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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL ON 23RD NOVEMBER, 2015.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LIOS TUATHAIL, AR AN 23 SAMHAIN, 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

Ms. J McCarthy	SEO
Mr. G O'Brien	Meetings Administrator
Mr. G Riordan	SE
Ms. J Foley	MD Officer
Mr. C Mangan	SEE
Mr. J McEniry	EE
Mr. M Griffin	EE
Mr. M McEnery	EE
Mr, P Stack	SE
Mr. A Smith	SO
Ms. B Conway	AO
Ms. S Broderick	SO

The meeting commenced at 9.55am.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J Moloney took the Chair.

15.11.23.01 Confirmation of Minutes

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R Beasley, SECONDED by Cllr. J Moloney it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on the 28th September, 2015 be confirmed.

15.11.23.02 Water Services Directorate

(a) 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. Effluent was diverted to the new plant in May and the Works will be completed in December 2015. The Tarbert Advance pipe-work Contract was completed in June 2013.
Ballylongford SS	Tarbert and Ballylongford WWTP are being constructed as one contract Awarded to Response Engineering Ltd. Effluent was diverted to the new plant in June and the Works will be completed in December 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 2.75Km of 300mm Asbestos Cement Water Main. A further 750m length is currently being completed as advance works by KCC staff	" 1,163,000	Site Investigation completed; to go to Tender in Dec. 2015

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	In progress
Lyreacrompane RWSS	Site Acquisition	" 30,000	In progress
Ballyheigue Water Softener	Repair pipework and replace resin	" 7,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Ballyduff Cast Iron Mains Replacement	Replace 2,9Km of old / deficient C.I. pipes	" 278,000	Complete
CRWSS Cloonafineela	Provision of SCADA/Telemetry for reservoir and pumphouse	" 6,400	Complete
NKRWSS: Derry - Clontibret	Replace 2.25Km of 300mm diameter Asbestos Cement Main	" 270,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Dromin Water TP	Extensive roof repairs	" 150,000	Consultants to prepare Tender
NKRWSS: Dromin Water TP	Upgrade Fencing	" 72,000	Approved
NKRWSS: Dromin Water TP	Upgrade WTP Sludge Treatment Facility	" 190,000	Requested
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 550M old / deficient 100mm diameter C.I. pipes	" 33,000	Complete
NKRWSS: St Patrick's Tce. Tarbert	Replacement 350M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 42,000	Almost Complete
Lahesherragh Pressure Mgmt.	Installation of PRVs etc	" 14,500	Complete
NKRWSS: Tieraclea Pk. Tarbert	Replacement 250M old / deficient 3+PVC water mains	" 26,250	Complete
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 335M old / deficient 100mm diameter C.I. pipes	" 43,550	Approved
Lyreacrompane RWSS: Network - Unidirectional Scouring	Install new scour valves and provide sampling points on existing scours	" 17,000	Approved

NKRWSS: Lisselton	Replace 3.8KM 250mm AC mains	" 315,000	Approved
NKRWSS William St	Install 450M of 250MM water main	" 66,000	Approved
CRWSS Kilflynn area	Replace Sluice Valves	" 23,300	Approved
CRWSS Laccamore Abbeydorney	Replace 1.44KM old / deficient 125MM PVC main with 160MM pipe	" 158,400	Approved
Ballyheigue WS Pressure Management	Install Pressure Reducing Valves and Meters	" 7,000	Approved
Glenderry WS Mains Replacement	Replace 750M of 50mm AC watermain	" 56,250	Approved
Total ALLOCATED		€1,670,950	

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.

Cllr. J Brassil asked if an update is available on the taking in charge of Group Water Schemes.

Mr. C Mangan said no further information on this matter has been received from Irish Water.

Cllr. J Brassil referred to a situation where a customer has a domestic water connection and a non active connection to a farm. This person is being charged for the metered connection and is also paying Irish Water for the domestic connection. He has been advised to request that the connection to the farm be disconnected but this will also result in a disconnection of the domestic water supply and a reconnection charge will then apply.

Ms. J McCarthy said that this matter should be referred to the Council's Revenue Department.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that he had been made aware of an issue with regard to low water pressure on a small Group Water Scheme.

Mr. C Mangan undertook to examine this case on receipt of details from Cllr. Kennelly.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that he has received complaints regarding a foul odour in Ballylonford village.

Mr. J McEniry said that this matter has been addressed.

Cllr. J Brassil asked for an update on the criteria for making an application for a grant for a private well.

Mr. Mangan said that there is a standard Application Form and procedure and that applications are examined on a case by case basis.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. A Thornton: That Kerry County Council provide an update in relation to Lixnaw Waste Water Treatment works and confirm whether these works are now solely with Irish Water.

Reply: The upgrade of the Lixnaw Waste Water Treatment plant is not on Irish Water's national **Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016**, which was launched in May 2014.

A suitable site adjoining the existing plant has been purchased by Kerry County Council and Irish Water has inspected this site. The Council has also made a submission, requesting funding for the development of the new WWTP, to Irish Water. The next national **C.I.P. 2017 – 2021** is due for publication in 2016 and the inclusion or otherwise of Lixnaw WWTP is solely the decision of Irish Water.

15.11.23.03 Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate

(a) 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:

Library Service Report November 2015

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

Library service:

" A recent major addition to the range of sources available to library users is ~~Find~~ my Pastq. this is an extensive web access point for tracing Irish ancestors, holding several million records. The records can be accessed at any library through the website www.kerrylibrary.ie and are available worldwide to current library members. Among the lesser known records included are:

The Irish Prison Registers, featuring over 3.5 million names ; The Landed Estates Court records featuring details of over 500,000 tenants residing on estates all over Ireland; National directories, dating back to 1814 ; Indexes to Irish wills dating from 1270 . 1858 ;

Over 400,000 gravestones and church memorials ; Military records of over 8,000 people involved in the 1798 Rebellion through to the names of more than 49,000 Irishmen who lost their lives fighting in World War I ; Access to over 250,000 obituaries and other newspaper notices compiled from all over Ireland and lists of 52,600 individuals eligible to vote in elections between 1832 and 1838.

In addition the library has completed its digitisation of its 19th century Kerry local newspaper holdings. The latest to be made available online is the Kerry Evening Post 1827 . 1917. It is available at any of the Kerry branch libraries and is fully searchable

“ The current opening hours at Listowel Library are as follows: Monday . Saturday, 10.00a.m. to 5.00p.m. with late opening on Thursdays until 8.00p.m. There may be occasional lunch time closures.

“ The opening hours at Ballybunion Library are: Tuesday . Saturday, 10.00a.m. to 1.30p.m. and 2.30p.m. - 5.00p.m.

Housing Services Report November 2015
Business Unit Manager – Ms. Kathleen Moriarty, SEO

Social Housing Activity Report as at 16th November 2015

Listowel Municipal Area (L.M.A.)

<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		23
New Tenancies Commenced		31
Accommodation refusals		3
<u>Social Houses</u>		
Vacant Group scheme properties within Municipal Area		
Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)		17
Awaiting Allocation		12
Construction Programme		
Single Rural Dwellings - Site Transfer Stage		1
Single Rural Dwellings - under construction		0
Extensions - applications on hands		6
Extensions - Tender Stage		1
Extensions - under construction		0
<u>Rental Accommodation Scheme</u>		
	<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A.</u>
Total Active Tenancies	867	116
New tenancies in 2015	132	15
Tenancies terminated in 2015	43	8
<u>Leasing</u>		
	<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A.</u>
Leased Properties	106	12
Leases under negotiation	28	2
<u>Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)</u>		
	<u>No.</u>	<u>"</u>
Revised Allocation 2015		2.014m
New Grants Allocated 2015	337	1.807m
Total 2015 Commitment	234	1.262m
Grants Paid	216	1.071m

Additional Allocation for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability

The Council has received notification from DOECLG of an additional allocation under the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Grant Scheme of " 225,000 of which " 45,000 is to be provided from our own

resources. This will allow the Council to allocate further grants for applications on hand, in accordance with our Priority Scheme.

Housing Programme 2015 - 2017

As advised at the October Corporate Policy Meeting and also as discussed at the October Meeting of the Council, we continue to make all efforts to deliver on the targets set out in the Housing Acquisition and Construction Programme 2015 . 2017.

Through a combination of House Purchases, the RAS Programme, Leasing, Voids Programme and the House Construction Programme we expect to provide an additional 400 housing units by year end.

Emergency Services Report November 2015

Business Unit Manager: **Mr. Michael Heisson CFO**

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers continued to provide the Courts with recommendations in respect of any licence applications notified to the Fire Service.
- Following the fire tragedy in the Carrickmines traveller halting site an immediate review of fire safety in Kerry's traveller halting sites was carried out. Fire Officers carried out inspections at the four traveller halting sites in the county and issued reports to KCC Housing in respect of same. The sites were found to be largely in compliance with the current guidelines. Issues identified by the Fire Service are being addressed by Housing.

Building Control:

- 299 Commencement Notices/7 Day Notices were received up to the end of October 2015.
- The number of Disability Access Certificate applications received was 78 for the same period.
- A total of 121 Fire Safety Certificate applications have been received up to the end of October.

Construction Products

- Still in the early stages with this piece of legislation, due to staff shortages and technical qualifications.
- Received notification of an inferior CO Alarm that is on the market. We were directed by the department to contact all those through the BCMS system of this product by e-mail and to write to those who did not submit their applications electronically. This has been done.

Asset Management

- Still awaiting further Information from Sidhean Teo.
- Had an online meeting with Scafftag systems with Text Tell in Ireland. I have received some options from this company on how best to proceed after submitting our list of Assets to them. I am currently reviewing these options. However any asset management system we opt for will require the provision of Wi-Fi in all stations.

Equipment-Research/Procurement

- Four wild-fire helmets on trial. These are MSA F2Xtrem and are made by the same manufacturer as our structural helmets.

Equipment-Stores/Inventory

- Unchanged from last month due to commitments of the Full Time Staff.
- PPE: A replacement program for wildfire kit is required. This includes Wild fire Helmets & Goggles/ Wildfire Overalls/ Smoke Masks/ Backpacks.
- Currently low on flashoods & gloves.

Health & Safety

- This is ongoing with ACFO John Hegarty managing all aspects of this.
- Draft OHSAS documents have been draw up by SACFO E. O'Donnell and submitted to the CFO for review.

Training

- Four new recruits on a recent CFBT Course. All successful
- EFR initial course and 12 out of 15 were successful
- Chainsaw refresher course for 10 personnel and all successful
- BA Refresher course. All successful
- One person on a NDFEM Station Officer course and successful

Statistics

Statistical details in respect of the Fire Service and Building Control for the period 1 Jan 2015 to 31 October 2015 along with the details of 2014 for reference purposes:

		1 Jan 2014 to 31 Oct 2014	1 Jan 2015 to 31 Oct 2015
Fire Service Operations	Total Incidents	848	920
	Total Mobilisations	963	1018
	Number of Fires	367	532
	Of which: Chimney Fires	96	113
	Gorse	100	224
	Number of Special Service Incidents	328	250
	Of which: Road Traffic Accidents	133	112
Building Ctl	Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	101	120
	Disability Access Certificate Applications Recd	62	78
	Commencement Notices Received	314	299

Community Services & Engagement Report November 2015

Business Unit Manager – Mr. Brian Looney, Senior Executive Officer

Local Economic & Community Plan.

Following on from the workshops held in October specific objectives and actions to be achieved over the life of the plan are currently being developed for the 3 themes of economic development, Social Inclusion and Quality of Life. Draft actions for the

economic elements will be considered at the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC on 19 November. The community elements will be considered by Kerry LCDC at its November meeting. It is anticipated that the LECP will be go to the February/March 2016 meeting of Kerry County Council for approval.

SICAP

For the delivery of the programme in Kerry the county is divided into 3 Lots with a programme implementers (3 LDCs in Kerry's case) appointed to deliver services in each of the three lots. Each Programme Implementer developed an Action Plan for 2015 for the delivery of services within their Lot area and this plan was approved by Kerry LCDC. The LCDC as the contracting authority is required to monitor and review the performance of Programme Implementers and the meeting of specific targets against the Action Plan. The Mid-Term Review has been complete and the End of Year Review will commence shortly. In tandem with this, the Preparation of Action Plans for 2016 will commence in November and be finalised in January. Lot budgets and targets for 2016 will be notified by Pobal at the end of November.

LEADER 2014-2020

Kerry LCDC is the Local Action Group (LAG) under the LEADER Programme with the 3 Local Development Companies implementing the programme on the ground. Work is progressing on the preparation of the Local Development Strategy (LDS) with extensive public consultation having taken place. The LDCs, KCC and the LCDC each have a role in the development of the strategy, the adoption of which will ultimately be the responsibility of the LCDC as the LAG. The draft actions and objectives LDS will be before the November LCDC meeting for consideration and it is anticipated that the delivery of services under this programme will commence in February/March 2016.

Pride of Place

Kerry groups took two top prizes in the annual IPB Co-operation Ireland Pride of Place Awards in Ennis Co. Clare.

Listowel Town took runner up place in the main competition in the category for neighbourhoods with populations more than 2000 people. Kerry Traveller Health and Community Development Project HAZ took one of the Special Awards announced at the ceremony. Well done to both community projects.

Environmental Protection Services Report November 2015

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

- A Week long series of events based on Sustainable Energy Use was organised in Tralee from Oct 27th . 31st, culminating in the launch of the Tralee Energy Cooperative. Following from this Smart burn moisture meters to measure the moisture content of wood etc and energy monitors are available through the library service throughout the county.
- Transition Kerry - A series of workshops will take place in Shanakiel Community Centre in Tralee during November promoting food waste, waste management, energy and water conservation and composting. The aim of these meetings is to promote sustainable living. These meetings are open to the public from Tralee and North Kerry in particular

**John Breen,
Director of Services,
Sustainable Communities/Quality of Life**

(b) Listowel Municipal District Community Support Fund

Ms. J McCarthy said that the approval of the members was required for six additional applications for funding from the Community Support Fund for the Listowel Municipal District.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. A Thornton SECONDED by Cllr. D Nolan it was agreed to approve the additional applications for funding from the Community Support Fund for the Listowel Municipal District.

Ms. J McCarthy referred to the Draft Budgetary meeting held on 20th October, 2015 when Cllr. J Brassil requested a breakdown of the 2015 allocation of " 118,000 allocated for Community Support Fund for the Listowel MD, in particular the funding allocated towards projects in Listowel Town V Listowel rural area. She advised that " 28,100 was allocated for projects in Listowel town while " 47,400 was allocated to groups in rural areas of the Listowel MD. She reminded the members that rural areas benefit from initiatives in the town and visa versa.

Cllr. A Thornton said that the Community Support Fund is a great initiative and an excellent opportunity for Kerry County Council to support local community groups. Cllr. R Beasley supported the sentiments expressed by Cllr. A Thornton.

Kerry Craft Trail

Ms. J McCarthy circulated copies of *Kerry Craft Trail* a publication by Original Kerry which is an umbrella brand that represents a network of designers, artists and craft makers in the county. She said that Original Kerry will shortly be opening a base in Ashe Street, Tralee to showcase original design and craft making from Kerry.

(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would support Lifeskills in line with previous years contributions.

Reply: A provision of " 42,000 for Kerry Life Skills Ltd has been made in Kerry County Council's adopted budget for 2016.

Cllr. J Brassil welcomed this response.

2. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would investigate the Smart Technology Energy Saving Scheme and its application to Local Authority Housing.

Reply: Kerry County Council are actively pursuing a number of Smart Technology energy applications through its energy officer. The main benefit of these technologies is reduced heating bills due to added control of space and hot water heating. The ability to generate energy usage reports will assist the Local Authority in addressing Fuel Poverty and the manner in which energy is used in space and water heating through the housing stock.

Climote in association with Electric Ireland and promoted by SEAI have set up a scheme which offers the installation of Smart Technology heating controls to Local Authority

houses with oil or gas central heating which are controlled by a timer. The scheme includes:

- 10,000 fuel poor homes to be retrofitted FREE
- Project completion date: May 2016 .
- FREE upgrades open to all Local Authority Housing Stock

The cost of supply and installation of the smart controller is being recouped by Electric Ireland through the purchase of Energy Credits as a result if the energy savings accrued. The scheme offers the following benefits to the tenant:

Saving on home heating cost through added control via remote access

- Easy to use
- One hour install
- No hassle
- Increased comfort and convenience
- Remote support from call centre team
- Ability for family members to access remotely
- Control of ambient temperature when away

The wall mounted control or HUBq will replace the existing time temperature controller in the house. It's a user friendly unit that allows the tenant to control their heating from anywhere using your computer, Smartphone or mobile phone. A boost button option allows you to turn the heating on immediately. User reports are easily generated assisting people to manage their heating in a more efficient way.

Benefits to Local Authority:

- No cost to the Local Authority or citizen
- Capture of data re fabric of housing stock
- Improved energy efficiency in housing stock
- Ability to monitor fuel consumption/ ambient temperature of vulnerable tenants/homes
- Reduction in maintenance calls

The reporting system will assist the Local Authority in addressing Fuel Poverty and the manner in which energy is used in space and water heating through the housing stock. It will also assist in developing programmes for housing retrofit going forward.

The ownership of the controller will be the property of the Local Authority with new tenant being set up with access to the remote access app.

This scheme has been very successfully piloted in Louth County Council last year, where over 2000 units were retrofitted with the Climote controller. Both the county council and their tenants were very satisfied with the technology and resulting saving accrued.

We are open at all times to looking at any schemes which will be beneficial for ourselves as landlords or for tenants in saving money and ensuring that fuel poverty is addressed. It is hoped that work on this scheme will commence in Kerry shortly.

Cllr. J Brassil welcomed this response.

3. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would erect a sign *"No Dogs Allowed"* at Aughavallen Burial Ground.

Reply: Kerry County Council will erect this sign in the next two weeks.

Cllr. L Purtill welcomed this response.

4. Cllr. D Nolan: That Kerry County Council instigate a historical survey of Listowel's St. Michael's Graveyard working with community and voluntary groups, and providing their expertise to help build a comprehensive study.

Reply: The proposal to instigate a Community Based historical survey of Saint Michaels Graveyard can be investigated and advanced under the Listowel Historic Towns Initiative. Heritage Officer T.J. Mahony will ensure that this project is included in the proposed actions of the final draft of *Listowel Heritage and Community Led Regeneration Strategy* which is expected to be finalised and ready for implementation by early 2016. Enquires will now be made through the County Heritage Officer Network for recommendations on successful projects carried out in similar sized graveyards. Also previous studies on Saint Michaels Graveyard will be sourced and evaluated to see how they could be built on.

5. Cllr. D Nolan: How many vacant Council properties are in the Listowel Municipal District awaiting maintenance or allocation, categorised by number of bedrooms?

Reply: There are 39 vacant properties in the Listowel Municipal District as follows:

	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	Total
Awaiting Maintenance	3	10	11	1	25
Awaiting Allocation	7	2	5	0	14

Ms. B Conway said that the total of 25 properties awaiting maintenance includes a number of long term vacancies and approval from the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government is required for works to proceed in these cases. She referred to 14 properties awaiting allocation and said that three have been accepted by tenants and two have been refused.

6. Cllr. R Beasley: What is the up to date in relation to single rural dwellings being built at Kilcolman, Asdee and Beale, Ballybunion?

Reply: The Housing Section is currently preparing a priority list based on the applications on hand and will assess the suitability of the sites to include these on the Single Rural Programme to be carried out as part of the Housing Programme.

Cllr. R Beasley said that he hoped that the construction of the single rural dwellings in Kilcolman and Beale would be prioritised for 2016.

7. Cllr. R Beasley: How many qualified applicants for social housing are from the Listowel Municipal District?

Reply: There is a total of 511 qualified applicants for social housing in the Listowel Municipal District.

Cllr. R Beasley said that he is concerned that this number will increase significantly before any social housing is provided.

15.11.23.04 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

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, Cahirdown & Ballybunion Road Listowel are complete.</p> <p>Footpath works on Ballybunion Road are ongoing Flood protection works at Ballylongford are complete.</p> <p>L-1025- Bunglasha - Road Restoration Works complete following ducting works associated with wind turbine development.</p> <p><i>Listowel Municipal District East</i></p> <p><u>Restoration Improvement</u></p> <p>Works are complete on the following roads</p> <p>L-1013- Tarmons East - Co.Bounds R-551 Ballymackessy to Glencullane R-551 Meelcon - Carhoona R-553- Ballintoher- Ballyhorgan L-1010- Quay Street to Lislughtin L-6010- Rusheen to Carrigafoyle</p> <p><u>Restoration Maintenance</u></p> <p>Works are complete on the following roads</p> <p>L-6111- Coolaneelig R-523- Shanacool to Boltons Cross L-1017- Bedford Cross L-1024- Six Crosses - Beheens</p> <p><i>Listowel Municipal District West</i></p> <p><u>Restoration Improvement</u></p> <p>Works are complete on the following roads</p> <p>L-1031 Buncarrig - Ballinorig L-6084 Ballinclemsig L-1034 Feans Cross - Lodge Cross L-1030 Kilmoyley Church - Snipefield</p>
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R-553- Ballyrehan - Garrynagore
L-10559- Laccamore

Restoration Maintenance

Works are complete on the following roads

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

Retro CIS

Listowel MD has received funding of €25,627 to carry out works on 3 roads in the MD

L-10032- Cockhill - Work complete
L-10098- Ballinclogher - Works complete
L-10096- Clashmealcon- Works complete

Medical Hardship LIS

Works are complete at the road in Cleanderry, Causeway for which funding was provided.

Housing

- **Update on Casual Vacancies**

Group Schemes

- **Ballyduff**
3 Bed 30 Benmore
Works underway
- **Causeway**
1 Bed 5 Cluain na nAishling
Works underway
2 Bed 8 St Martins Close
Works underway
- **Moyvane**
3 Bed 41 Woodgrove
Awaiting estimate approval
2 Bed 28 Woodgrove
Works to commence

Single Rural Dwellings

2 Bed Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw
Works underway, nearing completion
3 Bed Ballinclemisig Ballyheigue
Awaiting probate
3 Bed Lahesrough, Ballybunion
Awaiting estimate approval
3 Bed Bromore West, Ballybunion

	<p><i>Estimate to be prepared</i></p> <p><u>Listowel Town</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Bed Apt 1, Ballygologue rd <i>Works to Commence</i> • 2 Bed 11 Feale Drive <i>Works Underway</i> • 2 Bed 24 Feale Drive <i>Estimate to be Prepared</i> • 1 Bed 72 Feale Drive <i>Awaiting Estimate approval</i> • 1 Bed 76 Feale Drive <i>Works underway, nearing completion</i> • 3 Bed 7 Cluainin <i>Works to commence</i> • 2 Bed 10 Ashgrove <i>Works commenced</i> <p><u>Update on long term voids</u></p> <p><u>Group Schemes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Ballyduff</u> 3 Bed 11 Benmore <i>Awaiting estimate approval</i> <p><u>Single Rural Dwellings</u></p> <p>3 Bed Knockbrack Ardfert <i>Tender to be approved</i></p> <p>2 Bed Bawnmore Ardfert <i>Law Agents, trespass issue</i></p> <p>3 Bed Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw <i>Boundary issue</i></p> <p>2 Bed Ballinagearagh Lixnaw <i>With Housing Admin. For consideration</i></p> <p>3 Bed Boherroe Abbeydorney <i>Law Agents</i></p> <p>2 Bed Derry Listowel <i>Awaiting estimate approval</i></p> <p><u>Current non maintenance works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulation upgrade to 66no houses within Listowel Municipal Area commenced on 9th Nov and due for completion by 27th Nov. • Re-construction of chimneys on 4no houses recently completed. • Extension to Single rural dwelling at Lisnagoneeny, Ballyduff nearing completion • DPG adaptations recently completed in Gortnamisha, Finuge
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John G Sheehan
Senior Executive Engineer

Gerry Riordan
Senior Engineer

Cllr. M Kennelly commended Kerry County Council on the excellent work which has been carried out at Cleandries , Causeway.

(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. D Nolan: That Kerry County Council examine the sight lines and orientation of the crossroad in Kilflynn village as traffic from Abbeydorney and Lixnaw have little or no view when trying to exit through the cross.

Reply: Recent road lining works were undertaken at this junction. However as one approaches the centre village junction from the Glanballyma direction, sightlines to the north are compromised by a boundary wall.

Land acquisition and the accommodation works to rectify the situation are beyond the current financial resources of the Listowel Municipal District.

The project will be forwarded for consideration under the low cost safety measures programme which Kerry County Council promotes annually.

Cllr. D Nolan asked if the footpath and road markings could be orientated to a different angle.

Mr. M McEnery undertook to examine this matter.

2. Cllr. D Nolan: That Kerry County Council install lighting at Bolton's Cross on the N69 as at night time and in bad weather conditions visibility is extremely poor. This is a very busy junction from a National Road onto a densely populated rural area which is used as a route to Athea, Abbeyfeale and Knockanure.

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 issue has been examined, by the Operations SPC, 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 will need to be assessed as part of a Public Lighting Policy, which is currently in draft format, developed through the Operations SPC.

Due consideration will have to be given to the current demands on the Council to maintain existing public lighting infrastructure throughout the county, and the necessity to upgrade the current stock of public lights will have to receive priority for funding, before extra lights are considered.

3. Cllr. D Nolan: That Kerry County Council reinstate all road markings at the junction of Clieveragh Industrial Estate with the Ballylongford Road at Lower Clieveragh.

Reply: The works are complete.

4. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would include Bridge Street and Main Street Ballylongford in the Roads Programme for next year. These two streets have deteriorated considerably and would benefit from an overlay especially Bridge Street near the bridge and the bend near the Church entrance.

Reply: The current Roads Improvement Programme is determined up to and including the fiscal year 2016.

As Listowel Municipal District Operations has already undertaken some of the projects designated for 2016, it is likely that a new three year Roads Improvement Programme will be determined in advance.

This programme will be crafted in consultation with the elected members.

Prudent management dictates that priority should be given to those roads that serve a majority of the population and are most heavily trafficked.

The infrastructure in our towns and villages, which has not seen recent development should be considered a high priority and roads which have a strategic function should also be included.

Bridge Street & Well Street, Ballylongford would be considered a high priority by Listowel Municipal District engineering staff.

Road Maintenance Programmes are drawn up annually in consultation with the elected members.

5. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would come up with a solution to address the overgrowth and plant debris in the Ballyline river (Ballylongford) and its tributaries. Local farmers have informed me that the vegetation and debris is a contributory factor to flooding in Ballyline, Ballylongford.

Reply: Overgrowth on and plant debris in the Ballyline river is the responsibility of the riparian owners.

Cllr. L Purtill asked if Kerry County Council would consider making a small contribution towards this work.

Mr. G Riordan said that this vegetation is on private property.

6. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would carry out repair works to the Puleen road, Tarbert. This road is in a bad state of repair and needs urgent attention.

Reply: Repairs will be carried out to this road in the near future.

7. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would include the road at Banemore Upper in its Roads Programme for 2016-2019 as the road is in serious disrepair.

Reply: The current Roads Improvement Programme is determined up to and including the fiscal year 2016.

As Listowel Municipal District Operations has already undertaken some of the projects designated for 2016, it is likely that a new three year Roads Improvement Programme will be determined in advance.

This programme will be crafted in consultation with the elected members.

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Cllr. A Thornton supported the notice of motion and said that this road is in very poor condition.

8. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would carry out works to prevent water flowing off the road into the property at (Details with Directorate), Six Crosses, Listowel, as it is being flooded on a continual basis.

Reply: This location has been inspected and it is the intention of Kerry County Council to carry out works south of the property along the N-69 which will reduce the amount of surface run-off getting to this property.

9. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would carry out works at the forge in Causeway with a view to moving the pole and ditch as it is currently a serious danger to traffic.

Reply: We will liaise with the service provider to relocate the pole and support.

However relocation may mean moving the pole onto private property, which would have to be negotiated.

The cost of relocation would have to be borne by the local authority.

As yet I do not have a definitive costing, however one can infer that the cost will be such that we can not currently accommodate within our budget structures.

The project appears to be suitable for funding under the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund(CSMDOF).

10. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would repair the road leading up to (Details with Directorate), Bromore, Ballybunion.

Reply: Repairs will be carried out to this road in the near future.

11. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would cut the overgrowth at the roundabout at Cahirdown, Listowel.

Reply: Pruning will be undertaken to the plants on the roundabout in the coming weeks.
Cllr. J Brassil asked if an update is available on road works in the vicinity of this roundabout at Cahirdown.

Mr. M McEnery said that he anticipates that this work will proceed before the end of the year.

12. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would repair the road leading to the property of (Details with Directorate), Fortwilliam, Abbeydorney.

Reply: Repairs will be carried out to this road in the near future.

13. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would repair the road leading to Reenturk school, Kilcolgan, Tarbert. This road is used by farmers on a daily basis.

Reply: Repairs will be carried out to this road in the near future.

14. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would put “*Cattle Crossing*” signage in place near the home of (Details with Directorate), to warn road users to be alert to the danger as we approach the long dark evenings.

Reply: It is the policy of Kerry County Council, that the landowner pays to provide and erect the signs. The estimated cost per sign is ” 250 and once this has been paid Kerry County Council will order and subsequently erect the signage.

15. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council repair the footpath near the sewer and the green box (ESB) at Clogher Drive, Lixnaw.

Reply: This work will be undertaken in the near future.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed that this work would be carried out in the near future.

16. Cllr. R Beasley: That Gaora Bridge at Gortacrossane be dredged and cleaned as this area and homes in the area are being flooded when there is heavy rain. One family in particular had to be moved from their home in recent times by a local farmer on a tractor. (Details with Directorate), could not access or leave their homes due to the flooding.

Reply: The bridge at this location is a concrete structure of rectangular section. The stream or rivulet which transits the bridge has a deep section where it intersects the L1011.

The hydraulic gradient on the rivulet is gradual east, west and through the bridge.

Dredging Gaora Bridge will do nothing to increase the hydraulic gradient of the stream and as a consequence the quantity of water transmitted by the rivulet, and may have a negative effect of causing structural issues.

Cllr. R Beasley said that this road was impassable following the heavy rain in early September. Homes were flooded and families could not access or leave their properties.

Mr. M McEnery said that he would contact the Office of Public Works (OPW) to discuss this matter.

17. Cllr. R Beasley: That fencing along the Cliff Walk, Ballybunion be replaced in some parts as it is beginning to decay and in some places nails are rusting. This could cause a health and safety issue especially for young children walking at this location.

Reply: Kerry County Council undertook repair works to the fencing along the Cliff Walk earlier in the year.

The fence will be reassessed and further repairs will be carried out where required.

Cllr. R Beasley said that this area is frequented by visitors and local people and asked that repairs would be carried out to the sections of the fencing which are in poor condition.

Mr. M McEnery undertook to reassess the fencing at this location.

18. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council consider putting in a ramp at the entrance to the long beach near the Golf Course in Ballybunion to improve access to the beach where there is a right of way between the two golf courses at Ballyeigh which is used by tourists and local people.

Reply: While a public right of way exists at the location mentioned, it is not in the care of Kerry County Council and therefore the local authority can not expend finance on this project.

Cllr. R Beasley said that this access to the beach is used by many elderly people and is rough and stony. Also, people use this access to walk from the Golf Course to the town.

Ms. J McCarthy said that this matter would be examined further.

19. Cllr. D Nolan: That the section of the Dale Road at Toornanock Bridge be repaired to an acceptable standard for the safety of motorists, and if not that the section of road be closed due to health and safety risks.

Reply: This road is the R556 regional road from Tralee to Ballyduff.

The section of road from Ballinclogher Cross to Abbeydorney is built on a bog rampart, which has a number of undulations.

Minor repair works have been carried out over the past number of years, most recently in 2014 to the worst sections of the road.

A full road reconstruction is required to adequately improve the poor riding quality, and thus safety, of the carriageway.

A 2.5km section of the road, north of Ballinclogher Cross, was improved in 2009 under a Specific Improvement Grant, at a cost of approximately " 3 million.

Similar grant funding is required to address the 2.2km section of road south of Ballinclogher Cross.

The Specific Improvement Grant funding available to Kerry County Council for this scheme, was suspended in 2014.

A limited amount of funding was provided in 2014 and 2015 to complete outstanding projects, where construction works were on-going.

This project, i.e. the reconstruction of the roadway south of Ballinclogher Cross to Rathscannel, will require a specific funding mechanism, from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

Some safety works were undertaken in 2015, specifically the provision of extra warning signage and road-markings.

A report outlining the major road safety concerns and in particular to the difference of levels between the existing road and adjoining fields and a cost estimate was prepared and forwarded to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in February 2015.

The length of roadway requiring reconstruction is 2.2km. (Phase 2 - 1.55km and Phase 3 - 650m).

The estimated cost of undertaking the projected works is " 2.87million i.e. Phases 2 and 3.

The poorest section of this road is the southern most 650m i.e. Phase 3.

The preferred option for this section of road is to excavate out the entire bog rampart and construct the new carriageway, with a finished road level of 0.5 m approximately above the existing field and finished floor house levels.

This section of road will cost " 847,600.

To date Kerry County Council has not been allocated funding for this project.

Cllr. D Nolan said that this section of the road is in an unacceptable condition.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the notice of motion and commended Kerry County Council for the excellent work carried out on the section of the Dale Road which has been repaired.

Cllr. A Thornton moved notice of motion No. 40 at this stage. She said that there are serious health and safety concerns with regard to this road and asked that an update be prepared for the next meeting.

Mr. M McEnery undertook to examine this matter and provide an update for the next meeting as requested.

40. Cllr. A Thornton: That Kerry County Council again endeavour to make all and any applications for possible funding to address the Dale Road, Ballinclogher Lixnaw.

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To date Kerry County Council has not been allocated funding for this project.

20. Cllr. J Moloney: That public lighting be erected approaching The Writings in Dromin.

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 issue has been examined, by the Operations SPC, 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 will need to be assessed as part of a Public Lighting Policy, which is currently in draft format, developed through the Operations SPC.

Due consideration will have to be given the current demands on the Council to maintain existing public lighting infrastructure throughout the county, and the necessity to upgrade the current stock of public lights will have to receive priority for funding, before extra lights are considered.

Cllr. J Moloney referred to the final paragraph of the reply and said that he is concerned that new lights may not be provided until the current stock of public lights have been upgraded.

Mr. G Riordan said that the provision of additional public lighting will need to be assessed as part of a Public Lighting Policy.

21. Cllr. J Moloney: That Kerry County Council address the flooding issues outside (Details with Directorate), in Meen.

Reply: The location was visited during a period of high intensity rainfall. The drainage system on the eastern flank of the roadway was perfectly functional.

On the western side of the road, where the house is situated, there is a drain, within private lands, to the south of the dwelling and this was also found to be functional.

22. Cllr. J Moloney: For safety purposes that a light be erected at Boltons Cross, Listowel.

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.

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23. Cllr. J Moloney: Can the drain be extended on the left of the N69 before Boltons Cross on the Listowel side of the cross. ?

Reply: Works at this location cannot be considered, at present, pending the outcome of a legal proceedings, to which we will have to give due cognisance.

24. Cllr. J Moloney: That the watercourse be cleared between Curtins Cross and Guineys Cross Clounmacon.

Reply: There is no continuous drain between Curtins Cross and Guineys Cross.

The location was visited during a period of high intensity rainfall and many individual drainage systems appear to be perfectly functional.
At the northern extremity, of the area mentioned, some inlets could be opened to allow quicker drainage from the road surface.

25. Cllr. J Moloney: Can traffic calming measures be put in place to reduce the speed outside Asdee School?

Reply: Several measures are in place to reduce vehicular speed.
The school is located within a 50km/h zone in Asdee Village.
Advance signage and school flashing lights are in place at the locus.

Traffic travelling at a speed in excess of the speed limit is an issue for the Gardaí.

26. Cllr. J Moloney: That Kerry County Council address the issues with water and the fence in the back garden of (Details with Directorate).

Reply: Kerry County Council will erect a new boundary fence to the boundary of the back garden of no 42 Ballygologue Pk.
Kerry County Council is satisfied that there is no water leak or other water issue in the garden.

Cllr. J Moloney welcomed this response.

27. Cllr. J Moloney: That this Municipal District request that in the event of flooding that the pumps in Kerry County Council's possession be shared equally in the county.

Reply: There are a very limited number of portable pumps around the county as many of the storm pumps are fixed facilities associated with the larger Sewerage schemes. As part of interim measures ahead of the proposed Flood Study for Listowel north (Cliveragh area) we are sourcing a suitable mobile pump for the area at present. In the meantime a 4" pump is available on standby from the Tralee area if required.

28. Cllr. D Nolan: That Kerry County Council update as to the flooding report for the Clieveragh area

Reply: In the past month a study brief was issued to a number of Consulting Engineering firms who specialise in the area of flood risk management and analysis.
The closing date for submissions was Friday 13th November last.
The submissions are presently being assessed and it is hoped to be in a position to make a recommendation of appointment next week, when the submissions have been assessed.

The date on which a final report and recommendations will be submitted will form part of the submission analysis.

Cllr D Nolan requested that the report from the Consulting Engineers would issue to the members when available.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that he is aware of an elderly couple who have not been able to return to their home in the Clieveragh area since the flooding occurred.

29. Cllr. D Nolan: That Kerry County Council update as to flooding report for Ballybunion Rd/Teampaillin Ban area, as we approach the winter with higher risks of flooding

Reply: In the past month a study brief was issued to a number of Consulting Engineering firms who specialise in the area of flood risk management and analysis. The closing date for submissions was Friday 13th November last. The submissions are presently being assessed and it is hoped to be in a position to make a recommendation of appointment next week, when the submissions have been assessed. The date on which a final report and recommendations will be submitted will form part of the submission analysis.

30. Cllr. R Beasley: That inlets be opened along the Ballybunion . Asdee road at Doon East to help residents that were in danger of having their homes flooded during the heavy rain in September and many other occasions. Families would have been flooded were they not provided with sand bags by the Council. There is an ongoing problem at this location for many years and I hope that the Council will be able to give us a full report on same.

Reply: This work will be undertaken in the near future.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed this response. He thanked the staff of Kerry County Council for the rapid response with regard to the provision of sand bags when flooding occurred at this location.

31. Cllr. R Beasley: That the Council repair the road in Ballyduff/Causeway especially down by Kilmore, particularly after the rally that took place recently.

Reply: Repairs will be carried out to this road in the near future.

Mr. M McEnery said that the road is inspected by Kerry County Council before and after the rally takes place. If it is considered that damage has been caused to the road surface as a result of the rally the organisers are requested to provide funding for repairs to be carried out.

32. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out road marking on bridge street Ballylongford, most notably going around the locally known, Sullivan Bend.

Reply: The carriageway at this location is in very poor condition and it would not be appropriate to provide road markings on the current surface. As indicated in the reply to Notice of Motion 4, Kerry County Council will positively consider this road for inclusion in a future roads programme and, if included, road markings will be provided as part of the upgrade to the road.

Cllr. M Kennelly welcomed this response.

33. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out maintenance/ restoration works in 2016 on the road servicing Moyassa and Furhane as this road is in very poor condition for years.

Reply: The road in question is the L-6054. There are a number of sections of this road in poor condition due to the poor nature of the underlying ground.

The current Roads Improvement Programme is determined up to and including the fiscal year 2016.

As Listowel Municipal District Operations has already undertaken some of the projects designated for 2016, it is likely that a new three year Roads Improvement Programme will be determined in advance.

This programme will be crafted in consultation with the elected members.

Prudent management dictates that priority should be given to those roads that serve a majority of the population and are most heavily trafficked.

The infrastructure in our towns and villages, which has not seen recent development should be considered a high priority and roads which have a strategic function should also be included.

Road Maintenance Programmes are drawn up annually in consultation with the elected members.

34. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out immediate works to the underground culvert on the Kilbaha road Moyvane, where a portion of this road corroded into the stream underneath before and during the heavy floods of Sept 11th 2015, resulting in a danger to pedestrians and motorists and also causing flooding to residents in this area.

Reply: A segment of the existing drainage system of the roadway at Kilbaha North was compromised on the southern flank of the roadway.

The locus was made good and safe for vehicular transit.

Undertaking culvert reconstruction is very much dependant on finance becoming available.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that this section of road is currently in a very dangerous condition and asked for an estimate of the cost of the required works.

Mr. M McEnery said that there is no funding available for this type of work at present.

35. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out drainage and landscaping works in the Clieveragh park area of Listowel.

Reply: The provision of drainage works at the location will cost " 3,000.

Kerry County Council does not currently have funding available to undertake these works.

The project would be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

The landscaping is an issue which will have to be examined further and costed.

36. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council provide road signage on the N69 road in Listowel at the entrance to Gurtinard and also provide road marking in the estate of Gurtinard.

Reply: It is the intention of Kerry County Council to improve the road markings at this location in the Spring of 2016, weather dependant.

37. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out maintenance works on the road from Pouleen Cross to Elligotts Cross in Ballylongford as this road is in poor condition.

Reply: Repairs will be carried out to this road in the near future.

38. Cllr. A Thornton: That Kerry County Council consider the introduction of road safety measures outside the Brothers of Charity Respite Home in Cahirdown.

Reply: This Respite Home is located in Hollytree Drive, a 13 house cul-de-sac in the Cahirdown area.

The length of the roadway is 133m and consequently, as outlined in Kerry County Council's Policy on Traffic Calming, it does not meet the criteria for consideration and consequently does not qualify for traffic calming measures.

39. Cllr. A Thornton: That Kerry Council provide an update in relation to flooding on the lands of (Details with Directorate), where changes were made to his land at the time of the installation of wind turbines.

Reply: Upon inspection it appears that the pipe conveying water from the lands in question, to the outfall location, is in good condition and free from any blockages.

The open drain into which the pipe discharges is in privately owned land and this needs to be cleaned, to increase the flow volume through the pipe.

The greater flow volume will reduce the incidence of flooding.

However as stated the open drain is in private ownership and therefore it is a matter for the landowner to undertake the required works.

41. Cllr. A Thornton: Please confirm when works may be done at the home of (Details with Directorate).

Reply: These works are complete.

42. Cllr. A Thornton: That the Listowel Municipal District devise a plan in relation to Wild Atlantic Way roads.

Reply: Prior to the designation of the Wild Atlantic Way an assessment was carried out on the condition of the route, having regard to the targeted users of the route, and at the time was considered to be in a reasonably good condition.

Funding for improvement works on non-national roads, including in particular the route of the Wild Atlantic Way in north Kerry is provided by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, under a multi-annual roads programme.

The current Roads Improvement Programme is determined up to and including the fiscal year 2016.

As Listowel Municipal District Operations has already undertaken some of the projects designated for 2016, it is likely that a new 4 year Roads Improvement Programme will be determined in advance. The Council is currently awaiting a call from the Department on a submission for the next programme.

This programme will be crafted in consultation with the elected members.

Notwithstanding, the criteria that may be stipulated by the Department, our objectives to promote economic development, will also have to be considered in identifying routes for improvement works under this programme, including tourism routes such as the Wild Atlantic Way.

Prudent management dictates that priority should be given to those roads that serve a majority of the population, generate economic activity, have a strategic function and are most heavily trafficked.

Road Maintenance Programmes are drawn up annually in consultation with the elected members.

In 2015 Listowel Municipal District expended a sizable portion of the funding available to it on routes associated with the Wild Atlantic Way, including works on the R551 at Ballymackessy Cross - Glencullane Cross, Curraghderg, Meelcon . Carhoona, Ferry Bridge Ballyconry and on the L-1010 from Quay Street- Lislaughtin, the L-6010 from Rusheen- Carrigafoyle and on the L-1000 from Doon Cross . Beale, Barrack Cross, Ballybunion R551

Cllr. A Thornton said that she did not accept that the roads mentioned are in reasonably good condition. A number of roads on the Wild Atlantic Way route should be considered for upgrade works every year as part of the Roads Programme. The descent road from Kerry Head to Ballyheigue is in very poor condition.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the notice of motion and agreed that the roads on the Wild Atlantic Way (WAW) route are in need of major improvement work.

Cllr. J Brassil referred to an initiative to bring the host towns on the Wild Atlantic Way (WAW) together with a view to organising an advocacy group to lobby for the provision of services on the route in order to improve the experience of the Wild Atlantic Way for visitors.

Ms. J McCarthy acknowledged the importance of the Wild Atlantic Way for attracting tourism to the county. She referred to the launch of Ireland's Ancient East earlier this year by Failte Ireland and said that promoting the Wild Atlantic Way must be a priority for Kerry.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. J Brassil: Will Kerry County Council take measures to prevent further erosion at the cliffs in Ballyheigue below the Cliff Road and (Details with Directorate), where the situation is growing increasingly worse as each winter passes and no coastal erosion measures are put in place ?.

Reply: Kerry County Council primarily seeks funding from the Office of Public Works for coastal protection works in order to protect public infrastructure that is at risk.

Each year from 2009 - 2013 Kerry County Council has made applications to the OPW for funding of " 350,000 for coastal protection works in this area but no funding was approved.

Following the severe storm damage in early 2014 funding of " 500,000 for 280m of emergency coastal protection works was sought by Kerry County Council from the OPW but it was not granted.

Kerry County Council currently has no funding to carry out coastal protection works at Cliff Road, Ballyheigue but will endeavour to obtain funding for these works in the future.

It should also be noted that it is the responsibility of private landowners to carry out coastal protection works to protect their own private landholdings.

Cllr. J Brassil asked if a list of priority coastal protection works which had been prepared following the storm damage in 2014 is still available.

Mr. G Riordan undertook to revert to Cllr. Brassil regarding this matter.
Cllr. J Brassil said that he had raised this issue on numerous occasions as he is concerned that the structure of the cliff is being eroded further as each winter passes.

2. Cllr. J Moloney: Can an update be provided on the footpath on the Tarbert road which was raised at our last meeting ?

Reply: The length of footpath required is 215m, but to achieve some form of consistency a further 30m, closer the town will have to be reconstructed.

The construction of a footpath at this location will necessitate accommodation works.

The cost of a concrete footpath, without taking into consideration, drainage, accommodation works is " 39,600, the equivalent, with a bitmac finish and inner kerb is " 26,200.

Any footpath constructed here will have a major impact on surface water drainage and the necessary works will cost an extra " 4,200.

Accommodation works will cost " 2,900.

Permission will have to be sought from TII (*formerly the NRA*), in respect of the proposed works.

The Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund is the only source of finance and clarification has to be sought if monies from this fund can be spent on National Secondary routes.

Cllr. J Moloney asked that an update on this matter would be prepared for the next MD meeting.

Cllr. M Kennelly supported the notice of motion.

3. Cllr. J Moloney: Can the roundabout at the cinema in Listowel be repaired?

Reply: This work will be undertaken in the near future.

4. Cllr. J Moloney: What is the update on the flooding prevention plans in Listowel?

Reply: In the past month a study brief was issued to a number of Consulting Engineering firms who specialise in the area of flood risk management and analysis.

The closing date for submissions was Friday 13th November last.

The submissions are presently being assessed and it is hoped to be in a position to make a recommendation of appointment next week, when the submissions have been assessed.

The date on which a final report and recommendations will be submitted will form part of the submission analysis.

5. Cllr. J Moloney: Can the road L10052 Drombeag be included in the retro surfacing scheme next year ?

Reply: The road in question was upgraded through a Community Involvement Scheme in 2003.

The Retro CIS programme allows for roads which were upgraded under the Community Involvement Scheme to be surface dressed in order to maintain these roads to a satisfactory condition.

In the current year, the Listowel MD received funding of "25,627 which allowed improvement works to be carried out to three roads in the MD which had been previously upgraded through a CIS.

Should funding be made available for this programme in 2016, this particular road can be considered for inclusion in this scheme.

6. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council give a start date for works to be completed at the entrance to Lartigue Village Listowel?

Reply: The works will be completed prior to the holiday break in December 2015.

7. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council give a start date in Jan 2016 for when the William Street overlay and water works are to commence?

Reply: Design funding for this project was allocated in 2015.

The design phase has been accepted and approved.

No specific funding for the reconstruction of William Street in 2015, however it is understood that Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) considers this a high priority project and the likelihood is that finance will be available in 2016.

Water-main rehabilitation will have to take place prior to the commencement of the carriageway redevelopment.

Given that funding has not yet been confirmed and the necessity to undertake the water-main accommodation works, it is therefore unlikely that carriage reconstruction will commence in January 2016.

As soon as funding is confirmed, a tender process will commence immediately.

Ms. J McCarthy said that amendments were made to the scheme when it was presented to the members at the September meeting of the Listowel MD. The revised scheme will be forwarded to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) this week.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that the last meeting was held approximately seven weeks ago.

Mr. G Riordan said that there is a process involved in making amendments to a scheme. He hoped that funding would be confirmed that the tender process will commence very soon.

Cllr. M Kennelly asked that he be informed when the revised scheme is forwarded to TII.

Cllr. J Moloney said that he is concerned that the pipe laying will proceed and the road will be repaired and this will cause further delay to the commencement of the reconstruction works.

Ms. J McCarthy confirmed that the plan was that the pipe laying would not go ahead until the road reconstruction scheme is ready to commence.

8. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council give a start date for the overlay works on the N69 road entering Tarbert ?

Reply: Funding for this project was allocated in 2015.

A design and tender process was undertaken and a contractor has been appointed.

The reconstruction works are weather dependant and the likelihood is that works will commence early in the new year.

9. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council give a completion date for works to be done on the Clieveragh area (Details with Directorate).

Reply: No works are being undertaken at *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* however, we have committed to doing some environmental works on the Clieveragh Road.
These works will be completed prior to the holiday break in December 2015.

10. Cllr. A Thornton: Will Kerry County Council please confirm whether planned Insulation Works have commenced on local authority housing ?.

Reply: Insulation upgrade work to 66 houses commenced on Mon 10th November and will be complete on Friday 27th Nov.

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

(a) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council provide the same funding for Christmas festival lighting in 2015 as was previously provided in 2014 in Listowel.

Reply: Kerry County Council have arranged that the Christmas Festival lighting for Listowel town will be erected prior to Super Sunday which will be taking place in the town on Sunday Nov 29th.

Cllr. M Kennelly welcomed this response.

2. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council provide with me with a map of Council owned land in the Listowel Municipal District particularly in the Listowel town area.

Reply: Copies of a map was circulated as requested.

Cllr. A Thornton thanked Ms. J McCarthy for providing her with a map. She said that the traders in Listowel are concerned that the construction of social housing will take place on land owned by Kerry County Council in Listowel. Cllr. Thornton asked that the development of additional car parking space also be considered for these lands.

Ms. J McCarthy said that she has asked Ms. T Smith A/SEE National Road Design Office to attend the next Listowel MD meeting to reply to questions from the members.

Ms. J McCarthy encouraged the members to contact Ms. J Foley, Municipal District Officer should they have any issues of concern.

15.09.28.06. Date of next meeting

(a) It was agreed that the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel would be held in Áras an Phiarsaigh Listowel on Monday 25th January, 2016, at 9.30 am.

15.11.23.07 Correspondence

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

1.	Letter dated 22 October, 2015 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) regarding pavement conditions on the N69 in the vicinity of Listowel.
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15.11.23.08 Any Other Business

Response from Inland Fisheries

Ms. J McCarthy referred to a notice of motion from Cllr. D Nolan at the September meeting requesting that an area along the River Feale would be identified for fish stocking and the development of angling and advised that she had been in touch with Inland Fisheries and a commitment has been given that a representative will address the members at a future meeting.

Flashing Lights at the Square in Listowel

Mr. M McEnery referred to a discussion at a previous meeting regarding the lights at the pedestrian crossings in the square Listowel. He had referred this matter to Ms. T Smith A/SEE National Road Design Office who advised that consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) would be necessary for the system to be changed as a Safety Audit at the location would be required. It is considered that continuously flashing lights in this area would be confusing for drivers.

Ms. J McCarthy recalled from her tenure as Listowel Town Clerk that the system currently in place was the favoured option by the members of Listowel Town Council when the lights were installed.

Cllr. J Moloney said that in his opinion there is an issue with the timing of the lights.

Mr. G Riordan said the timing is determined by pedestrian footfall at the location..

Public Lighting in The Writings Estate Listowel

Cllr. M Kennelly expressed concern that that the residents of the The Writings Estate, Listowel have been informed that the public lighting in the estate will be switched off on 8th December if the outstanding charges are not paid.

Ms. J McCarthy said that Kerry County Council does not meet electricity charges for public lighting in housing estates unless the estate has been taken in charge.

Cllr. J Brassil said that the public lighting was switched off by the ESB at an estate in Ballyheigue last week. He was informed by the developer that no bills had been received and when he contacted the ESB they advised that they would not release details of the customer to whom the bill was forwarded.

Ms. J McCarthy asked why the residents have not made an application to Kerry County Council for the estate to be taken in charge.

Cllr. A Thornton said that Kerry County Council should consider writing to the ESB to request that they confirm that a bill has issued and to whom.

Mr. G Riordan said that this would not be appropriate as the estate has not been taken in charge by Kerry County Council. He said that a Bond can only be used for the provision of roads and services in a housing estate and can not be used for the payment of electricity charges.

Ms. J McCarthy undertook to refer this matter to Mr. D Murphy SEE

The meeting concluded at 11.50am.

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Cllr. J. Moloney

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