accessibility for both the local community and visitors are being investigated.

As part of this project, the road, footpath and carpark network will be audited which in turn will support improved accessibility in this area."

Cllr. M. Gleeson referred to illegal parking on Beech Road on the left hand side on the approach to New Street is disastrous. This makes visibility difficult for the able bodied, not to mind someone with a disability. The law must be enforced at this location as a double yellow line exists.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin fully supported Cllr. M. Gleeson's comments. People are parking right out to the kerb from the Post Office side. Something must be done to stop this.

Ms. B. Mulryan said that this would be investigated as part of the Low Cost Safety Improvement Ms. Mulryan stated she had met with the Design Engineer and discussed the issues at this location and he has agreed to take all these points into consideration.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty referred to Ross Castle and the lack of disabled parking.

Mr. K. O'Halloran stated this would be a matter for the NPWS.

(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the TII that Iarnród Éireann open the access to the tunnel that was meant to be used by pedestrians to go from the Lewis Road to Ballydribeen under the Bypass Road so that they wouldn't have to endure the hazard of crossing the Bypass Road with the constant flow of traffic there. It is ridiculous that this underground walkway tunnel has been closed to pedestrians for a number of years now.

Reply: Kerry County Council will contact Irish Rail to investigate the opening of the access tunnel from Lewis Road under the By-Pass.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply and noted that the Council would make contact with Irish Rail on the matter. People are trying to cross the road there each day which is hazardous.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated he had met with the residents previously. There are a huge number of houses in that area and anything the Council can do to assist people not having to cross the road would be helpful.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin supported the previous comments. He noted that lighting would have to be provided and he stated he would have

concerns regarding public safety and ensuring that the tunnel is looked after.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would provide an update on the progress being made in the development of the Lough Léin loop walk.

Reply: The development of the proposed trail around Lough Léin requires very careful consideration. The trail passes through areas of high scenic amenity value and through areas of environmental sensitivity. In that context the project requires a very detailed and rigorous environmental assessment. Once a number of environmental issues have been resolved, a clearer picture of the proposed project and the timescales for completion to planning stage will be available. Work continues in the progression of this meritorious project.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that Killarney, as a prime tourist location, must seek to improve and provide new facilities. If this can be brought to completion it will be a magnificent facility and will be a wonderful addition to the town. Certain works can be carried out in an environmentally friendly way that will not degrade the surrounding area. Cllr. Gleeson stated that this facility would be a memorial to our time in the Council and asked that the matter be progressed.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and asked that the works be carried out in an environmentally sensitive way. This walkway would be beneficial if access was provided to control the rhododendrons. Cllr. Culloty stated this will be a fantastic facility and asked that it be brought to fruition.

Ms. A. McAllen agreed with the comments of the Members and stated that Mr. T. Sheehy will be in charge of the project. It will be split into various sections and will happen at different speeds. It is a priority for the Municipal District for 2017 to progress this matter. Environmental sensitivity is a key issue but elements can progress while they are explored.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would enter into discussion with the NPWS with the express purpose of developing an urgently needed car park within the National Park adjacent to the starting point for the walk/climb colloquially known as Cardiac Hill on Torc Mountain along the N.71.

Reply: The car park off the N71 adjacent to the starting point of the walk known as Cardiac Hill on Torc Mountain is the property of the NPWS, however, Kerry County Council will contact the NPWS in relation to developing the car park.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that this was a magnificent facility. An unofficial carpark is more than full to capacity and people are parking on the roadside. Consultation is needed with the NPWS to develop and have in place where people can safely park their cars. The fame of this location has spread far beyond Killarney.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and stated he had the same request 2 years previous and the response he received is the same as this reply. The Cathaoirleach stated that once the main tourist season arrives there will be chaos with cars parked everywhere. A level hard stand is what is required here.

Ms. J. Foley stated that in the CPG Report, the NPWS have indicated they will meet with the Members of Killarney Municipal District and perhaps this matter could be discussed at that meeting.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would seek to convince the TII of the urgent need to introduce the measures necessary to ensure greater safety for drivers and cyclists exiting from the N.22 onto the School Road at Curraglass, Glenflesk. The existing situation is extremely dangerous

Reply: Kerry County Council will investigate the junction from the School Road at Curraglass, Glenflesk on to the N22 to determine what measures may be necessary at this location.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the reply given was the opposite to the question asked.¹ The reply refers to the exit from school road onto N22 but Cllr. Gleeson was referring to going from the N22 onto the school road. Cllr. Gleeson stated that people are exiting from the school road onto the N22 and are very concerned. There are businesses there and they are suffering because people are afraid of that road. This link road to the school and businesses needs to be made safer either by providing road markings for instance. Cllr. Gleeson requested that an amended reply be forwarded to him.
Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would give an update on the progress being made on the development of the Walkway cum Cycleway from Ross Road to Muckross Road.

Reply: The Walkway/Cycleway from Ross Road to Muckross Road currently in the Design Phase and it is hoped that it will be ready for Part 8 publication at the beginning of June 2017.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated this idea was brought from the Town Council to the Municipal District and one that the Members are very proud of. It would be an enormous addition to Killarney and it is urgent that it proceed. Cllr. Gleeson said it would be great to see this project completed by the year end. This would be a wonderful addition to Killarney Town and might reduce the traffic congestion.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin supported the Motion and stated it was critically important piece of infrastructure and a link with the new cycleways.

¹ Amended reply was read into the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 7th June 2017 under Item "17.06.07.06 (f) Matters arising from the Minutes as confirmed at 1 above"

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would inform of the proposals for the improvement of traffic flow and overall safety on the N.22 from the Lissivigeen Roundabout to the Roundabout at the junction of the N.22 and the Park Road including at the two major access roads onto the N.22 at Ballycasheen junction and Upper Lissivigeen/Coolcoslough junction and further inform if those proposals have been forwarded to the TII for its consideration.

Reply: Feasibility studies are currently underway on the N22 between Ballycasheen and Lissivigeen to identify collision history, traffic volumes and other constraints. Kerry County Council are liaising with the TII Regional Road Safety Engineer to identify suitable intervention proposals. These studies will be complete in May and a report will be forwarded to TII for their consideration.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said he had put this Motion on the Agenda a number of times and stated that this was the cause of enormous concern for people coming through Lissivigeen Roundabout. There is a huge pothole there and needs a new surface. Exiting from Coolcashlagh onto the N22 is a cause of huge frustration as people have to wait in their cars for 15 - 20 minutes due to the absence of a left turn. Cllr. Gleeson stated he was told that a report would be prepared regarding this location before Christmas. Cllr. Gleeson enquired if the feasibility study would be prepared by May and would money be available for the required works. Cllr. Gleeson stated it was a miracle that a more serious accident had not occurred at this location.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion and stated that several accidents had occurred here. Cllr. Grady agreed with Cllr. Gleeson's comments and stated this location was lethally dangerous.

7. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to implement the changes that were previously requested and approved at the December 2015 Meeting for Ballydowney, Killarney. That is the widening of the footpath on right side going west, the removal of trees on the left side and the widening of the road to include a cycle lane.

Reply: The issues raised by the deputation in December 2015 have been investigated and the Road Design Office have investigated a Traffic Calming Scheme for the N72 at Gortroe/Ballydowney. A feasibility study / preliminary design has been submitted to the TII. We are currently awaiting a reply from the TII in relation to both approval and funding.

Cllr. J. Sheahan enquired if the TII had responded to date.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated she was very hopeful that funding would be forthcoming from the TII for these works.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

8. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council address the speeding issue at Woodlawn Road by installing a raised platform speed ramp and a

pedestrian crossing for the safety of children attending St. Oliver's School and Killarney Athletic Football Grounds.

Reply: A speed survey will be carried out on Woodlawn Road in the vicinity of Killarney Athletic Football Grounds in Q2 to assess what traffic calming measures may be required in this area.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that residents are concerned with the speed of the traffic and they have requested that a raised platform speed ramp and pedestrian crossing be provided. Cllr. Sheahan hoped that their request would be accommodated. Children travel to St. Oliver's School and the Killarney Athletic Football Club and they attract big crowds of young people. Health and safety is paramount here.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he would like to see lights on the pedestrian crossing and would like to see a ramp provided but any potential works must be undertaken in consultation with the residents.

9. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council examine the flooding issue at Woodlawn Park and investigate options to install a drainage system.

Reply: The drainage system in Woodlawn Park is mainly through a soakway system, and during spells of extremely heavy rainfall some of the gullies may back up for a small period, however we are not aware of any flooding issues in this area.

Cllr. J. Sheahan asked that a plan would be prepared for this. In winter, roads are often flooded and almost impassable with the floods of water.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

10. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council proceed with works to provide a pedestrian crossing adjacent to Kilcummin Primary School.

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 stated this was a very important issue as vehicles are not slowing down to the 50 km/h speed limit.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and asked that a sign be provided.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that a replacement sign had been ordered.

Cllr. Sheahan enquired about the table top system.

Ms. Mulryan stated that it would be the same system as that undertaken at Ballycasheen and would be carried out in conjunction with the overlay of the village.

11. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to investigate the provision of a multi-storey car park for Killarney town.

Reply: Kerry County Council are actively pursuing and seeking land availability for the development of car parking in Killarney Town area.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that a multi-storey car park must be provided in Killarney Town Centre. Families do not want to park out as far as Park Road.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and stated that Killarney is limited in what lands are available and he believed that anyone coming to Killarney drives into the centre of the town. It is vital to have an accessible space centrally located.

Ms. A. McAllen informed the Members that the Council were actively seeking land around the town but land is at a premium and is scarce.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that a field at St. Brendan's College was regularly used in the summer and special matting can be put on the grass to protect it. Cllr. Gleeson asked if the Council would enter discussions with St. Brendan's College regarding the temporary summer time use of their lands.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he had raised this matter previously by way of a Notice of Motion but the issue with this option relates to storage of the matting.

Ms. McAllen stated that the use of these lands for parking is acceptable on an ad-hoc basis but would not be suitable for anything more permanent than that. Ms. McAllen agreed to revert on the matter.

12. Cllr. J. Sheahan: That Kerry County Council install rumble strips at Mill Cross, Rathmore.

Reply: The TII have included the maintenance of the ~~Stop~~lining at the junction at Mill Cross, Rathmore in their Delineation Programme of works which is due to be completed shortly.

Yellow Bar Markings are not recommended and not appropriate on the N72 at this location. However, as part of the Traffic Calming Scheme currently being prepared for this town, this location will be examined.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated he had included this Notice of Motion on behalf of the farming community. Farmers will soon be drawing heavy loads and accessing the N72. These vehicles will be crossing a major route using slow moving vehicles and oncoming vehicles will be travelling too

fast. Cllr. Sheahan asked that a large number of yellow rumble strips would be provided.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that these yellow bar markings are not the favoured option at a location such as this. The new policy states that the markings are meant to have skid resistance. Ms. T. Smith is reviewing the overall traffic calming in the village and she might identify a more suitable solution for this location.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that there is an issue with the light inside the balustrade fencing on the public network which is not working and should be fixed as it lights up that junction. Cllr. Kelleher agreed with Cllr. J. Sheahan's comments. Something needs to be done where the 50km/h limit is located. Once people pass the garage they speed up. He further stated that the lining has disappeared and needs to be repainted.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that the N72 will be done as part of the maintenance contract.

13. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if and when there will be lighting installed at Stagmount Gates, Headford, Killarney?

Reply: Kerry County Council have written to Irish Rail in relation to providing a public light at this location. To date there has been no reply; however Kerry County will make contact again to clarify the situation.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that this was a health and safety issue. There is no light at this crossing to assist people when they get out of their cars to open the gates in the winter. Cllr. Sheahan hoped that the TII will erect a light to help people who use this route.

Cllr. N. Kelleher supported Cllr. Sheahan's proposal. Cllr. Kelleher asked that another letter issue to Iarnród Éireann together with a copy of the previous correspondence which issued to them.

Ms. J. Foley agreed to this request.

14. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when works will commence to repair the dangerous surface at Minish Crossing on the N22?

Reply: The surface of the N22 at Minish level crossing has been caused by settlement of the railway tracks. A request has been made to Irish Rail to address the track settlement and repair the road surface. Discussions are ongoing with Irish Rail and another site meeting is arranged for 11th April to agree the works required. A request for funding to repair the road at Minish has been made to Transport Infrastructure Ireland. However, the settlement of the rail track must be addressed before the road surface is repaired.

Cllr. J. Sheahan called on the TII to rectify this situation as the matter has been ongoing far too long. Cars are travelling over this crossing at 100 km/h and it is now a health and safety issue.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved Question 29 at this stage.

Q29. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Following my previous motions at Municipal and Full Council level, what is the update regarding Minish Railway Crossing. The state of the crossing is deteriorating at a rapid pace.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that this was an ongoing saga and stated that Irish Rail must be held responsible for this. It is located on the main road into Killarney which is the biggest tourist town in the country. It is a danger to pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr. Healy-Rae asked that the matter be pursued.

15. Cllr. D. Grady: That Kerry County Council immediately repair the foundations of the monument to "Patrick" in Rathmore as it is in grave danger of falling.

Reply: This monument in Rathmore is the responsibility of the National Graves Association and they recently had the condition of the monument assessed, the only issue arising from the assessment was the possibility that it would be struck by vehicles that were parking on the street. Kerry County Council have recently erected bollards around the monument to prevent it from being struck by vehicles.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that this statue was in danger of falling and asked that it be examined. Cllr. Grady stated he was aware that it was the responsibility of the National Graves Association but they do not have the necessary funding to repair it. He stated that Liscannor stone was put around it a number of years ago and was moved over the years and needs to be re-set. It does not give a good impression for such an important monument to look so bad. Cllr. Grady agreed to allocate funding from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Allocation towards the cost of re-setting this monument. He asked that railings be placed around it to improve its appearance.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and asked that the monument be inspected as it means a lot to the local people.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that he is aware of someone who would give a financial contribution towards these costs.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the monument was outside his property and that the work done to date will not protect it.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that she will contact the National Graves Association and see what can be done.

16. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask what action has been taken since my previous request regarding the danger caused by traffic ignoring the one way system on New Road at school times. What can be done to prevent traffic exiting from St. Mary's Terrace and driving against the one-way system.

Reply: Further signs were erected at the top of St. Mary's Terrace to warn drivers of the Right Turn Only onto New Road. Also, Kerry County Council have been in discussion with the Gardaí, and we are due to meet them again next week to discuss erecting further bollards at the Port Road / New Road junction end at school times.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that the New Road traffic is ignoring the one-way system. Parents have reported that they come in Port Road and have traffic driving against them. Some of these drivers are unpleasant to the other road users. Traffic is mounting the footpath where children are coming out of the schools. There is also an issue with traffic existing St. Mary's Terrace. The one-way system is excluded here but something has to be done with individuals who are repeatedly ignoring the signage. The St. Mary's signage needs to be improved to make it more obvious. The problem is created from St. Mary's Terrace and driving down and turning down against oncoming traffic. Cllr. Cronin asked how long are we going to allow this to take place. Someone will get injured here. Cllr. Cronin asked what action can be taken either by the Gardaí or ourselves.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that there is a bollard on the Port Road side. The Gardaí have stated that there is another issue with motorists coming in Port Road and taking u-turns and coming back out again. Ms. Mulryan stated that the situation will be reviewed and an extra bollard will be provided at that end so if motorists take a u-turn, they will not be able to exit.

Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that he did not think this was adequate. Motorists are mounting the footpaths and are driving against oncoming traffic. He asked if the Council could do something at St. Mary's Terrace.

Mr. K. O'Halloran stated that the refuse trucks and other trucks use this road and signage will impact them. He stated he has looked at providing a sign on the right hand side up by the wall and hopefully it will work.

Ms. Mulryan stated that a solution will be discussed with the Gardaí and hopefully the bollards can be put in place during the school term.

Mr. O'Halloran confirmed that additional Gardaí will be monitoring the situation. People working in the schools are also creating a problem on this road.

17. Cllr. B. Cronin: What measures can be taken by Kerry County Council to deal with the illegal parking from the pedestrian crossing at the cinema to the Killarney Avenue Hotel, which is obstructing and impeding the main Muckcross Road traffic lane.

Reply: A Planning application has been granted for works at the cinema which include the widening of the footpaths at this area. Once this work is complete, we will be in a position to install bollards which should alleviate this

problem. In the interim, we can get the Traffic Wardens to monitor the area more regularly.

Cathaoirleach. B. Cronin stated that when coming down from the Plaza and heading out Muckross Road, vehicles are parked illegally on left hand lane. The Cathaoirleach asked if the two lanes would still be maintained following the widening of the footpaths.

Mr. K. O'Halloran replied that he had discussions with the cinema management prior to the plan being submitted and confirmed the two lanes would be maintained as the kerblines will not change. Bollards will be provided at the edge of the kerblines. Mr. O'Halloran agreed to request the Gardaí to monitor the area after 6pm.

18. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask as a matter of urgency that the Killarney Municipal District get a new Durapatcher. There are a large number of rural roads in immediate need of repairs and our old truck and machine have been off the road for weeks.

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District is currently piloting a new Method of Patching. It is intended to trial this patching unit within the District for the next six months. The situation will be reassessed following the six month trial period.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that the patching machine has not been available for over 6 weeks, therefore, the patching is 6 weeks behind and there is evidence of this on the rural roads. The Cathaoirleach asked that roads would be patched in the interim on a temporary basis.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that the new method of patching is going well but it will take the driver some time to get used to.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty agreed with the new method and said that it was previously very haphazard and was breaking down.

19. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request the provision of a speed limit indicator on the Listry approach to the German Flats junction on the R563.

Reply: The cost of providing a solar powered driver feedback sign on the R563, on the Listry approach to the Aghadoe turnoff would be " 3,500 and would be suitable for funding through the CSMDOF.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that there was a fatality at this junction some time ago. The speed of some vehicles is unbelievable. The Cathaoirleach hoped that the driver feedback sign would make people aware of their speeds and that it would be of benefit.

20. Cllr. B. Cronin: As South Kerry Ploughing in conjunction with the National Ploughing Association wish to erect a suitable commemorative monument to mark the holding of the World Ploughing Championships in Killarney in 1954, I propose that the Killarney Municipal District along with

Kerry County Council support this initiative in marking and recognising this important event which was held in Killarney.

Reply: Kerry County Council will work with the South Kerry Ploughing Association over the coming weeks to explore the possibility of a suitable location for the commemorative monument.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that Killarney was one of the only places where the World Championships were not recognised and he was anxious that it be recognised historically along the lines of the 1916 Commemoration in Farranfore. Suitable safe sites in a public area needed to be identified. The Cathaoirleach stated that the National Ploughing Association and Muckross House would be interested in supporting this financially as it is important for the town to recognise that in 1954 the World Ploughing Championships were held here. The Cathaoirleach hoped that the Council would support this initiative and asked that a number of possible sites close to or around Killarney be identified by the end of the month and asked that the representatives from South Kerry Ploughing Association be consulted in this regard.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and stated it was important to remember this event. It celebrates our rich tradition in agriculture and Muckross House are supportive of it also.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 1.30pm and recommenced at 1:55pm.

21. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: As trucks occasionally become wedged on the bend at Twiss Bridge in Counguilla, I call on this Council, to undertake simple measures to rectify this very dangerous occurrence.

Reply: Advance warning signs will be erected on both L-3006 approaches to Twiss Bridge in the coming weeks denoting road narrows and sharp bend ahead.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty acknowledged that additional signage in the village would be beneficial.

22. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council remove a short section of wall at Killeggy Lower, Mangerton Road.

Reply: This wall is the responsibility of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Kerry County Council is currently in discussion with NPWS about this matter.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the wall is jutting out and welcomed the reply.

23. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to resurface a section of road at Ballinahulla, Ballydesmond, which has been badly damaged by trucks delivering construction material to the nearby Wind Farms.

Reply: This section of L-7025 will be considered for inclusion on the next 3 Year Restoration Improvement Programme. This programme will be up for review in late 2017 early 2018.

Cllr. Culloty asked that something would be done sooner.

Cllr. J. Sheahan Seconded the Motion and asked whether the Wind Farms could fund some of the works.

Ms. B. Mulryan confirmed that there was a Road Opening Licence in place and she would see what could be done with the monies.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that a lot of damage has been done to the approach road.

24. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council to remove the roadside section of ditch at Coolcaslagh. An agreement was reached with the landowner over 12 months ago, but to date, no work has been undertaken on this very dangerous section of road.

Reply: Kerry County Council have been in contact with the landowner at this location over the last 12 months and have agreed accommodation works with him. These will be carried out shortly.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he now travels on this road more regularly. Trucks are coming up the road and it is highly dangerous and Cllr. Culloty requested that works be carried out as soon as possible.

25. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council contact the OPW, regarding the obstructions in the waterway upstream, from the new culvert in Tullig Castleisland towards Killbanavane.

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 stream at Tullig is not under the control of the OPW or Kerry County Council and therefore the responsibility lies with the riparian landowners.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty acknowledged the reply.

26. Cllr. D. Grady: That we, Kerry County Council, carry out immediate resurfacing works at the Corner of the Parkq Park Hill, Killarney.

Reply: " 60,000 has been allocated under the Roads Restoration Improvement Programme for 2017 for resurfacing 600m of the L-2033 roadway, Coolcorcoran to Park Cross. Works will be carried in Q3.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he was aware works will be carried out but asked if they could happen sooner. It has gotten to the stage now that pedestrians have to avoid going on the path as it is in such a bad state.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin supported the Motion and stated that water and sewage were crossing that road.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that this was much lower down on the road.

27. Cllr. D. Grady: That we, Kerry County Council, carry out immediate resurfacing works at Ross Road, Mission Road and the Ha Ha, Killarney.

Reply: 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.

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.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the road was in a bad state and the tracks made from the horses are visible on it. **Cllr. Grady** stated he was recently in Spain and a different surface is used on roads which are used by horses. This is in need of urgent attention.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that a commitment has been made regarding Ross Road that if there are any funds remaining towards the end of the year, then a further section of the road could be resurfaced.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

28. Cllr. D. Grady: That the island, in front of Gaelscoil Faithleann, be removed to provide urgent parking.

Reply: Kerry County Council will contact the Gaelscoil Faithleann to investigate the options available for provision of parking at this location.

Cllr. D. Grady noted that the school would be contacted. He stated there was no requirement for the island and most of the people have asked why it is there. It is making life very awkward for people going to the school.

29. Cllr. D. Grady: That we, Kerry County Council, would start a programme to put crash barriers in place from Rathmore to Shrone Cross as this area is very dangerous at present.

Reply: The TII are waiting for consultants to complete a HD17 (Safety) Report for the N72 National Secondary Route. This report would cover the stretch of roadway from Rathmore to Shrone Cross. Further to the completion

and review of this report, the TII will decide what sections of the route requires safety barrier.

Cllr. D. Grady stated this was an extremely dangerous location and asked that the Engineers select the most dangerous sections that require a safety barrier.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and stated she was glad to see a report being prepared. This is a very busy road and a crash barrier is definitely warranted.

30. Cllr. D. Grady: That an update be given on the Lewis Road Junction onto the Killarney By-Pass. We have a duty to try to save lives and we cannot continue to accept nothing being done at this junction.

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

Cllr. D. Grady said he has raised this matter over the previous 17 years and stated that nothing has been done. Cllr. Grady Proposed that a delegation from Killarney Municipal District should meet with the Minister for Transport on this matter and other roads. Minor accidents occur here every fortnight and there have been two in the last week alone.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and said he had raised the matter a number of times and has highlighted the issue regarding its layout and issues relating to speed and visibility. The Cathaoirleach stated that the TII are not listening and he was fully supportive that a delegation meet with the TII and discuss other areas such as Madam's Hill, Coolcashlagh and exiting out of Ballycasheen. The Cathaoirleach Seconded Cllr. Grady's Proposal and asked that we write directly to the TII and request a meeting with them.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty referred to the reply which stated that *"We will shortly be making a formal submission to have this junction assessed"* and enquired if this was the first assessment and had formal submissions been made previously.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that Mr. D. Doyle was to have spoken with the TII about this junction.

Cathaoirleach Cronin said they have been requesting this for years and there has been no change or improvement and asked that a request for a delegation be sent to both the Minister for Transport and the TII.

31. Cllr. D. Grady: That an update be given on whether or not all works have been done with development contributions charged prior to June 2014.

Reply: That Development Contribution balances as at June 2014 in the Town Council accounts are ringfenced for the area of the Town Council as previously advised.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the reply.

32. Cllr. D. Grady: That an update be given on the current situation regarding the bicycle track at Glenflesk. The public need to be kept informed.

Reply: The project was to develop a downhill mountain bike trail to a specification capable of hosting future international championships up to the standard of those organised, promoted and governed by the Union Cycliste Internationale, the Association of National Cycling Federations. The project was initiated by Cycling Ireland in conjunction with the landowner.

In order to assist and maximise the grant potential available, KCC facilitated the grant application process and funding of " 430,353 for the project was sought from and approved by Fáilte Ireland.

During the implementation process of the project, it became clear that there were a number of difficulties with the grant application, including meeting the requirements of EU Rules of Public Procurement.

The operational guarantee which was required as part of the terms and conditions of the grant presented further difficulties for Kerry County Council.

It was also regrettable that the project lost the involvement of the national cycling body.

Every effort has been made to identify a solution which would resolve the issues raised. However, it is with great regret that having explored all the options, Kerry County Council and Fáilte Ireland are unable to proceed with the grant for the reasons outlined above.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he was very disappointed about what has happened with this project. This project had received funding.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that it was impossible to move forward with the project with regard to the way the grant conditions were framed and the Council must to be compliant in relation to public procurement. However, if another funding opportunity should come up again, it is open to that landowner to apply again to whoever the grant funding authority is.

Cllr. Grady stated that public money had been spent on this and asked how long has it been known that the project cannot be proceeded with.

Ms. McAllen replied that this response was only finalised the previous day.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he had raised this matter on a number of occasions and he was very disappointed that the project has not received the go ahead. This was a great opportunity for people who were into mountain bike trailing. It is one of the most entertaining sports happening at this time and would have been a great attraction for Killarney.

Ms. McAllen stated there were other routes for funding and stated that she did not dispute what a great asset it would be for Killarney. In relation to that particular grant, **Ms. McAllen** stated that the Council are not in a position to move forward.

Cllr. Grady stated that a facility such as this would attract people from all over Ireland and Europe. **Cllr. Grady** asked that this project would be pursued and see if it can be brought back on track.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that it offered huge tourism potential and enquired why would the National Cycling Body (NCB) have lost interest in this.

Ms. McAllen replied that the NCB's involvement was only in the early stages. Procurement was the ultimate issue not moving it forward.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that there were significant personnel changes in NCB at the time.

Ms. McAllen stated that the Director of Economic and Community Development had worked very closely with Fáilte Ireland to find a solution. This is a sizeable grant that is not being utilised and **Ms. McAllen** stated that it was with regret that she was stating this but everything possible was pursued in an effort to proceed with the project.

33. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to explain why the levies of " 130,000 haven't been used to rectify the junction at Coolcaslagh which is what the money was intended to be used for.

Reply: The development contribution referred to in this motion was a condition of a grant of permission for a local development, granted in May 2006. The contribution is a Special Development Contribution, in accordance with provisions of Section 48 (2) (c) of the Planning and Development Act 2000. In accordance with the provisions of Section 48 (12) of the Act, the Planning Authority is required to specify the works for which the contribution was sought. On the grant of permission, the works that were specified to be funded from this contribution were specifically for (a) road widening and improvement along the L- 3011 to its junction with the N22 National Primary

Route and (b) improvements to the junction with the N22 as identified in the road safety audit submitted by the applicant.

The primary issue in the road safety audit related to a previous layout of the climbing lane and deceleration lane on the N22 that encouraged an over-running of the junction by motorists. This was subsequently addressed, under a programme for junction layout modifications funded by the NRA in 2006/2007. The substantive costs identified were for road widening, and for which the Council has been unable to secure the lands. The Council is continuing to negotiate on acquiring the necessary lands and if the lands are made available within a reasonable timeframe, then the Council will proceed with these works. However, there is a time limit specified under the Act in which the works have to be commenced and completed.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae acknowledged the reply.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that these works at the junction were highlighted in documentation submitted by the applicant and necessitated road widening. The Council have not been able to secure lands for road widening but if the lands are secured, we will be able to proceed with the works.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin asked that the value of the money from the levy is protected.

34. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made for providing a pedestrian crossing on College Road, Castleisland.

Reply: Kerry County Council will investigate the location and carry out a pedestrian count and a speed survey by the end of April.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply and said that people are very concerned and have requested the provision of a pedestrian crossing. There are three schools in the vicinity which creates mayhem. From a health and safety viewpoint, a pedestrian crossing would be a great addition.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated that he has requested the approval of the Members to bring in a deputation to the next Municipal District Meeting which appears on today's Agenda.

35. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a schedule of street cleaning works being carried out in rural villages such as Currow, Scartaglin, Furies, Barraduff, Gneeveguilla and Rathmore.

Reply: The following villages are on the *Killarney Municipal District Works Plan* and will be swept on a quarterly basis for 2017; Currow, Scartaglin, Barraduff, Gneeveguilla, Rathmore, Kilcummin, Furies, Farranfore.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that most of the villages were in a bad state and business people have become very disheartened and are not seeing any return for their rates. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that she understood

that this is the agreement at the moment and if there is an event taking place, the Council will call out.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that Rathmore was cleaned on Friday and street cleaning will take place in Barraduff today. Cllr. Kelleher appreciated that the community are contacted in advance of calling to the villages.

36. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council when will traffic calming and road alignment works be carried out at Ballydowney and will these works help motorists accessing and exiting Bohereen na Mairbh.

Reply: The Road Design Office have investigated a Traffic Calming Scheme for the N72 at Gortroe/Ballydowney and a feasibility study has been submitted to the TII. We are currently awaiting a reply from the TII in relation to both approval and funding. We expect that these works will improve the situation for motorists accessing and exiting Bohereen na Mairbh.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked if it was known when this work would take place.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that the exact date was not known but the TII have said, in principle, they will fund it. Ms. Mulryan agreed to revert to Cllr. Healy-Rae when the works are to commence.

37. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to stop the surface water which comes down the N22 and flows back the R569 Kilgarvan Road and then crosses the road three times before the Old Clonkeen P.O. and another flood of water crosses the R569 onto the Kilgarvan side of the Old Clonkeen P.O.

Reply: Drainage works will be carried at these locations on the N22 and the R569 Killgarvan Roadway in the coming weeks.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that an unbelievable amount of water crosses here during times of rain and stated she was glad to see that works will take place.

38. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What's the position with acquiring the lands in Knockeendubh?

Reply: A Compulsory Purchase Order is currently being prepared to acquire the lands at Knockeendubh. It is expected that the Compulsory Purchase Order will be published shortly.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted the reply.

39. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Has funding been approved from the TII for the lags on the N72 on the Killarney side of Barraduff.

Reply: This roadway, the 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 on both requests. However, Kerry County Council are meeting the TII Inspector in the coming weeks and this location will be brought to their attention again.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the lags are a serious problem coming into the summer months.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Question 28 at this stage.

Q28. Cllr. D. Grady: What is being done with the lags in the road on the Killarney side of Barraduff (Calfmount).

Reply: This roadway, the 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 on both requests. However, Kerry County Council are meeting the TII Inspector in the coming weeks and this location will be brought to their attention again.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that this was an important issue as a number of misses have occurred at the location.

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

Reply: Feasibility studies are currently underway in Rathmore and Barraduff to identify collision history, traffic volumes and other constraints. Kerry County Council are liaising with the TII Regional Road Safety Engineer during this process. On completion of these studies proposal will be forwarded to TII. It is anticipated that the draft reports will issue in May.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted the reply.

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

Reply: 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.

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. However, further maintenance work could be carried out at this location in Q3 depending on the maintenance money available at that time.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated there were three issues here, namely (1) the appearance of the road, (2) pedestrian safety and (3) road users. Cllr. Kelleher asked that this issue be dealt with.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that the road looks very bad and poses a health and safety risk for people on jaunting cars.

42. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can we expect any upgrading of the level crossing in Minish?

Reply: The surface of the N22 at Minish level crossing has been caused by settlement of the railway tracks. A request has been made to Irish Rail to address the track settlement and repair the road surface. Discussions are ongoing with Irish Rail and another site meeting is arranged for 11th April to agree the works required. A request for funding to repair the road at Minish has been made to Transport Infrastructure Ireland. However, the settlement of the rail track must be addressed before the road surface is repaired.

Cllr. N. Kelleher acknowledged that the matter had already been discussed and was glad to note that a meeting had been arranged for 11th April. Cllr. Kelleher stated that Irish Rail must do something about this level crossing.

43. Cllr. N. Kelleher: I have for months been regularly reporting broken lights all around Killarney Municipal District. Can I get a list of all lights I reported and why they aren't fixed?

Reply: To date, Kerry County Council operated lighting assets within Killarney MD, there are a total of 36 lighting faults. Of these 36 faults, there are 4 cable faults, 2 access issues, 1 ESB network issue, 3 knock downs and 13 awaiting delivery of special materials. The remaining 13 faults are scheduled to be repaired by week ending 7th April.

- 4 cable faults, we are awaiting a group cost to carry out the required civil works which will incorporate the required associated electrical work.
 - Speirbhean, Fairhill Killarney
 - Woodlawn Park Killarney
 - N22 Corcoran
 - N22 Pike Hill
- 2 access issues, these are generally an issue with parked cars obstructing the safe use of the hoist.
 - Coffey Lane
 - Pinewood Estate
- 1 ESB Network issue, this is where there is no energy supply from the ESB network which has to be rectified by ESB Networks.
 - Woodlawn Road / Ballycasheen
- 3 knock downs, these are damaged columns resulting from vehicle collisions, which will be included in the group civil work programme.

- Two lights in Woodlands Industrial Estate
- Doirean Alain
- 13 awaiting special material delivery, these issues are resultant of non-stock items, such as, alternative brackets, decorative items, specialists LED lanterns, non-standard spigot or adaptors.
 - 9 on Killarney bypass
 - Ballyspillane Estate
 - Doirean Alain
 - High St Carpark / Bishop Moynihan Crescent
 - Orchard Close

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that a number of lights that he has reported are still not operating and are not appearing on this list. Cllr. Kelleher asked that he receive a reply including all the lights that he has reported and listed the following lights in need of repair:

- Mill Cross, Rathmore
- Killarney By-Pass
- Lissivigeen (2 on right hand side before school)
- Barraduff Church (2 at the Church not fixed)
- Barraduff Village (2 lights in the village)
- Light at Curraglass Bridge

Cllr. D. Grady agreed with Cllr. Kelleher's comments but stated that he has noticed a big improvement in repairing them. He stated that unfortunately, there is a waiting time for parts for some lights.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that a detailed reply on the lights had been prepared but some are missing from the list. It is important that in future that the Council revert to the Members with a report such as this one. The Cathaoirleach advised that a light on Mission Road opposite the Jarvey entrance and one in Port Road were waiting to be fixed.

Mr. K. O'Halloran stated that the light at the Cathedral had been fixed.

Cathaoirleach Cronin referred to the light at Village Green and noted there was an issue with the light and asked that it be dealt with.

44. Cllr. N. Kelleher: When will the wall be reconstructed on Port Road? Will the rest of the wall be reinforced to ensure another section doesn't give way.

Reply: The construction of the wall on Port Road is complete. A survey was carried out on the sections of the adjacent wall and at present these are in a stable condition.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that people were concerned about other parts of the wall further up. Children tend to walk along the wall. Cllr. Kelleher stated that the Council need to reinforce sections of it.

Mr. K. O'Halloran asked if **Cllr. Kelleher** would show him the areas in question as he could see no obvious sign of deterioration.

Cllr. Kelleher suggested looking underneath to see if it is stable and agreed to visit the location with **Mr. O'Halloran**.

45. Cllr. N. Kelleher: The N72 between both parts of Rathmore is in major need of being resurfaced. What is the current position with the TII?

Reply: A request for funding has been made to the TII for an overlay on the N72 roadway between both parts of Rathmore. To date no funding has been received. However, Kerry County Council are meeting the TII Inspector in the coming weeks and this location will be brought to their attention again.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the road sweeper called to Rathmore and after cleaning the road it was obvious that the road was in need of being resurfaced. The footpath is there for 10 years and the reason why the kerb was high was to facilitate the resurfacing but to date, this has not been done. Many people walk on that road and when there is heavy rain, they get soaked wet. A lot of money was raised by the community to get this footpath.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that the matter has been raised by **Mr. D. Doyle** with the TII. The Council do not have control over what sections in the County the TII will give funding to; it can only propose sections. The TII base their decision on the report of the standard of road statistics.

Cllr. Kelleher asked if it was possible to get a copy of the statistics.

Ms. Mulryan agreed to discuss with **Mr. D. Doyle**.

(d) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: In the interest of environmental enhancement and of the welfare of the bee population, would the Council please plant with appropriate flowers and shrubs, the green area on the L.3015-0 at the junction with the N.71 [Abbey Cross]?

Reply: The Council will plant flowers and shrubs on the green area at Abbey Cross, the junction with the L-3015 and the N71 roadway.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that appropriate planting would enhance the entire area and the Killarney Looking Good project. Whatever works would be carried out there would not impede the sight distance exiting onto the N71.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the TII given any indication of making available the money necessary to upgrade the surface of the Roundabouts at Lissivigeen and at the Junction of Park Road and the N.22?

Reply: An application has been made to the TII through the TII Maintenance App for funding to carry out repair works to the Lissivigeen Roundabout. To date, no funding has been made available.

Also, an application was made through the TII Maintenance App for an overlay for the Park Road Roundabout, but Kerry County Council were advised that this was not suitable for an application through this system due to high cost involved. Kerry County Council are meeting the TII Inspector in the coming weeks and both of these locations will be brought to their attention again.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked that the Council continue to pursue the TII for funding in an effort to improve the roundabout at Lissivigeen. Cllr. Gleeson stated that the roundabout was a disgrace and there is a major pothole in the middle of the road for many months. It is shameful on the TII to allow that to happen.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council, in conjunction with the local community, progressed the much-needed car park adjacent to the Church and Funeral Home in the village of Gníomh Go Leith?

Reply: Attempts to acquire land across the road from the Church for additional on-street parking have not proved fruitful to date.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked that the Council continue their attempts to find parking adjacent to the Church. If the Emergency Service are needed at the time of a funeral, they would be impeded. It is unacceptable that parking is not provided.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved Question No. 32 at this stage.

32. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council is there any progress with providing car parking in the vicinity of Gneeveguilla Church. This is particularly needed at funeral and mass times.

Reply: Attempts to acquire land across the road from the Church for additional on-street parking have not proved fruitful to date.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that from a health and safety viewpoint, it is very dangerous at mass and funeral times. Motorists are reversing while people are walking along the road.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Question No. 33 at this stage.

33. 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: This is a private Graveyard owned by the Catholic Church. Kerry County Council were requested to lend assistance to acquire additional lands at Gneeveguilla to extend the Burial Ground. The Council have contacted the adjoining landowners in conjunction with the local Parish Priest, however,

Kerry County Council have been unable to facilitate a land agreement to date. KCC have recently re-assessed the capacity of the existing Burial ground and there is potential to provide up to 100 grave spaces. This would provide adequate burial capacity in the medium term for the Gneeveguilla area. Attempts to acquire land across the road from the Church for additional on-street parking has not proved fruitful to date.

Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to the reply and stated that he would like to know where the 100 grave spaces were as they are not there.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council made progress in the matter of developing an urgently needed footpath from Páirc Chuimin to the village?

Reply: To date Kerry County Council have not been able to acquire the land required for the development of the footpath from Páirc Chuimin to the village. However the Council will continue to pursue this issue.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that a footpath was desperately needed because of the young population. Cllr. Gleeson asked if there was any realistic prospect of providing a footpath in the immediate future.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that the amount of funding required to carry out accommodation works is substantial. Ms. Mulryan agreed to review the situation again and attempt to progress the matter.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council made progress with the TII in the matter of improving safety for vehicles exiting the roadway half-way along the Pike Hill on the N.22?

Reply: Feasibility studies are currently underway on the N22 between Ballycasheen and Lissivigeen to identify collision history, traffic volumes and other constraints. Kerry County Council are liaising with the TII Regional Road Safety Engineer to identify suitable intervention proposals. These studies will be complete in May and a report will be forwarded to TII for their consideration.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated he was not sure that his question had been answered. Cllr. Gleeson said he was referring to an exit from a private road onto the N22 on the left side, outbound. Cllr. Gleeson stated that both Mr. P. Neary and Mr. D. Doyle have met the family on site. Cllr. Gleeson asked that he receive a reply to his question and that it be forwarded to him.

Ms. B. Mulryan agreed to this.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Council, please eliminate the terribly uneven surface on the short length of exit roadway to the rear of the Taxi area in the Glebe Car Park?

Reply: Kerry County Council are currently seeking quotations to carry out repair works to this section of roadway to the rear of the Taxi Rank at the Glebe Car Park.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said that he was not sure that smoothing the surface was the solution. It is possible that there is a cellar under it.

Mr. K. O'Halloran stated that the issue here is that a hotel was knocked and the rubble from it, which included timber which is rotting, was left and covered over. The cost to remedy this would be substantial and there is no simple solution.

Ms. B. Mulryan agreed to review it in the short-term and smooth it out.

7. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Council make the L.7013-74 road at Knockacullig [Cockhill] from the (details with Directorate) towards the Metal Bridge safe for traffic as in its present state it is damaging the underside of vehicles?

Reply: Road maintenance works were carried out recently on the L-7013 at Knockacullig Road at the above location.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply.

8. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council what is the plan for Flesk Bridge on the Muckross Road and to outline the list of works proposed.

Reply: The proposed works for Flesk Bridge under the Kerry Cork and Clare Bridge rehabilitation contract are outlined below:

The drainage on the bridge will be upgraded and the existing pavement will be milled off to allow waterproofing to be applied to the bridge deck. The bridge will be resurfaced after applying the bridge deck waterproofing. The existing kerbs and footpaths will be replaced with new footpaths/cycleways to match the cross section on both approaches to the bridge. The existing bridge parapets and concrete upstands will be replaced with new bridge parapets and concrete upstands. The new bridge parapets will be 1.4m high with mesh infill in accordance with the appropriate standard.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply and asked if painting was included.

Mr. K. O'Halloran replied that the bridge would be painted shortly.

9. Cllr. J. Sheahan: Is the overlaying of the road surface of the above bridge included?

Reply: Yes it is proposed to overlay the Bridge as part of the bridge rehabilitation works as described above.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

10. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a turn-off lane adjacent to Corcorans Furniture and Mr. Price on the N22.

Reply: Kerry County Council will survey turn-off to Corcorans Furniture and Mr. Price on the N22 to see if it is feasible to provide a right turning lane at this location.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that providing a turn-off lane would be a good idea for these businesses and would assist motorists exiting. Many people are interested in calling to these premises but they are put off because of the traffic coming up from Pike Hill.

11. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council for an update concerning the repair of the dangerous lags on the Ross Road.

Reply: 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. However, further maintenance work could be carried out at this location in Q3 depending on the maintenance money available at that time.

Cllr. J. Sheahan acknowledged the reply.

12. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to apply for a 50km speed restriction at Beaufort Bridge on the busy N72 Killorglin to Killarney.

Reply: The provision of a 50km speed restriction at Beaufort Bridge will be considered in the current Speed Limit Review.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated this was a busy junction and the proprietor of the nearby business has stated that it is very dangerous and there have been many near misses there. Cllr. Sheahan said he would appreciate if the Council could provide a 50km/h or a 60km/h speed limit sign in an effort to get motorists to slow down.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin supported Cllr. Sheahan's comments. The concern here is that the business is on the verge of the road and opposite the junction.

13. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to pursue the TII to secure funding so that works may proceed to deal with the dangerous lags on the N72 on the approach to Barradubh.

Reply: This roadway, the 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 on both requests. However, Kerry County Council are meeting the TII Inspector in the coming weeks and this location will be brought to their attention again.

Cllr. J. Sheahan acknowledged the reply.

14. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to organise the resurfacing of Port Road in line with the relocation of a pedestrian crossing at Kerry Parents and Friends.

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 hoped that the resurfacing of the road and the relocating of the pedestrian crossing would go ahead.

15. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to erect %hidden Entrance+sign at entrance to home at Farranfore (name & address already supplied)

Reply: Signing and lining works will be carried at this location on the Faries - Farranfore roadway in the coming weeks to encourage drivers to reduce their speed at this location.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that it would be a good idea to let people know there was a hidden entrance.

16. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask that roadside skirting be done from St John's Cemetery, Coolgarrive to the top of the Madam's Hill to assist a local community group in carrying out repairs to the stone wall.

Reply: Skirting works will be carried out in the coming week to adjacent to wall at St. Johns Cemetery, Coolgarraiv.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin advised that the local community group were prepared to carry out repair and maintenance works from St. John's Cemetery towards top of Madam's Hill from the inside of the farmer's wall and have received the permission of the landowner. Cllr. Gleeson also referred to skirting that was promised to be carried out before Christmas in Ballydunlea. There was also a small Councillors Allocation job opposite St. John's that still needed to be completed.

17. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask for a progress report on the new cemetery lands at Knockeenduff, Killarney.

Reply: A Compulsory Purchase Order is currently being prepared to acquire the lands at Knockeenduff. It is expected that the Compulsory Purchase Order will be published shortly.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin acknowledged the reply.

18. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will burial plots be available in the new section of Old Kilcummin Cemetery.

Reply: Work has commenced on the construction of the extension to Old Kilcummin Cemetery. This extension will be open for burials by June 2017.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the reply.

19. Cllr. B. Cronin: On foot of the recent reply from the TII following my deputation from Madam's Hill, can the Council now prepare a costing for improved safety work at this junction for submission to TII.

Reply: The NRDO will examine traffic calming measures / junction improvement measures at this location at MadamsqHill on the N22 and prepare a feasibility report for the TII.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin noted that a reply had been received from Minister Ross in relation to the concerns of a deputation from Madam's Hill. A number of items had been identified by the deputation. The Cathaoirleach asked that a costing be prepared and sent to the TII. This is an extremely busy junction with HGV traffic, a new development of 27 houses being built and is used by people as a "back road" going to Firies and Tralee. A small amount of work would improve the situation such as a left turning lane and extending the speed limit.

20. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: What was the overall cost of replacing the culvert at Tullig, Castleisland and has all the money which was granted been spent?

Reply: A grant has been received for the Tullig Flood Relief Works from the OPW for " 223,000. Works have yet to be completed and an overall final cost will be provided in due course. It is anticipated that the grant will be drawn down in full.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty enquired as to what works are to be completed and when will they be carried out.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that piping in relation to Kilbannivane Graveyard has gone out to pricing and see what comes back.

Cllr. Culloty stated that the residents are concerned about bringing the pipes from the graveyard which will feed into the river that leads to the culvert.

21. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, what measures it intends to put in place to ease traffic congestion in and around Killarney?

Reply: The works that are due to be carried out in 2017 to ease traffic congestion in Killarney Town are listed on the Traffic Management Plan Update which will be provided at the meeting.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty acknowledged the reply.

22. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council when will the demountable unit be removed from Coolcaslagh?

Reply: This unit is due to be removed in the coming weeks.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

23. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: What progress has been made regarding purchasing/leasing land for parking in Killarney?

Reply: Kerry County Council are actively pursuing and seeking land availability for the development of car parking in Killarney Town area.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

24. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, would it consider fitting a barrier outside the pedestrian gate, which exits from the Cathedral onto the Port Road?

Reply: The footpath outside the pedestrian gate on the Port Road is extremely narrow and putting a barrier at this point would further reduce the width of the path. Due to this, no barrier can be erected at this point.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that this location was very dangerous.

Mr. K. O'Halloran stated a barrier would not be possible here as there is a yellow box on the opposite side of the road and this is used as a crossing point.

25. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, what progress has been made in relation to erecting Visitor Information Signage in Killarney Town?

Reply: We are working with the Tourism Unit to further progress this action.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that he recently visited Carlingford and they use very simple signage.

Ms. B. Mulryan stated that the existing signage in the town is due to be reviewed.

26. Cllr. D. Grady: Can we receive confirmation if monies have been received in the Killarney Municipal District area for Flood Relief?

Reply: There has been no monies received in Killarney Municipal District to date in 2017 for flood relief.

Cllr. D. Grady enquired if funding will come in the near future as there is still work that needs to be completed.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that funding was received on foot of the severe weather and the money was used to cater for those specific works. There is no funding remaining from that which was received.

Cllr. Grady stated that we were fortunate that we experienced a dry winter. There is still a lot to be done.

27. Cllr. D. Grady: Can Kerry County Council immediately reinstate the Junction at Cathedral Place (Junction of Mission Road, Port Road and New Street) to the way it was previously.

Reply: Kerry County Council will carry out a preliminary design for the Junction of New Street and Mission Road as per the Killarney Traffic Management Study towards the latter half of 2017.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that this is his fourth time raising this matter in the last 2 years and requested that the junction be reinstated. Cllr. Grady suggested that the grass in front of the Cathedral should be used.

Ms. B. Mulryan agreed to review the recommendations from the Traffic Management Plan. The reason the junction was changed was to facilitate the pedestrian crossing going to Deenagh. The safety of pedestrians is a priority.

Cllr. Grady stated that the traffic needs to be kept flowing.

28. Cllr. D. Grady: Question No. 28 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 39.

29. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Q29 was moved in conjunction with NoM No 14.

30. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the NRA to outline what progress has been made with providing a pedestrian crossing in Barraduff.

Reply: Feasibility studies are currently underway in Rathmore and Barraduff to identify collision history, traffic volumes and other constraints. Kerry County Council are liaising with the TII Regional Road Safety Engineer during this process. On completion of these studies proposal will be forwarded to TII. It is anticipated that the draft reports will issue in May.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that was a very heavy travelled road and people are finding it impossible to cross the road. This is especially dangerous during funeral times. Cllr. Healy-Rae asked that the matter be kept on the agenda as it is an important issue.

31. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to carry out works to address the dangerous dip/lag before the Kerry Way at Glenflesk.

Reply: The NRDO are currently investigating options to deal with the recurring lag on the N22 Roadway at Glenflesk, which they will submit to the TII for approval and funding.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the lags were very dangerous and not obvious to people visiting the area and could cause someone to lose control of their car.

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that the TII are looking at identifying a more permanent solution to this.

32. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Question 32 moved in conjunction with Q 3.

33. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Question 33 moved in conjunction with Q 3.

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

Reply: Kerry County Council are actively pursuing and seeking land availability for the development of car parking in Killarney Town area.

Cllr. N. Kelleher acknowledged the reply.

35. Cllr. N. Kelleher: When will Plunkett Street be re-opened?

Reply: Plunkett Street is due to re-open on the 14th April 2017 as planned.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the reply.

36. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the update on the minor work scheme being applied to the OPW in Foiladuane.

Reply: Kerry County Council are presently re-evaluating and redesigning proposals to propose a solution that would provide a level of protection to the homeowners at this location.

As soon as this is complete, we will then be in a position to formally submit to the OPW for consideration under the Minor Works Flood Relief Scheme.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked if the Council have met outside there with the people affected and when is it expected that scheme will be completed?

Ms. B. Mulryan replied that the scheme is at final design stage.

37. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can the traffic lights in the Ha Ha be downgraded to a pedestrian crossing?

Reply: These pedestrian lights on the circulating carriageway of the HaHa Roundabout will be examined and the suggestion to replace them with a Zebra crossing will be considered.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that traffic lights were not needed as it slows down the traffic.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that it was very difficult to get a controlled pedestrian crossing and would be very concerned if it was removed. Once a person pushes that button, they are certain of control.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that a zebra crossing should replace the existing crossing like the one outside the Plaza Hotel.

Ms. B. Mulryan agreed to examine it with the Safety Officer.

Cathaoirleach Cronin asked that the crossing would not be removed without liaising with the Members first. It was difficult to acquire this crossing. It offers psychological safety to users in the middle of a built up urban area and an assurance that traffic will stop upon pressing the button.

Cllr. D. Grady supported the Cathaoirleach's sentiments.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Municipal Authority calls on the HSE to make available an appropriate building or failing that, a suitable site for the development of an Alzheimer day centre for the Killarney area.

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

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated he has been approached by a number of people requesting an Alzheimer's day centre for Killarney Town. People attend the facility in Kilgarvan but because of the prevalence of this affliction, there is an undoubted need for such a facility in the Killarney Town area. **Cllr. Gleeson** stated that the HSE have a valuable building and land and making available part of the building or land would be providing a wonderful service for people who have Alzheimers and also for the relatives charged with their care who would be spared having to transport them to Kilgarvan. **Cllr. Gleeson** asked if this could be discussed at next meeting with the HSE.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty supported **Cllr. Gleeson's** comments and stated that he had raised the matter at the last Health Forum Meeting. **Cllr. Culloty** stated that our population is becoming elderly and there are going to be more people with Alzheimers. The facility in Kilgarvan will not be capable to cater for the numbers of people. The HSE want to merge two hospitals into one and they would also provide a building for a day care centre. When the work is being done in St. Finan's this should be incorporated into it.

Cllr. D. Grady suggested that Áras Pádraig could be used until such time as a permanent place is found.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that it will be incorporated into the overall Feasibility Study.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: That we the Members of the Killarney Municipal District call on the Minister for Justice to introduce legislation to compel and fine social media networks that fail to remove, hate speech, online threats, slanderous allegations and incitement as this is vitally important to protect the rights and good name of the general public, employers and staff.

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

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that he carried out research on this matter and was concerned with some of the material he found. The Cathaoirleach stated that in Germany, the Justice Minister implemented legislation for social networks whereby if they are slander a person's good character and this content is not taken down, fines in the region of €50m are imposed. The Cathaoirleach said it is critically important that one's character cannot be destroyed or taken away in order to protect the rights and good name of the general public, employers and staff. The Cathaoirleach said it was important that the Elected Members defend the good character of the public.

Cathaoirleach Cronin Proposed that we write to Minister for Justice, Ms. Frances Fitzgerald to take action and implement legislation to compel and fine social media sites that fail to remove hate speech, online threats, slanderous allegations and incitement when requested to do so.

The Proposal was Second Cllr. D. Grady.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council to assist in any way possible with the efforts which are being undertaken by National Parks and Wildlife Service Staff, and also voluntary groups, in their efforts to eradicate rhododendron from Killarney National Park.

Reply: Kerry County Council commend all work carried out by National Parks and Wildlife Service Staff, and also voluntary groups in their efforts to eradicate rhododendron from Killarney National Park. As the National Park is under the remit of the NPWS, Kerry County Council would not be authorised to carry out any works within the Park. Where rhododendrons are present within public areas, we will endeavour to assist where possible.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty informed the meeting that **Cllr. M. Gleeson** spends a lot of his time in the National Park carrying out a huge amount of work tackling the rhododendron problem. 78% of rhododendron problem in National Park s is being managed actively. 22% of the problem exists in the areas of Torc Mountain and Gleana Woods which is under real threat from invasive rhododendron. This is where the last remaining semi-natural Oakwoods are located. The amount of damage being caused here cannot be estimated. Cllr. Culloty stated that a request for European funding should be made to tackle this problem. It is very hard work keeping the 78% under control. Cllr. Culloty asked that Kerry County Council request the Rhododendron Plan from National Park. Assistance is needed to help to reduce the 22% as it is not being managed. The work being carried out on the 78% is very effective and the rhododendrons are now being drilled into with an effective herbicide.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and said this was hugely important. The National Park is a priceless asset not just to Killarney and Kerry, but to Ireland. The National Park has an asset more priceless

than the Caravaggio that hangs in the National Gallery. Cllr. Gleeson stated that vegetation of great age should be allowed to prosper and grow. The rhododendron invasion is now being scientifically tackled which should be evidenced in May/June when it will be seen dying off.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that the NPWS provide a litter bin adjacent to the toilets at Torc Waterfall. It is unacceptable that there is no bin at a major tourist and walking attraction.

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

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that his Question referred to the provision of a litter bin to deal with waste cups etc. People who walk in the area have nowhere to put their empty water bottles. It is imperative that a bin is located at such an important tourist destination. The Cathaoirleach Proposed that a litter bin be provided.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Proposal.

Ms. J. Foley stated that a letter would issue to the NPWS on the matter.

2. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, what plans are in place currently for the Sara Lee site?

Reply: Kerry County Council intend to commence the Part 8 Public Consultation for demolition and clearance of the site in Quarter 2, 2017. The current buildings on site are not fit for use without significant investment.

3. Cllr. N. Kelleher: That we send a letter thanking the organising committee of the St Patrick's Day Parade Committee in Killarney and commend them on an excellent Parade and festival weekend in Killarney.

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

Cllr. N. Kelleher agreed to defer Question 3 to the next Municipal District Meeting at the request of the Cathaoirleach.

4. Cllr. N. Kelleher: When will the works in the Town Hall be completed?

Reply: It all planned that all works in the Town Hall will be complete by the end of April 2017.

Cllr. N. Kelleher wished to commend the Council's staff on the great work completed to date.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that being back in the Town Hall had brought back a lot of memories and it reminded him of the time when his brother and father were Councillors in the Town Hall. Cllr. Grady stated that wonderful work had been carried out. There was a lot of history associated with the Town Hall and it was like being home. Cllr. Grady

hoped that many great decisions would be made in the Town Hall in the future.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin wished to congratulate everyone involved in the works to the Town Hall. It is important that the Headquarters are back in the centre where the offices are. The Cathaoirleach suggested that the opening be marked at the next meeting scheduled for 7th June.

Ms. B. Mulryan asked that the opening would involve all staff in the building. It is very symbolic that the former Town Council is now the central Killarney Municipal District Office. This is the final phase in joining the two offices.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked that the new Municipal District Chain of Office would be available for that day.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the design of the Chain had been finalised and was being crafted at present.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin suggested that the old Chain of Office would be mounted in a glass panel.

Ms. McAllen agreed to explore this option.

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

- (a) It was unanimously agreed to hold the next Killarney Municipal Meeting on Wednesday, 7th June 2017

17.04.05.06 (d) Approval for Reception of the following Deputations

On the Proposal of Cllr. J.J. Culloty, Seconded by Cllr. N. Kelleher it was agreed to receive a deputation from concerned parents and teachers regarding traffic management at school times in College Road, Castleisland.

17.04.05.06 (e) Correspondence

It was agreed to note the following correspondence had been circulated:

1.	Letter dated 25 th January 2017 from TII regarding the N22 at Madam's Hill Junction
2.	Letter dated 15 th March 2017 from Minister Shane Ross, Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport regarding the N22 at Madam's Hill Junction

17.04.05.06 (f) Any Other Business

Civic Receptions

Dr. Crokes - Ms. J. Foley stated that Members had requested a Civic Reception for the Dr. Crokes GAA Club on winning the All-Ireland Club Senior Football Championship in 2017. This has been approved by CPG and Ms. Foley advised that she has made contact with the Club and they are to revert with a suitable date for holding the reception.

Kerry Mountain Rescue - Ms. J. Foley stated that a decision on this will be taken later in the year by CPG in light of other proposals.

Marian Park Players, Rathmore and Spa GAA Killarney Dance Team - Ms. J. Foley advised that these requests were considered by CPG and they will be honoured either by way of Certificates of Recognition at the Killarney Municipal District Annual Awards Event later in the year or the hosting of separate Municipal District Civic Receptions. Decision to be made by CPG later in the year in light of other proposals.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae requested that if the Members propose a Civic Reception to be held for a person or group, that they be advised if it has been refused by the CPG and that they receive a formal letter to this effect. Ms. J. Foley agreed to discuss the matter with Mr. Liam Quinlan, SEO Corporate Services.

Reinstatement of Fence at Aherne's

Cllr. J. Sheahan enquired about the reinstatement of the fence at *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* on the N22 (opposite Lidl).

Ms. K. O'Halloran replied that he had met with the landowner and tried to find a solution and will now look into declaring it a derelict site.

Staffing

Cllr. M. Gleeson referred to Mr. M. Ó Coileáin, Municipal District Officer who is taking a leave of absence from the Council. Cllr. Gleeson hoped that he would succeed on his new path and wished him every success in his new venture. Cllr. Gleeson stated that he was sure that Mr. Ó Coileáin would continue to enrich people's lives.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin wished to acknowledge Mr. Andy O'Sullivan, ASO, Killarney Municipal District Office who was retiring from the Council. He thanked him for his years of work and recognised the contribution he made to Killarney.

Ladies View

Cllr. J.J. Culloty referred to rocks at this location and the undertaking of a survey. Some of the rocks are very dangerous and the wall has gone on right hand side.

Finnegan's Cross

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin referred to the small bridge at Finnegan's Cross and said that the wall had been hit and driven into the stream on the Knockeenduff side. The Cathaoirleach stated it was lethally dangerous and required immediate works.

Ballyhar

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that before Ballyhar Railway Crossing there is a parapet that has fallen away and in danger of collapsing on left before the gates. It has been completely undermined.

Dog Park

Cllr. D. Grady suggested that a "dog park" be made available within the Town and could be a place where dogs could be taken off their leads.

The meeting concluded at 3.45pm.

J. Foley

J. Foley
Meetings Administrator

Cllr. B. Cronin
Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD