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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, 7 JUNE 2017**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I HALLA AN BAILE CHILL ÁIRNE AR AN CHÉADAIOIN, 7 MEITHEAMH 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**

<b>Ms. A. McAllen</b>	<b>Delegated Executive for the MD of Killarney</b>
<b>Mr. P. Neary</b>	<b>SE Operations</b>
<b>Mr. P. Curry</b>	<b>SE Kerry NRDO</b>
<b>Mr. D. Ginty</b>	<b>Senior Planner</b>
<b>Mr. J. Ahern</b>	<b>SEE Killarney MD</b>
<b>Ms. B. Mulryan</b>	<b>EE Killarney</b>
<b>Mr. G. O'Brien</b>	<b>A/SEO</b>
<b>Ms. E. O'Donoghue</b>	<b>Municipal District Officer</b>
<b>Ms. B. Reidy</b>	<b>Meetings Administrator</b>
<b>Mr. C. Mangan</b>	<b>SEE Water Services</b>
<b>Ms. B. Conway</b>	<b>AO Housing</b>
<b>Mr. K. O'Halloran</b>	<b>EE Killarney</b>
<b>Mr. P. Griffin</b>	<b>Grad Engineer</b>
<b>Mr. C. O'Leary</b>	<b>EE Water Services</b>
<b>Mr. B. Mulhern</b>	<b>AE Killarney</b>
<b>Ms. K. Lynch</b>	<b>SEO Finance</b>
<b>Ms. K. Curtin</b>	<b>AO Housing</b>
<b>Ms. T. O'Carroll</b>	<b>AE Road Design</b>
<b>Mr. O. O'Shea</b>	<b>Press &amp; Communications Officer</b>
<b>Ms. M. Galvin</b>	<b>CO Corporate Support</b>

The meeting commenced at 10.20am.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin took the Chair.

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

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. N. Kelleher, 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 to Consider and Adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be confirmed.
- (b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. Cronin, Seconded by Cllr. N. Kelleher, it was agreed that the amended Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be confirmed. (Please refer to Item "17.06.07.06 (f) Matters arising from the Minutes as confirmed at 1 above" in relation to amendment to the Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017).

**17.06.07.01 (b) Reception of Deputation from the residents of Woodlawn Road, Ballycasheen regarding speeding and provision of a speed platform ramp - Requested by Cllr. J. Sheahan**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the deputation to the meeting.**

**Cllr. J. Sheahan introduced** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* **to the meeting and invited** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* **to speak.**

*(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* **stated that the residents of Woodlawn Road were anxious to get speed ramps or a pedestrian crossing near Killarney Athletic. There is a huge volume of traffic using the road which includes traffic accessing the football field and the school. The speaker stated that the road was not wide enough for traffic calming and a speed ramp would be the most appropriate method to slow the traffic down. (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) stated that there are two "3.5 tonne" signs on the road but coaches still go up and down the road every day and the signs are not being adhered to. The Football Club are also anxious to have a speed platform ramp in place.**

**Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that he had raised this matter on many previous occasions and was delighted that the deputation could attend the meeting to drive home the issue. People's lives are being put at risk every day due to the high volumes of traffic travelling this road at high speed. Cllr. Sheahan called for proper infrastructure to be installed on this road to slow down the traffic. Many children live on this road. Cllr. Sheahan requested that a raised speed platform ramp be installed together with a pedestrian crossing to enable the children to get to St. Oliver's School safely.**

**Cllr. J. Sheahan moved Notice of Motion No. 8 at this stage.**

**8. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to address the speeding on Woodlawn Road, Killarney. Infrastructure such as raised table speed ramps and a pedestrian crossing are required to keep our community safe.

**Reply:** Vehicular and pedestrian surveys have been carried out at this location on Woodlawn Road and the data is currently being analysed. A decision will be made on what way to proceed following the outcome of the analysis.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Question 18 at this stage.

**18. Cllr. D. Grady:** Update on the proposed controlled pedestrian crossing at Athletic Field, Woodlawn, Killarney as it is important in the interest of public safety.

**Reply:** Vehicular and pedestrian surveys have been carried out at this location on Woodlawn Road and the data is currently being analysed. A decision will be made on how to proceed following the outcome of analysis.

**Cllr. D. Grady stated that people are continuously crossing this road from Killarney Athletic and a pedestrian crossing is required here. Cllr. Grady stated that he and other Members had previously indicated they would fund these works from their Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. This is vital in the interest of safety.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the deputation to the meeting and strongly supported their concerns. Cllr. Gleeson stated that at every meeting over the past year he has had a Notice of Motion regarding exiting Ballycasheen Road onto the N22. There is an enormous volume of traffic going through that road and it is hugely dangerous. Traffic can be backed up to Woodlawn at times. The signs for the "3.5 tonnes" serve no purpose and are being ignored. Cllr. Gleeson stated that this road was unsafe for young people and something has to be done.**

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty thanked the deputation for attending the meeting. Cllr. Culloty stated that what is adding to the traffic is the commercial business. Cllr. Culloty stated that the deputation's request for a raised platform is not unreasonable and he confirmed that he would allocate money from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund towards the provision of the platform.**

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and thanked them for their presentation. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that the volume of traffic going up and down Woodlawn is unbelievable as people are using it to by-pass the town which adds to the distress of the residents. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that a pedestrian crossing would increase safety and confirmed she would allocate funds to its provision from her Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund and asked that a plan be prepared for it. Cllr. Healy-Rae concluded by referring to the Traffic Management Plan that had been prepared which suggested sending traffic up to Muckross Road and Woodlawn Road and she stated that she was opposed to this idea.**

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the deputation and thanked them for attending the meeting. Cllr. Kelleher concurred with his colleagues and stated that there was a need for a speed ramp and pedestrian crossing. Cllr. Kelleher also referred to the signs diverting traffic out of town and down Woodlawn Road. There are signs specifically for HGVs which prevent them entering this road and it is incumbent on the Local Authority to enforce this as it is not being adhered to. A lot of children live at this location and Cllr. Kelleher asked that the signs be made bigger.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the deputation and thanked Mr. McGough for highlighting the issues that the people living in Woodlawn and Ballycasheen encounter. The Cathaoirleach stated that he fully supported the deputation's request. There is a requirement for a proper pedestrian crossing and proper speed ramps. The Cathaoirleach referred to the "humps" at the lower end which in his opinion were ineffective. He stated that the ramps provided on the approach to the Ballycasheen Junction had the desired effect and slows down the vehicles. The Cathaoirleach referred to the pedestrian footfall to Killarney Athletic and St. Oliver's and stated there was total justification for a pedestrian crossing. The Cathaoirleach asked Kerry County Council to look at providing a table top ramp which will make cars slow down as they cannot be avoided and committed to provide funding towards same from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that this road is used by people accessing the Ring of Kerry and by people who want to avoid driving through the centre of town. The TII are not going to provide a by-pass so there is total justification for the deputation's request. The Cathaoirleach concluded by fully supporting the deputation and stating that the residents needs a safe crossing and there is a requirement for the traffic to take heed of their speeds.

Cllr. J. Sheahan circulated a letter he had received from Killarney Athletic AFC and asked that it be included in the Minutes:

*"To the Members of the Killarney Municipal Authority.*

*We at Killarney Athletic AFC Football Club fully endorse the proposal of a pedestrian crossing close to our grounds in the Woodlawn area. We have over 300 young people attending our facilities on a regular basis and many others going for walks or fishing. In the interest of safety and slowing cars down in this built up area we feel this is a necessity. Please act swiftly as the care of our children is paramount.*

*Yours sincerely*

*(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)and all the Members at Killarney Athletic AFC"*

*(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* thanked the Members for meeting with them and stated he fully supported the residents in their case. He stated that if safety measures are provided, that people might walk instead of driving which would reduce the amount of cars in the area. 300 - 400 young players walk to Killarney Athletic and, therefore, it is vitally important that something is done to facilitate the safe crossing of this road.

Mr. P. Neary addressed the deputation and welcomed the speakers. He stated that traffic and pedestrian counts were carried out at the location and the monitor was at the location for a week. The data from this count will be analysed and staff will identify the most suitable solution for this location based on the results received. Mr. Neary stated that any traffic calming measures would be subject to public consultation and a design would have to be prepared which would have to come before the Elected Members. If the proposed measures are low cost solutions, then the Members will provide funding as agreed. Mr. Neary concluded by stating that he hoped that an acceptable solution for everyone could be found.

Cathaoirleach Cronin asked what timescale was involved.

Mr. Neary replied that he hoped a design would be completed by the end of June and if the proposals require public consultation, the Members will be briefed accordingly.

Cllr. D. Grady Proposed that a form of traffic calming be provided immediately. He asked that a "press button" crossing be provided and in the meantime requested that a plan be prepared.

Mr. Neary replied that a pedestrian crossing could not be provided without having a public consultation process. He stated that if a crossing is warranted, the public consultation will take place which is a 2 - 3 month process and it is hoped that this will be approved at the September meeting.

Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that a commitment had been given that a decision on the most appropriate solution would be made by the end of June and asked that this be honoured.

Mr. Neary confirmed it would be and stated that any proposed public consultation would come before the Members at the September meeting to approve.

The Cathaoirleach thanked the deputation for expressing their concerns and attending the meeting.

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

- (a) To consider the proposed works and the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), to replace the existing Dysert Bridge (KY-N23-005) with a new bridge on the N23 Castleisland to Farranfore Road in the townlands of Clashganniv, Kilcow and Farran (ED Castleisland), Castleisland, Co Kerry.

**On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. O'Connell, Seconded by Cllr. N. Kelleher, it was unanimously agreed to note the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), to replace the existing Dysert Bridge (KY-N23-005) with a new bridge on the N23 Castleisland to Farranfore Road in the townlands of Clashganniv, Kilcow and Farran (ED Castleisland), Castleisland, Co Kerry.**

**The Cathaoirleach declared the proposal to be carried.**

- (b) To consider the proposed works and the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), to widen Beheenagh Bridge (KY-N72-009) on the N72 Killarney to Rathmore Road in the townlands of Readrinagh and Kilquane (ED Doocarrig), Barraduff, Rathmore, Co Kerry.

**On the Proposal of Cllr. N. Kelleher, Seconded by Cllr. M. Gleeson it was unanimously agreed to note the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), to widen Beheenagh Bridge (KY-N72-009) on the N72 Killarney to Rathmore Road in the townlands of Readrinagh and Kilquane (ED Doocarrig), Barraduff, Rathmore, Co Kerry.**

**The Cathaoirleach declared the proposal to be carried.**

- (c) To consider the installation of enhanced pedestrian facilities, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009 at the following locations:

- R570 at Barraduff National School
- R561 at Fieries

On the Proposal of Cllr. B. Cronin, Seconded by Cllr. N. Kelleher it was agreed to consider the installation of enhanced pedestrian facilities, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009 at the following locations:

- R570 at Barraduff National School
- R561 at Fieries

The Cathaoirleach declared the proposal to be carried.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the above works and stated they were critically important and a vital investment in the area. The Cathaoirleach complimented Ms. Tara O'Carroll and her colleagues for their work in bringing the plans before the Members.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the Members had Proposed and Seconded the proposed works and therefore, the works had been passed by all the Elected Members.

Cathaoirleach Cronin agreed with Cllr. Grady and stated that some people claim the work themselves.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the work at Barraduff National School was very important. He stated he had a concern in relation to the parking area as there was not much space at other side of school which is being used for set-downs and drop-offs. Needs to be some in regard to safety and asked the Area Engineer to review this.

Cathaoirleach Cronin thanked Ms. B. Mulryan in relation to her work with the Parents' Association and the Principal in Fieries National School. He stated they had been campaigning for years for a crossing and it is now moving to construction stage and all involved are thankful for this.

#### **17.06.07.02 (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**

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**A/Director of Service: Michael Scannell**

**BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)**

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**April & May 2017 Activity highlights**

- The Kerry Business and Jobs expo took place on April 9<sup>th</sup> in Killarney with LEO staff manning a KCC stand and engaging with the public and participating businesses. Over 100 businesses were exhibiting and attendance on the day was close to 10,000 people.
- In April, 11 business owners completed a Business Growth Programme that ran in Killarney over 8 weeks.
- The April & May meetings of the LEO Evaluation committee approved grant aid worth " 52,500 to three businesses in the Killarney MD.

**New Schemes Launched: Two new schemes were launched and are generating strong interest from businesses within the MD and the County**

- A new marketing export grant scheme was launched with " 25,000 available to facilitate development of overseas markets. Eligible businesses can receive up to " 2,500 towards trade show attendance and other marketing activities.
- A Lean for Microprogramme subsidises the cost of engaging a Lean Production Consultant for micro-enterprises. Lean processes typically generate substantial cost savings for businesses.

**Upcoming Events**

- Due to very strong demand, the LEO has scheduled an additional Start Up Business Boot Camp to run in Killarney over the Summer months.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**Kerry Expo 2017**

Kerry County Council supported the Kerry Expo 2017 event held in April. The Economic Development Unit and the Local Enterprise Unit held a stand at the event which had a large attendance.



**Ireland/China Southern Region Launch**

The Economic Development Officer attended the launch of the Southern Region Ireland China Association held in Cork on the 22nd May.

## COMMUNITY

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### **Purple Flag Award**

The process to renew Purple Flag Award has begun again with the deadline for application in June 2017. The application is currently been finalised.

### **Áras Phádraig**

A public consultation on the future use of the former Theatre was undertaken towards the end of 2016 and report to be finalised by Exodea Consulting.

### **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.

### **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 September 2015. We are liaising with the Kerry Film Festival to this end.

### **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.

## PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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(1) The Killarney Municipal District Plan is, at present, being finalised. It is intended to publish the draft plan for public consultation and begin the statutory process in July.

(2) Kerry County Council in conjunction with National Parks and Wildlife Service has jointly made a submission to UNESCO to retain the Biosphere accreditation for Killarney National Park and the surrounding area. A decision is expected from UNESCO by the end of June. The Biosphere accreditation, if achieved is a non-statutory accreditation and lands included within the proposed Kerry Biosphere Reserve will not be subject to any additional constraints for land owners or users from, for example, a planning point of view. Rather, these areas will be internationally recognised as exceptional environments with an international badge of excellence in sustainable development.

It is envisaged that biosphere accreditation will create numerous opportunities in the region including:

- Biosphere branding available for tourism initiatives and local agricultural products.
- Website and social media promoting the biosphere reserve and associated groups and events.
- Potential funding opportunities for stakeholders e.g. agri-environment schemes, EU Life projects.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to "Laneways" in the report and asked when will the work on the signage be complete.**

**Ms. A. McAllen replied that the project team and Killarney Looking Good are working very hard on this at present. This is a high priority project for Killarney Looking Good, Tidy Towns and the Municipal District. Ms. McAllen stated that Mr. M. Ó Coileáin had ascertained all the history pertaining to all the laneways.**

**Mr. K. O'Halloran stated that Mr. Ó Coileáin had completed the design for the signage for the laneways and the next stage will be to get a number of the signs in place during the year.**

**Cllr. Kelleher referred to the Purple Flag Award and asked that the Executive do everything to ensure that the award is renewed. It is an important asset to the town and economy.**

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

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** As Killarney has international status as a tourist town and is situated in an area of great natural beauty that the Council's Planning and Environmental Departments would formulate a plan that would seek to further enhance the town's standing by placing a very special emphasis on promoting sustainable urban development and environmental improvement in areas such as water harvesting, cycle lanes, pedestrianisation, solar heating etc.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council values the importance of showcasing both Killarney and the wider County as a location of high quality sustainable development that respects the unique environment and landscape of the County. Significant progress has been achieved in relation to such programmes as Tidy Towns, Green Schools, Blue Flag Beaches and the achievement of other environmental designations for the County. The Council, in co-operation with the NPWS and other stakeholders are currently pursuing the retention of the Biosphere designation for the Killarney National Park which will be supported by an education and awareness programme in the wider area which will include Killarney Town. The Killarney MD Local Area Plan is currently being prepared and objectives can be included to reflect the sentiments of the Motion.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that when Augustus Welby Pugin was commissioned to build Killarney's great Cathedral, he knew that his**

design had to reflect the majesty and splendour of the surrounding area. He knew that there should be harmony between the Creator's gift and what he was to design and everyone agrees that he succeeded in that. It is one of the great jewels in Killarney Town and we need to achieve this standard of excellence in our town.

*"We should, through design and planning, seek to do all in harmony with the splendour that surrounds us:*

*We should insist on water harvesting on all large buildings. We should encourage the use of solar panels in all of our schools*

*We must progress pedestrianisation in order to allow locals and visitors to re-create in peace and increase the purity of the air we all breathe*

*We must develop further cycle lanes not just within the urban setting but also on the approach roads to Killarney*

*We should seek to resurrect the Urban Heating Scheme that would be powered by wood chip*

*We must make sure that fats and greases from all kitchens and especially from commercial premises are not entering the public sewer*

*In a town that is now internationally recognised for the Ring of Kerry Cycle, we should ensure that there are adequate cycle parking bays*

*We must ensure the retention of green spaces and not rely totally on the National Park*

*We must seek to ensure that the hills and mountains in the environs of our town and outside the National Park are not diminished by wind turbines*

*We should formulate a five year Eco Plan for the greater Killarney area*

*Castleisland Community College in consultation with a visiting Architect"*

**2. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would state if it has the finance necessary to allow for the development of the Tullig Walk, Castleisland and if not that it would indicate its proposal for the achievement of this laudable objective.

**Reply:** The Tullig Walk in Castleisland is approximately 5km in length. Approximately half the loop has a footpath. The remainder is a narrow country road. Kerry County Council will examine the route to identify possible areas of improvement.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson** referred to this walk as an example of a community wishing to do something for themselves and stated that no Government will do anything until people stand up for themselves and develop things. Cllr. Gleeson stated that from a health and social perspective, the development of this walkway will be enriching for the people of Castleisland and concluded by asking that every assistance be given to bring this to fruition.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty moved Notice of Motion No. 31 at this stage.**

**31. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To call on this Council to explain to groups, and assist them, as they wish to access funding for the purpose of continuing a footpath from the Black Road/Cordal Road Junction to the Community Centre in Castleisland, a distance of 1.85km. Examples of funding sources may be Town & Village Renewal Scheme or Clar Funding.

**Reply:** This section forms part of the Tullig Walk and it would be suitable for any future Urban Renewal Schemes. The MD Officer can meet with the group wishing to progress this project.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the benefits of this walkway are huge. He asked that the MD Officer meet with the group involved. There are a lot of children that could use this walkway to go to school if it was developed. This in turn would reduce the amount of traffic accessing the school and would have a multi-benefit. Cllr. Culloty stated that 1.85km was not a huge distance and to continue with this walkway would be a huge benefit to the community. Cllr. Culloty asked that the Council actively engage with the group and assist them in any way. A lot more people would use this walkway if it were made safer.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.**

**Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that he had raised this issue by way of Notices of Motion previously. He stated that he walks along this route 4 - 5 times per week and it is the most utilised section of road in the Castleisland area. Cllr. O'Connell stated that the financial concerns should be overcome as the development of this walkway is badly needed.**

**3. Cllr. B. Cronin:** What steps can Kerry County Council undertake to further develop the remainder of the units in Farranfore Business Park as this site has major potential for light industry and the creation of much need employment.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has recently engaged with IDA Ireland to highlight the potential of strategic sites within the County as being suitable for economic development opportunities. The lands in Farranfore are among the sites that are being explored. The Council will continue to engage with stakeholders to maximise the potential of the lands in the area.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that Farranfore Business Park offered huge potential. He stated that he often met people who wished to set up businesses there. A great number of units have been utilised, however in some parts only the foundations have been laid and briars are growing up through them. This is a hub area in Kerry as it is next to the Railway Station, Kerry Airport and N22 and from that perspective, it is centrally located. The IDA need to promote this facility. The area is zoned in the Development Plans and not being utilised. It offers tremendous potential and with the right motivation, it can be brought to fruition. The Cathaoirleach concluded by asking the Municipal District**

and the Chief Executive to promote these premises in an effort to create employment.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson** stated he was delighted to support this Motion and said that this site should be made presentable to the highest level. The community is proud of this facility as is Kerry.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan** fully supported the Motion and commended Killarney Technology Innovation Ltd (KTI) as they have been a great help to the workforce in Furies.

**4. Cllr. D. Grady:** That Kerry County Council would give a planning update on both the Rural Settlement Policy which is coming down the track but has not as yet been implemented. I am completely opposed to windfarms that are granted planning permission near dwelling houses.

**Reply:** Current planning policy in respect of rural housing is contained in Chapter 3 *Settlement Strategy* of Kerry County Council Development Plan 2015 - 2021, which was adopted unanimously at Full Council on the 16th of February 2015. Chapter 3 was prepared having regard to the Ministerial guidelines issued under Section 28 of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 . 2016, *Sustainable Rural Housing, Guidelines For Planning Authorities*.

A working group has been established by the Department of Housing, Planning Community and Local Government, comprising of representatives from the Department and the Local Government Management Agency Land Use and Transport Service committee to examine a recent European Courts of Justice ruling, and to ascertain, if any, the implications on planning policy nationally.

The Department has advised that the *National Planning Framework*, which is at an advanced stage of formulation, will assist any revision, if necessary, of the Ministerial guidelines. The Department has also advised in a Circular Letter dated the 31st of May 2017 that until the NPF and the report of the working group is complete, Local Authorities are should defer amending their rural housing policy / local need criteria presently contained in the County Development Plan

**Cllr. D. Grady** welcomed the reply in relation to windfarms and stated he was totally against granting planning permission for windfarms near dwelling houses. Cllr. Grady stated that there was nothing in place and this is wrong. People are very upset over this.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** enquired when would the details relating to the Rural Settlement Policy be expected. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that she had received an answer at Full Council that out of 216 applications for single rural cottages, 193 were granted but a person is not going to buy a site and apply for planning at that stage. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that the figures released do not reflect the reality.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** stated that two separate issues were being discussed, i.e. wind turbines and rural settlement.

**Ms. A. McAllen agreed with the Cathaoirleach and stated that these areas are strategic matters and are a matter for Full Council. These queries should be directed to Mr. M. Scannell, Director of Economic and Community Development. Ms. McAllen informed the Members that they would be updated at the Full Council Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June on this matter which is the appropriate forum for this discussion.**

**(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council what plan is in place to screen off a derelict unsightly building north of Cleeney Roundabout. This is an eyesore and needs to be addressed.

**Reply:** The new owners of this site have given a commitment that the site will be cleaned up and improved and the dereliction removed. These works will be carried out in conjunction with the development works being carried out as per the recently granted planning permission for their adjoining existing facility.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan asked when will the works commence. Cllr. Sheahan stated that the site needs to be cleared and the dilapidated building needs to be removed. It is an eyesore for visitors entering the town.**

**2. Cllr. B. Cronin:** When will Kerry County Council be taking in charge Hill View Estate, Woodlawn, Greenfields Estate, Furies, and Rose Hill Avenue, Furies.

**Reply:**

**Hill View, Woodlawn**

In accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water, in respect of taking housing estates in charge, a site resolution plan has been prepared and submitted to Irish Water for their approval in respect of this estate. Once agreed and approved, this commits Irish Water to take responsibility for the water services assets of the estate and Kerry County Council taking responsibility for the over ground services i.e. roads, footpaths, open spaces, public lighting etc.

We expect to commence the statutory taking in charge process for this estate in the next few months with a view to having it completed in late 2017 / early 2018.

As this is a historic estate, with no bond available, the Council does not have funding to carry out any improvement works in the estate. Works will have to be prioritised if funding becomes available. It is hoped that the funding stream provided in 2016 to assist Local Authorities to take estates in charge will continue in 2017. If such a call for funding is made, this estate will be submitted for funding.

### **Rose Hill Avenue, Furies**

In accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water, in respect of taking housing estates in charge, a site resolution plan is being prepared and will be submitted to Irish Water within the next month for their approval in respect of this estate. Once agreed and approved, this commits Irish Water to take responsibility for the water services assets of the estate and Kerry County Council taking responsibility for the over ground services i.e. roads, footpaths, open spaces, public lighting etc.

We expect to commence the statutory taking in charge process for this estate in the next few months with a view to having it completed in late 2017 / early 2018.

As this is a historic estate, with no bond available, the Council does not have funding to carry out any improvement works in the estate. Works will have to be prioritised if funding becomes available. It is hoped that the funding stream provided in 2016 to assist Local Authorities to take estates in charge will continue in 2017. If such a call for funding is made, this estate will be submitted for funding.

### **Greenfields Estate Furies**

All the outstanding works have been completed on this estate. The public lighting is also now operational again. We are still awaiting the final documentation which will allow us to release the Bond and commence the statutory taking in charge process. The first step will be the submission to Irish Water seeking their approval to proceed in accordance with the memorandum of understanding for taking housing estates in charge, it is expected that the taking in charge process will be completed before the end of 2017.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the replies and noted that there is progress on all three estates. The Cathaoirleach welcomed the reply that the lights in Greenfields are operational again.**

**3. Cllr. B. Cronin:** What is the update on a site for a playground for Furies.

**Reply:** A site has been identified for a playground within the village. A topographical survey has been undertaken of the site and a site suitability and assessment report is being undertaken for the local Committee.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that Mr. V. Foley has examined the site and his report will be furnished to the owners and hopefully this will progress to the next stage.**

**4. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council when will the Manager's Report be available in relation to the Killarney Local Area Plan.

**Reply:** Under Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 - 2016, a Manager's Report in relation to a Draft Local Area Plan is prepared after a statutory period of 6 weeks public consultation. It is envisaged that the Draft Killarney Municipal District Plan will be placed on display for public consultation in July 2017. Following this period of public consultation, the



Manager's Report will be prepared addressing the submissions and observations received and this report, together with the Draft Plan, will be presented to Members in Q3.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae enquired if this will be advertised in the newspapers.**

**Ms. A. McAllen confirmed the plan will go on public display and following this, a report will be prepared which will come before the Members**

**5. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** In the last 10 years, how much in development levies has been collected in the Killarney Municipal District?

**Reply:** The Council has not adopted a specific Development Contribution Scheme for the Killarney MD Area. Any development contributions collected in the area would come under the Council's adopted General Development Contribution Scheme to support the provision of public infrastructure together with amenity and recreational facility improvements throughout the administrative area of the Council. Receipts and expenditure from the scheme are not specific to one MD area, but rather related to the schemes and purposes outlined in the Development Contribution Scheme which covers the Council's entire administrative area.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher asked why he was not given the information he requested.**

**Ms. A. McAllen replied that the figures are not available. Development levy payments are receipted to a General Development Contribution Scheme.**

**Cllr. Kelleher stated that if a site is within a particular Electoral Area and conditions of planning are put on it, then the development contributions collected from that development should be spent specifically in that Municipal District area.**

**Ms. McAllen replied that specific developments can attract their own specific development levies.**

**Cllr. Kelleher enquired if he could be supplied with all the information available on the amount of levies collected in the entire County.**

**Ms. McAllen replied that she would provide this information.**

**17.06.07.03 (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: June 7th 2017**

**Director of Service: John Breen**

# Environmental Protection

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

## ***2017 Anti-Dumping Initiative Phase 2***

In response to a hugely positive reaction to the initial launch of the 2017 AntiDumping Initiative, the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Mr Denis Naughten T.D., has advised local authorities that further funds will be made available to support the initiative. The initial allocation of " 650,000 has been doubled with total funding of " 1.3million now being made available to support the clean-up of dumping black-spots and to target those who engage in this illegal practice.

Successful applications from the initial phase included projects that will equip authorities with the latest enforcement technologies including overt and covert surveillance equipment and drone technology to target dumpers. A range of clean-up and restorative projects led by community, environmental and sporting groups have also been approved. The extra funds will support strategic, community led anti-dumping projects that remediate specific site(s) and develop effective deterrents.

The second phase of the initiative will continue to be delivered through the WERLA offices. The additional funding of " 650,000 will provide local authorities and community groups with the financial support they need to actively respond to instances of illegal dumping in their areas. Applications should engage community groups and other state agencies working in partnership to clean-up and prevent illegal dumping. Local authorities can enhance projects by responding to breaches of waste legislation and taking enforcement actions where appropriate.

Project Selection Criteria and Application Process Applications are now invited from Local Authorities for consideration by the relevant WERLA Regional Steering Group and must be submitted on the application form developed for this purpose. The Steering Groups are responsible for selecting suitable projects eligible for funding subject to a selection criteria, and for determining the grant allocations in each individual case.

The deadline for receipt of applications for the second phase of this project is Monday, 26 June 2017 and the appropriate WERLA will endeavour to notify successful applicants within one month of this closing date. Please note successful applicants may be required to submit further information prior to the commencement of works and to engage with the relevant WERLA for the duration of the project.

## **Killarney Transfer Station - Car Park Extension**

Killarney Transfer Station is our busiest Recycling and Waste facility in Kerry. The quantity of waste disposed of at Killarney Transfer Station during 2016 increased by approximately 6 % over 2015 figures. This reflects a substantial increase in the use of the Recycling and Waste facility by the public where

1,528 Tonnes of waste was accepted and 671 tonnes of recycling material collected.

Due to the increased numbers of customers, it was agreed that the existing car park facility was not fit for purpose as it catered for no more than 3 cars and further enhancements to the site were required.

Therefore in the last number of months works have been carried out at the Transfer Station. A new barrier system has been installed to control traffic movements into the recycling area while allowing pedestrians recycle in a safe zone. The new car park has utilised council land within the curtilage of the site and 9 car parking spaces have been created.

It is hoped the changes will ensure the continued safety and comfort of our customers at this very busy site



# Fire/Building Regulation

**Business Unit Manager: Michael Hession CFO**

## Fire Safety and Prevention:

Fire Officers continued to provide the Courts with recommendations in respect of licencing applications notified to the Fire Service.

Fire Officers continued with inspections of premises where required, including post fire incident inspections and fire safety inspections following complaints received.

Fire Officers attended the annual Chief Fire Officers Association Conference which was held in Dublin.

## Fire Service Operations:

OPERATIONS	Jan-31 May 2016	Jan-29 May 2017
<i>Fires</i>		
Chimney Fires	69	59
Gorse Fires	136	153
Other Fires	83	91
Total	288	303
Special Services Number		
Entrapment	10	4
Gas/Chemicals	3	0
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	0
Hazardous Substances non Transit	1	0
Machinery	0	0
Miscellaneous	26	25
Other rescue	9	13
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	1	1
Road traffic accident	47	38
Water pumping/flooding	6	0
Total	103	81
False Alarms Number		
Malicious	11	6
Good Intent	77	42
Total	88	48
Total Number of Incidents	479	432
Total Number of Mobilisations	565	528

## Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017 was 197 which is a:
  - 14.53% increase on the figure of 172 for the same period last year.

- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 a total of 36 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 57 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents decrease of:
  - 14.28 % in Disability Access Certificate applications and
  - 17.39 % in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2016.

Building Control	1 January 2016 to 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	1 January 2017 to 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2017
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	69	57
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	42	36
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices Received	172	197

## Library Services

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

Children's Reading Adventure programme 2017 - **Summer Stars** – will be running in all Kerry Libraries and most public libraries throughout the country again this summer. Summer Stars is a free programme, open to all children.

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

A range of support material is available at [www.librariesireland.ie/summer-stars](http://www.librariesireland.ie/summer-stars)

## Water Services

### 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. **The new CIP 2017 - 2021 has not yet been published.**

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

<b><u>CIP WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</u></b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>		
<b>Mains Rehabilitation Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Status</b>
	County Direct Labour	" 2.65M	Pipelaying by direct labour . complete.
<b>Central Regional Water Supply Scheme</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Status</b>
	Water Treatment Plant - DBO	" 30M	Works underway, contractor <b>Glan Agua</b> . Completion date is <b>April '18</b> .

<b><u>CIP WASTEWATER PROJECT, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</u></b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme</b>	Planning Permission granted by Kerry County Council was appealed to <b>An Bord Pleanála – decision due by 22.08.17</b>

## IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

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

<b>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Status</b>
Castleisland SS - Church St and Limerick Rd.	Replace collapsed lengths of sewers	" 8,000	Complete
CRWSS Scart Reservoir	Decommission temp. bypass	" 15,000	Complete
CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works Muckross to Burma Rd	2.2 Km of new 150MM watermain	" 250,000	Complete
Brosna Knock RWSS Dooneen Rsvr Castleisland	Fencing works	" 8,000	Complete
CRWSS Rising Mains Facilitation Works from Muckross Church through the Black Road and Loreto 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 . Raw Water Main	Replace water main from Lake to WTP	" 160,000	Requested
CRWSS Ballymacadam Reservoir	Provide Actuator Control Valve	" 8,000	Requested
<b>Total APPROVED to-date</b>		<b>€2.606M</b>	

## THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The administration and development of the Group Scheme sector continues to be a function of the Local Authorities under the guidance and supervision of the Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government. **Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.**

The funding for **2016 - 2018** was announced on the 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

Irish Water has now developed 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 give a detailed report on the most recent water quality readings from the Woodford River [Abha aq tSionnaigh] immediately prior to its confluence with the River Flesk.

**Reply:** The water quality in the Woodford River is of good quality. Since 2015 this river has been sampled 33 times by Kerry County Council staff. 26

of these samples have been analysed in our in-house Laboratory and the remainder by EPA Laboratories (following the introduction of revised testing procedures). We are still awaiting the results of 4 samples from the EPA. Occasionally, after periods of heavy rain, some of the significant parameters analysed, i.e. total phosphorus, ortho phosphate, ammonia and BOD are elevated denoting temporary deterioration in water quality. This has only happened on two occasions out of these samples analysed.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply and stated that he had great respect for Mr. D. Lenihan and his staff in the Laboratory which has been classified internationally as an outstanding facility. Cllr. Gleeson stated that concerns have been raised with him in relation to the water in the Woodford River. This water flows into the Flesk and onto the Killarney Lakes which are priceless. Cllr. Gleeson asked that a careful eye be kept on matters regarding planning as this is the heartland of quarrying.**

**Mr. G. O'Brien replied that the reports on the water quality were good and it will be sampled on a regular basis.**

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Has there been progress in the development of the long awaited public sewerage scheme for Dennehy's Road, Killarney?

**Reply:** Dennehy's Road serves circa 26 houses, each of which is connected to its own septic tank, in the area behind the Friary in Killarney town. Irish Water have indicated that there is no funding currently available for the proposed sewerage scheme.

In Wastewater, priority is being given by Irish Water to the upgrading of existing waste water treatment plants in towns where ECJ Rulings apply to the existing sewerage infrastructure, and on meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licenses to these existing Schemes, prior to considering investment in new schemes or in extensions to existing schemes. Irish Water's current position is that it has no funding stream to provide (or extend) services to properties with private sewerage facilities, except at the expense of the property owners and on foot of Connection Agreements.

The development of such an extension to the public sewer in Dennehy's Road, Fair Hill is a consideration for a Group Sewerage Scheme. 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, Community and Local Government and Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement. In 2016 Kerry County Council included the Dennehy's Road project (provisional estimate " 280,000) as part of the Council's annual submission to the DoHPC&LG for funding for the multi-annual Rural Water programme 2016 - 2018.

The Rural Water Grants for 2016-2018 were announced by the Department in August 2016 and Dennehy's Road was not included - the proposed Group Sewerage Scheme for Alderwood Road in Tralee was one of only two SSs in the whole country for which funding was allocated.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson** asked if he was correct in asking if it would be desirable that a settlement in Killarney town would be able to connect up to a public sewer and also enquired if there was money available to do this?

**Mr. C. Mangan** replied that it would be desirable to have a public sewer but that it does not appear that there is any immediate prospect that it will happen. **Mr. Mangan** stated that Irish Water are concentrating on existing schemes and plants and there is no funding stream to expand out to new areas. A Group Scheme could be considered here but unfortunately, the Department of the Environment have gone for a 3 year plan and finance was only given to two groups in the whole country, one in Alderwood Rd Tralee and one in Donegal. Dennehy's Road was not successful.

**2. Cllr. D. Grady:** Update on the road and sewer from Kilcummin Village to Killarney with the exception of Park Hill as this part of the road is about to be done.

**Reply:** The decision by Kerry County Council to grant permission for the Scheme has been appealed to An Bord Pleanála and its decision is due on or before the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017.

There are two sections of the road to be overlaid in 2018, i.e. Kilcummin Village and Inchycullane. These sections can be reconsidered depending on the timing of these sewage works.

**Cllr. D. Grady** welcomed the reply.

**Mr. C. Mangan** stated that a decision from An Bord Pleanála was due on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

**Cllr. Grady** stated that two sections of that road need to be overlaid.

**Cllr. Cronin** stressed that Kerry County Council had granted permission but a third party, the Inland Fisheries, had appealed that decision.

**3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** What is the up-to-date situation on the proposed sewer main line from Kilcummin to Killarney?

**Reply:** The decision by Kerry County Council to grant Permission for the Scheme has been appealed to An Bord Pleanála and its decision is due on or before the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty** enquired if the works would commence soon after 22<sup>nd</sup> August if the decision is favourable.

**Mr. C. Mangan** replied that if the outcome from An Bord Pleanála is positive, the works will then have to go to tender. He suggested that a machine may be "on the ground" in late 2018 but this would be the best scenario.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that it was a critical fact that Kerry County Council granted planning permission to Irish Water to proceed with the Sewerage Scheme. Unfortunately, Inland Fisheries appealed Kerry County Council's decision and a decision on this is due on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. This delay is outside the control of this Municipal District and the Full Council.**

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the irony here is that the ground here is poor and the proposed new scheme should have some positive influence on pollution. Inland Fisheries obviously have some other issue.**

#### **Update on Water Services**

**Mr. C. Mangan referred to the Directorate Report that had issued to the Members and stated that the new plant at Lough Guitane was progressing well and it is hoped it may be in operation close to the turn of the year.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher enquired about the approved individual minor pipelaying schemes and asked when they would be carried out.**

**Mr. Mangan replied that these would be done in turn. Mr. Mangan stated that Allman's Terrace, Kenmare Place will be done in the winter.**

**Cllr. Kelleher enquired about Rathmore.**

**Mr. Mangan stated the delay was caused by the extra works approved and taking place in Mid-Kerry. The critical length had been replaced earlier in Rathmore and it is hoped that further work in Rathmore would commence circa the end of the year.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin enquired about the Garden Centre at Currow.**

**Mr. Mangan replied that the pipes would be laid in the coming weeks at this location.**

**Cathaoirleach Cronin referred to Killeen near the Two Mile School in Killarney and stated there was an issue with the pressure and the size of the pipe coming in. This has been ongoing for a few months and the Cathaoirleach proposed that a request be forwarded to provide a new pipe three-quarters of the way in this cul-de-sac, to take bigger volume. Further planning has been granted and there is pressure to a certain point. The Cathaoirleach asked that Irish Water be requested to extend this pipe by a few 100m to cater for new developments coming on stream.**

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded this Proposal.**

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty referred to water samples taken by landowners in Muckross and stated that they had concerns. Cllr. Culloty asked that someone liaise with the residents.**

Mr. C. O'Leary stated that samples have been taken there and he stated he was satisfied that it is not the public water that was the issue. The pond in the field is not caused/influenced by the public water supply. A Council Official will supply the landowner with the water test results.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded Cllr. Culloty on this matter.

Cathaoirleach Cronin enquired what was the timeframe involved for someone with a house applying for a new connection to Irish Water.

Mr. C. O'Leary replied that it was 6 weeks.

Mr. Mangan confirmed that this period depends on a number of parameters, including the correct and full completion of the Application Form, this being assessed and the fee then being paid. Following payment of the fee, the work will always be done within 6 weeks and often within a much shorter time-frame.

**17.06.07.04 (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**

**30<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

**A/Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue**

## Housing Report – Killarney Municipal District.

### 1 Housing Applications

	<u>No</u>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	1337
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	109
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	88

### 2 Void Management

<b>Municipal District breakdown</b>	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	1
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	1
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	4
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	4
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	1
<b><u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u></b>	<b><u>11</u></b>

### 3 Social Housing Options

<b>Social Housing Options in MD</b>	<b>New tenancies since the start of the year</b>	<b>Current No of tenancies</b>
LA Housing	18	716
RAS	10	210
Leasing	1	56
HAP	28	28
<b><u>Total no of Tenancies</u></b>	<b><u>57</u></b>	<b><u>1010</u></b>

#### 4 Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>

##### 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 No.	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 No. bed	February
Firies	1	3 No. bed	April
1 progressing			
2 further houses are to be provided through Part V.			

#### 5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 384 No. requests for repairs have been received for the Killarney Municipal District.

## **6     Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 36 No. grants have been allocated in the Killarney Municipal District.

## **7     Bedroom Extensions**

*Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, no bedroom extensions have been allocated.*

## **8     Repair & Leasing Scheme**

A key component of the [Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness](#) is the new Repair and Leasing Scheme, which targets the delivery of social housing and also ensures that existing housing stock is used to the maximum degree possible.

The basis of the scheme is that repair and improvement works to suitable vacant properties are funded to bring them up to the standard for rented accommodation and the cost of the works is then deducted from lease payments over an agreed lease term.

There are a number of requirements in relation to the scheme:

- ❖ The property has to be vacant for at least 12 months
- ❖ There has to be a social housing demand for the property
- ❖ The property has to be assessed as being viable to provide accommodation
- ❖ The minimum lease term is 10 years and is preferably 20 years
- ❖ The lease payments are based on the current market rental rates in the property location, less 20% to cover vacant periods and administration/management
- ❖ The scope and cost of the works, and the recoupment of the works cost through the lease payments, are agreed between the owner and Kerry County Council
- ❖ The initiative is not available for private renting.

If the property is located in an area of need and is suitable for social housing a property inspection will be carried out by Kerry County Council staff who will identify the works required to bring the dwelling to the required standard.

There will be a National Media Campaign as well a local campaign rolled out over the coming weeks. At that stage application forms and further details will be available on our website.



## **9 Assessment Of Housing Need 2017**

The Minister for the Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government has directed that under Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, each housing authority<sup>1</sup> is required to prepare a summary, in the prescribed form, of the social housing assessments carried out in its administrative area.

The Minister has directed that the summary be prepared on **28 June 2017**. The form of the 2017 summary is as prescribed in the Social Housing Assessments (Summary) Regulations 2016.

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.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to the HAP Scheme mentioned in the report and noted it had been launched since 1<sup>st</sup> December and 28 tenancies have started since then. Cllr. Kelleher stated that the feedback he is getting is that this scheme is not working out as there is a lack of long-term properties available to lease.**

**Ms. B. Conway stated that this is being rolled out on a phased basis to all new housing applicants or housing applicants not in receipt of rent allowance. Phase 2 will involve people moving houses in receipt of rent allowance. This will be for new applicants only.**

**Cllr. Kelleher stated the number seemed relatively small for the amount of applications that have been submitted by him and that is not including applications submitted by the other 7 Councillors in this Municipal District.**

**Ms. Conway replied that HAP is the only form of social support by way of payment. It has replaced the rent allowance. There is no option but to apply for HAP now. Payments are made once and the applicant sources a house.**

**Cllr. Kelleher stated that the HAP Scheme was not proving to be helpful in getting people a home. A stereotype exists where people do not rent to Kerry County Council. This scheme rents to the tenant and not Kerry County Council. This is a big concern.**

**Ms. K. Curtin stated that concerns have been received about this. HAP is not being paid to approved housing bodies but it is the only scheme available. This will be discussed with the Department of Social Protection next week.**

**Cllr. D. Grady asked if these were the only schemes available. Cllr. Grady enquired if people on the housing list were being told that as soon as they apply for HAP or leasing, they will come off the housing list because he stated they were not being told this. If the landlord decides to sell the house being leased, we cannot help them. This is very wrong and a clear message should be issued to the press about this. Cllr. Grady also asked for an update on Armagh House and said they are looking for money for the last 10 years and have been told that the Department have ringfenced money for it.**

**Ms. Curtin replied that no details have been received but promised to provide the Members with an update when same is to hand.**

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae referred to the Repair and Lease Scheme and asked what is the timeframe when people will be notified of the status of their application.**

**Ms. Curtin stated that she would revert to Cllr. Healy-Rae on the matter.**

**Cllr. Healy-Rae referred to the Housing Adaptation Grants and Mobility Aids Grants and asked how long does it take the Investigating Officer to view applicant's houses. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that huge backlogs existed.**

**Ms. Curtin replied that this was being reviewed as there were resource issues. The Investigating Officers are working through them as quickly as they can.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin asked how many Investigating Officers are in Kerry County Council. There are substantial volumes of these type of applications.**

**Ms. Curtin replied that there are four in Kerry but she did not think they were all operating on the grant applications.**

**Ms. A. McAllen stated that she would speak to Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Director of Housing and get an update from him.**

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty enquired how many had applied for the Repair and Lease Scheme.**

**Ms. Curtin stated that this was being reviewed at present. She did not think that the number was substantial. Landlords would have to rent their house for a minimum of 10 years up to 20 years.**

#### **(b) Notices of Motion - Housing and Corporate Services**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would detail the progress made towards the provision of CCTV cameras in Ballyspillane. The community have made clear the very real need that exists for these cameras.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council is currently working with An Garda Síochána to prepare a submission to the Department of Justices and Equality for CCTV cameras in Ballyspillane and the Town Centre for grant funding.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson asked, that in view of the wonderful attendance from all areas of public life who attended the meeting in Ballyspillane showing the commitment to help the community, that Kerry County Council should move as expeditiously as possible to put cameras in place.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the Council is fortunate that it is ready to make an application for this scheme as there is only a certain amount of**

finance available for it and it is operating on a first come, first served basis. Cllr. Kelleher welcomed the response of An Garda Síochána.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** Seconded the Motion and stated a large number of people attended the meeting last week and she was welcomed the support received from An Garda Síochána.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** stated that all the Members had Notices of Motion on this issue and noted that Ballyspillane had an excellent Residents' Association. The Cathaoirleach thanked everyone involved to bring this to a successful conclusion.

**Ms. A. McAllen** stated that the Council had worked very closely with the Gardaí to ensure that the CCTV applied for is relevant to the Gardaí and residents. The application is for Ballyspillane Estate, the Town Centre and outer area. Ms. McAllen acknowledged the assistance of the Ballyspillane Residents' Association, An Garda Síochána and Mr. B. Looney in preparing the application.

**Cllr. Gleeson** informed the meeting that a Community Garda will be appointed for Killarney which was welcome news.

**2. Cllr. D. Grady:** That the workforce in the Killarney Municipal District Area, outdoor, be increased immediately. A number of part time outdoor positions have been made available but this is not enough and we will not maintain or increase our Tidy Towns marks if additional staff are not employed. We should not be supporting another Municipal Area with the money that is coming out of our area.

**Reply:** There are a number of factors that impact on the recruitment of staff within the current manpower planning activities of the Council which are continuously reviewed in the context of ensuring the delivery and prioritisation of key services and meeting our strategic priority objectives. Recent years has seen significant reductions across all funding sources which has resulted in a reduction in services being provided in these areas with a resulting impact on staff numbers. Therefore, the capacity of both internal and external funding sources remains a major consideration in reviewing staffing levels in all areas across the organisation and the Council continuously reviews staffing requirements and assigns additional resources as appropriate within these financial constraints.

**Cllr. D. Grady** stated that €14m - €16m is being paid in rates in the Killarney Municipal District. Cllr. Grady stated that €7.5m is coming out of Killarney Town alone in rates and what is coming back is not right. Cllr. Grady stated that the town was in a bad state. There is grass growing on footpaths and Killarney does not have the staff available to clear this. Only one gardener has been provided for the whole town in the last year. Cllr. Grady stated he was sad to see this decline and it cannot continue.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Question 1 at this stage.**

**1. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** Staffing levels in our Municipal District across all services is below the required amount to deliver the services to the residents. When can we expect to see progress on this?

**Reply:** There are a number of factors that impact on staffing levels within the current manpower planning activities of the Council which are continuously reviewed in the context of ensuring the delivery and prioritisation of key services and meeting our strategic priority objectives. Recent years has seen significant reductions across all funding sources which has resulted in a reduction in services being provided in these areas with a resulting impact on staff numbers. Therefore, the capacity of both internal and external funding sources remains a major consideration in reviewing staffing levels in all areas across the organisation and the Council continuously reviews staffing requirements and assigns additional resources as appropriate within these financial constraints.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the Council have a contract for grass in this Municipal District which is included in our Operational Plan. There is more money available now than there was in the Town Council days. Previously the Council had this building along with the building next door with two floors of staff. Cllr. Kelleher stated that it was important for a town and Municipal District with three towns that there be staff located in the Municipal District to provide the services needed. The staff that we have are stretched. Cllr. Kelleher stated that some staff have not been replaced. It is important that people dealing with services are based in the Killarney MD. Cllr. Kelleher welcomed the fact that the Council had recently advertised available positions at different grade levels and hoped that as many as possible are based in Killarney. Cllr. Kelleher asked that the levels of indoor and outdoor staff be increased.**

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded Cllr. D. Grady's Notice of Motion stated that no one could criticise the workers in the Council but it is understaffed at the moment. Cllr. Healy-Rae asked that a request be made to the Executive for more resources. She stated that Killarney Area used to have six crews but now there are only two for the Killarney Municipal District which now includes Castleisland.**

**Ms. A. McAllen stated that she wished to commend Killarney Looking Good and the Tidy Towns who have retained the Gold Medal and also commended the volunteers that keep the town tidy and presentable. Ms. McAllen acknowledged that Killarney Town does make a significant contribution to the overall amount that is put back into Killarney Municipal District. Ms. McAllen stated that significant investment has and will be made in the development of new walkways, the Cultural Centre, Áras Pádraig, Lough Leane Loop, CCTV and laneway development and the Flesk Cycleway. An application has been submitted to the Department of Arts for the walkway in Castleisland and the development of a roundabout design for Rathmore. Ms. McAllen stated that the Governance section of the Procurement Office is now based in the Town Hall which provides a national shared service for the**

whole country. It is relevant that this office is now located in this building. This is further strengthened by locating Ms. M. Ní Cheallaigh in the building and she will be involved in Tourism Development. A new team will be based here and we must raise the profile and work with volunteers to lift Killarney Municipal District and bring it to the next level.

Cllr. Grady welcomed Ms. McAllen's comments but stated that approximately €630,000 is allocated to clean Killarney and other towns. This represents a big reduction in funding towards cleaning. Cllr. Grady stated that a substantial fund which was left over from the Town Council which should be utilised.

Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that she recognised Ms. McAllen's comments regarding development projects going on but added that there are potholes in the roads and bridges are falling apart. The staff are not there to address these issues.

Cllr. Kelleher enquired about the money that is ringfenced for Killarney and asked what it is being used for.

Ms. McAllen confirmed that these funds were being used in Killarney for projects such as the graveyard, the River Flesk Walkway, Áras Pádraig and the Cultural Centre.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that Killarney was an exceptional town. He accepted there were problems and difficulties as it takes a long time to get repairs carried out on the public road networks. The Cathaoirleach stated that a lot of team work had taken place with the volunteers in conjunction with Council. The Cathaoirleach stated that a lot of negativity was being portrayed by some Members who are stating that nothing is being done since the Town Council was disbanded but in fact, a tremendous amount of work is being done by this Municipal District. Plunkett Street was recently improved at a cost of €300,000, Muckross Road was also improved and the provision of a new Burial Ground for the town is also proceeding. The Cathaoirleach stated that the issues of improvements are a rolling problem. Once one section of road is upgraded, you have to move onto the next. Cathaoirleach Cronin enquired about the Cultural Centre and asked what stage was it at.

Ms. McAllen replied that the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs have provided a grant of €120,000 towards the Cultural Centre. There is a significant own resource funding to match this grant. Ms. McAllen confirmed that the Part 8 process would commence and hoped that the Cultural Centre would be open for Easter 2018. Ms. McAllen stated that the Members would be updated on this matter at the next Municipal District Meeting.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that he was involved with Killarney Looking Good, Tidy Towns and Meitheal and felt that he should comment on what has been said. He stated that when a team goes out and wins an

All-Ireland, we praise them. Killarney over the last 15 - 20 years has achieved major status. Cllr. Gleeson referred to a group of people that recently visited Killarney who stated they were astonished and amazed at the standard of excellence that has been achieved in the town. Cllr. Gleeson referred to a Proposal that he had raised and which had been passed by the Members a year previous and is a Question he has included on today's Agenda asking that the N22 be dedicated to staff and volunteers who have served in this town. Cllr. Gleeson stated he was proud of what has been achieved by everyone. Cllr. Gleeson stated that the town was within one week of adjudication and people are dragging it into the gutter. He stated he was proud of Killarney and he said he will join volunteers later on this evening who pick up litter. Cllr. Gleeson concluded by stating that Killarney enriches the entire County and Province.

Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that a reference had been made that she had degraded Killarney in her comments which she referred to as a "wild statement". Cllr. Healy-Rae stated this was not correct and that she had made a particular point about potholes and bridges. Cllr. Healy-Rae said that someone said she was degrading the work of volunteer groups which she refuted and she stated that one Councillor had, in fact, agreed with her comments about the road network.

Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that time and time again, derogatory comments are coming out about Killarney Town. The Cathaoirleach concurred with Cllr. Gleeson's comments and stated that these negative comments are continuing at other meetings.

Cllr. Grady stated that the Cathaoirleach was making false allegations about what he said and stated that the Cathaoirleach was not a Member of Killarney Town Council to see how Killarney was previously. Cllr. Grady stated he was very proud of his town but cannot proud if we continue the way we are going. The volunteers who go out are keeping up the standards but if these people were not carrying out this work, the Council workforce would not be there to complete this. Cllr. Grady stated only one gardener was in the town in the last year. Cllr. Grady stated if he did not protect Killarney, then no-one would.

**3. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to purchase more demountable units as they haven't in the last number of years as these are necessary for families who for one reason or another become homeless suddenly and need emergency housing.

**Reply:** Having reviewed the cost of providing and installing a demountable unit and the long-term suitability of same as a housing option, we do not plan on purchasing any units. However, for families who find themselves in a homeless situation, we have a number of transitional short-term emergency houses from our own stock identified for such eventualities throughout the County which would be more suitable to their needs until a more permanent solution to their accommodation needs is identified.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** stated that the value of demountable units should not be underestimated. In times of fire, people are more than happy to see a demountable unit as they are more suitable than emergency houses and can be placed where required.

**Cllr. D. Grady** Seconded the Motion.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty** stated that he had called on Kerry County Council to look at the provision of modular houses. He stated he had asked how many demountable units were not in use and was told that there were a number. The cost of a unit is €60,000. Cllr. Culloty suggested that the old units could be repaired and put back into use. He stated that there were over 80 units in stock at present. Cllr. Culloty referred to demountable units in halting sites which in his opinion were not suitable and stated that modular houses would be more appropriate and last longer.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher** stated that he agreed with some of what Cllr. M. Healy-Rae had said but would not like to see demountable units becoming a long-term solution for anybody.

**Ms. K. Curtin** stated that in relation to homelessness, the Council are conscious of not putting families into demountable units. In the event of house fires, the Council have identified a number of properties that families can be moved into. The preferred option is that a child would have a house. In such events, a property is identified within the area that the family resides in so it is near their school and friends. Ms. Curtin stated that an assessment of all demountables in the County will be undertaken shortly.

**Cllr. Healy-Rae** stated that demountable units were suitable for single people and that she had never suggested that they would be a long-term solution. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Director of Housing has previously stated that modular houses were not a reality for Kerry County Council.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** supported Ms. K. Curtin's comments in relation to re-housing people into a house and not a demountable unit.

**Cllr. D. Grady** enquired if there was a house allocated for the homeless in the County.

**Ms. Curtin** replied that it was a short-term option only.

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** Question 1 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 2.



**17.06.07.05 (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: 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**

**Director of Service: Charlie O Sullivan**

## 1. Road / Transportation

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

  

<b><u>Regional and Local Roads</u></b> <b><u>Restoration Improvement Programme</u></b> <b><u>Restoration Maintenance Programme</u></b>				
<b><u>Restoration Improvement Programme 2017 (Killarney East)</u></b>				
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
L-2033	Cloonclogh . Currow.	450	" 81,778	Drainage & skirting works prior to pavement overlay.
L-3002	Canguilla . Knockrower.	900	" 86,767	Drainage & skirting works prior to pavement overlay.
L-7001	Meanus . Currans.	800	" 72,884	Strengthening and Surface Dressing.
L-7017	Ballahantouragh . Toornanaunagh.	1,200	" 85,610	Drainage & skirting works prior to pavement overlay.
L-7023	Adraval . Mullen.	1,000	" 79,819	Strengthening and Surface Dressing.
R-577	Scartaglen . Gortacappul.	1,000	" 162,007	Drainage & skirting works prior to pavement overlay.
R-582	Cloonts X- Rathmore Railway Stn.	500	" 83,875	Drainage & skirting works prior to pavement overlay.

  

<b><u>Restoration Improvement Programme 2017 (Killarney West)</u></b>				
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
L-3011	Coolcaslagh- Knocknahoe	1200	" 108,000	Drainage & skirting complete
L-2033	Coolcorcoran . Park X	600	" 60,000	Drainage & skirting works prior to pavement overlay to commence
L-7033	Ballinvarrig, Firies	950	" 76,000	Drainage & skirting works prior to pavement overlay to commence
L-7002	Scart X - Firies	1400	" 126,000	Drainage & skirting works prior to pavement overlay to commence
L-7051	Drombrick . Culleeny (Boggy Rd)	1400	" 112,000	Strengthening works complete
L-11077	Knockeenduff Link Road	500	" 45,000	Strengthening works complete

### **Restoration Maintenance Programme 2017 – Killarney East**

<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
L-2033	Dicksgrove X . Curracitty.	500	" 13,500	Drainage & skirting works prior to surface dressing.
L-2033	Cloonclogh X - Lisheenbaun	900	" 24,300	Drainage & skirting works prior to surface dressing.
L-3009	Glangristeen - Rathmore	1,300	" 35,100	Drainage & skirting works prior to surface dressing.
L-7004	Ardcrone - Currans	650	" 10,355	Drainage & skirting works prior to surface dressing.
L-7019	Knockrower West - East	2,750	" 61,875	Drainage & skirting works prior to surface dressing.
L-7036	Gortglass - Dromultan	1,700	" 34,425	Drainage & skirting works prior to surface dressing.
L-7056	Rathbeg - Rathbeg	500	" 12,738	Drainage & skirting works prior to surface dressing.

### **Restoration Maintenance Programme 2017 (Killarney West)**

<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
L-3017	Loretto Road	1300	" 38,025	Drainage & skirting works prior to pavement overlay (yet to commence)
	Black Road	1000	" 20,250	Drainage & skirting works prior to pavement overlay (yet to commence)
L-7039	Coolbane - Aglish	1850	" 41,625	Strengthening works ongoing
L-8000	Firies Village - Inchiveema	2450	" 55,125	Drainage & skirting works prior to pavement overlay on going
L-1007	Faha West - Kilnarovanagh	500	" 10,464	Strengthening works complete

### **Other Road and Public Area Works**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Est. Cost</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Muckcross Road / Ross Road Junction Killarney (upgrade of traffic light sensors)	" 70,000	Ongoing

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<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Firies National School . Safety Measures	25,000	Sec 38 Report Agenda Item 1(c)
Barraduff NS . Safety Measures	30,000	Sec 38 Report Agenda Item 1(c)
Currow NS . Safety Measures	10,000	Procurement ongoing
Gneeveguilla N.S Safety Measures	25,000	Design Stage
Kilbonnane Graveyard . Local Access Road	20,000	Due to commence in Q3

### **Town and Village Renewal**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Status</b>
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**

Eoghan O'Brien SEE has taken over the management of this project. 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. 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.

Work is progressing on the design of the new cyclebridge at the Ferry Bridge

### **Housing Construction**

The construction of 20 No. Houses at Park, Killarney scheme, commenced in Feb 2017. Construction is progressing well and on target to be finalised in Feb 2018.

Stage 2 Approval has been received for 6 No. 1 Bedroom Units at Armagh House under the Capital Assistance Scheme. Request for Planning Permission was submitted in May 2017.

### 3. Works Update - Killarney Traffic Management Plan

Measures	Project	Update
<b>Traffic Calming and Public Realm Enhancements</b>	Plunkett Street Traffic Calming Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works Complete</li> </ul>
	High Street Traffic Calming Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey, redesign and Section 38.</li> </ul>
	Regularisation of Loading Bay at Tesco, Beech Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding received from DTTAS Low Cost Safety Scheme</li> <li>• Survey complete</li> <li>• Currently being designed</li> </ul>
<b>Relief Roads</b>	Inner Relief Road from Monsignor O'Flaherty Road to New Street via Boreen na Goughan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negotiating with landowners ongoing</li> <li>• Progressing Detail Design</li> </ul>
	Link road from Gaelscoil to N22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress the Part 8 Process</li> </ul>
<b>Other Traffic Management Measures</b>	Replace the Traffic Lights at Woodlawn Road and Ross Road with an Intelligent System (MOVA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil works progressing</li> </ul>
	Increase two lane approach from the Mission road into the Hahah area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey Complete</li> <li>• Design Complete</li> <li>• Seeking Quotations</li> </ul>
	Signage Improvements throughout the town.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey stage</li> </ul>
<b>Town Car Parking Options</b>	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"> <li>• Ongoing discussions with private owners</li> <li>• Survey Complete</li> <li>• Signs have been erected</li> </ul>
	Electronic Signage and SMS real time information to be available for parking availability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing the proposal for Killarney Town</li> </ul>
	Car Parking Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressions of interest sought &amp; assessing same</li> <li>• The Council are actively pursuing and seeking land for the development of car parking in Killarney Town Area</li> </ul>

Charlie O'Sullivan  
Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety

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

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would present for consideration the report from Roads Section and TII on proposals to help relieve the interminable delays being experienced by road users as they seek to access the N.22 from [a] the Woodlawn-Ballycasheen Road and from [b] the Upper Lissivigeen-Coolcoslough Road.

**Reply:** A Report which examines capacity issues at both junctions is currently being prepared in consultation with the TII. It will also identify improvement proposals which will reduce the amount of delay currently being experienced. It is envisaged that consultation on the proposals will take place in the coming months.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson** stated that he was told in a previous Notice of Motion reply that the report relating to the Lissivigeen Roundabout to Park Road would be ready for last Christmas. Cllr. Gleeson referred to the reply above which states "*It is envisaged that consultation on the proposals will take place in the coming months*". Cllr. Gleeson stated that motorists would be facing into another summer of frustration. Motorists will "make a break" which will result in an accident. Cllr. Gleeson asked that the TII be convinced to carry out safety improvements as this is desperately urgent. The N22 now resembles a highway and it cannot be crossed from 2.30pm to 5.00pm due to the line of traffic coming into Killarney.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** Seconded the Motion and stated that it is frustrating when trying to cross the road and the temptation is there to make that fatal move.

**Mr. P. Curry** replied that the report is being reviewed by the National Road Design Office at present and will come before the next Municipal District Meeting. The Council are currently reviewing proposals in consultation with the TII. Mr. Curry stated that allocating resources to the task has been problematic. Tentative concept designs have been found.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson** enquired if finance was scarce for report, will finance be scarce for the improvements?

**Mr. Curry** replied that resources were scarce. The financing of the project will depend on finding a low cost solution. One such potential solution is traffic lights which is being examined amongst other options.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** moved Question 21 at this stage.

**Q21. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Has Kerry County Council received any report from the TII as to what is going to be done with the dangerous junctions around Killarney: Lewis Road, Madam's Hill and Coolcaslagh. Urgent action needs to be taken.

**Reply:** Following the deputation from Aghadoe regarding Madam's Hill junction on the N22, Kerry County Council have moved the stop line forward and are now carrying out drainage works down the hill. Also, the junction is being reviewed by the NRDO and a feasibility study will be forwarded to the TII for safety works.

In relation to Coolcashlagh, the NRDO in Castleisland is currently preparing a feasibility study for traffic calming proposal from Lissivigeen School to Daly's Roundabout.

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

**2. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would detail if there has been progress with the land owners who are seeking to improve their access onto the N.22 from the private road half way along the Pike Hill on left hand side outbound.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are currently in discussions with the landowner in question and are meeting him next week in this regard.

**Cllr. Gleeson stated that people are experiencing enormous difficulty at this location. Cllr. Gleeson asked that the reply be amended to "landowners" instead of "landowner".**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.**

**3. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** As some of the pathways in Killaha Cemetery, Glenflesk become mucky and slippery during times of rain, that the Council would examine the possibility of upgrading them so that they are appropriate to that hallowed location.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will examine the pathways in Killaha Burial Ground and ensure that they are up to the correct standard.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that some of the pathways become very much at times. This is an historic graveyard.**

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

**4. Cllr. B. O'Connell:** That Kerry County Council install a light at the Grotto in Cahereens West, Castleisland.

**Reply:** The provision of a light at this location is not in compliance with the Public Lighting Policy.

**Cllr. B. O'Connell noted the reply.**

**5. Cllr. B. O'Connell:** To ask Kerry County Council why the drainage works at Kilbannivane in conjunction with Tullig have not been completed.

**Reply:** Tenders have recently been received for the works at Kilbannivane. Prior to commencement of works, Kerry County Council gave a commitment to meet the locals at Kilbannivane and this meeting will be arranged shortly.

**Cllr. B. O'Connell** stated that the Minister provided funding for these works to be completed and they should be completed.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty** stated that the residents in Tullig have concerns in relation to the water and the project.

**Mr. Neary** stated that there were concerns locally with the proposed drainage works. A commitment was given to investigate other methods of draining the surface water from Kilbanivane graveyard and revert to the concerned residents thereafter. These investigations have been concluded and the only feasible way of draining the graveyard is to install surface water drainage pipes as originally proposed. A meeting would be arranged with the residents in an effort to commence the works.

**6. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to raise with the TII the serious issue concerning the escalation of accidents on the Killarney side of the Kilcummin junction on the N22, Tralee Road.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are liaising with the TII to carry out some minor works to address any issues with the road surface at this location.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan** stated that there have been a number of accidents at this junction in the recent past. **Cllr. Sheahan** stated that he drives past here every day and has never had an issue with it but this is a serious situation. **Cllr. Sheahan** stated that he picks up litter at the location and he has seen a lot of broken car parts from cars that have collided with the crash barrier. A jeep overturned there last year. **Cllr. Sheahan** acknowledged that the TII are taking the matter seriously now and this is welcome news. The TII need to carry out a survey to determine the best course of action. **Cllr. Sheahan** stated that he would like to see the road resurfaced together with warning signage to make people aware of the severity of the turn going downhill. There have been a number of accidents here necessitating the closure of the road on a number of occasions. **Cllr. Sheahan** wondered if oil on the road could be a factor. **Cllr. Sheahan** stated that the TII's survey will hopefully come up with a solution.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** Seconded the Motion which he has brought up at meetings previously. The Cathaoirleach stated that there could be a couple of contributing factors such as the severity of the bend, long dry spells which cause dampness on the surface and the contours and the surface makes it similar to travelling on icy roads. The Cathaoirleach stated that he knows someone who lost complete control of their car. The car did not hit anything but turned around on the road. He stated that other people have experienced similar occurrences. Cathaoirleach Cronin stated he was happy that the TII will review this. The issue of the road must be addressed and perhaps put an anti-skid surface in place and signage needs to be provided.



**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated he was contacted by one of the people involved in the recent incident. This person stated that speed was not a contributing factor. Cllr. Kelleher said he was also a witness to a recent accident so there is an issue at this location.**

**It was agreed to move Notices of Motion 7, 14, 34 and 44 together - the same reply issued in respect of each Motion.**

**7. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to call on the TII to implement safety measures without delay at the Lewis Road Junction on the Killarney Bypass. This issue needs to be addressed urgently.

**Reply:** In response to the motion moved at the May Council meeting, Kerry County Council wrote to the T.I.I. on the 16th May, requesting a meeting and a commitment on road safety improvement works at this junction. A response is awaited on this communication.

The Council cannot comment on the tragic circumstances of the 10th May 2017, which is the subject of an on-going forensic collision investigation by An Garda Síochána, and the findings of which may be subject to legal proceedings and a hearing by the County Coroner.

However, the Council can confirm that we had a number of meetings with the T.I.I. on the need for a review of this junction and the Killcummin Road junction, having regard to motions moved by the members at both the Killarney MD and at Ordinary Council meetings. As advised to the members at the April 2016 Council meeting, the Chief Executive and Director of Operations had also raised the need for a review of this junction with senior officials from the T.I.I. at a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Since the construction of the traffic calming measures in 2005, there have been a number of calls from the members for (a) a reduced speed limit on the N22 through these junctions, (b) the banning of right hand turns at the Lewis Road junction, and (c) the provision of alternative routes to divert traffic onto a new roundabout on the N22.

This section of road was included in a review of the speed limits on all national roads, undertaken by Consultants on behalf of the T.I.I., and the recommendation from this report is to reduce the speed limit from 100 km/hr to 80 km/hr. In communication with the T.I.I. in March 2017, on the Consultants report, the Council requested a further review of this recommendation and sought a further reduction in the speed limit to 60 km/hr. However the T.I.I. has confirmed, in communication dated the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, that having regard to the strategic importance of this national route and the measures installed in 2005, that a reduction in the speed limit to 80 km/hr is appropriate.

The option of making the junction a left turn only was reviewed as part of the recent review of the Killarney Traffic Management Plan, carried out by Messrs. Malachy Walsh & Partners, Consulting Engineers, for Kerry County Council. The report identified that *“there may be a potential safety benefit from reducing traffic turning movements....however the diversion of traffic would be from the N22 Killarney By-Pass to Park Road and other town centre roads*

*that are currently experiencing congestion ..... this would have a negative impact on pedestrian movement and traffic flow in the town centre and is therefore not recommended."* This option was also proposed by the members of Killarney Town Council in 2011, and there were objections from neighbouring residents.

The T.I.I. approved a proposal by a private developer for the construction of a roundabout, on the N22, west of the Lewis Road junction, with a provision for the diversion of the Lewis Road through the H.S.E. lands, in 2008. However, this was conditional on the developer providing the infrastructure as part of the development on the H.S.E. lands, which has not been progressed.

The T.I.I. carry out annual assessments of the national road network to identify ~~High~~ Collision Locations and schemes are ranked nationally for further investigation based on criteria specified in their technical standard *"MD15 Network Safety Ranking"*. Based on the injury collision data for the Lewis Road and Kilcummin Road junctions on the N22, between 2012 and 2014 (which was the period examined in the most recent assessment and where there is one reported minor injury accident), the T.I.I. have indicated that this junction has not been prioritized for funding and the Council has been requested to prepare feasibility studies on 4 schemes only this year, including for the N72 at Ballydowney. Details of the accident history for this site are available on the RSA website, but it is acknowledged that this does not include details of any ~~material~~ damage+accidents.

However, the Council does recognise that the high traffic volumes on the N22, with an annual average daily traffic flow of almost 18,000 vehicles, can create difficulties for drivers exiting from the minor roads. Due to these high traffic volumes and the difficulties being experienced in exiting / accessing the minor roads, we have been examining the option of providing a roundabout east of the Kilcummin Road junction, which, if approved for funding, would allow us to address the safety concerns on the Lewis Road and the Kilcummin Road. In consultation with the T.I.I., a feasibility study is being prepared on this proposal which will be submitted to the T.I.I. for consideration by September 2017. Details of this proposal will be presented to the Killarney MD when finalised.

**14. Cllr. B. Cronin:** In light of the recent fatal accident on Killarney Bypass adjacent to Lewis Road Junction, has a date been confirmed to meet the TII on foot of request at May Meeting of Kerry County Council and can I be provided with copies of all correspondence between Kerry County Council Roads Department and the TII/NRA requesting funding and safety measures since January 2014.

**34. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That this Council call on TII, to, as a matter of urgency, erect a 60km speed sign at the eastern side of the Lewis Road Junction, to the Killarney Bypass Road. And also to call on TII, to carry out a full safety audit on this junction.

**44. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** Lewis Road junction on the By-pass has to be upgraded for safety of road users, pedestrians and cyclists. What is the position of the TII regarding this much needed junction improvement.

At the outset, Cllr. J. Sheahan sympathised with the family of the late Ms. Annette Mannix who recently lost her life at this location. Cllr. Sheahan stated that every effort be made to make sure there is no reoccurrence of this tragedy. Cllr. Sheahan stated he was heartened to see this issue is being taken seriously. He stated that Cathaoirleach B. Cronin had raised this issue many times and has suggested left hand turns only and that Cllr. J.J. Culloty and himself had previously recommended a reduction in the speed limit on the By-pass. Cllr. Sheahan said he looked forward to seeing the TII work on this and bring a resolution as early as possible. This is a very serious issue and must be treated likewise. There are many people expecting results on this and it must be sorted out without delay.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin, on behalf of the Killarney Municipal District, wished to extend sincere sympathy to the family of Ms. Annette Mannix RIP, who have been plunged into the depths of mourning. The Cathaoirleach referred to the reply where it stated " *The Council cannot comment on the tragic circumstances*" and stated that no one had asked Kerry County Council to comment on this. He stated that what he did ask was if a date had been set for a meeting with the TII. The Cathaoirleach stated that Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Operations had informed him that the Council had written to the TII to express concerns and are awaiting a response back. Nothing has been done at this location either by the NRA or the TII. The TII will look at the statistics for this location and there are only an "X" amount of statistics available. The Cathaoirleach stated he is aware of three or four other accidents at this junction that were towed away and not reported. The onus of responsibility is on the Operations Department and Kerry County Council and we have to act now. The Cathaoirleach stated that progress is required on a number of proposals. A suggestion of a roundabout on the eastern side at the Kilcummin exit and provision of an alternative way of getting down to Lewis Road off the By-pass must be considered. Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that turning right at the Lewis Road junction onto the By-pass and turning right coming from Kilcummin onto the By-Pass is treacherous. This is the most dangerous junction in Kerry. We must take action and the TII must listen to us and meet with the Council and design and fund the improvement works. There will be more accidents and fatalities if allowed to continue the way it is. The Cathaoirleach referred to the reply where it stated that "*an annual average daily traffic flow of almost 18,000 vehicles*" and stated that if this was broken down to minutes, it proves that any motorist or cyclist takes their life in their own hands trying to cross this road. The Cathaoirleach concluded by reiterating the need for a meeting with the TII wherein they must give a commitment to fund this flawed and lethal junction.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty wished to be associated with the previous expressions of sympathy and also agreed with Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stating that he did not ask for a comment from Kerry County Council on the accident. Cllr. Culloty welcomed the comprehensive reply. He stated he

had previously met with residents and requested a 60km/h speed limit on the By-pass and read the reply where it states *"This section of road was included in a review of the speed limits on all national roads, undertaken by Consultants on behalf of the T.I.I., and the recommendation from this report is to reduce the speed limit from 100 km/hr to 80 km/hr. In communication with the T.I.I. in March 2017, on the Consultants report, the Council requested a further review of this recommendation and sought a further reduction in the speed limit to 60 km/hr. However the T.I.I. has confirmed, in communication dated the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, that having regard to the strategic importance of this national route and the measures installed in 2005, that a reduction in the speed limit to 80 km/hr is appropriate"*. Cllr. Culloty stated the speed limit should be reduced from 100km/h to 60km/h on the eastern side of the junction and would only make a difference of 26 seconds when compared to driving at 80km/h. Cllr. Culloty said he had spoken with the Gardaí and asked for the accident reports at this location but they were not accurate. The GPS system is very accurate way of recording statistics now. Cllr. Culloty stated that a roundabout is the only plausible option on this road. In Ballincollig, Co Cork a similar type road layout exists and a roundabout was provided and there are no issues with it. Cllr. Culloty stated that the most logical simple cost effective measure now is to remove the left hand turn. Cllr. Culloty concluded by calling on the TII to reduce the speed limit on the eastern side of the junction.

Cllr. N. Kelleher wished to be associated with the remarks made by his colleagues and passed on his sympathies to the family of the late Ms. Annette Mannix. Cllr. Kelleher also stated that he did not wish for Kerry County Council to comment on the accident as was alluded to in the reply. Cllr. Kelleher referred to the statistics on the Road Safety Authority's website which he was reading from and stated that from 2005 - 2013 only two accidents at the top of Lewis Road and one at Kilcummin junction are recorded and stated that these figures are incorrect. Cllr. Kelleher stated that the Members are the people on the ground and have been raising the issues of this road continuously. He stated that colleagues elected before him have been raising this issue and the TII are not paying any heed. Cllr. Kelleher stated that this junction needs an overhaul. Pedestrians and residents have to cross here and it is not good enough. He stated he was glad to see there will be something coming before the Members and Seconded Cllr. J.J. Culloty in relation to the speed limit. There should be no reason why the TII cannot reduce the speed limit in the interim. A lot of minor accidents occur here. It is not good enough that the TII have not responded to the Councillors and this displays more arrogance towards the Elected Members.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that most Members had raised issues with the Lewis Road junction for years and the TII have not listened. Cllr. Grady noted that a reply had not been received from the Minister for Transport following the previous meeting and asked that a further letter issue to Minister Shane Ross requesting a meeting with the Killarney Municipal District Members.

**Mr. P. Curry** advised the Members that a meeting with the TII and Kerry County Council Management was due to take place next week and the matter of Lewis Road junction and the By-pass will be put on the agenda. Mr. Curry stated that the TII wish to resolve matters around Killarney and the meeting next week will be a telling one. He stated he was optimistic that they will co-operate. Mr. Curry stated in order to make junctions more safe, proposals to reduce right turning movements may be required. There are a range of solutions including a roundabout which will be discussed with the TII.

**Cathaoirleach Cronin** stated that this was the most positive statement issued to the Municipal District. The Cathaoirleach asked that following the meeting that Management would revert and make them aware of the next step.

**Cllr. Culloty** stated that the right turn was the issue on this road and reducing the speed to 60km/h would make a great difference. Cllr. Culloty also referred to Muckross Road and asked that the TII would look at the speed limit on this road.

**Cllr. Kelleher** asked if there was a possibility that Cathaoirleach B. Cronin could attend the meeting with the TII.

**Mr. Curry** replied that it was unlikely that this would happen but that the request could be made to TII.

**Ms. A. McAllen** stated that the context of the meeting would be established and she could revert to the Members on this.

**8. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** NoM 8 was moved in conjunction with the Deputation from the residents of Woodlawn Road, Ballycasheen.

**9. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to revisit the issue with Coolcorcoran Junction at the top of Park Hill. The surface has become a dangerous lag once again. Persons driving this route are concerned and additional works are required to make the junction safe.

**Reply:** Maintenance works will be carried out at this lag in the next week, and the final reinstatement will be complete in Q3.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan** stated that a nice job had been carried out on this road a number of months ago but it has become uneven again and the residents are complaining.

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

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** supported the comments.

**10. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** Now that the estate at Madam's Hill is under construction and is progressing quickly, have Kerry County Council made a plan for the footpath that is planned for pedestrians using this route?

**Reply:** As a condition of his planning, the developer is to construct a footpath to along the boundary of the property at Madam's Hill to connect with the footpath on the N22.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan stated he had previously requested a pedestrian crossing but the residents have requested a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr. Sheahan asked that this option be reviewed.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin supported the Motion and asked if the footpath would be excavated into the bank or would it extend onto the road which in turn would make the carriageway narrower. He asked that the carriageway be kept at its current width.**

**Cllr. Sheahan stated that drains need a big pipe in order to provide more surface.**

**11. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** Has the long overdue speed review commenced for Killarney?

**Reply:** A technical assessment of the proposed speed limits has been carried out in accordance with the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport Guidelines. Discussions have taken place with the TII and An Garda Síochána. Draft proposals will be brought to the Members at the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan referred to a local business which was recently turned down for Planning Permission. Their only hope is expanding the business is if the speed limit could be brought out the Tralee Road to incorporate his business. Planning was refused on the basis of the right hand turn. Cllr. Sheahan stated it was important to assist and promote businesses.**

**12. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** What is the delay with providing controlled pedestrian crossings in Rathmore town centre and East End? Residents are annoyed with the delay.

**Reply:** A Feasibility Report is currently being prepared and will be submitted to the TII. This includes a pedestrian crossing adjacent to the Community Centre.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan stated he was not happy with this situation as this reply only refers to one pedestrian crossing. He stated that both crossings should go ahead and hoped that both could be proceeded with. There is a daily demand for these crossings as young people and elderly are trying to cross the road. Cllr. Sheahan asked that this be reviewed.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and agreed that there was a requirement for both crossings. He stated that the Council should work with the TII to progress the second one.**

**13. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council when Beeheenagh Bridge and Mossy's Turn on the N72 are to commence with the Part 8 planning process. These projects are of vital importance for the health and safety of the East Kerry community.

**Reply:** The Chief Executive's Part 8 Report for the N72 Beheenagh Bridge is before the Council today. The Part 8 process will commence for a realignment of the N72 in Gortahaneboy (locally known as Mossy's turn) later this year and it is envisaged that the process will be complete in early 2018.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the start of the Part 8 process and hoped that funding would be received. This is a vital piece of infrastructure for the East Kerry community and more people are travelling that road everyday. Cllr. Sheahan stated that he will keep raising the issue to get this project across the line.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and stated it was good to see the Part 8 come before the Members today. He asked that every effort be made to bring this matter forward and reach agreement of the landowners and this must be dealt with sensitively.**

**14. Cllr. B. Cronin:** NoM 14 moved in conjunction with NoM 7.

**15. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Following a recent deputation from Aghadoe regarding the dangerous Madam's Hill Junction with N22, please outline what actions / measures have been undertaken to improve safety.

**Reply:** Following the deputation from Aghadoe regarding Madam's Hill junction on the N22, Kerry County Council have moved the stop line forward and are now carrying out drainage works down the hill. Also, the junction is being reviewed by the NRDO and a feasibility study will be forwarded to the TII for safety works.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin enquired about the left hand turn and asked if there was some way to accommodate more vehicles.**

**Ms. B. Mulryan stated that there is a manhole at this location and Mr. P. Curry is investigating the matter in more detail.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that a Speed Limit Review was being undertaken and Mr. D. Doyle will brief the Members regarding this outcome of this at the next Municipal District Meeting and hopefully the speed limit will extend beyond this junction.**

**16. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To request the urgent resurfacing of the road from Woodlawn Junction to Dromhall Park as this road is in terrible condition.

**Reply:** Resurfacing works on Woodlawn Road from Woodlawn Junction to Dromhall Park is scheduled to be carried out in Quarter 3.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that this road was in a bad state.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that the road is included in this year's Roads Programme.**

**17. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To request Kerry County Council to carry out urgent repairs to damaged bridge parapets on our rural roads network, in particular both sides of the bridge between Rathcomane Cross and the railway crossing.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are currently pricing the works required on various bridges which have damaged parapets including the one between Rathcomane and the level crossing. It is hoped the work will progress early in Q3.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated he had pointed out one at the Rathcomane Cross on the right hand side and on the left hand side repairs need to be carried out as it is "shook" looking. Since submitting this Motion, the right hand side has been driven in. The Cathaoirleach also referred to the Airport in Farranfore (N23) and on the left hand side, a whole section has gone.**

**Ms. B. Mulryan stated that works were currently being priced and as soon as they are received, the Council will complete the works. In relation to the N23, Ms. Mulryan confirmed this was being reviewed by the NRDO. The local roads will be repaired by the Council including the one on the Kilgarvan Road, Rathcomane in Q3.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that trees were being cleared at present on the Kilgarvan Road as there is an issue relating to sight distance.**

**18. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To request an update on the progress in providing extra parking in Killarney, can we expand any of our existing public carparks and what were the results of the "expressions of interest" advert in Killarney also when will new traffic lights on Muckross Road junctions be erected.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council is actively examining the feasibility of a number of sites for carparking in Killarney. Kerry County Council has examined all existing carparks to ensure that carparking capacity is maximised and is designing a proposal for increased parking at High Street. Kerry County Council received two Expressions of Interest for the provision of carparking in the Killarney Town area. Neither proposal provides a short-term solution to carparking provision in the town, however, a proposal for the provision of a medium to long-term solution is being investigated further by the Operations Department.

The construction of the new traffic lights at Ross Road junction and Muckross Road junction are expected to be fully commissioned towards the end of June.



**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** stated that Killarney must face that fact that it requires a multi-storey carpark. In Cork and Limerick, people flock to these facilities and they are easily accessible. The Cathaoirleach noted that land in Killarney was at a premium but this option must be investigated. The Cathaoirleach also enquired about the intelligent traffic lights.

**Mr. P. Neary** stated that in relation to a request for Expressions of Interest, a Project Team had been set up to look at the feasibility of a multi-storey carpark and investigate if the private sector can assist. In relation to the traffic lights, Mr. Neary stated that Ross Road will be installed next week and Muckross Road will be completed a couple of weeks after. The timings on both sets of lights may need adjustment. Mr. Neary stated that the delays seem to be at the Ross Road junction but hopefully the traffic lights will allow a better flow. This will be kept under review.

**Ms. A. McAllen** said there was a difficulty acquiring land for housing and carparking in Killarney. There are indications that private individuals are interested in developing a multi-storey carpark with the Council and to this end, a Project Team has been set up to look at developing a multi-storey in Killarney. This could either be self-funded by a loan or with private developers if feasible. Ms. McAllen stated that she will be on the team and Mr. P. Neary will head it up.

**Cathaoirleach Cronin** said this was welcome news as adequate parking must be provided that is centrally located. There is a huge demand for it in the town.

**19. Cllr. B. Cronin:** What road safety measures can be put in place on the Ballydesmond approach to Scartaglin Village, particularly the Church and junction to National School and Funeral Home, can Kerry County Council erect a solar powered speed limit indicator on this busy road.

**Reply:** The erection of a solar powered speed indicator sign at this location will reinforce the speed limit and should lead to a reduction in driver speed based on experience of other such installations. The provision of this electronic signage is suitable for funding by means of a County Councillors Allocation.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** stated that traffic comes in from Ballydesmond at speed and asked what options are available to (1) raise speed awareness and (2) raise the awareness of the presence of the school, Church and Funeral Home where there is a concentration of traffic at certain times. The Cathaoirleach asked if funding could be received from Clár regarding the provision of a traffic sign.

**Mr. B. Mulhern** replied that he will ascertain if funding could be sought from Clár.

**The Cathaoirleach** asked that a request be made to include that section of road.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated he has highlighted this issue previously and the traffic should also be looked at from the Montessori School side of the village.**

**20. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To ask the Roads Department to urgently provide improved safety measures for the residents of Port Road, Killarney to address their serious concerns regarding speed of traffic and road safety when exiting their homes, also pedestrian safety and to address the surface of the road which is deplorable.

**Reply:** Killarney Municipal District will carry out speed surveys along Port Road to determine if vehicles are travelling in excess of the 50kmph limit. If these surveys indicate that vehicles are travelling in excess of the speed limit, then a feasibility report will be prepared and submitted to TII.

This section of road has been submitted to TII for a pavement improvement and the Council are currently preparing pavement design documents for submission to the TII for funding available.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that the residents had serious concerns when trying to exit onto the road. A planning permission application has been submitted and if granted, a proposed 100 houses will be built. There is a huge intensification of traffic movement at this location. The residents have requested a traffic count and speed survey. The road is also used by many cyclists and pedestrians. The local residents have stated that the road is extremely dangerous. In light of the planning application, this is an ideal opportunity to look at this from a traffic management point of view. The Cathaoirleach stated that when driving from Ballycasheen towards Woodlawn, there is a raised table top ramp which is excellent at slowing down the traffic and this should be investigated for Port Road. The Cathaoirleach also stated that traffic was parking on the cycle lanes.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that speed surveys would be carried out on the road. In relation to the proposed new development, the Council can look at it in the context of what we might do there. Pavement overlay proposals are being submitted for this.**

**The Cathaoirleach stated that the pavement on the left hand side is in an atrocious state and needs to be upgraded.**

**21. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we would build a Columbarium wall in Old Aghadoe to facilitate cremations as this is urgently needed.

**Reply:** It is intended to bring a discussion document to the September meeting of the Operations SPC in relation to the operations, management and provision of burial facilities in the County. The provision of a Columbarium wall will be considered in that context.

**Cllr. D. Grady stated that a Columbarium wall should be provided in the old part of Aghadoe at the back. Cllr. Grady stated that there have been**

many requests for such a facility. Dublin and Cork are the only locations that provide this and it is important that it be considered for Kerry. Cllr. Grady stated that the residents of Killarney would thank the Municipal District for providing this.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion and stated that he had Proposed such a facility for Knockeenduff Burial Ground. Cllr. Culloty noted that the number of cremations was on the increase and some people prefer this option. Cllr. Culloty stated that Columbarium walls would be a feature of all graveyards in the future and concluded by stating this was a worthy request.

**22. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we would open the right-of-way from Muckross View onto Muckross Road.

**Reply:** This pedestrian way from Muckross View onto Muckross Road was closed as there is a dangerous wall on the adjacent private property that bounds the laneway. This walkway is not in the ownership of Kerry County Council and is a private matter.

Cllr. J. J. Culloty declared, in accordance with Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, that he had connections to people who own the road in question and he would leave the meeting while this Motion was being considered.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty then left the meeting.

Cllr. D. Grady said the right-of-way has been closed for quite some time since the wall came down. Cllr. Grady asked that we would review this as the people of Muckross View can go down Muckross Road and people could walk down there.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to review the matter but it was his understanding that this was a private matter and that the right-of-way is not public.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty then returned to the meeting.

**23. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we would urgently meet with the appropriate authorities with a view to find out how many graveyard spaces are available in the upper section of Old Aghadoe.

**Reply:** The old section of Aghadoe Cemetery is full and has no available graveyard spaces.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he had been told that this section of Aghadoe is not full. Cllr. Grady stated that years ago that pencil had to be avoided but it can now be accessed where it was not allowed before.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin enquired if Cllr. Grady was referring to the back of the Altar and said if he was that he would object to same as there

were Famine graves located all over that area. He stated that those people should be left in peace.

**Cllr. Grady** replied that he was well aware of the Famine graves and said outside of that area there was pencil.

**Mr. P. Neary** replied that there were many unmarked graves in this area and there was no capacity for further plots.

**24. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to extend the footpath from the Kerry Co-op Stores on the Tralee Road out to the first roundabout to join onto the Castleisland Bypass. This is necessary for pedestrians and cyclists in the interests of health and safety who use this road frequently.

**Reply:** The estimated cost of this proposed 730m footpath complete with associated drainage and public lighting installation is considerable. These works can be considered for inclusion in any future footpath programmes or alternatively it may be more suitable for funding through a future Urban Renewal Scheme.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** enquired about the Town & Village Renewal Scheme and said it might be suitable for these works. A footpath is required from the Farranfore side to the top of Castleisland.

**Cllr. D. Grady** Seconded the Motion.

**Mr. P. Neary** stated this would be a large project that would require public lighting. The Operations Department are currently prioritising footpath works in the Municipal District not funded by ourselves. **Mr. Neary** stated this may be more suitable for a capital scheme.

**Cllr. Healy-Rae** stated this should be prioritised and would like it to be included with the Tullig walkway.

**Mr. Neary** confirmed it would be included on the list for consideration.

**25. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Following my Motion at the May Full Meeting and where I requested that sections of the Flesk River that are still blocked be cleaned out while the season is open for doing this work, the reply I got stated that an assessment was being carried out by the TII as to what needs to be done and in relation to any development works on the N22. Is this report completed yet and if not, when will it be completed as 22 homes are still in danger of being flooded. Can Kerry County Council explain why they didn't make an application for funding under the Minor Works Flood Mitigation Scheme?

**Reply:** The Report commissioned by the TII in 2016 is solely to examine the longstanding flooding problems on the N22 between Garries Bridge and Glenflesk where the road has frequently flooded and became impassable, most recently in December 2015/ January 2016. The report seeks to identify possible solutions which if implemented will keep this key route open in flood conditions (typically for the 1 in 100 year flood event) without impacting the

surrounding properties. The report brief does not seek to address the flood risk to the 22 homes referred to in this motion which has been examined in the previous CFRAM study by Consultants retained by the OPW.

As part of the compilation of this Report on options for the road, a hydrological study has been carried out by Tobin Consulting Engineers using modelling software having regard to topographical, historical and rainfall data as well as local knowledge. A draft Report has been received which indicates that vegetation clearance in the River Flesk has been modelled and is not predicted to alleviate flooding on the N22. This is consistent with the previous CFRAM report which drew a similar conclusion. There are further elements of the Tobins Report to be finalised before it is published in Q3 2017.

Any application for funding under the Minor Works Flood Mitigation Scheme must demonstrate that the works are cost beneficial and will eliminate the risk of flooding. The CFRAM study has modelled the removal of vegetation and trees along the Flesk River in the Foiladuan / Glenflesk area. This indicated that any improvement works such as the removal of trees etc. would have a negligible reduction in flood extent and depth for the 1 in 100 year flood event, and therefore would not satisfy the criteria under the Minor Works Scheme.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed that work has been carried out and this has been acknowledged by the locals. There are, however, other points that have to be cleared. There are 22 houses that at risk of flooding along with the Community Centre, the GAA grounds and the N22. Cllr. Healy-Rae referred to the following in the reply: *"The report brief does not seek to address the flood risk to the 22 homes referred to in this motion which has been examined in the previous CFRAM study by Consultants retained by the OPW."* Cllr. Healy-Rae asked where is the water going to go. If the N22 must be raised, the houses must also be raised and that is not going to happen. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that back in July 2016, Deputy Danny Healy-Rae raised the matter with the Minister and explained the situation in relation to Glenflesk. The Minister said that if an application was submitted by Kerry County Council, he would provide funding for that. This reply seems to suggest that Kerry County Council did not think it was suitable for this scheme and Cllr. Healy-Rae said that she had a major problem with this.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the issue here is if the need arose, the Council would go back in there when the waters were low in the summer. Cllr. Kelleher asked when were the Members going to see the report prepared by the Engineers for the TII regarding the N22. Cllr. Kelleher stated he was confused by Cllr. M. Healy-Rae's comments. At the time CFRAM came back, only one proposal was put forward which would have dealt with the water from river, however, it made no effort to solve the increased amount of water that would come off the mountains and this was the residents' concern with regard to the proposed development at the time. Regarding the N22, Cllr. Kelleher stated that if the road is raised, the effect it will have on the houses will be a lot larger than the effect of the development of Garrihies Bridge.**

**Mr. P. Neary** stated that the report is at draft stage. The draft is prepared first and any issues are queried with it. The brief of the report is how they can do works without affecting the flooding levels. They have said clearing river isn't going to have a huge beneficial effect but we have gone back to them again about that.

**Ms. B. Mulryan** stated that as part of that report, they are going to look at the location more physically and look at it with the assistance of drones.

**Cllr. Healy-Rae** stated that this does not address the 26 houses and stated she was totally opposed to any works on the N22.

**Cllr. D. Grady** Seconded the Motion and said great work was carried out but there is a lot more to do. He said we cannot wait to do this work as the vegetation needs to be cut. The people in the area are scared and are staying up at night if the rain is heavy.

**Cllr. Healy-Rae** asked why funding was not applied for.

**Mr. Neary** replied that the information received from CFRAM is that clearing rivers would not benefit the confluence of the river. **Mr. Neary** stated that Tobins will carry out physical studies which will give a more accurate view.

**26. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to carry out urgent repairs to the bad lags on the section of road between Knockataggle Creamery and Tangney Cross adjacent to the junction for Cockhill as they are very dangerous.

**Reply:** Minor maintenance works will be carried out at the above locations in Q3. Also these roadways can be considered for inclusion in the Multi. Annual Restoration Improvement Programme which is due for renewal at the end of 2017.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** stated that she appreciated that maintenance works would be carried out.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** Seconded the Motion and stated that the road was split on the left hand side moving from the Creamery to Cockhill Junction and needs attention.

**Cllr. D. Grady** agreed with the comments made and stated that on the left hand side of the road, cars could end up in the dyke as it offers no protection.

**27. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Further to my previous motion where a commitment was given by Kerry County Council to clear the eyes of Currow bridge in May, when will this work be done and has an application been made for funding under the Minor Works Flood Mitigation Scheme to repair the bank of the river which is threatening to flood Currow Village.

**Reply:** The arch that was blocked under Currow Bridge was cleared in May and water is currently flowing freely through it.

With regard to the Minor Works Flood Mitigation Scheme at Currow, the design is nearing completion and we hope to be in a position to submit the application to the OPW within the next fortnight.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply and said this was good news for the residents. Cllr. Healy-Rae also welcomed the reply in relation to Currow.**

**28. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council if funding could be provided to resurface the Maughantourig Road which is in a desperate state with a lot of local residents using this road. Could funding be got from CLAR or could any discretionary funding be provided by Kerry County Council this year?

**Reply:** There is no funding currently available to carry out resurfacing works on the Maughantourig Road. However, the roadway can be considered for inclusion in the Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme, which is due for renewal at the end of this year.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that this road was in an atrocious state and stated that she had asked that it be included in this year's Restoration Improvement Programme asked that it be included in next year's Programme. Cllr. Healy-Rae asked that works be carried out as soon as possible.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and stated that the Roads Crews were filling the potholes but they would be empty soon again. Cllr. Kelleher stated that it was very important to include in next year's Programme.**

**29. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to get the durapatchers out on our roads again. These machines were doing wonderful work. The men that operated these machines were doing a wonderful job and even in bad roads but our roads in the Killarney Electoral Area are now deteriorating without durapatchers.

**Reply:** The Killarney Municipal District is currently piloting a new Method of Patching. The situation will be reassessed following the six month trial period.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the road workers carry out a fantastic job to the roads. A new method of patching has gone on trial for 6 months and Cllr. Healy-Rae enquired if the new method was slower than the older one. Cllr. Healy-Rae asked how many machines the Council had and if Killarney Municipal District had their own.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that this method of patching was still under review. A change was made the previous week on how we were operating it. It is hoped that this will speed up the process and how the operators are**

**managing it. Mr. Neary stated that it would be the intention that Killarney Municipal District would have full access to a velocity patcher.**

**30. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council how many grave spaces are left in Aghadoe and furthermore, on the graveyard issue, how long will the CPO process take; how much will the CPO cost and where will finances for the CPO be drawn from?

**Reply:** The CPO for the new graveyard was published on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 and was on display until 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Parties with an interest in the property being compulsory purchased have until 22<sup>nd</sup> June to lodge an objection to An Bord Pleanála. If no objections are received by An Bord Pleanála by the specified date, Kerry County Council can confirm the CPO and commence the development process.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that not one of her questions had been answered in the reply.**

**Ms. A. McAllen replied that there was an element of uncertainty around the CPO. This CPO was published on 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Ms. McAllen read the following from the reply: "*If no objections are received by An Bord Pleanála by the specified date, Kerry County Council can confirm the CPO and commence the development process.*" Ms. McAllen stated that there was also an element of uncertainty in relation to the cost. Ms. McAllen confirmed that there were 34 spaces left in Aghadoe.**

**Cllr. Healy-Rae enquired if the Council would be in a position to answer these queries at the next Municipal District Meeting.**

**Ms. McAllen replied that due consideration had to be given to the process.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that if no objection to the CPO is received from persons with an interest in the land (not the wider public), then An Bord Pleanála will write to Kerry County Council informing them that they can confirm the CPO. If there is no Oral Hearing then the costs will be minimal.**

**Cllr. D. Grady enquired is there a stipulation in the CPO that there has to be no other alternative place for a graveyard.**

**Mr. Neary stated that the site chosen must be preferable from an economic, engineering and environmental point of view.**

**Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that she still had not receive a satisfactory reply.**

**Ms. McAllen replied that the finance will come from Kerry County Council. Funds transferred from the Town Council will contribute to the overall land purchase and will provide, in part, for the overall development. If required, a loan will be raised to cover the balance, should the CPO be successful. Ms. McAllen stated that she could not give any further clarity on this issue at this point in time.**



**Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that there should be a figure when heading into something like this.**

**Cllr. Kelleher enquired how many double plots remained in Aghadoe.**

**Mr. Neary replied there were 28 double plots and 6 single.**

**Cllr. Kelleher enquired if Mr. P. Bradley met with the local undertaker last week and if all those plots were identified by the undertaker.**

**Mr. Neary stated that Mr. P. Brady had identified 34 plots there.**

**Cllr. Kelleher asked that Mr. Bradley contact the Undertaker and identify the plots to him.**

**Mr. Neary agreed to arrange this.**

**31. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** NoM 31 moved in conjunction with NoM 1.

**32. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To call on this Council to provide vehicle activated deer warning signage at Ballydowney, Killarney.

**Reply:** The feasibility report for traffic calming has been submitted to the TII. Provision of new warning signage is being considered as part of this scheme.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the signs are not the same as the Speed Limit Indicator ones. Cllr. Culloty stated that the ones he referred to have a deer on them and are activated by vehicles. These signs are common in Canada where deer are prevalent.**

**33. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To call on this Council, to rectify the dangerous channel, which has occurred on the left side of the R577, from Davy Roche's Cross towards Castleisland.

**Reply:** This surface defect / rutting will be repaired as part of the 2017 Restoration Improvement Scheme at R-577 from Bawnaskehy to Davy Roche's Cross.

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

**34. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** NoM 34 moved in conjunction with NoM 7.

**35. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That this Council call on TII, to extend the 60km speed limit, to, beyond the car park and jaunting car entrance to Muckross House & Gardens.

**Reply:** The speed limit extension is being considered as part of the overall speed limit review.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that there is an existing jarvey business here which is tourism related. There are children trying to cross the road and**

there is a 100km/h speed limit in place. There is potential for the horses to get spooked by vehicles travelling at such speed. If the speed limit is not reduced, something serious will happen here. Cllr. Culloty asked that consideration be given to extending the 60km/h sign out beyond the car park and jaunting car entrance.

Mr. P. Neary replied that the Council had met with the TII Safety Office and she said the location would be considered as part of the Speed Limit Review.

Cllr. Culloty stated that the speed limit on that road to Moll's Gap should be reduced to 80km/h. If the jaunting car operators got together it would not be entertained. They were there before the speed limit was there.

**36. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That we, the Members of the Killarney Municipal District, discuss the worthiness of pedestrianising Plunkett Street.

**Reply:** A Section 38 procedure has been advertised in ~~the~~ <sup>The</sup> Kerryman+dated 7<sup>th</sup> June and will appear in the ~~Killarney~~ <sup>Killarney</sup> Advertiser+on 9<sup>th</sup> June. The Council proposes to pedestrianise the Street for the month of August from 7am - 7pm for the month of August as a tourism project managed by the Municipal District Office.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty thanked the Ms. A. McAllen, Killarney MD Manager for moving quickly on this. Cllr. Culloty stated that he did not think there were any downsides to this proposal and would be a benefit to Killarney. Cllr. Culloty stated that this could be reviewed after August and discuss how it worked out.

Ms. McAllen referred stated that there was a typo in the reply and it should have read from "7pm - 7am". It was noted that the Section 38 Notice had the correct times on it.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated this was a vital development for the people of Killarney and allows people to recreate safely in the evening. Pedestrianisation is the next vital step for this town.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that every business on that street needs to be taken into consideration and consulted.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae agreed that once the businesses were consulted, then she would be in favour of the proposal. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that parking should be the first priority and then pedestrians. She stated that parking spaces should not be reduced.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed this development and stated it was a very forward thinking Notice of Motion. Cllr. Sheahan said we must be mindful that if you are expecting people to leave their cars behind, then a place to park their cars must be provided.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher** asked that the Section 38 Notice be hand delivered to all businesses and residents on Plunkett Street and in the vicinity of the Street.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** stated this was a very positive step and is something that we as a Local Authority and Municipal District must look at. Killarney is a major tourist destination. The proper pedestrianisation of Plunkett Street is an absolute necessity. For example, Shop Street in Galway is closed to vehicles in the evening and this street thrives at night. The Main Street in Killarney is thronged with people in the Summer. The Cathaoirleach referred to earlier comments and stated that vehicles are not allowed to park on Plunkett Street. There will be an average to 25,000 - 30,000 people in Killarney during the summer and this is a prime opportunity to test and assess the pedestrianisation. Public consultation is an absolute necessity. The Cathaoirleach said this should be assessed after August and look at the feedback. This is an ideal opportunity to get people out of their cars spending their money.

**Ms. A. McAllen** thanked the Members for their support. This is a Local Authority led project. **Ms. McAllen** stated that she would take on board the Members' comments regarding public consultation and agreed that the Council would be liaising with everyone on the Street. **Ms. M. Ni Cheallaigh** will be dealing specifically with the public consultation aspect of this. **Ms. McAllen** stated she was delighted to move forward with this and will come back to Members in July requesting their approval.

**37. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** What's the position with acquiring the lands in Knockeendubh? When will the graveyard be ready for burials?

**Reply:** The CPO for the new graveyard was published on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 and was on display until 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Parties with an interest in the property being compulsory purchased have until 22<sup>nd</sup> June to lodge an objection to An Bord Pleanála. If no objections are received by An Bord Pleanála by the specified date, Kerry County Council can confirm the CPO and commence the development process.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher** enquired how soon can Kerry County Council be in possession of the property, providing there are no objections?

**Mr. P. Neary** replied that at the end of June if there are no objections to an Bord Pleanála, an Bord Pleanála will write to Kerry County Council informing them that they can confirm the CPO. The Council will thereafter issue a Notice of Entry and Treat on the landowner. **Mr. Neary** stated that if no objections were received, the Council could be on the land by the end of August and the works to the land would move along quickly after that.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** enquired how long would the construction take.

**Mr. Neary replied that the biggest part of the process is site clearance and the construction of the car park. Construction of the initial phase would take 12 weeks to complete but this is dependent on procurement.**

**38. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** Has funding been approved from the TII for the lags on the N72 on the Killarney side of Barraduff. This matter is going on with months and confirmation was received in the past that it would be completed.

**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. Kerry County Council met with TII Inspector recently and this location has been brought to their attention again and we await a response.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that he received a similar reply at the previous meeting. Cllr. Kelleher asked what is the position with the TII. He stated that a track machine is digging out a field there at present and it is very boggy. It is very steep on the side of that road and a motorist could bounce off one of those lags and lose control of their car. It is a disgrace that a National Secondary road be left in this condition. Cllr. Kelleher asked that if the TII are not going to carry out major works, can minor works take place.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated this has been logged on the TII's Maintenance App. A number of locations are logged and Kerry County Council intend to meet with the TII in the next number of weeks in regard to works reported through the TII app. Mr. Neary confirmed that the Council will look at carrying out minor repairs within the next 4 weeks in the event that the TII are not going to provide overlay monies.**

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and stated she had raised this issue previously. Cllr. Healy-Rae noted that the Council were awaiting a reply from the TII in relation to funding and stated that she would appreciate if minor works could be carried out in the interim.**

**39. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** The surface on parts of the N22 is in a deplorable state. When can we expect to have this rectified?

**Reply:** The TII carry out annual surface condition surveys of the National Network and Killarney Municipal District Office carry ongoing maintenance work as required.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that Cllr. M. Gleeson has been raising this matter for a long time. Cllr. Kelleher stated that this road has been getting considerably worse. A lag has formed between Minish Gates and the Kerry Way. Cllr. Kelleher asked what is the TII's position on this.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that there is a pothole at Lissivigeen Roundabout between two lanes. He stated that heading Eastwards there is the level crossing at Curraglass. Cllr. Gleeson stated that this is the National**

**Primary Road leading into Ireland's premier tourist town and said it was a scandal.**

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that there are accidents occurring at Poulgorm Bridge and it is very dangerous and called for lighting and signage to be provided.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that all roads were overlaid in the early 1990s and these have a pavement and design life of 20 years. Mr. Neary stated that the TII are reviewing Garries Bridge and the best that can be done is to log these issues. Mr. Neary stated that the Council have been working on Minish Gates. Mr. Neary confirmed that these issues will continue to be raised with the TII.**

**Ms. B. Mulryan referred to the Lissivigeen Roundabout and confirmed that the Council has been seeking substantial maintenance money for these repairs and hoped that the TII would reply on the issue soon. Ms. Mulryan stated that work would commence on Minish Gate in September. In regard to the pavement defects at Curraglass the NRDO are working on a proposal for the TII for a permanent solution.**

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty enquired if sections of the road could be closed off and use the velocity patcher on it.**

**Cllr. Gleeson stated that he feared for cyclists on this road.**

**40. 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:** There are a number of cable faults that require civil works as outlined hereunder. The MD will be carrying out the required cabling works shortly.

- 3702 & 3703 - outside Corcorans Furniture
- 3766 @ 60 Km Lissivigeen

Other lighting issues in the Killarney MD are as follows;

Rathmore - Outside Keffe's shed No.30 - Our maintenance contractor repaired this light when the report came in, unfortunately this light is out again and the electrician will have to visit it again as they may be a more serious problem, we have it logged with the contractor for a return call.

Barraduff Church - two lights on the ground shining on the Church are part of the public network. Our maintenance contractor has these floodlights scheduled in for repair next week.

Two lights are out in the Woodlands and the Civil works have just been completed.

The Village Green Furies - the estate has been taken in charge and the Energy Supply Contract is being transferred from Electric Ireland to Energia.

Airtricity maintenance crews will be inspecting the lights this week for any faults.

Cahereen Heights Castleisland - the estate has been taken in charge and the Energy supply contract is currently being transferred to Energia from the current supplier.

**Mr. P. Neary distributed a fault log received from the contractors to the Members.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the reply and enquired what was going to happen with repairing the lights that need additional work.**

**Mr. Neary stated that the ones referred to in the reply to the Notice of Motion are being dealt with by Airtricity and the handout refers to JCL.**

**Cllr. Kelleher referred to the lights at Corcorans which are out of order a long time.**

**Mr. Neary replied that the Public Lighting Section have a contractor to do this and hoped the work would be carried out soon.**

**Cllr. Kelleher referred to a light at O'Keeffe's shed Rathmore and asked that the light be improved from a pedestrian point of view. This light has been out for a long time and was never repaired. Cllr. Kelleher stated the biggest issue with the lights was around service and when they are being reported and fixed. Cllr. Kelleher stated that no feedback is being received.**

**Mr. Neary stated that an inventory of lights in the County was carried out last year. When a fault is located it is entered on "DeadSure". The information we will be receiving back from the contractors will be much improved. Mr. Neary confirmed that the Council will be going to tender for a new contractor by the end of the year.**

**Cllr. Kelleher enquired if the process would be automated and if so, would the Councillors be notified immediately.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin agreed with the sentiments expressed and said that when a light is reported, that traceability of the action taken and a timeline from start to finish should be recorded. The Cathaoirleach referred to the lights at Village Green and Cahereen Heights and stated that these estates had been taken over at the February Meeting and this matter should now be resolved.**

**Cllr. D. Grady said this was an important Motion and said that the Council was changing over to LED lights which are better than the previous lights. Cllr. Grady said that the main issues involved with broken lights was waiting for spare parts.**

**41. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** Killarney would benefit from a park and ride facility on the outer boundary in Killarney; somewhere around Park Road or the Industrial Estate. Can this be explored?

**Reply:** This will be explored as part of the overall parking strategy for Killarney.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher** referred to the current parking problems around Killarney and said that alternative options should be reviewed. **Cllr. Kelleher** suggested looking at the Pretty Polly site as an option. Shuttle buses could be used around the town. **Cllr. Kelleher** asked that the Executive review the situation. A Park & Ride option should be available to people when large events are being held in the town.

**Cllr. D. Grady** stated that he did not agree with the Motion. This option was tried before and an average of 2.5 people per day were availing of it. **Cllr. Grady** asked where would people park their cars and stated that the Pretty Polly site deserved to be used for something better than a car park.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson** stated that a Park & Ride operated during the Irish Open in Killarney and worked well. Jaunting cars offer a service on Munster Final Days. **Cllr. Gleeson** stated that this option should be explored.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** referred to the Malachy Walsh report which stated that Park & Ride will work extremely successfully if a special lane, free of traffic, is provided that can bus people directly into town. The Cathaoirleach stated that during July the problem people will find is that they will get into a bus and end up joining the queue of traffic. The Cathaoirleach agreed that such a facility is feasible and laudable and they work extremely successfully as is evidenced at the National Ploughing Championship.

**Cllr. Kelleher** replied to **Cllr. Grady's** comments and stated that by no means was he suggesting that the Pretty Polly site be used as a permanent car park but did note that it was a hard surface that was lying idle at the moment. **Cllr. Kelleher** asked that a trial be explored.

**42. 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:** The TII select locations to be resurfaced based on the condition of the road. This section of the road between both sections of Rathmore has been brought to the attention of the TII recently and we are awaiting a reply.

**Mr. P. Neary** stated that this road was not a high priority for the TII but the matter has been raised with them.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher** stated that 12 years ago a footpath was provided allowing for the immediate overlay of that road. It is taking the TII a long time to respond to this matter.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** stated that the footpaths were built up high to facilitate the road overlay. **Cllr. Healy-Rae** said the road was in a desperate state and is used by traffic going to Cork.

**Cllr. Kelleher** stated that the verge outside the footpath is now full of grass and needs to be cleared and asked if something could be done to fill it. It needs to be cleared every year. Damage is being caused to the footpath because of water logging there.

**Mr. Neary** replied that he could not give a commitment on this.

**43. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** St. John's Graveyard in Castleisland needs to be maintained (list of issues supplied to Area Engineer).

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has a caretaker employed to maintain St. John's Cemetery. The grass area of this cemetery will be rotovated and reseeded in the next two weeks.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher** welcomed the reply.

**44. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** NoM 44 moved in conjunction with NoM No. 7.

#### **(c) Questions**

**At the outset, Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** read the following from the Standing Orders in relation to Questions:

***"Written replies to questions will be issued at the meeting. No debate shall take place on the question but only the mover will be permitted to ask a supplementary question on it."***

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Will the Council please proceed with the dedication of the Park Road Roundabout to the Council staff and volunteers who work with such commitment to ensure that Killarney is always looking good? This matter was approved by Council many months ago.

**Reply:** The following was agreed at the Killarney Municipal District Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016:

***"The N22 Park Road Roundabout be dedicated to Council staff, past and present and to the many volunteers who jointly ensure that the overall area is well maintained."***

This matter will be progressed with the Municipal District Office.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson** asked if the Council could proceed with this dedication reasonably soon as it was agreed by Full Council.

**Mr. P. Neary** agreed this would be carried out at the earliest opportunity.



**2. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Would the Council please seek to ensure that all manhole covers fit properly and do not vibrate and create a din when traffic passes over them?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will seek to ensure that the manholes they are responsible for, fit properly and do not vibrate.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that there is a manhole that vibrates on the Mission Road beside the hotel.**

**Mr. K. O'Halloran replied that it is in the charge of Eircom and they have been contacted to rectify this.**

**3. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Would the Council please examine the safety aspects of the pedestrian crossing on Mill Road as the present situation is not satisfactory for either pedestrians or vehicle drivers?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will examine the safety aspects of the pedestrian crossing on Mill Road.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson said this was a matter of huge concern to pedestrians and drivers.**

**Mr. K. O'Halloran replied that the crossing does not conform either with or without flashing lights. It is an uncontrolled crossing.**

**4. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Would the Council please give an update on the development of the promised pedestrian crossing on Mission Road to facilitate safe crossing from the New Street car park to the entrance to Killarney House and Gardens?

**Reply:** An assessment will be carried out at this location to determine if it meets the criteria for a pedestrian crossing and if the crossing is warranted, an application will be submitted to the TII for funding. The traffic and pedestrian surveys are due to be carried out in July.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that such a convenience should be in place for the summer season.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that the matter was discussed with the TII Safety Officer. A speed survey will be carried out to assess the situation.**

**Cllr. Gleeson stated that Killarney House and Gardens will be one of the greatest attractions Killarney has had in years. There will be thousands flocking to see it and this will be the public's main way of accessing Killarney House. Cllr. Gleeson asked how will the people cross this road in safety.**

**5. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Is the Municipal Authority intent on formulating a policy on footpath repair and development for the Municipal area that is not dependent on allocations from Councillors? The footpath needs of the Area

are many and need to be addressed by means of a multi- annual properly funded programme.

**Reply:** In 2017 Kerry County Council set up a Footpath Programme as part of the MD Works Plan. It is intended to include this programme in future Municipal District Work Plans.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that current situation was grossly unfair as the Councillors' allocations were being used to solve the issues with the footpaths. Expecting this to happen is unfair and will not solve the problem. Cllr. Gleeson asked will a 5 - 10 year policy be developed to ensure that footpaths will be kept to a proper standard and new paths developed where needed?**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that €200,000 has been allocated into the Footpath Programme in 2017. Mr. Neary stated the intention was to allocate further monies into footpaths in future road programmes.**

**6. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** As it appears that the TII are no longer intent on proceeding with the development of the outer relief road from Castletlough on the N.71 to Lissivigeen on the N.22, can the Council confirm this and if so what alternative traffic management routes are being examined/proposed?

**Reply:** The link from Castletlough to Lissivigeen forms part of the overall N22 Farranfore to Killarney National Primary Realignment Scheme. The TII have not been in a position to fund this scheme to date. However, alternative routes are being considered which could provide relief to the existing network. Preliminary studies are underway but are at an early stage.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson asked if Kerry County Council believe whether the TII has any intention, in the near future, of developing a road from Castletlough to the roundabout at Lissivigeen?**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that the National Road Design Office were looking at identifying alternative routes to relieve traffic from the Muckross Road into town. In relation to Castletlough to Lissivigeen, this forms part of the Farranfore Primary Route and it is difficult to see that the TII will commit to such a large scheme.**

**7. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been achieved regarding a multi-storey car park in Killarney?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council is actively examining the feasibility of a number of sites for carparking in Killarney. Kerry County Council has examined all existing carparks to ensure that carparking capacity is maximised. Kerry County Council received two expressions of interest for the provision of carparking in the Killarney Town area. Neither proposal provides a short-term solution to carparking provision in the town, however, a proposal for the provision of a medium to long-term solution is being investigated further by the Operations Department.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan asked if there was a timescale for this project?**

**Ms. A. McAllen replied that a project was about to commence to examine the feasibility of providing multi-storey car park in Killarney.**

**8. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council when traffic calming and related works will commence at Ballydowney, Killarney.

**Reply:** A feasibility report has been submitted to the TII. We will raise this section of road again with the TII at the next available opportunity.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan asked when will this work commence?**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that a Feasibility Report has been sent to the TII and is awaiting their approval and budget for same.**

**9. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council who is responsible for the maintenance of the road at the rear of the houses at Lower Shinnagh, Rathmore?

**Reply:** There is currently no road at the rear of these 4 houses, there is however an area of ground approximately 4m wide which runs along the rear of the gardens which is not maintained by Kerry County Council.

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

**10. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask Kerry County Council to erect a noise barrier on the N22 at White Bridge Manor to reduce road noise which is making life unbearable for residents.

**Reply:** A noise survey will be conducted at this location. If noise is excessive in the area, mitigation measures will be discussed with the TII.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan asked if the Council would apply to the TII to request the provision of a noise barrier at this location. Cllr. Sheahan stated that he raised this matter previously on many occasions.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that a noise survey will be conducted at this location.**

**11. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** To ask if Kerry County Council would reduce the speed limit to 20km/h in the Woodlands Industrial Estate, which is located off the Killarney By-Pass, as vehicles are passing through there at a rapid rate.

**Reply:** A speed survey will be carried out at this location in Q3 to ascertain if there are any issues in relation to speeding.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan enquired if it was possible to provide a 20km/h speed restriction in the Industrial Estate. The traffic here is industrial based with trucks backing in and out and cars are also passing through here.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that he did not think the speed limit could be reduced to 20km/h but confirmed that a speed survey would be undertaken here.**

**12. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To request that the Council clean the rubble and grit from all cycle lanes in Killarney with the road sweeper on a regular basis.

**Reply:** The cycle lanes are cleaned and swept on a rota system for all the roads within Killarney.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that cyclists are not able to use the cycle lanes due to the presence of grit and gravel which is causing tyres to burst. The Cathaoirleach noted that it was important that this be swept as many cyclists are now in training for the Ring of Kerry Cycle. The Cathaoirleach appreciated the reply.**

**13. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To request that the disabled parking bay adjacent to the Courthouse be properly painted blue.

**Reply:** This is scheduled to be carried out within the next two weeks.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the reply.**

**14. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Has progress been made on my repeated requests to make the public toilets in High Street Car Park accessible for people with disabilities.

**Reply:** A proposal has been developed and we are currently investigating a fund stream for these works.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin asked what plans were currently in place?**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that plans have been developed for this proposal and costs are estimated at €25,000. Mr. Neary stated that it will be assessed to ascertain if this project can be funded from the Municipal District budget.**

**The Cathaoirleach welcomed Mr. Neary's comments.**

**15. Cllr. B. Cronin:** When will the public lights in the Village Green Estate, Firies be repaired.

**Reply:** The estate has been taken in charge and the Energy Supply Contract is being transferred from Electric Ireland to Energia. Airtricity maintenance crews will be inspecting the lights this week for any faults.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the reply.**

**16. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Can the following bad lags in Kilcummin be repaired, (a) between Old Kilcummin creamery and Cockhill Junction (b) between the Bridge at Dooneen Kilcummin and Cooling School Junction.

**Reply:** Minor maintenance works will be carried out at the above two locations in Q3. Furthermore, these roadways can be considered for inclusion in the Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme which is due for renewal at the end of 2107.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that going from Finnegan's Cross to Coolick School (between the bridge and the school junction) there is a dip in the road which needs to be looked at.**

**17. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Can roadside skirting be done on the bad section of road at Gortatlea leading to Killeen.

**Reply:** Roadside drainage works will be carried out on the section of the road at Gortatlea leading to Killeen within the next 3 weeks.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the reply.**

**18. Cllr. D. Grady:** Question 18 was moved in conjunction with the Deputation from the residents of Woodlawn Road, Ballycasheen.

**19. Cllr. D. Grady:** Please provide an immediate update on the green area outside the Gaelscoil Faithleann in relation to provision of parking.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council contacted the school as outlined at the last Municipal District Meeting and the school are satisfied with the parking situation.

**Cllr. D. Grady stated that it was the parents of the students that raised this issue with him and he did not approach the school. The parents have requested that the green area be removed.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that it is the intention of Kerry County Council to propose a new road scheme for this area and parking would be considered as part of this proposal.**

**20. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council when will they repair both battlements on the R569 adjacent to the junction of Coomacuileann.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are currently getting prices to repair the parapets at this bridge on the R569 with view to carrying out the works in Q3.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that both sides of the bridge have now been hit and there are only 4 red traffic cones there now. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that she was very concerned with the situation and people are constantly raising the matter with her. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply that works will commence there and stated that the bridge needs to be widened and asked if a structural review could be carried out on the bridge.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that an issue here was sight distance and confirmed that some trees would be cut in an effort to improve the matter. On**

**completion of these works, the situation can be reviewed to see if this has improved matters.**

**21. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Has Kerry County Council received any report from the TII as to what is going to be done with the dangerous junctions around Killarney: Lewis Road, Madam's Hill and Coolcaslagh. Urgent action needs to be taken.

**Reply:** Following the deputation from Aghadoe regarding Madam's Hill junction on the N22, Kerry County Council have moved the stop line forward and are now carrying out drainage works down the hill. Also, the junction is being reviewed by the NRDO and a feasibility study will be forwarded to the TII for safety works.

**In relation the junction at Lewis Road, Cllr. M. Healy-Rae extended her sympathy to the family of the late Ms. Annette Mannix and hoped that the TII would now take heed of the situation. Cllr. Healy-Rae agreed with Cllr. Culloty's request that the speed limit should be reduced and also that the speed limit be reduced at Madam's Hill and Coolcaslagh. Cllr. Healy-Rae asked if there was any timeline when this would take place.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that the Members would be briefed on draft proposals at the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting by Mr. D. Doyle.**

**22. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council what will be done now with Plunkett Street, clearly the works haven't turned out as good as they should have as people and business owners are complaining that the pavement is dirty and that the surface water is not properly dealt with. Did this project overrun its budget and if so, by how much and where did the money come from.

**Reply:** The works in Plunkett Street are now complete and within budget. Kerry County Council are satisfied that the issues have been remedied. The paths in Plunkett Street will be maintained as part of the overall street cleaning programme.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae enquired how much did the works cost and where did the funding come from.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that the funding came from part of the Footpath Programme, Road Restoration grants and our maintenance monies. These works went out to tender and the contract price was €250,000.**

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that her Question was very specific and asked why she did not receive this answer to her reply.**

**Mr. Neary stated that not all invoices had been received for this work to date but stated that the Council would be under its own initial budget.**

**Cllr. Healy-Rae referred to the road surface and said people were complaining it was dirty.**

**Mr. Neary agreed there were issues at the start but the road has since been cleaned and sealed and he was satisfied with the outcome.**

**23. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to address the dangerous lags before Farranfore Village and when will the safety barrier from the village to the Airport be erected?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have made a submission for funding to the TII to repair the bad lags in Farranfore Village.

Funding for provision of a safety barrier will be raised with the TII again at the next opportunity.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that these lags must be the worst in the County and are very dangerous and requested that the Council pursue the submission with the TII. Cllr. Healy-Rae referred to the lack of safety barriers, said it was very fortunate that an accident has not occurred here.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that the matter has previously been raised with the TII and will be raised again.**

**24. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council when will the works that were promised to clear more of the Cullawa River be undertaken because what works have been done has been a great help but there are more works to remove silt and clear the river still remaining to be done.

**Reply:** In 2013 a sum of " 40,000 was made available by the OPW to Kerry County Council to specifically remove bushes, shrubbery and overhanging branches along the channel of the Cullavaw River, Rathmore. Works were completed in accordance with the grant conditions

An application for further funding will be made to the OPW for any additional works that are required to be carried out.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae acknowledged the work that had been carried out and said it was welcomed and further stated that commitments had been given to remove the silt in open season.**

**Mr. P. Neary stated that the OPW would be requested for further funding and would revert to Cllr. Healy-Rae on this.**

**25. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council, following a commitment from Kerry County Council, when will a school traffic warden be provided to cover the three schools on College Road, Castleisland?

**Reply:** No commitment was given on the provision of a School Warden service to cover the three schools on College Road, Castleisland. A commitment was given that the Council would provide additional Traffic Warden resources to Castleisland town on a number of afternoons per week to help alleviate any traffic congestion caused by illegal parking. The

recruitment process for this additional resource, which will be based in Killarney, has commenced.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that a commitment was given previously to provide a School Traffic Warden.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that a commitment was given for a Traffic Warden an alternate afternoon per week.**

**26. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** When is it envisaged that the new byelaws for Killarney Town will be presented?

**Reply:** The review of the Killarney Town Bye-Laws will commence in Q3.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked when will the new Bye-Laws be completed.**

**Mr. P. Neary replied that it was dependent on resources available and agreed the Bye-Laws would be reviewed by the end of the year.**

**27. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** At what stage is the process of purchasing the land, for a graveyard in Knockeendubh?

**Reply:** The CPO for the new graveyard was published on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 and was on display until 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Parties with an interest in the property being compulsory purchased have until 22<sup>nd</sup> June to lodge an objection to An Bord Pleanála. If no objections are received by An Bord Pleanála by the specified date, Kerry County Council can confirm the CPO and commence the development process.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty acknowledged the reply and noted the matter had been discussed earlier.**

**28. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** Has a solution been devised to prevent flooding, which affects a small number of houses at Foiladown, Clonkeen?

**Reply:** Design proposals are being prepared to reduce flooding risk in the area. On completion, these design submissions will be forwarded to the OPW for funding.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked that the design submissions be forwarded to the OPW as soon as possible.**

**29. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** What is the delay in removing the dangerous bend at Coolcaslagh?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are currently liaising with the landowner and intend to carry out the works in Q4.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked that a commitment be given that physical work be undertaken at this location in the next couple of weeks.**



**Ms. B. Mulryan replied that she had met with the landowner during the week but the lighting pole would need to be erected at the outset.**

**30. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** What are the details regarding maintenance at St John's Cemetery in Castleisland?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has a caretaker employed to maintain St. John's Cemetery. The grass area of this cemetery will be rotovated and reseeded in the next two weeks.

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

**31. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** What are the details of the proposed measures, to make good, the sections of wall which are damaged or missing between Ladies View and Torc Waterfall? At present, there are sections of road with no barrier to prevent vehicles, cyclists or pedestrians from going off the road.

**Reply :** An application for funding for a structural survey will be submitted to the TII.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked that these works be undertaken as a priority as the situation is highly dangerous.**

**32. 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. Kerry County Council 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 have not proved successful.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher asked that he be provided with a map outlining the 100 spaces that are available and enquired if discussions had been taken with the two landowners.**

**Mr. P. Neary agreed to provide Cllr. Kelleher with the map of the graveyard.**

**33. 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 is actively examining the feasibility of a number of sites for carparking in Killarney. Kerry County Council has examined all existing carparks to ensure that carparking capacity is maximised and is

designing a proposal for increased parking at High Street. Kerry County Council received two expressions of interest for the provision of carparking in the Killarney Town area. Neither proposal provides a short-term solution to carparking provision in the town, however, a proposal for the provision of a medium to long-term solution is being investigated further by the Operations Department.

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

**34. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** What is the update on the Minor Work Scheme being applied to the OPW in Foiladuane?

**Reply:** The Report commissioned by the TII in 2016 is solely to examine the longstanding flooding problems on the N22 between Garries Bridge and Glenflesk where the road has frequently flooded and became impassable, most recently in December 2015/ January 2016. The report seeks to identify possible solutions which if implemented will keep this key route open in flood conditions (typically for the 1 in 100 year flood event) without impacting the surrounding properties. The report brief does not seek to address the flood risk to the 22 homes referred to in this motion which has been examined in the previous CFRAM study by Consultants retained by the OPW.

As part of the compilation of this Report on options for the road, a hydrological study has been carried out by Tobin Consulting Engineers using modelling software having regard to topographical, historical and rainfall data as well as local knowledge. A draft Report has been received which indicates that vegetation clearance in the River Flesk has been modelled and is not predicted to alleviate flooding on the N22. This is consistent with the previous CFRAM report which drew a similar conclusion. There are further elements of the Tobins Report to be finalised before it is published in Q3 2017.

Any application for funding under the Minor Works Flood Mitigation Scheme must demonstrate that the works are cost beneficial and will eliminate the risk of flooding. The CFRAM study has modelled the removal of vegetation and trees along the Flesk River in the Foiladuane / Glenflesk area. This indicated that any improvement works such as the removal of trees etc. would have a negligible reduction in flood extent and depth for the 1 in 100 year flood event, and therefore would not satisfy the criteria under the Minor Works Scheme.

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

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

**Reply:** It is proposed that the pelican crossing at the Ha Ha will be trialled as a zebra crossing for the summer period commencing 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the reply.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that at the previous meeting he had stated he was totally opposed to making any changes to this crossing and said he could not support this trial. This crossing is directly**

opposite the public toilets and people can push a button and wait for the green light to walk safely across the road.

Cllr. Kelleher referred to the crossing at the Courthouse and said it was not a controlled crossing and was dependent on drivers obeying the rules of the road. Cllr. Kelleher stated he was delighted to see a trial commencing for this crossing and stated if the trial receives negative feedback, then the crossing should be left as it is.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the safety advice is that the green light can be problematic in the town centre. Some drivers tend to speed up if they see a green light. A pelican crossing is a safer option.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that he was not asking for the crossing to be removed but was just asking that a trial would take place.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the matter was raised with Ms. Lucy Curtis, TII Safety Officer and this would not have been brought before the Members without receiving the necessary safety advice. The recent Traffic Management Study proposed a two lane junction at the Ha Ha, however, further investigation of this proposal with the TIUI Safety Officer has resulted in a recommendation to develop an overall plan for the Ha Ha area in conjunction with the lower Muckcross Road and the Mission Road. This proposal was referred to in the Masterplan commissioned by the former Town Council. The TII are more in favour of this kind of solution than what was in the Traffic Management Plan. If we are looking for funding to upgrade this junction, this is something we are going to look into.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the Council should firstly wait for the TII's overall plan before making any decisions.

Mr. Neary replied that the Council are going to design this scheme and Mr. D. Doyle will discuss this with the TII to get this second scheme funded. If the TII will fund it, it will be a very low cost solution and will be progressed as soon as possible. Mr. Neary stated that unless all the Members were in favour, he would be slow to change it.

Cllr. Kelleher enquired if a vote was needed.

Mr. Neary stated that the proposal here is a pilot scheme for a month and if successful, a long-term change would require a Section 38.

Ms. McAllen confirmed an overall plan approach for the area would be addressed which would be more prudent.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that for the record, he believed it would be part of a solution to the traffic issue in that area. He stated it would help alleviate the problem in Mission Road.

**Cathaoirleach Cronin asked that the record state that there is a need for a controlled pedestrian crossing providing safe crossing for the elderly and disabled.**

**Cllr. Kelleher disagreed with the Cathaoirleach's sentiments.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson Proposed that we wait**

**Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Proposal.**

**36. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** Has a programme of footpath repairs been put in place?

**Reply:** In 2017 Kerry County Council set up a Footpath Programme as part of the MD Works Plan. It is intended to include this programme in future Municipal District Work Plans.

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

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin requested an update on the Muckross and Ross Road linked cycleway.**

**Ms. E. O'Donoghue stated that the Part 8 process will commence shortly and it is hoped to bring back a report to the Members at the September Meeting.**

**Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that this was a positive step of investment in Killarney town.**

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

##### **(a) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** As the Council prepares to progress the development of Áras Phádraig as a dynamic centre for the performing Arts, that it would enter into discussion with professional theatre groups, such as the Abbey Players/ Druid with a view to securing them for periods of Summer season residency.

**Reply:** The feasibility study and business plan are currently being finalised, an update will be brought before Members at the next MD meeting.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that many years ago the "feather in the cap" of tourism in Killarney was the arrival of the Abbey Players in Áras Pádraig during the summer and this group may be available again. If such a group were to visit Killarney, discussions would have to commence now.**

**Ms. A. McAllen stated that as part of the Feasibility Study for Áras Pádraig, this has been discussed. Groups such as the Druid Players**

would require a venue of with a capacity of 380 - 300 seat theatre. This suggestion will feed into the final version of the study and an update on same will be presented to the Members.

**Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.**

**2. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we Kerry County Council would write to the appropriate authority regarding the use of unauthorised drones. The drones are frightening animals and are being used to monitor private homes. This is an unacceptable practice. The use of drones should be strictly licensed.

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

**Cllr. D. Grady stated that he saw a drone directly over Killarney House at night operating from the Carpark in New Street. Cllr. Grady stated that drones are invading privacy. People are using these drones to stake out houses and they are frightening animals.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the Irish Aviation Authority issue the licences for drones.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that a letter should issue to the Irish Aviation Authority on the matter.**

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

**3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** That this Council call on the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to provide the funding needed to develop the new entrance to Tomies Wood and O'Sullivan's Cascade, off the L11203.

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

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that there is no proper access to Tomies Wood. There is a right-of-way to that area but Cllr. Culloty stated he was stopped by an individual who stated that he was not permitted to go through. On that particular day, Cllr. Culloty stated that there were tourists ready to visit the area but were told to go away. Cllr. Culloty stated it was important that access be given there. The Killarney Municipal District Councillors voted to provide access to this area by way of a Part VIII but we are no closer now. Cllr. Culloty requested that a letter issue to the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on the matter. Cllr. Culloty concluded by stating it is not right that people are turned away from this location.**

**Cllr. J. Sheahan moved Question 2 at this stage.**

**Q2. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** What is the current update with Tomies Wood? Why is the walkway still closed? When can the public expect to see it reopened?

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

**Cllr. J. Sheahan** asked when will this location be opened to the public as it has been closed for a long time.

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** moved Question 4 at this stage.

**Q4. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council what is the current situation in relation to the connecting of the Toomies Road with Toomies Wood as access is being denied.

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

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae** asked that the access way would be opened and asked how this would be enforced.

**Mr. P. Neary** replied that the National Parks and Wildlife Service are at present pursuing the matter through the Courts.

**Cllr. Culloty** stated that the NPWS have stated that a right-of-way exists at this location.

**Ms. McAllen** stated that clarification on the matter will be sought from the NPWS.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin** formally Seconded **Cllr. Culloty's** Motion and stated that at the full Council Meeting the Councillors went through the analysis and assessment of this for the new access way and visited the site to examine it. However, this matter has not progressed. The Cathaoirleach requested that in relation to existing access, we write to the NPWS to clarify the matter in writing. He stated that the situation was more serious than realised. This walk is advertised in brochures for walkers which shows the access there. This situation is totally unacceptable and clarity must be sought from the NPWS.

**4. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** To call on this Council to begin the process of seeking expressions of interest for the Sara Lee site in Killarney.

**Reply:** The Part 8 process for the demolition of Sara Lee property is progressing and Kerry County Council will be seeking expressions of interest for the property in Killarney. Members will be updated in due course.

**Cllr. J.J. Culloty** asked when will the Expressions of Interest be advertised?

**Ms. A. McAllen** replied that this was an opportunity strategic site and this matter is a complex undertaking.

#### **(b) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** Would the Council please request the NPWS to provide water on tap at Muckross Abbey, Cill Áirne to facilitate relatives who wish to wash headstones or nurture plants?

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

**Cllr. M. Gleeson asked that the NPWS be written to on the matter.**

**2. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** Question 2 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 3.

**3. Cllr. J. Sheahan:** What progress has been made for the Áras Padraig project and what decisions have been made regarding the use of the facility?

**Reply:** The feasibility study and business plan are currently being finalised, an update will be brought before Members at the next MD meeting.

**Cllr. J. Sheahan asked when will the feasibility study and business plan be finalised?**

**Ms. A. McAllen advised that the Business Plan and proposals will be brought before the Members at the next Municipal District Meeting.**

**4. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved Question 4 in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 3.**

**5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty:** What is the update on negotiations regarding purchasing of land from the HSE in the Killarney area?

**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. J.J. Culloty stated that there was a substantial amount of land at this location and asked that a commitment be received that it be prioritised. Cllr. Culloty stated that the HSE only want a section of this land for their own facilities.**

**Cllr. D. Grady stated that the HSE have stated that they will give the Council first option on these lands.**

**6. Cllr. N. Kelleher:** How much rates has been collected in the Killarney Municipal District in the last three years?

**Reply:** 2015 and 2016 rates collected in the Killarney Municipal District:

	Killarney MD Rates	
	2015	2016
Collected	€ 10,115,356	€ 10,770,110

**Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the fact that the rates collected had increased by €600,000.**

**17.06.07.06 (c) To agree dates for holding the following meetings:**

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. N. Kelleher, SECONDED by Cathaoirleach B. Cronin it was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Killarney be held in the Council Chambers, County Buildings, Tralee on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 10.45am.
- (b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Sheahan, SECONDED by Cllr. M. Gleeson, it was agreed the next meeting of the Members of the Killarney Municipal District would be held in Killarney Town Hall on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

**17.06.07.06 (d) Reception of Deputation**

On the Proposal of Cllr. J. Sheahan, Seconded by Cathaoirleach B. Cronin it was agreed to receive a deputation from the Residents of Pinewood Estate regarding the provision of additional car parking spaces.

**17.06.07.06 (e) Correspondence**

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

1.	Letter dated 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 from Mr Andrew Wilson, Senior Track and Structures Engineer, Limerick Junction, Iarnród Éireann regarding the railway level crossing at Mossie's Bend, Stagmount
2.	Email dated 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017 from Mr Pat Dawson, Regional Manager, National Parks and Wildlife Service regarding a request to provide a defibrillator at Ross Castle
3.	Email dated 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017 from Mr Pat Dawson, Regional Manager, National Parks and Wildlife Service regarding a request to provide a litter bin adjacent to the public toilets at Torc Waterfall



In relation to the reply received from the NPWS regarding provision of a litter bin adjacent to the public toilets at Torc Waterfall, Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that the response received was appalling. He stated that the request was a sensible one in an effort to keep the area tidy. The Cathaoirleach reiterated his call that a litter bin be provided and stated that this area was extremely busy with bus tours and visitors.

Cllr. N. Kelleher enquired if the Council could provide assistance in this regard and said the issue here could be in relation to the collection of the litter in the bins.

#### **17.06.07.06 (f) Matters arising from the Minutes as confirmed at 1 above**

Cllr. M. Gleeson referred to Page 50 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 and stated that locations referred to in the reply given to his Notice of Motion were in the wrong order. He stated that he had since received an amended reply from Ms. B. Mulryan and asked that this reply be inserted in the Minutes.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin read out the Notice of Motion and revised reply as follows:

*"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 at Curraglass, Glenflesk on to the N22 to determine what measures may be necessary at this location for traffic travelling from the N22 onto the side road."*

#### **17.06.07.06 (g) Any Other Business**

##### **Opening of the new Chamber**

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated it was important to recognise the revamp of the Municipal District Headquarters which had now been brought up to a modern standard. A function for the Members and staff will take place on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am in the Chambers, Killarney Municipal District Offices. It was confirmed that the new Chain of Office would be available for the official opening. Ms. B. Reidy, Meetings Administrator confirmed that the Members would receive a text in this regard.

##### **Dr. Croke's Civic Reception**

It was noted that the Civic Reception to honour the Dr. Croke's GAA Club, Killarney on winning the All-Ireland Club Senior Football Championship 2017 would be held in Killarney Library at 7.00pm on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June.

##### **Aghadoe Graveyard**

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae referred to the skip that is available at Aghadoe Cemetery for people to dispose of their waste and asked if it could be removed.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that a skip is required at the Cemetery.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that the Graveyard Committee were involved in cleaning up the Cemetery and stated it might be wise to hold off on a decision on the matter until Mr. P. Neary meets with the Committee. There is a requirement for a facility to take away the rubbish.

Mr. P. Neary stated that the Graveyard Committee carry out great work at the Cemetery and noted that they are dealing with the matter and will take the Members' points on board. Mr. Neary stated that a solution would be found.

### **High Street Car Park**

Cllr. D. Grady referred to the carpark at High Street and stated that the residents of Bishop Moynihan Terrace were not happy about a decision to remove the green area.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that this was his last Municipal District Meeting as Cathaoirleach and said that during his term, he tried to be fair and give everyone a fair break. The Cathaoirleach wished to thank the Members for their co-operation at the meetings, during which a whole range of projects had been dealt with. He wished to thank the staff and in particular, the staff in the building who had been outstanding. The Cathaoirleach thanked Ms. A. McAllen, Municipal District Manager and stated that they had dealt with a lot of matters and thanked Ms. McAllen for the help and assistance afforded to him. The Cathaoirleach stated he had been given a unique opportunity. Killarney was an extremely busy place and he had met many outstanding people. He stated that one of the main highlights was meeting the McHughs the previous day in relation to the providing a monument in recognition of Killarney hosting the National Ploughing Championship in 1954. During their visit, agreement was reached on the site for the monument and the unveiling of this will be a major event in the future.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson thanked Cathaoirleach B. Cronin for his year of service which demands great time and commitment. Cllr. Gleeson stated it was an incredible honour to be Mayor of Killarney and the Municipal District area and stated that Cathaoirleach Cronin upheld the dignity of the role.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher congratulated Cathaoirleach Cronin on a good year. He stated that the Cathaoirleach had attended every event that he could and it was a job well done.**

**Cllr. J. Sheahan thanked the Cathaoirleach for his commitment and stewarding of the meetings which were always lively and thanked him for a job well done.**

**Cllr. D. Grady wished Cathaoirleach Cronin well into the future. Cllr. Grady stated it was not an easy job as he, himself was Mayor of Killarney from 2011 - 2012. Cllr. Grady said he was proud to say that**

**Cathaoirleach Cronin did a great job based on the feedback he had received.**

**Ms. A. McAllen thanked the Cathaoirleach most sincerely for his kind remarks. Ms. McAllen stated that Killarney was a challenging but exciting place and noted that the Cathaoirleach had attended every event and wore the Chain of Office with great pride. Ms. McAllen concluded by stating she looked forward to working with the next Cathaoirleach.**

The meeting concluded at 3.45pm.

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**Meetings Administrator**

**Cllr. B. Cronin**  
**Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD**