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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN , ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL ON 25TH MAY, 2015.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LIOS TUATHAIL, AR AN 25 BEALTAINÉ 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
Ms. J Foley	Listowel MD Officer
Mr. G O'Brien	Meetings Administrator
Mr. G Riordan	SE
Mr. J Sheehan	SEE
Mr. T Sheehy	SE
Mr. M Lynch	SEE
Mr. C Mangan	SEE
Mr. M McEnery	EE
Mr. M Griffin	EE
Ms. C Carrigg	Sports Co-ordinator
Ms. N De Hora	Administrator Sports Partnership`
Ms. B Conway	AO
Mr. P Bradley	EE
Ms. S Broderick	SO

The meeting commenced at 10.25am.

Mr JD Flynn introduced Ms. J Foley who has been appointed Listowel Municipal District Officer to replace Ms. K Curtin who has been reassigned as Administrative Officer, Housing Department.

Cathaoirleach M Kennelly welcomed Jean to the Listowel MD and wished Kathleen well in her new position. He also welcomed Ms. Brenda Conway who has been

appointed Administrative Officer Housing Department with responsibility for Listowel Municipal District.

15.05.25.01 Confirmation of the Minutes

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R Beasley, 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 30th March,, 2015 be confirmed.

15.05.25.02 Presentation on Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership

Ms. C Carrigg Sports Co-ordinator thanked the members for their time and attention and said that the purpose of this presentation was to seek a nominee from the members of the Municipal District of Listowel to represent the Municipal District on the board of Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership.

The Irish Sports Council is a network developed to create a national structure to co-ordinate and promote the development of sport at local level.

The National Network of Local Sports Partnerships is made up of 30 Partnerships nationally, 20 of which are situated within the Local Authority sector

A Local Sports Partnership is a strategic collaboration among parties from various sectors with a view to combining resources and competencies, sharing responsibilities, benefits and risks in working towards the increased participation in sport and physical activity in the Local Authority area/County.

The Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership was established in 2001. It is a sub committee under the auspices of Kerry County Development Board/LCDC and is funded by the Irish Sports Council and partner agencies.

Local . All of Kerry
Sports . All forms/levels of physical activity & recreation.
Partnership - Consultation & shared delivery

The three main objectives of the KRSP Strategic Plan are PARTICIPATION, PARTNERSHIP & PROFILE.

PARTICIPATION: facilitate increased opportunities for participation in sport and participation in our county as per our target groups . e.g. Swim for all and parkrun.

PARTHERSHIP: build on and create new and strong partnerships. e.g. Scoil Ghníomhach.

PROFILE: raise the profile of sport and participation in the county and workings of the Partnership. e.g. education and training, participation events - lets get Kerry Walking

Strength & Growth

- Board/Agency Expansion
 - Target Group Representation
 - Programme Roll Out Assistance
- Meet Frequency
 - Board 1 per Q = 4(max 6 total)
 - Executive 1 per Q = 4
- Councillor Representation
 - Municipal Districts
 - Community Needs
 - Skills & Knowledge & Action v Voice
 - Acknowledge Council Support.

Exercise is the best preventative drug we have . and everybody ought to consider taking that medicine

The presentation included a short video reflective of sports related activities facilitated by Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership.

Cllr. J Brassil welcomed Ms. Carrigg to the meeting and thanked her for her excellent presentation. He said that he was aware from his own involvement with Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership that a very valuable service was being provided in Kerry. He felt that currently a considerable number of events are in place and rather than organising any further events that KRSP should consider supporting an existing event such as ~~%~~Darkness into Light+. He acknowledged the help and support extended to groups applying for grant aid and supported the nomination of a member of the Listowel Municipal District to the Board of Directors of KRSP..

Cllr. R Beasley, on behalf of Cllr. D Nolan and himself, complimented Ms. Carrigg on her presentation. He said that as the majority of events are held during the summer months consideration should therefore be given to initiating events which could be held during the winter months.

Cathaoirleach M Kennelly complimented Ms. Carrigg for her presentation. He referred to the Scoil Gníomhach programme and requested a list of venues where fitness classes for children are held. Ms Carrigg stated that this programme is aimed towards first year students in a school setting, within Kerry ETB schools.

On behalf of the members Cathaoirleach M Kennelly thanked Ms. Carrigg for attending the meeting and for her very informative presentation.

Nominee to the Board of Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership

On the PROPOSAL of Cathaoirleach M Kennelly **SECONDED** by Cllr. J Brassil it was agreed that Cllr. J Moloney be nominated to the Board of Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership.

15.05.25.03 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development Directorate

(a) Update on Great Southern Trail

Mr. T Sheehy briefed the members on the progress of the development of the Great Southern Trail as follows:

Process

- Transfer of line Kerry County Council
- First Registration
- Declaration from An Bord Pleanála in relation to need for EIS
 - *Preliminary design drawings*
 - *EclA*
 - *Appropriate Assessment Screening*
 - *Archaeology Impact Report*
 - *Agri report*
 - *Traffic*
 - Safety
 - Construction
 - Operation
 - *Flood Risk Assessment*
- If EIA is required:
 - Tender
 - Prepare EIS
 - Appropriate Assessment Screening
 - Prepare detailed drawings
 - Finalise planning documentation to make Part X application to An Bord Pleanala.
- If EIA is not required
 - Prepare detailed drawings
 - Appropriate Assessment Screening
 - Finalise planning documentation and proceed with Part VIII procedure.

- Reserved function and decision at MD level.

Mr. Sheehy said that as the development of South Kerry Greenway is currently a priority, the Great Southern Trail development has not progressed since members were updated at a previous meeting. He anticipated that the line would be transferred to Kerry County Council and a contract in place within the next month. Negotiations are ongoing with regard to the requirement by CIE that ducting be provided on the line.

Mr. Sheehy clarified that the reason for First Registration of the proposed development is to allow any claims for adverse possession to be made and dealt with within a specified timeframe in order to eliminate any challenges in the future.

Cllr. J Moloney thanked Mr. Sheehy for the update and asked if a substantial number of queries on the mapping prepared by Kerry County Council had been received from CIE.

Mr. Sheehy said that that a number had been received in connection with the line from the County Bounds to Listowel but none that are significant concerning the line between Listowel and Tralee. Kerry County Council had requested that the line from Listowel to the County Bounds be transferred separately but CIE have declined this request.

Cllr. J Brassil asked why the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) process is being used in the case of the South Kerry project and not for the Great Southern Trail.

Mr. Sheehy said that the railway line in South Kerry was abandoned and ownership of the land reverted to the adjacent land owners and may not be acquired without their agreement.

In North Kerry the line is owned by CIE and in the process of being transferred to Kerry County Council, therefore only claims for adverse possession apply in this case.

Cllr. J Brassil referred to the provision of ducting on the line and asked for the approximate distance for which the ducting is required.

Mr. Sheehy said that CIE requires that ducting be provided on the line from the County Bounds to Tralee and from Tralee to Fenit. Kerry County Council does not have funding for this type of work.

Mr. Sheehy undertook to keep the members informed on the progress of this development.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council would consider the provision of a skateboarding facility in Ballybunion.

Reply: A number of issues need clarification prior to further investigation of this proposal such as location, ownership of land, management proposals etc. Skateboarding is no doubt, an attractive outdoor activity for teenagers and would be a

valuable addition to the current facilities in Ballybunion. Joan McCarthy, Head of Tourism Development will discuss the proposal further with Cllr Beasley and will report back at a future Municipal District meeting on the key issues involved.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed the response and said that a site adjacent to the Leisure Centre in Ballybunion has been identified for this facility.

Mr. JD Flynn said that this matter will be referred to Ms. J McCarthy Head of Tourism Development and Ms. J Foley Listowel MD Officer, for consideration.

2. Cllr. J Moloney: That the Listowel Municipal District formalise the existing twinning partnerships between Listowel and its sister towns/cities. Over many years our twinned towns had a point of contact and a relationship with the Town Council and have expressed a desire for this relationship to continue and grow.

Reply: Kerry County Council acknowledges the benefits of twinning to an area from a tourism and business perspective. Existing arrangements will be reviewed on this basis and continued where a benefit accrues to both sides.

3. Cllr. D Nolan: That Kerry County Council support retailers and property owners in Listowel to create a dynamic and attractive streetscape in special consideration of our Historic Town status, through street furniture, possible awnings and vibrant painting bringing the town's famous plasterwork to life.

Reply: Kerry County Council would be happy to work with retailers and property owners in Listowel on this matter.

Cllr. D Nolan said that this matter had arisen following a meeting with the Historic Towns Steering Committee.

Mr. JD Flynn said that Ms. J Foley MD Officer will liaise with retailers and property owners in Listowel regarding this matter.

15.05.25.04 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:

Community Services and Engagement Report for May 2015

Business Unit Manager – Mr. Michael Scannell, Senior Executive Officer

Operation/Progress on the LCDC

The Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) convened on Monday 11th March, to consider the following items:-

- Draft socio-economic statement and high level goals in respect of the community elements of the Local Community and Economic Plan (LECP)
- The public consultation policy in respect of the community elements of the LECP

- The preparation of the Expression of Interest to form a Local Action Group in respect of the Leader Programme. The negotiations of a County strategy are ongoing.
- Finance and monitoring report in respect of the Local Community Development Programme (LCDP) for 2014.

Public Participation Network

As outlined previously, the formal PPN structure is now in place. The Kerry Public Participation Network will have an important role in respect of the public consultation phase of the local Economic and Community Plan. This consultation strategy has been approved by the Local Community Development Committee at its recent meeting. The role of the Secretariat and the three pillars (Environment, Community and Social Inclusion) are clearly outlined in the consultation strategy.

Local Economic and Community Plan

The preparation of the Local Economic and Community Plan has completed its first phase with the adoption of the socio-economic statement for the County by both the Economic and Enterprise SPC and the Local Community Development Committee. The Draft Strategic Economic and Community Goals have also been adopted and the public consultation phase will commence from the 18th May until the 15th June. An Advisory Steering Group has been convened which includes economic and community interests from both the state and non-state sectors and this group utilising defined themed working groups will assist in development of the objectives and actions to implement the strategic goals.

Community Support Fund

As the level of applications far exceeded the available funding, the criteria for awarding the grants were considered by the Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation SPC and brought before CPG also. Special Municipal District meetings are being held to consider the applications received and to approve the awarding of funds to individual projects.

Following the consideration of the members on the proposed allocations and the distribution of funds, a report will be compiled with the recommendations for the members around the structuring of future Community Support Funds and how greater clarity can be provided to applicants on the scope of the scheme and to maximise the benefits of same.

Housing/Social Services Report for May 2015

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

Social Housing Strategy 2015 – 2017

The Council has received notification from the DOECLG of the Targets for Delivery under the Social Housing Strategy 2015 . 2017. Current and Capital Targets for the period have been set at 1,058 housing units at an estimated cost of delivery of " 62m These will be delivered using a combination of the Rental Accommodation Scheme, Social Leasing, Voids Programme, House Purchases and House Construction. The Housing Section is working towards delivery of these targets using all available delivery mechanisms.

Voluntary Housing

A Call for Proposals under the Capital Assistance Scheme has issued from the DOECLG for projects to meet specific needs for homeless persons, older people, projects for people with a mental health/physical or sensory disability. The Council placed notice in local media and circulated relevant Approved Housing Bodies and held a seminar for such bodies in an effort to increase the level of appropriate projects in the County so as to advance delivery of the Social Housing Strategy. The Council submitted 6 projects to DOECLG for funding and we await response in relation to these proposals.

Emergency Services Report for May 2015

Business Unit Manager – Mr. Vincent Hussey, A/Chief Fire Officer

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- There were 515 incidents in Q1 of 2015 compared to 410 incidents for the same period in 2014.
- The number of chimney fires was 71 up to the end of April 2015, compared with 62 for the same period last year.
- The number of Road traffic collisions in the county was 49 up to the end of April 2015, compared with 50 for the same period last year. Unfortunately there was one fatality on our roads in April.

- **Wildland Fires**

The number of wildland fires up to the end of April was 195 compared to 58 in the same period last year. This 236% increase placed a great strain on fire services resources throughout the county particularly in the first three weeks of April. The fire service would like to emphasise that burning is prohibited under the Wildlife Acts from 1st March to 31st August and would ask that all persons would respect the law in this regard. Senior Fire Service personnel have engaged with local media to highlight issues of uncontrolled wildland fires and have appealed for the public to be vigilant and report fires. Also, the Fire Service continues to assist An Garda Síochána with their enquiries into illegal burning.

- Training for recruit fire fighters has been arranged to commence in May. This is to fill positions in Tralee, Killarney, Killorglin and Castleisland.

Major Emergency Management

- An exercise to test the External Emergency Plan of NORA (National Oil Reserves Agency) Oil Terminal in Tarbert took place on the 23rd April.

Civil Defence

- Duties; Easter Week Charity walks in Tralee, Rossbeigh and on Mount Brandon, Ballyfinnane N.S. Cycle, St. Johns Church Confirmation Days. 4 x Volunteers attended duty in Dublin for three days with the Homeless.
- Training; for Manual Handling Patient Moving Course for Volunteers, Community First Responders in Tralee for volunteers. EMT Exercise on Bere Island for 3 x students, EMT CPC Day exercise at Mallow Civil Defence HQ 3 x students,
- On-going training for Emergency First Responders (Exams on 28th. April in Roscrea all passed)
- Civil Defence Officer; Attended NORA Exercise, Pollution Exercise at Fenit

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers continued to provide the Courts with recommendations in respect of any licencing applications notified to the Fire Service.
- Fire Officers continued with premises inspections as required.

Building Control:

- 102 Commencement Notices were received up to the end of April 2015.
- The number of Disability Access Certificate applications received was 27 for the same period.
- A total of 41 Fire Safety Certificate applications were received.

Environmental Protection Services Report for May 2015

Business Unit Manager – Mr. Liam Quinlan, Senior Executive Officer

Spring Clean

- The Spring Clean in Kerry has had 128 groups registered and 14 tonnes of litter has been collected to date by the Council. This will increase as we continue to register groups and accept litter under the Spring Clean Programme until mid . late May depending on demand. Many schools do their clean up in May so we extend the date for this purpose.

County Clean Day 18th April

- The County Clean Up day, which is facilitated by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council was a great success. There was 160 groups registered for this particular event and approximately 3,400 volunteers participated. Practically every community in the county was involved in the biggest clean up to date. The main positive to come from the day is that more people participated and the quantity of litter collected was down on other years . in fact we estimate that the final figure for bags collected will be 5,000.
- The role of Kerry County Council Operations staff for County Clean Up Day was greatly expanded this year. Council Staff from all municipal district offices were involved in picking litter from roadsides on the Thursday and Friday prior to the clean up thereby leading by example.

Electronic signs were used to warn motorists that the clean up was in progress. Based on figures available to date we expect the total collected on the day to be close to 50 tonne. This was the fourth year of collaboration on the County clean Up Day between KWD and Kerry County Council. KWD have committed to being involved again next year.

Green Flag Awards

- The Green Flag Awards for Kerry Schools will take place in Cork on Tuesday 26th May. Kerry will have 7 new schools awarded their first flag and a further 50 schools will renew their flags for various environmental modules such as energy, water, sustainable travel, biodiversity and global citizenship.
- Kerry also has a number of schools involved in the national award schemes from both SEAI and UNESCO. These are to be announced during May. Kerry schools are particularly active at present.

Tidy Towns Competition

- We continue to work with Tidy Town groups at this time of year as they prepare to submit their applications. We have recently carried out a number of Environmental Audits on 3 businesses / buildings in Ballylongford and we have coordinated a composting workshop in Listowel.

Blue Flag Beaches

- On the 28th of May for the first year ever the National Blue Flag Beach award ceremony will be held in Kerry, on Ballinskelligs beach.

Library Service Report May 2015

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

Library service:

~ Cllr. John Brassil, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council launched the new Kerry Library Toy & Sensory Resources collection at Castleisland Library on Wednesday, 6 May. The collection includes games, learning and sensory resources and is designed to offer support to children with learning difficulties, disabilities or more significant needs.

An illustrated catalogue of the specialised collection of toys and sensory resources has been printed and this is available at libraries throughout the county and is also viewable online at www.kerrylibrary.ie

The Toys and Sensory Resources Collection is designed to compliment quality of life services for children and adults, and offer support for the use of the toys and sensory resources through professional partnerships between Kerry Library and Health Care Professionals.

Further details are available from Castleisland Library (066-7163403), each local library or at www.kerrylibrary.ie

“ Work is underway on the new Library Development Plan which will cover the years 2015 . 2019. Further details will be issued to all Councillors shortly.

” Some changes continue to the normal scheduled opening hours at Listowel Library during May. As previously advised, 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 May opening hours are as follows:

LISTOWEL Library				
Opening Hours 1 – 30 May 2015				
	Date	Opening Day Hours	Lunch time	Evening Open hours
Friday	01 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	Open	
Saturday	02 May 2015	Closed - Public Holiday weekend	Closed	
Monday	04 May 2015	Closed Public Holiday		
Tuesday	05 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	closed 1.30-2.30pm	
Wednesday	06 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Thursday	07 May 2015	10.00 - 8.00 pm	open	5.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday	08 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Saturday	09 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Monday	11 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Tuesday	12 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Wednesday	13 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	closed 1.30-2.30pm	
Thursday	14 May 2015	10.00 - 8.00 pm	open	5.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday	15 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Saturday	16 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	closed 1.30-2.30pm	
Monday	18 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	closed 1.30-2.30pm	
Tuesday	19 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Wednesday	20 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Thursday	21 May 2015	10.00 - 8.00 pm	open	5.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday	22 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Saturday	23 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	closed 1.30-2.30pm	
Monday	25 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Tuesday	26 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Wednesday	27 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	
Thursday	28 May 2015	10.00 - 8.00 pm	open	5.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday	29 May 2015	10.00 - 5.00 pm	open	

Saturday	30 May 2015	Closed - Public Holiday weekend		
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“ There is a range of events scheduled throughout Kerry Libraries for the Bealtaine Festival . celebrating creativity in older ageqto take place between 1 . 31 May, including events at Ballybunion & Listowel libraries.

Full details of all Bealtaine events on the Library website www.kerrylibrary.ie

Cllr. J Brassil said that he was aware of a number of property owners who had completed application forms expressing interest in the selling or leasing of houses to the Council.

Mr. JD Flynn said that there must be a requirement for housing accommodation in the area where the property is available.

Ms. B Conway said that housing accommodation will be delivered using a combination of the Rental Accommodation Scheme, Social Leasing, Voids Programme, House Purchases and House Construction. The Housing Section is working towards delivery of these targets using all available delivery mechanisms.

Cathaoirleach M Kennelly referred to a vacant house which is now derelict in O'Connells Avenue Listowel and said that the Council should consider purchasing this property.

Cllr. D Nolan said that she was aware that 6 projects for the county had been forwarded to the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government for approval and asked if any referred to locations in the Listowel MD.

Ms. B Conway undertook to follow up on this matter and revert to Cllr. Nolan.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. R Beasley: That the seating which has been damaged over the years in the childrens playground and on the Cliff Road, Ballybunion, overlooking the beach be replaced.

Reply: The damaged seating near the playground and overlooking the beach will be repaired within the next fortnight.

Mr. J Sheehan said that it was expected that this work would be completed this week.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed the response.

2. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would sand blast the monument on the Oq Rahilly grave as there will be a big commemoration for the centenary of 1916.

Reply: Listowel Municipal District has engaged a contractor to undertake the requested works.

Cllr. L Purtill said that he appreciated the response.

Cathaoirleach M Kennelly and Cllr. R Beasley supported the motion.

Mr. J Sheehan clarified that the works referred to will be carried out on the Celtic Cross.

3. Cllr. J Moloney: That a Housing Officer be available to the public on a predetermined date, at least twice a month, in the Municipal District Offices in Listowel.

Reply: It is intended that applicants for housing from Listowel and the surrounding area will be met in the Listowel Municipal District Offices for assessment on a specified day on a weekly basis. We expect to put this system in place in the very near future.

Cllr. M Kennelly supported the motion.

4. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council install litter bins on the Cliff Road, East End, and Sandhill Road in Ballybunion for tourist purposes and walkers who come into the town and have their dogs with them so that they can dispose of the dog foul.

Reply: Listowel Municipal District has, of late, placed litter bins in the following locations in Ballybunion. (*Garda Barracks, Ocean Bar, Joyce's Newsagents/Post Office, Ice Cream Parlour, Bunker Bar & Mario's Take-Away*)

We further undertake to place litter bins on both the Cliff Road and Sandhill Road.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed the response and said that there is a huge problem with dog fouling in public areas.

Cllr. J Brassil supported the motion.

5. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council would install a number of recycling bins on both beaches in Ballybunion to encourage people to segregate their waste.

Reply: A number of the current litter bins, placed seasonally on the beaches, will be repainted and designated as recycling bins.

6. Cllr. R Beasley: Are there any plans to build or purchase houses in Ballybunion suitable for social housing and that Listowel Municipal District get its share of Single Rural Dwellings from the latest housing allocation to the county.

Reply: There are no current proposals under the Housing Construction Programme to 2017 to build houses in Ballybunion. In relation to House Purchases, the Council expects to purchase 30 houses across the county in 2015 and is currently assessing houses for purchase in different parts of the county as part of this programme. As part of this, any potential house purchases in Ballybunion will be assessed.

In relation to Single Rural Dwellings, 15 dwellings were proposed as part of the Housing Construction Programme to 2017. 2 of these are in the Listowel MD and are at tender stage. We are currently prioritising applications for Single Rural Dwellings as part of the

Programme going forward and applications and sites will be assessed in terms of needs, suitability and planning requirements.

Cllr. R Beasley acknowledged the reply and said that he was disappointed that only two of the proposed Single Rural Dwellings are to be constructed in the Listowel MD. There would be demand for at least four.

7. Cllr. D Nolan: That the words of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic be erected in each town and village throughout the Municipal District during 2016.

Reply: A program for Kerry 2016 Commemorative Events was discussed and approved by the SPC for Tourism, Arts and Culture in March 2015. This approved program was subsequently presented to and approved by Full Council at the April meeting. This is the agreed event program for 2016.

Cllr. D Nolan suggested that the members of Listowel MD would work together in conjunction with Tidy Towns Committees to fund a suitable project through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

(d) Question

1. Cllr. J Brassil: What is the up to date status regarding the application for extension to property of (Details with Directorate)?

Reply: This application is currently being assessed by the Housing engineer.

2. Cllr. J Brassil: What is the up to date status regarding the application for extension to property of (Details with Directorate)?

Reply: This application has not moved to site inspection stage as there is a possibility of a larger property becoming available in the area which may be more suitable for the family. The tenant has agreed to move to a leased property in the interim.

3. Cllr. J Brassil: What is the up to date status regarding the application for extension to property of (Details with Directorate)?

Reply: Due to the unique nature of this application a technical assessment is currently ongoing.

4. Cllr. D Nolan: What lands are owned by Kerry County Council and deemed suitable for housing in the Listowel Municipal District?.

Reply: The Council currently owns lands in Ballybunion (10.4 acres), Ballylongford (0.7 acres), Duagh (4.8 acres), Listowel Town (10.2 acres), Moyvane (3.3 acres) and Tarbert (17.8 acres). Most of this land is deemed suitable for housing development with the exception of some land in Listowel town. As part of the 2015 - 2017 Housing Construction and Acquisition Programme the Council expects to build 4 units in Lixnaw, 16 units in Listowel Town, a number of single rural dwellings and also purchase a number of houses within the Listowel Municipal District as part of the House Purchase Programme.

Cllr. D Nolan said that this information would be useful to the members when a Municipal District Plan is being prepared.

Cllr. R Beasley asked if the 10.2acres in Listowel includes the land down by the river that is landlocked and flooded.

Ms. B Conway undertook to investigate this matter and revert to the members.

15.05.25.05 Water Services Directorate

Mr. C Mangan SEE Water Services briefed the members on the following report 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 July '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 July 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; The Project will go to Tender in May '15

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>	€ 17,000	<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 May 15 by KCC; direct labour works
NKRWSS: Dromin Water TP	Extensive roof repairs	" 150,000	To go to Tender
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replacement 550M old / deficient 100mm diameter C.I. pipes	" 33,000	KCC direct labour works - Underway
NKRWSS: St Patrick's Tce Tarbert	Replacement 350M old / deficient 100mm diameter C.I. pipes	" 42,000	KCC direct labour works; Autumn 15
NKRWSS: Tieraclea Pk. Tarbert	Replacement 250M old / deficient 3+PVC water mains	" 26,250	KCC direct labour works; Completed
Total ALLOCATED		€897,950	

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

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

A total Block Grant Allocation of €780,100 has been allocated to Kerry County Council for the various measures under the Rural Water Programme in 2015.

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. C Mangan said that a grant allocation of €780,100 has been allocated to Kerry County Council for the various measures under the Rural Water Programme in 2015. It is intended that pipe replacement work will be carried out on the Clanmorris GWS with a view to taking the scheme in charge.

Mr. Mangan said that Group Water Schemes are still administered by the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government and Irish Water has no role in the development of GWS.

Taking in charge of estates.

Mr. C Mangan said that Irish Water has issued a protocol on the Taking in Charge of estates and this is currently being considered by Kerry County Council.

(b) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. A Thornton: Kerry County Council to provide an update in relation to any proposed works on the Lixnaw Waste Water Treatment Systems.

Reply: Lixnaw Sewerage Scheme is not included in the Irish Water's national **Capital Investment Plan 2014-2016**.

In January 2015 Kerry County Council submitted an **Asset Needs Brief**, which requests the upgrade of the Lixnaw Wastewater Treatment Facilities, to **Irish Water**. A response is awaited. A suitable site for the proposed new waste water plant has been purchased by the Council.

Cllr. A Thornton said that she had requested that a copy of the consultants report be forwarded to her.

Mr. C Mangan undertook to revert to Cllr. Thornton regarding this matter.

2. Cllr. R Beasley: That Asdee village be included in the small village sewerage schemes.

Reply: The construction of a Sewerage Scheme for the village of Asdee is not included in the national **Irish Water Capital Investment Plan (2014 to 2016)**. It is expected that Irish Water will focus initially on improving the performances of existing Wastewater Treatment Systems, in order to achieve compliance with regulatory and legal requirements, before considering investment in new schemes.

15.05.25.06 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.

**Listowel Municipal District Meeting
25th May 2015
Report from the Director of Operations, Health & Safety
Programme of Works**

Listowel Municipal District Operations	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Roads</u></p> <p><i>Listowel Municipal District East</i></p> <p>Footpath improvement works in Woodview, Listowel are substantially complete.</p> <p>Flood protection works at Ballylongford are complete.</p> <p>L-1025- Bunglasha . Road Restoration Works substantially completed following ducting works associated with wind turbine development.</p> <p><u>Restoration Improvement</u> L-1013- Tarmons East . Co.Bounds is substantially complete. Preparatory works have commenced on the following locations on the Restoration Improvement Programme</p> <p>R-551 Ballymackessy to Glencullane R-551 Meelcon - Carhoona L-1010- Quay Street to Lislaughtin L-6010- Rusheen to Carrigafoyle</p> <p><u>Restoration Maintenance</u> Preparatory works have commenced on the following locations on the Restoration Maintenance Programme</p> <p>L-6111- Coolaneelig R-523- Shanacool to Boltons Cross L-1017- Bedford Cross</p> <p><i>Listowel Municipal District West</i></p> <p><u>Restoration Improvement</u> Preparatory works have commenced on the following locations on the Restoration Improvement Programme</p> <p>L-1031 Buncarrig . Ballinorig</p>
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L-6084 Ballinclemsg
 L-1030 Kilmoyley Church . Snipefield
 L-1034 Feans Cross . Lodge Cross

Restoration Maintenance

Preparatory works have commenced on the following locations
 on the Restoration Maintenance Programme

R-551- Ferry Bridge . Ballyconry
 L-1000 - Doon Cross . Beale
 L- 6038- Knoppogue

Housing

Listowel Urban Area

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| • 47 Feale Drive | Works Complete |
| • 71 Feale Drive | Works Complete |
| • 72 Feale Drive | Estimate to be approved |
| • 3 Stokers Drive | Works Complete |
| • 1 Stokers Grove | Works Underway |
| • 27 Stokers Lawn | Works Complete |
| • 4 Liosarda | Works Complete |
| • 26 Lartigue Village | Works Underway |
| • Apt 2A Charles St | Works Underway |

Listowel Rural Area

Update on Casual Vacancies
Group Schemes

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| • <u>Abbeydorney</u>
2 Bed - 34 Riverside | Works underway |
| • <u>Ballybunion</u>
1 Bed - 20 Hillview
3 Bed - 13 Sandhill Park | Complete,
Complete, |
| • <u>Ballyheigue</u>
1 Bed - 45 Marian Park
1 Bed - 49 Marian Park | Estimate Approved
Estimate Approved |

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Moyvane</u> 3 Bed - 41 Woodgrove Awaiting keys <p><u>Single Rural Dwellings</u></p> <p>2 Bed - Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw Out to tender</p> <p>3 Bed - Ballinclemisig Ballyheigue Awaiting keys</p> <p>Update on Long term Voids <u>Group Schemes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ballyduff</u> 3 Bed - 11 Benmore Awaiting Estimate Approval <p><u>Single Rural Dwellings</u></p> <p>3 Bed . Knockbrack, Ardfert Awaiting approval to Tender</p> <p>2 Bed - Bawnmore Ardfert Law Agents</p> <p>3 Bed - Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw Boundary Issues</p> <p>2 Bed - Ballinagearagh Lixnaw With Housing Admin</p> <p>3 Bed - Boherroe Abbeydorney Law Agents</p> <p>2 Bed - Dirha Listowel Awaiting Estimate Approval</p> <p>Other Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-construction of chimneys on 3no Single Rural Dwellings in hand, one complete and two underway. <p><i>Both life-Guard buildings, on the beaches in Ballybunnion are undergoing various levels of refurbishment and are substantially complete.</i></p>
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(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would repair the collapsed road in Sráid Tadhg housing estate, Ballyheigue, as a matter of urgency and install speed reduction measures in the same estate.

Reply: Temporary repairs have been carried out on the surface irregularity beside a manhole chamber in Sraid Thaidhg.

It is necessary to excavate the section of roadway which has subsided at this locus to examine the underlying ground conditions and determine what is causing the problem. It is intended to carry out this work in the coming weeks.

With regard to speed reduction measures the estate road is a cul-de-sac within a 50kmph zone on a steep site and the access road is less than 150m in uninterrupted length.

Consequently the road fails to be considered for the inclusion of vertical or horizontal traffic calming measures.

However, we have submitted this estate as part of a programme to have the speed limit reduced to 30km/hr with appropriate combination signage to include slow zone, 30km/hr, children at play and residential area.

2. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would extend the footpath at Upper Main St. Ballylongford. There are six houses in this area with children attending primary school. I have previously highlighted the importance of this footpath from a health and safety point of view.

Reply: It has been suggested that land acquisition for this project would be rendered free of charge however, a certain level of accommodation works relating to the owners of the properties from whom land would be acquired would have to be undertaken.

Services would have to be relocated, including a power transmission pole with a transformer attached.

A footpath extension of 200m is required to service the 6 houses in question.

The estimated cost of carrying out this work is "80,000 - "87,000 including accommodation works, relocation of services and construction of the footpath.

There is no funding available to undertake this work at present.

Cllr. L Purtill said that this matter has been ongoing for many years. The absence of a footpath at this location is a serious health and safety issue.

Mr. J Sheehan said that there is no funding available for this work to be carried out at present.

3. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would revisit a flooding problem which is causing great difficulty to a land owner (details with Directorate) and all the other residents that live on the Addergown road, Ballyduf. A similar motion was included on the agenda for the November 2014 Municipal District meeting in Listowel.

Reply: The Roads Enforcement Officer is currently dealing with this issue and has been in contact with the landowner from whose land the problem is arising.

The matter is ongoing and a further meeting is due to be held in the next week to progress the matter.

Cllr. L Purtill said that the residents are concerned that water flows down the public road at this location .

4. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would surface dress the car park at Ballydonoghue Church.

Reply: There are two car parks outside the church at Ballydonoghue, the northern area is contiguous with the church and the southern area is across the road.

The parking areas had been surfaced dressed, sometime in the past, however many areas have suffered with surface deformation being prevalent throughout the area.

The northern zone is 184 m in length while the area across the roadway is 104m long.

Neither is currently suitable for surface dressing due to the surface undulations and the resulting problems of water ponding.

A bit-mac overlay is required to render the areas serviceable.

Neither location is in the care of Kerry County Council.

The estimated cost of undertaking works is " 22,750 for the Northern Zone and " 13,250 for the Southern car parking area.

No source of finance is currently available to undertake these works.

Mr. J Sheehan said that considerable work was needed on the area off the road to bring it up to standard and there is no funding available at present to carry out this type of work.

5. Cllr. L Purtill: I would like to thank Kerry County Council and especially Mr. J Sheehan SEE and Mr. M McEnery EE for the works on walls and embankments to alleviate the flooding in Ballylongford, however, there is a small area adjacent to the waste water treatment plant yet to be addressed.

Reply: The Ballylongford Flood Mitigation Scheme is now complete and all funding has been expended.

This area, to which the Councillor refers, was not included in the original design and scheme of works as agreed by Kerry County Council and the Ballylongford Flood Protection Committee.

The works required are in a private property and undertaking flood protection at the locus will not impact on other areas, i.e. an embankment on this site is solely for the protection of this one property and can not be regarded as works which will benefit the community as a whole, consequently it is a matter for the property owner to provide the appropriate level of protection for the site.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the motion.

Mr. J Sheehan said that the works required are on private property and the provision of an embankment on this site is solely for the protection of this one property.

Cllr. R Beasley asked that Mr. Sheehan would reconsider this matter.

Mr. JD Flynn agreed to reconsider this matter and advise the members at the next MD meeting.

6. Cllr. L Purtill: Would Kerry County Council surface dress the small car parking area in front of Carrigafoyle Castle when the Carrigafoyle road is being surface dressed?.

Reply: This area is not the care of Kerry County Council and we do not have a source of finance to undertake the proposed works.

The area in question is approximately 480 m² and is not suitable for surface dressing.

A bit-mac overlay is required to render the areas serviceable.

The cost of the works, including road markings, is approx. " 13,750.

It was agreed that this matter would be referred to the OPW and the Department of Arts Heritage and Gaeltacht for consideration.

7. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would clean blocked gullies and drains opposite the Keg Bar, Causeway Village as a matter of urgency.

Reply: The gullies and drains around this area have been cleaned recently. There is a manhole within the yard of the Keg Bar, which is covered over. Access to this chamber and junction is critical to the proper drainage of the area in times of heavy rainfall. Kerry County Council has made the management of the premises aware of the presence of this manhole and the necessity of exposing the chamber and making it functional.

8. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council carry out re-installment works outside Ballyduff Post Office. Following works carried out by Kerry County Council, the surface has been left in a hazardous state

Reply: The works to which you refer relate to the construction of an upgraded underground pipe network in Ballyduff, undertaken by Irish Water. The temporary reinstatement of the trench was carried out by IW. We are agreeing protocols with IW for the permanent reinstatement of roads arising out of repair works undertaken by or on behalf of IW. We will arrange to have the permanent reinstatement of the trench completed as soon as we get confirmation from IW on funding.

The condition of the roads and footpaths in this general area are in poor condition and will need to be considered in a future roads programme.

9. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council fix the road leading up from Cleandries road up to the property of (Details with Directorate) and fix the drainage problems outside the property of (Details with Directorate) on this road.

Reply: Repair works to both the road and the drain in question will be carried out in the near future.

10. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council implement speed reduction measures outside the girls school in Lixnaw.

Reply: The location in question in the centre of Lixnaw village, within a 50 kmph speed limit zone. Slow signage will be erected on the poles of the current school signs and some additional road markings will be provided near the entrance to the school itself.

11. Cllr. J Moloney: That this council ensure that any casual trading that occurs during the quarterly horse fair in Listowel does not impede on any of the traders in the area. There have been instances where casual trading has occurred selling the same products as ratepayers outside their premises.

Reply: There have been difficulties for many years regulating trading during the quarterly Horse Fairs in Listowel. Whilst the Council has Bye Laws for the control of Casual Trading, there are legal difficulties applying these during the Horse Fairs because of existing Market Rights.

Cllr. J Moloney said that casual traders should be discouraged from setting up in the vicinity of businesses selling similar merchandise e.g. - a trader selling shoes should not be permitted to set up a stall in front of a shoe shop.

12. Cllr. J Moloney: Can repair/upgrading works be done to the footpath at the entrance to Clieveragh Park?

Reply: There is a section of footpath near the entrance to Clieveragh Park in need of upgrade, the cost of undertaking these works is " 1,500, funding of which would be suitable for a Councillor Specific Municipal District Works Funding.

Cllr. J Moloney said that he would allocate €1,500 from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Works Fund for this project.

13. Cllr. J Moloney: That public lighting be installed at the end of the cluster of houses in Bunagahra.

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 Bunaghara, Listowel will need to be assessed as part of a Public Lighting Policy, which is being developed through the Operations SPC, given the existing demands on the Council to maintain existing public lighting infrastructure and to meet energy saving targets throughout the county.

Should the scheme satisfy the proposed new Public Lighting Policy as developed through the Operations SPC the works, which would entail a new supply connection, mini-pillar, meter, 10m column with a 1.5m outreach and lantern with an energy efficient mechanism will cost between " 5,000 - " 5,500.

Should all the requirements be satisfied the works would be suitable for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Works Funding.

Cllr J Moloney said that he had raised this matter at a previous meeting of the Full Council and had received the same response.

14. Cllr. J Moloney: That this council ensure that all temporary advertising road signage is compliant with the regulations and bye-laws and that is only permitted within the time frame allowed.

Reply: Signs are not permitted on the side of public roads as per Section 71(1)(a) of The Roads Act 1993.

Under Section 71(1)(b), signs advertising cultural events and not for profit events may be allowed.

Approval is subject to the following conditions:-

- Temporary Signage will only be allowed for **Local** Cultural & Not For Profit Events
- Temporary Signage includes placards, posters, bills, banners, flags, buntings and/or any other such signage as deemed by Kerry County Council
- Temporary Signage can only be positioned 7 days prior to an event and must be removed within 2 days of the completion of the event.
- Permission for Temporary Signage does not grant or imply a right to use public property/light standards, statutory or information signs/standards or power transmission poles for the placement of signage.
- No Temporary Signage shall be glued, pasted or affixed to any structure other than an advertisement structure.
- No sign within 100 meters of any roundabout.
- Signs cannot interfere with sight lines on junctions or interfere with road users' view of road signs.

Any sign that does not have a licence or comply with the licence conditions will be removed without notice.

15. Cllr. J Moloney: That repairs be carried out to the footpath, on the approach from the Ballylongford side, in Asdee.

Reply : A section of footpath at the East (*Ballylongford*) side of Asdee from the initial point of the pathway to the junction of the road leading to the Holy Well is in need of resurfacing.

The distance involved is 150m and the cost of resurfacing is " 10,000.

There are currently no funds available to undertake restoration of the footpaths in Asdee.

Should any funding become available in the future, then the required works in this location can be considered or alternatively Councillor Specific Municipal District Works Funding can be used to fund the requested upgrade.

16. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council prepare an estimate for drainage works outside the property of (Details with Directorate)

Reply : The cost of undertaking drainage works at this location is " 1,700

Cllr. J Brassil said that he would allocate €1,7000 from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Works Fund for this work.

17. Cllr. D Nolan: That a front opening stove be installed at (Details with Directorate) for accessibility due to medical reasons.

Reply: An application should be made to the Housing Liaison Officer Kerry County Council with supporting medical evidence. An assessment of the needs for the provision of a stove can then be undertaken.

18. Cllr. D Nolan: That the pedestrian light at lower Ballygowlogue Road, on left at the junction as travelling straight on towards Ballygowlogue Park and Dromin, be re-oriented to face pedestrians. Currently when pedestrian green light is on it is facing traffic coming up lower Ballygowlogue which should be stopping at the junction.

Reply : Kerry County Council will arrange to have this pedestrian light re-orientated.

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed this response.

Ethics Declaration

Cllr. J Moloney declared in accordance with Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 that the land referred to in Notice of Motion No. 19 was previously in the ownership of his family and would leave the meeting while this item was been considered.

Cllr. Moloney then left the meeting.

19. Cllr. D Nolan: That a review take place of the entrance to Woodlawn, Bridge Road to make entering and exiting the estate safer including sight lines and enforcement of double yellow lines.

Reply: The exit from Woodlawn, onto the N-69 at Bridge Road, Listowel is a matter which the former Listowel Town Council made efforts to address.

The local authority sought to acquire a piece of ground 5mx5m at the left hand side of the exit (Eastern flank) to improve the sightline view of traffic travelling northbound on the N69.

The most recent contact with the landowner, which was in 2014, on the subject did not result in any agreement being reached.

It appears likely that the landowner is unwilling to forgo this section of property.

Acquisition of property on the Northern flank of the entrance/exit to Woodlawn is not possible due to an existing access lane and commercial properties on the streetscape.

With regard to the enforcement of parking, the Traffic Warden continues to monitor this area and has issued parking fines for illegal parking at the locus.

However anecdotal evidence suggests that the majority of infringements occur on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings when the Warden is not on duty. At these times illegal parking is enforced by the Gardai as required.

Mr. JD Flynn said that the issue of illegal parking at this location on Saturday night/Sunday morning would be referred to the Gardaí.

Cllr. J Moloney returned to the meeting

20. Cllr. D Nolan: That a letter be sent to the NRA in relation to the dangerous ramp which has formed on the new Tarbert to Listowel road at Ahalanna. This will become even more of a hazard as tourist traffic from the Tarbert-Killimer car ferry increases during the summer season.

Reply: Kerry County Council will carry out repair works at this location in the coming weeks

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed this reply.

21. Cllr. A Thornton: Kerry County Council to repair the road at Causeway village when travelling in the direction of Dairymaster.

Reply: The roadway through Causeway Village, North-East to South West, is in poor structural order and would benefit from Restoration Improvement Works to reshape and improve the riding quality.

A total of 610m length of roadway requires strengthening with 330m of this west of the central junction in the village.

Beyond this section, the roadway to Dairymaster Ltd. is in good order.

The segment of roadway, which is referred to in this motion, is not on the current Roads Improvement Programme, but should be accorded a high priority for any future consideration.

In the interim repairs will be carried out on the roadway as need arises.

Mr. J Sheehan said that this road should be considered a priority for any future Restoration Improvement Works programme.

Cllr. A Thornton asked that the other members would support her on this proposal.

22. Cllr. A Thornton: Kerry County Council to cost the necessary works to the first of two bridges on the Dromerin Road between Dromerin Cross and Gale Cross. The bridge is gravely undermined and in need of urgent repair.

Reply: The sidewall of the bridge in question is in need of repair or removal/replacement as well as some remedial works to the underside of the arch of the bridge. The foundations appear to be stable at present.

Major drainage works have occurred in the surrounding land with channels cut to a deeper level than that through the bridge.

This is unfortunate as the works may serve to exacerbate the problems at this locality.

It will cost " 6,500 to undertake the repairs requested

Cllr. R Beasley supported the motion.

23. Cllr. A Thornton: Kerry County Council to repair the road through Lixnaw village. The road is in a bad state of repair.

Reply: The roadway in Lixnaw (L 1029) from an area contiguous with the playground to the junction with the Ballinagar Road (L 6099), 680 m in length, is currently in need of upgrading. This should involve strengthening and reshaping.

The continuation of this roadway through the centre of the village, from its junction with the Ballinagar Road, to the R557 (670m) is also in need of an overlay, as the surface is exhibiting signs of fracture.

The segment of the L 1029, which is referred to in this motion, is not on the current Roads Improvement Programme, but should be accorded a high priority when considering a new Roads Improvement Programme.

24. Cllr. A Thornton: Kerry County Council to consider any and all works that can be done to improve the road from Kilocrim Cross to Finuge Cross as this road is in a terrible state at present and heavily trafficked.

Reply: The section of road from Finuge Cross to Finuge Bridge has been repaired on repeated occasions by Kerry County Council, however the surface is uneven from continuous patching and at this stage this segment of roadway is in need of strengthening and resurfacing, to bring it to an acceptable riding standard.

The section of carriageway from Finuge Bridge to Kilocrim Cross is in good condition.

No source of finance currently exists to undertake this work.

The roadway, which is referred to in this motion, is not on the current Roads Improvement Programme, but should be considered for inclusion in any future programme.

25. Cllr. A Thornton: Kerry County Council to repair the road between Shannow Bridge and Abbeydorney Village.

Reply: Repairs will be carried out on this road in the coming weeks.

26. Cllr. A Thornton: Kerry County Council to repair the road at Crotta Cross which falls on a bad bend and has dangerous potholes.

Reply: Repairs will be carried out on this road in the coming weeks, A segment of the R557 road encompassing the junction area from Ballyrehan Bridge to Garrynagore is scheduled for Restoration Maintenance later in the year.

27. Cllr. A Thornton: Kerry County Council to cost works to the footpath from the Cloisters Estate in Abbeydorney to the village. The footpath is in a dangerous state.

Reply: The cost of the works to be undertaken is " 20,000.

Mr. J Sheehan said that these works could be prioritised if the members wished to allocate funding from their Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Mr. JD Flynn said that carrying out this work on a phased basis could also be considered.

Cllr. J Brassil said that the estate was taken in charge without this work having been carried out. The condition of the footpath at this location is a health and safety issue.

Cllr. A Thornton said that a section of the road at this location is also in very poor condition and asked that an estimate of the cost of this work be prepared.

Mr. J Sheehan said that work on the road would require the movement of the services and the acquisition of land.

Cllr. J Brassil said that there is a huge green area in the estate which is a quagmire. The upgrading of the footpath would indicate to the residents that Kerry County Council is working with them. Substantial funding from development levies has been spent on improvements to the Abbeydorney/Tralee road.

Mr. JD Flynn undertook to discuss this matter with **Mr. C O'Sullivan** Director of Operations Health & Safety.

28. Cllr. R Beasley: That a portion of the Glenballyma road, Kilflynn (approximately 100ft) from (Details with Directorate) be repaired as it is in very poor condition.

Reply: This road is in the Tralee Municipal District which has been notified of the repair request

Cllr. R Beasley acknowledged this response.

29. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council would consider installing a mini roundabout at the bottom of the Glen road opposite Collins Baths in Ballybunion. This would keep traffic flowing on busy days. Kerry County Council would have the co-operation of the landowners.

Reply: There is not sufficient space available at this location to provide a mini roundabout. It would require the acquisition of lands from a third party and from the differences in ground level, the cost of this would be significant. We will liaise with the landowner and examine the feasibility of constructing a turning area.

30. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County council examine the entrance to Carroll's Yard/Listowel racecourse as cars are being parked on double yellow lines which is a traffic hazard and in the case of emergency, emergency personnel would not be able to reach their locations

Reply: Both sides of the lane from the Square to Carroll's Yard have double yellow lines to prevent parking in the area.
The laneway is insufficiently wide to allow two way traffic flow.

The locus is patrolled by the Traffic Warden on a regular basis.

It may be that out of hours illegal parking is prevalent, however only the Gardaí can deal with this issue.

Mr. JD Flynn said that the issue of 'out of hours' illegal parking at this location would be referred to the Gardaí.

31. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council improve the traffic sightlines from the exit of Woodlawn estate onto the Bridge road, Listowel . this is a major traffic hazard.

Reply: The exit from Woodlawn, onto the N-69 at Bridge Road, Listowel is a matter which the former Listowel Town Council made efforts to address.

The local authority sought to acquire a piece of ground 5mx5m at the left hand side of the exit (Eastern flank) to improve the sightline view of traffic travelling northbound on the N69.

The most recent contact with the landowner, which was in 2014, on the subject did not result in any agreement being reached.

It appears likely that the landowner is unwilling to forgo this section of property.

Acquisition of property on the Northern flank of the entrance/exit to Woodlawn is not possible due to an existing access lane and commercial properties on the streetscape.

With regard to the enforcement of parking, the Traffic Warden continues to monitor this area and has issued parking fines for illegal parking at the locus.

However anecdotal evidence suggests that the majority of infringements occur on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings when the Warden is not on duty. At these times illegal parking is enforced by the Gardaí as required.

Mr. JD Flynn said that the issue of illegal parking at this location on Saturday night/Sunday morning would be referred to the Gardaí.

32. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council extend the footpath at Greenville Listowel from Markeys Bridge to the entrance of the Forge Road Greenville

Reply: To extend the footpath in question would involve land acquisition, accommodation works to properties from whom land is to be acquired and the relocation of services.

An footpath extension of 270m is necessary to service the area in question.

The estimated cost of carrying out this work is " 118,000 including land acquisition, accommodation works, relocation of services and construction of the walkway.

No source of funding is available to carry out these works at present.

33. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council make the street that services the rear of William street in Listowel a 2-way traffic system, as traffic entering William Street find that it is dangerous for pedestrians and other road users entering William street

Reply: Segments of the laneway do not exceed 4m in width, therefore it is not possible to accommodate a 2 way traffic management system on such a narrow carriageway.

Cathaoirleach M Kennelly said that the exit from the rear of Jumbo's is considered very dangerous for traffic and asked if a 2 way traffic management system could be considered.

Mr. J Sheehan said that it is not possible to accommodate a 2 way traffic management system on such a narrow carriageway.

34. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council give the members of the Listowel Municipal District a full briefing on the progress on the re-surfacing of William Street, through the N.R.A

Reply: The National Roads Authority has approved Kerry County Council to prepare a pavement design for William Street, Listowel.

The site survey and pavement testing has been carried out.

A feasibility report is being prepared to seek additional funding to improve the pedestrian facilities as part of the pavement improvement.

A section 38 public consultation process will be required for the pedestrian facilities which will require adoption by Listowel Municipal District.

Subject to approval of this section 38 process and funding from the NRA, it is expected that works will commence in Q4 2015.

Cathaoirleach M Kennelly said that he wanted a start date for this work to be provided at the next Listowel MD meeting.

Mr. JD Flynn undertook to update the members on this project at the next meeting.

35. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council confirm the distance to be repaired from Ballylongford Village to Kilcolgan Strand.

Reply: 1 Kilometer

36. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out road repairs on the Ballylongford/Moyvane Road, especially in the townlands of Coolnagraigue and Lenamore.

Reply: The roadway in question is the L 1012.

The carriageway from Ballymackessey to Coolnagraigue is in a good state of repair, however the riding surface of the carriageway from Coolnagraigue to Leanamore Cross is the subject of structural deficiencies, many repairs and consequent surface undulations. This section of roadway is in need of structural strengthening and surface profiling.

The road segment from Leanamore Cross to a point approximately 300m west of Gurteennacloone School is in reasonable condition but could benefit from an overlay.

Thereafter the road is in good condition to its junction with the N69.

No source of finance currently exists to undertake the necessary strengthening and overlay works, as outlined, on this road.

It is not on the current Roads Improvement Programme, but could be considered for inclusion in any future programme, possibly in a structured manner over a number of years.

Pothole repairs will be carried out on this road in the coming weeks.

Cathaoirleach M Kennelly asked if preparations for the 2017 Roads Improvement Programme will start at the end of this year.

Mr. JD Flynn clarified that the current Roads Improvement Programme expires in 2016, preparatory work for the new scheme will commence in late 2015. He recommended that the members agree on the inclusion of a number of significant roads where work is urgently required.

Cllr. A Thornton suggested that the road in Causeway adjacent to Dairymaster be included.

Cllr. J Brassil said that the Wild Atlantic Way (WAW) route must be considered.

37. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council do remedial works to the entrance of (details with Directorate).

Reply: The road fronting the property in question will be resurfaced later this year. The drainage issue will be addressed at that stage.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. R Beasley: Will Kerry County Council erect two green and white bollards at the entrance to the road at Kilwarda, Listowel which would benefit SouthDoc and others who would be called out on emergencies late at night?.

Reply: The type of bollards being requested are only to be used at junctions where local roads interface with National routes. In this instance the junction in question is one of a local tertiary road with a local primary road therefore it is not suitable for the type of bollard being requested.

Some delineators can be provided at the location to highlight the junction.

2. Cllr. R Beasley: When will the remedial work be carried out on the road from Callaghans Cross to Dromerin Bridge and again from Dromerin Bridge up towards Kiltien, a portion of which is in an appalling condition?.

Reply: These segments of roadway are of a bog rampart road type construction and to eliminate the surface undulations it is acknowledged that a full road reconstruction is required to adequately improve the riding quality.

Kerry County Council have placed advance warning signs and road markings at the locus to alert motorists of the undulating nature of the road surface and to urge caution.

Neither of these road segments is on any current Roads Programme. Both roads are in need of significant improvement works in order to bring them to an acceptable standard and should be considered for inclusion in a future Roads Improvement Programme.

Repair works will be scheduled for the Callaghans Cross to Dromerin Bridge road. The road from Dromerin Bridge to Kiltien is in need of more substantial work which could only be undertaken with significant investment, which is only available through placement on a future Roads Programme.

3. Cllr. M Kennelly: What is the update on the electrical box located in Feale Drive, Listowel, which is causing anguish to residents?

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 a Councillor Specific Municipal District Works Fund. The cost of the project is " 2,800. No funding has been pledged to undertake this work.

Mr. G O'Brien advised that a letter had issued to ESB Networks on behalf of the members following a discussion on this matter at the previous Listowel MD meeting on 30th March 2015. In response ESB Networks had contacted Mr. J Sheehan to advised that the unit referred to is considered to be safe.

The Cathhaoirleach said that he is concerned that children are climbing onto this unit.

4. Cllr. M Kennelly: What is the update on the fencing between Ballygologue and Baliedubha?

Reply: The boundary between the open green area in Ballygologue Park and the cul de sac in Baile O'Dubhda (no 22-23) is delineated with a wall, which on the Baile O'Dubhda side has an average height in excess of 2.0m, but considerably less on the Ballygologue side. A standard light column sits on one side of the centre part of the wall. There is evidence of pedestrian activity in the green verge contiguous with the wall on the Baile O'Dubhda side of the boundary. Erecting an anti-climb or palisade fence might temporarily arrest the access, but, in my experience, static defences do not work for long against a determined protagonist. Furthermore a fence of this sort is visually obtrusive and would not sit well in the specific environment.

The cost of providing a fence would be " 6,000 and this should be backed up with the planting of *Berberis thunbergii*, the cost of which would be an extra " 1,000. The total cost of works to be undertaken is therefore " 7,000

As Baile Dubha is a Respond Development the KCC Housing Department has been in contact with Respond Housing Association with regard to the erection of appropriate fencing between both housing developments.

KCC Housing Department have discussed this matter with Respond Housing Association with a view to sharing the cost.

To date, Respond Housing Association has not committed to the proposal and no funding has been pledged through Councillor Specific Municipal District Works Fund.

Cathaoirleach M Kennelly said that a response from Respond Housing Association is necessary before this matter can be considered further.

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

(a) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. J Moloney: Can an update be provided on the old Kerry County Council building on the Bridge Road?

Reply: The Facilities Management Unit will be carrying out an assessment of the building in quarter 3. A RFQ for an asbestos survey of the building has been issued to comply with statutory requirements under Safety and Health Legislation.

Cllr. J Moloney asked that this matter be kept on the agenda.

15.05.25.08. Dates for meetings

(a) It was agreed that the Annual meeting of the Municipal District of Listowel, Monday 22nd June at 10.40 am in the Council Chamber, Áras an Chontae, Tralee.

(b) It was agreed that the next Meeting of the Members of Listowel Municipal District will be held on Monday, 13th July, 2015 at 3.00 pm

15.05.25.09. Correspondence

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

1.	Letter dated 17 th April, 2015 from National Transport Authority regarding Route 272 between Tarbert and Listowel/Tralee via Ballylongford..
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15.05.25.10 Any Other Business

Congratulations to Alison Nulty Radio Kerry

On behalf of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel, Cathaoirleach M Kennelly congratulated Ms. Alison Nulty, Journalist Radio Kerry on her recent appointment as southern correspondent with UTV Ireland.

Cllr. J Brassil supported the sentiments expressed by the Cathaoirleach and wished Ms. Nulty well.

Mr. JD Flynn on behalf of management and staff of Kerry County Council, wished Ms. Nulty the very best for the future.

10 Marian Park Ballyheigue

At the request of Cllr. J Brassil, Mr. M Griffin undertook to examine the laneway adjacent to No. 10 Marian Park Ballyheigue.

Road at Ahabeg

Cllr. J Brassil raised an issue regarding a particular private road at Ahabeg in Lixnaw which has not been taken in charge by Kerry County Council while two other roads of similar status in the area have been taken in charge.

Mr. M McEnery undertook to investigate this matter and revert to Cllr. Brassil.

R 551

Cllr. L Purtill referred to a section of the Ballylongford/Tarbert road which he said is in an appalling condition.

Mr. J Sheehan said that the R551 must be considered in totality for any future road works programme.

The meeting concluded at 1.15pm.

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