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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN , ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL ON 30TH MARCH, 2015

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LIOS TUATHAIL, AR AN 30 MÁRTA 2015

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. R Beasley
Cllr. J Brassil
Cllr. M Kennelly
Cllr. J Moloney
Cllr. D Nolan
Cllr. L Purtill
Cllr. A Thornton**

In attendance/i láthair

Mr. JD Flynn	Delegated Executive for the MD of Listowel
Mr. C O'Sullivan	Director of Services, Operations, Health & Safety
Mr. G O'Brien	Meetings Administrator
Mr. G Riordan	SE
Mr. M Lynch	SEE Planning
Ms. H Switzer	AO Housing
Mr. M McEnery	Executive Engineer
Mr. M Griffin	Area Engineer
Mr. C Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. P Bradley	Executive Engineer
Ms. K Curtin	Municipal District Officer
Ms. M Galvin	CO Corporate Support

The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

Cllr. M. Kennelly extended his congratulations to Cllr. A. Thornton and her husband, Conor on the recent birth of their son.

The Members wished to be associated with the sentiments expressed.

Mr. J.D. Flynn offered his congratulations to Cllr. Thornton on behalf of the Executive.

Mr. M. Kennelly also congratulated Cllr. J. Brassil on his selection as the Fianna Fáil candidate in the next General Election which took place the previous night.

15.03.30.01 Confirmation of the Minutes

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Moloney, SECONDED by Cllr. D. Nolan it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on the 9th February, 2015 be confirmed.

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

Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the Listowel MD.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan briefed the members on the following report which was circulated:

20th March 2015

**Chúig/To: Cathaoirleach M. Kennelly
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Lios Tuathail**

RE: Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan – Listowel Municipal District

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

The Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) Plan, for the Listowel Municipal District has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, and having regard to guidelines issued by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014) – copy of which is enclosed.

Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 inserts a new Section 103A in the Local Government Act, 2001, providing that, following the adoption of the annual budget, a schedule of proposed works of maintenance and repair to be carried out during the financial year in each municipal district shall be prepared, for adoption by the municipal district members.

It is, in effect, a plan of maintenance and repair works that prioritizes and apportions the use, within the municipal district, of the funding provided in the 2015 Budget, which was adopted by Council on the 17th November 2014, for particular purposes.

The main elements of the provisions under the above legislation are as follows:-

- The preparation and adoption of the SMDW Plan is a mandatory requirement,
- The SMDW is to be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, for consideration and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the municipal district members.
- If not adopted by the municipal district members, the SMDW reverts to the full council for the elected members consideration and adoption, with or without amendment.

The legislation provides that the Minister may make regulations outlining the manner, format, conditions, requirements and timescale for the preparation, consideration and adoption of the SMDW Plan. Pending the possible making of regulations, interim guidelines have been issued by the Department, in Circular LG 27/2014, on the preparation, consideration and adoption of the SMDW plan.

These guidelines have been carefully considered in the preparation of this plan, as well as the specific requirements of circulars issued by Government Departments associated with the allocation of specific grants.

It is formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for maintenance and repair in Kerry County Council's annual budget, in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads, amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc.), subject to any variations arising subsequent to adoption of the budget, for example, in relation to funding levels from State grants.

The schedule is prepared within the levels of funding available, and on the basis of identified needs and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This is informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the Council's overall budget as well the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years. The adoption of the SMDW per se cannot involve a revision of the adopted budget.

Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment is a key objective underpinning the prioritization of works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district.

Works to be executed under the GMA are not provided for in the SMDW, as these are discretionary works to be decided by the elected members. However, it is open to the municipal district members to apply GMA funding to supplement maintenance and repair funding otherwise available in the overall budget. In particular this has been identified as a potential source of funding for improvement works to private roads on exceptional hardship and emergency grounds.

I am cognizant of this being the inaugural year in developing this SMDW Plan and it should be flexible enough to allow for possible emergencies or reallocation of funding from scheduled works, that cannot for some reason, proceed. Any such re-

allocation of funding should, as always, be within the overall budgetary framework, and will be notified to members. This will be done as part of the Operations Directorate report to you at the Municipal District meetings.

The annual Service Delivery Plan, for the Operations Directorate to be prepared in accordance with Section 134A of the 2001 Act, shall be informed by proposals for the SMDW and this will be presented to Council on the 27th April 2015. The Service Delivery Plan will identify all other works to be delivered by the Operations Directorate, having regard to the provisions made in the adopted Budget and commitments given to the members.

The interim guidelines also prescribe conditions and requirements which shall apply in relation to any amendments to the SMDW plan and the procedures to be followed where the municipal district members decide not to adopt the plan or propose to make an amendment to the plan, which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule in respect of a particular service division exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by me. These are set out in detail in Section 5 of Circular LG 27/2014.

I wish as Chief Executive to pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of all the staff, particularly in the Listowel Municipal District, for their commitment in delivering these essential services in 2014. This has been a year of significant change, particularly with the amalgamation of services and the dissolution of the former town council.

I wish to thank the Director of Operations, Charlie O'Sullivan, and all the staff of the Operations Directorate in preparing this plan.

I recommend the Plan for adoption.

Moirá Murrell
Chief Executive – Kerry County Council

SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS PLAN

Listowel Municipal District

This Plan has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, and having regard to guidelines issued by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014).

It is, in effect, a plan of maintenance and repair works that prioritizes and apportions the use, within the municipal district, of the funding provided in the 2015 Budget, which was adopted by Council on the 17th November 2014, for particular purposes.

Interim Guidelines - application

The legislation provides that the Minister may make regulations outlining the manner, format, conditions, requirements and timescale for the preparation, consideration and adoption of the SMDW Plan. Pending the possible making of regulations, interim guidelines have been issued by the Department, in Circular LG 27/2014, on the preparation, consideration and adoption of the SMDW, which was taken into consideration in the making of this Plan.

The following Government grant allocations have been considered in the preparation of the Plan (copy attached)

- An Roinn Iompair Turasóireachta agus Spóirt (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport) **Circular RW 2/2015** (dated 3rd February 2015) – 2015 Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations
- An tÚdarás um Bóithre Náisiúnta (National Roads Authority) - 2015 National Roads Allocations (dated 19th December 2014) (for maintenance works only)

Specific Issues considered as part of the preparation of this Plan

All outdoor operations carried out by the Council, including the former Town Council engineering functions, have now been consolidated into the Operations directorate. Works in this directorate primarily include all housing improvement works and maintenance, road improvement works and maintenance, environmental works, street cleaning, maintenance of parks and open spaces, small piers, public conveniences, graveyards etc. The plan is prepared having regard to the provisions made in the 2015 Budget adopted by Kerry County Council and the road grant allocations from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the NRA.

In presenting the Budget to Council for adoption on the 17th November 2014, a commitment was given to maintaining the provision of the highest level of services. In presenting this plan for your consideration and adoption, I have set out our commitment in providing this level of service for each relevant service division (housing, roads, public lighting etc.), including targets on which we will measure and report on performance at the end of each quarter.

Housing

In general, the Council is responsible for repairs to the exterior of the house, while the tenant is responsible for the maintenance of the interior. The responsibility of tenants is clearly explained to them prior to the signing of the tenancy agreement, and the Tenants Handbook, which is given to each tenant, also clearly sets out their responsibilities in detail. The allocation for the Listowel Municipal District will provide for the cost of maintaining these assets, maintenance of housing estates, labour costs for our maintenance repair crews, purchase of materials, hire of plant and payments to contractors for specialist services.

The performance targets specified in the plan reflect our commitment to our tenants as set out in their tenancy agreement.

The Council acknowledges the need to ensure a prompt turnover of vacant properties and where the cost of the repair works are less than €10,000, we are committed to repairing such properties within a maximum 3 month time frame. For some voids, particularly older stock, and regrettably in some situations where the property is severely damaged, the costs of returning the property to a satisfactory letting condition require substantially greater funding. These will be assessed by the Housing Directorate for potential funding from other sources. This budget is managed centrally as it is contingent on where vacancies can arise in a given year.

Works to houses under central government funded programmes, such as the energy efficiency program last year, will be presented to Council separately, if and when details of any such scheme is announced, and are not considered as part of this plan.

Roads

The substantive element of the Operations Directorate will be the maintenance of National, Regional and Local roads, as well as the Urban Roads in the Listowel Municipal District.

The Council depends on national government for the greater part of its funding to carry out improvements to the road network.

Kerry County Council received a total maintenance allocation of €1,401,782 from the National Roads Authority for the upkeep of the national road network. This is an increase of €143,331 (11.4%) on the 2014 allocation. However €115,676 of this increased funding is for the additional public lighting costs, associated with the Tralee and Castleisland By-Passes and a number of traffic calming schemes, constructed on the national road network, in recent years.

A separate allocation of €14,475,869 was provided, by the NRA, for specific improvement works on the national road network and the operation of the national road design office. Schemes identified for improvement works, under these NRA programmes are not considered as maintenance and repair works. The schemes are capital works, which are determined by the NRA, in consultation with the Council, and based on independent national road condition surveys. Accordingly, these

schemes are not considered as part of the SMDW Plan, but will be considered in detail when the Operations Directorate Service Delivery Plan is presented to council on the 27th April 2015.

However, some consideration is given in the development of this plan for each municipal district, where such improvement works on the national road network require a substantial level of input with our own resources, and having regard to the most effective use of these resources.

The performance targets identified in the Plan are in accordance with protocols agreed with the NRA.

A grant allocation of €12,774,206 was received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for the maintenance and improvement of the local and regional (non-national) road network, as follows:-

Grant	2015 allocation	2014 allocation	Change
<i>Discretionary Maintenance Grant</i>	€3,343,504	€3,264,800	+ €78,704 (+ 2.4%)
<i>Restoration Maintenance Grant</i>	€1,953,557	€1,809,000	+ €144,557 (+ 8.0%)
<i>Restoration Improvement Grant</i>	€6,940,339	€6,559,000	+ €381,339 (+ 5.8%)
<i>Low Cost Safety Works</i>	€209,248	€197,956	+ €11,292 (+ 5.7%)
<i>Training</i>	€79,000	€72,000	+ €7,000 (+ 9.7%)
<i>Specific Improvement Grants</i>	€21,000	€640,000	- €619,000 (- 96.7%)
<i>Bridge Rehabilitation</i>	€227,558	€202,215	+ €25,343 (+ 12.5%)
<i>Town Councils Block Grant</i>	€0	€661,800	- €661,800 (- 100%)
Total	€12,774,206	€13,406,771	- €632,565 (- 4.7%)

Whilst an increase in funding from the Department was provided in 6 of the 8 grant headings, the overall grant allocation is down 4.7 % on the 2014 allocation. In particular the loss of the Town Council block grant has serious implications for ongoing improvement works required in Tralee, Killarney and Listowel. The former town councils traditionally had identified an ongoing programme of road improvement works to be funded from the former Block Grant.

To ensure an appropriate balance in the allocation of resources between urban and rural areas in the municipal districts, and provide for the continuation of roadwork programmes in the Tralee, Killarney and Listowel urban areas, I have proposed to allocate €545,598 (which is broadly in line with the increased funding provided under the Restoration Maintenance and Restoration Improvement Grant Schemes) towards works in the former Town Council administrative areas, with a sum of €133,378 allocated for Listowel town. This will allow for road and footpath improvements within the town.

The Restoration Improvement Programme continues to be the main focus of the regional and local roads programme. The grant allocation is to fund schemes identified on the 2013- 2016 multi-annual program, which was adopted by Council and submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the NRA in 2012. Given the progress that has been made on this program with additional funding provided in 2013 and 2014, some roads originally scheduled for

improvement works in 2016 will be funded in 2015. It is anticipated that the Department will seek submissions on a new multi – annual restoration program later this year, in which urban non-national roads in Tralee, Killarney and Listowel can be reviewed and considered as part of this new program.

The Restoration Maintenance Programme is strictly targeted at surface dressing roads and in particular at protecting those roads which were improved under a former restoration improvement programme. The Department applies strict limits on the surface dressing costs that can be charged for schemes identified under this programme.

Details of the specific projects to be funded under the above programmes, have been identified, having regard to the directions and guidance given by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, in the circulars. The performance targets identified have regard to the overall work programme of the Operations directorate and the efficient and effective use of resources.

The Discretionary Maintenance Grant of €3,343,504 is used for the maintenance of the non-national road network in the county, which includes winter maintenance, routine maintenance, footpath repairs, bridge maintenance, drainage works etc.

In the Budget adopted by Council last November, a sum of €4,491,918 is provided from our own resources towards the maintenance and upkeep of the non-national road network, which is an increase of €259,088 (6.1%) on the 2014 provision. This includes an allocation of €957,000 towards the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund, which is an increase of €154,000 on the 2014 County Councillors Allocations, and will be administered in accordance with the policy adopted by Council on the 16th February 2015. It also includes an amount of €1,967,056 to support the own resources contribution towards the Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance and Discretionary Maintenance Programmes for the county.

The funding for Low Cost Safety Works and Bridge Rehabilitation Works is based on assessments carried out at various locations and selected by the Department, in consultation with the Council, having regard to national assessment criteria.

➤ Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)

No separate grant allocation has been made by the Department for funding the Community Involvement Scheme in 2015, following the completion of the pilot programme in 2014. However, the Department circular permits local authorities to use some of the funding from the Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance Grant, up to a maximum of 7.5% of the total funding available, towards CIS's. The scheme is confined to local tertiary roads. These are minor roads which would not feature on the Council's multi-annual restoration programme.

In 2014, 5 schemes were completed with the local communities contributing 20% of the cost of the works. The conditions of the scheme have been revised this year, with the minimum level of local contribution required being reduced to 15% of the total cost (Circular 3/2015 – copy attached). Given the benefits of this scheme in

supporting local communities on improving their local road, it is proposed to make a provision of €135,000 to fund further schemes in 2015. This scheme will be administered on a countywide basis.

The Community Involvement Scheme was initiated in 1994. In 2008, the Council introduced a scheme to surface dress a number of older roads which had previously been improved under this scheme. A sum of €100,000 is also being provided for this purpose in 2015, which will also be administered on a county wide basis. An assessment of the roads to be surface dressed under this programme is on-going and details of roads to be funded in the Listowel Municipal District will be brought to the members.

➤ Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)

This scheme is for the improvement of private roads, with a local contribution of 20% required under the terms and conditions of the scheme. Despite representations to the Department, no specific funding has been provided for this scheme in 2015.

In 2014, the Council made a provision of €137,000 from the Discretionary Maintenance Fund, which allowed for 5 schemes to be completed. However, 4 of the top 9 schemes on the 2014 priority list did not proceed, as the applicants were unable to comply with the terms and conditions of the scheme, either in getting approval from all landowners or securing the local contribution. There are 136 current applications on the LIS Priority list.

Given that the overall funding for the maintenance and improvement of the non-national public road network has been reduced by €632,565, it is difficult to maintain the funding for the LIS scheme from existing resources. However, having regard to the wishes of the members, a sum of €100,000, is to be provided from the Discretionary Maintenance Fund, and this will be administered on a countywide basis. Based on the current priority list this will allow for approximately 5 schemes in 2015.

Given the low level of schemes that can be funded, it was not possible in recent years to address exceptional applications received on hardship and emergency grounds. However, having regard to representations made by members on funding such improvement works, the Council adopted a scheme in October 2012 for such cases, with the council contribution being funded from County Councillor's allocations. This scheme allowed for a local contribution of between 5% and 25% taking into consideration the condition of the road, the number of beneficiaries and the level of hardship identified on medical grounds. It is acknowledged that such exceptional cases can occasionally arise and the members may wish to consider such applications for funding under the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Facilities

The Council provides a range of facilities, including public lighting, car parking, small piers and public conveniences, which require regular maintenance and repair.

The maintenance and repair of public lighting is carried out by private contractors, under contract to the council. These contracts are managed centrally and there are particular performance targets specified in the contract.

The funding provided for the maintenance of car parking facilities in the town includes for the cleaning of our car parks as well as the maintenance of pay and display machines in these facilities and on-street.

The funding provided for public conveniences ensures that these facilities are maintained to a clean standard, commensurate with the level of usage by the public.

The funding provided for the maintenance of piers is used on a needs basis, having regard to representations from members and local communities, as well as the level of local usage and to support regattas etc.

Environmental Operations

This funding is for street cleaning, maintenance of burial grounds, maintenance of outdoor leisure areas, playgrounds and beaches. The performance targets specified in the Plan are commensurate with the level of service that can be provided having regard to the resources available.

However, as a tourist county it is acknowledged that factors such as exceptional weather conditions or local festivals, can result in increased numbers of visitors to many of these facilities and some flexibility is provided to ensure a cleaning service appropriate to any exceptional increase in usage.

Conclusion

The attached tables set out all of the maintenance and repair works to be provided in the Listowel Municipal District, including the budget allocations, the level of service to be provided and the targets on which our performance will be monitored.

LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT					
SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS					
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
HOUSING	Responsive maintenance of 897 houses (720 group scheme & 177 Single rural) and 28 demountables	€275,391	Maintenance to the standards in accordance with the Tenants Letting Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% of routine works to be completed within 4 weeks and 100% emergency works to be completed within 3 working days 	
	Repair vacant houses for reletting	Funding centrally managed by Housing Department	Repairs will be carried out within 3 months from date of receiving keys, for works costing less than 10,000	95% of works complete and house available for letting within 3 months	
ROADS	National Secondary Maintenance	€46,734	36.5km NS Roads maintained. Category A repairs completed within 3 days and Category B repairs completed within 26 weeks.	<u>Category A:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of pothole and drainage repairs on national secondary routes complete within 3 days of being identified on carriageway. <u>Category B:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other repairs complete within 6 months subject to NRA funding and approval. 	
	Winter Maintenance	€67,500	52.3km of NS and Regional roads treated	100% of Priority 1 and 2 routes identified; to be	

			in accordance with the Winter Service Plan.	treated when icy conditions are predicted on the Vaisala system.	
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
ROADS	Low Cost Safety Improvement Works	€63,274	€30,647 for the R-551 Barrick Cross Junction, Ballybunion. €32,627 for Shanacool Cross, Listowel.	Safety works complete by Qtr. 4	
	Roads to be maintained under the Restoration Maintenance Programme - see attached Appendix A	Grant = €328,667 OR = € <u>43,775</u> Total = €372,442 OR = Own Resources	Surface improvements of 14.9km – listed in Appendix A	30% completed by Qtr. 2 95% completed by Qtr. 3 100% completed by Qtr. 4	
	Roads to be improved under the Restoration Improvement Programme - see attached Appendix A	Grant = €1,642,147 Town Grant =€133,378 OR =€ <u>33,086</u> Total =€1,808,611 OR = Own Resources	Pavement improvement for 17.71km for Regional and Local Roads and 0.57km of footpaths – listed in Appendix A	30% completed by Qtr. 2 95% completed by Qtr. 3 100% completed by Qtr. 4	
	Works to be carried out under the Discretionary Maintenance Programme	In the electoral division of Listowel urban:- OR = €255,981	General maintenance of 909 km of regional and local roads and footpaths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All potholes on primary urban roads repaired within 2 working days and 	

		<p>In the electoral division of Listowel Rural:- Grant = €651,578 OR = <u>€105,561</u> Total = €757,139</p> <p>Total Discretionary Funding = €1,013,120</p>		<p>within one week for all other roads in urban areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All potholes on regional and local primary roads repaired within 4 weeks. • Response to serious flooding where risk of flooding to dwellings on public roads within one working day. 	
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
PUBLIC LIGHTING	Approximately 876 lights maintained	Budget managed centrally	Routine repair works carried out within 12 working days of complaint.	95% of lights repaired for routine works.	
MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF CAR PARKS	Maintenance and management of car parks	€8,455	<p>Listowel: Car Parks - The Square, 167 pay off street spaces, GAA Car Park, Civic, Presbytery, Town Park, Castle, Rear William Street, Convent Street (3no) Car Parks, 418 free off street spaces - Listowel Town Centre, 400 pay on street spaces Ballybunion: Car Parks -</p>	All reported faults repaired within 10 working days.	

			Ballybunion SuperValu & Children's Playground, Ballybunion maintained with 175 spaces - on street parking maintained with 270 spaces. 14 pay & display machines in Listowel and 3 in Ballybunion.		
MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	Maintain 5 Public Conveniences	Funding centrally managed by the Community Services and Engagement Services Section	Tarbert and Ballyheigue cleaned once per day. Ballybunion (2no) cleaned 3 times per day. Listowel cleaned once per day	Maintained to a clean standard commensurate with the level of service.	
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
STREET CLEANING	Clean Listowel Town Centre	€193,749	Once daily	95% of planned works completed. All towns and villages increase marks in Tidy Towns Competitions	
	Clean other towns and villages in Listowel Municipal District Area		Clean Abbeydorney, Asdee, Ballybunion, Ballyduff, Ballyheigue, Ballylongford, Causeway, Duagh, Finuge, Kilflynn,	Clean with mechanical sweeper once per fortnight	

			Kilmoyley, Knockanure, Lixnaw & Tarbert		
	Clean Listowel approach roads		Once weekly		
	Clean designated Listowel Housing Estates		Ashfield (Phases 1 & 2), Convent View, Feale Drive, Gleann a Phuca, Clieveragh Downs, Clieveragh Park, Ashgrove, Lisarda, Meelish Close, Ballygologue Park, Stoker's Lawn/ Place/Drive/Grove, Cluainín, Slí na Coille, College Lawn, Courthouse Lawn, The Lodge, Islandganniv Place, Ferndene, O'Connells Avenue/St. Brendan's Terrace, Lartigue Village, Willowbrook, Knockroe Drive, Luachra Road, Cloverfield, The Forge, Cois Baile, Dromin Green, Hawthorn Drive, Woodview, Cluain Doire, Gurtinard, Aviation Drive, Hollytree Drive, Willow Place, Cherrytree Drive, Woodlawn	Clean with mechanical sweeper once per month	
	Bottle Bank Maintenance		Civic Car Park, Presbytery Car Park (Listowel), Asdee, Ballyheigue Beach Car Park, Kilmoyley, Duagh, Moyvane,	11 Bottle Banks and associated locations cleaned as required	

			Tarbert, Ballylongford, Ballyduff		
MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUNDS	Maintain 35 Burial Grounds	Funding centrally managed by the Community Services and Engagement Services Section	Duagh New; Duagh Old; Ahavoher; Aughavallin; Ballybunion New(St. Johns); Derryco; Dysert, Lixnaw; Finuge; Galey, Garryard; Kilconly; Killehenry; Kilmore; Kilnaughton; Kilshenane; Kiltomey; Knockanure; Lislaughtin Abbey; Lisselton; Murhur; Rahealy; Rattoo; Ballyheigue (Dromgower); Ballyheigue New(St. Marys); Ballyheigue Old(St. James); Causeway; Kilfeighney; Kilflynn; Killahan; Killury; Kilmoyley New; Kilmoyley Old(Togherbawn); Abbeydorney; John Paul II, Listowel; Teampallín Bán Famine Burial Ground, Listowel; St. Michaels, Listowel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burial Grounds maintained by local caretakers augmented by operational staff. • 15 grass cuts from April to September. • Footpaths provided where required. 	

DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
MAINTENANCE OF OUTDOOR LEISURE AREAS	Town Park, Listowel	99,909	Maintain 32 acres of Town Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grass cut every 3 weeks April - September. Manage tree stock to appropriate standards. Plant 30 trees per year. 	
	Maintain 3 dedicated walkways		Feale River Walk, Listowel, Sive Walk, Listowel, Cliff Walk, Ballybunion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean once a fortnight. Improvement works in conjunction with Community and Tidy Towns Groups 	
	Maintain green areas		Ashfield (Phases 1 & 2), Convent View, Feale Drive, Gleann a Phuca, Clieveragh Downs, Ashgrove, Lisarda, Meelish Close, Ballygologue Park, Stoker's Lawn/Place/Drive/Grove, Cluainín, Slí na Coille, College Lawn, Courthouse Lawn, The Lodge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 cut per fortnight - April to September. 95% of estates maintained 	
			Open Areas in Ballylongford, Ballyheigue,	Plant and maintain in order to improve marks in Tidy Towns	

			Ballybunion, Knockanure, Moyvane, Tarbert		
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
PLAYGROUNDS	Inspection and maintenance of 6 playgrounds	€10,836	Ballyheigue, Ballybunion, Lixnaw, Moyvane, Tarbert & Listowel. Inspected weekly. Playground equipment will be repaired within one month. Broken equipment will be repaired within 20 working days, replacement within 3 months.	Cleaned and inspected weekly	
BEACHES	Maintain 6 beaches.	€89,536	Ballybunion and Ballyheigue Blue Flag Beaches cleaned daily.	Empty bins daily for Jun - August and on Bank Holidays and other busy periods	
			Beale, Trippol and Kilmore cleaned as required.	Maintain to a clean standard.	
MAINTENANCE OF PIERS & HARBOURS	Routine maintenance of 6 piers / slips	€1,000	Dromatoor Pier, Ballyheigue, Tarbert, Kilmore, Meenogohane, Moneycashen Pier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure fixtures and fittings are maintained. Inspect once a year. 	

COUNCILLOR SPECIFIC MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OPERATIONS FUND	Manage the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund	€203,000	Agree funded works carried out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed breakdown of cost to be provided. • Members notified at least one week in advance of works commencing. • Works complete by end of Qtr. 4. 	
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Appendix A

Listowel Municipal District

Listowel Municipal District 2015 - Restoration Maintenance Grant

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area m2	Est. Cost €
R-523	Shanacool	2,000	5.8	11600	63,800
R-551	Ferry Bridge	1,245	6.2	7719	42,455
L-6111	Coolaneelig	2,750	3	8250	37,125
L-1024	Six Crosses	2,090	5.5	11495	51,728
L-1017	Bedford Cross	1,900	5.6	10640	47,880
L-1006	Lisselton Cross	1,150	5	5750	25,875
L-1000	Doon Cross	1,650	4.2	6930	31,185
L-6038	Knoppogue	2,120	3	6360	28,620
Total		14,905		68,744	328,667

Listowel Municipal District 2015 - Restoration Improvement Grant

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Width (m)	Total Area m2	Est. Cost €
R551	Curraghderrig West Cross - Curraghderrig East Cross	1,000	6	6,000	90,000
R557	Ballintoher - Ballyhorgan	2,500	6.5	16,250	325,000
L1030	Kilmoyley Church - Snipefield	1,850	6	11,100	222,147
L1035	Feans Cross - Lodge Cross	1,600	5	8,000	160,000
L1031	Buncurragh - Ballinorig	2,000	3	6,000	90,000
L1010	Quay Street - Lislaughtin	1,000	5	5,000	75,000
L1013	Tarmons East - Co Bounds	1,000	5	5,000	75,000
L6010	Rusheen - Carrigafoyle	1,000	5	5,000	75,000
L6084	Ballinclemesig	800	3.5	2,800	56,000
R551	Ballymackessy Cross - Glencullare Cross	1,600	6	9,600	144,000
R-551	Meelcon X - Carhoona	1,000	6	6,000	90,000
R557	Ballyrehan Bridge - Garrynagore	2,000	6	12,000	240,000
Total		17,350		92,750	1,642,147

Listowel Municipal District 2015 - Restoration Improvement / Maintenance Town Grant

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Est. Cost €
	Road Improvements		
	Convent Cross	360	52,000
	Footpath Improvements		
L-6300	Ballygologue Park	150	22,500
L-6326	Woodview	170	25,500
R-553	Ballybunion Road	250	33,378
Total		930	133,378

Cllr. L. Purtill thanked Mr. C. O'Sullivan for his presentation. He enquired about the Local Improvement Scheme. He knew of a road which once provided access to two houses, however, only one landowner resided there now. He asked if the Local Improvement Scheme would be available to this landowner.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan advised that eligibility for the scheme was contingent on at least two landowners having access from the road.

Mr. J. Moloney thanked Mr. O'Sullivan for the report. He commented that the maintenance budget for Listowel Town was down €30,000 on last year's figure. Cllr. Moloney referred to William Street and Tarbert and discussions with the NRA which had been ongoing for a year. He stated that Cahirdown, the John B. Keane Road and Billeragh were in a very bad state. He asked that the NRA be contacted regarding these roads.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan stated that overall the fund was down €600,000 on last year and all budgets were cut. Looking nationally, the level of funding has fallen from €580m down to €290m which is nearly halved. To keep the existing road network in its current state will cost €600m. He stated that Nationally at least €1bn was needed for the upkeep and maintenance of the non-national road network. He stated that within 4 - 5 years we will have a lot of potholes and we won't be in a position to maintain these roads. The level of funding being put into roads is quite low. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that they would highlight the roads issues raised by Cllr. Moloney to the NRA.

Mr. J.D. Flynn stated that there is a crisis looming in 4 - 5 years. We will just be playing catch-up trying to repair the roads.

Cllr. R. Beasley enquired about the Dale Road, Phase 2 and asked had any progress been made with the NRA.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan stated that this was not an NRA Scheme but would fall under the remit of a Special Improvement Grant Scheme. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that Minister Paschal Donohoe was in Kerry the previous week for the opening of the Kenmare Inner Relief Road. Mr. O'Sullivan said that both he and the Cathaoirleach discussed the issue of the Dale Road with the Minister. A form of special funding would be required for this road. It will cost in the region of €2.8m to fund and a minimum of €900,00 to reduce the existing embankment. Even if €500,000 was provided annually over 2 - 3 years, it could be developed on a phased basis. The Minister confirmed that he will have discussions with his Officials on the matter.

Cllr. R. Beasley enquired about the CIS retrofit and asked over what period of time would these roads be examined.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that this Scheme was originally funded in 1994 and the roads that would be considered under this Programme would generally be those roads that were improved 14 - 15 years ago. This assessment would be on a County-wide basis.

Cllr. R. Beasley asked what roads were done under the LIS Hardship & Emergency Scheme from the County Councillor's Allocation.

Mr. O'Sullivan stated that 2 schemes had been done in Ballyheigue. He said it is impossible to say where these schemes will arise. They are exceptional circumstances where there are cases of extreme hardship, emergency situations or medical emergencies. He raised the example of a person who was wheelchair bound and as a result was effectively house bound due to the poor condition of their road. The Scheme adopted by Council is socially inclusive and considers the community's ability to pay.

Cllr. R. Beasley asked about the Council's plans for beach cleaning as Easter was approaching and good weather was forecast. He asked that the beaches be closely monitored.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan stated that there were issues regarding beach maintenance last year due to the unprecedented good weather. He stated there was more flexibility this year for the maintenance of the beaches.

Cllr. D. Nolan referred to the report and stated that tables were very useful when discussing maintenance. She asked if a report could be provided in relation to all works with a Municipal District breakdown.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan referred to the Service Delivery Plan which would be brought before full Council in April. He said it would identify other works to be carried out by the Operations Directorate on a county-wide basis and if possible, works specifically relevant to the Municipal Districts will be identified with similar timeframes and actions.

Cllr. Nolan stated that this would be useful for each Municipal District area to compare year on year.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan stated that once the programme was presented to Council, he would look at preparing a breakdown.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan stated that the reporting mechanism would be on a quarterly basis and the reports regarding Service Delivery Plans would be brought back to Municipal District level.

Cllr. A. Thornton stated that she presumed that this was the final plan for adoption detailing the final list of works. She stated that the Finuge Village to Finuge Bridge Road (L6050) was very heavily trafficked and if this was the final plan, then something should be done for this road.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan stated that the Restoration Improvement Programme had already been adopted. He stated they would look at carrying out maintenance works on the road but it would require improvement works. The next Improvement Programme will be in 2016. The Restoration Programme is used for maintenance works only,

i.e. surface dressing which would be a waste of money here. The road needs to be strengthened.

Cllr. M. Kennelly welcomed the report. He stated that the Schedule of Works was explanatory. The roads issues are never going away. He agreed that the Finuge road was a problem. He stated that Dromurrin Road was in a very bad state. This must be repaired. Cllr. Kennelly referred to the Dale Road and the Minister's recent visit to same. He hoped something will be done with it. Cllr. Kennelly referred to the cutting of grass and noticed that some estates were not on the list. In relation to the LIS Scheme, Cllr. Kennelly noted it was specifically for hardship or emergency cases. He suggested that the other Councillors may be able to assist with these. Two roads a year for this particular scheme might arise.

Cllr. M. Kennelly, PROPOSED that *"We the Members of the Municipal District of Listowel hereby resolve to adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the Listowel Municipal District, having regard to the provisions under Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and guidelines issued by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014) ."*

Cllr. D. Nolan SECONDED this Proposal.

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. R. Beasley, M. Kennelly, J. Moloney, D. Nolan, L. Purtill, A. Thornton **(6)**

Against : None **(0)**

Absent: Cllr. J. Brassil **(1)**

Not Voting: None **(0)**

Mr. G. O'Brien declared the proposal CARRIED.

On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Kennelly it was agreed to take a 10 minute recess to read over the replies to the Notices of Motions and Questions. This was agreed by the Councillors.

15.03.30.03 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development Directorate

(a) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. J Moloney: Can the upstairs window in No. 17 Upper William St, Listowel be replaced, the new window does not represent the character of the other houses in the area.

Reply: Following a meeting with residents in the area, it was agreed that works required to reinstate the window to its original size in this council property will be carried out in next couple of months.

Cllr. J. Moloney welcomed the reply.

15.03.30.04 Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report from Mr. J Breen Director of Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life which had been circulated to the Members:

Housing/Social Services Report for March 2015

Business Unit Manager – Ms. Kathleen Moriarty, Senior Executive Officer

Housing Programme

We have submitted a housing programme to the Department for consideration following a call for proposals . The department have set us ambitious targets for additional Leasing and RAS units for 2015 , 2016 and 2017. Additionally we have sought funding to purchase a number of properties and to construct some properties in areas of demand where we have existing part 8 planning provisions in place. We have not yet received sanction for the programme. Updated details will be brought to council when we receive sanction to proceed with our proposals from the Department of Community Environment and Local Government.

We have made a strong submission seeking maximum funding for social housing development in Kerry

Approved Housing Bodies

The government Housing Strategy 2020, the national housing policy document envisages a greatly enhanced role for the voluntary housing sector in the provision of housing into the future . In this regard we are arranging to meet the approved housing bodies operating in Kerry to determine their capacity to contribute to the housing programme delivery immediately and into the future . We will be targeting special housing needs such as disability and elderly housing through these bodies .

Tenant Purchase Scheme

No update has been received regarding a new tenant purchase scheme, its terms or dates of implementation . We will keep council updated with any information when it is received.

Social Housing Activity Report at 13th March 2015 Listowel MD

<u>Social Housing Applicants (Year to Date Position)</u>		
Qualified Applicants with area of choice within Municipal Area		464
Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area		2
New Tenancies Commenced		2
Accommodation refusals		0
<u>Social Houses</u>		
Vacant Group scheme properties within Municipal Area		
Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)		17
Awaiting Allocation		9
Construction Programme		
Single Rural Dwellings - Site Transfer Stage		1
Single Rural Dwellings - under construction		0
Extensions - applications on hands		3
Extensions - Tender Stage		0
Extensions - under construction		0
<u>Rental Accommodation Scheme</u>		
	<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A.</u>
Total Active Tenancies	815	109
New tenancies in 2015	28	2
Tenancies terminated in 2015	10	2
<u>Leasing</u>		
	<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A.</u>
Leased Properties	74	9
Leases under negotiation	8	0
<u>Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)</u>		
	<u>No.</u>	<u>€</u>
Allocation 2015		
New Grants Allocated 2015	50	0.296m
Total 2015 Commitment	154	0.862m
Grants Paid	33	0.136m

Business Unit Manager – Mr Michael Scannell, Senior Executive Officer

Kerry Public Participation Network.

The Public Participation Network has been established at County level and representatives have been elected to the various SPCs and JPC at the initial County Plenary session. At this point the Municipal PPN has also been established in the four Municipal Areas. The Listowel meeting was held recently in the cultural centre Listowel, and over 50 community were represented. The representative for the area was selected for the county secretariat. One issue that arose at the meeting was the size of the Municipal district and the difficulty of convening meetings of the PPN at this level and expecting community representatives to travel long distances for what should be local meetings.

Community Support Fund

The community support fund has been launched and applications forms and guidelines are available on-line on the Kerry County Council web-site. The closing date for completed applications is Thursday 2nd April. Applications should be returned to the Community Department, Kerry County Council by that date. There has been a lot of interest in the fund and the Community Department have been busy dealing with queries from the public.

Local Economic & Community Plan

The preparation of the LECP is underway and a detailed presentation was given to the members at the January Council Meeting in relation to the process and content of the LECP. The Municipal Districts will play an important role in the development of these plans and in particular in identifying issues that relate specifically to their areas. It is proposed to consult with the Municipal Districts following the completion of the socio economic profile for the County. The Council is hosting a joint Kerry Economic forum event with the IDA and Enterprise Ireland on 25th March as initial brainstorming session for the economic aspects of the plan. The chairs municipal districts are included in this event.

Library Service Report

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

Library service:

- A new library website www.kerrylibrary.ie was launched on 5 March 2015. It was re-designed by the I.T. Dept., Kerry Co. Council

New features include:

Up to date Facebook & Twitter feeds for library information & events
A monthly top title feature
Interactive map of Mobile Library routes
Online membership application
Additional online sources [Naxos music online; origins.net]

Since 16 March, digitised & searchable Kerry newspapers are available to library members via the website **at each library** [*The Kerryman* 1904 – to date; *Kerry Star* 1861 – 1863; *Kerry Independent* 1880 – 1884; *Kerry Weekly Reporter & Commercial Advertiser* 1883-1920, *Chute's Western Herald*, 1828-1835; *The Kerry Sentinel*, 1878-1918; *The Kerry Examiner & Munster General Observer*, 1840-1856; *Raymond's Kerry Herald*, 1856; *The Tralee Mercury*, 1829-1839; *The Tralee Chronicle & Killarney Echo*, 1843-1881; *The Kerry Independent*, 1880-1884; *The Killarney Echo & South Kerry Chronicle*, 1899-1920].

Statistics:

The library website had 75,156 'hits' in 2014. There were 66,245 usages of online sources [such as current national & international newspapers; languages online World Book & Envy. Britannica]. Kerry Library has 439 Facebook and 1,432 Twitter followers at present.

- There will be some changes to the normal opening hours at Listowel Library during April. This is as a result of a reduction of 1 in the no. of staff available. The library will close at 5.00p.m. each Tuesday and some lunch time closing will be necessary during the month.
The library will continue to open 6 days each week. Details of April opening are as follows:

Listowel Library Opening Hours 1 – 30 April 2015				
Day	Date	Opening Hours DAY	Lunch / Closed	Opening Hours Evening
Thursday	01 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	<i>closed 1.30- 2.30pm</i>	
Friday	02 April 2015	Closed Good Friday	Closed	
Saturday	03 April 2015	Closed Easter Saturday	Closed	
Monday	06 April 2015	Closed Easter Monday	Closed	
Tuesday	07 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	<i>closed 1.30- 2.30pm</i>	
Wednesday	08 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Thursday	09 April 2015	10.00 - 8.00 pm	open	5.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday	10 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Saturday	11 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Monday	13 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Tuesday	14 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Wednesday	15 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Thursday	16 April 2015	10.00 - 8.00 pm	open	5.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday	17 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Saturday	18 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	<i>closed 1.30- 2.30pm</i>	
Monday	20 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	<i>closed 1.30- 2.30pm</i>	
Tuesday	21 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	<i>closed 1.30- 2.30pm</i>	
Wednesday	22 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	<i>closed 1.30- 2.30pm</i>	
Thursday	23 April 2015	10.00 - 8.00 pm	open	5.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday	24 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Saturday	25 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Monday	27 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Tuesday	28 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Wednesday	29 April 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	<i>closed 1.30- 2.30pm</i>	
Thursday	30 April 2015	10.00 - 8.00 pm	open	5.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday	01 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Saturday	02 May 2015	Closed Public Holiday Weekend	Closed	

Emergency Services Report

Business Unit Manager – Mr. Michael Hession, Chief Fire Officer

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

Year 2014 summary:

- Operational volumes of work in 2014 are down on last year. There were 1016 incidents in 2014 compared to 1191 incidents for 2013.
 - There was a 36% decrease in fires (464 in 2014 compared to 729 in 2013).
 - There was a 34% increase in RTAs (160 in 2014 compared to 119 in 2013).
 - Chimney fires down 35% (144 in 2014 compared to 222 in 2013).
- A second hand class B fire appliance was purchased in 2014 to ensure that the fleet age profile is maintained below 9 years and that the working life of our front-line appliances is below 15 years.
- 2 No. 4 x 4 Ford Ranger Jeeps were ordered in 2014 as part of our programme to provide all stations with 4 x 4 capabilities. (Delivery due in January 2015)

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire officers carried out further spot checks in respect of fire safety at larger entertainment venues in the county.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices received this year to the end of December was 350, which is marginally down on the figure of 353 for 2013.
- The number of Disability Access Certificate applications received this year to the end of December was 71, which is up on the figure of 65 for 2013.
- The number of Fire Safety Certificate applications received this year to the end of December was 129, which is marginally up on the figure of 126 for 2013.

Building Control Officers continued to inspect buildings under construction in the county for compliance with the Building Regulations.

Civil Defence:

- Occupational First Aiders Course, Water awareness Course completed by volunteers and Decontamination course operated by the HSE.
- CDO qualified in Management of Water & Flood Incidents
- Assisted with alert of missing person from Killorglin (found in Dublin).
- Duties: Historic Rally provided 5 x ambulances & 1 x Boat; Ballyheigue Races; 2 x Ambulances, Charity Walks.

The Civil Defence Year 2014:

- The new Civil Defence fleet garage and stores (rented premises) acquired
- Civil Defence covered 80 duties for 2014.
- Restructured the local organisation due to Health & Safety policies in the role of operational volunteers being competent
- No stewarding or traffic control duties can be attended by Civil Defence volunteers
- New Child protection policy & data protection introduced to all active volunteers
- Department-level decision taken that no young people (UNDER 18) can join Civil Defence from September 2014
- SAR Unit found the body of a missing person on request by the Garda Síochána
- Introduction of Water Awareness Training
- Ford Transit (2011) for transporting volunteers as issued by the Department on request
- Radio Tetra courses introduced

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. R Beasley: What is the number of qualified applicants for housing in the Listowel Municipal District?

Reply: There are currently 483 qualified applicants for housing in the Listowel Municipal District.

Cllr. R. Beasley asked when are the Council going to make progress regarding the amount of people currently on the waiting list. This is an ongoing issue with all the Councillors. Cllr. Beasley stated that on average, he could have 5 or 6 people per day making enquiries regarding applications for Council housing. He stated that maybe 30 or 40 people would be housed in the County in 2015/2016 and that maybe only 40 houses would be constructed in the County. This is a major problem for the entire County.

2. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council have a look at St. John's Churchyard in Ballybunion to see what it can do to eliminate the large amount of surface water that appears after heavy rain and remains for long periods afterwards.

Reply: Kerry County Council has visited St John's Church, Ballybunion, and it is clearly evident that there is a problem with surface water flowing from the adjoining car park into the Cemetery at the rear of the Church. Kerry County Council will take action to rectify this problem.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed the visit by the Engineers to the Churchyard. This was an ongoing problem. The Council and the Churchyard Group have done great work here. The surface water was noticeable this year even though we

had a dry year. The problem would be exacerbated further if the weather was bad.

3. Cllr. J Moloney: That we request the county dog wardens to undertake more regular patrols in the area to combat dog fouling.

Reply: The litter wardens are responsible for enforcement of dog fouling in the county. 76 specific dog foul patrols were carried out in problem areas during 2014. These patrols are in addition to investigations carried out following complaints received. When possible a number of patrols each year are carried out in conjunction with the council dog wardens who also check for dog license and that dogs are under effective control. Enforcement action in respect of dog fouling is very difficult as many owners leave their dogs out late at night and early in the morning. Even when dogs are caught in action it has proved very difficult to link them to their owner. We will increase the number of dog patrols in 2015 as well as increasing the number of specific dog walking routes as well as raising awareness generally in order to further address the problem.

Cllr. J. Moloney stated that it was very hard to catch people "in the act". He asked that there would be more presence on the ground and there was a need to issue fines. This issue was mentioned in the Tidy Towns Report last year. This is not fair due to the good work that has been done by people.

Cllr. R. Beasley stated that he has had numerous Notices of Motion on this issue. There are not enough Litter Wardens in the County. He had heard a story of a person who went blind due to dog foul. People involved in clean-ups are using grass trimmers. We will have a major crisis if people refuse to do this work due to dog fouling. The public needs to be made aware of this serious problem either through schools or the media.

Cllr. M. Kennelly referred to the 76 specific dog foul patrols mentioned in the reply and asked if he could receive further information on this. He stated that he was in Ballybunion the previous week and dog foul was evident on the streets. This was a serious problem.

Mr. J.D. Flynn informed the Members that the Traffic Wardens were also authorised Litter Wardens under the Act.

4. Cllr. J Moloney: Can any improvement be made to the presentation of our bottle banks, specifically, the one located in Nolan's car park.

Reply: A review of the bottle banks at Nolan's car park was carried out yesterday and they appear to be in very good condition. There are no plans to carry out works here at this time.

Cllr. J. Moloney said that people were continually dumping at this location. He stated that bring banks were listed for funding through the County Councillor's Allocation. He asked if the appearance of this bring bank could be improved.

Mr. M. McEnery said that fencing could be provided to improve the appearance with the possibility of slotting in flower boxes. He confirmed that a CCTV camera was installed at this location.

Mr. J.D. Flynn said that if dumping had occurred here over the weekend, then the CCTV footage would be reviewed.

Cllr. Kennelly stated that the signage at this location was dated and needed to be improved.

Mr. McEnery agreed to discuss this matter with the Environment Department.

5. Cllr. J. Moloney: In light of the improvements over the past few years and to be in a position to secure future funding, that a 5 year plan be developed for the Town Park in Listowel.

Reply: The community section of Kerry County Council will consider the preparation of a development plan for the park and seek opportunities for suitable funding of same. Such a plan will be developed in consultation with relevant community and other stakeholders.

Cllr. J. Moloney said that the Town Park was a great asset to the town. He acknowledged that further work had been carried out here recently.

Cllr. M. Kennelly supported the Motion. He said that Storm Darwin had caused a lot of damage in the Park. He said that 30 trees were to be planted per annum.

6. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council purchase (Details with Directorate) for social housing.

Reply: The Department allocation for 2015 has not yet been notified. On receipt of same the councillors will be notified.

Cllr. J. Brassil asked if something could be done here and asked if we could write to the Department.

Ms. H. Switzer referred to the Quality of Life Report where it was detailed that a submission had been made to the Department following a call for proposals. **Ms. Switzer** stated that the Council were confident of receiving a significant allocation under the various housing options. This was discussed with Management and a significant number of acquisitions are included in the proposed programme. In this regard, the Council will accept details in relation to any houses for sale and these can be submitted for consideration to the Housing Department.

Details in relation to the approved allocation will be notified to the Councillors in due course.

7. Cllr. J Brassil: Will Kerry County Council repair and paint the lifeguard hut at Ballyheigue beach.

Reply: Repairs and painting of the lifeguard hut at Ballyheigue Beach will be carried out in the next few weeks.

Cllr. J. Brassil welcomed the reply.

8. Cllr. D Nolan: That the council report on progress with addressing local concerns with regard to safety issues at Moyvane playground.

Reply: Moyvane Playground has been opened for in excess of 10 months. There have been no reported accidents associated with area. A traffic study (over 7 days) carried out 1 month after opening indicated that traffic speed in the area was below average. However as a precaution and in the interest of public safety advisory signage will erected on both approaches to the area. This will be completed within 2 weeks.

Listowel Municipal District Operations has placed an order with a company to undertake specialist road-marking on the approach to the playground. We have engaged with Moyvane Development Group, who, although not directly involved in the initial provision of the playground facility, has indicated that it is unaware of any specific issues in relation to the safe use of the play area.

The traffic volumes and pedestrian volumes on this local road are very low and would certainly not satisfy the qualifying criteria for a pedestrian crossing. In siting the playground, the Council would have been cognisant of ensuring that the location was relatively safe for such a facility.

Cllr. D. Nolan noted that the Council had been in contact with other groups but that the Playground Committee was a separate group. She agreed to forward the Chairperson's contact number to the relevant Council Official in order to make contact with the Committee.

Mr. M. McEnery confirmed that signage had been erected at this location on Friday.

9. Cllr. D Nolan: Will Kerry County Council build Single Rural Dwellings in 2015 and 2016?

Reply: The Department allocation for 2015 has not yet been notified. On receipt of same the councillors will be notified.

Cllr. D. Nolan moved Notices of Motion No's 9 - 12 and Question 3 at this stage.

10. Cllr. D Nolan: How many housing list applicants in the Listowel area have a Single Rural Dwelling as their preferred option?

Reply: There is currently 1 application for a Single Rural Dwelling in the Listowel Municipal Area.

11. Cllr. D Nolan: How many housing applicants in the Listowel Municipal District are; single applicants, couples - no children, couple or single parent with one child, couple or single parent with more than three children, and applicants requiring disability adapted accommodation?

Reply: Of the 483 approved applicants in the Listowel Municipal Area the breakdown is as follows:

Single Applicants: 211

Couples – No Children: 40

Couple or Single Parent with One Child: 130

Couple or single parent with more than three children: 20

Applicants requiring disability adapted accommodation: 16

12. Cllr. D Nolan: Many households near the income limits qualifying for the Council Housing List, and those on low incomes are seeking to buy their own homes while property prices remain quite low however they cannot access finance often due to working in the private sector or through self employment. Will the Council provide mortgage loans to these households going forward?

Reply: The Local Authority considers applications for a Housing Purchase/Construction loan from all applicants who meet the eligibility criteria to apply for a loan.

To be eligible to apply for a house purchase loan, the applicant(s) must be a first time buyer; aged between 18 and 70 years; earning under 50,000 euro as a single applicant and under 75,000 euro as joint applicant; In the case of the primary earner on the application, be in continuous employment for at least two years (this can be self employment) and the second applicant must have at least one year; Have been refused a loan by both a bank and/or a building society on two occasions. The property to be purchased/constructed is located within the Republic of Ireland and has a gross internal floor area not exceeding 175sq meters. The maximum house purchase loan available is 220,000 euro.

Q3. Cllr. D Nolan: What percentage of households on the Council housing list in the Listowel Municipal District have a member working (a) full time and (b) part time?

Reply: Current percentage of households on the Council housing list in the Listowel Municipal District have a member working :

(a) Full Time: 5.18%

(b) Part Time: 15.94%

Cllr. Nolan stated it was more straightforward to know who was suitable for the different types of units. Cllr. Nolan noted that single applicants made up more than quarter of the list. This was a problem.

Cllr. Nolan noted that there were only a small amount of people on the list in full-time work. She stated that potential applicants might not know the income thresholds and may incorrectly presume that if they are in full-time employment they are ineligible for housing. She said that people in low paid work would qualify for housing. She noted that 5.18% was a very low percentage for full-time workers applying for housing.

Motion No. 10 was moved in conjunction with **Motion No. 9**.

Motion No. 11 was moved in conjunction with **Motion No. 9**.

Motion No. 12 was moved in conjunction with **Motion No. 9**.

(c) Question

1. Cllr. R Beasley: When can we expect to see the lifeguard's huts on both beaches in Ballybunion painted and modernised?

Reply: Works should be started on the lifeguard station on the Ladies Beach before the end of the current week.

These works will consist of a scaffolding to facilitate the power washing of the brickwork and external painting. We will also replace the fascia & soffit to the roof. Internal painting and works to the flooring will also be undertaken as well as the replacement of security shutters.

We have costed the refurbishment of the unit situated on the Men's Beach and have also considered the alternative of the provision of a demountable hut.

The required refurbishment works would involve stripping back the internals to the original structure, the placement new flooring and wall sheeting along with new wiring, a new door and security shutters and also internal fixtures and fittings.

We have 'scoped' the works and sought tenders.

A decision on a preferred contractor should be made within a fortnight.

This work will be carried out before the start of the bathing season.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed the reply. He had noted that the scaffolding had been erected. He said that the hut on the Men's Beach was in a dire state.

2. Cllr. J Brassil: What is the up to date status of the single rural cottage for (Details with Directorate) ?

Reply: This application is currently with Law Agents and the applicant's solicitor, once complete application will proceed to tender.

Cllr. J. Brassil said that this was very frustrating as the funding was approved in this case a long time ago. The application has been sent to the Solicitor on two occasions.

Ms. H. Switzer said that there was now only one document with the County Solicitor and once that was finalised, it will go to tender. Ms. Switzer agreed to seek further clarification from the County Solicitor and notify Cllr. Brassil directly.

Cllr. Brassil said this had been ongoing for 5 years. He would hate to see the funding lost here.

Question No. 3 was moved in conjunction with Motion No. 9.

15.02.09.05 Water Services Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report from Mr. J Kennelly SE Water Services which was circulated.

Irish Water Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016

The Irish Water Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016 was launched in May 2014. A total of 8 wastewater Schemes (total value of €10.7 million) and 7 Water schemes (total value of €22.5 million) in Kerry are included in the IW CIP. The Schemes listed in the CIP which affect the Listowel Municipal District are outlined in the following tables:

<u>CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016</u> <u>WASTE WATER PROJECTS</u>	
Project	Status
Tarbert SS	Tarbert and Ballylongford WWTP are being constructed as one contract awarded to Response Engineering Ltd – due to be completed June '15. The Tarbert Advance pipe-work Contract was completed in June 2013.
Ballylongford SS	Tarbert and Ballylongford WWTP are being constructed as one contract Work by Response Engineering Ltd. is underway – due to be completed by June 2015

<u>ADDITIONAL MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS</u> <u>BUT NOT PUBLISHED IN IW CIP 2014-2016</u>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Derry Listowel NKRWSS	Replace 3.5Km of 300mm diameter Asbestos Cement Water Main	€1,163,000	Site Investigation completed; Tender

			Documents almost completed; To Tender April '15
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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 will be given to any Scheme to which a Boil Water Notice (BWN) applies, and to any Scheme on the EPA Remedial Action List (RAL) and/or on a legal Direction from the EPA.

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

Irish Water Minor Improvements 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 Listowel area is outlined in the table below.

<u>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME</u>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Listowel SS	Replacement of pump at Tea Lane	€5,300	Substantially Complete
Lyreacrompane WTP - Sludge Treatment	Complete Sludge Treatment Plant	€ 50,000	Work Underway
<i>Lyreacrompane RWSS: Network - Unidirectional Scouring</i>	<i>Install new scour valves and provide sampling points on existing scours</i>	<i>€ 17,000</i>	<i>Requested</i>
Lyreacrompane RWSS	Site Acquisition	€30,000	In progress
Ballyheigue Water Softener	Repair of pipework and replace resin	€ 7,000	Work Completed
NKRWSS: Ballyduff Cast Iron Mains Replacement	Replacement of 2,9Km of old / deficient C.I. pipes	€ 278,000	Work Completed
CRWSS Cloonafineela	Provision of SCADA/Telemetry for reservoir and pumphouse	€6,400	Substantially Complete
NKRWSS: Derry - Clontibret	Replacement of 2.25Km of 300mm diameter Asbestos Cement Water Main	€270,000	Commencement April '15 by KCC direct labour works
NKRWSS: Dromin Water TP	Extensive roof repairs	€150,000	To go to Tender

NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replacement of 550M of old / deficient 100mm diameter C.I. pipes	€33,000	KCC direct labour works Autumn '15
Total ALLOCATED		€829,700	

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

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

Kerry County Council has made a submission to the Department for funding for various projects in 2015. The Grant Allocations for 2015 are expected in the coming weeks.

A total Block Grant Allocation of €906,600 was allocated to Kerry County Council for the various measures under the Rural Water Programme in 2014.

Takeover of Group Schemes

Since 1 January 2014, responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes has transferred to Irish Water.

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

Mr. Colm Mangan referred to the Water Services Directorate Report. He stated that work may commence this year on the replacement of 6km of old and deficient trunk watermain between Listowel and Tarbert. The Council will commence the replacement of a 2.5km length at Clontibret in early Summer, while a contract for a further 3.5km length will go to public tender in April 2015. Mr. Mangan also informed the meeting that €70,000 will be spent on replacement by Kerry County Council direct labour crews of pipes at St. Patrick's Terrace and also at Tieraclea Park in Tarbert. These Kerry County Council works will commence later in the year. A sum of €33,000 is also due to be spent in the Autumn on the replacement by Kerry County Council staff of cast iron water pipes in Rusheen, Ballylongford.

Mr. Mangan stated that these jobs represent a €2m investment by Irish Water for works in North Kerry. This is a good response by Irish Water to Kerry County Council's submissions for funding.

Cllr. L. Purtill stated that this was very good news for Ballylongford and Tarbert and also the Listowel - Tarbert Road. This was a huge benefit for the people.

Cllr. M. Kennelly referred to the €2m being spent in North Kerry and stated that this was good news.

Cllr. M. Kennelly enquired about the First Fix for leaks policy.

Mr. Mangan said that Irish Water Public Relations spokesperson, Liz Arnott stated on local radio this week that the water utility was about to embark on the Find and Fix Programme.

Cllr. L. Purtill asked for confirmation regarding Irish Water fixing leaks inside people's properties as he had recently been informed at the last Council meeting that they would only repair leaks outside of properties.

Mr Mangan emphasised that Irish Water will repair leaks on private property in this programme.

15.02.09.06 To note update report from the Operations, Health & Safety Directorate.

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. G Riordan SE and Mr. J Sheahan SEE which was circulated.

Programme of Works

<i>Listowel Municipal District Operations</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Flood Mitigation</u></p> <p><u>Ballylongford</u> Works are in progress on a flood protection wall on the western flank of the Ballyline River, south of Bridge Street in Ballylongford. This work is 85% complete.</p> <p>Bund and Embankment works are in progress in the Rusheen and the Quay Street areas. These works have exceeded the scope of the initial plan agreed with the Ballylongford Flood Action Committee.</p> <p>Other flood mitigation works will commence shortly in Quay Street and Bridge Street.</p> <p><u>Ballybunnion</u> Works to alleviate localised flooding at the junction of Main Street and Cliff Road have been undertaken. The area will be monitored during the next period of intensive rainfall.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Roads</u></p> <p><u>Listowel Town</u> Footpath improvement works commenced in Cahirdown, Listowel on the 9th March.</p> <p><u>Restoration Improvement (Municipal District – East)</u></p>
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	<p>Preparatory works have commenced on the following locations on the Restoration Improvement Programme</p> <p>R-551 Ballymackessy to Glencullane L-1010- Quay Street to Lislaughtin L-6010- Rusheen to Carrigafoyle</p> <p><u>Restoration Improvement (Municipal District – East)</u> Preparatory works have commenced on the following locations on the Restoration Improvement Programme L-1031 Buncarrig – Ballinorig L-6084 Ballinclemsig L-1030 Kilmoyley Church – Snipefield</p> <p><i>Note:</i> <u>Slieveawaddra:</u> Landowners on both the Western and Eastern flanks of the roadway serving the school from the ‘Coast’ Road have refused the sale of any lands for road widening.</p> <p><u>Church Road (North), Listowel:</u> A pedestrian traffic count was undertaken at the Pedestrian Crossing on Church on two separate days in March, over an 8hr period each day. The number of pedestrians using the facility varied between 76 and 93, per day. The greatest number transiting the pedestrian crossing, for any given hour, was 20.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Housing</u></p> <p><u>Update on Casual Vacancies</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Group Schemes</u></p> <p><u>Abbeydorney</u> 3 Bed - 8 Riverside – Works completed</p> <p><u>Ballybunion</u> 1 Bed - 20 Hillview - Awaiting Estimate Approval 1 Bed - 21 Hillview - Works completed 2 Bed - 34 Marconi Avenue - Works completed 3 Bed - 13 Sandhill Park - Works in progress</p> <p><u>Ballyduff</u> 3 Bed - 5 Benmore - Works completed</p> <p><u>Lixnaw</u> 3 Bed - 3 Convent View - Works completed 2 Bed - 3 Baile An Garrai - Works completed</p>
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	<p><u>Single Rural Dwellings</u> 2 Bed - Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw - Estimate approved, works to commence early April 3 Bed - Ballinclemisig, Ballyheigue - Works not commenced</p> <p><u>Update on Long Term Voids</u> <u>Group Schemes</u></p> <p><u>Ballyduff</u> 3 Bed - 11 Benmore - Awaiting Estimate Approval</p> <p><u>Single Rural Dwellings</u> 3 Bed - Lerrig South Ardfert - Works completed 3 Bed - Ballydonoghue Lower - Works completed 2 Bed - Ahamore Causeway - Works completed 3 Bed - Knockbrack Ardfert - Awaiting approval to Tender 2 Bed - Bawnmore Ardfert – Legal issues re Trespass 3 Bed - Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw - Boundary Issues 2 Bed - Ballinagearagh Lixnaw - With Housing Admin 3 Bed - Boherroe Abbeydorney - Legal issues 2 Bed - Dirha Listowel - Awaiting Estimate Approval</p> <p><u>Other Non Maintenance Works</u> Tenders received for re-construction of chimneys on 3no Single Rural Dwellings. Works awaiting confirmation of funding</p> <p><u>Listowel Town Area</u> 1 Convent View - Works completed 47 Feale Drive - Works Completed 71 Feale Drive - Works underway 101 Feale Drive - Works completed 3 Stokers Drive - Works Completed 1 Stokers Grove - Awaiting Estimate Approval 27 Stokers Lawn - Awaiting Keys from Housing Admin 4 Liosarda - Awaiting Estimate Approval 26 Lartigue Village - Estimate to be submitted Apt 2A Charles St - Awaiting Keys from Housing Admin</p>
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John Sheehan

Sen. Exec. Engineer

Gerry Riordan

Senior Engineer

Cllr. R. Beasley referred to the report and the item in relation to Slieveawaddra National School. He said that 140 - 150 students attended this school. He asked if the Council would acquire lands by CPO to address the safety issues.

Mr. G. Riordan said that a CPO was only used for housing or roads purposes. This was a private matter involving the school and the landowner.

Mr. M. Griffin stated that he had made enquires with the Department of Education on the matter. He said the school can ask the Department to carry out a CPO. The main issue for the Department were the legal costs involved. It was Mr. Griffin's understanding that the school's talks with the landowner were not going well.

Cllr. Beasley stated that some action needs to be taken here.

Mr. G. Riordan agreed to revert to the County Solicitor on the matter.

Mr. J.D. Flynn said that in the context of the powers we have, we are limited. The protections afforded to landowners are significant.

Cllr. J. Moloney referred to the pedestrian crossing at Church Road, Listowel. He said that this was causing traffic problems. Delivery trucks have no room to turn and have to go back down the town again. He stated that the crossing was causing more problems than solving them.

Mr. M. McEnery said that the figures from the traffic count show that the crossing is being used. The Road Design Office gave careful consideration to the layout of same. He further stated that the local Gardaí had no issue with it. It is serving a purpose. The design guidelines are being followed here.

Cllr. M. Kennelly asked if a resolution could come from the Members to the NRA.

Mr. J.D. Flynn said that the Members were entitled to put in a resolution but we cannot direct the NRA.

Cllr. J. Moloney stated that the schools weren't using the crossing.

Mr. Flynn reiterated that we have no powers in relation to this matter as this is a National Secondary Road under the remit of the NRA.

Cllr. M. Kennelly discussed this matter further (Notice of Motion No. 19 - Operations)

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. R Beasley: That all footpaths in the main street Ballybunion be looked at as some of the new ones are in a very uneven state and people have fallen and received injuries. Also the footpaths at Ahafona up to East End on both sides on the approach to the Main Street are in bad condition and especially the path outside the Grotto at Ahafona which is used by many elderly people who come to say the rosary on a daily basis.

Reply: A survey has been carried out of the footpaths in Main Street, Ballybunion recently.

Information available to us from the Risk Controllers office of Kerry County Council indicates that there is a very low level of reported falls or claims in this area with 3 reported falls in the last 10 years.

The footpaths, in question, for the most part are in good or functional condition, with the exception of a segment of the walkway, on the southern flank of the roadway extending eastwards from the junction of Main Street and Cliff Road for approximately 85m, which is in poor condition. The cost of replacing this segment of footpath, assuming retention of the existing kerbs, is €12,750.

Priority is being given to improving the footpaths at Ahafona to the East End later in 2015. However the works on Main Street could be funded through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed the report. He referred to the survey that stated that there were only 3 reported falls in the last 10 years. Cllr. Brassil said that people were continually reporting falls to him. The broken slabs were causing problems and making the surface uneven. He asked that the Council take immediate action on the footpath between John Browne's, the Men's Sheds and Ahafona.

Mr. G. Riordan confirmed that Ahafona was being given priority this year. They will concentrate on this section first.

Cllr. Beasley welcomed this.

2. Cllr. R Beasley: That the car park in Beale be surface dressed and the hedge cut on the way to the beach.

Reply: The cost of surface dressing the car park at Beale Strand, with elements of regulation, is €7,500. Currently there is no funding available to carry out these works, however the project would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

A short section of hedge, on both sides of the access roadway, near the junction of the strand road with the L-1000 is in need of trimming and as contact with the land owner has not proved possible, Kerry County Council will make arrangements to undertake these works.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed the undertaking to cut the hedge. He said that the money could be collected off the landowner for this work.

3. Cllr. R Beasley: That road strengthening be considered for the Doon Road on the approach to Ballybunion from the Tarbert/Limerick Road.

Reply: This section of road is not included in any current roads programme. The roadway itself requires an overlay and delineation with associated signage and road-markings.

Given the condition of the road and the population density of the area, the Doon Road would be a prime candidate for inclusion in any future Road Improvement Programme. There are indications that the Dept. of Transport, Tourism and Sport will be making a call for a future 4 year multi annual programme later this year.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed the reply.

4. Cllr. R Beasley: What is the update in relation to restoring the wall at Kilmore car park and resurfacing the car park itself?

Reply: A report was carried out following an inspection of the damage done to the seawall and roadway at this location. Given that there is no specific budget for these works, an application for funding to carry out this repair work had been made to the OPW under the Coastal Erosion Minor Works.

Subject to a positive response for this funding request, it is hoped that this work will be completed prior to the summer tourist season.

Cllr. Beasley said that he had been in discussions with Mr. G. Riordan on this matter. Hopefully we will know if funding is forthcoming in the next couple of weeks.

Cllr. Brassil also referred to the Killeen Churchyard where unbaptised babies had been buried. Further damage could be caused here if works are not carried out.

Mr. Riordan confirmed that the Killeen Churchyard wall had previously been repaired.

5. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would put in place a pedestrian crossing at Radharc na hAbhann, Ballylongford. This crossing is needed because the children and residents of Rusheen cross where the footpath ends at this location and also the children and residents of Radharc na hAbhann. This road is a very busy road and has a large volume of traffic.

Reply: A preliminary traffic survey was undertaken at this location to determine the volume of pedestrians crossing the road and the volume of two way traffic. However the results fell far short of the qualifying criteria and would not meet the warrant required for a 'pedestrian crossing', and we can therefore not recommend the area for further investigation in terms of the provision a pedestrian crossing.

Cllr. L. Purtill said that he has raised this Notice of Motion on numerous occasions. He stated that there is now only one shop remaining in Ballylongford and it is imperative that a pedestrian crossing is provided at this location.

Cllr. M. Kennelly supported this Notice of Motion.

6. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would erect two public lights on the old road leading to Rusheen as this is the road used by pedestrians as there is no footpath at this location. That Kerry County Council would also cut down a tree at the back of the dispensary to open up the area and make it safer for pedestrians.

Reply: Currently due to the constraints on maintaining the existing public lighting network, including increasing energy costs, the Council has not been in a position to fund the provision of additional lighting to the public network, except in exceptional circumstances.

In particular, in recent years the taking in charge of housing estates has increased our public lighting costs and there will be additional costs with the proposed taking in charge of other estates, or the placing of extra public lighting on roads in our charge.

Under the provisions of EU Directive 2006/32/EC and S.I. No. 542/2009 - European Communities (Energy End-use Efficiency and Energy Services) Regulations 2009, Kerry County Council is also required to make substantial reductions in energy consumption, including on public lighting.

This will necessitate substantial investment in either retrofitting our existing public lighting network with more efficient lighting equipment and/or restricting the provision of new lights on the existing network.

This is an issue that needs to be further examined in the context of the limited funding available for the provision of all services, and the needs of the community.

Any request to provide additional public lighting at Rusheen, Ballylongford will need to be assessed as part of a Public Lighting Policy, which will be developed through the Operations SPC, given the existing demands on the Council to maintain existing public lighting infrastructure throughout the county.

Should the scheme satisfy the proposed new Public Lighting Policy as developed through the Operations SPC the works would be suitable for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. The estimate cost, including civil works would be in the region of €10,100.

With reference to the tree or trees which are requested to be cut down, these are relatively mature Cupressus Macrocarpa (Monterey Cypress), possibly planted in the late 1960s and stand on private property.

Cllr. L. Purtill said he would welcome the installation of lights at this location. He stated that he would ask the owner if the Council could cut down the tree. He agreed to allocating €4,000 from his allocation towards the lights and asked for the agreement of the other Councillors to contribute €1,000 each. The Councillors agreed to this request.

Mr. J.D. Flynn stated that the Council's energy consumption needs to be reduced.

Cllr. D. Nolan supported the request. She asked to be provided with an update relating to Councillor's Allocations, i.e. what requests the Members have made and what work has been carried out to date.

Mr. Flynn confirmed that this would be provided to Members at the next meeting.

7. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council surface dress a small area at Gortnacoca, 100m approximately of roadworks were carried out at this area last year and unfortunately the road was left very uneven. I was promised that this area would be resurfaced.

Reply : The section of road in question, on the R-552, has already been surface dressed following drainage works which were carried out at this location last year. Some minor settlement has taken place and further surface dressing will not improve the unevenness of the riding surface.

The section requires strengthening by means of an overlay and funding is not available at present to undertake such works.

The estimated cost of strengthening on this segment of roadway for 100m is €16,250 and could be considered for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund if required.

Cllr. L. Purtill stated that this road is riddled with potholes. Cllr. Purtill stated he would appreciate if something could be done here.

Mr. G. Riordan stated that this road should go on the Improvement Works Programme. He stated that surface dressing wouldn't be of benefit to this road. It needs to be strengthened.

Mr. Griffin stated that when the job was carried out 2 years ago, the road level was raised by 2ft. The pipes on this road are lined with concrete. There is an issue here with concrete and settlement problems.

8. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would immediately address the potholes on the Yard road in Duagh which is practically impassable.

Reply: This road is the L-1025. Repairs have been carried out on this road in recent weeks.

A 2.8km section of this road is included for improvement in the 2016 Restoration Improvement Programme.

Cllr. L. Purtill welcomed the reply.

9. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would immediately carry out some works on a part of the of the Steeple road, Tarbert, especially one area where the

centre of the road has risen up by approximately 7 inches and the sides have sunk – making it almost impossible to travel on.

Reply: Steeple Road is a roadway which runs due south from the N69, east of Tarbert, connecting with the L 1021, it is approximately 2.95kms in length. For the greater part of its length, the roadway is in good condition, however a 200m section of the carriageway, approximately at mid-point of this road (L-6022) is in need of strengthening.

It would cost €15,000 to bring this section to the same condition as the rest of the road.

This road is not included in any current roads programme. It is considered suitable for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. L. Purtill stated that this was of serious concern to him. It is impossible to drive there now.

Mr. M. McEnery stated that minor repairs would be carried out over the next few weeks.

Cllr. L. Purtill acknowledged that this would be of great help.

10. Cllr. L. Purtill: That Kerry County Council would cut back the hedges on the Patch road in Duagh. I have been contacted by residents who have advised that this road has been narrowed by the overgrowth of the hedges and is a danger to pedestrians and motorists and a ditch has also subsided at this location.

Reply: The 'Patch Road', L 1025 is approximately 5.7kms in length. Having inspected the roadway it was found that a 15m length of 'hedging' or 'small tree group' was adjacent to the roadway but did not encroach the roadway itself. This matter has been referred to the Roads Enforcement Officer for investigation.

The only incidence of subsidence appeared to be an uprooted tree which has fallen into private property, again this has not interfered with the roadway.

Cllr. L. Purtill acknowledged the reply.

11. Cllr. R. Beasley: That Kerry County Council carry out repair work on the railing around the cliff walk in Ballybunion which has been weakened over the past couple of winters.

Reply: There is some evidence of some weakening of the timber post and associated railing at four locations around the Cliff Walk. These, in general, are localised sections, no more than 30m in total. Repair works will be carried on the fence in the coming weeks.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed the reply and confirmed that the work had commenced here. He stated that people are walking on the Cliff Walk and are unfamiliar with the area and its height.

12. Cllr. L Purtil: That the ditches on either side of Lislaughtin Abbey bridge Ballylongford be pushed back in line with the bridge as there are dangerous bends at this location.

Reply: The parapet wall on either side of the bridge, at this location, consists of concrete block walls approximately 1.2m high. These are set back for the surrounding ditches, which are solidly constructed of stone, with soil bound infill material. Inside these ditches the adjoining land is lower than the carriageway surface and their removal would necessitate resultant accommodation works. The setting back of the ditches will not improve the general road alignment. Some road edge markings will be provided at this location following completion of the road-works in Quay Street, later in the year, which will highlight and delineate the road edges.

Cllr. L. Purtil welcomed the reply.

13. Cllr. J Moloney: That repairs take place on the road at Dirha East.

Reply: Derra East Road (L 1017) is situated approximately 2.5kms North East of Listowel Town and is a connector roadway between the R553, Listowel to Ballybunnion Road and the R552, Listowel to Ballylongford.

It stretches from Bedford Cross to Derra Crossroads.

Derra Road East is 1.98km in length. There are twenty one properties contiguous with this roadway, two of which appear to be commercial. The roadway is in poorest condition at one of these commercial properties. The carriageway has been subsumed by lay-bys attendant to two relatively new properties at this point, causing a lack of drainage, with subsequent water inundation of the road subsurface, resulting in the cratered riding surface.

Derra Road East directly facilitates a population of approximately 45-55 people. The cost of upgrading this segment of roadway, by overlay, is between €185,000 - €198,000.

The roadway is not in the Current Roads Improvement Programme and is not suitable for the Road Maintenance Programme and no other sources of finance are available.

By extrapolation, if the Councillors wish to have works undertaken to the worst 150m section of the roadway, the cost would be in the region of € 15,000. This could be considered for funding under the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. J. Moloney stated that the potholes are very bad on this road.

Mr. M. McEnery confirmed that works started here on Friday and should now be completed.

Cllr. M. Kennelly supported the Motion.

14. Cllr. R Beasley: What is the Council's position in relation to the replacing of catches and locks on windows and doors in social houses.

Reply: Replacement of door and window hinges, catches, handles, locks and mechanisms are the responsibility of the tenant.

Cllr. R. Beasley stated his dissatisfaction with the reply. He thought it was the responsibility of landlords to replace locks and catches and fix doors. A lot of Council tenants are in the lower income bracket with people on minimum wage and elderly and disabled. There should be an onus on Kerry County Council to assist these people.

Mr. J.D. Flynn stated that the situation would depend on the agreement with the landowner. All tenants have signed an acceptance of the terms in the Tenant's Handbook and are responsible for these items. The Council are trying to utilise as efficiently as possible, the small bit of money for housing maintenance. This is why these items are listed as the responsibility of the tenant in the Handbook.

15. Cllr. M Kennelly: As Listowel is a heritage town of wonderful stature, I am requesting that Kerry County Council when completing works in the Convent Cross area, that the wall that is to be completed is finished to the highest standard, preferably in natural stone work.

Reply: The completion of the wall in question with stonework, while desirable, isn't something that the current funding available to Kerry County Council in 2015 for this location will allow us to complete.

The cost of providing a stone finish to this wall would be €80,000. The funding available to undertake works at Convent Cross in 2015, €52,000, will only allow for the completion of footpath and under-grounding services in the area.

Cllr. M. Kennelly stated that the works carried out at the location have alleviated a lot of problems. It will be great when it is finished. This is a big wall. Cllr. Kennelly stated that he didn't want the issue to remain unchanged for the next 5 or 6 years. He said it would be better to blend it into the surroundings. €80,000 sounds very excessive.

Mr. M. McEnery stated that the priority was to sort out the footpath and pedestrian crossing. Quotations were received from stonemasons and that was the figure given. A stone wall would be desirable but this is the cost involved.

Cllr. Kennelly stated that the wall cannot be left in this condition. He asked that funds be put aside to complete it.

Cllr. J. Moloney supported the Motion.

16. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council continue the footpath in Dromin road Listowel to the entrance of the Equestrian centre.

Reply: Subject to agreement with the landowner, it is the intention of Kerry County Council to carry out this work in the coming weeks.

Cllr. M. Kennelly welcomed the reply. He thanked Mr. M. McEnery for his assistance on the matter.

17. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry council carry out works on an electricity box unit in Feale Drive Listowel as this has become a health and safety issue and an anti social problem for residents in the area.

Reply: There are two electrical supply sub stations in Feale Drive, Listowel. The unit, referred to here, lies north of No12.

The area behind the station is currently being used as a composting location for grass-cuttings.

Isolating the unit from its surroundings could be achieved by attaching 1.8m high anti-climb fencing to the existing boundary walls and providing the necessary access gates.

The only source of finance through which this work can be undertaken is by way of the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. The cost of the project is €2,800.

Cllr. M. Kennelly asked who had responsibility for the ESB unit.

Mr. M. McEnery stated that the ground it is located on is the property of the Council.

Cllr. Kennelly stated that the ESB should ensure that it is safe as children are climbing up on the unit and using it as a means to access the Estate behind it.

Mr. G. Riordan stated that the ESB had confirmed that the unit was safe.

Mr. J.D. Flynn stated that the Council could write to the ESB regarding this matter.

18. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council continue the public lights up the Domin Upper/ Caihirdown area as this is a very populated area.

Reply: Currently due to the constraints on maintaining the existing public lighting network, including increasing energy costs, the Council has not been in a position to fund the provision of additional lighting to the public network, except in exceptional circumstances.

In particular, in recent years the taking in charge of housing estates has increased our public lighting costs and there will be additional costs with the proposed taking in charge of other estates, or the placing of extra public lighting on roads in our charge.

Under the provisions of EU Directive 2006/32/EC and S.I. No. 542/2009 - European Communities (Energy End-use Efficiency and Energy Services) Regulations 2009, Kerry County Council is also required to make substantial reductions in energy consumption, including on public lighting.

This will necessitate substantial investment in either retrofitting our existing public lighting network with more efficient lighting equipment and/or restricting the provision of new lights on the existing network.

This is an issue that needs to be further examined in the context of the limited funding available for the provision of all services, and the needs of the community.

Any request to provide additional public lighting from the existing system at Cahirdown will need to be assessed as part of a Public Lighting Policy, which will be developed through the Operations SPC, given the existing demands on the Council to maintain existing public lighting infrastructure throughout the county.

Any proposed works here would consist of the erection of 3no x 10m columns, as lanterns can no longer be attached to power transmission poles, with appropriate energy saving lanterns on 1.5m outreaches, attendant civil works, metering and connection fee. The estimated cost is €10,500. No finance is currently available to undertake the project. Should the scheme satisfy the proposed new Public Lighting Policy as developed through the Operations SPC the works would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. M. Kennelly stated that a new petrol station was going up at this location and houses were being sold again. Lighting was needed in this area.

19. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council contact the NRA to put an elevated ramp on the pedestrian crossing in Church Street as all motorists are speeding through these lights, the same ramps are proposed for the Convent Street works.

Reply: The Road Safety Officer for Kerry County Council has indicated that a detailed description of the actual problem at the crossing would be essential and specific information should be collated prior to making any contact with NRA about this matter.

The required information should encompass the number of incidences of pedestrian getting hit while crossing and evidence of vehicles not stopping, also if such events occurred, the times when such incidences happened.

Listowel Municipal District Operations has no specific information relating to accidents at this locus. Contacts with the Gardaí, have indicated that the lights seem perfectly functional and the crossing does not cause any traffic management issues.

Notwithstanding the above, it is not the policy of the NRA to provide ramps at isolated locations unless in a junction type situation where the entire junction is subjected to such treatment.

On a related matter, Listowel Municipal District Operations was requested to undertake a pedestrian count of those using the Church Street crossing. The survey was undertaken on two days, each count being separated by more than a week. The results indicated that the pedestrian traffic volume varied between 76 and 93, over an eight hour period, with a maximum hourly rate of 20 persons crossing.

Cllr. M. Kennelly stated that Cllr. J. Moloney had mentioned earlier that he was not happy with the location of the crossing but that his own issue was a health and safety matter. Cars were not stopping at the lights and it is very dangerous. If the crossing is to remain at this location, he hopes that the NRA will install elevated ramps. The cost would be minimal. He asked that the NRA be contacted to make it safer for children.

Cllr. J. Moloney stated that the elevation of the ramps would only make a bad situation worse.

Cllr. Kennelly stated that he didn't think the crossing would be moved.

20. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council and the Department of the Environment commence a survey on coastal erosion in Kerry. In the Ballybunion area especially as our recent weather storms have done significant damage to our beautiful coast line.

Reply: Given the extensive length of coastline in Kerry and the majority of this being in private ownership it is highly unlikely that the Department of the Environment would fund such a project. This type of survey, which would require to be carried out from both land and sea (and possibly air), would be well beyond Kerry County Council's resources at present. It would involve access to private lands as well as trying to establish some baseline from which to measure erosion. In the event of some such project being developed it would most likely be done on a nationwide basis, through aerial surveys and would certainly involve the Ordnance Survey of Ireland or some such National Body.

Cllr. M. Kennelly noted the cost of this survey would be significant. He stated he had photographs taken 16 months ago and the erosion is unbelievable. He

Proposed that a letter issue to the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government to commence a study as we need to protect our coastline.

Cllr. R. Beasley Seconded the Motion and said that he has had similar Notices of Motion on this matter. Cllr. Beasley said that he had raised the matter at a meeting of the South West Regional Authority but did not receive a positive response.

21. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council do remedial works to entrance of (Details with Directorate) after road resurfacing works in this area.

Reply: Kerry County Council will carry out drainage works at this location in the near future.

Cllr. M. Kennelly welcomed the reply.

22. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out unfinished road works on the Scrahan/Knockadereen Duagh.

Reply: This road is the L-6062 which has been significantly improved in recent years. The roadway is in good condition and there are no plans to carry out further works on this road.

Cllr. M. Kennelly said that there was a drop of 1.5ft at both sides of the road.

Mr. M. McEnery agreed to meet Cllr. Kennelly at this location and assess same.

23. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would fix the road leading up to the property (Details with Directorate).

Reply: This road is the L10430 and some skirting works were undertaken on it last year.

For much of its length it is in reasonable repair however there is an 80m section which requires structural strengthening coupled with drainage works. The cost of undertaking the overlay and the required drainage is €9,500. Unfortunately Listowel Municipal District does not currently have access to funding for this project, however the works would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. J. Brassil asked if he could be informed about his Councillor's Allocation and suggested that the other Members might contribute to this.

24. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council fix the road outside the property of (Details with Directorate)

Reply : Kerry County Council will be carrying out these works in the coming weeks.

Cllr. J. Brassil welcomed the reply.

25. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council repair the road at Screws Cross, Kilmoyley.

Reply: This road will be repaired in the coming week.

Cllr. J. Brassil welcomed the reply.

26. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council ensure that the “No Overnight Parking” signs are re-erected in Ballyheigue and Banna prior to the Easter break.

Reply: These signs will be erected prior to the Easter break.

Cllr. J. Brassil welcomed the reply.

27. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council install flashing lights outside of Lixnaw national school and carry out a safety audit around the school with a view to implementing a Junior Warden Programme or similar to improve safety for children

Reply: There are 2 National Schools in Lixnaw, Scoil Mhuire gan Smál and Scoil Mhuire de Lourdes, one situated in the village centre and the other on the R557. It is accepted policy in Kerry County Council that schools within towns and villages have the standard School Warning Sign while those in a more rural setting are supplied with lights.

Scoil Mhuire gan Smál is situated within Lixnaw village and the standard signage is in good functional order on the approaches to the school entrance.

Scoil Mhuire de Lourdes is on the R557, south east of the village and is serviced by signage with flashing lights, powered by batteries charged by a photo-electric cell.

With respect to the implementation of a Junior School Warden Programme, there is certain criteria to be fulfilled where a school is considering setting up a JSW scheme.

A copy of the guidelines in relation to the organisation, training and operation of the JSW scheme is available and has been forwarded to both National Schools in Lixnaw. (see in particular Page 7 – Part 2 – Guidelines for the introduction of a Junior School Warden Scheme).

Cllr. J. Brassil welcomed the reply.

28. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council liaise with Ballyheigue Tidy Towns Committee and draw up a list of works suitable for the Jobsbridge worker currently employed in Ballyheigue by Kerry County Council

Reply: We have established contact with Ballyheigue Tidy Towns Committee and would hope to engage on the subject over the coming week with the object of utilising the available ‘Gateway’ worker to achieve the most beneficial outcome for Ballyheigue village.

Cllr. J. Brassil welcomed the reply.

29. Cllr. D Nolan: That this council provide prominent signage for free town car parks in Listowel, eye catching for tourists, both in the town and on the approach roads.

Reply: The issue of 'signage' is problematic and not clear cut. The approach roads to Listowel suffer from a proliferation of signage, as indicated negatively in the National Tidy Towns reports of recent times.

Listowel District Operations removed signage from the Cahirdown area in the latter part of last year and this has had a beneficial effect on the visual amenity of the approach road.

Listowel is a Heritage Town and deserves due consideration of the type and quantity of signage provided.

An holistic approach to signage for the town should form part of the "National Heritage Town Initiative" (Listowel Pilot) and "The Listowel Heritage and Community Led Regeneration Strategy 2015 – 2020".

Listowel Tidy Towns Committee has indicated their preference for reduced and controlled signage.

We acknowledge that it is vital to promote the message that Listowel is greatly served by free 'off street parking', with car parks contiguous to all the shopping facilities and furthermore that the town has a good stock of low cost 'on and off street parking' available.

However, we consider that this information should be promoted in a sympathetic manner with a consistent approach to signage for Listowel. The best vehicle to accomplish this is through the upcoming Listowel Heritage Strategy Programme.

Cllr. Nolan asked that an eye-catching symbol be erected at locations that offer free carparking. When driving through the town, there is no signage indicating where these car parks are located. People must be made aware of these locations.

Mr. M. McEnery agreed to look at this.

Cllr. J. Brassil supported the Motion.

30. Cllr. D Nolan: That Kerry County Council erect a cu-de-sac sign at the roadway to the Doctors surgery/Eddie Carmody memorial in Ballylongford as tourist traffic to Carrigafoyle Castle often turn in this roadway in error.

Reply : A cul de sac sign will be provided at this location.

Cllr. D. Nolan welcomed the reply.

31. Cllr. D Nolan: That Kerry County Council replace to range for (Details with Directorate) for a front opening stove due to the restricted mobility and health issues of the resident.

Reply: We have contacted the Housing Liaison Officer in relation to this matter. There are specific requirements which need to be fulfilled before consideration can be given to the replacement of an existing range with a stove. Further, there is some confusion in relation to the tenant's details as supplied in this Notice of Motion and the tenant should make direct contact with the Housing Dept., KCC. The tenant should be in a position to provide supporting medical documentation in support of her request.

Cllr. D. Nolan welcomed the reply.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. R Beasley: Has Kerry County Council any plans for Francis' Road in Ballybunion?

Reply: The road in question is the L-6065, it is approximately 1.26kms in length. Patching works have recently been carried out on this road. The roadway is not suitable for a Roads restoration Programme, with approximately 0.8 kms of its length requiring strengthening. It is not included in any current roads programme for improvement. It can be considered for inclusion in any future Roads Improvement Programme, to be advised by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

Cllr. R. Beasley asked when was the next Roads Improvement Programme due.

Mr. J.D. Flynn advised that the next Roads Programme was 2016 - 2019.

Cllr. D. Nolan supported the Motion. She stated that a lot of community initiatives took place in that locality and this road is used to take people to care centres.

2. Cllr. R Beasley: When can we expect to see the wall at the end of the Men's beach in Ballybunion rebuilt?

Reply: Works will commence on this wall in the coming weeks.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed the reply.

3. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council carry out the necessary repairs which includes adjusting an interior door which is not closing properly and replace catches on the windows. Details with Kerry County Council. (Details with Directorate)

Reply: Replacement of door and window hinges, catches, handles, locks and mechanisms are the responsibility of the tenant. The tenant has been contacted and the above information was relayed.

Cllr. R. Beasley stated that the tenant in question was on an Old Age Pension. He stated that there was no way that this person could come up with the money for these repairs. This lady keeps her house in good condition.

4. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council take immediate action to repair the road from (Details with Directorate) to the Waterfall, Kilflynn.

Reply: This road is the L-10538. The majority of residential properties lie on the western flank of the roadway, contiguous with the N69, where the structure of the roadway is functional.

Further along the length of the road there is a short section of approximately 30m which is badly potholed.

This road has been added to the repairs list and repairs will be carried out in the near future.

Cllr. R. Beasley stated that the road was in a terrible state. He had reported this road many times and hoped that work will be carried out soon.

5. Cllr. J Moloney: Will the Millennium Arch be repaired before the summer?

Reply: Quotations were sought from six specialist contractors, only two of whom responded expressing an interest in undertaking the works.

It is hoped that the two tenders received will be analysed during this week.

We will then enter dialogue with our insurers to have the cost of the repair works agreed and subject to their approval, it is intended to commence the works as soon as possible thereafter.

Cllr. J. Moloney asked what timeframe was involved.

Mr. M. McEnery said they were waiting to hear back from the contractors and as a consequence, there was no date available yet.

Mr. J.D. Flynn said the matter would be kept on the Agenda for the next meeting and that hopefully an update would be available for the Members.

6. Cllr. J Moloney: Any update on the repeated calls for a review of traffic management and safety on the Bridge road?

Reply: Listowel Municipal District Operations conducted a preliminary screening survey of the locus. This involved a count of traffic, both ways on the N69, flows to and from the Park, Filling Station and Housing zone to the South of the roadway. Pedestrian traffic was also monitored.

It has to be stated that this survey, of its nature, was not fully comprehensive, with some data being extrapolated from other observed findings.

Traffic Volumes on the N69 average 1020 vehicles/hr. Flows to and from the Filling Station average at 60 vehicles/ hour, while those accessing the Park average at 15/hour with an hourly high of 42.

The highest recorded traffic to and from the housing zone was 42 at peak morning flow, trailing to a negligible amount thereafter, with no traffic being recorded during some periods. Pedestrian traffic flows crossing the road are inconsiderable, with 4 being the highest recorded per hour.

Although this was not a comprehensive study, the figures fall short of the required warrant for a 'pedestrian crossing'.

Consideration could be given to enclosing the road surface contiguous with the frontage of the Town Park and Filling Station in 'Junction Box' type road markings and sterilizing Bridge Road to parking, both sides of the roadway, to No 14 on the Northern flank and No21 on the Southern side of the N69. This would improve visibility to all entering and exiting the Town Park, the Filling Station and the Housing Zone (Meadows, Paddock and Lodge).

Cllr. M. Moloney said that it is impossible to cross this road. He stated that he had requested a fully comprehensive study many times. He couldn't see how to balance this up with the need for a pedestrian crossing in Church Street. He asked that a reasonable study be arranged and get the full figures at different hours of the day.

Cllr. D. Nolan supported the Motion. She said that the figures may not be accurate as people were now using their vehicles instead of walking as it proved to be a better option. She said that she questioned the results of the survey.

Mr. G. Riordan agreed to look at this again.

7. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council address the drainage problems in our Council estate of Woodview in Tarbert.

Reply: There is no recorded incidence of houses flooding in Woodview Estate, Tarbert. Over the coming month we will ensure that all gulley traps are cleaned and functional.

Cllr. M. Kennelly stated that the estate was on a high elevated site and the drainage was not fit for purpose.

8. Cllr. M Kennelly: What's the update on CCTV installation in Listowel town.

Reply: A meeting is being arranged with the traders to ascertain whether they are willing to come on board with regards funding of the CCTV cameras. Subject to a

commitment for funding, a fresh tender will be prepared and brought back before the members.

Cllr. M. Kennelly welcomed the reply.

9. Cllr. M Kennelly: What's the current update on our public lighting failures in Listowel.

Reply: The lights in the Square are working. An order has been placed with Airtricity to replace the lights in the Woodford area and we are awaiting a date from our service provider in relation to their availability to undertake the restoration. Some civil works are required, however Listowel Municipal Operations will be available on immediate demand.

Cllr. M. Kennelly acknowledged the reply.

10. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council offers a casual trading license for the Council's property adjacent to the Tarbet-Kilimer car ferry?

Reply: Kerry County Council's property/carpark adjacent to Tarbert/Kilimer Car Ferry is not a designated Casual Trading Area. In order to designate an area as a Casual Trading Area, a statutory process of public consultations would have to be initiated to amend Kerry County Council's Casual Trading Bye-Laws 1997. While it is desirable to carry out a review the Casual Trading Byelaws in the County, (the proposed addition of Casual Trading areas both throughout the County and specifically in Tarbert would best be addressed in this context), this review will require a major draw on resources, and at present Kerry County Council are not in a position to give an indication as to when this review may take place.

Cllr. M. Kennelly asked that the matter be brought before the Members again.

11. Cllr. J Brassil: What is the up to date status for the road safety measures at the Clounametig Road, Abbeydorney?

Reply: Road Safety at Junction R556/L10561:

From a preliminary screening survey undertaken by Listowel Municipal District staff, the following can be stated.

The approach to the junction from the L 10561 to the R556 (Tralee/Ballybunnion Road) is presented at or near a right angle. This allows adequate sight distance when checking to the North and South, facilitating safe passage from the L 10561 to the R556.

South bound traffic accessing the L 10561 from the R556 are directed by way of a 'ghost island', essentially a delineated area on the ground outlined with thermo-plastic paint. This particular area warrants further definition with extra 'hatching and an appropriate traffic bollard (s) indicating directional flow.

The extra road markings and traffic signage can be undertaken by Listowel Municipal District Operations.

Road Safety along L10559:

There is an open dyke which runs along both sides of the road on the L 10559 from Dillons Cross towards Laccamore Cross adjacent to the property of *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* This has been the situation for years and no incidents are recorded.

If a section of the dyke needs improvement or needs to be piped this work would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Mr. M. McEnery agreed to inspect the location with Cllr. Brassil.

12. Cllr. J Brassil: What is the up to date status with the application to the Department of Transport for funding for provision of bus shelters for school children?

Reply: We recently received a response from the Chief Executive of the National Transport Authority.

'The Authority (NTA) makes funds available on an annual basis, subject to budgetary constraints, for the provision of bus shelters at bus stops on subsidised bus routes, such as those operated by Bus Éireann. The funding is provided with respect to new shelters, replacement of life expired shelters and the relocation of existing bus shelters, where necessary.

The available funding is allocated having regard to a prioritized list of locations across the State, drawn up by the bus companies, each year and agreed with the Authority.

The Authority has provided funding of €1.55 million, over the last three years..... €0.47million in 2014.

Funding for allocation 2015 has yet to be finalized.

Of course there is nothing to prevent local authorities from providing bus shelters within their administrative areas.'

Having regard to the response from the National Transport Authority, we have written to the Chief Executive of Bus Éireann, to include the following on their prioritised list for rural bus shelters for 2015.

a) Sráid Thaidhg Estate, Ballyheigue, Co Kerry b) Marconi Park, Ballybunion, Co Kerry & c) Duagh Village, Co Kerry.

We will revert to members with a response, however, if you wish to consider, these projects are suitable for funding through County Councillor's' Allocations.

Cllr. J. Brassil noted the reply.

13. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would investigate and remedy the flooding problem outside the property of (Details with Directorate)

Reply: The property in question is situated on the Western flank of the R556, Tralee/Ballybunnion Road, about 1.5kms South of Abbeydorney village. KCC, Tralee Roads Area, undertook works to the R556 at this locus in the near past, re –profiling the carriageway. Drainage channels were constructed outside some properties to direct surface water from the roadway, however, the named property and those contiguous with it were not so accommodated. To construct drainage channels outside the properties in question will cost €4,500. There is no specific funding available to undertake these works, however the project is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. J. Brassil agreed to allocate €4,500 from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. He stated that he would discuss the matter with Cllr. A. Thornton to see if she would contribute to these works.

14. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council replace the door handle and seal the windows at the property of (Details with Directorate)

Reply: Replacement of door and window hinges, catches, handles, locks and mechanisms are the responsibility of the tenant. The tenant has been contacted and the above information was relayed.

Cllr. J. Brassil noted the reply.

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

(a) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. J Moloney: That we contact the HSE regarding the lack of cover for SouthDoc in Tralee when taking out of hours calls for the North Kerry area.

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

Cllr. J. Moloney said that he was advised that there was no cover in Tralee and people were told to wait until 8.00am. He stated he was under the assumption that there was always cover in Tralee. He Proposed that a letter issue to the HSE to clarify the matter.

Cllr. R. Beasley Seconded the Motion.

15.03.30.08. Dates for meetings

It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel would be held on Monday, 25th May 2015.

15.03.30.09. Correspondence

Mr. O'Brien stated that there a timing issue between receiving replies to correspondence and distributing same at the subsequent Municipal Meeting. He proposed dealing with future correspondence in the following way. He suggested that where a Councillor requests a letter to issue from the Council, then only that Councillor will be emailed the reply when same is received. This reply will then be uploaded to Alfresco for the other Councillors to view for the next meeting.

The Members agreed to this.

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

1.	Letter dated 24 th February 2015 from Bus Éireann regarding current route 272.
2.	Letter dated 9 th March 2015 from the RSA regarding the provision of an NCT centre in North Kerry.

In relation to Correspondence Item No 2, Cllr. M. Kennelly stated that he was not happy with the response and it was unfortunate that an NCT Centre could not be provided in Listowel.

15.03.30.10 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Members of Listowel Municipal District will be held on Monday, 25th May 2015.

Cllr. J. Moloney enquired when the AGM would be held.

Mr. G. O'Brien agreed to revert to the Members at the next meeting on how it is proposed to deal with this.

15.03.30.11 Any Other Business

Slieveawaddra National School

Cllr. J. Brassil asked if a CPO could be carried out in relation to Slieveawaddra National School.

Mr. J.D. Flynn confirmed that the matter would be discussed with the County Solicitor.

Kilmoley Graveyard

Cllr. J. Brassil referred to Kilmoley Graveyard. It was proposed to meet Mr. J. Sheehan there on Thursday morning. Cllr. Brassil stated that he will be meeting the Kilmoley residents during lunchtime on the day of the next full Council Meeting.

Community Centre

Cllr. M. Kennelly asked the Members if they were free to discuss the community centre and their plans going forward and suggested 11am on Thursday, 2nd April.

Opening Hours at Listowel Library

Cllr. M. Kennelly raised the issue in relation to the opening hours at Listowel Library. The library is closed during lunch. This is an employment issue. There are not enough Librarians employed. He asked the Council to progress matters here.

Cllr. J. Brassil stated that this was a recruitment issue. The moratorium on staff recruitment is the difficulty here.

Great Southern Trail

Cllr. J. Moloney asked that a report be available to Members for the next Listowel Municipal District Meeting on the Great Southern Trail (Tom Sheehy to prepare same).

The meeting concluded at 1.00pm.