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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRALEE ON 25th JANUARY, 2016.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN 25 Eanáir, 2016

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

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

Apologies for absence received from 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. M Griffin	EE
Mr. M McEnery	EE
Mr. M Lynch	SEE
Ms. B Conway	AO
Ms. S Broderick	SO
Mr. O O'Shea	Media & Comm. Officer

The meeting commenced at 9.35am.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J Moloney took the Chair.

Mr. G O'Brien introduced Mr. Owen O'Shea the newly appointed Media & Communications Officer for Kerry County Council.
All the members welcomed Owen to Kerry County Council and wished him well in his new position.

Vote of Sympathy

Cathaoirleach J Moloney proposed a vote of sympathy to Cllr. Aoife Thornton and her family on the recent tragic death of her brother Roibeard.

Cllr. M Kennelly wished to be associated with the sentiments expressed by the Cathaoirleach and proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Cllr. Thornton and her family on behalf of the members.

Cllr. R Beasley on behalf of the Sinn Féin party extended his sympathy to Cllr. Thornton and her family on their great loss.

Cllr. L Purtill extended his sympathy to Cllr. Thornton and her family.

Ms. J McCarthy on behalf of management and staff of the Municipal District of Listowel extended her sympathy to Cllr. Thornton and her family and said that our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this very difficult time.

16.01.25.01 Confirmation of Minutes

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M Kennelly SECONDED by Cllr. R Beasley it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on the 23rd November, 2015 be confirmed.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. L Purtill SECONDED by Cllr. D Nolan it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting to consider and adopt a Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Listowel for 2016 held on 20th October 2015 be confirmed.

16.01.25.02 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. J Moloney: That this Council investigate the possibility of providing free Wi - Fi in key tourism areas in the district.

Reply: This is a Council Strategic Objective and has been included in the Council's Submission to the Department of Energy, Communications and Natural Resources National Broadband Strategy and will also form a key element of the Kerry County Tourism Strategy, 2016-2020. The Council, along with other state bodies, partnered with NetFeasa, the Dingle based mobile telecommunications company, in trailing free Wi Fi at four selected tourist locations during the summer of 2015 which proved to be great success. It is hoped to roll this out to the wider county, including sites in North Kerry, during 2016 subject to funding becoming available.

Cllr. J Moloney welcomed the response

Cllr. D Nolan SECONDED the notice of motion.

16.01.25.03 Water Services

(a) Mr. C Mangan 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. It is expected that a new CIP will be issued in 2016. The Schemes, listed in the current

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	The Tarbert and Ballylongford WWTPs have been being constructed as one contract by Response Engineering Ltd. The Tarbert Advance pipe-work Contract was completed in June 2013.
Ballylongford SS	The Tarbert and Ballylongford WWTPs have been being constructed as one contract by Response Engineering Ltd.

<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 was completed as advance worksqby KCC staff in 2015.	" 1,163,000	Site Investigation completed; to go to Tender in March 2016.

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

Irish Water has indicated that it will prioritize funding for capital projects, based on the key issues to be addressed.

In Water, priority is given to any Scheme to which a Boil Water Notice (BWN) applies, and to any Scheme on the EPA Remedial Action List (RAL) and/or on a legal Direction from the EPA.

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

IRISH WATER MINOR IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME

Irish Water has also launched a Minor Capital WorksqProgramme. 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	" 5,000	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	Replace 2,9Km of old / deficient C.I. pipes	" 278,000	Complete
CRWSS Cloonafineela	Provision of SCADA/Telemetry for reservoir and pumphouse	" 6,000	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	Underway
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	Replace 350M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 42,000	Almost Complete
Lahesherragh Pressure Management	Installation of PRVs etc	" 15,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Tieraclea Pk. Tarbert	Replace 250M old / deficient 3+PVC water mains	" 26,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 335M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 44,000	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	" 513,000	Approved
NKRWSS: William St. Listowel	Install 450M of 250MM water main	" 66,000	Approved
CRWSS: Kilflynn area	Replace Sluice Valves	" 23,000	Approved
CRWSS: Laccamore Abbeydorney	Replace 1.44KM old / deficient 125MM PVC main with 160MM pipe	" 158,000	Approved
Ardfert North WSS: Ballyheigue Pressure Management	Install Pressure Reducing Valves and Meters	" 7,000	Approved
Glenderry WS: Mains Replacement	Replace 750M of 50mm AC watermain	" 56,000	Approved

NKRWSS: Quay St Ballylongford	Replace 800M of 100mm Cast Iron with 150MM uPVC pipe	" 63,000	Submitted
NKRWSS: Tarbert - Mail Cross to Tarmons Reservoir	Replace 2,250M of 300mm Asbestos Cement pipe with uPVC	" 501,000	Submitted
NKRWSS: Tarbert Ferry Rd.	Replace 2,350M of 170mm A. C. pipe with 160MM uPVC	" 294,000	Submitted
Tieraclea Tarbert WSS . Steeple Road	Replace 2,350M of 170mm A.C. with 160MM uPVC	" 294,000	Submitted
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Marian Terrace	Replace 370M of 90mm C.I. with Lead services with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 54,000	Submitted
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Village	Replace 1,750M of 75mm C.I. and A.C. with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 236,000	Submitted
Ardfert North WSS . Tiershanaghan	Replace 3,400M of 50mm A.C. with 1,800M of 90MM and 1,600M of 63MM uPVC	" 304,000	Submitted
Ardfert North WSS . Church Rd Ballyheigue	Replace 590M of 200mm C.I. with Lead services with 1,600M of 160MM uPVC	" 62,000	Submitted
Ardfert North WSS . Marian Park Ballyheigue	Decommission 215M of C.I. mains	" 22,000	Submitted
Total ALLOCATED to-date		€2,058,000	

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 was allocated to Kerry County Council for the various measures under the Rural Water Programme in 2015.

The funding for 2016 is expected in March or April.

Takeover of Group Schemes

Since 1 January 2014, Irish Water has responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes. 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 funding has been approved for replacement work on the trunk watermain, which has been prone to bursts, on the R554 Ballyduff road south west of Lisselton Village. Work by direct labour is planned to commence in March. Funding has also been approved for pipe replacement at Laccamore Abbeydorney and that work will be done by contract this year. He referred to the Rural Water Programme and said that pipe replacement work would be going ahead this Spring near the Grotto on the road northwards from Causeway.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed that this work would be going ahead.

Cllr. R Beasley referred to the pipe laying which has been completed at Cleandries, Causeway and said that the road has not been reinstated to a satisfactory standard.

Mr. C Mangan advised that this matter should also be raised with the Operations, Health & Safety Directorate.

Cllr. D Nolan referred to outstanding payments to land owners for site investigation works carried out on their lands for the proposed capital project from Listowel to Tarbert. **Mr. Mangan** advised that they contact the Water Services Department's Capital office in Castleisland, or else contact **Colm Mangan** himself.

(b) Notice of Motion

Cllr. D. Nolan: That the odour emanating from below the surface at a particular location in Listowel Town Centre be investigated as a public health issue, as this problem is having a detrimental effect on businesses and tourism during the summer season in particular.

Reply: The Council has investigated this situation in recent years.

The deterioration of privately owned old earthenware 4+sewer connection pipes under buildings can result in the pipes becoming unsealed and thus causing odour problems in some such town centre locations.

Also, the lack of venting and / or access, on occasion caused by the extension of buildings over private sewer connection pipes to the public main, is not uncommon in these sites.

One business at this location relaid the internal sewer pipes and erected a vent stack, with success.

The erection of an external vent stack pipe on the sewer connection pipe to each of the side by side premises at this location, and also consideration of the replacement of internal sewers, is recommended.

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 Services Report

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

Library service:

“ One of the actions in the national Strategy for Libraries: Opportunities for All (2013-2017), is to ‘*enable free access to core services by 2017*’. In line with this, all library authorities, including Kerry, have **free library membership since 1 January 2016**.

In addition, in line with the introduction of the new national circulation Library Management System (LMS), **the fine levy on overdue books is to be standardised nationally at 5 cent per day, with a maximum charge of 30 cent per week** (a change from the current 10 cent per week). Kerry is due to link up with the national system in June 2016. However, in the day to day interaction with customers and with SMS text notifications, the emphasis is to get books returned on time, reduce the possibility of fines and thus increase the circulation of books.

“ The no. of **items borrowed** at Kerry's libraries during 2015 was **645,273**. While the final figure was down slightly (just 2,260 books less than in 2014), library usage county wide is quite strong. Tralee continues to be the busiest library with 155,573 items borrowed.

44,513 items were borrowed from Listowel library, a 5% decrease on the 2014 figure.

28,215 items were borrowed from Ballybunion library, a 6% increase on 2014.

The no. of individual **visits** to libraries was **464,450**, an increase of 6.6% on 2014.

	No. of items borrowed	% change
2014	647,533	
2015	645,273	- 0.3%

	No. of individual library visits	% change
2014	435,529	
2015	464,450	+ 6.6%

Housing Services Report

Business Unit Manager: Kathleen Moriarty SEO

Ms. B Conway briefed the members on the housing activity report.

Tenant Purchase Scheme

The Council was notified by DOECLG on 17th November of the enactment of the relevant legislation to introduce the new Tenant Purchase Scheme for existing local authority houses. The Scheme came into effect on 1 January 2016.

The new Scheme introduces significant changes to Tenant Purchase including discounts for purchasers linked to household income and a discount related charge on the property that reduces to nil over a period unless the house is re-sold or the purchaser fails to comply with conditions of sale. An information Leaflet on the New

Scheme is being compiled by the Housing Agency and this will be circulated to all tenants with other relevant documentation by the Housing Department in early February.

Housing Programme 2015 - 2017

The Council completed the purchase of **35 houses** by the end of December 2015 as part of the Housing Construction and Acquisition Programme 2015 . 2017. 10 of these houses were in the Listowel MD area. The target for purchase for 2016 is 40 houses and we continue to seek suitable houses for purchase in the County.

The Council made a total of **146 Council housing allocations in 2015**.

In addition, a further total of **231 contracts and allocations were secured through the RAS and Leasing Schemes during 2015** and we continue to seek suitable properties for lease.

We also continue to work closely with Voluntary Housing Bodies and a total of **40 housing units throughout the county were secured in 2015** for accommodating qualified housing applicants through the Voluntary Bodies.

Every effort continues to be made to advance the Housing Construction and Acquisition Programme and a full report will be provided to Members at the Special Housing Meeting in January.

Planned Maintenance Programmes

A specific house improvement programme was funded in Budget 2015. This enabled carrying out of housing improvements **to 90 Council Houses** across the 4 Municipal Districts. Works carried out include gas boiler replacements, range replacements, upgrading heating systems, chimney repairs.

The Council carried out **energy efficiency improvement works under this Programme in 2015 to 351 houses** across the 4 Municipal Districts, thus improving roof, wall and cavity insulation and the overall energy efficiency and fabric of Council houses.

Housing Grants

In 2015, the Council issued **396 grant allocations under the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Grant Schemes totalling €2.09 mn.**

Cllr. R Beasley referred to a tenant who has health issues and has refused an allocation of an apartment which is not suitable for her needs and said that she should be allocated alternative accommodation due to her health requirements.

Ms. B Conway said that on receipt of details she would discuss this matter further with Cllr. Beasley.

Cllr. R Beasley said that Ballybunion is very fortunate to have Respond housing in the town. Three people have been offered accommodation by Respond but the building has since been damaged by storms. He said that he had contacted Respond requesting that the works be carried out to allow the tenants to move in. While he acknowledged that Respond is waiting for insurance matters to be completed, the tenants are waiting for an unacceptable length of time. He asked that Kerry County Council would contact Respond with a view to progressing the required works.

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

Cllr. D Nolan thanked Ms. Conway for her update and said that she had received enquiries from people who had purchased their houses from Kerry County Council and were now moving on and wanted to know if the Council was interested in buying back the house.

Ms. B Conway said that Kerry County Council is actively pursuing all options regarding the purchase of houses.

Ms. J McCarthy asked that Cllr. D Nolan would discuss any specific cases with Ms. B Conway.

Cllr. J Brassil referred to vacant Single Rural Dwellings and said that approximately three have boundary issues. While he acknowledged that Kerry County Council is working towards resolving these issues, it is taking a considerable length of time. In his opinion when the Housing Department dealt with all matters in relation to housing these issues were dealt with faster.

Ms. B Conway said that the priority for the Housing Department is to reallocate properties as speedily as possible. While she acknowledged that there were historical issues in relation to a number of Single Rural Dwellings, she said they must go through a legal process.

Cllr. J Brassil said that there is a need to assign staff to this type of work with a view to expediting the reallocation of the houses.

Cllr. M Kennelly asked if Kerry County Council will be buying houses in Listowel in 2016.

Ms. B Conway said that Kerry County Council has a requirement to purchase 40 houses in 2016. Areas with a high waiting list would be a priority therefore, Listowel would be included as a priority area.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that a three bed semi-detached house was recently sold in Listowel for " 69,000.

Ms. B Conway said that while active consideration is given to all houses that are for sale, the Council's requirement for housing is determined by the applicants on the housing list and two bedroom houses are the highest requirement.

Ms. J McCarthy said that it would be the Council's policy traditionally that only houses of a very high standard are purchased to limit the risk of remedial works required after the purchase, which would have to be charged to Kerry County Council.

Social Housing Activity Report as at 18th January 2016 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			15	
New Tenancies Commenced			16	
Accommodation refusals			3	
<u>Social Houses</u>				
Vacant Group scheme properties within Municipal Area				
Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)			25	
Awaiting Allocation			9	
Construction Programme				
Single Rural Dwellings - Site Transfer Stage			0	
Single Rural Dwellings - under construction			1	
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		910	120	
New tenancies in 2015/2016		143	18	
Tenancies terminated in 2015/2016		51	9	
<u>Leasing</u>				
		<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A</u>	
Leased Properties			5	
Leases under negotiation			2	
<u>Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)</u>				
		<u>No.</u>	<u>"</u>	
Revised Allocation 2015/2016			2.014m	
New Grants Allocated 2015/2016		393	2.081m	
Total Commitment		167	0.914m	
Grants Paid		337	1.676m	

Environmental Protection Services Report January 2016

Business Unit Manager Mr. Liam Quinlan Senior Executive Officer

Dog/Litter warden patrols. Kerry County Council Dog and Litter Wardens will carry out further joint patrols along dog walking routes around Listowel area during January/February 2016, in an effort to raise awareness amongst dog owners of their responsibility to license and control their dogs and to clean up after them in public places.

Plastic recycling. In conjunction with the Southern Waste Region Planning Office a series of adverts is being run in January and features the recycling of Plastics.

Transition Kerry . An orchard consisting of 12 . 15 fruit trees will be planted in the Town Park in the next few weeks.

Annual Tidy Town meeting. This meeting is set to take place week commencing 7th March next.

Green schools. 60 Green Schools are renewing their Green flag with 9 new flags expected to be awarded in 2016.

Fire and Building Control Section.

Business Unit Manager: Michael Hession CFO

Fire Brigade Operations:

Operations Statistics:

Fire Service Operations	2014	2015
Total Incidents	1,016	1,109
Total Mobilisations	1,136	1,255
Number of Fires	465	595
Of which: Chimney Fires	144	141
Gorse	104	223
Number of Special Service Incidents	364	327
Of which: Road Traffic Accidents	160	120

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 carried out during performance inspections at a number of premises in the county.

Building Control:

Building Control Statistics 2015

<i>Building Control</i>	2014	2015
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	129	137
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	71	92
Commencement Notices Received	343	339

Community Services Report

Business Unit Manager: Brian Looney, SEO

Community Dept Report (Community Elements) – January 2016.

Local Economic & Community Plan.

Following on from extensive socio economic research and consultation, the draft Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan has been developed. There are 3 themes of Economic development, Social Inclusion and Quality of Life. Draft actions for the economic elements were considered and approved at the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC on 19 November. The community elements were considered and approved at the Kerry LCDC at its November meeting. The draft document has now been sent to the key stakeholders for comment for return by 29th January 2015. 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 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 were approved at the November LCDC meeting and it is anticipated that the delivery of services under this programme will commence in February/March 2016.

Community Support Fund

Files are currently being finalised for the Community Support Fund 2015. The majority of the files have now been processed and those outstanding are being followed up with a view to finalising them by mid January. There are lessons from the administration of the Fund and a full review will take place in January.

Comhairle na nÓg

Kerry Comhairle na nÓg Workplan for 2016 has been submitted to the Department for approval. The change for 2016 involves the expansion of the work programme into all 4 Municipal Districts. The aim of this is to encourage county wide participation and to increase the influence of Comhairle na nÓg at a Municipal District level.

The Kerry Comhairle na nÓg will be attending the European Youth Event in Strasbourg in May.

Kerry PPN

The PPN is the main link through which the Council connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors. The main work of the Secretariat during the second half of 2015 has been to consider the most appropriate communication methods for the PPN. The work programme is extensive and includes the Register of Community & Voluntary Groups and the Website development. The tender for the website has now been developed and sent to prospective companies.

In addition to this the Secretariat has been heavily involved in the development of the LECP.

Arts Office:

~ Arts Act Grants and Bursaries are open for applications. The total sum available is " 29,000 approx. The closing date is Wednesday 17th February.

~ Upcoming Arts Events: Féile Feabhra, Lixnaw 6-7 February; Causeway Comhaltas Feis, Causeway 21 February

~ Kerry 2016 events . website at www.kerry2016.ie. Printed programmes are available at Listowel and Ballybunion library. Key events in Listowel MD: O'Rahilly commemorative weekend at Ballylongford on the 30th April and at Listowel Writersq Week (see below)

~ Kerry 2016: Listowel WritersqWeek is in receipt of additional " 7,000 from Kerry County Council to fund a commemorative event for 1916 at Listowel WritersqWeek.

~ Kerry 2016: Other 2016 events in Listowel MD funded to a total of " 5,800

Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership (KRSP)

- Strategic Plan 2016 - 2021: Following extensive consultation the board is at the final stages of the strategic and operational plan, which is due to be submitted to Sport Ireland (formally Irish Sports Council) for sign off end January. It is envisaged the plan will be launched early March.
- Funding: Application was submitted to Sport Ireland for 2016, which is pending.
- Education & Training Calendar : Calendar of courses agreed for 2016
- MD Specific Update:
 - Mass Participation Initiative/Running
 - Listowel parkrun . following success of Tralee parkrun, there has been initial interest expressed to expanding the initiative to Listowel . very early planning stage.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. L. Purtill: That Kerry County Council would lay chips on a small portion of a pathway to the graves opposite the entrance to Lislaughtin graveyard, as the (Details

with Directorate) cannot access their graves due to water ponding on this pathway.

Reply: The area of ground referred to as a pathway alongside the (Details with Directorate) is also a Grave. It would not be appropriate for Kerry County Council to lay chips here.

Ms. J McCarthy said that Ms. J Foley MD would discuss this matter further with Cllr. Beasley.

2. Cllr. R Beasley: That immediate action be taken for the making safe of loose stones on the monument in Ballydonoghue churchyard which is a health and safety issue in relation to headstones being damaged from falling masonry.

Reply: A crack in the masonry of the remnants of the church is visible from the upper reaches of the church tower to the windowed archway on the floor below. It does not extend beyond this.

Loughane Church is a on the National Inventory of Archaeological Sites, Reg No. 21300501, Value Code: R and ID KE 00346.

Direction and advice is being sought on the matter.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed this reply.

3. Cllr. R Beasley: That Saint John's Churchyard in Ballybunion be examined as extreme amounts of surface water have been pouring down the east side of Saint John's Church and into the flood drains on Church Road, Ballybunion.

Reply: An Engineer from Kerry County Council has visited St. John's Burial Ground, Ballybunion, and observed this surface water problem. Remedial action will be taken to solve this issue in the next few months.

Cllr. R Beasley said that this location was in a very bad state due to surface water in December 2015. Remedial action needs to be taken to resolve this problem.

4. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would liaise with (Details with Directorate) to find a suitable, secure long term accommodation for (Details with Directorate) in Ballybunion.

Reply: This person is a qualified housing applicant and will be considered for any suitable vacancies which arise or for any alternative social housing options which may be appropriate

Cllr. J Brassil acknowledged this reply.

5. Cllr. R Beasley: When will work commence on the toilets on the Ladies Beach Ballybunion and that extra cubicles are put in at the ladies section. That the outlets from the toilets and wash basins be examined as they often back up in busy times as a result of sand been brought in on children's feet.

Reply: Work commenced on the refurbishment of the toilets at Ladies Beach on the 18th January 2016. This work should be complete by the 26th February 2016.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed this reply.

6. Cllr. R Beasley: That all the preliminary works would be carried out on the toilets in the Castlegreen, so that works will be ready to be carried out in September when the season finishes.

Reply: The design is nearing completion and we intend to consult with the various stakeholders as soon as possible.

Cllr. R Beasley acknowledged this reply.

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.

<p>Listowel Municipal District Operations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Roads</u></p> <p>Roads staff carrying out assessment of all roads infrastructure, particularly bridges and culverts following the adverse weather in December 2015. Funding applications submitted (details given at special Listowel MD meeting on Flood damage)</p> <p><i>Listowel Municipal District East</i></p> <p>Footpath works on Ballybunion Road are complete</p> <p>Works ongoing in a number of locations throughout the area in relation to repair and drainage of roads which were damaged following the heavy rainfall throughout December.</p> <p><u>Restoration Improvement</u> All 2015 works are complete</p> <p><u>Restoration Maintenance</u> All 2015 works are complete</p> <p><i>Listowel Municipal District West</i> <i>Trench restoration works in Ballyduff village after watermain works are complete</i></p> <p><u>Restoration Improvement</u> All 2015 works are complete</p> <p><u>Restoration Maintenance</u> All 2015 works are complete</p> <p><u>Retro CIS</u> Listowel MD received funding of " 25,627 to carry out works on 3 roads in the MD Works complete</p>
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Housing

• **Update on Casual Vacancies**

Group Schemes

- **Abbeydorney**
2 Bed 28 Riverside Close
Awaiting estimate
- **Ballyheigue**
1 bed 44 Marian Park
Awaiting estimate
- **Ballyduff**
3 Bed 30 Benmore
Works underway
2 Bed 8 Benmore
Awaiting estimate
- **Causeway**
1 Bed 5 Cluain na nAishling
Works complete
2 Bed 8 St Martins Close
Works complete
- **Moyvane**
3 Bed 41 Woodgrove
Works underway
2 Bed 28 Woodgrove
Works complete

Single Rural Dwellings

- 2 Bed Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw
House/Works complete. Boundary to be finalised
- 3 Bed Ballinclemisig Ballyheigue
Awaiting probate
- 3 Bed Bromore West, Ballybunion
Estimate to be prepared/substantial works required

Listowel Town

- 1 Bed Apt 1, Ballygologue rd
Works underway
- 2 Bed 11 Feale Drive
Works underway
- 2 Bed 24 Feale Drive
Works to commence
- 1 Bed 72 Feale Drive
Works underway
- 1 Bed 76 Feale Drive
Works complete
- 3 Bed 7 Cluainin
Works to commence
- 2 Bed 86 O Connells Ave
Awaiting estimate
- 2 Bed 10 Ashgrove

	<p><i>Works ongoing</i></p> <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/tender 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/major costs</i></p> <p><u>Current non maintenance works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insulation upgrade complete to 72 no houses within Listowel Municipal Area. • Re-construction of chimneys on 4no houses recently completed. • Extension to Single rural dwelling at Lisnagoneeny, Ballyduff completed • DPG adaptations currently recently completed in 2 single rural dwellings <p><u>Planned Maintenance</u></p> <p>15 stoves and 3 no ranges have recently been installed to replace Un-repairable ranges.</p>
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(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. R Beasley: That drainage works be carried out outside the home of (Details with Directorate) Knockalucka, Duagh.

Reply: There is an existing drainage channel in place outside the said property to take water from the roadway across the front of the property. This drainage channel is considered adequate.

Cllr. R Beasley said that he was not happy with this response.

2. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council examine the Japanese Knotweed at Lahardane, Ballybunion.

Reply: The location of the Japanese knotweed has been noted and will be recorded. It is unfortunate that the plants were cut, with the trimmings lying across a water course, which will cause this pernicious weed to be spread further.

Cllr. R Beasley said that it is unfortunate that the trimmings of the Japanese knotweed at this location were lying across a water course. There should be increased public awareness regarding the issues surrounding the spread of this weed.

Cllr. J Moloney said that warning signage regarding Japanese knotweed has been erected in Listowel.

Cllr. R Beasley asked that similar signage be erected at this location.

Mr. G Riordan said that information packages regarding Japanese knotweed are included when hedge cutting notices are being forwarded to landowners.

Ms. J McCarthy said that a spraying programme is in place for National Roads.

3. Cllr. L. Purtill: As a result of recent heavy rain, storm water has flowed in the back entrances of (Details with Directorate) causing minor damage to the properties. This has also occurred in the past. I would ask Kerry County Council to address this problem as soon as possible.

Reply: There is an existing drainage channel in place outside the said property to take water from the roadway across the front of the property. This drainage channel is considered adequate.

Cllr. L. Purtill said that all three houses have been flooded and asked that an engineer from Kerry County Council would meet with the property owners.

Ms. J McCarthy said that this would be arranged.

4. Cllr. L. Purtill: That Kerry County Council would address the dreadful state of the road outside (Details with Directorate) on the low road from Ballylongford to Tarbert. This road has been the subject of an article in the local newspaper.

Reply: The road which is referred to here is the L 1010 from Ballylongford (North) to Tarbert (East).

A Councillor's request was made to include this roadway in the Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2016-2018 and thus the project has been costed and will be considered for inclusion in this programme.

The particular section of the roadway is in need of resurfacing in order to bring it to an acceptable standard.

There is a separate issue at this location relating to dirt on the roadway from cattle crossing the road and the Roads Enforcement Officer is dealing with the relevant landowner. He has issued instructions regularly, regarding keeping the road clean, and these instructions have been complied with. The farmer in question has no alternative, but to cross the public road to access his land, but is aware of his obligations to keep the road clean.

Cllr. L. Purtill said that this road is in very bad condition and remedial action should be taken as soon as possible.

5. Cllr. L. Purtill: That Kerry County Council would carry out immediate repair works on the Puleen road Tarbert. This road is in a bad state of repair and deteriorating rapidly.

Reply: The road which is referred to here consists of two (2) road segments the L 6017 and L 6018 stretching from the L 1010 (Ballylongford to Tarbert Coast Road) to the R 551, Ballylongford to Tarbert Road.

A Councillor's request was made to include this roadway in the Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2016-2018 and thus the project has been costed and will be considered for inclusion in this programme.

In the interim repairs will be undertaken to the roadway in the near future.

6. Cllr. L. Purtill: That Kerry County Council would carry out repair works on the road at Kiilpadogue on the Ballylongford side of Tarbert Comprehensive School.

Reply: The road which is referred to here is the L 1010 from Ballylongford (North) to Tarbert (East).

A Councillor's request was made to include this roadway in the Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2016-2018 and thus the project has been costed and will be considered for inclusion in this programme.

The particular section of the roadway is in need of resurfacing in order to bring it to an acceptable standard.

In the interim repairs will be undertaken to the roadway in the near future.

7. Cllr. L. Purtill: That Kerry County Council would address a drainage issue at Ballinclemsig Ballyheigue near the home of (Details with Directorate). This was promised to be done when the road was being tarmacked. Several requests have been made to have this work undertaken since the road was repaired.

Reply: The road in question is a private road, not in the care of Kerry County Council.

It was resurfaced under a Local Improvement Scheme in 2006.

Kerry County Council do not undertake works on roads not in the care of the local authority, other than the mentioned scheme.

8. Cllr. R Beasley: That action be taken in relation to flooding from land west of Ballyduff which is coming into the village and has flooded one pub on at least three occasions in the month of December, as a result of water getting into the sewerage system.

Reply: This problem relates to surface water ponding in private lands finding its way to these properties.

The housing estate of Benmore Heights is particularly affected.

In general terms this is a civil issue, however as the said storm water is accessing the sewage system the matter will be referred to Irish Water to see if they have a role here.

Cllr. R Beasley said that the pub referred to in the notice of motion was forced to close on three occasions due to water getting into the sewerage system. While he acknowledged that this is a civil matter he said that there is an onus on Kerry County Council to address the issue regarding the sewerage system.

Cllr. J Brassil supported the notice of motion and said that a number of properties adjacent to the pub almost got flooded. He said that he been informed that the

main sewer pipe may be blocked as there is a noise coming from the manhole that suggests that that a blockage is possible. He asked that this be investigated further.

Mr. J Sheehan said that Water Services has been briefed on this matter and will investigate with a view to finding a solution.

Cllr. R Beasley asked that a report on this issue from Water Services be available for the next MD meeting.

Ms. J McCarthy said that a report would be prepared as requested.

9. Cllr. D Nolan: That the flood risk to the property of (Details with Directorate) be investigated and possible solutions put forward.

Reply: The property in question has a dished concrete hardstand/channel adjacent to the L 1021.

It contains a domestic type gulley trap, the pipe of which exits to the south of the property. This type of gulley trap is probably unsuitable for this location and the volume of surface water presented to it.

This gulley appears not to be functioning at present.

This is a private issue and should be resolved by the property owner.

Directly north of the property a gullet has been opened to a watercourse from the L 1021.

10. Cllr. D Nolan: That the flood risk to the property of (Details with Directorate) be investigated and possible solutions put forward.

Reply: Kerry County Council will be installing a pipe adjacent to the said property in the near future to help alleviate the drainage issue at this location.

11. Cllr. D Nolan: That the footpath opposite Brosnan's corner in Moyvane be continued along the narrow stretch to Main Street.

Reply: We have consulted with Moyvane Development Association on this issue, as this was a request which they had proposed to enhance the village.

The road width at the location does not allow for a footpath to be continued and widened without affecting the traffic flow at the locus.

If the works were to be undertaken, the available road width would not allow for two way traffic and consequently this segment of road would only be sufficient for unidirectional flow with a regulated junction at the Main St interface.

12. Cllr. D Nolan: That the footpath approaching Brosnan's Pub from the old Garda Barracks in Moyvane be repaired.

Reply: A segment of this footpath, which lies to the North of the

L 1015, would benefit from reconstruction and re-alignment, in particular the segment approaching Ó Brosnacháin's Pub extending to Main Street.

This would have the effect of presenting incoming traffic at an improved angle to Main Street.

Some services would need to be relocated and the cost of the works are " 8,100.

The project is suitable for Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund contribution.

Funding from the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund was allocated as follows:

Cllr. J Moloney - €1,500, Cllr. R Beasley - €1,500, Cllr. L Purtill - €1,000, Cllr. M Kennelly - €1,000, Cllr. J Brassil - €1,000. Cllr. D Nolan said that she will allocate the balance.

13. Cllr. D Nolan: That the rivers Galey and Feale and their tributaries be cleared of overgrowth and dredged where necessary as a matter of urgency.

Reply: Kerry County Council is not responsible for the clearance of overgrowth on the said rivers and their tributaries.

Responsibility for clearing overgrowth lies with riparian owners.

The OPW can be contacted to make them aware of the request to dredge the channels.

Cllr. D Nolan asked that Kerry County Council would contact the OPW and said that there is a huge amount of vegetation and overgrowth in the middle of the river Galey.

14. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would investigate with a view to carrying out works to alleviate the issue of flooding at the property of (Details with Directorate)

Reply: A complaint was received about flooding of this property.

When contacted the complainant indicated that a neighbour to the West had drained an area known locally as the bog and this was allowing a greater volume of water to reach his property in a shorter period of time during heavy rainfall.

He indicated that he was of the belief that there was a 'cross road' drainage system at the junction of the coast road (L-1032) and the L-10097, directly West of his property, whence the flow was coming, and Kerry Council undertook to check this out and to make it functional if it existed.

On further enquiry a neighbour was of the opinion that this system did not exist.

There are two (2) large diameter 'cross road' pipes situated to the east of the affected property, which take storm water from the complainant's property and they appeared functional and capable of taking the volume of surface water presented. Again Kerry County Council undertook that these pipes would be investigated further and made good, if any defect existed.

The location was again visited at a period when it had been dry for a while, yet there was an unwarranted volume of 'run off' retained in the drains of the second next property West of the complainant's house.

From this preliminary examination it would appear that there is a problem in the private drainage system on the northern flank of the complainant's property or that of his immediate neighbour to the west.

We informed the complainant these systems should be checked by himself and his neighbour in tandem with Kerry County Council's investigations.

In particular a corrugated metal arrangement on the northern flank of the complainant's property would warrant looking into.

Kerry County Council will investigate the 'cross road' drainage system for which it has responsibility, i.e. at the location of the two large diameter pipes. We will also check the

'junction area' for the possibility of a cross road culvert or pipe and if one exists we will ensure that it is functional.

In the interim the complainant has been informed that it would be in his interest to check his own drainage system on the northern flank of his own property, as there is a high probability that the problem may lie there.

Kerry County Council will complete its commitment in the coming weeks.
There are no road drainage issues at or near the locus.

Cllr. J Brassil thanked Mr. J Sheehan for the very comprehensive reply .

15. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would liaise with the landowners at Caheruck, Kilmorna, Listowel to ensure that the waterways of the River Feale most especially at Moanbenagh Bog are kept clear to prevent future flooding to properties in the area.

Reply: Kerry County Council is not responsible for the clearance of overgrowth on the said river.

Responsibility for clearing overgrowth lies with riparian owners.

However, the Roads Enforcement Officer has been in telephone contact with the relevant local landowner in Caheruck regarding this matter, and will arrange to visit in next 2 weeks, to access and advise.

Cllr. J Brassil said that he was happy with this reply.

16. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would request the OPW to carry out drainage works at the property of (Details with Directorate). Works have been carried out in the past by the OPW and the area now needs work again.

Reply: Kerry County Council will contact the OPW in relation to this matter.

Cllr. J Brassil said that in his opinion the maintenance of drains should be the responsibility of the Local Authority, if the funding was available. He referred to the recent severe weather conditions and said that water courses will have to be cleared or flooding problems will get worse.

17. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would carry out drainage works outside the property of (Details with Directorate) to alleviate ongoing flooding at the site.

Reply: In order to alleviate the flooding issue at this location it will be necessary to install a drain across the public road adjacent to the said property.

The cost of this work is " 3,500.

The project is suitable for Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund allocation.

Cllr. J Brassil said that he would allocate the €3,500 required for this work.

18. Cllr. J Brassil: That Kerry County Council would investigate with a view to carrying out works to prevent further flooding at the property of (Details with Directorate).

Reply: The location in question is situated on the northern flank of the carriageway on the R553 (Ballybunion . Listowel Road), extending east of Ahafoona Cross for a distance of 120m.

The problem arises due to the fact that the owners of properties flanking the road have constructed hard stand areas at a higher level to the contiguous roadway, with the result that surface water is lodging at the roadside, inevitably causing a rutted surface at the locations.

To alleviate the flooding would require the construction of a concrete ditched channel with two gulley traps.

The cost of undertaking this work is " 5,700 which would be suitable for funding through a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund allocation.

Funding from the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund was allocated as follows:

Cllr. R Beasley €1,000, Cllr. D Nolan €500, Cllr. L Purtill €500, Cllr. J Moloney €1,000, Cllr. M Kennelly €1,000. Cllr. J Brassil will allocate the balance.

19. Cllr. J Brassil: That the Derelict Sites Officer would deal with the problem of flooding at the property adjacent to (Details with Directorate) as the flooding is now impacting on the neighbours properties.

Reply: Having investigated the location, it is our opinion that the root cause of the flooding of the property of the named individuals emanated from lands to the rear and a solution was advised. A further complication may exist due to inadequate sized drainage pipes fronting the property.

20. Cllr. D Nolan: That signage be erected for Glin, Athea and Moyvane at the County Bounds in the area of Glenalappa-Aughrim, Moyvane.

Reply: Finger post signage can be erected at this location, the cost of which would be " 1,500 which would be suitable for funding through a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund allocation.

Cllr. D Nolan said that she would allocate €1,500 from her Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund allocation for this work.

21. Cllr. D Nolan: That the road between Dore's Cross and the N69 through Clounprohus be repaired.

Reply: The road which is referred to here is the L 6031 from the Tarbert Road N69 to the L 1017.

No Councillor's request was made to include this roadway in the Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2016-2018. This road will be added to the repair list and repair works will be carried out as soon as is practically possible.

Cllr. D Nolan asked that the centre section of this road be maintained.

22. Cllr. J Moloney: Can road safety measures be put in place at the junction of the Steeple Road and the N69 in Tarbert?

Reply: The junction is currently marked with a ~~Stop~~line and ~~Stop~~sign as well as advance warning signs on the N-69 and on the Steeple Road itself so all necessary signage for this junction is in place.

Road makings on the N-69 in the vicinity of this junction are in poor condition due to the uneven road surface.

Road improvement works on the N-69 in Tarbert are due to commence in Q1 of 2016 from near the junction of Steeple Road through the village of Tarbert itself.

On completion of these works the junction can be reviewed in terms of the road-markings on the N-69, possibly with a view to providing a continuous centre white line in the vicinity of the junction to prevent overtaking.

Cllr. J Moloney said that the issue is with regard to vehicles overtaking after leaving Tarbert and heading towards the county bounds.

23. Cllr. J Moloney: That this Council contact TII regarding the inadequate funding received for William St. Listowel.

Reply: Kerry County Council made contact with TII on 12th January, seeking a significant increase in the allocated funding in order to carry out Improvement Works to William Street.

No additional funding has been received to date.

Cllr. J Moloney said that the funding allocation of €100,000 by TII is an insult to Listowel.

Ms. J McCarthy said that she has discussed the funding allocation with Mr. D Doyle A/SE Operations Health & Safety who has been in contact with TII in the past week and there has been no change to the allocation.

Cllr. J Moloney said that he is concerned that if the €100,000 is accepted that a section of the pavement will be improved and the remainder will be dependant on additional funding being allocated by TII and this may take years.

Cllr. R Beasley acknowledged Cllr. Moloney's concerns and said that the condition of William Street is so poor that he would be ashamed to meet visitors to Listowel at this location. He referred to the road network in North Kerry and said that as many roads are built on bog rampart they are in very poor condition and falling apart in many cases. He said that approximately half a billion euro is needed to address the condition of the roads in North Kerry.

Cllr. D Nolan said that she was very disappointed with the funding allocation for a national route in the capital town in the Listowel Municipal District. All the preparatory planning has been put in place and it is very disappointing that adequate funding for the project has not been made available.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that he has raised this matter at every meeting since being elected to Kerry County Council. He acknowledged that the funding allocation of €100,000 is not enough but it should be accepted. He said that he raised this issue at his first meeting in July 2014 and it is now 2016 and only €100,000 has been allocated. He said that in his opinion only pavement overlay is required on William St.

Ms. J McCarthy said that there were no unnecessary delays and advised that it was necessary to provide a public consultation period to allow the public to make suggestions on the proposed plan for William St. The scheme was then adopted and the revised plan was sent back to TII for consideration. She said that the overlaying of the pavement only would be a serious waste of money.

Mr. G Riordan said that initially funding was received for the design of the scheme. A water pipe laying scheme will now go ahead. The road will then be assessed and the €100,000 can be spent on the reinstatement of that section of the road.

Cllr. J Moloney said that he was concerned that the condition of the road will deteriorate further.

Cllr. R Beasley said that Writers Week will take place in Listowel in June and the condition of William St is a huge issue when it comes to attracting tourism to Listowel

Ms. J McCarthy said that the Director of Operations and the Senior Engineer are making every effort to have the funding allocation increased.

Cllr. J Brassil said that Kerry County Council is way beyond breaking point at a resource level and too much work is being put on individuals. The Roads Programme will be starting shortly and the damage caused by the flooding in December 2015 has resulted in a huge workload in maintenance and resources are reduced due to the embargo on recruitment and retirements.

Cllr J Brassil complimented Mr. J Sheehan and Mr. M McEnery on the work they are doing. He said that additional staff are needed in the Listowel MD in particular as it has the largest area of roads in the county.

Ms. J McCarthy said that this matter was raised at the Special Meeting of the members of the Listowel MD on 11th January. It is a countywide issue and unfortunately grants being received are not at a level that would allow for an increase in staff numbers.

With regard to the improvement scheme for William St. she said that this is as disappointing for management and staff as it is for the members and assured them that Kerry County Council would continue to make submissions to TII regarding the need for increased funding.

24. Cllr. J Moloney: That drainage works be carried out to relieve the standing water around the bends at (Details with Directorate).

Reply: Kerry County Council undertook drainage works in this location in late December 2015 to help alleviate surface water which was lodging in this area. The works undertaken have improved the situation.

25. Cllr. J Moloney: What is the up to date position on the free set down areas in Listowel that were promised last year?

Reply: In 2015, Listowel Municipal District undertook to trial a number of set down areas

The Listowel Municipal Engineer did not undertake the works as it was envisaged that finance for William Street would become available to undertake works in Q4, which would necessitate large scale disruptive traffic management arrangements, necessary for the health and safety of the public and workers alike.

It was felt appropriate that the works on William Street and the necessary re-routing of traffic, with attendant road signage and markings, should be completed prior to the laying out of the set down areas

Regardless of the work now pending for William St., we will undertake to place two Set-Down areas on Church St. in Q1 2016, with the William St. Set-Down to proceed in conjunction with the Resurfacing.

26. Cllr. J Moloney: What is the time frame of repairs on the Millennium Arch?

Reply: Kerry County Council has appointed a contractor who is currently carrying out preliminary works off site.

It is expected that the works to the Millennium Arch will be complete by the end of March 2016.

27. Cllr. J Moloney: That drainage works be carried out outside (Details with Directorate).

Reply: Drainage works outside the named property will cost " 3,000 and project is suitable for funding through a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund allocation.

It was agreed that Cllrs J Moloney and J Brassill would each allocate €1,500 towards this project.

28. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council would consider putting in 30 yards of 6 inch corrie piping between (Details with Directorate). At present there are a number of cones put in by Kerry County Council staff to ensure that no vehicle drives into the location.

Reply: Having inspected the area, the solution which you are proposing does not seem appropriate.

However we will undertake ~~upstream~~ and ~~downstream~~ clearance of the concrete pipe at the location to help alleviate the problem.

29. Cllr. J Brassil: Can Kerry County Council request an update from the OPW as to whether or not they intend to carry out works at Ragoonagh, Ballybunion and if so when?.

Reply: Kerry County Council will seek an update from the OPW on this matter.

30. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out immediate road works to alleviate water lodging on both sides of the road at the Six Crosses leading onto the Dromclough road.

Reply: The road which is referred to here is the L 1027 from its junction with the Tralee-Listowel Road N69 South West for approximately 250m.

No Councillor's request was made to include this roadway in the Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2016-2018.

The problem that exists arises due to the fact that two (2) properties have constructed ~~hard stand~~ areas at a higher level to the contiguous roadway, with the result that surface water is lodging at the roadside, inevitably causing a rutted surface at the locations.

The roadway requires re-profiling with flanking drainage channels at the effected areas. The cost of undertaking these works is " 30,000.

31. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out immediate road works on the Dromin road in Ballybunion where water is coming down on one side and is causing chaos for residents entering their homes and with splashing of oncoming traffic, there is a serious accident waiting to happen.

Reply: The Roads Enforcement Officer has examined the area in question and has spoken with some of the property owners in the area with a view to resolving the drainage issues at this location.

Kerry County Council undertook some works in the latter part of 2015 to open drainage channels and this seems to have been effective in specific areas.

The Roads Enforcement Officer will be re-examining the issue in the coming weeks to ascertain if any works have been undertaken since his initial visit and to progress the matter from there.

Cllr. M Kennelly asked that work be carried out at this location as a matter of urgency.

32. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council install traffic calming and safety measures i.e. flashing amber lights, school ahead and road strips with proper road markings at Lisselton National School, Ballydonoghue to provide safe and secure environment for pupils, parents and teaching staff.

Reply: Warning signage and road markings are already in place at this location, which lies within a 50km/hr speed zone.

Listowel Municipal District Operations undertook extra signage and extensive road markings in 2015.

It is Kerry County Council's current policy on school flashing lights that they are only placed adjacent to schools which are located outside of speed limit areas or on National Routes which, in this case, does not apply.

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

All other traffic calming measures only apply to Local Collector and Access Roads, within the criteria of the policy established by Kerry County Council.

Mr. J Sheehan said that he would re-examine this location.

33. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out immediate road works (Details with Directorate) in front of the house entrance as water lodges in this area.

Reply: Drainage works at this location will cost " 3,000 and the project is suitable for funding through a Councillor's Allocation from the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund.

34. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council install green traffic safety bollards and new road markings on both sides of Bedford Cross on the Listowel/Ballylongford road.

Reply: Bollards and road markings can be provided at this location, the cost of which would be " 2,000.

The project is suitable for funding through a Councillor's Allocation from the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund

35. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out road repair and roadside maintenance just beyond Shrone East on the R552, where there are two dangerous bends adjacent to each other and where visibility is very poor.

Reply: A suggested manner of dealing with this situation is to remove the overburden at the locus, and provide clearer site lines. Repairs will be undertaken to the road edges.

The clearance work is suitable for funding through a Councillor's Allocation from the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund and will cost " 2,500 .

36. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council provide extra public street litter bins in Ballybunion i.e. in the areas of the Leisure Centre and towards the Golf Course.

Reply: Some extra bins can be installed at the area in question. The cost per unit is " 580 (if purchased in sufficient volume) and such works are suitable for funding through a Councillor's Allocation from the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that he has been contacted by people who walk dogs in this area and when using pooper scoopers they have to walk a considerable distance to find a litter bin.

Ms. J McCarthy undertook to examine this matter and revert to Cllr. Kennelly.

37. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council as a matter of urgency provide traffic calming measures for pedestrians and road users alike on the stretch of road in Ballybunion from the entrance to the Men's Beach to the junction that leads to the Golf Course.

Reply: The road in question is the L1021, which lies within a 50km/hr zone and has a footpath on one side.

Prior to the consideration of any Traffic Calming Scheme for the area the following basic criteria have to be satisfied.

Basic Criteria:

a) The site must be inside a 50 kph speed limit zone.

b) There must be a significant majority (two thirds) of residents in favour of the introduction of traffic calming.

c) In the case of a through road the minimum length of unobstructed, straight road shall be 300m.

d) In the case of a cul-de-sac the minimum length of unobstructed, straight road shall be 150 m.

Traffic calming policy will only apply to Local Roads and Access Roads.

Prior to a survey being undertaken, Criteria b) must be established.

If the project progresses beyond the survey stage a Priority Assessment Form is then completed to determine if Traffic Calming is appropriate.

If a scheme reaches the required criterion, a cost estimate will be prepared.

If money is not provided in the Annual Roads Budget, which in this case it has not, then the only other source of finance is County Councillors' Allocations from the CSMDOF. Alternatively some additional road markings can be considered for this section of road.

As Cllr. S Thornton was absent from the meeting, her notices of motion were moved on her behalf by Cllr. M Kennelly.

38. Cllr. A Thornton: Can the County Council confirm when they will be in a position to deal with road works on the Ballynaneen road (Details with Directorate)?

Reply: The road which is referred to here is the L 10048 from its junction with the Drommurrin Road (L 1011).

No Councillor's request was made to include this roadway in the Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2016-2018.

This road will be added to the repair list and minor repair works will be carried out as soon as is practically possible.

The roadway is in need of resurfacing in order to bring it to an acceptable standard.

Listowel Municipal District, KCC does not currently have funds to undertake the required works to bring the carriageway to an acceptable standard.

39. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council please update me in relation to queries regarding (Details with Directorate) in relation to an old manhole at the back of her house?

Reply: The necessary works to the area will be undertaken within the next fortnight.

40. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council please deal with road works in relation to the road after Kilocrim school and 1 kilometre after the school in the direction of Ennismore?

Reply: The road which is referred to here consists of two (2) road segments the L 6049 and L 10268 stretching from Kilocrim School westwards.

A Councillor's request was made to include this roadway in the Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2016-2018 and thus the project has been costed and will be considered for inclusion in this programme.

In the interim this road will be added to the repair list and minor repair works will be carried out as soon as is practically possible.

Some patching works were undertaken taken on the road in question before Christmas, however there are still some major undulations on the road surface which will require more significant works for which there is no funding in place at present.

41. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council please confirm when road works will be done on the Furhane road, Mountcoal?

Reply: The road which is referred to here consists is the L 6054 from its junction with the L 1026 to its intersection with the R555 (Listowel . Duagh Road).

A Councillor's request was made to include this roadway in the Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2016-2018 and thus the project has been costed and will be considered for inclusion in this programme.

In the interim this road will be added to the repair list and minor repair works will be carried out as soon as is practically possible.

42. Cllr. A Thornton: Please confirm when Kerry County Council will take on the drainage works at Finuge Cross.

Reply: Kerry County Council carried out improvement works to a culvert at on the L 6050 directly north of Finuge Cross in December 2015.

We also cleaning out all gullies in the vicinity of the cross as well as opening up a drainage outlet at the south eastern flank of the junction.

There are no plans to carry out further drainage works at this location at present.

43. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council confirm when the works in front of Finuge GAA field will be done?

Reply: Repair works will be carried out at this location in the near future

44. Cllr. A Thornton: Can the Council provide me with a costing as requested in relation to the bridge at Liscullane, Lixnaw?

Reply: Irrabeg Bridge is situated on the L10101 approximately 700m from the R557. Its structure ID is KY-L2042-01 with an overall length of 12.65m and width of 3.69m. It consists of two spans, one 5.85m and the other 6.02m. The carriageway width on the bridge is 2.72m . 3.07m.

Consultants Engineers, Malone O'Regan McGillicuddy, conducted a structural evaluation of the bridge on the 19th December 2005, the outcome of which identified structural concerns with the bridge which led to a weight restriction of 3tonnes being placed thereon.

The structure consists of abutment, pier and wing wall in masonry and concrete, with a slab/girder deck of reinforced concrete, pre-cast.

The parapet has a reinforced concrete kicker with light steel guardrails.

The carriageway has a surface dressed finish.

The parapet and guardrails have been seriously impacted by traffic and are in an unsatisfactory condition.

There is evidence of cracking and reinforcement exposure on the decking, with some cracking evident in the beams.

The parapet ~~kicker~~ or edge beam, up-stands and railings are in need of replacement.

Signage and the riding surface of the deck and bridge approaches require improvement (not included in this estimate).

The estimated cost of repairing the bridge to a standard where the weight restriction can be removed is " 97,500 - " 102,350.

This level of finance is not available to Listowel Municipal District.

Until the works identified in the Malone O'Regan McGillicuddy report have been undertaken the weight restriction of 3tonne should remain in place.

(d) Questions

1. Cllr. J Brassil: Has Kerry County Council ascertained the issues around flooding outside the property of (Details with Directorate) and if so is there a solution to the problem?

Reply: The Dysert Road, L 6048, is in reasonable structural condition, with drainage outlets visibly functional and no discernible issues relating to drainage on the roadway were observed.

Off road, an issue could be discerned at one property, which needs to be resolved by the land owner.

2. Cllr. J Brassil: Can you tell me what is the up to date position with the repairs that (Details with Directorate) states that Council have agreed to carry out on his property?

Reply: The Director of Services, Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate along with other Housing staff visited this property on Thursday, 21th January and will formulate a plan in relation to the property in the near future.
We will update the Councillor on any decisions taken.

3. Cllr. M Kennelly: Will Kerry County Council carry out remedial roadside fencing on the Listowel/Duagh road at the Smerla Bridge?

Reply: Kerry County Council are undertaking the repairs to this fencing presently.

4. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council give an update on the Listowel Area Flooding Survey, which was promised after serious flooding on September 14th 2015?

Reply: Consulting Engineering firm, JBA Consulting, Limerick, have been appointed to carry out this study and are presently collating data ahead of topographical survey.
They are meeting the Listowel Municipal District staff this week and expect to have a Draft Preliminary Report, ready within 12 weeks or so.

Work for the report involves:

Carrying out partial topographical survey, focusing on the primary culvert locations and priority open channels, ahead of the necessary modelling.

Catchment analysis.

Flow estimation in the primary open channels.

Modelling of the primary open channels from upstream of the Ballylongford/Ballybunion Roads to outfall.

Review of the 2015 and previous flood events

Identification of viable options to mitigate flood risk.

Preparation of Preliminary Cost Estimates, in accordance with OPW cost database.

Outlining details of preferred scheme, and

Preparation of Preliminary Design Stage Report.

When the Preliminary Design Stage Report is complete we will report back to the members prior to a possible funding application to the OPW.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that as nobody knows when the next flood will occur, he urged Kerry County Council to pursue this matter.

5. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council give an update on the traffic survey for traffic calming measures outside St. Michael's College Listowel as agreed?

Reply: Kerry County Council undertook to carry out a Feasibility Report on this section of the N69 in the vicinity of St. Michael's College, Listowel, to determine if road safety issues exist and examine accident statistics for this area.

It was intended to undertake the required traffic Counts in December last, but due to the extreme weather events of December and the subsequent draw on resources, this was not feasible.

This location will be discussed with the TII Road Safety Inspector on Wed. this week (27th Jan 2016).

Speed surveys are also being arranged this week by MD engineers, and this information (along with the accident statistics) will be used in conjunction with TII to design a solution for the area.

6. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council give an update on progress to provide an extension to the footpath on the Cahirdown/Dromin Lower road for the safety of residents in the Skehenerin area?

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 cost of a concrete footpath, without taking into consideration, drainage, accommodation works or land purchase 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.

The project is suitable for financing through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund, no other source of funds being currently available.

Cllrs. M Kennelly, D Nolan and J Moloney indicated that they would consider allocating from their Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund for this project.

As Cllr. A Thornton was absent from the meeting Questions 7 & 8 were moved on her behalf by Cllr. M Kennelly.

7. Cllr. A Thornton: Can the Council review the roads around Dromclough school heading in the direction of Lisahane Store?

Reply: A section of this road, the L 1027 (Irremore . Knockburrane), was contained in the 2013- 2016 Roads Improvement Programme.

As the works have not yet occurred, the proposed road segment, on which works were proposed, will be included in the Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2016-2018 and restoration and improvements will be undertaken to this segment of carriageway in 2016.

8. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council review the roads at Gortnaminch and particularly around the residence of (Details with Directorate).

Reply: The road which is referred to here is the L 10107 from its junction with the Kilacrim Road L 6049 to its junction with the L 10106.

No Councillor's request was made to include this roadway in the Multi Annual Restoration Improvement Programme 2016-2018.

The road north from its junction at Kilocrim is in good condition, however as it veers west the surface deteriorates drastically and this particular section of the roadway is in need of resurfacing in order to bring it to an acceptable standard.

Listowel Municipal District, Kerry County Council does not currently have funds to undertake the required works, however, in the interim repairs will be undertaken to the roadway as soon as is practically possible.

15.09.28.05 Any Other Business
(a) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. J Moloney: What is the up to date position on the old Kerry County Council building on the Bridge Road?

Reply: Kerry County Council are currently carrying out an Environmental Assessment screening report for the proposed demolition of the building. Preparation of contract documentation for the demolition of the building has also commenced. It is anticipated that a contractor will be appointed in Quarter 1, 2016 to carry out the demolition works.

(b) 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 14th March, 2016, at 9.30 am.

(b) It was agreed that a briefing for the members on the Multi Annual Road Restoration programme would be held Áras an Phiarsaigh Listowel on Thursday 4th February, 2016, at 9.30 am.

(c) Approval for the reception of the following deputations:

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R Beasley SECONDED by Cllr. D Nolan it was agreed that a deputation from the residents of Gortacrossane, regarding flooding problems, would be received at the next Municipal District meeting on 14th March, 2016.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R Beasley SECONDED by Cllr. J Brassil it was agreed that a deputation from the residents of of Slieve AqMhadra, Ardoughter Lower, Clahane & Addergown, regarding the condition of the roads after the recent rally, would be received at the next Municipal District meeting on 14th March, 2016.

(d) Correspondence

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

1.	Letter from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) dated 6 th November, 2015 regarding the N69 Tim Kennelly Roundabout in Listowel.
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(e) Any Other Business

(a) Replacement of footpath at Tower Drive Ballyduff

Cllr. R Beasley said that the footpath at Tower Drive, Ballyduff is in very poor condition and complete replacement is required including vehicular access fronting each driveway. The cost of undertaking this work is " 61,000. He asked his fellow members to consider allocating funding from Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund for this project.

Funding from Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund was allocated as follows:

Cllr. R Beasley - " 7,000

Cllr. L Purtill, J Brassil, D Nolan, - " 3,000 per Councillor.

Cllr J Moloney - " 1,500

Cllr. M Kennelly - " 2,000

Mr. J Sheehan said that the required works can be scheduled over a number of years and would be value for money.

(b) North Kerry Tourism Tasc Force

Cathaoirleach J Moloney said that he had been contacted by North Kerry Tourism Tasc Force requesting that a representative would be given an opportunity to make a presentation to the members of the Listowel Municipal District at a future meeting. This was unanimously agreed by the members.

(c) Causeway Burial Ground

Cllr. J Brassil requested confirmation that land has been acquired to extend the burial ground in Causeway as there are only two spaces remaining.

Ms. J McCarthy said that she would refer this matter to Mr. P Bradley EE.

(d) Community Support Fund

Cllr. J Brassil asked if an update was available on the allocation of funding from the Community Support Fund.

Ms. J McCarthy said that the scheme is currently being assessed and it is expected that it will be announced in March 2016.

(e) Raheela Road Ballyduff

Cllr. J Brassil requested that repairs be carried out on the Raheela road, Ballyduff.

(f) Local Improvement Scheme Hardship and Emergency Fund

Cllr. J Brassil asked for confirmation that the case agreed last year for Hardship and Emergency funding would be going ahead this year. Cllr. Brassil also asked that a copy of the application form and details of the scheme be forwarded to him.

(g) Footpath at Cahirdown Listowel

Funding from Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund was allocated as follows for an extension to the footpath at Cahirdown:

Cllr. M Kennelly - " 4,000

Cllr. J Moloney - " 4,000

Cllr. D Nolan - " 3,500

Cllr. L Purtill - " 2,000

Cllr. T Brassil - " 1,000

Cathaoirleach J Moloney on behalf of all the members, wished Cllr. J Brassil success in the upcoming General Election.

The meeting concluded at 11.30am.

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Cllr. J. Moloney

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