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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN , TRALEE ON 22 MARCH, 2016 IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL AR AN 22 MÁRTA, 2016.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

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

In attendance/i láthair

Ms. J McCarthy	Delegated Executive Officer List MD
Mr. G O'Brien	Meetings Administrator
Ms. J Foley	MD Officer
Mr. C Mangan	SEE
Mr. J Sheehan	SEE
Mr. M Lynch	SEE
Mr. M Griffin	EE
Mr. P Devine	EE
Mr. P Hickey	Graduate Engineer
Ms. B Conway	AO
Ms. S Broderick	SO

The meeting commenced at 2.45pm.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J Moloney took the Chair.

Welcome to Cllr. John Lucid

On behalf of management and staff of the Municipal District of Listowel, Ms. J McCarthy welcomed Cllr. J Lucid who was recently co-opted to replace former councillor J Brassil who was elected to Dáil Éireann following the General Election in February 2015.

Cathaoirleach J Moloney on behalf of the members welcomed Cllr. J Lucid and said he looked forward to working with him.

16.03.22.01 Confirmation of Minutes

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M Kennelly SECONDED by Cllr. L Purtill it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on the 25th January, 2016 be confirmed.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D Nolan SECONDED by Cllr. M Kennelly it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on 11th January, 2016 be confirmed.

(c) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R Beasley SECONDED by Cllr. D Nolan it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on 22nd February, 2016 be confirmed.

16.03.22.02 Reception of Deputations.

(a) Deputation from the residents of Gortacrossane.

Re: Flooding problems.

Requested by Cllr. R Beasley.

Ms. J McCarthy welcomed the deputation and advised them of the procedure for the reception of deputations in accordance with Standing Orders for meetings of the Municipal District of Listowel.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed the deputation and introduced the spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) He said that (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) and his family had to be removed from their home by tractor during the severe weather conditions in late 2015 due to flooding at the property. This family moved into this house in 2010 and the property has been flooded on a number of occasions over the past few years.

(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) circulated photographs of the flooding at his home. He said that he had purchased the house during the summer months and was not aware that it was prone to flooding. The water level gets higher every time flooding occurs and the situation is very distressful for his children. He has contacted Kerry County Council and the Office of Public Works (OPW) on a number of occasions but has not received a satisfactory response.

Mr. J Sheehan welcomed the deputation. He said that a tributary of the River Galey is higher than some properties at this location. The solution lies in either making the channels bigger or increasing the hydraulic bridging.

Cllr. R Beasley said that the lack of cleaning of the channels is causing problems with many years.

Cathaoirleach J Moloney asked if there are any works that could be undertaken by Kerry County Council to resolve the problem without reference to the OPW.

Mr. Sheehan said that this matter is the responsibility of the OPW or the riparian owners.

Cllr. A Thornton said that this issue should be examined by the Listowel Municipal District within a reasonable timeframe to ascertain where responsibility lies.

Cllr. M Kennelly welcomed the deputation. He referred to the flooding in Clieveragh, Listowel in September 2015 and said he could empathise with their situation. He asked if the channels of the river could be cleaned.

Cllr. L Purtill welcomed the deputation and assured them of his support. He said that as a resident of Ballylongford he is familiar with the distress caused by flooding.

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed the deputation and referred to the photographs circulated by *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*. She said that it must be extremely difficult for a family to live in a house that is at risk of being flooded during heavy rain. If a resolution to the problem is the responsibility of the riparian owners she suggested that a group would be formed to seek funding for public safety works.

Cllr. J Lucid welcomed the deputation and assured them of his support.

Cllr. R Beasley said that the only solution is the dredging of the river as there is a blockage at the mouth of the Cashen which slows down the flow of water. He PROPOSED that the Listowel Municipal District would write to the OPW outlining the disgust of the members with this situation and emphasising the need for immediate action to resolve the problem and also that an update on the outcome be provided at the next Listowel MD meeting.

Cllr. M Kennelly SECONDED the proposal.

A spokesperson said that the volume of water hitting the eye of the bridge is considerable therefore there is nothing to take the water at either side of the eye of the bridge. Someone somewhere must take responsibility for the flooding of this property. She asked what the situation will be if the OPW indicates that it is not responsible for the river at this location.

Ms. J McCarthy said that she will ensure that contact is made with the OPW immediately and the Listowel Municipal District will do its utmost to ascertain where legal responsibility lies in this case.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) thanked the members and management of Listowel Municipal District for the opportunity to raise his concerns with them.

(b) Deputation for the residents of Slieve A' Mhadra, Ardoughter Lower, Clahane & Addergown.

Re: Condition of the roads after the recent rally.

Requested by_Cllr. Robert Beasley.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed the deputation and introduced the spokesperson *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*. said that the roads in this area are in very poor condition. While the holding of a car rally at this location is welcome the surface of the roads should be assessed and repaired before and after the rally is held. The roads concerned run in a circle for approximately ten miles. There are 25 houses and considerable traffic on the Addergown road. The stretch of road from Rahela Cross north to the Coast road down to the Cashen is also in poor condition as is the Ardoughter road which has not been resurfaced for approximately 26 years. The stretch of road from Rahela to the cross roads at the sports field also needs to be repaired. He referred to the inadequate parking facilities at Sliabh AdMhadra national school and said that this matter needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency. There is also an issue with regard to water lodging on the road and overgrown hedges which need to be trimmed back.

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed the deputation and asked that these roads be prioritised for repairs as not every community is positive towards the running of a car rally in its area. She said that she had raised the issue of parking in the vicinity of Sliabh AdMhadra national school at a meeting of the Full Council and asked that this matter be prioritised for the health and safety of the children attending the school. It is

important that smaller locations off the Wild Atlantic Way are not forgotten in favour of the bigger towns.

Cllr. L Purtill welcomed the deputation and assured them of his full support.

Cllr. M Kennelly welcomed the deputation and said that a section of the L6043 Rahela to Addergown road is included for improvement in 2016 with funding from the Restoration Improvement Grant. The water ponding on the roads and overgrown hedges must be addressed as soon as possible. He said that the road at Addergown Cross is in very poor condition and hopefully it will be upgraded over the coming two to three years.

Cllr. A Thornton welcomed the deputation. While she acknowledged that Kerry County Council is constrained by reduced grants she said that the Listowel Municipal District should decide on the roads to be prioritised for improvement works and put a realistic plan in place.

Cllr. J Lucid welcomed the deputation and thanked them for their presentation. He expressed concern regarding the parking issues in the vicinity of Sliabh Admhadra national school and asked that this matter be addressed. He said that reduced funding has impacted on road improvement works since 2008 and it must be acknowledged that ten miles of road cannot be addressed all at once.

Cathaoirleach J Moloney said that the budget for road works has been reduced by 50% since 2008. A plan must be put in place and the stretches of road most in need of improvement works must be prioritised. Water courses causing water to lodge on roads and overgrown hedges must be addressed immediately.

Cllr. R Beasley thanked the deputation for their presentation. He said that he hoped that the type of works carried out at the Cashen will be carried out on the Cloghane road very soon. Parking at Sliabh Admhadra national school is a health and safety matter which has been raised at many meetings over the past number of years.

Mr. J Sheehan welcomed the deputation and said that he is aware of the condition of the roads in the area but unfortunately reduced funding over the past few years has impacted on the road works that can be carried out. He said that in 2016 a section of the L6043 Rahela . Addergown road will be improved with funding from the Restoration Improvement Grant. Surface dressing and strengthening of 1.5km of the Cloghane road, Ballyduff will be carried out at a cost of "47,250 from the Restoration Maintenance Grant. Funding from the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CMDOF) has been allocated for works on a section of the L6440 Ardoughter road. The bridge south of this area will be examined. Mr. Sheehan said that unfortunately the Council has not been successful in acquiring land for the provision of parking in the vicinity of Sliabh Admhadra national school.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) referred to the Coole road and asked if funding from CSMDOF could be allocated for improvement works on this road.

Cathaoirleach J Moloney said that an estimate of the cost would be prepared and it would then be considered.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) asked that the road by the water tower also be considered for improvement works.

Cathaoirleach J Moloney thanked the deputation for their presentation and wished them well.

16.03.22.03 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development

(a) Presentation by North Kerry Tourism Task Force.

Cathaoirleach J Moloney introduced Mr. John O'Sullivan and Dr. Declan Downey and (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*). Mr. John O'Sullivan made a presentation to the meeting on behalf of North Kerry Tourism Task Force outlining their concerns and the tourism potential of North Kerry.

Mr. O'Sullivan circulated copies of the following:

1. Variation No. 8 to the Kerry County Development Plan 2009-2015 Renewable Energy Strategy 2012.
2. Landscape Character Assessment prepared for the Renewable Energy Strategy 2012 & Adopted/Proposed Archaeological Landscapes.
3. Map 7.6 Renewable Energy Strategy Wind Development Zones.
4. Proposal for North Kerry to be granted Regional Heritage Designation.
5. Map and list of buildings of interest in Kerry.

Mr. O'Sullivan said that North Kerry Tourism Task Force was set up two years ago and feeds into North Kerry Jobs Task Force. He said that the economy in Kerry is highly dependant on tourism and the focus of North Kerry Tourism Task Force is to accelerate the selling the region by identifying important tourism attractions in North Kerry.

Given that North Kerry is one of the main agricultural areas in the county, the agricultural sector in North Kerry has never been identified as a tourism attraction. There is a great network of vibrant local development associations but the key is to link-up to promote North Kerry as a single identity.

One of the major concerns of North Kerry Tourism Task Force is the extent of wind farm development in North Kerry which constitutes a line of wind turbines across North Kerry and the region could eventually be surrounded by wind farms. When all the turbines for which planning permission has been granted are constructed there will be 238 turbines in North Kerry. He compared this with Killarney and the Dingle Peninsula where this is not the case.

North Kerry Tourism Task Force is concerned about Landscape Character Assessment. He referred to the copies of the Landscape Character Assessment circulated with items of concern highlighted and asked that these be reconsidered by the members. He said that management of the Planning Department has offered to meet with the group and this is welcome and will be accepted.

Dr. Declan Downey of University College Dublin referred to his book entitled *An Architectural Tour of North Kerry* and said that there is huge potential for attracting architectural and heritage tourism to North Kerry.

North Kerry's coastline extending from Tralee Bay around the Cliffs of Dooneen into the Shannon estuary right up to Tarbert Bay, has always held strategic significance, as evidenced by the large number of recorded and extant sites of promontory forts, tower houses and castles dating from earliest times right through the middle ages up to more recent times of World War II. In terms of modern historical sites of defensive importance are the great gun batteries that were built during Napoleonic times (between 1795- 1815), and during World War II (1939-1945). In particular three very important sites survive relatively intact and deserve attention for restoration and development to meet the popular interest and demand for this type of tourism product and service. They are:

The Gun Battery on Carrig Island (Ballylongford), Napoleonic Period

Independent Ireland's first defensive construction of Fort Shannon (Tarbert), World War II

The Coastal look-out post at Bromore Cliffs (Ballybunnion), World War II.

Potential for Heritage Tourism Development

The Gun Battery on Carrig Island is connected with the Napoleonic period Gun Batteries at Kilkerrin Point, Scatterry Island, and Doonaha, on the Clare coastline on the Shannon Estuary, while Fort Shannon and Bromore look-out post are connected with the Strategic Communications and Defensive systems that operated in nearby Foynes (Co. Limerick) and in Loop Head (Co. Clare). Therefore, there is potential for linking them up with the Foynes Flying Boat Museum and Loop Head Lighthouse, as part of a more enhanced ~~From Napoleon to Hitler: Defending Ireland Historical Tour Experience~~

North Kerry-West limerick 1916 Trail, of nationalists and World War 1 strategists

Britain's chief-of-staff and one of its leading strategists during World War 1, Herbert Horatio Kitchener, was born at Gunsboro Villa, Ballylongford, and raised at Ballygoughlin Model Farm between Glin and Tarbert and later at Crotta House, Kilflynn. These building, including the font in which he was baptised at Aghavallen (the font is now preserved in Tarbert's Church of Ireland), still survive. Kitchener had been a contemporary of the Prime Minister, Lord Landsdowne, who had spent his early childhood in Lixnaw, and of The O'Rahilly, an Irish patriot and participant in the Easter 1916 Rising, who was born and reared in Ballylongford. Both Kitchener and the O'Rahilly died during that fateful year of 1916. Also the following men from the locality who died alongside the O'Rahilly in Moore Street, Dublin were Pat Shortis (Ballybunnion), and Michael Mulvihill (Ballyduff), both were close associates of Michael Collins in the Volunteer Movement while in London. Con Colbert (Athea), a pioneer of Fianna Éireann and a close friend and colleague of Pádraig Pearse at St. Enda's School, was executed with Eamon Ceannt and Michael Mallin at Kilmainham Jail on 8 May 1916. Mary Spring-Rice, (Mount Trenchard, Foynes), daughter of Lord Mounteagle and Brandon, and niece of Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice the British ambassador to Washington. She was a close friend of Doughals Hyde (first President of Ireland), and a founding member of *Conradh na Gaeilge*, the Irish cultural nationalist and language revival movement. She helped Molly and Erskine Childers to bring guns from Germany into Howth in 1913 on the yacht, *The Asgard*. These weapons would be used in the 1916 Rising. During the War of Independence, she used her home at Mount Trenchard as a safe house for the members of the original IRA. A gun-running that had failed was that attempted by the *The Aud*, a German submarine, at Fenit during Holy Week of 1916. Instead, Sir Roger Casement, the Irish Nationalist Liaison with Berlin, was put ashore at Banna Strand where he was soon arrested.

Potential for Heritage Tourism Development

Beginning in Banna strand where Casement landed, this heritage trail would proceed northwards to Kilflynn to visit Kitchener's childhood home, Crotta House, and the local church of Ireland (now a community centre), where he had worshipped,

and then continue onwards to Ballyduff and then to Ballybunion, taking in the birthplaces and other venues associated with the histories of Mulvihill and Shortis respectively. Then it would continue eastwards to Ballylongford and visit the birthplaces and other venues associated with The O'Rahilly and with Kitchener. The tour would proceed to Tarbert and visit the font in which Kitchener was baptised, and then visit the model farm at Ballygoughlin, between Tarbert and Glin, where he spent part of his childhood. From here, the tour would divert southward to Athea to visit Colbert's childhood home and then proceed northeastwards to Foynes and visit Spring-Rice's home at Mount Trenchard, and conclude at the Foynes Flying Boat Museum.

Alternatively, this proposal could be re-arranged into two separate heritage tourist trails; one exclusively devoted to the 1916 Patriots from the locality, and the other exclusively to Kitchener and World War 1. Also, given the preponderance of memorials to those who died in both the War of Independence and in the Civil War in North Kerry, another trail could be devoted exclusively to the personalities and the events concerning these episodes, for example; the War of Independence site at Gortaglanna, near Knockanure, the Listowel Barracks Mutiny, the murder of Sir Arthur Vickers (former keeper of the Irish Crown Jewels), at Kilmorna, near Listowel, and the Civil War site at Clashmealcon caves.

He concluded by saying that there is tremendous potential for tourism in North Kerry as there is an increasing history in military history and architectural tourism.

Cathaoirleach J Moloney thanked Mr. O'Sullivan and Dr Downey for their very interesting and informative presentation.

Cllr. D Nolan said that she works in tourism and her background is in archaeology. She commended North Kerry Tourism Task Force for identifying unusual attractions that other places may overlook and for which there would be a market outside of the summer season. She acknowledged that the wind turbine development in North Kerry may be problematic in terms of the landscape and asked what practical steps can be taken to address this matter.

Cllr. L Purtill thanked Mr. O'Sullivan and Dr Downey for their very interesting presentation and said that Tarbert is a very attractive gateway to the county and has excellent potential.

Cllr. M Kennelly thanked Mr. O'Sullivan and Dr Downey for their excellent interesting presentation. He said that North Kerry has a huge amount of interesting history and has great potential for the development of military and architectural tourism. He said that he would like for a Special Meeting to be arranged for the members with management of Kerry County Council's Tourism Unit and North Kerry Tourism Task Force to discuss the potential for tourism in North Kerry.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed Mr. O'Sullivan and Dr Downey and thanked them for their excellent presentation. He said that his concern has always been the promotion of tourism in the traditional seaside resort such as Ballybunion which has declined considerably over the past few decades. He said that in his opinion the development of so many wind farms in North Kerry will impact on attracting tourism to the area. With regard to the commemoration of 1916 he said that all our patriots must be recognized equally.

Cllr. J Lucid thanked Mr. O'Sullivan and Dr. Downey for their interesting presentation. He said that he lived in the seaside town of Ballyheigue and agreed with Cllr. Beasley that tourism has greatly decreased in traditional seaside areas. He agreed that wind turbine development would have a negative impact on tourism in North Kerry.

Cllr. A Thornton thanked Mr. O'Sullivan and Dr. Downey for their excellent and informative presentation. She said that there needs to be a change of mindset in North Kerry with a view to developing the area as a tourism destination.

Cathaoirleach J Moloney referred to the development of the Great Southern Trail from the county bounds to Tralee and said that he understood that the issue in dispute between Kerry County Council and CIE is in relation to the provision of ducting for existing fibre optic cables. He also asked what measures can be taken in relation to the Landscape Character Assessment for the renewable energy strategy 2012 in relation to the further development of wind turbines in North Kerry.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) referred to the Great Southern Trail and asked that the members of the Listowel Municipal District would promote this amenity as a valuable public asset for North Kerry which must be developed.

Ms. J McCarthy welcomed Mr. O'Sullivan and Dr Downey and thanked them for their excellent presentation. She assured them that their objective for the development of tourism in North Kerry is mirrored in Kerry County Council. She said that the development of heritage tourism is very exciting and she is looking forward to working with North Kerry Tourism Task Force in taking this initiative forward. She said that there is also huge potential for North Kerry to link up with the neighbouring counties of Limerick and Clare with a view to attracting tourism to the whole region. At a recent meeting with Fáilte Ireland she had been given a commitment that a representative will meet with North Kerry Tourism Task Force.

With regard to the Great Southern Trail she said that the development of this amenity has huge potential for North Kerry. It is important that Kerry County Council has the land in its ownership before any investment is made in the proposed project. North Kerry has a considerable range of accommodation to offer such as Glamping and Air B&B. She assured North Kerry Tourism Task Force that Kerry County Council's Tourism Unit is interested in working with them.

With regard to the Landscape Character Assessment prepared for the Renewable Energy Strategy 2012 she said that she would arrange for the group to meet with Management of the Planning Department to discuss this matter.

She commended the development of the Lartigue Monorail which commemorates the Listowel to Ballybunion line and said that it was the brainchild of *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* and a fantastic project.

On behalf of North Kerry Tourism Task Force, Mr. O'Sullivan thanked the members and management of the Municipal District of Listowel for allowing them the opportunity to address the meeting.

16.03.22.04 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 early 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.

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME			
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 Treatment Plant	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 Pat'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
NKRWSS Scartleigh, Finuge, Ballyduff	Replace 10 Sl. Valves and 3 Mag Flow Meters	" 22,000	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		€2,080,000	

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.

(b) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council would provide a water hydrant opposite Pearses mobile home park at Doon West, Ballybunion.

Reply: A hydrant will be installed on the adjacent public watermain in the coming weeks.

2. Cllr. R Beasley: What is the update on the provision of a sewerage scheme for Asdee and can it be included in some programme for the future?

Reply: The construction of a Sewerage Scheme for the village of Asdee is not included in the national Irish Water Capital Investment Plan (2014 to 2016). Irish Water is giving priority to towns (agglomerations) to which ECJ Rulings apply, and also to meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences, prior to considering investment in new schemes.

3. Cllr. A Thornton: Does Kerry County Council have an update in relation to the Waste Water Treatment system for Lixnaw?

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

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

4. Cllr. D Nolan: That the water connection of (Details with Directorate) be investigated as there are often breaks in supply to the household.

Reply: The Council has applied to Irish Water for funding of "294,000 for the replacement of 2,350M of old and deficient 170MM diameter asbestos cement water mains with 160MM uPVC pipes. There have been frequent breaks on this main in recent years.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. D Nolan: Could Water Services please contact (Details with Directorate) in writing, regarding payment for pipeline exploratory works carried out adjacent to N69?

Reply: Five of the seven landowners involved have been paid and the Council is currently seeking the contact details of the remaining two in order to make the payments.

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16.03.22.04 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:

MARCH 2016

Library Service Report

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

Library service:

" A new Library Capital Investment programme 2016 . 2021 has been announced. The programme will see a contribution of " 22m. by the Dept. of the Environment, Community and Local Government towards 16 library developments country wide. Kerry Library has been allocated " 0.25m towards the replacement of one of its Mobile Libraries. The current Kerry Mobile Libraries date from 2000 & 2004 respectively.

" As part of a national roll out, since January Kerry Library has added an expanded range of online services for members through its website www.kerrylibrary.ie New additions include online newspapers, digital magazines, online languages, e-books, e-audio and e-learning courses. Library members have free access, requiring just a valid library barcode (and an email address for some of the sources).

Usage of online sources has been one of the major growth areas of the Kerry library service in recent years. During 2015, usage increased by 41% on the 2014 figure, going from 53,221 usages to 93,485.

" The annual Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland/Chartered Institute of Library & Information Professionals (Ireland) will take place at The Malton Hotel, Killarney from 13 . 15 April 2016. The Conference theme is Survive and Thrive: Strategies for Success and it is expected that up to 120 delegates will attend.

Environmental Protection Services Report March 2016

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

Environmental Awareness Initiatives in the Listowel Municipal District

Tidy Town Seminar took place on Monday 7th March in Ballygarry House Hotel. Various issues of the National Competition were addressed by Billy Flynn, Lorraine Power and Cathy Fisher.

County Clean Up Day has been confirmed for Saturday April 2nd. It will be coordinated by Kerry County Council and will be facilitated by KWD Recycling. We are requesting as many groups as possible to register for the event in their local area - No clean up is too small.

Green Flag awards - Primary and Secondary Schools are currently being assessed for Green Flag Award. There will be 8 New Schools and over 60 Schools renewing. Two Schools will be receiving their Green Flag for the 1st time - Colaiste Gleann Li and Tralee Educate Together.

Dog Foul Patrols . Dog and Litter wardens will commence dog foul awareness joint patrols around the county every Wednesday in March as part of Kerry County Council's ongoing campaign to raise awareness amongst dog owners of their responsibility to pick up after their dogs and to issue warnings and fines for any breaches of the dog and litter acts where necessary.

Community Department Report (Community Elements)

Business Unit Manager: Brian Looney SEO

Local Economic & Community Plan.

The Kerry LECP will be going to the Kerry Co Co meeting in April for approval. The draft Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan document was sent to the stakeholders and those identified as partners for comment for return by 29th January 2015. Responses were limited so meetings have been held with up to seventeen key stakeholders to finalise the work plan.

SICAP

For the delivery of the programme in Kerry the county is divided into 3 Lots with programme implementers (3 Local Development Companies in Kerry's case) appointed to deliver services in each of the three lots. Each Programme Implementer (P I) 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 has now taken place. The Preparation of Action Plans for 2016 commenced in November and are now finalised. These were presented to the LCDC at the February meeting and approved. Priority actions from the draft LECP have been incorporated into the Annual Plans. A strategic action around Housing Estate management involving cooperation of KCC and Local Development is one of the key actions that has come out of the review.

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 Local Action Group. The draft actions and objectives were approved at the November LCDC meeting. Clarifications were sought in January and February by the Dept and these have been responded to. A decision is now awaited from the independent assessment panel.

Community Support Fund

The majority of the 2015 files have now been processed and those outstanding are being followed up. There are lessons from the administration of the Fund and a full review has taken place co-ordinated by the Municipal District Officers. Planning for the 2016 Fund at an advanced stage based on the learning from 2015. The revised Application Form has been developed incorporating revised guidelines. It is intended that the scheme will be advertised after approval by the members of Kerry County Council at the April meeting.

Comhairle na nÓg

Kerry Comhairle na nÓg Workplan for 2016 has been approved by the Department. 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. A decision has now been taken in relation to the website development and work has commenced.

Registration of groups for 2016 commences in March and an advertisement relating to this will be placed in local press.

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

Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership (KRSP)

- Strategic Plan 2016 - 2021 : Following extensive consultation the board is at the final stage of signing off on the strategic and operational plan.
- Funding : KRSP received its annual funding from Sports Ireland and is currently submitting other funding applications.
- Listowel Park run . initial planning work taking place.

Arts Office:

Arts Act Grant

Arts Act Grants have been adjudicated on and groups and organisations in the LMD will be notified shortly.

The following LMD drama groups took part in the Kerry Drama Festival in Castleisland:

Tarbert Theatre Players . Diarmy - 7th March
Listowel Drama Group . Blithe Spirit - 12th March

Upcoming 1916 Commemoration Events in LMD

13th March:

10am - Remembrance Mass for Lt. Michael Mulvihill at Causeway Church

Unveiling of monument at Ardoughter for Lt. Michael Mulvihill and the Ardoughter Company Volunteers (Bertie O'Connor - 087 6245252)

15th March:
Schools Proclamation Day

17th . 21st March
Causeway Historical & Heritage Association
A pageant/festival involving a weekend of activities with objective to commemorate the historical events of 1916

Thursday 17th March 11.15am
St Michael's Church Grounds, Ballylongford 1916 Commemoration: Opening of the 1916 Memorial Garden and unveiling of Proclamation monument. (Helen Lane 068-43378/087-928 4514)

18th March:
John's Theatre & Arts Centre
Madame De Markievicz on Trial: A play presented by the New Theatre, Dublin

2nd April
North Kerry Commemorative Event
Commemorative Event to honour Michael Mulvihill, Michael O'Rahilly, Patrick Shortis (Ballybunion - Jimmy Deenihan 068 57446)

30th April
Ballylongford Heritage . Seminar and unveiling of bust of The O'Rahilly.
(Tim Kennelly timkennelly@eircom.net)

Burial Grounds and Public Conveniences

BGs

- Causeway Extension . Currently in legal process of acquiring the land
- Clogher, Lixnaw New BG . currently in legal process of acquiring the land

PCs

- Ballybunion PC . significant upgrade works to Ballybunion (Ladies Beach) will be finalised before end of Q1 2016
- Ballybunion PC - design plans (Men's Beach) under consideration
- Ballyheigue PC - carry out upgrade works currently in progress.

Fire and Building Control Section

Business Unit Manager – Michael Hession CFO

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- Operational volumes of work are down up to the end of February 2016. Statistical chart below refers. The biggest decrease is in the number of fires from 90 up to the

end of February in 2015 to 76 for the same period in 2016. Included in this is a reduction in chimney fires from 47 to 34 for the same period last year.

There was also a reduction in the number of Road Traffic Accidents attended from 23 to 17.

- Following on from the meetings of the Kerry Interagency Wildfire Group in Killarney and Kenmare on the 21st and 28th January a regional meeting took place with all the fire services in Munster to address the upcoming gorse season.

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

February Statistics:

		1 Jan 2015 to 28 Feb 2015	1 Jan 2016 to 29 Feb 2016
Fire Service Operations	Total Incidents	169	154
	Total Mobilisations	180	176
	Number of Fires	90	76
	Of which: Chimney Fires	47	34
	Gorse	8	6
	Number of Special Service Incidents	46	48
	Of which: Road Traffic Accidents	23	17
Building Control	Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	16	24
	Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	11	15
	Commencement Notices Received	47	58

Captain Michael Hession
BE MSc CEng MIEI
Chief Fire Officer
14th March 2016

PLEASE CHECK YOUR HOME SMOKE ALARM THIS EVENING!

Housing Services Report

Business Unit Manager: Kathleen MoriartyA/SEO

2016 Allocation for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability

The Council has received notification from DOECLG of the 2016 Allocation for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Grant Scheme of " 2,013,778 of which " 402,756 is to be provided from our own resources. This Allocation reflects an increase of " 180,000 on Exchequer funding from the 2015

Initial Allocation and is most welcome at this early stage of the year. The Council is continuing to allocate grants in accordance with our Priority Scheme.

Tenant Purchase Scheme

The Council will shortly be writing to all tenants advising them in relation to the new Tenant Purchase Scheme. Notice will also be placed in local media in the coming weeks and we will begin to accept applications and process forms thereafter. Booklets outlining the terms of the Scheme and qualification criteria are being printed by the Housing Dept and will be available at all Council Offices and Website, Citizens Information Centres, Community Centres and MABS Offices.

Energy Efficiency Insulation

An Interim Allocation has been received for 2016 under the above programme to allow continuation of installation of energy efficiency insulation works to local authority houses up to a maximum of 50% of our 2015 Allocation i.e. " 253,687. The Council is currently carrying out an assessment of proposed activity and required funding for 2016 and this is being returned to the DOECLG in order to secure additional funding for this very worthwhile programme.

Returning Vacant Housing Properties to Productive Use

The Housing Department awaits allocation from DOECLG in relation to this Programme for 2016.

Social Housing Activity Report as at 11th March 2016

Listowel Municipal Area (L.M.A.)

Social Housing Applicants (Year to Date Position)

Qualified Applicants with area of choice within Municipal Area	464
Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area	13
New Tenancies Commenced	3
Accommodation refusals	1

Social Houses

Vacant Group scheme properties within Municipal Area

Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)	13
Awaiting Allocation	9
Acquired Properties (requiring minor repairs)	10

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

Rental Accommodation Scheme

	<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A.</u>
Total Active Tenancies	910	121
New tenancies in 2016	13	1
Tenancies terminated in 2016	6	0

Leasing

	<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A.</u>
Leased Properties	117	13
Leases under negotiation	21	2

Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>"</u>
Grant Allocation 2016		" 2096,050m
New Grants Allocated 2016	393	" 229,788m
Total Commitment	167	" 852,084m
Grants Paid	337	" 178,305m

Ms. B Conway briefed the members on the report from the Housing Department above.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. J Moloney: Can a litter report of all actions taken in the Listowel MD in 2015 be provided. Cases of illegal dumping reported, fines issued etc.

Reply: A full litter report for 2015, including the number of illegal dumping cases and fines issued for each of the Municipal districts was presented to the members at the full Council meeting on the 21st March.

Below are the specific details requested in this notice of motion.

Municipal District	No. of cases of investigated	No. of on-the-spot fines issued under the Litter Pollution Acts
Listowel	114	13

16.03.22.05 Operations, Health & Safety Directorate.

Ms. J McCarthy introduced Mr. P Devine EE who will be replacing Mr. M McEnery who is currently on leave and Mr. P Hickey Graduate Engineer who will be working in the Listowel Municipal District.

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

Report from the Director of Operations, Health & Safety Programme of Works

<i>Listowel Municipal District Operations</i>	<p align="center"><u>Roads</u></p> <p><u>Listowel Municipal District East</u></p> <p>Improvement works on sections of N-69 in Listowel town at Cahirdown & Bridge Road are complete</p> <p><u>Restoration Improvement</u></p> <p>Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads</p>

	<p>L-1025 Smearla Bridge - Derrindaff L-1011 Greenville Road L-10031- Ballyline . Graffa L-1050 . Convent Cross</p> <p><u>Listowel Municipal District West</u></p> <p><u>Restoration Improvement</u></p> <p>Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads</p> <p>L-1031 Ardcullen . Bishopscourt North L-6043 Rahely- Addergown</p> <p><u>Restoration Maintenance</u></p> <p>Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads</p> <p>L-6038 Cloghane Road, Ballyduff</p> <p><u>Storm Damage Funding</u></p> <p>Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads</p> <p>L-1033 . Kerryhead, Ballyheigue</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Housing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Casual Vacancies <p><u>Group Schemes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abbeydorney</u> 2 Bed 28 Riverside Close Nearing Completion • <u>Ballyheigue</u> 1 bed 44 Marian Park Works to commence • <u>Ballyduff</u> 3 Bed 30 Benmore Works complete, returned to housing 2 Bed 8 Benmore Awaiting estimate • <u>Causeway</u> 2 Bed 16 Marian Terrace Fire Damage, estimate to be prepared • <u>Moyvane</u> 3 Bed 41 Woodgrove Works nearing completion

Single Rural Dwellings

2 Bed Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw
House/Works complete. Boundary being erected

Listowel Town

- 1 Bed Apt 1, Ballygologue rd
Works complete, returned to housing
- 2 Bed 11 Feale Drive
Works complete, returned to housing
- 2 Bed 24 Feale Drive
Works underway
- 1 Bed 72 Feale Drive
Works underway
- 1 Bed 76 Feale Drive
Works complete, returned to housing
- 3 Bed 7 Cluainin
Works nearing completion
- 2 Bed 86 O Connells Ave
Awaiting estimate
- 2 Bed 10 Ashgrove
Works ongoing
- 1 Bed 40 Ballygologue

Works to commence

Update on long term voids

Group Schemes

- **Ballyduff**
3 Bed 11 Benmore
Awaiting estimate/tender approval

Single Rural Dwellings

3 Bed Knockbrack Ardfert
Tender to be approved

2 Bed Bawnmore Ardfert
Law Agents, trespass issue

3 Bed Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw
Boundary issue

2 Bed Ballinagearagh Lixnaw
With Housing Admin. For consideration

3 Bed Boherroe Abbeydorney
Law Agents

2 Bed Derry Listowel
Awaiting estimate approval/major costs

3 Bed Ballinclemisig Ballyheigue
Awaiting probate

3 Bed Bromore West, Ballybunion
Estimate to be prepared/substantial works required

3 Bed Lahesrough, Ballybunion

	<p><i>Estimate to be approved, substantial works required</i></p> <p><u>Current non maintenance works</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPG adaptations currently recently completed in 1 single rural in Ballyheigue and 1 bungalow in Marconi, Ballybunion. • Design underway for 2no extensions for disabilities in Abbeydorney • BER Upgrade works underway in recently purchased houses in Listowel Town (10no). • BER upgrade and mobility adaptations underway to newly purchased bungalow at Killoccrim, Finuge.
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Bridge Road, Listowel

Cllr. J Moloney said that the condition of the surface of Bridge Road, Listowel is very poor.

Mr. C O'Sullivan said that Bridge Road is on a national route and the design for any works to be carried out would have to be submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII). TII assesses the proposed works on a national basis and prioritises the projects to be funded.

Ballygologue Cross & John B Keane Road

Cllr. J Moloney asked that the road at Ballygologue Cross and John B Keane Road be examined.

N69

Cllr. M Kennelly said that a stretch of the N69 from Cooleen Cross to the Six Crosses is in very poor condition.

(b) To consider and adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the Listowel Municipal District, having regard to the provisions under Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and guidelines issued by the Department of Environment Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014).

Mr. C O'Sullivan and Mr. D Doyle briefed the members on the following report dated 16th March 2016, which was circulated

Chúig/To: Cathaoirleach J. Moloney
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Lios Tuathail

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

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,
 The Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) Plan, for the Listowel Municipal District has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, and having regard to guidelines issued by the

Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014).

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

It is, in effect, a plan of maintenance and repair works that prioritizes and apportions the use, within the municipal district, of the funding provided in the 2016 Budget, which was adopted by Council on the 9th November 2015, for particular purposes.

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

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

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

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

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

The schedule is prepared within the levels of funding available, and on the basis of identified needs and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This is informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the Council's overall budget as well the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years, and a review of the 2015 Plan. The adoption of the SMDW per se cannot involve a revision of the adopted budget.

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

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

A report on the outcomes of the inaugural plan, adopted in 2015, are presented in Appendix 2, which has assisted in guiding the development of this year's SMDW Plan. The report shows that the vast majority of the targets set for our Housing, Roads, Public Lighting services and maintenance of amenity facilities were achieved, notwithstanding the particular challenges presented with the severe weather events in the last quarter of 2015. Of the 36 targets specified, 32 of these were met or exceeded. The impact of the severe weather in late 2015 and the late allocation of funding impacted on the completion of the works funded under the Councillors' allocations. Also it was not possible to extend the road sweeping service to all of the towns and villages, though manual and financial supports were provided to these communities which resulted in all entrants to the 2015 Tidy Towns competition increasing their marks. The targeted effort in Listowel supported the local community in winning Ireland's Tidiest Small town award.

I am cognizant in developing this SMDW Plan that it should be flexible enough to allow for possible emergencies or re-allocation of funding from scheduled works, that cannot for some reason, proceed. Any such re-allocation of funding should, as always, be within the overall budgetary framework, and will be notified to members. This will be done as part of the Operations Directorate report to you at the Municipal District meetings.

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

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

I wish as Chief Executive to pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of all the staff, particularly in the Listowel Municipal District, for their commitment in delivering these essential services in 2015.

I wish to thank the Senior Management and all the staff of the Operations Directorate in preparing this plan. I recommend the Plan for adoption.

Moirá Murrell

Chief Executive – Kerry County Council

SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS PLAN

Listowel Municipal District

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

It is, in effect, a plan of *maintenance and repair* works that prioritizes and apportions the use, within the municipal district, of the funding provided in the 2016 Budget, which was adopted by Council on the 9th November 2015, for particular purposes.

Interim Guidelines - application

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

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

- An Roinn Iompair Turasóireachta agus Spóirt (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport) **Circular RW 1/2016** (dated 26th January 2016) . 2016 Regional and Local Road Grant Allocations
- An Roinn Iompair Turasóireachta agus Spóirt (Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport) **Circular RW 8/2016** (dated 18th February 2016) . Severe Weather Allocations
- Bonneagar Iompair Éireann (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) - 2016 National Roads Allocations (dated 22nd December 2015) (*for maintenance works only*)

Specific Issues considered as part of the preparation of this Plan

Works in this directorate primarily include all housing improvement works and maintenance, road improvement works, maintenance and repairs due to the impact of the severe weather events in late 2015, environmental works, street cleaning, maintenance of parks and open spaces, small piers, public conveniences, graveyards etc. The plan is prepared having regard to the provisions made in the 2016 Budget adopted by Kerry County Council, the road grant allocations from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (including the additional funding for Storm Weather damage) and the TII, as well as the review of the 2015 plan.

In presenting the Budget to Council for adoption on the 9th November 2015, a commitment was given to maintaining the provision of the highest level of services. In presenting this plan for your consideration and adoption, I have set out our commitment in providing this level of service for each relevant service division (housing, roads, public lighting etc.), including targets on which we will measure and report on performance at the end of each quarter.

Housing

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

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

The Council acknowledges the need to ensure a prompt turnover of vacant properties and where the cost of the repair works are less than " 10,000, we are committed to repairing such properties within a maximum 3 month time frame. However, for some voids, particularly older stock, and regrettably in some situations where the property is severely damaged, the costs of returning the property to a satisfactory letting condition require substantially greater funding. These are assessed by the Housing Directorate for potential funding from other sources. Standards of workmanship were developed through the Community Support / Quality of Life Directorate for the return of voids, to optimize the use of grants from the Department and ensure consistency across all municipal districts, in 2015, which are now applied to all such properties. This budget is managed centrally as it is contingent on where vacancies can arise in a given year.

Works to houses under central government funded programmes, such as the energy efficiency program last year, will be presented to Council separately, if and when details of any such scheme is announced, and are not considered as part of this plan. In 2015 Kerry County Council carried out " 101,957 of energy efficiency improvements to 65 houses in the Listowel Municipal District.

Roads

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

The Council depends on national government for the greater part of its funding to carry out improvements to the road network. Following the damage caused by the severe weather events in late 2015, the Council carried out a full assessment of the extent of the damage caused, in consultation with the members, and made an application for exceptional funding to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. We received an allocation of " 4 million towards the cost of the repairs . details of which are included in this Plan.

Kerry County Council received a total maintenance allocation of " 1,445,546 from the TII for the upkeep of the national road network. This is an increase of " 43,664 (3.1%) on the 2015 allocation.

Separate allocations are provided, by the TII, for specific improvement works on the national road network and the operation of the national road design office. Full details of the level of funding available are still awaited but schemes identified for improvement works, under these TII programmes are not considered as maintenance and repair works. The schemes are capital works, which are determined by the TII, in consultation with the Council, and based on independent national road condition surveys. Accordingly, these schemes are not considered as part of the SMDW Plan, but, full details of this program of works may be considered when the Operations Directorate Service Delivery Plan is presented to Council in April.

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

most effective use of these resources. The performance targets identified in the Plan are in accordance with protocols agreed with the TII.

A grant allocation of " 12,916,783 was received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for the maintenance and improvement of the local and regional (non-national) road network, as follows:-

Grant	2016 allocation	2015 allocation	Change
<i>Discretionary Grant</i>	€3,375,935	€3,343,504	+ €32,431 (+ 1.0%)
<i>Restoration Maintenance Grant</i>	€1,953,557	€1,953,557	No Change
<i>Restoration Improvement Grant Additional funding</i>	€6,940,339	€6,940,339 (€1,125,450)	No Change
<i>Low Cost Safety Works</i>	€278,000	€209,248	+ €68,752 (+ 32.9%)
<i>Training</i>	€79,000	€79,000	No Change
<i>Specific Improvement Grants</i>	€50,000	€21,000	+ €29,000 (+ 138%)
<i>Bridge Rehabilitation</i>	€239,952	€227,558	+ €12,394 (+ 5.4%)
Total	€12,916,783	€12,774,206	+€142,577 (1.1%)

In 2015 an additional allocation of " 1,125,450 was received from the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport under the Restoration Improvement Programme. The adoption of the 2016 . 2018 Multi Annual Road Restoration Programme by Council at the February meeting, provides for improvement works in the urban and rural areas. The Restoration Improvement Programme continues to be the main focus of the regional and local roads programme.

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

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

The Discretionary Maintenance Grant of " 3,375,935 is used for the maintenance of the non-national road network in the county, which includes winter maintenance, routine maintenance, footpath repairs, bridge maintenance, drainage works etc.

In the Budget adopted by Council last November, a sum of " 4,236,500 is provided from our own resources towards the maintenance and upkeep of the non-national road network. This includes an allocation of " 957,000 towards the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund, which will be administered in strict accordance with the policy adopted by Council on the 16th February 2015. It also

includes support towards the Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance and Discretionary Maintenance Programmes for the county.

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

➤ *Community Involvement Scheme (CIS)*

No separate grant allocation has been made by the Department for funding the Community Involvement Scheme in 2016, following the completion of the pilot programme in 2014. However, the Department circular permits local authorities to use some of the funding from the Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance Grant, up to a maximum of 7.5% of the total funding available, towards CIS. The scheme is confined to local tertiary roads. These are minor roads which would not feature on the Council's multi-annual restoration programme.

In 2015, 5 schemes were completed with the local communities contributing a minimum of 15% of the cost of the works. Given the benefits of this scheme in supporting local communities on improving their local road, it is proposed to make a provision of " 130,000 to fund further schemes in 2016. This scheme will be administered on a countywide basis.

The Community Involvement Scheme was initiated in 1994. In 2008, the Council introduced a scheme to surface dress a number of older roads which had previously been improved under this scheme. A sum of " 100,000 is also being provided for this purpose in 2016, which will also be administered on a county wide basis. An assessment of the roads to be surface dressed under this programme is on-going and details of roads to be funded in the Listowel Municipal District will be brought to the members.

➤ *Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)*

This scheme is for the improvement of private roads, with a local contribution of 20% required under the terms and conditions of the scheme. Despite representations to the Department, no specific funding has been provided for this scheme in 2016.

In 2015, the Council made a provision of "100,000 from the Discretionary Maintenance Fund, which allowed for 6 schemes to be completed. However, 1 of the top 7 schemes on the 2015 priority list did not proceed, as the applicants were unable to comply with the terms and conditions of the scheme, either in getting approval from all landowners or securing the local contribution. There are 129 current applications on the LIS Priority list.

Given that there has only been a very marginal increase in the overall funding for the maintenance and improvement of the non-national public road network, the substantive reduction in previous years, it is difficult to maintain the funding for the LIS scheme from existing resources. However, having regard to the wishes of the members, a sum of " 100,000, is to be provided from the Discretionary Maintenance Fund, and this will be administered on a countywide basis. Based on the current priority list this will allow for approximately 5 schemes in 2016.

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

Facilities

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

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

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

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

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

Environmental Operations

This funding is for street cleaning, maintenance of burial grounds, maintenance of outdoor leisure areas, playgrounds, beaches and minor repair works to piers and harbours. The performance targets specified in the Plan are commensurate with the level of service that can be provided having regard to the resources available. There were challenges last year in assigning the mechanical sweeper throughout the district. However, additional manual resources were deployed to street cleaning, particularly in Ballyheigue and Ballybunion and a twice weekly cleaning service is proposed for these towns in 2016.

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

Conclusion

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

LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT					
2016 SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS					
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
HOUSING	Responsive maintenance of 897 houses (720 group scheme & 177 Single rural) and 28 demountables	" 210,146	Maintenance to the standards in accordance with the Tenants Letting Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95% of routine works to be completed within 4 weeks and • 100% emergency works to be completed within 3 working days 	
	Repair vacant houses for reletting	Funding centrally managed by Housing Department	Repairs will be carried out within 3 months from date of receiving keys, for works costing less than 10,000	95% of works complete and house available for letting within 3 months following approval from Housing	
ROADS	National Secondary Maintenance	" 47,504	36.5km NS Roads maintained. Category A repairs completed within 3 days and Category B repairs completed within 26 weeks.	<u>Category A:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of pothole and drainage repairs on national secondary routes complete within 3 days of being identified on carriageway. <u>Category B:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other repairs complete within 6 months subject to NRA funding and approval. 	
	Winter Maintenance	" 67,500	52.3km of NS and Regional roads treated in accordance with the Winter Service Plan.	100% of Priority 1 and 2 routes identified; to be treated when icy conditions are predicted on the Vaisala system.	

DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
ROADS	Safety Improvement Works	" 95,000	" 20,000: Cluainin Development, Listowel " 40,000: Convent Cross on the R553 " 35,000: Knockananore, Ballyduff	Safety works complete by Qtr. 4	
	Bridge Rehabilitation Works	" 152,232	" 81,486: Tulla More 1 R-551 " 68,746: Tulla More 2 R-551	Works complete by Qtr. 4	
	Roads to be maintained under the Restoration Maintenance Programme - see attached Appendix 1	Grant = " 383,188 OR = " <u>43,775</u> Total = " 426,963 OR = Own Resources	Surface improvements of 13.3km . listed in Appendix 1	30% completed by Qtr. 2 95% completed by Qtr. 3 100% completed by Qtr. 4	
	Roads to be improved under the Restoration Improvement Programme - see attached Appendix 1	Grant = " 1,279,397 Town Grant =" 131,000 OR =" <u>27,170</u> Total =" " 1,437,567 OR = Own Resources	Pavement improvement for 13.54km for Regional and Local Roads listed in Appendix 1	30% completed by Qtr. 2 95% completed by Qtr. 3 100% completed by Qtr. 4	
	Works to be carried out under the Discretionary	In the electoral division of Listowel	General maintenance of 909km of regional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All potholes on primary urban roads repaired within 2 working 	

	Maintenance Programme	urban:- OR = " 255,981 In the electoral division of Listowel Rural:- Grant = " 651,578 OR = " <u>105,561</u> Total = " 757,139 Total Discretionary Funding = " 1,013,120	and local roads and footpaths	days and within one week for all other roads in urban areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All potholes on regional and local primary roads repaired within 4 weeks. • Response to serious flooding where risk of flooding to dwellings on public roads within one working day. • 100km of drainage network inspected 	
ROADS	Repair works to be carried out under the Severe Weather Allocation . see Appendix 1	" 879,637	Repair works of regional and local roads	All works completed and funding drawn down by end November 2016	
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
PUBLIC LIGHTING	Approximately 876 lights maintained	Budget managed centrally	Routine repair works carried out within 12 working days of complaint.	95% of lights repaired for routine works.	
MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF CAR PARKS	Maintenance and management of car parks	" 8,000	Listowel: Car Parks - The Square, 167 pay off street spaces, GAA Car Park, Civic, Presbytery, Town Park, Castle, Rear William Street, Convent Street (3no) Car Parks, 418 free off street spaces - Listowel Town Centre,	All reported faults repaired within 10 working days.	

			400 pay on street spaces Ballybunion: Car Parks - Ballybunion SuperValu & Children's Playground, Ballybunion maintained with 175 spaces - on street parking maintained with 270 spaces. 14 pay & display machines in Listowel and 3 in Ballybunion.		
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERF ORMA NCE
MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	Maintain 5 Public Conveniences	Funding centrally managed by the Community Services and Engagement Services Section	Tarbert and Ballyheigue cleaned once per day. Ballybunion (2no) cleaned 3 times per day. Listowel cleaned once per day	Maintained to a clean standard commensurate with the level of service.	
STREET CLEANING	Clean Listowel Town Centre	" 195,000	Once daily	95% of planned works completed. All towns and villages maintain marks in Tidy Towns Competitions	
	Clean other towns and villages in Listowel Municipal District Area		Clean Abbeydorney, Asdee, Ballybunion, Ballyduff, Ballyheigue, Ballylongford, Causeway, Duagh, Finuge, Kilflynn, Kilmoyley, Knockanure, Lixnaw & Tarbert	Clean Ballybunion and Ballyheigue two times per week. All other areas cleaned once every 3 weeks. Additional resources will be deployed at peak times.	
	Clean Listowel approach roads			Once weekly	
	Clean designated Listowel Housing Estates		Ashfield (Phases 1 & 2), Convent View, Feale Drive, Gleann a Phuca, Clieveragh Downs, Clieveragh Park,	Clean with mechanical sweeper once per month	

			Ashgrove, Lisarda, Meelish Close, Ballygologue Park, Stokers Lawn/Place/Drive/Grove, Cluainín, Slí na Coille, College Lawn, Courthouse Lawn, The Lodge, Islandganniv Place, Ferndene, O'Connells Avenue/St. Brendan's Terrace, Lartigue Village, Willowbrook, Knockroe Drive, Luachra Road, Cloverfield, The Forge, Cois Baile, Dromin Green, Hawthorn Drive, Woodview, Cluain Doire, Gurtinard, Aviation Drive, Hollytree Drive, Willow Place, Cherrytree Drive, Woodlawn		
	Bottle Bank Maintenance		Civic Car Park, Presbytery Car Park (Listowel), Asdee, Ballyheigue Beach Car Park, Kilmoyley, Duagh, Moyvane, Tarbert, Ballylongford, Ballyduff	11 Bottle Banks and associated locations cleaned as required	
MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUNDS	Maintain 35 Burial Grounds	Funding centrally managed by the Community Services and Engagement Services Section	Duagh New; Duagh Old; Ahavoher; Aughavallin; Ballybunion New (St. Johns); Derryco; Dysert, Lixnaw; Finuge; Galey, Garryard; Kilconly;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burial Grounds maintained by local caretakers augmented by operational staff. 15 grass cuts from April to 	

			Killehenry; Kilmore; Kilnaughton; Kilshenane; Kiltomey; Knockanure; Lislaughtin Abbey; Lisselton; Murhur; Rahealy; Rattoo; Ballyheigue (Dromgower); Ballyheigue New(St. Marys); Ballyheigue Old(St. James); Causeway; Kilfeighney; Kilflynn; Killahan; Killury; Kilmoyley New; Kilmoyley Old(Togherbawn); Abbeydorney; John Paul II, Listowel; Teampallín Bán Famine Burial Ground, Listowel; St. Michaels, Listowel.	September. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Footpaths provided where required.	
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
MAINTENANCE OF OUTDOOR LEISURE AREAS	Town Park, Listowel	" 130,000	Maintain 32 acres of Town Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass cut every 3 weeks April - September. • Manage tree stock to appropriate standards. 	
	Maintain 3 dedicated walkways		Feale River Walk, Listowel, Sive Walk, Listowel, Cliff Walk, Ballybunion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean once a fortnight. • Improvement works in conjunction with Community and Tidy Towns Groups 	
	Maintain green areas		Ashfield (Phases 1 &	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 cut per fortnight - April to 	

			2), Convent View, Feale Drive, Gleann a Phuca, Clieveragh Downs, Ashgrove, Lisarda, Meelish Close, Ballygologue Park, Stokers Lawn/Place/Drive/Grove, Cluainín, Slí na Coille, College Lawn, Courthouse Lawn, The Lodge.	September weather permitting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% of estates maintained 	
			Open Areas in Ballylongford, Ballyheigue, Ballybunion, Knockanure, Moyvane, Tarbert	Support Tidy Towns Groups.	
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
PLAYGROUNDS	Inspection and maintenance of 6 playgrounds	" 10,836	Ballyheigue, Ballybunion, Lixnaw, Moyvane, Tarbert & Listowel. Inspected weekly. Playground equipment will be repaired within one month. Broken equipment will be repaired within 20 working days, replacement within 3	Cleaned and inspected monthly	

			months.		
BEACHES	Maintain 6 beaches	" 95,000	Ballybunion and Ballyheigue Blue Flag Beaches cleaned daily.	Empty bins daily for Jun - August and on Bank Holidays and other busy periods	
			Beale, Trippol and Kilmore cleaned as required.	Clean bi-monthly	
MAINTENANCE OF PIERS & HARBOURS	Routine maintenance of 6 piers / slips	" 1,000	Dromatoor Pier, Ballyheigue, Tarbert, Kilmore, Meenogohane , Moneycashen Pier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure fixtures and fittings are maintained. • Inspect once a year. 	
COUNCILLOR SPECIFIC MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OPERATIONS FUND	Manage the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund	" 203,000	Agree funded works carried out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed breakdown of cost to be provided. • Members notified at least one week in advance of works commencing. • Works complete by end of Qtr. 4. 	

Appendix 1

Listowel Municipal District 2016 - Restoration Maintenance Grant					
Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)		Total Area m2	Est Cost €
L-10460	Duagh to Burial Ground	940		6,110	27,500
L-10461	Cloghanneen, Ballyheigue	2,000		12,000	54,000
WAW008	Beale, Liselton	1,000			75,000
L-6009	Knockanagh North	2,000		7,000	90,600
R-1013	Barrons Cross - Bhatool Phase 1	750		5,250	28,250
R-6017	Ballynara Cross westwards	1,000		10,010	55,000
WAW134	Meenagohane, Causeway	1,100			49,500
L-6038	Cloghanneen, Ballyduff	1,200		10,500	30,260
L-6069	Farlane, Ballybunion	2,600		10,500	90,260
L-1006	Ballydonoghue Cross to jnt with L-6016 Gl	Total 11,480		10,360	879,620
	Cross				
L-1011	Dromurrin Cross - Ballyouneen jnt L-1004	1,700		10,200	45,168
	Total	13,300		81,930	383,188
Listowel Municipal District 2016 - Restoration Improvement Grant					
Listowel					
Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)		Total Area m2	Est Cost €
L-1025	Smearla Bridge -Derrindaff	2,800		15,500	233,147
L-1027	Irremore Church Cross - Knockburrane Cross	2,000		10,000	150,000
L-1031	Ardcullen - Bishops court North	1,600		9,000	135,000
L-6043	Rahely - Addergown	2,200		6,600	99,000
L-10031	Ballyline -Graffa	1,000		4,000	80,000
R551 WAW	Doon Road, Ballybunion	1,125		8,920	233,000
R551 WAW	Glencullare South to Meelcon (Phase A)	1,000		7,000	175,000
L-6050	Finuge Cross to Finuge Bridge	930		4,400	110,000
L-1011	Greenville Road	370		2,590	64,250
	Total	13,025		68,010	1,279,397
Listowel Town					
Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)		Total Area m2	Est Cost €
	Convent Cross	290		3160	94,800
	Courthouse Road	225		1,500	36,200
	Total	515		4,660	131,000
Listowel Municipal District 2016 - Severe Weather Allocation					
Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)			Est Cost €
R-551	Glandallerive Bridge, Ballyduff				100,000
L-6067	Meenanare, Duagh				60,000
L-6038	The Cashen, Ballyduff				30,000
L-1033	Kerryhead, Ballyheigue	2,100			153,887

LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

APPENDIX 2 - 2015 SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
HOUSING	Responsive maintenance of 897 houses (720 group scheme & 177 Single rural) and 28 demountables	" 275,391	Maintenance to the standards in accordance with the Tenants Letting Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% of routine works to be completed within 4 weeks and 100% emergency works to be completed within 3 working days 	<p>90% achieved within 4 weeks and the balance of 10% completed within 8 weeks</p> <p>All emergency works completed within 3 working days</p>
	Repair vacant houses for reletting	Funding centrally managed by Housing Department	Repairs will be carried out within 3 months from date of receiving keys, for works costing less than 10,000	95% of works complete and house available for letting within 3 months	100% from date of approval
ROADS	National Secondary Maintenance	" 46,734	36.5km NS Roads maintained. Category A repairs completed within 3 days and Category B repairs completed within 26 weeks.	<p><u>Category A:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of pothole and drainage repairs on national secondary routes complete within 3 days of being identified on carriageway. <p><u>Category B:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other repairs complete within 6 months subject to 	<p>All pothole and drainage repairs identified complete within 3 days</p> <p>All category B repairs referred to TII but no funding made available</p>

				NRA funding and approval.	
	Winter Maintenance	" 67,500	52.3km of NS and Regional roads treated in accordance with the Winter Service Plan.	100% of Priority 1 and 2 routes identified; to be treated when icy conditions are predicted on the Vaisala system.	100% of routes treated
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
ROADS	Low Cost Safety Improvement Works	" 63,274	" 30,647 for the R-551 Barrick Cross Junction, Ballybunion. " 32,627 for Shanacool Cross, Listowel.	Safety works complete by Qtr. 4	95% complete. Minor works outstanding which is weather dependent to complete.
	Roads to be maintained under the Restoration Maintenance Programme - see attached Appendix A	Grant = " 328,667 OR = " <u>43,775</u> Total = " 372,442 OR = Own Resources	Surface improvements of 14.9km . listed in Appendix A	30% completed by Qtr. 2 95% completed by Qtr. 3 100% completed by Qtr. 4	100% complete.
	Roads to be improved under the Restoration Improvement Programme - see attached Appendix A	Grant = " 1,642,147 Town Grant =" 133,378 OR =" <u>33,086</u> Total =" 1,808,611 OR = Own Resources	Pavement improvement for 17.71km for Regional and Local Roads and 0.57km of footpaths . listed in Appendix A	30% completed by Qtr. 2 95% completed by Qtr. 3 100% completed by Qtr. 4	100% complete.
	Works to be carried out	In the electoral	General maintenance	• All potholes on	Target achieved

	under the Discretionary Maintenance Programme	<p>division of Listowel urban:- OR = " 255,981</p> <p>In the electoral division of Listowel Rural:- Grant = " 651,578 OR = " <u>105,561</u> Total = " 757,139</p> <p>Total Discretionary Funding = " 1,013,120</p>	of 909 km of regional and local roads and footpaths	<p>primary urban roads repaired within 2 working days and within one week for all other roads in urban areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All potholes on regional and local primary roads repaired within 4 weeks. • Response to serious flooding where risk of flooding to dwellings on public roads within one working day. 	<p>100% of regional roads and 80% of local primary roads complete (impacted by severe weather)</p> <p>Flooding risks were responded to within agreed timeframes.</p>
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
PUBLIC LIGHTING	Approximately 876 lights maintained	Budget managed centrally	Routine repair works carried out within 12 working days of complaint.	95% of lights repaired for routine works.	95% of lights repaired.
MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF CAR PARKS	Maintenance and management of car parks	" 8,455	Listowel: Car Parks - The Square, 167 pay off street spaces, GAA Car Park, Civic, Presbytery, Town Park, Castle, Rear William Street, Convent Street (3no) Car Parks, 418 free off street spaces -	All reported faults repaired within 10 working days.	All reported faults repaired within target time.

			Listowel Town Centre, 400 pay on street spaces Ballybunion: Car Parks - Ballybunion SuperValu & Children's Playground, Ballybunion maintained with 175 spaces - on street parking maintained with 270 spaces. 14 pay & display machines in Listowel and 3 in Ballybunion.		
MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCES	Maintain 5 Public Conveniences	Funding centrally managed by the Community Services and Engagement Services Section	Tarbert and Ballyheigue cleaned once per day. Ballybunion (2no) cleaned 3 times per day. Listowel cleaned once per day	Maintained to a clean standard commensurate with the level of service.	Public conveniences cleaned to specified target.
DIVISIONAL SERVICE	SERVICE	BUDGET ALLOCATION	LEVEL OF SERVICE	TARGET	PERFORMANCE
STREET CLEANING	Clean Listowel Town Centre	" 193,749	Once daily	95% of planned works completed. All towns and villages increase marks in Tidy Towns Competitions	Cleaned daily. Gold medal retained. Overall winner as Ireland's tidiest small

	Clean other towns and villages in Listowel Municipal District Area		Clean Abbeydorney, Asdee, Ballybunion, Ballyduff, Ballyheigue, Ballylongford, Causeway, Duagh, Finuge, Kilflynn, Kilmoyley, Knockanure, Lixnaw & Tarbert	Clean with mechanical sweeper once per fortnight	town. Ballybunion and Ballyheigue cleaned twice a week. All other towns and villages cleaned every 3 weeks.
	Clean Listowel approach roads		Once weekly		
	Clean designated Listowel Housing Estates		Ashfield (Phases 1 & 2), Convent View, Feale Drive, Gleann a Phuca, Clieveragh Downs, Clieveragh Park, Ashgrove, Lisarda, Meelish Close, Ballygologue Park, Stokers Lawn/Place/Drive/Grove, Cluainín, Slí na Coille, College Lawn, Courthouse Lawn, The Lodge, Islandganniv Place, Ferndene, O'Connells Avenue/St. Brendan's Terrace, Lartigue Village, Willowbrook, Knockroe Drive, Luachra Road, Cloverfield, The Forge, Cois Baile, Dromin Green, Hawthorn Drive, Woodview, Cluain Doire, Gurtinard, Aviation Drive,	Clean with mechanical sweeper once per month	

			Hollytree Drive, Willow Place, Cherrytree Drive, Woodlawn		
	Bottle Bank Maintenance		Civic Car Park, Presbytery Car Park (Listowel), Asdee, Ballyheigue Beach Car Park, Kilmoyley, Duagh, Moyvane, Tarbert, Ballylongford, Ballyduff	11 Bottle Banks and associated locations cleaned as required	Bottle Bank in Listowel Town cleaned daily. All other locations cleaned as required.
MAINTENANCE OF BURIAL GROUNDS	Maintain 35 Burial Grounds	Funding centrally managed by the Community Services and Engagement Services Section	Duagh New; Duagh Old; Ahavoher; Aughavallin; Ballybunion New(St. Johns); Derryco; Dysert, Lixnaw; Finuge; Galey, Garryard; Kilconly; Killehenny; Kilmore; Kilnaughton; Kilshenane; Kiltomey; Knockanure; Lisleaughtin Abbey; Lisselton; Murhur; Rahealy; Rattoo; Ballyheigue (Dromgower); Ballyheigue New(St. Marys); Ballyheigue Old(St. James); Causeway; Kilfeighney; Kilflynn; Killahan; Killury; Kilmoyley New; Kilmoyley Old(Togherbawn); Abbeydorney; John Paul II, Listowel; Teampallín Bán Famine Burial Ground, Listowel; St. Michaels, Listowel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burial Grounds maintained by local caretakers augmented by operational staff. 15 grass cuts from April to September. Footpaths provided where required. 	<p>Target achieved</p> <p>15 grass cuts</p> <p>Kilnaughton Burial Ground 20m of footpaths and St. Michaels Listowel 40m of footpaths.</p>

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

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

COUNCILLOR SPECIFIC MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OPERATIONS FUND	Manage the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund	" 203,000	Agree funded works carried out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed breakdown of cost to be provided. • Members notified at least one week in advance of works commencing. • Works complete by end of Qtr. 4. 	Cost breakdown provided Members notified Some works delayed by late allocation and impact of severe weather
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Cllr. M Kennelly thanked Mr. O'Sullivan and Mr. Doyle for their presentation. He referred to reduced staffing levels in the Listowel Municipal District and moved Question No. 4 as follows:

"Can Kerry County Council confirm what works through councillors allocations and everyday operations are outstanding due to low staffing levels?"

Reply: *A Municipal District Operations Plan has been produced and is being presented to the members today. This outlines the works schedule for the year. Works on Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Funded projects are generally scheduled for the 'shoulder' periods of the fiscal year.*

Cllr. M Kennelly said that he had allocated funding from CSMDOF for projects in September 2015 and the works have not yet been carried out. He said he was aware that a former Councillor had allocated funding for works which have not yet been carried out.

Mr. C O'Sullivan said that staff levels have been reduced right across the Local Authority. Outdoor staff levels are determined by the availability of funding. There has been a significant reduction in the grant aid received in the past 8 years. The Restoration Maintenance Grant has been reduced by approximately 50% since 2008. There is provision in the Municipal District works plan for seasonal workers to be employed and they are selected from a panel of seasonal workers which is in place.

Cllr. M Kennelly asked that members be notified when projects which they have funded with CSMDOF are going ahead.

Mr. C O'Sullivan referred to the Operations Health & Safety Report for Municipal District meetings and said that he will endeavour to include an indication of when projects funded through CSMDOF will commence.

Cllr. M Kennelly referred to page 6 of the report circulated and asked that Lartigue Village be included for grass cutting as there is no residents association in the estate.

Cllr. J McCarthy said that local community support would work with the residents.

Cllr. D Nolan asked that a presentation on the new public lighting policy be made to the members at the next Municipal District meeting.

Cllr. D Nolan moved Notice of Motion No. 33 at this stage. She asked that the road sweeper would be used in Tarbert during the summer months.

"That the Kerry County Council road sweeper would increase activity in Tarbert for the summer season, particularly to include the Ferry Road.

Reply: *A revised work schedule for the cleaning of the towns and villages in the Listowel MD is currently being trialled. It is hoped to clean the towns and villages, within the municipal area on a 3 week basis. This is predicated on resources being made available".*

Cllr. R Beasley agreed with Cllr. M Kennelly regarding reduced staff levels and said that in the Listowel Municipal District there has been a considerable reduction in

outdoor staff due to staff who have retired not being replaced. He hoped that a person employed in Ballybunion under the Gateway initiative would be considered for further employment as the Listowel Municipal District has benefited from his work.

Cllr. R Beasley asked that street cleaning be carried out in Ballybunion and Ballyheigue prior to the Easter weekend.

Cathaoirleach J Moloney asked what the staff compliment in the Listowel Municipal District is in comparison to the other Municipal Districts.

Mr. C O'Sullivan said that apart from the towns which require additional resources, the compliment of outdoor staff is broadly the same in the four Municipal Districts.

William Street Listowel

Cllr. M Kennelly moved Notice of Motion No. 23 as follows:

“That Kerry County Council welcome the works to be carried out on William Street, Listowel and for Kerry County Council to contact all our rate payers in the town and the general public to inform them of the works ie. traffic measures during the works, length of the works and completion date.

Reply: *Tenders are currently being sought from competent construction firms for the proposed works at William Street, Listowel.*

On receipt of the tenders, (Friday 8th April) they will be analysed and forwarded to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for approval.

As part of the tender process, contractors are required to detail a schedule of works, detailing the length of time for the completion of specific elements of the contract, whereupon this information will be made freely available to all businesses that will be affected.

A Traffic Management Scheme for the contract will be determined, regularly updated and publically advertised”.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that the works should be carried out during the six week window between Writers Week from 1st to 5th June and the Munster Fleadh Ceoil 2016 which will be held in Listowel from 11th to 17th July.

Mr. C O'Sullivan said that the tendering policy is approved by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the funding is allocated. The contractor must then be selected and the relevant documentation completed. He said that while he could not guarantee that the works would be carried out at a particular time he would do his best to facilitate the events being held in the town.

Ms. J McCarthy said that it would be in the interest of the contractor to carry out the works during a quiet time in the town and it is important to ensure that the traffic management plan supports this.

Dromerrin and Killocrim

Cllr. M Kennelly asked why the Dromerrin and Killocrim roads were not included for improvement works in the Municipal District Works Plan.

Mr. J Sheehan said that the Dromerrin road is included on the road maintenance programme. The Killocrim road is not included on any programme and the Listowel Municipal District will endeavour to maintain it.

Public Lighting Policy.

Mr. C O'Sullivan said that the draft public lighting policy has been considered by the Operations Health & Safety SPC and will be presented to the members at the April meeting of the Full Council.

Kilmoyley Burial Ground

Mr. C O'Sullivan said that a report on Kilmoyley Burial Ground would be presented to the members at the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel.

Dale Road

Mr. C O'Sullivan said that he had raised the issues concerning the Dale Road with the Department of Transport and was advised that the level of funding available at present is only sufficient to maintain the existing road network in reasonable condition.

Cllr. R Beasley PROPOSED that we the members of the Municipal District of Listowel hereby resolve to adopt for 2016, the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the Listowel Municipal District, having regard to the provisions under Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014)+

Cllr. L Purtill SECONDED the proposal.

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. R. Beasley, M. Kennelly, J Lucid, J. Moloney, D. Nolan, L. Purtill, A. Thornton (7)

Against : None (0)

Absent: None (0)

Not Voting: None (0)

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

(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. D Nolan: That Kerry County Council engage with Kilflynn community regarding traffic calming and safety in the village.

Reply: Before Traffic Calming or a Pedestrian Crossing is considered for a specific location, the following criteria have to be met.

Traffic Calming:

Preliminary Scheme Assessment:

Once a request for traffic calming is received it will initially be assessed to see if it complies with basic criteria before it receives further consideration.

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.

The scheme is then assessed through a specific rating system which considers e) Accident History/Data, f) Vehicular Speed, g) Vulnerable Road Users, h) Traffic Volumes & i) Local Conditions

A Priority Assessment Form is then completed to determine if Traffic Calming is appropriate.

Pedestrian Crossings:

Scheme Assessment:

Crossings are provided as amenities to give access and easier movement to pedestrians without incurring excessive delays to traffic.

It should not be assumed that the provision of a crossing alone will necessarily lead to a reduction in road accidents.

When carrying out assessment of the site the degree of conflict between pedestrians and vehicles is estimated by counting the number of vehicles passing the site in both directions, and the number of pedestrians crossing the road along a length extending at least 50m on each side of the proposed crossing site.

The degree of conflict between pedestrians and vehicles is determined by using our survey data in a *Mathematical Formula*, the result of which will determine if the area meets the required criterion for a pedestrian crossing.

Financial Considerations:

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

If money is not provided in the Annual Roads Budget then the only other source of finance is Councillors Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. D Nolan asked that Mr. J Sheehan would arrange for Listowel Municipal District to engage with the Community Development Association in Kilflynn.

2. Cllr. D Nolan: That a permanent, safe bus bay or set-down be located in the area around Kilflynn village, so that school buses in particular can safely let students off.

Reply: The provision of road-markings for a Bus Bay can be accommodated, the location should be agreed locally and safety audited by Listowel Municipal District Operations, prior to installation.

3. Cllr. R. Beasley: That Kerry County Council consider putting in a number of ramps at the entrance to Meadow Lane, Ballyduff in the interest of safety for young children, as most occupants have young families.

Reply: Before Traffic Calming is considered for a specific location, the following criteria have to be met.

Traffic Calming:

Preliminary Scheme Assessment:

Once a request for traffic calming is received it will initially be assessed to see if it complies with basic criteria before it receives further consideration.

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.

Meadows Lane does not fulfil criteria d) and consequently vertical or horizontal traffic calming measures are inappropriate.

Meadows Lane is, however, one of 3 developments in the Listowel Municipal District for which new speed limit signage is in the process of being installed. This will reduce the speed limit in this development to 30 kph.

4. Cllr. R. Beasley: That Kerry County Council would consider using a mirror on the opposite side of the road coming out of Deer Park, Lixnaw as drivers have to drive out to the main Ballinclogher, Lixnaw road and with a serious bend up on the right hand side, it is a danger to vehicles coming out on to this road. The mirror might help to improve visibility and prevent them from coming so far out on to the road.

Reply : Kerry County Council does not install mirrors at any locations across the county.

It would be a matter for the residents of the area to install any such device, if required.

5. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would replace the footpath outside the home of (Details with Directorate) and also carry out repair works on the footpath in general.

Reply: The footpath in question is on the R-551.

The cost of replacing 70m of the footpath is " 9,600.

Listowel Municipal District has not received any finance in 2016 for the construction or re-construction of footpaths, therefore the only source of finance to undertake such works is by way of a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund aid.

Cllr. L Purtill said that he would revert to Mr. J Sheehan regarding the allocation of funding from CSMDOF for this project.

6. Cllr. L. Purtill: That Kerry County Council would repair a small area of the road leading to the home of (Details with Directorate). This area is slipping away on one side (Details with Directorate).

Reply: Kerry County Council sought funding of " 32,500 for the area around Gortacoco to undertake road repairs through the Severe Weather Funding Programme.

Unfortunately no funding was provided for the Gortacoco area through this programme, however it is understood that Kerry County Council will be reapplying for financial aid for works not yet grant aided and it is hoped that this further application will be viewed positively.

Until such funding is provided works cannot be undertaken

7. Cllr. L. Purtill: That Kerry County Council would address an area of road near the home of (Details with Directorate). This road is prone to flooding which has caused a lot of damage & it urgently needs attention.

Reply: The segment of roadway in question is the L 6030, stretching from Benmore to the Heart Hill junction with the L 6041.

Most of the roadway is in reasonable condition, although a segment outside the GAA grounds has a poor surface, due to interface issues with the set-back for the football field.

Proceeding up the hill the roadway is in reasonable repair, however there may be some issues with private residences, near the L 6041 junction, where set-backs to properties have not been constructed to properly cater for storm water.

These are issues for the property owners to attend to.

8. Cllr. L. Purtill: That Kerry County Council would replace an inadequate pipe under the road at The Steeple Road, Tarbert. It causes flooding when there is heavy rainfall near the home of (Details with Directorate).

Reply: Kerry County Council will investigate this location in the coming weeks to assess what improvements can be undertaken, however, the problem at this location may lie either upstream or down-stream of the road culvert and there is currently no evidence to indicate whether the system is inadequate.

9. Cllr. L. Purtill: That Kerry County Council would carry out works to a pipe under the bridge at Ballyline, Ballylongford near the home of (Details with Directorate). This area needs cleaning as it is causing major flooding to his home during heavy rainfall. He has already cleaned the dykes as requested by Kerry County Council.

Reply: Kerry County Council will undertake cleaning works under the bridge in question later in 2016 subject to agreement with the fishery authorities.

10. Cllr. L. Purtill: In view of the very poor condition of our roads in the Listowel area, it is very important that Kerry County Council would employ more operational staff to deal with the treacherous condition of many of our roads in the North Kerry area. 90% of the calls I get are in relation to road issues and people are irate because of the slow response of Kerry County Council in dealing with repairs.

Reply: Listowel Municipal District, Kerry County Council undertook to repair all potholes, within Listowel Town's Primary Route Network within 2 working days and all other roads in the urban environment within 1 week.
In all other areas the Regional and Local Primary Network was repaired within 4 weeks of problem identification. Due to lack of resources, both staff and financial, no specific targets could be fulfilled for the Local Secondary or Local Tertiary Network.

11. Cllr. L. Purtill: Could I have an update on works not completed in 2015 which were to be carried out with finance from councillors' allocations?

Reply: Two specific projects for which finance was provided in 2015, have not as yet been actioned i.e. parklands in Tarbert and Moyvane.
The reason that these works could not be undertaken in 2015 was due to late commitment of funds, through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund, some of which was pledged on Christmas week.
Both projects will be actioned upon within Q2, 2016, however the commitments pledged in 2015 will only partly finance the required level of works in each area.
Again due to very late commitments by Councillors, materials were purchased for other projects, however, extra finance will be required to facilitate these projects for which the materials were purchased.

Cllr. A Thornton asked that Councillors would be advised that the works financed through CSMDOF have been added to the list of projects and an expected timeframe for the works to be carried out.

Cllr. D Nolan said that a letter be issued to the Councillor/s who contributed from CSMDOF for a particular project, advising that it has been included for action and an approximate timeframe for when the works will be carried out.

Cllr. L. Purtill asked if CSMDOF could be allocated for the provision of "Cattle Crossing" signage.

Mr. J. Sheehan said that Kerry County Council does not fund the provision of such signage.

12. Cllr. R. Beasley: When can we expect to see reinforcing and surface dressing commence on the Clahane/Ballyduff road?

Reply: Listowel Municipal District Road Restoration, Maintenance and Severe Weather Damage Programme will be undertaken between April and October 2016, with areas requiring a surface dressed finish to commence in May and be completed by the end of September.

Funding of "€77,250 has been provided in the current year through a combination of the Restoration Maintenance programme and the Severe Weather Damage Programme.

This will allow for approximately 1.5km of the L-6038 from Cloghane Cross heading northwards to be improved in the current year.

13. Cllr. R. Beasley: That Kerry County Council take immediate action to improve and replace in parts, the footpath at Lacca housing estate in Ballyduff which is used regularly by a person who uses a wheelchair.

Reply: Listowel Municipal District, Kerry County Council intend to improve a section of the footpaths in the Tower Drive Estate in Ballyduff in the coming weeks through funding committed through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund as agreed at the last Listowel Municipal District Meeting.

Mr. J Sheehan said that no funding has been provided in the Listowel Municipal District for footpaths, only works funded through CSMDOF can be carried out.

14. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council examine a number of homes in Marconi Estate, Ballybunion where the windows only open very little and there would be no escape in the event of a fire, especially in the upstairs bedrooms.

Reply: Listowel Municipal District, housing maintenance repair section is aware of a problem in a number of houses in Marconi Estate, Ballybunion. The underlying issue is a problem with a lack of maintenance on hinges, leading to stress damage. Tenants are responsible for the maintenance/repair/replacement of all fixtures and fittings.

Kerry County Council policy as page 10 of the tenants handbook is that the tenant is responsible for the

- External and internal doors, locks and handles,
- Window stays, catches, and restrictors.
- Draught proofing of doors and windows.

If we receive specific complaints about this issue, Kerry County Council will examine the situation on the merits of each individual case.

Mr. J Sheehan asked that Cllr. Beasley would contact him with specific details if he is concerned about particular houses in the estate.

Cllr. Beasley asked that house no's (Details with Directorate) be examined.

15. Cllr. J Moloney: Can the footpath outside No. 6, Woodview, Tarbert be repaired?

Reply: Repairs will be undertaken to this section of footpath in the latter part of 2016.

Cllr. J Moloney said that the Notice of Motion should have read "No. 8 Woodview"

16. Cllr. J Moloney: Can safety measures be looked at on the L1010 at Tarbert due to the large volume of students from the Secondary School crossing the road here?

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A Priority Assessment Form is then completed to determine if Traffic Calming is appropriate.

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When carrying out assessment of the site the degree of conflict between pedestrians and vehicles is estimated by counting the number of vehicles passing the site in both directions, and the number of pedestrians crossing the road along a length extending at least 50m on each side of the proposed crossing site.

The degree of conflict between pedestrians and vehicles is determined by using our survey data in a *Mathematical Formula*, the result of which will determine if the area meets the required criterion for a pedestrian crossing.

Financial Considerations:

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

If money is not provided in the Annual Roads Budget then the only other source of finance is Councillors' Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Exiting the village there are currently 2 signs on the approach, indicating a school in the vicinity, one with flashing lights, some extra road markings could be considered to provide extra advanced warning.

17. Cllr. J Moloney: That the road be repaired and any drainage works needed be carried out outside St. Senans GAA grounds in Moantcoal.

Reply: This road has been added to the repair list and repairs will be undertaken in due course, however the road surface will never be acceptable until the interface between the forecourt of the GAA grounds and the actual L 6055 is addressed. The best manner in which to achieve this is through the construction of an in-situ concrete channel, the cost of which is estimated at " 9,800. The CouncillorsqSpecific Municipal District Operations Fund is the only source of finance to undertake these works.

18. Cllr. J Moloney: That the trees at the junction of the N69 and L6075/6071 at Moantcoal be cut for health and safety reasons and to limit any threat to blocking the public road.

Reply: The cutting/trimming of the trees in question are a matter for the landowner at this location. The owner will be contacted and requested to undertake the required works.

19. Cllr. J Moloney: That the footpath in Duagh Village be extended on the Listowel side of the R555.

Reply: To extend the footpath on the southern flank of the R-555 through Duagh Village, it would be necessary to acquire lands from four (4) different landowners. At present there is no funding available to either acquire the lands or carry out any construction works. Should funding become available the matter can be reconsidered.

20. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out a structural survey on the bridge between Tullamore and Inchamore road.

Reply: A survey of this bridge will be undertaken in due course.

21. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council install traffic safety measures (crash barriers) at Bolton's cross Listowel.

Reply: This matter has been forwarded to the TII Road Safety Engineer for her consideration and a response will be provided to the elected member when the matter has been considered

22. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council implement a traffic management system in Duagh covering Duagh community centre and Duagh national school.

Reply: The roadway through Duagh village is the R555 and Kerry County Council's Traffic Calming Policy applies only to Local Roads and Access Roads.

Pedestrian Crossings are provided as amenities to give access and easier movement to pedestrians without incurring excessive delays to traffic. It should not be assumed that the provision of a crossing alone will necessarily lead to a reduction in road accidents.

When carrying out assessment of the site the degree of conflict between pedestrians and vehicles is estimated by counting the number of vehicles passing the site in both

directions, and the number of pedestrians crossing the road along a length extending at least 50m on each side of the proposed crossing site.

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Financial Considerations:

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

If money is not provided in the Annual Roads Budget then the only other source of finance is CouncillorsqSpecific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Kerry County Council sought funding in 2015, under the Low Cost safety Improvements Scheme, for the provision of a pedestrian crossing between the National School and the Community Centre in Duagh. Unfortunately no funding was provided so these works cannot proceed. There are any further plans to develop a traffic management system for Duagh

Preliminary screening was undertaken last year at the location and a report presented to Listowel Municipal Members.

Notice of Motion No. 23 was moved in conjunction with Item 5.3 (a)

24. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out a traffic management survey at Charles Street upper/east with the vision of providing a one-way traffic system on this street.

Reply: Under the Road Traffic Act 1994 Part VI section 35 (2) (b) – *Regulation for the general control of traffic and pedestrians.*

(b) requiring traffic to proceed in a specified direction only or to proceed along a specified side of the roadway or, in the case of dual or multiple carriageways, along a specified carriageway;

The designation of a street as a one way system is a Ministerial prerogative.

The width of carriageway, between kerbs, in Charles Street East is 8.0m.

Parking is allowed on the northern and southern flanks of the carriageway.

The designated width of a parking space is 2.5m, allowing a width of 3.0m for the transit of two-way traffic along this route (slightly wider in practice).

This width of carriageway does not allow for the effective movement of two way traffic.

We would recommend, if it is the wish of the members to progress with this traffic management proposal, that the flow of traffic should mimic that of Charles Street West i.e. flowing West to East.

Any proposal to make Charles street East a one-way-system will have to be subject to the usual public consultation process and a subsequent report to the members.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that Charles St east is very narrow due to parking on both sides of the road.

Ms. J McCarthy asked if Cllr. Kennelly had received a lot of complaints regarding this matter.

Cllr. D Nolan said that she lived at this location for two years and did not have any problems driving on this street.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that he would defer this matter until the next meeting.

25. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council include the road known as the Powerline which joins the N69, on future road programs and that immediate repairs are carried out as a matter of urgency.

Reply: Repairs have recently been carried out to this road. It can be considered for inclusion in any forthcoming roads programme.

26. Cllr. M Kennelly: That the Kerry County Council carry out immediate road works on the Scrahan Road, Duagh.

Reply: The road in question is the L-6062 and in good condition. The required works to the edge of the road can be considered later in the year as all resources available at present are concentrating on the 2016 Roads programme.

27. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council address the terrible road conditions at Ballyrehan, Lixnaw and more particularly outside the dwelling of (Details with Directorate) and in the direction of Ballyhennessy.

Reply: The roadway off the R557, which runs south in the direction of Ballyhennessy is the L-6075 and is in relatively good repair. Two roadways, within Ballyhennessy townland, exit this road in an easterly and north-easterly direction, the former has a particularly poor interface at its junction with the L-6075, the surface being completely eroded. Neither of the roads off the L-6075 are in the care of Kerry County Council.

Cllr. A Thornton said that the road referred to in her notice of motion is the stretch of road where Ballyrehan starts and Ballyhennessy ends.

Mr. J Sheehan undertook to investigate this matter and revert to Cllr. Thornton.

28. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council address the terrible potholes on the Laccamore to Abbeydorney road particularly on the part of the road that has not been resurfaced but where deep potholes have appeared on the bends of the road making it very dangerous for motorists. Are there any plans to bring the resurfacing of this road to Abbeydorney village?

Reply: There are no plans to resurface this road. There is a particular issue in relation to the watermain on this roadway which is prone to burst on a regular basis and the said watermain would need to be replaced before any consideration could be given to resurfacing the road. In the meantime patching works will be undertaken on the road.

29. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council address the potholes on the road to the Finuge Graveyard?

Reply: This road has been added to the repair list and repairs will be undertaken in due course.

30. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council address the bad potholes on the roads in Causeway village and particularly in the direction of Causeway school?

Reply: This road has been added to the repair list and repairs will be undertaken in due course.

31. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council address the resurfacing of the parking area outside Finuge GAA grounds which is in a very dangerous state with many young children and parents using it on a very regular basis?

Reply: Patching works were undertaken to this area in December 2015 and January 2016.

The cost of resurfacing the car parking zone would be " 20,000.

There is no funding available at present to allow for this work to be undertaken.

Cllr. A Thornton said that she had allocated funding from CSMDOF in December 2015 for works at this location.

32. Cllr. A Thornton: Can the home of (Details with Directorate) be investigated regarding flood water? The water flows from the direction of the Garda Station to her front door and she is deeply concerned.

Reply: The roadway through Ballyduff village has a pronounced North/South longitudinal gradient.

The property, south of the Garda Barracks is set back from the roadway, with a boundary wall and pedestrian gateway flanking the carriageway.

There is a step up through the gate.

A functioning road gulley is situated off the roadway on the southern flank of this property, outside the boundary wall.

To the south of this house is Kerry Agri business, which has two effective further gulley traps along its frontage.

The interface between the road edge and the boundary wall of the property directly south of the Garda Barracks is approximately 400mm wide and is uneven in profile with a raised section at the entrance gateway, which has no provision for throughq drainage.

To construct an in-situ concrete channel along this section of roadway would cost " 3,200.

This is suitable for funding through a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund grant.

Notice of Motion No. 33 was moved in conjunction with Item 5. (b)

34. Cllr. D Nolan: That the green area at the rear of properties 5-8 Woodview, Tarbert be sufficiently drained to stop the flooding of the yards and back gardens of these homes during periods of prolonged rainfall.

Reply: The open area to the rear of these houses is a much higher level than the adjacent rear gardens of the properties.

Surface or combined waste water systems are available in the rear gardens.

At present Kerry County Council doesn't have the financial or manpower resources to remove the overburden of the open area to a level commensurate with the rear

gardens of the said properties or to undertake subsequent drainage works to the area.

35. Cllr. D Nolan: That the Ballahadigue/Coolatoosane Road be patched as the middle section is in a terrible state.

Reply: This road has been added to the repair list and repairs will be undertaken in due course.

36. Cllr. D Nolan: That the Meenanare road, to old Toor Creamery be repaired as there has been significant deterioration during the winter months.

Reply: This road has been added to the repair list and repairs will be undertaken in due course.

37. Cllr. D Nolan: That a heating and energy review be carried out with resident (Details with Directorate), as the resident is unfamiliar with use of storage heaters and the constant burning of coal in the range-stove leaves the house full of smoke

Reply: The use of solid fuel in a range should not induce smoke within the house, if both the range and chimney are cleaned regularly.

Our GSS will visit the premises and advise the tenant on how best to maximise the return from both forms of heating within the house.

(d) Questions

1. Cllr. R Beasley: Will Kerry County Council examine the windows and doors in many housing estates in North Kerry where handles on doors are not lasting? There are wide gaps between windows and jams which make it impossible to heat houses as a result. Many children are suffering from illness due to this.

Reply: Tenants are responsible for the maintenance/repair/replacement of all fixtures and fittings.

The issue with handles on doors generally results from inappropriate usage.

The problem only manifests itself in certain houses while other houses in the estate with the same fittings do not have these issues.

The problem with the gaps in the windows is similar to the above, with the issue only occurring in certain houses.

The two primary causes is lack of maintenance to the hinges and inappropriate use.

Cllr. R Beasley said that there are wide gaps between windows and jams which make it impossible to heat houses. This type of work is carried out by other local authorities.

Ms. J McCarthy said that this type of work has been carried out on a number of occasions but it was dependant on the circumstances of the tenant. It is the policy of Kerry County Council that tenants are responsible for the maintenance/repair/replacement of all fixtures and fittings. It is a matter for the Housing SPC to examine the Tenants Handbook and make recommendations to the Full Council.

2. Cllr. M Kennelly: Will Kerry County Council give an update on the Dromin Road in Ballybunion?.

Reply: The Roads Enforcement Officer of Kerry County Council is currently dealing with landowners, specifically relating to drainage issues on the Doon Road. An update has been requested and will be given to the member as soon as it is available.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that this is his second time to submit this notice of motion and the response is still the same.

3. Cllr. M Kennelly: What roads and bridges in North Kerry are to be repaired under our recent Government grand aid?

Reply: Finance requested for the bridge and culvert replacement projects has been made available as requested.

75% of the requested finance for each of the following roads/projects has been made available to Listowel Municipal District to undertake remedial works.

Road Number	Location	Details
R-551	Glanerdalliv Bridge, Ballyduff	Bridge to be replaced with box culvert sections
L-6067	Meenanare, Duagh	Bridge to be replaced with box culvert sections
L-6038	The Cashen, Ballyduff	Culvert replacement & non return valve replacement
L-1033	Kerryhead, Ballyheigue	Road
L-10431	Cloghaneleesh, Ballyheigue	Road
L-1008	Glouria, Lisselton	Road
L-6019	Knockenagh North	Road
L-1013	Tarmons East, Tarbert	Road
L-6017	Pulleen, Tarbert	Road
L-10434	Meenagohane, Causeway	Road
L-6038	Cloghane Road	Road
L-6009	Farranpierce, Ballybunnion	Road

Areas for which finance was requested but not made available

Road Number	Location	Details
L-6050	Finuge	Culvert replacement
L-6018	Glancullare, Tarbert	Road
R-552	Gortacoco	Road & culvert replacement
L-6051	Ballygrenan	Road
R-552	Glieveragh	Culvert replacement
	Cliff Walk, Ballybunion	Walkway erosion /fencing damaged

	Kilmore, Ballyduff	Land slippage
L-1016	Kilbaha, Moyvane	Culvert replacement
R-523	Shannacool, Listowel	Culvert repairs
L-6053	Pipers Hill Duagh	Road/ culvert
L-1010	Lislaughtin, Ballylongford	Bridge parapet walls
R-552	Clieveragh, Listowel	Culvert replacement
L-6003	Castlequarter, Asdee	Beal Beach entrance
R-551	Ahanagran, Ballylongford	Road Damaged
L-6005	Ballynagraigue, Duagh	Road Damaged
R-555	Duagh Village	Storm pipe replacement
L-1023	Kilmorna, Listowel	Storm pipe replacement

Question No. 4 was moved in conjunction with Item 5. (b)

5. Cllr. M Kennelly: Will Kerry County Council take in charge and maintain its lands owned at Bedford, Listowel?

Reply: Kerry County Council are currently in the process establishing ownership of the piece of ground in question through the Property Registration Authority and when that is established the matter will be considered further.

6. Cllr. D Nolan: Will Kerry County Council patch the inner road linking Moyvane North/Murhur to Moyvane South?

Reply: This road has been added to the repair list and repairs will be undertaken in due course.

7. Cllr. D Nolan: Could the roof tile and broken ventilation grill at the home of (Details with Directorate) be replaced?

Reply: The ridge tile was replaced on Friday last.
The ventilation grill issue was not logged as a complaint, however we will now examine the problem and come up with a solution.

8. Cllr. D Nolan: Could we be provided with a time line for works and proposed traffic restrictions on William Street, Listowel?

Reply: Tenders are currently being sought from competent construction firms for the proposed works on William Street, Listowel.
On receipt of the tenders (Friday 8th April) they will be analysed and forwarded to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for approval.
As part of the tender process, contractors are required to detail a schedule of works, detailing the length of time for the completion of specific elements of the contract, whereupon this information will be made freely available to all businesses that will be affected.
A Traffic Management Scheme for the contract will be determined, regularly updated and publically advertised.

16.03.22.07 Any Other Business

(a) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. J Moloney: That Kerry County Council confirm the ownership of all the public grounds within the Tinteán Theatre and will assist to keep the Theatre open.

Reply: Kerry County Council at its meeting on 10th March 2003 resolved in accordance with the notice under Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001 issued on 26th February 2003 to dispose of a plot of land measuring 2.770 acres approximately at Dromin, Killehenry to North Kerry Arts, Cultural and Heritage Society Ltd, Pipers Cross, Lisselton, Listowel . Accordingly the 2.770 acres of lands transferred to this legal entity.

(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 Wednesday 18th May, 2016 at 9.30am

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

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M Kennelly SECONDED by Cllr. L Purtill it was agreed that a deputation from the residents of Killoccrim would be received at the next meeting to discuss the condition of roads in the area.

(e) Any Other Business

Staff Movement in the Listowel MD

Ms. J McCarthy advised the members that Listowel Municipal District Officer Ms. J Foley will be moving to Corporate Support on 11th April, 2016 to replace Mr. G O'Brien who is moving to the Environment Department. A replacement for Ms. Foley is yet to be announced.

The meeting concluded at 19.05pm

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Meetings Administrator

Cllr. J. Moloney

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