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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL ON 11 JULY, 2016. MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL AR AN 11 IÚIL, 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
Ms. B Reidy	Meetings Administrator
Mr. A Smith	MD Officer
Mr. D Doyle	A/SE
Mr. C Mangan	SEE
Mr. J Sheehan	SEE
Mr. M Lynch	SEE
Mr. D Murphy	SEE
Mr. G O'Brien	A/SEO
Mr. M McEnery	EE
Mr. J McEniry	EE
Ms. B Conway	AO
Ms. S Broderick	SO

The meeting commenced at 10.05am.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. A Thornton took the Chair.

16.07.11.01

(a) Confirmation of Minutes

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J Moloney 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 18th May, 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 the 26th May, 2016 be confirmed.

(c) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R Beasley SECONDED by Cllr.J Moloney it was agreed that the Minutes of the Annual meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on the 27th June, 2016 be confirmed.

(b) Business prescribed, by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting.

(a) Taking in charge of road at Bruach Na Gaile, Moyvane, Co. Kerry.

Mr. G O'Brien briefed the members on the following report which was circulated:

Bruach Na Gaile, Moyvane, Co. Kerry . Road from its junction with the L . 6112 to all terminal points within the estate in Bruach Na Gaile, Moyvane, Co. Kerry. Map 18 (serving 46 houses)
Total length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 360m

Background

Pursuant to %Taking in Charge+Policy, adopted by the Council in June 2008, it is proposed to take this roadway in charge.

Statutory Procedures

In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in Bruach Na Gaile, Moyvane, Co. Kerry was published in the Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 20th April 2016.

Persons or Bodies who made objections or observations within the prescribed period:

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M Kennelly SECONDED by Cllr. D Nolan it was agreed that an Order be made declaring the road from its junction with the L . 6112 to all terminal points within the estate in Bruach Na Gaile, Moyvane, Co. Kerry to be a public road pursuant to Section 11 (2) (i) of the Roads Act 1993 in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and having regard to Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in relation to the taking in charge of estates.

(b) Reception of Deputation.

Deputation from the residents of Heirhill, Cloghaneleesh, Castleshannon and Drumnacurra.

Re: The condition of the road from Healy's Cross to Lowes Cross and from Lowes Cross to the Lodge Cross.

Requested by Cllr. J Lucid.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton welcomed the deputation.

Cllr. J Lucid welcomed the deputation and introduced the spokespersons (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*)

Cllr. Lucid that he had attended a public meeting in the White Sands hotel in Ballyheigue on the 7th June regarding the condition of this road. There was a large attendance at the meeting and the general consensus was widespread dissatisfaction with the very poor condition of the road.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) thanked the members and officials for allowing him to bring his concerns to their attention. He said that the poor condition of the coast road between the Lodge Cross and Healys Cross in Ballyheigue is unacceptable. The road carries a huge volume of traffic on a daily basis as it serves a large community of residents and a huge farming community as well as being part of the Wild Atlantic Way route.

The surface of the road has completely deteriorated in places and trying to avoid potholes when driving is common practice. Both edges of the road have subsided due to water main accommodation works. The road is not wide enough to accommodate heavy goods vehicles and agricultural machinery when they meet. The local community has endured this nightmare for approximately 30 years as the edges have been dug up during the placement and replacement of water mains and there is extreme subsidence on both sides of the road.

He said that on January 1st 2015 revised standards were introduced for the use of agricultural vehicles on public roads. This resulted in significant investment by farmers in their machinery. He asked why this investment has not been reflected in the condition of the roads. How can farmers be expected to keep replacing tyres at a cost of " 1000 each when they are damaged due to potholes on roads like this. He personally pays " 3000 per annum on vehicle taxation and felt that this money should be used to maintain the roads.

The second speaker *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* on behalf of the residents and users of this road asked that Kerry County Council would acknowledge the serious risk to the lives of all who use this road and asked that a complete resurfacing of the road be carried out immediately along with the necessary drainage and widening of the road where required.

Cllr. J Lucid thanked the deputation for their presentation. He said that this road is used by a large volume of traffic and there has been a considerable deterioration of the surface in recent months. The bend on the road at Castleannon must be addressed as a matter of urgency.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed the deputation and said that this road must be included in a roadworks programme. In the meantime it must be maintained and the bend at Castleshannon must be addressed.

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed the deputation and said that the health and safety of road users is an issue in this case. While the road is on the Wild Atlantic Way route it must be acknowledged that there is a community living in this area that uses the road on a daily basis, therefore it is important that funding is sought for the reinstatement of this road.

Cllr. J Moloney welcomed the deputation and thanked them for their presentation. He acknowledged that a section of the road is included in the Multi Annual Road

Improvement Programme for 2018 and asked if it was possible for the work to be carried out sooner. He said he would allocate funding from his CSMDOF for works on this road if required.

Cllr. L Purtill welcomed the deputation and said that this is a very serious matter for the residents.

Cllr. M Kennelly welcomed the deputation and hoped that Kerry County Council would look favourably on their concerns and that a resolution would be found as soon as possible.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton welcomed the deputation. She said that she was familiar with this road and acknowledged the concerns of the residents.

Mr. J Sheehan welcomed the deputation and thanked them for their presentation. He said that the only programme for funding works on this type of road is the Multi Annual Road Restoration Improvement Programme which is determined by the members. 1.65km of the road from Lowes Cross to the Lodge Cross is included on the 2016-2018 Multi-Annual RoadsqRestoration Improvement Programme. With regard to the removal of the bend at Castleshannon, Mr. Sheehan said that all funding committed for 2016 has been expended. Funding under Low Cost Safety Measures will be sought for remedial works at this location.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) said that the roads in South Kerry are in much better condition than the roads in North Kerry.

Cllr. R Beasley said that the roads in South Kerry are built on rock while the roads in North Kerry are on bog rampart.

Ms. J McCarthy acknowledged that the Wild Atlantic Way is a very successful project. The availability of funding for upgrading the road network on the route is a national issue. The cost of improving the roads in North Kerry is significant due to the bog rampart foundations in many areas and the damage caused to infrastructure during the severe weather conditions of the past winter. She said that an application for funding for works at the bend in Castleshannon would be made under the Low Cost Accident Scheme.

The spokespersons said that the residents did not want any further repairs to be carried out on the road from Healys Cross to the Lodge Cross. They wanted the road to be reinstated in 2016.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton assured them that the members would do their very best to assist the residents in this matter.

16.07.11.02 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 constructed as one contract by Response Engineering Ltd. Work is complete and the upgrades to the pipelines were done in 2013.
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<u>ADDITIONAL MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS</u> <u>BUT NOT PUBLISHED IN IW CIP 2014-2016</u>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Derry - Listowel NKRWSS	Replacement of 2.75Km of 300mm Asbestos Cement Water Main (a further 750m length was completed as advance worksqby KCC staff in 2015).	" 0.75M	Irish Waterq plans to do these works by Contract have changed . it is now proposed that KCCq direct labour crews will do the job in late 2016.

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

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

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

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

IRISH WATER MINOR IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME

Irish Water has also launched a Minor Capital WorksqProgramme. This is a rolling programme of **Minor Improvement Works** which can be added to as the need arises. The list of Schemes that Kerry County Council has applied for under the Minor Capital Works Programme in the Listowel area is outlined in the table below.

<u>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME</u>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
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	" 236,000	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
Lahesherragh Pressure Management	Installation of PRVs etc	" 30,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Tieraclea Pk. Tarbert	Replace 250M old / deficient 3+ PVC water mains	" 26,000	Complete
NKRWSS: St Pat's Tce. Tarbert	Replace 350M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 42,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Lisselton	Replace 3.8KM 250mm AC mains	" 513,000	Complete
Listowel SS	Replacement of pump at Tea Lane	" 5,000	Complete
Lyreacrompane WTP - Sludge Treatment	Complete Sludge Treatment Plant	" 17,000	In progress
Lyreacrompane RWSS	Site Acquisition	" 30,000	In progress
CRWSS: Kilflynn area	Replace Sluice Valves	" 53,000	In progress
Ardfert North WSS: Ballyheigue Pressure Management	Install Pressure Reducing Valves and Meters	" 7,000	In progress
CRWSS: Laccamore Abbeydorney	Replace 1.44KM old / deficient 125MM PVC main with 160MM pipe	" 158,000	Contract awarded
Glenderry WS: Mains Replacement	Replace 750M of 50mm AC watermain	" 56,000	Contract awarded
NKRWSS: Dromin Water Treatment Plant	Extensive roof repairs	" 150,000	Consultants to prepare Tender
NKRWSS: William St. Listowel	Install 450M of 250MM water main	" 88,000	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
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	" 48,000	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		€2,286,000	

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 now due.

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.

Cllr. J Moloney referred to the take over of Group Water Schemes and asked if a timeframe was available with regard to the development of a protocol to facilitate the Takeover by Irish Water.

Mr. C Mangan said that a Working Group has almost completed a new Taking In Charge procedure. To test this process, a pilot scheme for the take-over of three schemes in Galway, Mayo and Clare is currently underway. Kerry is different from other counties in that there are very large Group Schemes in the county such as Clanmaurice GWS.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton PROPOSED that a letter on behalf of the members would issue to the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government requesting that the development of a protocol be expedited. It was unanimously agreed that a letter would issue to the Minister.

(b) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would take over the Lenamore No. 2 Group Water Scheme.

Reply: Since 1 January 2014, Irish Water has total 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, by Irish Water, of Group Schemes. A Working Group has almost completed a new Taking In Charge procedure. To test this process, a pilot scheme for the take-over of three schemes in Galway, Mayo and Clare is currently underway.

To-date, the 17house / 1.4Km long Lenamore GWSS, constructed in 2003, has not applied for Take-over.

16.07.11.03 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development

(a) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. J Moloney: That this Council explore the possibility of establishing a Blueway on the River Feale.

Reply: This proposed objective/action is included in the Draft Tourism Strategy which will come before the full council at the July meeting.

2. Cllr. D Nolan: That Listowel Municipal District call on the Minister with responsibility for the Office of Public Works to begin a seasonal guide/information service at Carrigafoyle Castle, Ballylongford in a real and meaningful commitment to the development and promotion of the Wild Atlantic Way in North Kerry.

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

Cllr. R Beasley supported the notice of motion and said that this was a very important matter.

Cllr. L Purtill supported the motion and said that the opening times for the Castle should be extended.

Ms. J McCarthy said that this is a spectacular location which has huge potential. The number of visitors to the castle is increasing annually. The OPW do fantastic work and the potential of this area must be exploited as it could be an interesting part of a heritage trail of North Kerry.

Cllr. D Nolan thanked the members for their support and said that it is important that a number of guide/information serviced sites are developed in North Kerry.

Ms. J McCarthy said that points of historical interest in the area such as Carrigafoyle Castle must be developed with a view to encouraging visitors to stay overnight in North Kerry

(b) Question

1. Cllr. D Nolan: Has there been any advance on improving the tourism potential of the River Feale as a fishing amenity?

Reply: The potential of the River Feale is to be explored under the Draft Tourism Strategy both for Adventure Tourism and further development as a fishing amenity.

Cllr. D Nolan said that she hoped that the Tourism Strategy would be developed to its full potential.

16.07.11.04 Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate

(a) It was agreed to note the following report which had been circulated to the Members:

Library Service Report

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

Library service:

“ As part of a national roll out, Kerry Library, along with 10 other authorities will be joining Phase 2 of the national Library Management System [LMS] on 12 July 2016. This system operates the circulation, cataloguing and public search elements of the library service.

The Phase 1 Implementation libraries were (went live June 2015): Dublin City; Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown, Fingal, Kildare, South Dublin and Wexford. Phase 2 comprises *Kerry*, Clare, Donegal, Galway, Limerick, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Tipperary, Waterford City/County and Wicklow. Phase 3 (to go live by end 2016) includes Carlow/Kilkenny / Cavan/Monaghan / Cork City & County / Laois/Offaly / Longford/Westmeath and Sligo/Leitrim /Roscommon

Library users will be able to borrow up to 12 items at any given time [up from 8], will have access to the catalogues of all participating libraries and will be able to request & receive books, delivered free of charge to their home library. Usage of the online

e-books, e-magazines, e-learning and e-languages services already in place will be additional to this. Training for library staff was provided in house during June.

In addition, there will be a change nationally in the fines system for overdue books. At present Kerry Library levies fines on overdue books at a rate of 10c per item per week or part of a week. The new system will standardise the fines system nationally at 5 cent per day up to a maximum of 30 cent per week per item as authorities join the new LMS project. Borrowers will receive a courtesy notice via e-mail in advance of books becoming overdue.

Free library membership has been in operation nationally since 1 January 2016.

“ The Children’s Reading programme 2016 - **Summer Stars** – will be running in all Kerry Libraries and most public libraries throughout the country this summer. Summer Stars is a free programme, open to all children.

Each child must register at their local library. A *Summer Stars Reading Card* will record their reading progress and the *Summer Stars Reward Stamp* will be added to their card at the library for each book read. Fun rewards will be provided along the way and an awards ceremony will take place at the end of summer. The Summer Stars programme provides children with the opportunity to explore the range of events and facilities which are available in their local library, such as story time sessions, children’s activities, access to talking books and games, computers, internet access and of course children’s books for all ages.

A new feature this year is the **Talking e-books** service, with both English and Irish titles. Each e-book is accompanied by audio on every page. In the junior versions, the audio can be played for each page, each individual word or sentence. Full audios and text for all the stories are also provided. Popular Irish songs and poems are also available. Songs and poems can be listened to in full or each verse played individually. Full text accompanies each one. Further details at <http://www.librariesireland.ie/summer-stars/talking-ebooks/stories>

Oifig na Gaeilge Report

Business Unit Manager - Roibeard Ó hEartáin, Oifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge

ATHBHEOCHAN NA GAEILGE AGUS 1916

Sár-thaispeántas de chuid Chonradh na Gaeilge a thugann léargas iontach ar dhul i léig agus athbheochan na Gaolainne, ó aimsir an Ghorta Mhóir go dtí 1916. Tá 13 de sheastáin phreab-aníos ildaite sa taispeántas a insíonn scéal na Réabhlóide Cultúrtha agus Athbheochan na Gaolainne in Éirinn. Bhí an taispeántas i Leabharlann Lios Tuathail agus sa Seanchaí le linn Seachtain na Scríbhneoirí. Ar fáil ó Oifig na Gaeilge d’Fhéilte, Leabharlainne, Scoileanna & Grúpaí Pobail.

An excellent display developed by Conradh na Gaeilge that portrays the fall and rise of the Irish Language from the time of the Great Famine through to 1916. The display consists of 13 multicoloured pop-up stands that story-board the period of the Gaelic Revolution in Ireland and the Revival of the Irish Language. It was on public

display in Listowel Library and An Seanchaí during Writers Week and is available from Oifig na Gaeilge to Festivals, Libraries, Schools & Community Groups.

AN GHAEILGE I LIOS TUATHAIL

IRISH IN LISTOWEL

Bás Lios Tuathail 50% den 18 gnó a ghlac páirt i gcomórtas nua an Fhuinneog is Gaelaí le linn Seachtain na Gaeilge 2016.

Tá Oifig na Gaeilge ar fáil i gcónaí chun tacú le Cathaoirleach Cheantar Bardasach Lios Tuathail in úsáid na Gaeilge le linn óráidí, oscailtí oifigiúla agus fáiltithe cathartha.

50% of the 18 businesses that took part in the new Fuinneog is Gaelaí competition during Seachtain na Gaeilge 2016 are based in Listowel.

Oifig na Gaeilge is available to support the Cathaoirleach of the Listowel Municipal District in the use of Irish during orations, official openings and civic receptions.

Environment Service Report

Business Unit Manager – Ger O'Brien, Senior Executive Officer

Bottle bank re-branding

Kerry County Council in conjunction with the SRWMO plan to make changes to the signage and appearance of bottle banks in 30 locations throughout the county in the next few months - Funding for these sites is to be provided by Southern Regional Office. A new sleeve has been developed to wrap over each bottle bank with new signage above each bottle bank.

County Clean Day 2nd April

As reported at the last M.D meeting The County Clean Up day, which was facilitated by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council, was a great success. 55 tonnes of waste was collected during the clean up.

Litter Management Plan 2016-2019

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.

Emergency Services Report July 2016

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- Operational volumes of work up to the end of June 2016 are down on the same period in 2015. Statistical chart below refers
- There is a continuing reduction in chimney fires from 92 to 71 for the same period last year
- There is a continuing reduction in Road Traffic Accidents attended from 71 to 54 (reduction this year running at 24%).

Building Control:

There is further evidence in the first half of 2016 of a modest increase in construction activity:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of June 2016 is up from 168 to 207 (23%) from the same period last year
- Disability Access Certificate applications were up from 43 to 45 (4%) from the same period last year
- Fire Safety Certificate applications were up from 64 to 80 (25%) from the same period last year

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers continued to provide the Courts with recommendations in respect of any licensing applications notified to the Fire Service. This included an Occasional Licence application in respect of the Ring of Kerry Cycle Event to be held in Killarney's Beech Road car park on Saturday 2nd July 2016.
- Fire Officers continued with inspections of premises where required.
- Fire Officers attended pre Event meetings in respect of the Munster Football Final in Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney 2016. Also Fire Officers attended a meeting in respect of the proposed layout of car park in Killarney re the Ring of Kerry Cycle Event 2016.

Quarter 1 & 2 Statistics:

Set out hereunder are the Statistical details in respect of the Fire Service and Building Control for the period 1 Jan 2016 to 30 June 2016 along with the details of 2015 for reference purposes:

		1 Jan 2015 to 30 Jun 2015	1 Jan 2016 to 30 Jun 2016
Fire Service Operations	Total Incidents	646	538
	Total Mobilisations	720	632
	Number of Fires	408	320
	Of which: Chimney Fires	92	71
	Gorse	210	143
	Number of Special Service Incidents	144	117
	Of which: Road Traffic Accidents	71	54
Building Control	Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	64	80
	Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	43	45
	Commencement Notices Received	168	207

Social Housing Activity Report

Ms. B Conway briefed the members on the following report which was circulated.

Social Housing Activity Report Listowel M D					
30 June 2016					
<u>Social Housing Applicants (Year to Date Position)</u>					
Qualified Applicants with area of choice within Municipal Area				464	
Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area				15	
New Tenancies Commenced				21	
Accommodation refusals				6	
<u>Social Houses</u>					
Vacant Group scheme properties within Municipal Area					
Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)				11	
Awaiting Allocation				7	
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				6	
Extensions - Tender Stage				2	
Extensions - under construction				0	
<u>Rental Accommodation Scheme</u>					
		<u>County</u>		<u>L.M.A.</u>	
Total Active Tenancies		914		124	
New tenancies in 2016		17		4	
Tenancies terminated in 2016		6		0	
<u>Leasing</u>					
		<u>County</u>		<u>L.M.A.</u>	
Leased Properties		117		13	
Leases under negotiation		21		2	
<u>Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)</u>					
		<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	
Tenant Purchase Update Scheme Listowel MD:					
Applications Received, acknowledged & currently in process of assessment.		24			
Capital Listowel MD:					
Proposed Development:					
Upper William Street, Listowel - Stage 2 awaiting approval from Department		7			
Ashgrove, Listowel - Tender Complete, Awaiting approval from Department		1			

Ms. J McCarthy referred to the Housing Activity Report on page 13 and asked that the report for future meetings would give the members more specific details on acquired and vacant properties

Cathaoirleach A Thornton referred to the county wide number for Housing Adaptation Grants allocated and asked that the number of grants allocated in the Listowel MD be included in the reports for future meetings.

The Cathaoirleach also asked for an update on how soon applications for the Tenant Purchase Scheme will be assessed.

Ms. B Conway said that an update on the Tenant Purchase Scheme will be prepared for the next meeting.

Cllr. D Nolan referred to housing construction and asked if 2 & 3 bedroom houses will be constructed in Lixnaw.

Ms. B Conway undertook to revert to the members regarding this matter.

(b) Preparation of Litter Management Plan 2016-2019

Mr. G Brien briefed the members on the preparation of Litter Management Plan 2016-2019

- The Litter Pollution Acts 1997-2009 obliges each council to review its Litter Management plan every 3 years. Kerry County Councils current Litter Management plan 2013-2016 is therefore being reviewed now.
- The Draft plan when prepared will be put out for public consultation during the summer.
 - i) Advertisements will be placed in the local newspapers and on local radio.
 - ii) Copies of the plan will be forwarded to each member of Kerry County Council, local TDs and Senators, Tidy Town groups, Coillte, National Parks and Wild Life Service.
 - iii) Copies will be available, for review by the general public, at County Buildings, Tralee, Environment Office, Maine St. Tralee, all Council Municipal district offices and County Libraries.

Any written submissions received from any of the above in relation to the plan should be submitted to the Environment section, Maine Street and will be considered by the members of each Municipal District. The Local Government Reform Act 2014 has listed the making, review or replacement of a litter management plan as a reserved function of each Municipal district so the plan will be brought before each Municipal District for approval.

The plan will consider the objectives under the following headings

- Education and awareness
- Litter Prevention and Control
- Partnerships

- Enforcement
- Recycling and Recovery

Cllr. D Nolan asked if consideration could be given to improving the appearance of textile recycling banks.

Mr. G O'Brien said that that it is planned to make changes to the signage and appearance of bottle banks in 30 locations throughout the county in the next few months. A new sleeve has been developed to wrap over each bottle bank with new signage above each bank. He said that a lot of textile recycling banks are on privately owned sites and are not the responsibility of Kerry County Council.

Cllr. D Nolan said that many textile recycling banks are in very public and visible locations.

Mr. O'Brien undertook to examine this matter.

Cllr. J Moloney requested that the bottle banks in Listowel would be first on the list for rebranding.

Mr. G O'Brien said that this matter would be examined.

Cllr. J Moloney asked why there is a Litter Management Plan for each Municipal District.

Mr. G O'Brien said that he anticipated that the Litter Management Plan 2016 – 2019 would be a core plan with a focus on each Municipal District. Cathaoirleach A Thornton asked if the locations of the 30 bottle banks to be rebranded had already been decided as Lixnaw tidy towns Committee would like Lixnaw to be included.

Mr. G O'Brien undertook to revert to the Cathaoirleach regarding this matter.

(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. R Beasley: That the sliding door of the beach guards hut on the mens beach in Ballybunion be replaced immediately. It was damaged during the winter storms and a lot of damage was caused to the hut itself.

Reply: A new door has been ordered for the lifeguard hut in Ballybunion and it will be fitted by the end of this week. Some internal refurbishment will also be carried out to the hut.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed the reply and expressed disappointment that the work has taken such a long time.

2. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council utilise the land it owns in Ballybunion to build more family houses as there are approximately 140 people waiting to be rehoused in the area and that number of people represents approximately 12% of the population of Ballybunion.

Reply: As Members are aware the Government are currently finalising a Housing Strategy which is expected to be launched by the end of the month.

As part of the analysis/ preparatory work the issue of available Council land has been raised nationally (by the Local Government Sector and by Kerry County Council) as an issue to be considered as part of the Strategy.

Any scheme to address the issue is a matter for Government and we await the launch of the Strategy.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton supported the Notice of Motion.

3. Cllr. J Moloney: That Kerry County Council Arts and Heritage Section liaise with Killahenny Heritage, Historical & Arts Society in relation to plans to erect a monument to Mary Young who raised the funds for Ballybunion Church in 1891.

Reply: The Arts Office of Kerry County Council is available and happy to liaise with the Killahenny Society. We will assist with advice and guidance with regard to experience in commissioning sculptural work.

For information: Kerry County Council's Arts Office does not have a budget to commission sculptural work. Sculpture work commissioned by the LA is funded via the Per cent for Art Scheme (this money is allocated when capital funds are allocated towards specific capital works in the county). We are not aware of any capital works in Ballyheigue at present and not in a position to assist financially towards the commissioning of sculpture works.

However should funding be secured by the local community we would be delighted to assist with advice and guidance from our experience in commissioning sculptural work.

If the notice of motion is referring more to a plaque, it would be advisable to contact the Area Engineer, who may be in a position to assist. It is also worth contacting the Heritage Officer . TJ O'Mahony.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the Notice of Motion.

4. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council ensure that all its housing stock is fitted with a certified functional smoke and carbon monoxide alarm.

Reply: The installation of smoke alarms has been agreed as part of our overall maintenance programme for 2016/2017.

The installation of Co2 alarms will be examined and we will provide a further update to the Council.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton PROPOSED that a letter on behalf of the members would issue to the Department of Housing, Planning Community & Local Government requesting that a programme be put in place nationally with a view to the provision of funding for the installation of smoke alarms and Co2 alarms for all Local Authority housing.

Cllr. M Kennelly SECONDED the proposal and it was unanimously agreed that this request would issue to the Department.

5. Cllr. J Lucid: How soon can one expect the house previously occupied by (Details with Directorate) to be ready and available for a new tenant?

Reply: This is part of the long term units awaiting funding sanction from the Department of Housing

6. Cllr. J Lucid: What is the situation with regard the house previously occupied by (Details with Directorate). When will this house be available for a new tenant?

Reply: This is part of the long term units awaiting funding sanction from the Department of Housing

Cathaoirleach A Thornton PROPOSED that a letter issue to the Department of Housing, Planning Community & Local Government to request that more funding be made available for the renovation of vacant properties.
Cllr. R Beasley supported the proposal and said that the timeframe for the repair and reallocation of properties should be a maximum of six months.
It was unanimously agreed that this request be forwarded to the Department of Housing, Planning Community & Local Government.

Ms. B Conway said that these two units are part of a group of houses that require major refurbishment and applications for funding are currently with the Department.

7. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council update the members as regards the Social Housing plans, to include construction, for the Municipal District by way of a report for the next meeting.

Reply: This is included in the housing activity report which was circulated.

16.07.11.05 Operations, Health & Safety Directorate.

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

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

Listowel Municipal District Operations	<u>Roads</u>
	Listowel Municipal District East
	<u>Restoration Improvement</u>
	Works on the following roads are complete L-1025 Smearla Bridge . Derrindaff L-1027 Irremore- Knockburrane . 90% complete L-10031- Ballyline . Graffa R-551- Glencullare- Meelcon

	<p>Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads L-1011 Greenville Road L-1050 . Convent Cross <u>Restoration Maintenance</u></p> <p>Works on the following roads are complete L-1011- Dromurrin . Ballyouneen Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads L- L-1006- Ballydonoghue . Glouria Cross L-6005- Knockaneroe</p> <p><u>Severe Weather Allocation</u> Works on the following roads are complete L-6017- Pulleen L-1013- Tarmons East L-6019 . Knockenagh (90% complete)</p> <p>Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads L-1008- Glouria</p> <p>Listowel Municipal District West Works have commenced on Glanerdalliv Bridge, Ballyduff</p> <p><u>Restoration Improvement</u> Works on the following roads are complete</p> <p>L-1031 Ardculen . Bishops court North L-6043 Rahely- Addergown</p> <p>Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads R-551 Doon Road</p> <p><u>Restoration Maintenance</u> Works on the following roads are complete</p> <p>L-6038 Cloghane Road, Ballyduff</p> <p>Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads L-1000 Kilconly North R-551 Ballinbranhig <u>Severe Weather Allocation</u></p> <p>Works on the following roads are complete L-6038- Cloghane Road, Ballyduff L-10434- Meenagohane- (90% complete) L-10431- Cloghaneleesh- (90% complete) Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads L-1033 . Kerryhead, Ballyheigue</p>
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	<p>L-6009- Farranpierce</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Housing</u></p> <p><u>Group Schemes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abbeydorney</u> 2 Bed 25 Riverside Close Works to Commence • <u>Ballybunion</u> 2 Bed, 29 Marconi, Works to Commence • <u>Ballyheigue</u> 1 bed 44 Marian Park Works nearing completion 1 bed 48 Marian Terrace Works to Commence • <u>Ballyduff</u> 3 Bed 7 Benmore Fire Damage, Estimate to be prepared/Awaiting Insurance 3 Bed 8 Benmore Works nearing Completion • <u>Causeway</u> 2 Bed 16 Marian Terrace Fire Damage, Estimate to be prepared/Awaiting Insurance • <u>Lixnaw</u> 3 Bed, 35 Baile an Garrai, Works to commence • <u>Moyvane</u> 3 Bed 36 Woodgrove Fire Damage, Estimate to be prepared/Awaiting Insurance <p><u>Single Rural Dwellings</u> 2 Bed Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw Works complete. House Allocated</p> <p><u>Listowel Town</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Bed 112 Feale Drive Estimate to be prepared
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John Sheehan
Senior Executive Engineer

David Doyle
A/Senior Engineer

(b) Notices of Motion

Emergency Motion

Cathaoirleach A Thornton advised the meeting that Cllr. M Kennelly had requested permission to move an emergency motion:

Cllr. M Kennelly then moved the following emergency motion:

Works on William St. Listowel

"That Kerry County Council would give a definite start date for works to commence on William St. Listowel and that immediate repair works be carried out on this street".

Cllr. M Kennelly said that Listowel is now coming close to the third Listowel Races Festival since this work was promised and the deterioration of the pavement surface on William St. has been considerable in the interim and is an embarrassment for the town. He said that he had witnessed a person falling on William St. recently and he asked if any measures could be taken in the next 48 hours before crowds arrive in the town for the Munster Fleadh Cheoil.

Cllr. J Moloney supported the motion and said that the disrespect shown to Listowel by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) is unacceptable.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton supported the motion and said that urgent commencement of the work is required.

Mr. J Sheehan said that ERVIA will commence the laying of gas and water mains on both sides of William St. on 15th August, 2016. The works will cease for the duration of the Listowel Races and all works will be completed by December 2016.

Ms. J McCarthy said that she had discussed this matter with Mr. David Doyle A/SE who has undertaken to speak to all the business owners in the town this week and advise them of the schedule of works.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that disruption for the businesses should be kept to a minimum and asked that the schedule of works would be advertised in the media to ensure that all concerned are made aware of the necessary road closures.

Ms. J McCarthy acknowledged Cllr. Kennelly's request that disruption be minimised to allow business to continue unhindered in Listowel for the duration of the works.

Cllr. R Beasley said that it is necessary for this work to be carried out and he hoped that it would be completed for the Christmas shopping period.

Cllr. J Moloney said that it is very important that disruption for business in the town is minimised.

Ms. J McCarthy advised that Mr. A Smith, Listowel Municipal District Officer works out of Listowel Municipal District Office on Mondays and Thursdays and will be available to advise on traffic control and schedules.

1. Cllr. R Beasley: That Kerry County Council would consider providing temporary public conveniences adjacent to Beale Strand until such time as proper facilities can be erected there.

Reply: Kerry County Council currently provide 33 Public Conveniences, many of which are situated at beach and seaside locations throughout the County.

All resources available for 2016 are currently allocated to the provision and upkeep of these public conveniences.

There are thirteen (13) Blue Flag beaches in the county and it is the policy of Kerry County Council to upgrade facilities thereon, prior to consideration of further units.

Preliminary indications of the cost for the provision a temporary facility for the summer period is " 8,675 hirage.

The cost of routine maintenance, power etc. will have to be added. Preliminary works required to service a temporary convenience, includes the laying of 370m of water-main, provision of power to the site and the construction a waste water treatment system, all of which will not be financially inconsiderable.

There are currently no plans to provide a permanent public convenience at Beale Strand.

Cllr. R Beasley said that there is no public convenience on the Wild Atlantic Way route between Tarbert and Ballybunion and asked that the provision of temporary public convenience at Beale Strand be considered.

2. Cllr. J Moloney: Can a facility for Green Waste (grass cutting, scrubs ect) be provided in the Listowel Municipal District?

Reply: Listowel Municipal District will work with any ResidentsqAssociation or other group that want to establish a composting facility.

We are currently in discussion with a specific group about the provision of a composting facility within the Listowel Municipal District.

Such facilities should be easily controllable and designed specifically for intended usage within the locality.

There is, however, a financial implication associated with the provision of such facilities, which will have to be addressed.

Ms. J McCarthy said that she would examine this matter and revert to Cllr. Moloney.

3. Cllr. J Moloney: That a review of the parking by-laws take place. The last review in Listowel Town was in 2005.

Reply: Listowel Municipal District will review the existing parking bye- laws to ensure on-site compliance with the parking schedule contained within the Parking Bye-Laws 2005.

It would appear that under Section 36, Road Traffic Act 1994, the Road Authority, in this case Kerry County Council, is the body tasked with the making of parking bye-laws, consequently if it is the intention of this motion to amend or create new bye-laws, the motion should be referred to a full meeting of the members of Kerry County Council.

36.—(1) A road authority may make bye-laws for the control and regulation of the parking of vehicles in places specified in the bye-laws (in this section referred to as parking places) on public roads within their functional area and shall in the bye-laws provide for the payment of fees in respect of such parking.

4. Cllr. J Moloney: Can all measures be explored with an aim to relieve traffic congestion in Listowel Town?

Reply: Listowel Municipal District has instigated a consultative process with the Gardaí to identify issues.
We will undertake to implement any practical and financially reasonable measures.

Cllr. J Moloney said that there are two sets of traffic lights in the town centre and when they are fixed on amber during the week of Listowel Races the traffic flows more freely.

Ms. J McCarthy said that Listowel Municipal District is examining this matter.

5. Cllr. J Moloney: That free parking be provided in Listowel to help ease any disruption to business during the works on William Street.

Reply: Listowel is serviced by 405 on-street parking bays, 573 off-street parking spaces in local authority care and approximately 134 off-street spaces in private ownership.

There are 499 free parking spaces under the control of the local authority in Listowel and a further 34 free parking spaces, available to the public, in private ownership. Listowel Municipal District has recently facilitated 4 set down areas, which allow parking free for 15 minutes, to facilitate ease of shopping for people with a quick shopping turnaround.

William Street currently has 16 parking spaces of which one is specifically designated for drivers with a disability.

Budgets for Listowel Municipal District have been framed with a projected income from parking in 2016 and the designation of free parking for the duration of the works on William Street will have a negative impact on income, which in turn will impact on expenditure for certain works proposed for the current fiscal year.

Notwithstanding the financial implications, it is proposed to designate Uppr William Street, which currently has 55 parking spaces plus 3 which are specifically designated for drivers with a disability, a free parking zone during works on William Street.

On-Street Centre Town Parking

Available Spaces in Controlled Area

Location	Ordinary	Disability	Loading	Set Down	Other
Barrack Lane	3				
Charles Street	46		1		
Colbert Street	19				
Courthouse Road	19		1		
Church Road	60	2	1	2	1 (Garda)
Church Road Uppr	34	1			
Market Street	64	4	2	2	
Mill Lane			1		
South Square	49	6	1		3 (Coach) + 1 (Bus)
Weavers Lane	6				
William Street	15	1	2		

William Street Uppr	55	3			
Total	370	17	9	4	5
Total On-Street Spaces	405				

Off-Street Centre Town Parking

Available Spaces in £Controlled Areaq

Location	Ordinary	Disability	Loading	Set Down	Other
Castle Car Park	52				
Charles Street Car Park	91+14	1			
Community Centre/Town Park Car Park	59	3			1 (Coach)
Creamery Car Park	60+4				
GAA Car Park	50				
Convent Street Car Parks (4)	51				
Presbytery Car Park	75				
The Square	109	2	1		
Total	565	6	1		1
Free Spaces	456	6	1		1
Pay Spaces	109				
Total Off-Street Spaces	573				

Cllr. D Nolan supported the notice of motion.

Ms. J McCarthy said that there is a considerable amount of parking available in Listowel. She acknowledged that signage needs to be improved and this matter is currently being examined.

Cllr. J Moloney asked if consideration could be given to free parking in the square for the duration of the works on William St.

Ms. McCarthy said that she would consider this request.

6. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would erect signposts with road numbers on our minor roads to make them easily identifiable for Council staff who are carrying out repairs. There are many minor roads with the same address.

Reply: Council Staff have been issued with laminated maps detailing all road designations.

Cllr. L Purtill said that it is very important that all minor roads are identified.

Mr. J Sheehan said that there would be major cost implications in numbering all roads.

Cllr. M Kennelly referred to the reply to the notice of motion and asked that a laminated map of the MD be prepared for all the members.

Mr. J Sheehan said that maps would be printed and circulated to the members as requested.

7. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would tar the road at Glencullare, Tarbert (L6018). This is a continuation of the Puleen road and is in very bad condition.

Reply: The current Multi-Annual Roads Improvement Programme was determined and approved by Listowel Municipal District in the recent past.

This programme is effective until the end of 2018.

In spite of consideration by members, the L-6018 road at Glencullare, Ballylongford was not included in this programme.

Finance to undertake works on the roadway was further sought under Tranche 1 & 2 of the Severe Weather Damage Fund, however, Listowel Municipal District was not successful in accessing finance to undertake this project.

Strengthening measures to 2kms of this roadway has been costed at " 198,000 and the only source of funding available for works of this type and magnitude is the multi-annual Roads Improvement Programme.

8. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would repair and tar a portion of road at Kilcolgan, Tarbert (L1010) adjacent to the home of (Details with Directorate) and is now practically impassable.

Reply: The L1010 is the Coast Road from Ballylongford to Tarbert.

Projected works to this road were estimated with a view to inclusion in the Multi Annual Roads Improvement Programme 2016-2018 and presented to members for inclusion.

L-1010	Cllr. L Purtill	Tarbert / Ballylongford Coast Road		a) " 507,500
		a) Lislaughtin to Glancullare Rd (L-6018)	a)2.9km	
		b) Glancullare Rd . Cockhill Rd (L-10032) (surface dress)	b)1.5km	b) " 48,750
		c) Cockhill Rd . Kilpaddoge		
		d) Kilpaddoge to Jnct R551	c)2.7km	c)" 438,750
			d) 0.8km	d)" 220,000
				€1,215,000

In spite of consideration by members, the Multi Annual Roads Improvement Programme 2016-2018 as determined and approved by Listowel Municipal District in the recent past did not include any segment of this road.
This programme is effective until the end of 2018.

The roadway, from the junction with Saleen pier northward for 1.75kms, is in poor condition, exacerbated by a large commercial agri-business interfacing with and impacting negatively on the carriageway.

The cost of undertaking strengthening measures to this 1.75kms of the roadway is " 336,875 and the only source of funding available for works of this type and magnitude is the multi-annual Roads Improvement Programme.

The projected financial grant for the duration of the Multi-Annual Roads Improvement Programme 2016-2018, for the Listowel Municipal District is " 1,280,000 per annum.

Due to previous commitments " 593,750 of the " 1,280,000 was available for allocation in 2016.

9. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council address the dangerous steps on the footpath outside St. Mary's funeral home, Tarbert. These steps are a hazard for old and young people alike and need to be removed and replaced with a more user friendly slope. This footpath is on the very busy Tralee/Listowel road and the use of the road by pedestrians is not an option.

Reply: This project was considered for a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund allocation in 2015, however we were not able to action the proposal due to a safety issue i.e. insufficient head height between the proposed ramp and the projecting fascia and soffit of the property directly to the south.

Ms. J McCarthy said that Mr. J Sheehan would visit the site with Cllr. Purtill.

10. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would erect fencing adjacent to the thatched house in Finuge Village.

Reply: We continue to liaise with representatives of Finuge Tidy Townsq Committee to facilitate this project and to reach agreement in relation to the positioning of a decorative railing.

11. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would address the Japanese knotweed at Council property at Rusheen, Ballylongford and also on the laneway off Main Street, Ballylongford.

Reply: Listowel Municipal District will log the locus of the infestation and erect warning and information signage on the property. Eradication of knotweed is a multi-annual task, however no stream of finance exists to activate such a programme.

Mr. J Sheehan said that the eradication of Japanese knotweed requires a huge funding programme and Kerry County Council does not have the resources to undertake this.

Cllr. R Beasley said that this was a very important notice of motion and expressed concern that knotweed is now spreading near the old creamery in Lisselton.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton PROPOSED that a letter on behalf of the members would issue to the Minister for the Housing Planning Community & Local Government requesting that funding be made available on a national basis to address the infestation of Japanese knotweed in the country.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter would issue to the Department.

12. Cllr. J Moloney: Could (Details with Directorate) be soundproofed due to noise late at night?

Reply: The house in question is private property.

13. Cllr. R Beasley: That the Council carry out remedial work on all roads along the Wild Atlantic Way (WAW) as a matter of urgency.

Reply: The current Multi-Annual Roads Improvement Programme was determined and approved by Listowel Municipal District in the recent past.

This programme is effective until the end of 2018.

The following roads/finance was dedicated to that programme

2016	Restoration Improvement Programme	Allocated
R551 WAW*	Doon Road, Ballybunion	233,000
R551 WAW*	Glencullare South to Meelcon (Phase A)	175,000
Grant Availability (disposable) " 582,250		" 408,000 (70.1%)

2017	Restoration Improvement Programme	Allocated
R551 WAW*	Glencullare South to Meelcon (Phase B)	175,000
R551 WAW*	Doonard to Jnct with L-1010	206,250
Projected Grant Availability " 1,280,000		" 381,250 (29.8%)

2018	Restoration Improvement Programme	Allocated
R551 WAW*	Bridge St., Ballylongford	275,000
L-1032 WAW*	Loweg Cross . Lodge Cross Phase 1	223,750
R556 WAW*	Abbeydorney Village (Dillon Cross . GAA Grounds) Phase A	95,000
Projected Grant Availability " 1,280,000		" 593,750 (46.4%)

The following allocations from the 2016 Roads Maintenance Programme are dedicated to the Wild Atlantic Way.

2016	Restoration Maintenance Programme	Allocated
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L-1000 WAW	Kilconly North . 400m west of jnct with L-6001 at Beale East	" 54,000
R551 WAW	Ballinbranhig Cross Westwards	" 25,000
Projected Grant Availability " 353,920		" 79,000 (22.4%)

Finance was also secured from the Severe Weather Damage Fund for the following projects which are part of the WAW.

R551	Glanderalliv Bridge, Ballyduff	" 100,000
L-1033	Kerryhead, Ballyheigue	" 153,887

The only other source of finance available for works is our routine maintenance budget which finances the patching of roads.

14. Cllr. R Beasley: That Ballybunion beach be machine cleaned for the entire summer.

Reply: Agreed, instructions have been issued to staff.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed this response.

15. Cllr. R Beasley: That repair works be carried out in the car park in Beale strand and the litter bin be replaced.

Reply: Repair works required to the parking area at Beale strand are estimated at " 9,300 (wall repair " 1,500, surface strengthening " 1,750, surface dressing " 6,050), alternatively a bitmac surface would be preferable at a total cost of " 23,500 (wall repair " 1,500, bitmac surfacing " 22,000). The cost of placing a bin is approximately " 650.

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

No other source of finance currently exists to undertake these works.

16. Cllr. R Beasley: That the road down at Coole near Kilmore, Ballyduff be repaired immediately as it is in a very dangerous state.

Reply: This will be added to the repair list, however the surface is in poor condition and Listowel Municipal District engineering staff can estimate the cost of strengthening this segment of roadway, with a view to inclusion in a future roads programme.

Cllr. R Beasley asked that this notice of motion would be kept on the agenda for the remainder of this year.

Mr. J Sheehan suggested that for 2017 a portion of CSMDOF be set aside for this type of work.

17. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council cut over grown hedging at crossroad junctions in the Listowel Municipal District immediately as this is a serious road safety issue.

Reply: Legal responsibility for hedge-cutting lies with the landowner.

Listowel Municipal District operations does not have a specific budget for this task, notwithstanding which, Kerry County Council is undertaking hedge cutting on a number of roads where signage is impacted and at a number of pre-determined junctions in the Listowel MD.

This work has commenced in the past week.

Finance to undertake this work is strictly limited and concerns over specific areas of over-grown hedging, at junctions and in general, should be notified directly to the Roads Enforcement Officer, Kerry County Council.

All individual complaints should be as detailed as possible and logged in the following manner:

a) by phone: 066 /7183610

b) by e mail: Sean.Barry@kerrycoco.ie

Cllr. M Kennelly said that that the hedging is overgrown at every junction in the Municipal District and the junction bollards are obscured in many cases. He asked that the hedges at junctions be cut back as a matter of urgency. Cathaoirleach A Thornton supported the notice of motion.

Mr. M McEnery said that this work has commenced in the past week.

18. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council ensure that road safety signage and road markings on the Killoch road be installed until road works are completed.

Reply: Road safety signage has been installed at this location and road markings will be undertaken when next the road marking contractors are in the area.

Mr. M McEnery asked Cllr. Kennelly to advise him of specific locations where signage is required.

Mr. J Sheehan said that road markings will be undertaken when next the road marking contractors are in the area.

19. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council give a full progress report on works that have to be carried out in the Listowel area, especially the Clieveragh area, following the flood survey. Businesses and residents are in constant fear that this will not be resolved.

Reply: Consulting Engineering firm, JBA Consulting, Limerick, were appointed to carry out a study into inundation in the catchment area and to formulate proposals to ameliorate the flooding issue.

The work involved:

- Carrying out partial topographical survey, focusing on the primary culvert locations and priority open channels, ahead of the necessary modelling.
- Catchment analysis.
- Flow estimation in the primary open channels.

- Modelling of the primary open channels from upstream of the Ballylongford/Ballybunion Roads to outfall.
- Review of the 2015 and previous flood events
- Identification of viable options to mitigate flood risk.
- Preparation of Preliminary Cost Estimates, in accordance with OPW cost database.
- Outlining details of preferred scheme, and
- Preparation of Preliminary Design Stage Report.

The Draft Flood Report is currently been analysed, certain elements of which have to be actioned prior to its release.

It is hoped that the report, outlining proposals for flood mitigation, in the Clieveragh area, can be presented to the members in the near future.

Ms. J McCarthy said that she had discussed this matter with Mr. D Ginty who has advised that progress is being made and she undertook to revert to the members when a report outlining proposals for flood mitigation in the area have been completed.

Cllr. R Beasley said that he had also discussed this matter with Mr. D Ginty and he was satisfied that everything possible was being done in this case.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton suggested that the members be updated on this matter by 1st September, 2016.

This was unanimously agreed.

20. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council resurface the area at the back of property (Details with Directorate) as this is unsightly and unused.

Reply: The area referred to is a green area, adjacent to the lane at the rear of houses no. 60-67 Ballygologue Park, Listowel.

The required works have been estimated at " 8,600, without any specific element of drainage (a breakdown of costs is available for Cllr Kennelly).

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

21. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council give an update on a previous motion on when works can be completed from the Six Crosses towards Dromclough, as the condition of this section of road is unacceptable?

Reply

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All national routes are in the care of Transport Infrastructure Ireland, who determine the level of expenditure and where finance is to be allocated.

This section of carriageway, referred to, is on the N69, south of Listowel town.

The condition of this segment of roadway has been logged on the TII geo-pad facility.

The Senior Engineer (KCC Roads) has met with the TII inspector in relation to this issue, in particular to express the concerns of the members in relation to the carriageway condition.

The TII allocates funding based entirely on national pavement condition surveys undertaken by the TII.

There is currently no mechanism available to the County Council to formally request an individual stretch of road be considered for inclusion on this scheme. However, the condition of this section of the N69 road will again be highlighted to the TII when the Council next meets with the Authority.

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The road from Six Crosses towards Dromclough (L-1027) is 1.85km in length from the Six Crosses junction to where improvement works have taken place this year at Irremore.

The cost to improve this section of road would be " 231,310.

The only source of funding available for works of this type and magnitude is the Multi-Annual Roads Improvement Programme, which was determined and approved by Listowel Municipal District earlier this year, and runs from 2016-2018 inclusive.

The projected financial grant for the duration of the Multi-Annual Roads Improvement Programme 2016-2018, for the Listowel Municipal District is " 1,280,000 per annum.

Due to previous commitments " 593,750 of the " 1,280,000 was available for allocation in 2016.

22. Cllr. M Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out immediate road improvements on the road from Irremore Cross to Ballyhorgan/Corridan Cross as there is also a bridge on this road and is causing a serious health & safety issue.

Reply: This road is a local secondary route, the L-6055, which runs from Irremore to Ballyhorgan East.

It is 3.35kms in length, the entirety of which requires a bitmac overlay for strengthening and a surface dressed finish for skid resistance.

The cost of undertaking these works is " 424,500.

The only source of funding available for works of this type and magnitude is the Multi-Annual Roads Improvement Programme, which was determined and approved by Listowel Municipal District earlier this year, and runs from 2016-2018 inclusive.

The L-6055 road from Irremore to Ballyhorgan East was not included in this programme.

The projected financial grant for the duration of the Multi-Annual Roads Improvement Programme 2016-2018, for the Listowel Municipal District is " 1,280,000 per annum.

Due to previous commitments " 593,750 of the " 1,280,000 was available for allocation in 2016.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that there is a very dangerous lip on this road and asked that it be addressed immediately.

Cllr. J Moloney supported the notice of motion.

23. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council explain what is the delay by TII on the commencement and progress of the works at the county bounds into Tarbert village and what are the implications for future TII works in the area?

Reply: This programme of work has been contracted out to a private contractor and works on this segment of the N69 commenced on 3rd of May 2016 and is currently ongoing.

The current phase of works include surface water drainage, ducting and water services refurbishment, all of which have to be finalized before commencement of re-surfacing.

Carriageway planing has commenced, after which re-surfacing works are scheduled to commence in Tarbert by mid- July.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that this work has been going on for approximately three months.

24. Cllr. D Nolan: That the gravel pathway of the River Walk be repaired and improved for accessibility.

Reply: This pathway has been repaired and partially replaced on two occasions during the current year.

The same pattern has been repeated for the previous number of years, with segments of the path being regularly washed away during periods of severe weather.

To ensure the permanence of a river path, a high level walkway design should be considered as a primary interface with, and an opportunity to open up the natural beauty resource of the river Feale to proper and sustainable tourism and amenity development.

An integrated River Feale Walk, with appropriate linkage to the town is included as an objective in the Draft Tourism Strategy as a priority north Kerry project.

Cllr. D Nolan said that there are very large stones on parts of the river walk and asked that they be removed and replaced with gravel.

Mr. J Sheehan said that a more permanent solution is required.

Ms. J McCarthy said that the river walk is a wonderful facility for Listowel and an overall plan for the pathway is being examined. She said that she hoped that it would qualify for funding from Failte Ireland.

25. Cllr. D Nolan: That the road verge on Dromin Hill, beyond 80km speed limit, on the left side at Dromin House Demense, be repaired where sections have receded as this is a traffic hazard on this busy, narrow stretch of road.

Reply: This section of road will be logged on the repair list and repairs will be undertaken in the near future.

26. Cllr. D Nolan: That repairs urgently be carried out on the Coolatoosane/Ballahadigue road.

Reply: This road will be added to the repair list.

27. Cllr. D Nolan: That the roadway to Murhur graveyard be repaired as it is almost impassable and the graveyard is still in current use.

Reply: The roadway in question is the L . 10061, which is in need of strengthening for its entire length.

The cost of undertaking this work is estimated at " 28,875, plus an additional " 13,750 for the car parking area.

The only source of funding available for works of this type and magnitude is the multi-annual Roads Improvement Programme, which was determined and approved by Listowel Municipal District in the recent past. This programme is effective until the end of 2018.

The projected financial grant for the duration of the Multi-Annual Roads Improvement Programme 2016-2018, for the Listowel Municipal District is " 1,280,000 per annum.

Due to previous commitments " 593,750 of the " 1,280,000 was available for allocation in 2016.

The engineering staff have costed in excess of " 40 million of roadwork projects for Listowel Municipal District members, to which this estimate can be added.

Alternatively, this project may be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

General patching repairs have been undertaken to the roadway in the recent past.

28. Cllr. D Nolan: That more signage be erected to indicate and promote the Sive Walk.

Reply: Signage will be provided having due regard for the Heritage Strategy and recommendations thereof.

29. Cllr. J Lucid: What is the position with regard to the recruitment of a caretaker for the graveyards at Ballyheigue. How soon will a new caretaker to be assigned?

Reply: A list of interested people for the job who are employees of KCC was forwarded to Human Resources KCC.

It is proposed to run an interview process in August, with a view to having an incumbent in place by September 2016.

30. Cllr. J Lucid: When will a hydrologist be appointed to do a report on Kilmoyley graveyard and when is the hydrologist's report expected?

Reply: A Consultant hydro-geologist has been retained by Kerry County Council to undertake a survey of all the various options pertaining to Kilmoyley Burial ground and it is hoped to have his report by the end of August 2016.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton asked that this matter be expedited.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the notice of motion.

31. Cllr. J Lucid: Why has Kerry County Council stopped maintaining and operating the sluice gates at Arkeragh, Ballyheigue?.

Reply: The operation is now under the care of Tralee Municipal District Operations and they have responded in the following manner.

'The Tralee Municipal District Operations Dept. maintains and operates the Sluice Gates at Akeragh as part of our maintenance of the Drainage Districts of Akeragh Lough & Banna'.

Cllr. J Lucid said that the sluice gates are contaminated with moss and seaweed.

Cllr. R Beasley said that the sluice gates need to be examined as they have not been maintained for a considerable length of time.

32. Cllr. J Lucid: Heavy growth of roadside hedges and trees are covering road signs and reducing the width of already narrow roads creating dangerous driving conditions. Can the Council take appropriate action to make sure roads are safer for all users.

Reply: Legal responsibility for hedge-cutting lies with the landowner.

Listowel Municipal District operations does not have a specific budget for this task, notwithstanding which, Kerry County Council is undertaking hedge cutting on a number of roads where signage is impacted and at a number of pre-determined junctions in the Listowel MD.

This work has commenced in the past week.

Finance to undertake this work is strictly limited and concerns over specific areas of over-grown hedging, at junctions and in general, should be notified directly to the Roads Enforcement Officer, Kerry County Council.

All individual complaints should be as detailed as possible and logged in the following manner:

a) by phone: 066 /7183610

b) by e mail: Sean.Barry@kerrycoco.ie

33. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council and it's members work together in an effort to resolve the terrible road conditions at Kilfeighney North and more particularly the entrance into the bog which otherwise will leave almost 200 households without fuel this winter.

Reply: Listowel Municipal District was asked to estimate the cost of undertaking temporary remedial works to 400m of this roadway and this was costed at " 30,400.

It was pointed that the actual length of roadway which required attention was 0.9km making the estimate " 68,400.

To provide any form of ~~strengthening~~ to the carriageway, with suitable skid resistance will cost " 112,500.

The above quotation does not account for any drainage works required, which in this instance may be not inconsiderable and would require further detailed investigation.

The only source of funding available for works of this type and magnitude is the multi-annual Roads Improvement Programme which was determined and approved by Listowel Municipal District earlier this year, and runs from 2016-2018 inclusive.

Mr. J Sheehan said that drainage works are required on this roadway and the only source of funding is the Multi-Annual Roads Improvement Programme which was approved earlier this year, and runs from 2016-2018 inclusive.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton said that it is incumbent on the Listowel Municipal District to endeavour to find a resolution to the condition of this road to allow people to bring their turf out of the bog.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the notice of motion and said that some measures must be taken to bring this road to a passable standard.

Cllr. J Moloney supported the notice of motion and asked if Coillte could be asked to contribute to the works required on this road.

Cllr. J Lucid supported the notice of motion.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton asked that this matter be re-examined with a view to finding some resolution to this issue.

Ms. J McCarthy said that the condition of the road would be examined again.

34. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council address the terrible condition of the main road between Ballinclogher Cross and Derrevrin Cross, Lixnaw.

Reply: The section of road from Ballinclogher Cross southwards towards Abbeydorney is built on a bog rampart, which has a number of severe undulations and surface irregularities.

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

Minor repair works have been carried out over the past number of years to attend to the worst sections of the road.

A 2.5km section of the road, north of Ballinclogher Cross, was improved in 2009 under a Specific Improvement Grant, at a cost of approximately " 3 million. Similar grant funding is required to address the 2.2km section of road south of Ballinclogher Cross.

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

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

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

A report outlining the major road safety concerns and in particular to the difference of levels between the existing road and adjoining fields and a cost estimate was

prepared and forwarded to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in February 2015.

The length of roadway requiring reconstruction is 2.2km.

Phase 2 - 1.55km

Phase 3 - 650m

The estimated cost of undertaking the projected works is " 2.87million

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

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

Listowel Municipal District KCC will undertake minor remedial works to repair the worst segment of the carriageway during August, albeit this will be insufficient to have any meaningful effect on the overall condition of the roadway, which can not be addressed without a proper source of funding.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton welcomed that minor remedial works will be undertaken on the worst segment of this road during August.

35. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council address the potholes on the road to the Finuge graveyard. This issue was first notified by way of Motion in March 2016 and thereafter by way of Motion in May 2016.

Reply: Completed

Cathaoirleach A Thornton said that this is the third motion submitted by her requesting repairs to potholes on this road. It has taken five months for potholes to be filled on the road to a public burial ground. This is completely unacceptable and she emphasised that she will not accept a reoccurrence of such a long timeframe for this type of work going forward.

Cllrs. J Moloney and D Nolan supported the Cathaoirleach on this matter. Ms. J McCarthy agreed that the timeframe in this instance was unacceptable and apologised to the Cathaoirleach for the delay.

36. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council confirm how long approximately it takes to have potholes on tertiary roads addressed. How often is the machine for undertaking this work on the road?

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

1. All potholes on Primary Urban roads repaired within 2 working days and within one week for all other roads in urban areas.

2. All potholes on Regional and Local Primary roads repaired within 4 weeks.

3. Response to serious flooding where risk of flooding to dwellings on public roads within one working day.

Priority is given to potholes on the National routes, followed by those on the Regional routes and then the Local roads with local primary taking priority from local secondary and in turn local tertiary roads.

The approximate breakdown of road designation . kms for the Listowel Municipal District is as follows

National Routes - 40kms
Regional Routes - 135kms
Local Primary - 265kms
Local Secondary . 310kms
Local Tertiary . 200kms

Complaints relating to the condition of roads should 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

All complaints are placed on a repairs register and actioned according to priority.

Specifically, in relation to the filling of potholes, apart from a ~~reactive~~ policy to complaints, Listowel Municipal District has a pro-active approach to the maintenance of the road network within both the areas in its charge. This approach is led by the General Service Supervisors and Foremen in each region, who in effect are the people transiting the network on a more regular and complete basis than most.

It has, however, to be acknowledged, given our current level of financing, that some roads, in particular those of the Local Tertiary type, and in particular where habitation is minimal, will not receive the level of maintenance that we would consider desirable, if more funding was available.

Furthermore many roads issues raised are often of an order of magnitude far greater than ~~pothole filing~~ and will require specific funding to address the problems.

A finance stream for this type of work is currently unavailable.

An exact timeframe for the completion of repairs to the Local Tertiary network therefore can not be indicated as this is very much dependant on available finance and resources.

37. Cllr. A Thornton: Does Kerry County Council have any update in relation to the costings of the works outside the Listowel Community Centre and more particularly the access/ exit ?

Reply: We await the finalisation of a design drawing to undertake a full cost analysis of the project.

To fully inform the process, Kerry County Council is also engaging with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding road safety issues, which have been identified along this section of the N69.

Cllr. J Moloney moved Question No. 1 (page 38) at this stage.

38. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council please confirm that all works funded by Councillors Allocations in my name in 2015 are complete.

Reply: Please see the following list and outcome.

	works	amount pledged	outcome
1	Drainage . Kilbrickane, Abbeydorney	" 1,300	works undertaken
2	Drainage . Kilfeighny	" 250	works undertaken
3	Culvert upgrade . Derryvrin, Lixnaw	" 2,000	works undertaken
4	Bridge repair- Coolaclarig	" 1,000	works undertaken
5	LIS (Hardship&Emergency) . Cleanderries, Causeway	" 2,000	works undertaken
6	Footpaths - Causeway	" 1,000	works undertaken
7	Drainage - Kilmoyley	" 2,000	works undertaken
8	Footpaths . Lixnaw village	" 4,000	works undertaken
9	Footpaths - Greenville	" 1,500	works undertaken
10	Carriageway resurfacing . Barrack Lane, Listowel	" 1,000	works undertaken
11	Concrete plinth . Lixnaw (bottle banks)	€1,450	Disagreement over location . finance withdrawn
12	Footpaths - Duagh	" 2,500	works undertaken
13	Environmental works - Listowel	" 1,000	works undertaken
14	Fencing . Cliff Walk, Ballybunion	" 3,000	materials purchased and works undertaken
15	Drainage . Kilocrim, Finuge	" 2,000	materials purchased further works to be undertaken during current Roads Programme
16	Environmental works - Lixnaw	" 1,000	Operation period expired before works commenced
17	Environmental works - Ballyduff	" 1,000	Operation period expired before works commenced
18	Repairs . Car Park, Finuge	" 1,450	works undertaken
19	Park Seating, Ballybunion	" 2,000	seats purchased and placed
Total Pledged		" 30,000	

Available to allocate	" 29,000	
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39. Cllr. A Thornton: Can Kerry County Council please confirm whether the reported road flooding issues (Details with Directorate) have been investigated and costed ?

Reply: No report of road flooding has been received in relation to the road carriageway at Sleveen, Ballyduff.

There may be a specific issue for the complainant in relation to the fact that her house, pedestrian and vehicular accesses are below the adjacent roadway. Constructing a concrete channel to convey surface water past the entrances would solve the problem, however this is an issue for the property owner to solve.
Cathaoirleach A Thornton said that she would revert to Mr. J Sheehan regarding this matter.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. J Moloney: Has any progress been made with the TII regarding the safety issues on the Bridge Road at the entrance to the Town Park and houses in Castleinch?

Reply: Kerry County Council is liaising with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding road safety issues, which have been identified along this section of the N69.

A feasibility report outlining the need for a safety scheme for this particular section of the N69 will be forwarded to the TII by Q4.

2. Cllr. M Kennelly: When does Kerry County Council envisage having the road marking company in Listowel Municipal District?

Reply: The road marking contractors generally operate in an area after a block of road works is complete (Road Improvement & Road Maintenance Programmes).

The next block of Road Improvement Works is scheduled for the month of August, with the Road Maintenance Programme being undertaken sometime thereafter. (weather and plant availability being the determining factor).

If there is a sufficient body of smaller amounts of work, the road lining contractor may generally be available with a notice period of approximately four weeks.

3. Cllr. M Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council inspect Cloverfield Estate on the John B Keane Road as there is an area completely overgrown?

Reply: Listowel Municipal District, Kerry County Council will attend to this area in the near future, however we would like to see some engagement from the local residents, through the formation of a Residents Association, with whom we will work to help maintain the area.

4. Cllr. M Kennelly: Are Listowel Municipal District members being notified of the Kerry County Council works being carried out in the area?

Reply: Commencing on Monday 4th July, Listowel Municipal District, Kerry County Council advised elected members of planned works, for the fortnight thereafter, which will include specific road improvements, any major projects, planned maintenance works (roads and housing).

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund projects will be treated in a separate manner.

It may not be possible to give a specific date when works will commence, however Councillors who have contributed to a project will be notified of a general timeframe in which the proposed works will be undertaken.

A breakdown of costs can be requested by Councillors for CSMDOF projects estimated in excess of 3,000.

Cllr. M Kennelly welcomed this reply.

5. Cllr. R Beasley: What is the update on the flooding at Gortacroosane, Listowel?

Reply: Damien Ginty, who has responsibility for flooding issues, within the county, has met with the affected landowners.

As advised previously the OPW will be contacted with a view to finding the optimum solution for this case.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed this reply.

6. Cllr. A Thornton: When will Kerry County Council cut the grass in Baile na Garrai, Lixnaw as agreed?

Reply: Completed.

7. Cllr. A Thornton: When will the house of (Details with Directorate) be inspected regarding the replacement of windows and doors?

Reply: Kerry County Council has examined the windows in the above mentioned house.

Issues have been identified with the hinges of the windows and the tenant has been advised of her responsibility for the maintenance of same as per p10 of the tenants handbook.

16.07.11.06 Any Other Business

(a) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. J Moloney: That Kerry County Council produce a map of all defibrillator locations in the area.

Reply: Kerry County Council does not have this information as defibrillators are normally provided by voluntary / community groups.

Cllr. J Moloney said that such a map would be very helpful in the event of an incident when a defibrillator is required.

Mr. A Smith said that if all community groups register through the Public Participation Network (PPN), the Community Department could email the groups to request this information. Registration would also facilitate the Community Department in advising community groups with regard to the availability of grant aid.

2.Cllr. D Nolan: That Gwynedd Council and Bangor University in Wales be contacted by Listowel Municipal District in relation to exploring links through the shared legacy of Celtic Scholar Prof. Cecile O'Rahilly, a native of Listowel and a graduate of The University of North Wales (Bangor University)

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

Cllr. J Moloney **SECONDED** the notice of motion.

(d) To agree dates for the next meeting of the Municipal District of Listowel.

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 5th September 2016, commencing at 2.30pm.

(e) Reception of a deputation

On the PROPOSAL OF Cllr. D Nolan **SECONDED** by Cllr. R Beasley it was agreed that a deputation from Kilflynn Community Group would be received at the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel.

(f) Any Other Business

An Post Rás

Cllr. J Moloney extended congratulations to Listowel natives (*Names withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) who competed in the recent An Post Rás.

All the members wished to be associated with Cllr. Moloney's remarks.

Cllr. Moloney **PROPOSED** that a letter issue on behalf of the members to the organisers of the An Post Rás requesting that they consider Listowel as a location for a stage finish for the race in 2017.

It was unanimously agreed that this request would issue to the organisers of An Post Rás.

Fleadh Cheoil na Mhumhan

Cathaoirleach A Thornton referred to the upcoming Fleadh Cheoil na Mhumhan which will be held in Listowel from 11th to 17th July and wished the organisers and participants the very best of luck.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that a considerable number of young people from the Listowel Municipal District will be taking part in competitions during the Fleadh Cheoil and he wished them success.

Debris on Glen Road & Ballybunion Beach

Cllr. R Beasley said that he had been contacted recently regarding debris which was falling from the cliff onto the Glen road in Ballybunion and congratulated the staff of Listowel Municipal District in particular, Mr. J Sheehan and Mr. M McEnery for their swift action in placing bollards and warning signage at this location.

He said that soft debris also falls from the cliff at the Ladies Beach in Ballybunion and while there is warning signage in place people tend to ignore the warnings.

Vote of Sympathy

Cllr. R Beasley PROPOSED a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of former Kerry footballer Mick Finucane of Urlee Lisselton who passed away on 5th July in his 94th year.

All the members wished to be associated with the sentiments expressed by Cllr. Beasley.

The meeting concluded at 13.10pm

Beth Reidy

Ms. Beth Reidy
Meetings Administrator

Cllr. A Thornton
Cathaoirleach of Listowel
Municipal District