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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL ON 18TH MAY, 2016.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL AR AN 18 BEALTAINE, 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 List MD
Ms. J Foley	Meetings Administrator
Mr. C Mangan	SEE
Mr. J Sheehan	SEE
Mr. M Lynch	SEE
Mr. M Griffin	EE
Mr. M McEnery	EE
Mr. J McEniry	EE
Ms. B Conway	AO
Ms. S Broderick	SO

The meeting commenced at 10.10am.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J Moloney took the Chair.

16.05.18.01

(a) Confirmation of Minutes

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R Beasley SECONDED by Cllr. D Nolan it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on the 22nd March, 2016 be confirmed.

(b) Reception of Deputation.

Deputation from the residents of Killoccrim.

Re: Condition of roads in their area.

Requested by Cllr. M Kennelly.

Ms. J McCarthy welcomed the deputation on behalf of the Municipal District of Listowel.

Cllr. M Kennelly introduced the spokespersons Mr. P Allen, Mr. P Lynch and Mr. M Brosnan. Cllr. Kennelly said that he has previously submitted notices of motion regarding the condition of the roads in the Killocrim area as he is fearful that a fatal accident will occur due to the damaged surface. He said that overgrown hedges are also a huge health and safety issue on these roads and referred to his Question No. 8 under Operations Health & Safety on the agenda for this meeting requesting that the enforcement officer would visit the Municipal District office one day per week to give people the opportunity to bring locations where hedge cutting is urgently required, to his attention, in confidence.

The spokespersons said that the residents are very concerned about the unacceptable condition of the roads in the Killocrim area, particularly in the vicinity of Killocrim national school. Potholes are regularly repaired but keep reappearing. Urgent improvement works are needed on this road. The overgrown hedges have caused damage to vehicles and are a health and safety concern for pedestrians and cyclists.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed the deputation and said he was familiar with the roads in this area. There is a maze of roads in the Killocrim area which are in very poor condition. He expressed concern about the overgrown hedges and said that enforcement action is required to address this matter.

Cllr. A Thornton welcomed the deputation and said that she lives in this area and is aware that the roads are in very poor condition.

Cllr. L Purtill welcomed the deputation and said that he too was familiar with the roads in this area and urgent improvement works are needed to bring them up to an acceptable standard.

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed the deputation and expressed concern about the danger for road users due to overgrown hedges. She suggested that consideration should be given to making hedge cutting a community activity with a focus on a particular area at a given time.

Cllr. J Lucid welcomed the deputation and said that overgrown hedges are a health and safety concern which must be addressed.

Cathaoirleach J Moloney welcomed the deputation and said that he hoped that funding would be made available to address the poor condition of these roads. He agreed with Cllr. M Kennelly that the enforcement officer should visit the Listowel Municipal District offices on a weekly basis to allow people the opportunity to report in confidence, the details of properties where hedge cutting is required.

Mr. J Sheehan said that the roadway is of a bog rampart road type construction and to eliminate the surface undulations a full reconstruction of the road is required to adequately improve the structural stability of the carriageway. It is not included on any current Roads Programme. Significant improvement works are needed to bring the road up to an acceptable standard, undertaking such work is beyond current financial resources and therefore consideration should be given for its inclusion in a future Roads Improvement Programme. Reconstructing this bog rampart road would cost between "2.9m to "3.5m. Overlaying the road which would last approximately 5 years would cost approximately "414,000. The Listowel Municipal District will monitor the roadway and undertake minor repair works, as required. The

road is urgently in need of substantial work, which can only be undertaken with significant financial investment.

With regard to hedge cutting, Mr. Sheehan said that failure to cut hedges by land owners may be reported to the Listowel Municipal District Office. Details of the exact location are required and the complaint is forwarded directly to the roads enforcement officer in County Buildings, Tralee.

Ms. J McCarthy said that landowners are legally obliged to cut their own hedges. Kerry County Council have not included the required funding in the budget and does not have the funding to carry out this work.

With regard to the roads in Killoccrim, Ms. McCarthy said that funding for road improvement works has been reduced considerably over the past number of years, and there are substantial works required on the road at Killoccrim. However, local staff are well aware of the situation and minor road repairs will be carried out when required.

Cllr. M Kennelly thanked the members for receiving the deputation.

The spokespersons thanked the members and officials of the Municipal District of Listowel for giving them the opportunity to highlight their concerns.

(c) Election of Leas Cathaoirleach.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R Beasley **SECONDED** by Cllr. D Nolan it was unanimously agreed that Cllr. J Lucid be elected Leas Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Listowel.

16.05.18.02 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development

(a) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. J Lucid: That Kerry County Council will investigate the possibility of acquiring land in Kerryhead to provide an appropriate viewing area on the Wild Atlantic way.

Reply: This initiative is being investigated by the Tourism Officer, John Griffin and is included in the Tourism Action Plan 2016 - 2020. This will require the partnership and support funding from Failte Ireland under the Wild Atlantic Way Programme.

Cllr. J Lucid said that this would be an excellent amenity on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Cllr. R Beasley **SECONDED the notice of motion. He said that he had asked for a similar facility for Ballybunion and agreed that it would be a great amenity that would attract tourism to North Kerry.**

Ms. J McCarthy said that the Tourism Officer had visited Kerryhead and the initiative is included in the Tourism Action Plan 2016-2020.

2. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council provide a bike stop in our towns and villages in North Kerry so that tourists cycling through North Kerry can stop in the area and be sure that their bikes are safe.

Reply: This is a worthwhile initiative that is also highlighted in the Tourism Action Plan. Costings will be investigated and locations agreed, if feasible.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that he was delighted that this initiative is included in the Draft Tourism Action Plan as visitors need a safe environment to park their bicycles.

16.05.18.03 Water Services

(a) Mr. C Mangan briefed the members on the following report which was circulated.

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT

LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Achoimre Stádais ar an 10ú Bealtaine 2016

Status Summary at 10th May 2016

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 works by KCC staff in 2015).	" 1,163,000	Contractor to commence this 3 month project in late June 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 Works Programme. This is a rolling programme of **Minor Improvement Works** which can be added to as the need arises. The list of Schemes that Kerry County Council has applied for under the Minor Capital Works Programme in the Listowel area is outlined in the table below.

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
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	Upgrade Fencing	" 72,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 550M old / deficient 100mm diameter C.I. pipes	" 33,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 335M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 44,000	Complete
Laheshheragh Pressure Management	Installation of PRVs etc	" 15,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Tieraclea Pk. Tarbert	Replace 250M old / deficient 3+ PVC water mains	" 26,000	Complete
Listowel SS	Replacement of pump at Tea Lane	" 5,000	Substantially Complete
NKRWSS: St Pat's Tce. Tarbert	Replace 350M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 42,000	Almost Complete
Lyreacrompane WTP - Sludge Treatment	Complete Sludge Treatment Plant	" 50,000	In progress
Lyreacrompane RWSS	Site Acquisition	" 30,000	In progress
NKRWSS: Lisselton	Replace 3.8KM 250mm AC mains	" 513,000	In progress
CRWSS: Kilflynn area	Replace Sluice Valves	" 23,000	In progress
NKRWSS: Dromin Water Treatment Plant	Extensive roof repairs	" 150,000	Consultants to prepare Tender
NKRWSS Scartleigh, Finuge, Ballyduff	Replace 10 Sl. Valves and 3 Mag Flow Meters	" 22,000	Approved
Lyreacrompane RWSS:	Install new scour valves and	" 17,000	Approved

Network - Unidirectional Scouring	provide sampling points on existing scours		
NKRWSS: William St. Listowel	Install 450M of 250MM water main	" 66,000	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
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Marian Terrace	Replace 370M of 90mm C.I. with Lead services with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 54,000	Approved
Ardfert North WSS . Marian Park Ballyheigue	Decommission 215M of C.I. mains	" 22,000	Approved
NKRWSS: Tarbert Ferry Rd.	Replace 2,350M of 170mm A. C. pipe with 160MM uPVC	" 294,000	Approved
NKRWSS: Dromin Water TP	Upgrade WTP Sludge Treatment Facility	" 190,000	Requested
Tieraclea Tarbert WSS . Steeple Road	Replace 2,350M of 170mm A.C. with 160MM uPVC	" 294,000	Requested
NKRWSS: Tarbert - Mail Cross to Tarmons Reservoir	Replace 2,250M of 300mm Asbestos Cement pipe with uPVC	" 501,000	Requested
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Village	Replace 1,750M of 75mm C.I. and A.C. with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 236,000	Requested
Ardfert North WSS . Tiershanaghan	Replace 3,400M of 50mm A.C. with 1,800M of 90MM and 1,600M of 63MM uPVC	" 304,000	Requested
Ardfert North WSS . Church Rd Ballyheigue	Replace 590M of 200mm C.I. with Lead services with 1,600M of 160MM uPVC	" 62,000	Requested
NKRWSS: Quay St Ballylongford	Replace 800M of 100mm Cast Iron with 150MM uPVC pipe	" 63,000	Requested
Total ALLOCATED to-date		€2,260,000	

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 the coming weeks.

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. D. Nolan: That the mains pipe work at Clounprohus, Moyvane be investigated as residents feel that there is a loss of pressure and are fearful of leaks.

Reply: The local caretaker has checked the pressure in the mains at this location and there is no evidence of a lack of pressure or volume in the supply. Any incidents of burst pipes on the main 300MM trunk pipe from Dromin water treatment plant to Tarbert will result in a disruption to the services to all customers in Cloonprohus.

2. Cllr. M Kennelly: Due to a fire recently in Causeway can Kerry County Council give an update on the operating fire hydrants in the Municipal District.

Reply: The Fire Services staff attached to the stations at Listowel and Ballybunion have this year carried out an extensive survey / inspection of the hydrants in these areas. The Water Services department received some detail of these inspections this week.

The results indicate that the infrastructure is largely in satisfactory condition. Areas where further investigation by Water Services is necessary have been identified and these issues will now be addressed, both on the ground and in submission to Irish Water.

16.05.18.04 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:

***Directorate Report,
Listowel Municipal District Meeting,
Wednesday, 18th May, 2016***

**Environmental Protection Services Report Listowel Municipal district
18th May 2016**

Business Unit Manager – Mr. Gerard OqBrien, A/Senior Executive Officer

County Clean Up Day 2nd April

- The County Clean Up day, which was facilitated by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council, was a great success. Approximately 3,200 volunteers participated which was on par with last years numbers. Practically every community in the county was involved in the biggest clean up to date. 55 tonnes of waste was collected during the clean up. Kerry County Council Operations staff from all municipal district offices was involved in picking litter from roadsides prior to the clean up thereby leading by example. Electronic signs were used to warn motorists that the clean up was in progress. This was the fifth year of collaboration on the County clean Up Day between KWD and Kerry County Council.

Spring Clean

- 120 groups have registered to date with the Council to take part in the annual litter Spring Clean around the county. This number will increase as we continue to register groups and accept litter under the Spring Clean Programme until mid May depending on demand. Many schools carry out their clean up in May so we extend the date for this purpose.

Green Flag Awards

- The Green Flag Awards for Kerry Schools will take place in Cork in May. Kerry will have 8 new schools awarded their first flag and a further 56 schools will renew their flags for various environmental modules such as energy, water, sustainable travel, biodiversity and global citizenship.

Litter Management Plan 2016-2019

4. As mentioned at the March Council Meeting, Kerry County Council's Litter Management plan will be reviewed during the next few months and a new draft plan will be prepared. The draft plan will be subject to a public consultation process and any submissions received following consultation will be considered for inclusion in the final litter plan which will be brought before each Municipal district for adoption.

Library Service Report May 2016

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

Library service:

" The Bealtaine Festival [www.bealtaine.com], celebrating creativity with age, is held nationally each year from 1 . 31 May. Age & Opportunity invites local authorities, libraries, community groups, active retirement groups, etc. to run events for older people.

Kerry Library has run a varied programme for many years and again this year there are a no. of events taking place at libraries throughout the county. Full details are on the library website www.kerrylibrary.ie Copy also attached.

" As part of the ongoing Decade of Centenaries events the following Exhibition will be on display at Listowel Library from 17 . 31 May: ~~A~~ Athbheochan na Gaeilge & 1916q/ ~~T~~he Irish Language Revival and 1916q

On Tuesday, 31 May at Tralee Library, 7.00p.m., historian & author and Listowel native, Rev. J.A. Gaughan will give a lecture titled ~~A~~ Austin Stack: Portrait of a Separatistq



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BEALTAINE WORKSHOPS 2016

LIBRARY	WORKSHOP / EVENT	FACILITATOR	DATE/TIME
Killarney	Art Exhibition	Myra Climent	Monday, 3 May – Friday, 13 May
Killarney	Painting Workshop	Roman Burgan	Tuesday, 17 May 11am - 12.30pm
Killarney	Poetry & Drama event	Rayla Tadjimatova	Tuesday, 17 May 6.30pm - 8.00pm
Killarney	Creative Writing Workshop	Victoria Kennefick	Tuesday, 24 May 6.30pm - 8pm
Listowel	Creative Writing Workshop	Barbara Lovric	Fridays, 20 & 27 May 11am – 12.30pm

Killorglin	Painting Workshop	Roman Burgan	Thursday, 12 & Friday, 13 May 11am - 12.30pm
Tralee	Poetry Workshop	An Ríocht Probus Group, Tralee	Wednesday, 4 May 11.00 am - 1.00pm
Tralee	Exhibition	An Fáilte Probus Group, Tralee	Monday, 16 May - Tuesday, 31 May
Tralee	Painting Workshop	Jane Hilliard	Tuesdays, 17 & 24 May 10am - 11.30am
Ballybunion	Creative Writing Workshop	Barbara Lovric	Saturdays, 21 & 28 May 11am - 12.30pm
Castleisland	Painting Workshop	Roman Burgan	Wednesday, 18 May 11am - 12.30pm
Kenmare	Poetry Workshop	Victoria Kennefick	Saturday, 21 & 28 May 11am - 12.30pm
Caherciveen	Painting Workshop	Jeanette Cullen	Thursdays, 19 & 26 May 11am - 12.30pm

Housing Services Report May 2016

Business Unit Manager: Christina Farrell 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 is currently writing to all tenants advising them in relation to the introduction of the new Tenant Purchase Scheme. Notice will also be placed in local media in the coming weeks and we have begun 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 on the 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 an allocation from DOECLG in relation to this Programme for 2016.

Social Housing Activity Report as at 10th May 2016

Listowel Municipal Area (L.M.A.)

<u>Social Housing Applicants (Year to Date Position)</u>		
Qualified Applicants with area of choice within Municipal Area		464

Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area	22
New Tenancies Commenced	19
Accommodation refusals	1

<u>Social Houses</u>		
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Vacant Group Scheme Properties within Municipal Area

Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)	12
Awaiting Allocation	14
Acquired Properties (requiring minor repairs)	1

Construction Programme

Single Rural Dwellings - Site Transfer Stage	0
Single Rural Dwellings - under construction	1
Extensions - applications on hands	8
Extensions - Tender Stage	2
Extensions - under construction	0

<u>Rental Accommodation Scheme</u>		
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	<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A.</u>
Total Active Tenancies	910	121
New tenancies in 2016	25	1
Tenancies terminated in 2016	8	0

<u>Leasing</u>		
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	<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A.</u>
Leased Properties	150	15
Leases under negotiation	20	2

<u>Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)</u>		
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	<u>No.</u>	<u>€</u>
Grant Allocation 2016		" 2096,050m
New Grants Allocated 2016	143	" 739,997m
Total Commitment	188	" 1,080,318m
Grants Paid	83	" 423,944m

Community Department Report May 2016

Business Unit Manager: Ms. Niamh O'Sullivan SEO

Local Economic & Community Plan.

The Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan has been ratified by Kerry County Council at the meeting on 18th April 2016. This followed the approval of the community elements of the Plan as approved at the LCDC meeting on April 4th 2016 and the approval of the economic elements at the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC meeting held on 6th April, 2016.

The South and West Regional Authority has also reviewed the Plan and has indicated its satisfaction with the content and layout.

The next stages will involve the drawing up of Service Level Agreements with all of the agencies that will be involved in the implementation of the Plan and the development of an annual implementation plan.

Ms Niamh O Sullivan, Senior Executive Officer, has now taken over the role of Chief Officer of the LCDC from Mike Scannell with effect from May, 2016.

SICAP (Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme)

For the purposes of delivery of the SICAP programme in Kerry, the County is divided into 3 Lots with programme implementers (PIs) appointed to deliver services in each of the three lots. The PIs in Kerry are the three local development groups, i.e. NEWKD; SKDP and IRD Duhallow. Each PI developed an Action Plan for 2015 for the delivery of services within their Lot area and this plan was approved by the Kerry LCDC. The LCDC, as the contracting authority, is required to monitor and review the performance of the PIs 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.

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. The LDCs, KCC and the LCDC each have a role in the development and implementation of the strategy

As previously reported, the Local Development Strategy (LDS) has been submitted and a decision is awaited. Kerry County Council has coordinated a number of responses to queries raised by Pobal but no further information has been received.

Community Support Fund

The 2016 Community Support Fund Scheme is now closed to applications.

The funding scheme is broadly classified under the following areas:-

1. Building Sustainable Community / Quality of Life
2. Community Based Economic Development and Job Creation.

An initial eligibility assessment was carried out and a full day Advisory Group meeting was held where all applications were considered by a team comprising of staff of the Community Services Department, the Municipal District Officers and Engineers, KRLSP staff and the Arts Officer. As part of this consultation, a discussion was held regarding existing funding mechanisms, the scope of this scheme and principles were established regarding the eligibility criteria. Work is now nearing completion on the assessment of all applications received and a report will be considered by the Senior Management Team in mid-May. The recommendations will then be presented to the Councillors at special meetings of the Municipal Districts. Date for the special meeting of the Listowel Municipal District to be agreed at the May meeting.

The overall number of applications from the County was 464 and 89 of these were from the Tralee M D area.

Comhairle na nÓg

The 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.

As part of the 2016 commemoration Programme, Kerry Comhairle na nÓg hosted a fashion show, "Reeling in the Years 1916 to 2016" in Tralee on Sunday 24th April 2016.

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. Work is ongoing on the website which we hope to have up and running by mid May. This communication strategy has been the main work of the Secretariat during the second half of 2015 and early 2016 as the scope of the work programme is extensive. The work programme includes the Register of Community & Voluntary Groups, representation on the various committees of the Local Authority, responding to policy development.

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

Emergency Services Report May 2016

Business Unit Manager: Michael Hession CFO

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- Operational volumes of work are now up to the end of March 2016 following a dry latter half to March with an exceptional volume of wild-land fires (over 85

such incidents in March . an exceptionally high monthly total. Statistical chart below refers

- There is a continuing reduction in chimney fires from 63 to 49 for the same quarter last year
- There is a continuing reduction in Road Traffic Accidents attended from 39 to 22 (reduction this year running at 44%).
- The elected council were updated and briefed on the work and success of the Kerry Interagency Wildfire Group and the 2016 wild fires reduction strategy.

Building Control:

There is further evidence in early 2016 of a modest increase in construction activity:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of March 2016 up from 81 to 85 (5%) from the same period last year
- Disability Access Certificate applications were up from 21 to 31 (46%) from the same period last year
- Fire Safety Certificate applications were up from 30 to 43 (43%) from the same period last year

March (Quarter 1) Statistics:

Set out hereunder are the Statistical details in respect of the Fire Service and Building Control for the period 1 Jan 2016 to 31 March 2016 along with the details of 2015 for reference purposes:

		1 Jan 2015 to 31 Mar 2015	1 Jan 2016 to 31 Mar 2016
Fire Service Operations	Total Incidents	306	303
	Total Mobilisations	330	353
	Number of Fires	178	197
	Of which: Chimney Fires	63	49
	Gorse	54	93
	Number of Special Service Incidents	81	60
	Of which: Road Traffic Accidents	39	22
Building Control	Fire Safety Cert Applications Received	30	43
	Disability Access Cert Applications Received	21	31
	Commencement/7-Day Notices Received	81	85

John Breen,

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. D. Nolan: That the 1916 Centenary be marked by permanent planting and landscaping in Listowel Town Park.

Reply: The Kerry 2016 Commemorations fund was advertised and adjudicated on in 2015. Over 66 community based projects and events received support via the fund, including a number of gardens of remembrance. Unfortunately we do not have an additional fund at this time through the 2016 budget for planting and landscaping in Listowel Town for commemorations of 1916.

Cllr. D Nolan suggested that some landscaping to mark the 1916 centenary could be accommodated in an area in the town park which is currently overgrown.

Ms. J McCarthy said that this can be examined but would be dependant on the level of funding available.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the notice of motion.

2. Cllr. R. Bealsey: That a major effort be made to help eliminate the dog foul on our streets.

Reply: The litter wardens are responsible for enforcement of dog fouling in the county. Almost 26 specific dog foul patrols were carried out by our litter warden in problem areas in North Kerry during 2015. These patrols are in addition to investigations carried out following complaints received. During 2015 additional patrols were carried out with the council's dog wardens who also check for dog licence and that dogs are under effective control. The enforcing of dog fouling is very difficult as many owners leave their dogs out late at night and early in the morning. Even when dogs are caught in action it has proved very difficult to link them to their owner.

The assistance of local residents is required to catch dog owners not acting responsibly and the environment department welcome any information received that might help reduce and eventually eliminate the problem from our streets. During 2016 we plan to use stencils along walk ways to remind dog owners to clean up after their dogs and continue to carry out patrols of problem areas.

Cllr. R Beasley said that he has raised this matter on a number of previous occasions. Dog fouling is a huge problem on streets, parks and beaches throughout the county. He said that he is aware that a child lost it's eyesight as a result of coming in contact with dog foul. He asked that public awareness campaigns in the media be considered to make dog owners aware that they are responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.

Cllr. L Purtill SECONDED the proposal.

Ms. J McCarthy said that while it is extremely difficult to police dog fouling, education is the best option as huge inroads have been made into controlling the problem of littering by educating children in schools.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that adults also need to be educated with regard to dog fouling as he has observed people walking dogs on beaches and failing to clean up after their dogs.

Cllr. J Moloney said that some dog owners clean up after their dogs but then dispose of the plastic bag and contents on the street.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. D Nolan: Is there progression with the proposed Local Authority housing project at the laneway between Colbert Street and Courthouse road, Listowel?

Reply: This is capital project-infill site in Listowel.

This has received approval to proceed to design(stage 1) stage for 7 2-bed units. It will now proceed to design .

It is hoped to have the design submitted to the Department of Housing Planning & Local Government for approval by September 2016. We will then await approval(stage 2) before progressing to tender.

Cllr. D Nolan acknowledged this response.

Cllr. A Thornton said that this information should be included in the Housing Report.

2. Cllr. J Lucid: What is the up to date situation of the rural cottage at Ahabeg, Lixnaw, (Details with Directorate).

Reply: This is a long term vacant Single Rural Dwelling in need of substantial repairs.

Kerry County Council has applied to Department for funding under the long term voids program for this project and a number of others in the County. We are awaiting a response to same.

3. Cllr. J Lucid: What is the up to date position regarding single dwelling at Marion Park, Ballyheigue, previously occupied by (Details with Directorate)

Reply: This house has been vacant since 15th April 2016.

It is going through the repairs process and will be allocated in accordance with our allocation scheme and all relevant applicants will be considered based on their circumstances.

(d) Any Other Business

(a) Tenant Purchase Scheme

Cllr. D Nolan asked if assistance would be made available to applicants who require help with completing the application form for the Tenant Purchase Scheme.

Ms. B Conway said that any assistance required would be provided on request.

(b) Listowel Heritage & Community led Regeneration

Cllr. A Thornton PROPOSED that the Council's Heritage Officer, Mr. TJ O'Mahony be requested to make a presentation to the members at the next Municipal District meeting on the Listowel Heritage & Community led regeneration.

It was agreed that the Heritage Office would be asked to make a presentation to the members at the next meeting as requested.

Ms. J McCarthy said that the final draft of this document will be presented to Senior Management at their next meeting.

16.05.18.05 Operations, Health & Safety Directorate.

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

***Listowel Municipal District Meeting
18th May 2016
Report from the Director of Operations, Health & Safety
Programme of Works***

<i>Listowel Municipal District Operations</i>	<p><u>Roads</u></p> <p><u>Listowel Town</u></p> <p><u>William Street:-</u> Tenders have been received and assessed. Meeting arranged with preferred contractor seeking clarification on some minor issues, including the scheduling of the works, having regard to upcoming festivals/events in the town.</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- Surfacing works in progress L-1027 Irremore- Knockburrane- Surfacing works in progress L-1011 Greenville Road L-10031- Ballyline . Graffa L-1050 . Convent Cross R-551- Glencullare- Meelcon</p> <p><u>Restoration Maintenance</u></p> <p>Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads</p> <p>L-1011- Dromurrin . Ballyouneen- Works complete L-1006- Ballydonoghue . Glouria Cross L-6005- Knockaneroe</p> <p><u>Severe Weather Allocation</u></p>
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- **Ballyduff**
3 Bed 7 Benmore
Fire Damage, Estimate to be prepared
3 Bed 8 Benmore
Works to commence
- **Causeway**
2 Bed 16 Marian Terrace
Fire Damage, estimate to be prepared
- **Moyvane**
3 Bed 41 Woodgrove
Works Complete, returned to housing

Single Rural Dwellings

2 Bed Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw
Works complete. House Allocated

Listowel Town

- 2 Bed 24 Feale Drive
Works Complete, returned to housing
- 1 Bed 72 Feale Drive
Works Complete, returned to housing
- 3 Bed 7 Cluainin
Works complete, returned to housing
- 2 Bed 86 O Connells Ave
Works Complete
- 2 Bed 10 Ashgrove
Works Complete
- 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 <i>Law Agents</i> 2 Bed Derry Listowel <i>Awaiting estimate approval/major costs</i> 3 Bed Ballinclemisig Ballyheigue <i>Awaiting probate</i> 3 Bed Bromore West, Ballybunion <i>Estimate to be prepared/substantial works required</i> 3 Bed Lahesrough, Ballybunion <i>Estimate to be approved, substantial works required</i> <u>Current non maintenance works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPG adaptations currently recently completed in 1 bungalow in Pairc na dTur, Ballybunion. • Design underway for 2no extensions for disabilities in Abbeydorney, proceeding to tender • BER Upgrade works underway in recently purchased houses in Listowel Town (4no remaining). • BER upgrade and mobility adaptations completed to newly purchased bungalow at Killocrim, Finuge.
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John Sheehan
Senior Executive Engineer

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council examine the housing estate at Lacca, Ballyduff with a view to improving the footpaths and the road in the estate.

Reply: Retaining existing road widths, the cost of upgrading the road surface in the estate is " 22,500.

The cost of constructing a concrete footpath on one of the green verges, without kerbing is " 22,680 and if constructed in bitmac with non road type kerbing is " 18,760.

The footpath from the southern entrance to the estate, westwards towards the village is also in need of refurbishment with a bitmac surface, the cost of which is estimated at " 7,500.

The only source of funding available is through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. R Beasley said that many elderly people reside in this estate and the road and footpaths are in an unacceptable condition. The footpath linking the estate to Ballyduff village is also in very poor condition.

Mr. J Sheehan said that there is no specific funding available for improvements to footpaths this year.

Cllr. A Thornton asked if the unavailability of funding for improvements to footpaths applies to the whole county or to the Listowel Municipal District only.

Mr. J Sheehan said that no specific grant allocation has been made by the Department for improvements to footpaths this year.

Cllr. A Thornton PROPOSED that a letter be written to the Department of Transport on behalf of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel to request that funding be made available for improvement works to footpaths in North Kerry particularly in housing estates.

Cllr. R Beasley SECONDED the proposal.

2. Cllr. D. Nolan: That relevant staff meet with the Committee and Caretaker of Kilflynn graveyard in relation to pavement and pathway works.

Reply: The Burial Grounds Engineer will meet the caretaker and committee of Kilflynn graveyard, in relation to pavement and pathway works.

3. Cllr. D. Nolan: That the accessibility at night time onto John B Keane Road on the pathway adjacent to Courthouse Lawn be reviewed due to noise, disturbance and anti-social behaviour.

Reply: The Roads Act 1993, Section 73 outlines the procedures for a local authority to extinguish a public right of way.
There is a clearly defined prescribed set of procedures to be followed.

If it is proposed that the public right of way between Courthouse Lawn and John B Keane Road be extinguished, the following requirements have to be considered:

- Letter of Application (Petition) signed by residents who will be affected by the extinguishment of the public right of way. As a preliminary to this petition a plebiscite on the issue of all the dwellers in the following locations should be considered: Courthouse Lane, Ashgrove, Balie O'Phubhda,
- Applicant should submit exact details of location and reasons for making the request
- Administrative costs may apply. This will be advised at time of application

Once the Kerry County Council approves the proposal, public notification will take place, a drawing is put on public display to indicate the area over which it is proposed to extinguish the right of way and the alternative route available.

This gives the opportunity to all interested parties to make a submission to the Council on the matter.

An oral hearing can be held if considered necessary.

Kerry County Council may, thereafter, make an order to extinguish the public right of way or part thereof or reject the proposal.

Ms. J McCarthy said that the extinguishment of the right of way would be a huge undertaking for the Listowel Municipal District. The

disturbance and anti-social behaviour at this location is a late night time occurrence and the Gardaí will be requested to increase policing the area at night time.

4. Cllr. D. Nolan: That a left lane slip road be constructed at Lackamore Cross turning off towards Abbeydorney from the N69, as a matter of immediate road safety.

Reply: As this notice of motion relates to an area within the Tralee Municipal District we have forwarded the request to the Senior Executive Engineer, Tralee MD.

Mr. J Sheehan undertook to get a response from the Tralee Municipal District and forward same to Cllr. Nolan.

5. Cllr. R. Beasley: That the black and amber signs that were knocked down in the last two years at Rahoona, Ballybunion be replaced as homes are very close to the road.

Reply: A survey of signage along all Regional Roads is being undertaken at present and any signage which will be identified as needing replacement as a result of this survey will be dealt with later in 2016

6. Cllr. R. Beasley: What is the up to-date position with the public toilets that were built which was part of the planning conditions at (Details with Directorate) and have not been opened for many years.

Reply: This issue is currently *sub judice*.

7. Cllr. R. Beasley: That the litter bins that have been removed in Ballybunion be replaced before the season begins.

Reply: A number of litter bins were removed by Kerry County Council in 2015 and were given to the local Mens Shed Group for refurbishment. Any refurbished bins will be reused by Kerry County Council in Ballybunion.

As soon as these units become available they will be re-installed in locations to be determined by Listowel Municipal District in consultation with the Ballybunion Tidy Towns Committee.

Six new litter bins were positioned in Ballybunion, last year.

The following locations were Garda Barracks, Ocean Bar, Joyce's Newsagents/Post Office, McCarthy's Ice Cream Parlour, Bunker Bar & Mario's Take-Away.

In recent weeks a bin was removed in the vicinity of Ahafona Cross, Ballybunion due to the continuous presentation of household waste.

It is not proposed to replace this bin due the illegal dumping issue.

Cllr. R Beasley said that the owners/operators of fast food outlets do not provide litter bins outside their premises and removing bins is not the answer to reducing littering.

Ms. J McCarthy acknowledged the work of the tidy towns committee in Ballybunion and said that the bins which were removed will be replaced.

8. Cllr. R. Beasley: That the green and white boulder that was put up in the entrance to Kilanard Listowel be replaced. This is the road that goes by (Details with Directorate) and many other homes.

Reply: A delineator will be placed at this location in the near future.

9. Cllr. R. Beasley: That Kerry County Council take immediate action to have the lighting in Doonard Ballybunion sorted out without delay.

Reply: This estate is not in the care of Kerry County Council.

Cllr. R Beasley said that there are a number of social houses in this estate and the public lighting has been out of order on a number of occasions.

Mr. J Sheehan said that no application for the taking in charge of that estate has been received.

Ms. J McCarthy said that a Bond is in place for this estate and she undertook to refer the matter to the Council's Estates Unit and revert to Cllr. Beasley as soon as possible.

Cllr. A Thornton suggested that a list of areas where repairs to public lighting is needed be compiled in view of the upcoming new public lighting policy.

10. Cllr. R. Beasley: That the seats in the Cliff Walk, Ballybunion be painted immediately.

Reply: Kerry County Council will undertake this work in the very near future.

11. Cllr. J Lucid: What is the current status with the provision of a footpath from the Cloisters Estate Abbeydorney to the village.

Reply: Kerry County Council is currently awaiting a response from a landowner in respect of the acquisition of a segment of property to facilitate the construction of a footpath at this location.

No finance is currently available to undertake the proposed works.

Cllr. J Lucid said that the residents are very concerned about the cost of addressing the growth of Japanese knotweed at this location.

Cllr. A Thornton said that the residents of this estate have endured a lot of hardship in the past and should be given any assistance possible.

Cllr. R Beasley said that people should be made aware that cutting back Japanese knotweed encourages stronger growth of the weed.

12. Cllr. J Lucid: That Kerry County Council resolve the severe dampness problem at the properties of (Details with Directorate).

Reply: Kerry County Council will replace the extractor system which is currently not functional.

13. Cllr. J Lucid: That Kerry County Council replace the guttering at the property of (Details with Directorate).

Reply: Kerry County Council will replace the fascia and soffit and place a PVC rainwater gutter and rainwater-pipe on the property.

14. Cllr. J Lucid: Could Kerry County Council install speed ramps at the Cloisters Estate Abbeydorney due to anti social behaviour.

Reply: The road in question lies within a 50km/hr zone.
Prior to the consideration of any Traffic Calming Scheme for the area the following basic criteria have to be satisfied.

Basic Criteria:

- a) The site must be inside a 50 kph speed limit zone.*
- b) There must be a significant majority (two thirds) of residents in favour of the introduction of traffic calming.*
- c) In the case of a through road the minimum length of unobstructed, straight road shall be 300m.*
- d) In the case of a cul-de-sac the minimum length of unobstructed, straight road shall be 150 m.*

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

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

If the project progresses beyond the survey stage a ~~Priority~~ Assessment Form~~q~~s then completed to determine if Traffic Calming is appropriate.
If a scheme reaches the required criterion, a cost estimate will be prepared.

Traffic calming schemes will be installed in their entirety. Individual items such as ramps shall not be installed on a piecemeal basis.

Having regard to the fact that:

- Greater emphasis will be placed using horizontal deflections, pinch points and chicanes.
- The Traffic Management Guidelines emphasise that vertical deflections (ramps, speed cushions and tables) should only be used as a last resort and that all other measures should be considered first.
- Ramps and/or rumble strips do have unwelcome side effects such as additional noise, vehicle damage and possible personal injury.
- The Ambulance Service, generally, is not in favour of ramps and has concerns about the effect of ramps on people with spinal injuries travelling over ramps.
- The Fire Services are also concerned that ramps delay the response time of their fire tenders.

If money is not provided in the Annual Roads Budget, which in this case it has not, then the only other source of finance is County Councillors' Allocations from the CSMDOF.

This estate was part of a programme in 2015 to have the speed limit reduced to 30km/hr with appropriate combination signage to include *slow zone, 30km/hr, children at play and residential area*.

The relevant signage is in place.

There is currently an ongoing review of speed limits, which is taking place on a county wide basis and it is proposed to include this estate for consideration to have the speed limit reduced to 30kms/hr.

15. Cllr. J Lucid: What is the position regarding the carrying out of drainage work and repairs to the Liscullane road (road no L10101-15) Lixnaw.

Reply: Some drainage works were carried out at the eastern side of this road earlier this year.

No further works are planned at present.

Cllr. J Lucid said that this road is in very poor condition and he is concerned that vehicles may be damaged.

Mr. J Sheehan said that this is a Local Tertiary Road and considerable funding is required to bring it up to standard.

16. Cllr. J Lucid: That Kerry County Council repair the road leading to the property of (Details with Directorate) which is currently in a poor state.

Reply: This is a private road not in the care of Kerry County Council

Mr. M Griffin said that this house is on a private road, Kerry County Council owns only sites on this road.

17. Cllr. A Thornton: That Kerry County Council provide an update with respect to Lixnaw graveyard works and that whatever works are needed to be done are expedited.

Reply: The legal department of Kerry County Council are currently dealing with the purchase of the land for the new Burial Ground at Lixnaw. Works will be expedited once this is complete.

Cllr. A Thornton said that a new burial ground is urgently needed in Lixnaw and asked that the purchase of the land be completed as soon as possible to allow works to commence.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the notice of motion.

18. Cllr. A Thornton: That Kerry County Council confirm the time required at present to have notified potholes filled in the Municipal District.

Reply: Complaints of road and lighting faults may be made in the following manner:

a) In person at Aras an Phiarsaigh, Listowel

b) By phone: ph 068/21104

- c) By e mail: listowelao@kerrycoco.ie
d) On the website www.fixmystreet.ie

The following commitments are given within the Service Delivery Plan for Listowel Municipal District.

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Lags	1	3		3
Oil Spill	3			
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Rubbish			1	
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Total	117	202	120	106

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Cllr. A Thornton acknowledged that resources and funding for road repairs are limited at the moment but emphasised that the roads in North Kerry are in very poor condition and a plan must be put in place to address this matter.

Cllr. D Nolan moved notice of motion No. 25 at this stage. She agreed with Cllr. A Thornton that the roads in North Kerry are in very poor condition and said that the members are using their notices of motion to raise this issue as they want to get a response in writing.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that seasonal staff must be employed and a plan put in place to maintain the roads in North Kerry.

Cllr. R Beasley and Cllr. L Purtill supported the notice of motion.

Cllr. M Kennelly PROPOSED that the public would be made aware that the delay in the carrying out of road repairs is due to lack of staff resources and the condition of the roads will be addressed in the near future.

Cllr. L Purtill SECONDED the proposal.

Mr. J Sheehan said that the storms and flooding of late 2015 caused considerable damage to the road infrastructure. He acknowledged that many of the roads in North Kerry are in poor condition and reconstruction of the whole road is needed in some cases.

25. Cllr. D Nolan: That a 2016 timeline be provided for the repair of Local Roads logged with Listowel Area Office.

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19. Cllr. A Thornton: That Kerry County Council confirm if works outside the home of (Details with Directorate) have been investigated and what costs were put on the works.

Reply: This location has been inspected by Kerry County Council. An estimate for the required works on the public road has been quantified at " 3,000.

This is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund and the works can be undertaken later in the year by Kerry County Council.

As the owner of the property is not living in the locality it will be necessary to meet with him and outline some actions which he will have to undertake within the boundary of his own property to enable any proposed works by the local authority.

20. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council confirm the costs that were identified for works at Duagh Sports Complex to include car park and fencing.

Reply: The following works have been identified and costed in relation to Duagh Community Sports Complex.

1. 190m anti-climb fencing 2.2m high - from North-West to South-East corner of site - " 19,950 + VAT
 2. 45m retaining wall - two sides of car park - " 12,150 + VAT
 3. 7,270 sq m of bitmac plus relevant surface markings - " 145,400 + VAT
- These works are not suitable for financing through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

21. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council confirm what type of funding can be sought for resurfacing of the road outside the house of the (Details with Directorate).

Reply: The only source of funding available for works of this type and magnitude is the multi-annual Roads Improvement Programme. The current programme, which was agreed earlier this year, runs from 2016-2018 inclusive.

Cllr. A Thornton said that she did not accept this reply. Approximately 200 people who cut turf use this road to bring their fuel home and it is important that a solution to the condition of the road is found before this season begins.

22. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council fill the potholes on the Finuge cemetery road.

Reply: The potholes will be filled in the near future.

23. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council provide confirmation of when the contribution of residents on a road has to be paid with respect to Medical Hardship Schemes.

Reply: The initial step is for a roadway to be approved under the scheme. Cllrs contributions are then determined and allocations confirmed. The local contribution has then to be paid prior to the commencement of works.

24. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council confirm if works will be undertaken in relation to the entrance exit to the town park this year as it causes a build up of traffic in the area.

Reply: No works are planned during 2016.

Cllr. A Thornton said that works are needed at the entrance/exit to the Meadows housing estate.

Ms. J McCarthy said that any works at this location would require significant funding. She said that a costing of the widening and aesthetic improvement of the area at the entrance/exit to the town park would be prepared.

Cllr. D Nolan asked if car parking would be included in the space provided following the demolition of the building owned by Kerry County Council on Bridge Road, Listowel.

Ms. J McCarthy said that the provision of some parking would be examined as part of the overall plan for this area.

26. Cllr. D Nolan: That lighting be provided from Knockanure village to Knockanure Community Centre.

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

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

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

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

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

Any request to provide additional public lighting between Knockanure Community Centre and the village will need to be assessed as part of a Public Lighting Policy, which was be developed through the Operations SPC, and given the existing demands on the Council to maintain/replace existing public lighting infrastructure throughout the county.

Current public lighting, within the village, consists of 70Watt SON lanterns on power distribution poles. One of these lanterns is positioned on the western flank of the Community Centre.

The scheme as requested requires the erection of six(6) lighting columns and LED heads.

Requests for additional public lighting will be considered annually for funding through the KCC's annual budget for public lighting and for compliance with the Public Lighting Policy.

The Public Lighting Strategy as set out in the Public Lighting Policy, gives priority to the replacement of existing lighting with energy efficient units, prior to any new lights being considered.

'Kerry County Council will prioritise funding towards the upgrading of existing lights to more energy efficient LED luminaires and associated works'.

Cllr. D Nolan asked that this location be added to the list of areas where repairs to public lighting are required.

27. Cllr. D Nolan: That the bend at the top of Dromin Hill at Coolatoosane be widened, resurfaced at the edges and dangerous grass and overgrowth and overhanging trees be removed.

Reply: The monies pledged from County Councillors' Allocations for this project in 2014 were reallocated due the failure to reach agreement with landowner in question.

The decision to reallocate the funding was taken at the Electoral Area Meeting of April 2014.

There are no monies currently available to undertake these works.

It is estimated that the works required would cost " 22,000.

Attempted land acquisition at this location has been ongoing since 2006.

A considerable amount of time and effort had been expended on this matter by Kerry County Council without success.

28. Cllr. J Moloney: Can a safety barrier be put in place at the Clounmachon/ New Line junction?

Reply: A safety barrier can be installed at this location, the cost of which is estimated at " 1,500, and is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. J Moloney said that he would allocate €1,500 from CSMDOF towards this project.

29. Cllr. J Moloney: Can the signs in Duagh village for Duagh graveyard be replaced?

Reply: The cost of replacing the signage at this location " 1,000 and is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllrs. J Moloney and A Thornton said that they would each allocate €500 from CSMDOF for this project.

30. Cllr. J Moloney: Can the drainage issues outside (Details with Directorate) be dealt with?

Reply: This matter will be investigated in the coming weeks to see what measures, if any, Kerry County Council will need to undertake at this location.

Cognisance will also have to be taken of any planning conditions relating to this property regarding drainage.

31. Cllr. J Moloney: Can the drainage issues outside (Details with Directorate) be dealt with.

Reply: Works will be carried out at this location later in 2016

32. Cllr. J Moloney: Can the yellow lines be extended on Dowds Road at the entrance to Willow Court.

Reply: Double yellow lines at this location can be extended when the road marking contractors are in the area.

33. Cllr. J Moloney: Could it be suggested to the ESB to consider undergrounding the power lines in O Connells Avenue, Listowel.

Reply: For a project such as this, consideration will have to be given to the following:

The local authority will have to place the necessary underground ducting into which the power lines will be placed, including all pavement excavations and reinstatements.

Kerry County Council will have to pay a fee to ESB Networks for them to remove the overhead lines and place them underground.

In the case of O'Connells Avenue road-crossings will be necessary, this will entail cutting across a roadway which was resurfaced in 2012 & 2013.

At present Kerry County Council is not in a position to fund this project.

34. Cllr. J Moloney: Can the electric car charging points be marked in some distinguishable manner?

Reply: The charging points and the markings associated with them are a matter for ESB Networks to maintain and improve if necessary. ESB Networks can be made aware of the members request.

35. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council give a complete report on the recent flood survey of the Listowel area.

Reply: Kerry County Council has engaged JBA Consulting Engineers, Limerick, to:

- Investigate the causes of ongoing flooding of a number of residential and commercial premises in the Clieveragh area of Listowel arising from three open channel water courses and the combined sewer.
- Identify options to mitigate flooding in this area.

- Prepare a preliminary cost estimate regarding the identified options.

This report is to be submitted to Kerry County Council by 23rd of May. This report will be presented at the MD Meeting in July.

36. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry county council complete a full safety report on all the rural national schools in the Municipal District, (ie) signs not working, road markings badly faded.

Reply: There are twenty eight (28) Primary and six (6) post primary schools in the Listowel Municipal District catchment area.

The location of each facility and the type and physical condition of the signage and road-markings for each will be logged and evaluated.

An estimated cost of any remedial works will be made.

However, given the requirement to structure resources, this survey work can not proceed until the current Roads Programme has been finalised.

37. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council maintain the Gale road which connects onto the Ballybunion road and also to include it in future maintenance restoration works.

Reply: The roadway in question, the L-6026, is not suitable for a Roads Maintenance Programme.

The current Roads Improvement Programme is effective until the end of 2018.

The Galey West Road (off Ballybunion Road) extends for 2.8km and an estimate of " 245,000 to undertake the necessary works thereon was given to Cllrs. in the preliminary considerations for the current Roads Improvement Programme.

The road may be considered for a future Roads Improvement Programme.

38. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry county council maintain the link road between Coilagurteen and the Athea road and also to include it in future maintenance restoration works.

Reply: Kerry County Council has no roadway in its charge running directly between Collagurteen and the R523 Athea Road.

The segment of roadway between Collagurteen Bridge and Ahavoher Cross, the L-1020, is 3.4kms in length is not on the current Roads Improvement Programme 2016-2018.

Much of the L-1020 is in reasonable condition, however major segments suffer from considerable differential settlement and consequently it is not suitable for a Roads Maintenance Programme.

The cost of undertaking improvement works to this segment of roadway is " 552,500, which may be considered for a future Roads Improvement Programme.

The remainder of the roadway to the Athea Road (R523), the L-1021, is 3.3 kms in length and likewise is not on any current Roads Programme, however this section of roadway appears to be in reasonable repair.

The roadway from Ahavoher Cross to the county bounds, the L-1022 is in reasonable repair, but could benefit from localised strengthening as a pre-requisite prior to being placed on a Road Maintenance Programme. This segment of roadway is 2.4kms in length, the strengthening of which would cost " 42,000 and subsequent surfacing dressing " 85,800. The current Roads Improvement Programme, which was determined and approved in the recent past, is effective until the end of 2018.

39. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council maintain the road leading to Curtis cross in Dromin Listowel and to include it in future works programmes.

Reply: The roadway in question is the L-6033, stretching from Curtin's Cross to Guiney's Cross, most of which is suitable for a Roads Maintenance Programme.

The roadway itself is 2.15 kms in length, however the most easterly 0.95 kms has been heavily repaired and is in need of strengthening, prior to any surface dressing occurring.

The estimated cost of strengthening is " 95,000 and surface dressing " 43,500.

The current Roads Improvement Programme, which was determined and approved in the recent past, is effective until the end of 2018.

Cllr. M Kennelly asked that this road be included in a future Road Maintenance Programme.

40. Cllr. M Kennelly: Has Kerry county council finalised the safety/ traffic management survey that was to be carried out at St. Michaels College Listowel, the seriousness for pupil safety up here is enormous.

Reply: As this location relates to the N-69, any measures that may be deemed necessary would require the approval of Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

An inspector of TII has been made aware of the concerns.

A traffic/pedestrian survey has been completed by Listowel Municipal District Operations at this location and the results of this survey will be forwarded to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to determine what measures, if any, are required.

41. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would address the damage to the Ballyline bridge on the Ballylongford side (R552) where some of the stones have fallen in.

Reply: Due to damage to a bridge on the L-6015, at Ballyline West, 70m west of its junction with the R552 (Listowel / Ballylongford Rd), it has been necessary to close the road to through traffic, pending a detailed analysis of the damage and completion of essential repairs. Local diversions are in place.

The structural integrity of the bridge is currently being ascertained, where-after an estimate for remedial works will be prepared.
It is expected that works will commence shortly after financial approval is received.

42. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would erect a cul-de-sac sign at the entrance to Beale Hill wind farm on the Coast Road to Ballybunion, to prevent a lot of unnecessary traffic.

Reply: This road is not in the care of Kerry County Council.

43. Cllr. N Purtill: That Kerry County Council would remove and replace the boundary ditch adjoining the property of (Details with Directorate).

Reply: The works involve removing approx 30m of ditch and building a wall approx 1.2m high at the front of the house and 1.8m stretching to the rear. The estimated cost of undertaking the works is " 12,800.
No funding is available to undertake these works.

44. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would address the very bad condition of the road near Irremore Church on the Listowel to Tralee road (L6055). This road is used by many motorists to avoid the town of Listowel.

Reply: This road is not suitable for a Roads Maintenance Programme and is not on the current Roads Improvement Programme.
The current Roads Improvement Programme, which was agreed earlier this year, is effective until the end of 2018, where-after the L-6055 can be considered for planned inclusion.
The estimated cost of undertaking improvement works to the roadway is " 127,500.

45. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would give permission to the house owner (Details with Directorate) to cut the hedge adjacent to the house. This house was previously owned by (Details with Directorate). The site distance is very much impaired by the growth of this hedge.

Reply: The owner is free to undertake hedge-trimming on their property within the confines of the Wildlife Amendment Act 2002.
It should be noted that this house is not in the care of Kerry County Council.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. R. Beasley: What is the up to-date position regarding derelict buildings?

Reply: A full report will be presented to the members at the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel.

2. Cllr. A Thornton: When will works on Dromerin Bridge commence ?

Reply: No funds are currently available to undertake works to this structure.

3. Cllr. D Nolan: Has the use of the road sweeper at Tarbert been reviewed to account for summer traffic and it's situation as a gateway to County Kerry for many tourists?

Reply: Once the current road works in Tarbert are complete, it is hoped, subject to resources being available, that the mechanical sweeper will service the village once a fortnight during the Summer period.

4. Cllr. D Nolan: Will the small upper window on 12 Patrick Street be replaced in order to restore the vernacular architectural integrity of the streetscape?

Reply: The window on 17 Patrick Street was enlarged and the window replaced in April 2016, Kerry County Council does not have 12 Patrick Street in its care.

5. Cllr. J Lucid: What is the current position regarding the works at the house of (Details with Directorate).

Reply: Listowel Municipal District, Kerry County Council will be in a position to return the keys for this property at the end of the current week.

6. Cllr. J Lucid: What is the current position regarding the area of the sand dunes at Ballyheigue that was badly damaged by high seas and storms in 2014? Previous repairs have been undermined by more recent storms.

Reply: There has been significant coastal erosion and damage to sand dunes at several locations along the Kerry coast in recent years. Any proposal to carry out repair works to the dunes is an environmentally sensitive issue requiring consultation with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). The NPWS is generally not keen on artificial interventions but Kerry County Council is currently engaged with them in a sample case at another location where we are seeking to find a solution which is acceptable to all parties, the outcome of which would be applicable to other areas such as Ballyheigue. The Cllr will be appraised of developments.

7. Cllr. J Lucid: What is the up to date situation regarding a bus shelter for Sraid Thaidhg, Ballyheigue?

Reply: The NTA makes funds available for bus shelters on an annual basis, subject to budgetary constraints, for the provision of bus shelters at bus stops on subsidised bus routes, such as those operated by Bus Eireann. The funding is provided with respect to new shelters, replacement of life expired shelters and the relocation of existing bus shelters, where necessary. The available funding is allocated having regard to a prioritized list of locations across the State, drawn up by the bus companies, each year and agreed with the Authority.

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

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

None of the sites made it on to the prioritized list however we were advised that there was nothing to prevent local authorities from providing bus shelters within their administrative areas.

All such projects are suitable for funding through CouncillorsqSpecific Municipal District Operations Fund.

The various options are:

Unit 1

5.0m x 1.5m: Shelter Price incl VAT " 19,618.50

Base 2.5m x 7.0m " 1,400

Total Cost " 21,018.50

Unit 2

4.0m x 2.0m: Shelter Price incl VAT " 20,049.00

Base 3.0m x 6.0m " 1,440

Total Cost " 21,489.50

Unit 3

A bus shelter unit comprised of tubular steel and polycarbonate roofing and paneling can be purchased for " 9,800 (not including base), but this would be of inferior quality and in my opinion would not survive stormy conditions.

Total Cost " 11,200

Note: None of the proposed bus shelters has provision for lighting for the indicated price.

This project is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. J Lucid said that the Kerryhead /Ballyheigue Family Resource Centre is based at Sraid Thaidgh. Children who attend the centre are picked up by bus from Sráid Thaidgh. He asked if this request could be forwarded to the National Transport Association for consideration.

Mr. J Sheehan said that as stated in the reply above, this request was previously submitted to the NTA but this location is not on a priority list by Bus Éireann.

8. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry county council have our enforcement officer based in our Municipal District office one day a week? so that public and elected members can meet with him and itemise the roads in the Municipal District where hedging is completely overgrown causing health and safety issues.

Reply: Specific detailed complaints requiring the intervention of the Roads Enforcement Officer may be made in the following manner:

- a) In person at Aras an Phiarsaigh, Listowel
- b) By phone: ph 068/21104
- c) By e mail: listowelao@kerrycoco.ie
- d) directly to the Roads Enforcement Section, Kerry County Council..

All requests will be immediately forwarded to the Roads Enforcement Officer.

16.15.18.06 Any Other Business

(a) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. J Lucid: That Kerry County Council request the OPW to provide funding to carry out coastal protection works to take place after an appropriate assessment screening on the Cliff road at Ballyheigue, given that the cliff is badly eroded and threatens the collapse of the main road serving Kerryhead.

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

Cllr. J Lucid said that action is needed as soon as possible as the residents of this location are very concerned that the road will collapse. Cllr. R Beasley supported the motion and agreed that this matter must be addressed as soon as possible.

(b) Question

1. Cllr. J Moloney: As we are approaching Tidy Town judging time will the old Kerry County Council Building on Bridge Road be demolished soon?

Reply: Tenders will be sought for the demolition of this building in the coming days. Approval for the opening of these tenders will be included on the agenda for the June meeting of the Full Council.

Cllr. J Moloney said that the appearance of this building is not acceptable at the entrance to Listowel particularly as the town missed out on winning the 2015 National Tidy Towns competition by just one point.

Ms. J McCarthy said that Listowel Municipal District is committed to improving this location.

(c) Pedestrian Crossing in Ballyduff

Cllr. R Beasley asked if consideration would be given to the construction of a pedestrian crossing at the Post Office in Ballyduff.

Mr. J Sheehan said that a traffic and pedestrian survey to determine the demand for a pedestrian crossing at this location will be carried out later this year.

(d) To agree dates for the following meetings:

- (a) It was agreed that the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel would be held in Áras an Phiarsaigh, Listowel on Monday 11th July, 2016 at 9.30am.
- (b) It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Listowel which will be held in County Buildings, Tralee on Monday 27th June, 2016 at 10.15am
- (c) It was agreed that a Special Meeting to consider and approve allocations from the 2016 Community Support Fund would be held in Áras an Phiarsaigh, Listowel on Thursday 26th May, 2016 at 10.00am

The meeting concluded at 12.35pm

Jean Foley

Ms. Jean Foley.
Meetings Administrator

Cllr. J. Moloney
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Municipal District