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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL ON 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2016.**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL AR AN 24 OCTOBER, 2016**

**PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí**

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

**In attendance/i láthair**

Ms. J McCarthy	Delegated Executive Officer List MD
Ms. J Foley	Meetings Administrator
Mr. A Smith	MD Officer
Mr. P Neary	SE
Mr. P Curry	SE
Mr. C Mangan	SEE
Mr. J Sheehan	SEE
Mr. M Lynch	SEE
Mr. M McEnery	EE
Mr. J McEniry	EE
Ms. B Conway	AO
Ms. S Broderick	SO

The meeting commenced at 12.35pm.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. A Thornton took the Chair.

**16.10.24.01**

**(a) Confirmation of Minutes**

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 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 be confirmed.

**(b) Reception of a Deputation from Knockalucca.**

**Re: Condition of roads in the area.**

**Requested by Cllr. M Kennelly.**

Cathaoirleach A Thornton welcomed the deputation.

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

(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) said that the road between Toor creamery and the school has been deteriorating over the past number of years and is now in very poor condition with a very irregular surface. Repairs and patching work will not address the problem as the road needs to be resurfaced and restored. A section of the road is in particularly poor condition and becomes waterlogged during heavy rain. The road is used on a regular basis by milk collection trucks and a haulage company is located in the area. Work is also going on in forestries at this location resulting in additional heavy traffic using the road.

A second spokesperson said that she travels the road a number of times daily and damage is being caused to cars due to the irregular surface of the road.

Cllr. M Kennelly acknowledged the concerns of the deputation and said that patching work was no longer acceptable on this road. He asked that water logging at the side of the road be addressed and that consideration would be given to resurfacing 1km of the road under a road maintenance programme.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed the deputation and said that while he acknowledged the impact of the economic downturn on the availability of funding for road works he said this road is causing major problems for the residents and must be addressed. He asked that the water ponding at the side of the road be resolved as soon as possible.

Cllr. L Purtill welcomed the deputation and agreed that the water ponding at the side of the road must be addressed immediately. He said that funding must be sourced to address the condition of this stretch of road.

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed the deputation and said that funding must be sought for the upgrading of local roads after many years of underinvestment. She asked if a contribution to the upgrading of the road could be sought from the forestry company that is using the road for haulage purposes.

Cllr. J Moloney supported the deputation and said that the maintenance of local roads has been totally underfunded. He hoped that the deputation would be given a positive response.

Cllr. J Lucid welcomed the deputation and thanked them for their presentation. He asked that the inlets at the side of the road would be opened to alleviate the water logging at the side of the road.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton said that both Cllr. M Kennelly and herself had submitted several notices of motion for previous meetings regarding the condition of this road. She has included a motion on the agenda for this meeting requesting that more funding be made available nationally for the upgrading of local roads.

Mr. J Sheehan welcomed the deputation and said that the road referred to is the Local Secondary Road L6069. It is 2.8km in length and has been heavily repaired in the past. As the surface is very irregular it is not suitable for a road maintenance programme as it requires strengthening. The current road strengthening programme is closed but the road can be included in a future strengthening programme and if any additional funding is received this road can be considered. The cost of works would be approximately " 245,000.

Cllr. M Kennelly asked that this road be considered for emergency works if additional funding is acquired in 2017/2018.

Spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) said that the residents would like the 0.8km of the road which is in very bad condition to be prioritised for strengthening works.

Mr. J Sheehan said that works would be carried out on the gullies in the near future to address the water ponding at the side of the road.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton thanked the deputation for attending and said that the members would do everything possible to seek additional funding for the upgrading of local roads.

## 16.10.24. 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 late 2016 or early 2017. The Schemes, listed in the current CIP, which affect the **Listowel Municipal District** are outlined in the following tables:

<b><u>CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016</u></b> <b><u>WASTE WATER PROJECTS</u></b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
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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<b><u>ADDITIONAL MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS BUT NOT PUBLISHED IN IW CIP 2014-2016</u></b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Status</b>
Derry - Listowel NKRWSS	Replacement of 2.75Km of 300mm Asbestos Cement Water Main (a further 750m length was completed as advance works by KCC staff in 2015).	" 0.75M	<b>Completed</b>

### **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.

<b><u>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME</u></b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Status</b>
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.	Replace 250M old / deficient 3+	" 26,000	Complete

Tarbert	PVC water mains		
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 1.825KM old / deficient 125MM PVC main with 160MM pipe	" 158,000	Underway - Contrs. <b>MEIC</b>
NKRWSS: William St. Listowel	Install 450M of 250MM water main	" 88,000	Underway Contrs <b>Balfour Beatty</b>
Glenderry WS: Mains Replacement	Replace 750M of 50mm AC main with 90MM uPVC	" 56,000	Contract awarded to <b>JHR</b>
NKRWSS: Dromin Water Treatment Plant	Extensive roof repairs	" 150,000	Consultants to prepare Tender
NKRWSS Scartleigh, Finuge, Ballyduff	Replace 10 Sl. Valves and 3 Magnetic 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 . Jan 2017
NKRWSS: Tarbert - Mail Cross to Tarmons Reservoir	Replace 3,850M of 300mm Asbestos Cement pipe with uPVC	" 501,000	Commencement 17th Oct 2016
Ardfert North WSS . Tiershanaghan	Replace 3,400M of 50mm A.C. with 1,800M of 90MM and 1,600M of 63MM uPVC	" 304,000	Approved
Ardfert North WSS . Church Rd Ballyheigue	Replace 590M of 200mm C.I. with Lead services 160MM uPVC	" 62,000	Approved
NKRWSS: Dromin Water TP	Upgrade WTP Sludge Treatment Facility	" 190,000	<b>Requested</b>
Tieraclea Tarbert WSS .	Replace 2,350M of 170mm A.C.		<b>Requested</b>

Steeple Road	with 160MM uPVC	" 294,000	
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Village	Replace 1,750M of 75mm C.I. and A.C. with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 236,000	<b>Requested</b>
NKRWSS: Quay St Ballylongford	Replace 800M of 100mm Cast Iron with 150MM uPVC pipe	" 63,000	<b>Requested</b>
<b>Total ALLOCATED to-date</b>		<b>€3,153,000</b>	

### 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** was announced on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and " 690,000 has been allocated for Kerry.

#### **Takeover of Group Schemes**

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 of Group Schemes.

**Mr. C Mangan said that work has commenced on the replacement of 750M of 50mm AC main with a 90MM uPVC pipe at Glenderry and it is expected that it will be completed in approximately 3 weeks.**

**ClIr. R Beasley said that he had been contacted by residents in Cleandries and Farran regarding water leaks in the area.**

**Mr. C Mangan said that these areas are served by the Clanmorris group scheme which is currently privately owned.**

**Over the past year, a review group comprising officials from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, the National Federation Of Group Water Schemes, Irish Water and the Local Authorities has worked on the development of detailed procedures and protocols in relation to the process of Take Over of GWSs by IW and the publication of this document is awaited. A considerable volume of work would be required on the Clanmorris GWS before it would be at the required standard to be taken in charge by Irish Water.**

**ClIr. J Moloney said that the situation with regard to the GWS in Raheela/Lyre is similar.**

**Cllr. J Moloney** said that a break in the mains occurred in Upper Church St. Listowel in the past week.

**Mr. J McEniry** said that this has been identified and work is ongoing at present.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton** asked if work has been completed at Laccamore, Abbeydorney and when works will be carried out at Finuge and Marian Terrace, Causeway.

**Mr. J McEniry** replied that the Laccamore job is complete and that it is planned that the Finuge and Causeway works will be carried out in early 2017.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton** asked if the water supply at Ballygarrett, Duagh was from a Group Water Scheme.

**Mr. J McEniry** said that the scheme is part GWS and part Kerry County Council supply.

**Mr. C Mangan** said that in many cases such as this, while the pressure may be adequate at the connection points to the public mains, the houses however may be situated at considerably higher locations 'above' the roads, and hence pressure problems may arise. It is recommended in such cases that customers consider installing their own internal booster pumping systems.

### **16.10.24.03 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development**

#### **(a) Notice of Motion**

**1. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council confirm whether it should be compulsory for (Details with Directorate) to pay a charge of 1500 euros to the ESB to move an ESB pole because they have been told by planning that their ditch is 2 meters too far out for planning which will leave an exposed pole once the ditch is removed. Is this not a matter for the ESB and not the residents.

**Reply:** Under Planning Register No 09/1397, Permission Consequent on the Grant of Outline was granted to (Details with Directorate) for the construction of a dwelling house served by a proprietary wastewater treatment system at Laccamore, Abbeydorney.

Condition No 10(a) attached to the grant required as follows:

10. (a) The existing roadside boundary shall be retained except for where its removal is necessary for the construction of an entrance with adequate sight lines. Where the existing boundary ditch is to be relocated to achieve sight lines, the area created between the new sod and stone ditch and the previous location of the boundary ditch shall be finished in a dust free hard surface to the satisfaction of Kerry County Councils Area Roads Engineer. Details to be submitted and agreed with Kerry County Councils Area Roads Engineer prior to the commencement of development.

In cases where ESB infrastructure is required to be re-located in order to facilitate a development, the question of costs is a matter for the developer and ESB.

**2. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council take in charge of the Ballyconnell Estate in Kilflynn.

**Reply:** No Taking in charge application has been received from this estate The Council is not in a position to progress matters further at this time.

**Cllr. M Kennelly said that this is an unfinished estate which has full planning permission. He asked if progress could be made on the taking in charge of unfinished estates in the Listowel MD.**

**Ms. J McCarthy said that a full report on this matter would be prepared and Mr. A Smith would liaise with the members.**

#### **(b) Question**

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** That Kerry County Council consider building a skate park in Ballybunion.

**Reply:** Joan McCarthy, Head of Tourism Development, is investigating the feasibility of this proposal and will liaise with Cllr Beasley, as further clarification is required before the project can be progressed.

**Ms. J McCarthy said that while this is a worthwhile project, it is not included in the Tourism Strategy.**

**Cllr. R Beasley said that this facility would be a big asset to a seaside town such as Ballybunion which has suffered due to a drop in beach tourism.**

**Ms. J McCarthy undertook to discuss this matter further with Cllr. Beasley.**

#### **16.10.24.04 Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate**

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

### **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES /QUALITY OF LIFE LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING OCTOBER 2016**

#### **Library Service Report**

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

“ Kerry Library has completed the digitisation of a further set of 8 Kerry newspapers and they are now available fully searchable, free of charge at each library. These are: **Kerry Reporter** (1924 - 1935); **Kerry Champion** (1928 - 1958); **Tralee Liberator** (1914-1939); **Kerry Press** (1914 -1916); **Kerry Advocate** (1914-1916); **Kerry People** (1902 - 1922; 1925 - 1928); **Kerry Evening Star** (1902 - 1914); **Kerry News** (1894 -1920; 1924 -1941).

20 Kerry newspapers are now available in this format and this completes the available resources that can be digitised. This constitutes a continuum of newspaper coverage for the county from 1829 (**Kerry Evening Post & Tralee Mercury**) to the present (**The Kerryman**). [*Kerry's Eye* and *The Kingdom* are copyright restricted and do not form part of the offering].

In addition, national titles (***Irish Independent, Cork/Irish Examiner & Irish Press***) are also available and this is a huge resource with free access across the library network. In relation to ***The Irish Times***, this is available on the Ask About Ireland

website [ [www.askaboutireland.ie](http://www.askaboutireland.ie) ] and access is not restricted if used through the public library network.

“ Over 1,000 children in Kerry participated in the **2016 Children’s Summer Reading programme - Summer Stars** – which was organised at all Kerry Libraries throughout the country this summer. Summer Stars was a free programme, using existing library resources, open to all children. 100 packs were distributed to children at Listowel Library and 40 at Ballybunion and certificates were presented to 62 and 20 children respectively on completion.

## Emergency Services Report

### **Business Unit Manager: Michael Hession CFO**

#### **Fire Safety and Prevention:**

- Fire Officers carried out inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and forwarded fire officers recommendations to the Annual Licensing Courts during September.
- Inter Agency meetings were attended by Fire Officers in respect of the Listowel Races Week. The week-long racing festival went according to plan from a Safety, including Fire Safety perspective, with record crowds attending this year.
- Carbon Monoxide awareness week (26<sup>th</sup> September ff) was strongly supported by Kerry County FRS and plans and preparations were put in place for a strong programme and outreach for Fire Safety Week (03 October ff) 2016.
- See Appendix on Fire Safety Week 2016

#### **Fire Service Operations – September Statistics:**

Fire Service Operations		
	Jan – Sept 2015	Jan – Sept 2016
Total Incidents	731	711
Total Mobilisations	810	849
Number of Fires	464	384
Of which: Chimney Fires	108	83
Gorse	217	146
Special Service Incidents	232	191
Of which: Road Traffic Accidents	105	98

#### **Building Control:**

The number of Commencement Notices/7 Day Notices received to the end of September 2016 was 330 which is a:

- 22.67 % increase on the figure of 269 for the same period last year.

The trend has remained similar comparing 2016 with 2015 over several months. This suggests an increase in construction activity in the county in that percentage area.

The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of September 2016 a total of 70 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 123 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents increases of

- 9.37 % in Disability Access Certificate applications and
- 25.5 % in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2015.

This trend with Fire Safety Certificate applications has also remained similar comparing 2016 with 2015 over several months. Combined with the trend with commencement notifications, there is very strong evidence of an increase in construction activity in the county in the percentage bracket 22 to 25%

#### **September statistics – Building Control:**

<b>Building Control</b>		
	<b>Jan – Sept 2015</b>	<b>Jan – Sept 2016</b>
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	98	123
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Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	64	70
Commencement Notices Received	269	330

#### **Oifig na Gaeilge Report**

**Business Unit Manager - Roibeard Ó hEartáin, Oifigeach Forbartha Gaeilge**

#### **CIORCAL COMHRÁ**

Bunaithe ar éileamh ó dhaoine i Lios Tuathail chun deiseanna a chothú chun an Ghaeilge a labhairt, tá Oifig na Gaeilge ag féachaint ar scéim Ciorcal Comhrá a fhorbairt don gcontae, sé sin Comhrá neamh-fhoirmeálta do dhaoine le meánleibhéal Gaeilge fé stiúir Áisitheora (le Gaeilge líofa). Más féidir teacht ar mhaoiniú, cuirfidh Oifig na Gaeilge "200 sa bhliain a chur ar fáil do gach Ciorcal Comhrá, mar aon le lá oiliúna do Áisitheoirí. Fógrófar an Ciorcal Comhrá i measc grúpaí Ghlór na nGael, Chonradh na Gaeilge, Chomhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, CLG, Ghaelscoileanna agus an pobal i gcoitinne.

Based on a request from people in the Listowel area to create opportunities to speak Irish, Oifig na Gaeilge is looking at developing a Ciorcal Comhrá scheme for the county. This would consist of an informal conversation group for those with medium

level Irish under the guidance of a Facilitator (with fluent Irish). If funding can be accessed, then Oifig na Gaeilge would provide "200 per Ciorcal Comhrá per annum, along with a training day for Facilitators. The Ciorcal Comhrá will be advertised among groups such as Glór na nGael, Conradh na Gaeilge, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, CLG, Gaelscoileanna and the community in general.

## **ENVIRONMENT SERVICE REPORT**

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

#### **Update on Water Framework Directive – River Basin Management plans**

The second cycle of the river basin management planning process has commenced at national level. The outcome of this process will see the publication of revised national river basin management plans in 2017. The plans will form the basis for much of the scheduled water-quality inspection work (eg. septic tank inspection, farm inspections etc.) which will be undertaken by local authorities over the coming years. In preparation for this, Kerry County Council recently held preliminary discussions with the EPA about the establishment of an investigation assessment work-programme. This would entail carrying out desk-top and field-based investigation work to identify possible water quality issues in a number of surface water catchments in the County.

Local Authority Water & Community Offices (LAWCOs) have also been established in each of the Water Management Regions and these have been given the role of ensuring improved coordination between the various local authorities in carrying out their water quality management functions and of engaging with local communities on issues of local importance in the water quality area and to promote public awareness, knowledge sharing and participation in the protection and management of our natural waters.

Kieran Murphy has been recently appointed as the Community Water Officer based in Inniscarra, Co Cork. His primary role will be to provide on the ground support to communities in the delivery of Water Framework Directive objectives (i.e., good water, ecological status). Kieran will provide support for the Cork County Area and will (in the short term) provide a caretaker role for Co. Kerry until the new Community Water Officer, to be based in Tralee, takes up her position. Kieran can be contacted by email on [kmurphy@lawco.ie](mailto:kmurphy@lawco.ie) or by mobile on 085 8083059

A South West Region Water and Environment Management Committee, is also being established, chaired by the Chief Executive of Kerry County Council initially, to co-ordinate and share experience and best practice among local authorities and catchment communities in the South West Region.

#### **Environmental Awareness**

Streamscapes, who run programmes that provide aquatic and biodiversity education, are going to do a project on the River Feale with Duagh School and the Presentation Secondary and Primary schools in Listowel in the coming weeks. Tidy

Towns group will also participate. This will involve some class work and also a visit to the river to take samples. KCC are covering the costs and Streamscapes will provide all the tuition and workbooks required .

<b>Community and Enterprise Report to the Listowel Municipal District Meeting October 2016.</b>
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### **Tidy Towns 2016 results**

10 towns/villages from the Listowel MD participated in the 2016 Competition. The results are listed below and it will be noted that all areas recorded an improved performance this year.

<b>Town/Village</b>	<b>2016 Marks</b>	<b>2016 vs 2015</b>
Listowel 325 (+3)	325	+3
Tarbert 301 (+5)	301	+5
Ballybunion 298 (+4)	298	+4
Moyvane 281 (+5)	281	+5
Kilmoyley 263 (+11)	263	+11
Ballylongford 261 (+8)	261	+8
Knockanure 261 (+3)	261	+3
Duagh 237 (+10)	237	+10
Finuge 234 (+9)	234	+9
Abbeydorney 200 (N/A)	200	

It was the first time entering for Abbeydorney who did very well on their first attempt and all other villages/towns scores increased. There were two notable highlights this year with Listowel winning the accolade of Ireland's Tidiest Small Town for a second year in a row as well as Duagh receiving an Endeavour Award. We are urging villages to consider entering next year's Tidy Towns Competition if they are not already doing so.

### **Town & Village Renewal Scheme**

One application was submitted for the Listowel MD seeking funding of " 92,899. This application is for funding for the project up to design stage for an extension of the existing greenway into North Kerry by constructing a 3m wide and 9km long ~~Greenway~~ which would be suitable for off road walking and cycling in a rural area between Abbeyfeale and the Town Park in Listowel. The second aspect related to the demolition of the vacant Neodata building relating to Listowel and through public consultation process we aim to develop an overall plan for this prime site which could provide an additional amenity for the town and its visitors. Visitors would also have access to the Great Southern Trail by way of the proposed greenway.

### **Lartigue Monorail**

A series of initial meetings have been held with the Committee of the Lartigue Monorail Museum with the aim of linking this unique attraction with the town and its businesses to a greater degree. The ultimate aim is to increase visitor numbers to

the museum and encourage them to stay in the town and experience other attractions which the Listowel has to offer.

### **Enterprise Town**

Representatives of KCC were present at the launch of the Bank of Ireland Enterprise Town initiative and will be present at the main event on the 25th and 26th November 2015, which aims to showcase Listowel's business, sporting and voluntary sectors.

### **Strengthening Communities**

Following the review of Development plans and meetings with local groups operating within the MD a programme of minor works is being implemented in conjunction with the Area Engineer. Groups are still being encouraged to register with the Public Participation Network. Regular monthly meetings have been organised with the local development company North East West Kerry Development to discuss cross functional issues and regular meetings with the Gardai continue.

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

The Department of Children and Youth Affairs oversees Comhairle na nÓg, the delivery of which is the responsibility of each Local Authority. There are 31 Comhairlí nationally and the aim is to ensure that the voice of young people is heard when developing policy and local services. Kerry County Council works with the Kerry Diocesan Youth Service to ensure the success of this project at local level. Kerry Comhairle na nÓg's AGM took place on Thursday 13 October, 2016, at the Rose Hotel in Tralee from 10.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. The event is totally planned and managed by the current Comhairle na nÓg members. Young people aged 12-18 were invited from all 26 secondary schools and this year we had attendees from 22 out of the 26 schools.

The past year was a busy one for the Kerry Comhairle na nÓg which has taken part in several consultative processes on issues, as it had been in previous years. It is not only referenced in the County Development Plan 2015-2021 but also the Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2022, and the work plans of the Children and Young People's Services Committee, Kerry Education and Training Board, and Kerry Diocesan Youth Service. It has worked on several projects with these organisations including the Think About Alcohol and Think about Mental Health Booklets as well as the recent *#Connected#Respected Campaign*.

Recent topics that the Comhairle have progressed as part of their annual programmes include mental health, sexual health plus drug and alcohol awareness. In terms of mental health the young people organised a mental health first aid training course for teachers and youth workers, and they also organised a colour run on Banna Beach to promote positive mental health. For their drugs and alcohol topic they designed and developed 'Hugs not Drugs' wristbands, ran information stands in their schools and helped launch an information booklet with information on support services. YouTube videos showcasing the work of the Comhairle in relation to these topics were shown as part of the day's events and a very informative speech on Sexual Health was given by Máire O'Leary HSE Sexual Health Worker.

This year the Comhairle na nÓg was consulted in relation to the Kerry 1916 Commemorations and made submissions following a meeting with the National Coordinator. Members also organised a "Reeling in the Years Fashion Show 1916 -

2016" held at the Ashe Hotel to commemorate the Easter Rising and a video of the fashion show was shown at the AGM.

Also the Kerry Comhairle na nÓg was invited by Sean Kelly MEP to attend the European Youth Event (EYE) which took place in the European Parliament seat in Strasbourg from 20-21 May 2016. It was a unique opportunity for thousands of young Europeans, including members of the Kerry Comhairle, to make their voices heard, and the members who attended described their experiences.

One of the objectives of the Comhairle na nÓg programme is to raise awareness around how people can influence policy decisions, and this is done in a practical way on the day of the AGM. Facilitated workshops take place and those present identified the issue of education as the chosen topic to work on for the coming year.

Also, on the day there is an election process which elects young people to the Kerry Comhairle na nÓg for the next two year term and we welcome 57 new members following this year's AGM. Those elected are afforded opportunities to attend national events and to represent young people on a number of policy making bodies both at county level and nationally. Outgoing members who are 18 years old and now have to leave the Comhairle as their term is over, were presented certificates by Cllr. Norma Foley on behalf of the Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council. Finally attendees warmly welcomed Deputy Michael Healy-Rae TD who attended briefly and spoke with the youngsters present.

## MD Report Listowel – 2016/Q3

### THEME 1 ~ PARTICIPATION



**Goal:** to increase overall participation levels in sport and physical activity

#### Running (1/4 actions)

- 1.1.8 Continue to develop the weekly *parkrun* events which have been established in Killarney National Park and Tralee Town Park
  - Listowel parkrun : Currently in the process of recruiting volunteers to support the roll-out of Listowel parkrun

#### People with Disability (1/4 actions)

- 1.2.11. Redesign the delivery of the Swim For All Programme so that Leisure Centres take a lead role in association with KRSP Tutors.
  - Programme redesigned with leisure centers now taking the lead role:
    - Ballybunion Leisure Centre . 30 participants

#### Sport Sector (1/4 actions)

- 1.3.2. Administer grant schemes to incentivise sports clubs and community groups to increase participation in disadvantaged areas or by marginalised groups
  - KRSP Sports Grants Administered
    - Grant payment to 3 successful Listowel MD Clubs in process

## Housing Services Report

**Business Unit Manager – Mrs. Christina Farrell, Senior Executive Officer**

### **Restructuring In Housing**

The Housing section now consists of 3 sections as follows:

- 1. Asset Management Services** led by Brigid O'Riordan  
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- 3. Customer Services** led by Brenda Conway  
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### **Enhancement to Service for Public Representatives**

A dedicated helpline will be available in November to allow our public representatives contact the Housing department in relation to any queries or representation they wish to make. Our aim is to answer the call on receipt and to ensure that it is responded to in a timely manner. The phone number and operational date will be circulated in the near future.

### **New Reporting Format for MD meetings**

We have added to the standard report for the MD meetings and it now includes a detailed list of Directors' Orders that will give full visibility on activity in Housing in the previous period.

We intend on developing this further into the future and are putting data collection and logging systems in place to allow us to do this in an efficient manner.

We welcome feedback on this and indeed any other suggestions of reports that you would like us to include for future meetings.

### **Tenant Purchase Scheme Update**

The total number of applications received to date is **209**.

We have agreed to sell **76 properties** in total throughout the County.

To date, **75** applicants did **not** qualify based on the Terms of the Scheme and these applicants have all been notified of decision.

The total number of properties which Kerry County Council have agreed **not** to include in the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme is **11**.

The other applications are currently under consideration at the moment.

### **Turnkey Expressions of Interest**

The Council advertised in the Examiner, the Kerryman & Kerry Eye for persons to submit applications for Expressions of Interest in relation to the delivery of Turnkey Units in Kerry. The closing date for the receipt of these Applications for Expressions of Interest is Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016. After the closing date the applications will be examined on a number of factors e.g. housing need in the area, costings, date of

delivery. A submission will then be made to the Department of Planning, Housing, Community & Local Government for approval for these schemes.

### **Local Infrastructure Activation Fund**

The Council advertised in the Examiner, the Kerryman & Kerry Eye inviting submissions for large-scale developments, at minimum in excess of 150 houses. The closing date for the receipt of these submissions was 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016. No submissions were received.

### **HAP Implementation**

The Housing Assistance Payment scheme will Circular be introduced in Kerry on the 01 December 2016. The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) is a new social housing support. HAP will replace Rent Supplement for those with a long term housing need.

### **Voids Programme**

We received an allocation of " 771,700 from the DPHCLG early in the year for the purpose of returning 54 vacant Social Housing properties to productive use and 49 of these units have been completed and claimed to date. A further allocation was approved and notified on the 03 October 2016 for 47 units at the cost of " 665,620 and works have been completed on these units and will be claimed by the 23 November 2016.

**Social Housing Activity Report as at 5th October 2016**  
**Listowel Municipal District**

**Social Housing Applicants (Year to Date Position)**

Qualified Applicants with area of choice within Municipal Area	464
Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area	39
New Tenancies Commenced	29
Accommodation refusals	10

**Social Houses**

**Vacant Group scheme properties within Municipal Area**

Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)	20
Awaiting Allocation	4
Aquired Properties (requiring minor repairs)	2

**Rental Accommodation Scheme**

	<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A.</u>
Total Active Tenancies	924	124
New tenancies in 2016	79	3
Tenancies terminated in 2016	58	0

**Leasing**

	<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A.</u>
Leased Properties	201	17
New Tenancies in 2016	52	5
Leases under negotiation	18	1

**Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)**

	<u>No.</u>	<u>"</u>
Grant Allocation 2016		2,096,050
New Grants Allocated 2016	351	1,650,555
Total Commitment	269	1,279,099
Grants Paid	208	1,092,435

**Construction Programme**

Single Rural Dwellings - Site Transfer Stage	0
Single Rural Dwellings - under construction	0
Extension Applications Received & Under review	5
Extensions - At Tender Stage	2
Extensions - under construction	0

**Capital Listowel MD:****Proposed Development:**

Upper William Street, Listowel - Stage 2 approval  
received from Department

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Ashgrove, Listowel - Construction Commenced on  
05/09/2016.

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		<b><u>Housing Services</u></b>	
<b><u>Director's Orders for August &amp; September 2016</u></b>			
<b><u>ORDER NO.</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	
H/16/628	02/08/2016	TENANCY OF VACANT 3 BED (LEASED) IRREMORE, LISTOWEL	
H/16/630	02/08/2016	TENANCY OF VACANT 3 BED - FEALE DRIVE, LISTOWEL	
H/16/631	02/08/2016	TENANCY OF VACANT 2 STOREY APT. BALLYGOWLOGUE RD, LISTOWEL	
H/16/633	02/08/2016	TENANCY OF VACANT 2 BED - DROMIN GREEN, LISTOWEL	
H/16/643	05/08/2016	HOP GRANT - LISANISKEA, KILMORNA, LISTOWEL	
H/16/645	05/08/2016	HOP GRANT - LACCA EAST, KILMORNA, LISTOWEL	
H/16/646	05/08/2016	HOP GRANT - FINUGE, LIXNAW	
H/16/648	05/08/2016	HOP GRANT - LYREACROMPANE, LISTOWEL	
H/16/651	05/08/2016	HOP GRANT - KILCOLGAN, TARBERT	
H/16/657	05/08/2016	HOP GRANT - BEALE, ASDEE, LISTOWEL	
H/16/663	08/08/2016	HOP GRANT - GUHARD NORTH, LISSELTON	
H/16/670	08/08/2016	HOP GRANT - AUGHRIM, MOYVANE	
H/16/673	08/08/2016	HOP GRANT - KILMURLY, TARBERT	
H/16/674	08/08/2016	HOP GRANT - DROMERIN, LISTOWEL	
H/16/675	08/08/2016	HOP GRANT - UPPER BEDFORD, LISTOWEL	
H/16/677	08/08/2016	HOP GRANT - SHRONEBEIRNE, KILMORNA, LISTOWEL	
H/16/678	08/08/2016	HOP GRANT - CONVENT STREET, LISTOWEL	
H/16/679	08/08/2016	HOP GRANT - ENNISMORE, LISTOWEL	
H/16/706	10/08/2016	PURCHASE OF HOUSE - LARTIGUE VILLAGE, LISTOWEL	
H/16/707	10/08/2016	PURCHASE OF HOUSE - DROMIN GREEN, LISTOWEL	
H/16/709	10/08/2016	PURCHASE OF HOUSE - COIS BAILE, DROMIN, LISTOWEL	
H/16/718	16/08/2016	TENANCY OF VACANT 3 BED - BENMORE ESTATE, BALLYDUFF	
H/16/727	17/08/2016	TENANCY OF VACANT 3 BED - COIS BAILE, LISTOWEL	
H/16/730	17/08/2016	TENANCY OF VACANT 3 BED - THE WRITINGS, LISTOWEL	
H/16/745	25/08/2016	HAG GRANT - FEALE DRIVE, LISTOWEL	
H/16/746	25/08/2016	HAG GRANT - RATHEA, LISTOWEL	
H/16/750	25/08/2016	HAG GRANT - TUBRID BEG, ABBEYDORNEY	
H/16/755	25/08/2016	TENANCY OF VACANT 2 BED - WOODGROVE, MOYVANE	
H/16/761	30/08/2016	PURCHASE OF HOUSE - DROMIN GREEN, LISTOWEL	
H/16/764	31/08/2016	RESIDENTIAL TENANCY AGREEMENT - THE WRITINGS, LISTOWEL	
H/16/770	31/08/2016	TENANCY OF VACANT 2 BED - DROMIN GREEN, LISTOWEL	
H/16/781	09/09/2016	MAG GRANT - ENNISMORE, LISTOWEL	
H/16/782	09/09/2016	MAG GRANT - RATHKENNY, ABBEYDORNEY	
H/16/785	09/09/2016	MAG GRANT - BALLINAGARE, LIXNAW	
H/16/795	14/09/2016	PURCHASE OF HOUSE - BEECHGROVE, LISTOWEL	
H/16/796	14/09/2016	PURCHASE OF HOUSE - BEECHGROVE, LISTOWEL	
H/16/797	14/09/2016	PURCHASE OF HOUSE - BEECHGROVE, LISTOWEL	

H/16/800	15/09/2016	DEED OF DISCHARGE - KILMORE, ARDAGH	
H/16/801	15/09/2016	DEED OF TRANSFER - DROMIN GREEN, LISTOWEL	
H/16/808	16/09/2016	HOP GRANT - O'CONNELLS AVENUE, LISTOWEL	
H/16/828	21/09/2016	CONTRACTS FOR SALE - PROPERTY AT DROMIN GREEN, LISTOWEL	
H/16/833	21/09/2016	HOP GRANT - TIERACLEA, TARBERT	
H/16/842	21/09/2016	HAG GRANT - KNOCKNACURRA, LYREACROMPANE	
H/16/847	21/09/2016	MAG GRANT - RIVERSIDE CLOSE, ABBEYDORNEY	
H/16/854	27/09/2016	HOP GRANT - DROMKEEN WEST, CAUSEWAY	
H/16/855	27/08/2016	HOP GRANT - CONVENT ROAD, LISTOWEL	
H/16/856	27/09/2016	HOP GRANT - GUHARD, LISSELTON	
H/16/857	27/09/2016	HOP GRANT - MONTANAGY EAST, ABBEYDORNEY VILLAGE	
H/16/861	27/09/2016	HOP GRANT - SHANNON VIEW, RATHEA, LISTOWEL	
H/16/864	27/09/2016	HOP GRANT - TUBBERTUREEN, MOYVANE	
H/16/865	27/09/2016	HOP GRANT - MONTANA HOUSE, ABBEYDORNEY	
H/16/869	27/09/2016	HOP GRANT - TOWER DRIVE, BALLYDUFF	
H/16/870	27/09/2016	HOP GRANT - KNOCKBRANE, LIXNAW	
H/16/871	27/09/2016	HOP GRANT - LITTOR, ASDEE, LISTOWEL	
M/2016/556	17/08/2016	Appointment of Project Supervisor Construction Phase - SRD Ashgrove Listowel	
M/2015/557	17/08/2016	Appointment of Contractor for construction - SRD Ashgrove, Listowl	

**Cllr. J Moloney referred to Listowel's success on taking the award for the tidiest small town in the 2016 Tidy Towns Competition and congratulated Kerry County Council staff, volunteers and all involved in achieving this award for Listowel.**

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton referred to the restructuring of the Housing Department as outlined in the report.**

**Ms. B Conway said that as head of Customer Services, members may contact her about any issues of concern to them.**

**With regard to the delivery of turnkey units in Kerry, Ms. Conway said that the applications will be examined on a number of factors e.g. housing need in the area, costings, date of delivery. A submission will then be made to the Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government for approval for these schemes. Housing units would be provided to the Local Authority as opposed to the Local Authority seeking contractors to construct the houses**

**Cllr. R Beasley said that he had submitted a notice of motion for a previous meeting expressing concern that lighting in Doonard, Ballybunion has not been operational for a considerable length of time. He said that the residents would like the lighting to be improved at this location.**

**Ms. B Conway said that this matter would be referred to the Council's Estates Unit.**

## **(b) Questions**

**1.Cllr R Beasley:** What are the number of long-term leases since the Listowel Municipal District was set up 2½ years ago and the number of Council's own stock that has been given out in that time?

**Reply:** One long term lease has been signed for a property since 01/07/2014 to date.

There were seventy new tenancies signed for Kerry County Council owned properties in the same period.

**2. Cllr. R Beasley:** When will the dog foul bin be put into place on the end of the Cliff Walk near (Details with Directorate) house as promised at the September Meeting?

**Reply:** The Listowel Municipal District office will arrange to have this bin put in place in the coming weeks.

**Cllr. R Beasley said that he had received a similar reply to this issue at the previous meeting.**

**Ms. J McCarthy said that the bin would be put in place within the next two weeks.**

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

**Reply:** Both properties have outstanding legal issues and these are being addressed by our Legal Department.

**4. Cllr. J Moloney:** Any update on the green waste facility in Listowel proposed at July meeting?

**Reply:** As outlined at the September meeting the Council does own a site at Tanavalla which was purchased a number of years ago for the development of a Civic Amenity Site for the North Kerry Area.

Having checked with the Department, there is currently no grant aid funding available for the development of Civic Amenity Sites. In the absence of grant aid being available the Council are not in a position to advance matters further at this time. Should this situation change this proposal can then be considered again.

**Ms. J McCarthy said that she would work with the members regarding this matter.**

**5. Cllr. D Nolan:** That a list of houses purchased in the Listowel Municipal District in 2015 and 2016 be circulated to councillors of the M.D.

**Reply:**

HOUSE PURCHASES
2015 – Listowel Municipal District

11 Dromin Green, Listowel
16 Dromin Green, Listowel
2 Bruach na hAbhainn, Killoccrim, Listowel
2 Dromin Green, Listowel
20 Dromin Green, Listowel
28 Lartigue Village, Listowel
30 Cois Baile, Listowel
33 Dromin Green, Listowel
15 Dromin Green, Listowel
<b>2016 Listowel Municipal District</b>
19 Lartigue Village, Listowel
36 Cois Bhaile Listowel
46 Dromin Green Listowel
18 Dromin Green Listowel
38 Dromin Green Listowel

**Cllr. D Nolan** said that the majority of the houses are two storey 2 & 3 bedroom houses and may not be suitable for many tenants. She suggested that the Council should consider acquiring commercial premises with a view to providing 1 & 2 bedroom units.

**Ms. B Conway** said that this matter could be discussed at the Special Housing meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November.

**Ms. J McCarthy** said that the standard of building required when purchasing properties for the provision of housing is extremely high.

**6. Cllr D Nolan:** How many houses does the council own per housing estate in Listowel, Ballybunnion, Ballyheigue, Abbeydorney, Tarbert, Lixnaw, Ballyduff, Ballylongford, Moyvane, Causeway, Kilflynn and Duagh

**Reply:**

<b><u>Abbeydorney</u></b>	<b>42</b>
Riverside Close	39
The Cloisters	3

<b><u>Ballybunion</u></b>	<b>86</b>
Church Road	1
Doon Road	11
Dun Ard	6
Hillview Crescent	8
Marconi Ave	21
Marian Cres	1
Pairc na dTur	20
Sandhill Road	17
Sandhill Park	1

**Ballyduff 30**

Benmore	26
Bishopscourt	3
Sheepwalk	1

**Ballyheigue 58**

Marian Tce	33
Sraid Thaidhg	25

**Tarbert 23**

Woodview Place	19
St. Patrick's Tce	4

**Lixnaw 68**

Aghabeg West	1
Baile na Gharrai	36
Cloghers	26
Convent View	4
Sli na faiche	1

**Ballylongford 18**

Radharc na hAbhann	8
Rusheen	10

**Moyvane 29**

Woodgrove	29
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**Causeway 31**

Cluain na Aisling	20
Marian Tce	4
St. Martin's Close	7

**Duagh 4**

New Houses	4
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**Kilflynn 1**

Ballyconnell Heights	1
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**Listowel 333**

Ashgrove	18
Ballygologue Park	23
Ballygologue Road	2
Bruach nahAbhainn	1
Charles St	4
Cloverfield	2
Cois Baile	5
Convent View	10
Courthouse Lawn	12
Curragh Close	1
Dromin Green	8

Feale Drive	81
John B Keane Grove	8
Lartigue Village	6
Knockroe Drive	1
Liosarda	28
Meelish Close	2
O'Connell's Ave	16
Sli na Speire	4
Stokers Drive	12
Stokers Grove	17
Stokers Lawn	27
Stokers Place	12
The Writings	1
Willow Place	1
Upper William St.	1

**7. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council set up a Mens Shed in Listowel.

**Reply:** A Mens Shed was established at the Family Resource Centre in Listowel in 2014 with the support of NEWKD. It no longer operates as a Shed Mens Group but is still operating as a group supporting vulnerable men. Courses have been and continue to be organised for the group through the Family Resource Centre. NEWKD currently support 7 Mens Shed Groups in North Kerry and have confirmed that they hope to re-establish the Listowel group as part of their 2017 work plan.

**Cllr. M Kennelly said that he looked forward to the re-establishment of the Listowel Group as fantastic work is being done by the group in Ballybunion. Cathaoirleach A Thornton SECONDED the motion.**

**8. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council give an update on the Houses the Council have bought in the open market in the Listowel Area 2015\2016 and what houses are to be built and where.

<b>HOUSE PURCHASES</b>
<b>2015 – Listowel Municipal District</b>
11 Dromin Green, Listowel
16 Dromin Green, Listowel
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No. of Units to be Built	Location	Current Position
4	Lixnaw	Closing Date for Tender 24 <sup>th</sup> October
7	Upper William Street, Listowel	Part 8 process to commence early Nov 2016.
1 Special Needs Unit	Listowel	Construction stage commenced on 5 <sup>th</sup> September, 2016

Cllr. M Kennelly said that there are a considerable number of Local Authority houses in Dromin Green and he felt that the Council should not buy all houses that are for sale in the same estate.

Ms. J McCarthy said that there is cognisance of the number of houses that the Local Authority would purchase in any one estate.

Cllr. D Nolan asked if there is any plan in place for a purchase programme outside of Listowel town.

Ms. B Conway said that the Council's purchase programme is drawn up based on the houses that are available for purchase in the area.

#### 16.10.24.05 Operations, Health & Safety Directorate.

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

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

<b>Listowel Municipal District Operations</b>	<p align="center"><b><u>Roads</u></b></p> <p><b><i>Listowel Municipal District East</i></b></p> <p><b><u>Restoration Improvement</u></b>  Works on the following roads are complete  L-1025 Smearla Bridge . Derrindaff  L-1027 Irremore- Knockburrane  L-10031- Ballyline . Graffa  R-551- Glencullare- Meelcon  L-1050 . Convent Cross  L-6050- Finuge Bridge . Finuge Cross  L-1011 Greenville Road  Courthouse Road</p> <p><b><u>Restoration Maintenance</u></b>  Works on the following roads are complete  L-1011- Dromurrin . Ballyouneen</p>
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L-6005- Knockaneroe  
L-6054- Furhane  
L-1006- Ballydonoghue . Glouria Cross  
L-10460- Duagh to Burial Ground  
R-523- Boltens Cross to Shanacool

Severe Weather Allocation

Works complete on Meenanare Bridge, Duagh

Works on the following roads are complete

L-6017- Pulleen

L-1013- Tarmons East

L-6019 . Knockenagh

Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads

L-1008- Glouria

***Listowel Municipal District West***

Works complete on Glanerdalliv Bridge, Ballyduff

Restoration Improvement

Works on the following roads are complete

L-1031 Ardculen . Bishopscourt North

L-6043 Rahely- Addergown

R-551 Doon Road

Restoration Maintenance

Works on the following roads are complete

L-6038 Cloghane Road, Ballyduff

L-1000 Kilconly North

Preparatory works are ongoing on the following roads

R-551 Ballinbranhig

Severe Weather Allocation

Works on the following roads are complete

L-6038- Cloghane Road, Ballyduff

L-10434- Meenagohane- (90% complete)

L-10431- Cloghaneleesh- (90% complete)

L-6009- Farranpierce

L-1033 . Kerryhead, Ballyheigue

**Housing**

- Update on Casual Vacancies

Group Schemes

- Abbeydorney  
2 Bed 25 Riverside Close  
Works Completed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept
- Ballybunion

	<p>2 Bed, 29 Marconi, Works commenced</p> <p>2 Bed, 37 Sandhill rd, Works underway, nearing completion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ballyheigue</u> 1 bed 48 Marian Terrace Works going to tender</li> <li>• <u>Ballyduff</u> 3 Bed 7 Benmore Fire Damage, Documents being prepared for tender</li> <li>• <u>Causeway</u> 2 Bed 16 Marian Terrace Fire Damage, Estimate to be prepared/Awaiting Insurance settlement</li> <li>• <u>Lixnaw</u> 3 Bed, 35 Baile an Garrai, Works to commence within two weeks 2 Bed 27 Cloghers Drive Works to commence Nov</li> <li>• <u>Moyvane</u> 3 Bed 36 Woodgrove Fire Damage, Awaiting Insurance settlement</li> </ul> <p><u>Listowel Town</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 Bed 112 Feale Drive Awaiting approval of tender.</li> <li>• 3 Bed 22 Ashgrove Estimate approved, works to commence</li> <li>• 1 Bed 72 Feale Drive Awaiting approval of tender.</li> <li>• 3 Bed 3 Cluainin Works underway</li> <li>• 3 Bed 19 Liosarda Works underway, nearing completion</li> <li>• 2 Bed 22 Ashgrove Works to Commence</li> </ul> <p><u>Update on long term voids</u></p> <p><u>Group Schemes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ballyduff</u> 3 Bed 11 Benmore Awaiting tender approval of successful contractor</li> </ul> <p><u>Single Rural Dwellings</u></p> <p>3 Bed Knockbrack Ardfert Tender to be approved</p> <p>2 Bed Bawnmore Ardfert Law Agents, trespass issue</p> <p>3 Bed Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw Boundary Issue</p>
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	2 Bed Ballinagearagh Lixnaw With Housing Admin. For consideration 3 Bed Boherroe Abbeydorney Law Agents 2 Bed Derry Listowel Dept approval received, documents being prepared for tender 3 Bed Ballinclemisig Ballyheigue Awaiting probate 3 Bed Bromore West, Ballybunion Dept approval received, documents being prepared for <i>tender</i> 3 Bed Lahesrough, Ballybunion Dept approval received, documents being prepared for tender <u>Current non maintenance works</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tendering successfully completed for 2no extensions for disabilities in Abbeydorney,</li> <li>• Awaiting Approval of tenders</li> <li>• Insulation Upgrade recently tendered for 92no Single Rural properties in Listowel MD. Expected completion of works by Mid December</li> </ul>
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John Sheehan  
Senior Executive Engineer

Paul Neary  
Senior Engineer

### **Capital Infrastructure Unit**

In relation to the Listowel MD area, CIU are working on the following infrastructure projects and the following is the update on progress -

#### **North Kerry Line Greenway:**

The final pieces of the legal agreement in relation to the transfer of the ownership of the line from CIE to KCC are being dealt with. It is anticipated that the line will be in the ownership of Kerry County Council by the time the next MD meeting is held. The CIU section is also working on the detailed submission that will be lodged on the property with the Property Registration Authority (PRAI) to register the ownership of the line in Kerry County Council's name.

A funding application has been made in respect of the development of the line as a greenway for the section between the Limerick County Bounds and Listowel Town under both the Fáilte Ireland capital grants and the recent urban renewal grants. The application in both cases is to cover the costs of completing the design works, carrying out an EIS and lodging an application with An Bord Pleanála for planning approval of the project. If funding is forthcoming for these works it is hoped that a planning application would be lodged for the works in 2017.

#### **Housing Construction Projects**

1 Unit at Ashgrove, Listowel . Construction commenced 05/09/2016.

4 Units at Lixnaw . Tender for construction closing date 24/10/2016. Tender assessment and Departmental Approval of same to follow. Expected commencement

of construction is late January 2017. It is anticipated that the period of construction will be 10 months.

7 Units at Courthouse Lawn, Upper William Street, Listowel . Stage 2 Approval has been received from the Department. Internal Pre Part 8 procedures to commence 1/11/2016 and it is our intention for the formal Part 8 public consultation period to commence 1/12/2016.

#### Public Toilets Ballybunion

Internal Pre Part 8 procedures have commenced on this project. It is our intention for the formal Part 8 public consultation period to commence 18/11/2016.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton welcomed that a funding application has been made in respect of the development of the North Kerry Line as a greenway for the section between the Limerick County Bounds and Listowel Town and said that this is a very worthy project.**

#### **(b) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** That Kerry County Council take immediate action to have the ditch from the entrance to the Sportsfield Road, Ballyduff up towards Sheehy's Supermarket removed through negotiation with the landowner as it is very dangerous to pedestrians coming from Benmore to the village and it's only a matter of time before a serious accident happens here. There are a lot of elderly and very young people using this road.

**Reply:** The request has been forwarded to Kerry County Council's Road Design section for consideration.

We will engage with the landowner to ascertain to possibility of land acquisition.

The proposal will have to be costed and any resultant works will be dependant on need and the availability of a budget.

**Cllr. R Beasley said that he is concerned that a serious accident will occur at this location.**

**2. Cllr. R Beasley:** That Kerry County Council cut the hedges and briars at the rear of Hill View Crescent, Ballybunion and do some remedial works to the road which is in a bad condition.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will carry out works at this location later this year.

**3. Cllr. R Beasley:** That Kerry County Council carry out major remedial works on the Tullabeg Road, Ballybunion.

**Reply:** This is a local secondary route the L-6007.

Pothole repair work has been undertaken on this section of roadway in the recent past. Due to the fact that the carriageway has been heavily repaired in the past, the roadway is unsuitable for inclusion in a Roads Maintenance Programme.

Works of the type and magnitude requested requires funding through the Multi-Annual Roads Improvement Programme which was determined and approved by Listowel Municipal District in March of this year, and runs from 2016-2018 inclusive. The roadway is approximately 3.15km in length and cost of undertaking strengthening works on this roadway is " 320,000  
The project may be considered for any future Roads Strengthening Programme.

**4. Cllr. R Beasley:** That the car park in Ballyeigh be repaired and the area around the entrance barrier be improved.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will arrange to have the area repaired in the near future.

**5. Cllr. R Beasley:** That Kerry County Council carry out whatever works are necessary on the two rural cottages in Ballybunion and give them to some of the families on the housing list - (Details with Directorate).

**Reply:** Both these dwellings will require significant investment to bring them to an acceptable habitable standard which necessitates specific department approval. This approval was received in August and tender packages are currently being prepared for both dwellings.  
It is envisaged that KCC will be ready to go to tender for both of these dwellings by the end of the current month.

**Cllr. R Beasley said that he was disappointed that a house could remain vacant for such a long time when so many people are in need of housing.**

**6. Cllr. R Beasley:** Over four years ago I allocated " 3,000 for works to be carried out at (Details with Directorate). That work has not yet been done. What is the hold up and why?

**Reply:** The Cllr allocated " 2,000 in 2014 for a drainage embankment support at(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*)

Kerry County Council have undertaken a preliminary inspection of the area and will undertake to clear the drain within the coming weeks.  
Once the embankment is cleared it will require a thorough examination, however significant structural works may be required for which we currently do not have finance.

**7. Cllr R. Beasley:** That two bins for dog foul be put in on the Sandhill Road, Ballybunion.

**Reply:** Listowel Municipal District Operations will place 2no dog fouling bag dispensing units along Sandhill Road, in the near future.

**8. Cllr R Beasley:** That the speed limits in the Ballybunion area on the Ballybunion / Asdee Road and the Ballybunion / Tralee Road and the road north of the Ballybunion / Listowel Road be moved out further from the town.

**Reply:** The request will be forwarded to the Speed Limit Review Group for consideration.

**9. Cllr J Lucid:** Could Kerry County Council state when a new caretaker will be appointed for Ballyheigue graveyard?

**Reply:** Interviews have taken place and appointment will be finalised shortly.

**Cllr. R Beasley supported the motion.**

**10. Cllr J Lucid:** Could Kerry County Council state when they expect drainage work to be completed at Kilmoyley graveyard?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have engaged a consultant to carry out a Hydrogeological survey of Kilmoyley Graveyard. A report on this survey is expected shortly. Any recommendations to improve drainage at this Graveyard will be considered for inclusion in the works programme for 2017 and it would be expected that this work would be carried out during spring/summer 2017.

**Cllr. J Lucid acknowledged all the excellent work carried out by Kerry County Council but unfortunately this matter has been going on for a considerable length of time.**

**Ms. J McCarthy said that there was no easy solution in this case and undertook to keep the members informed on the progress being made.**

**11. Cllr J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council provide funding and resources to resurface the section of road at Kerryhead between the two sections that have been repaired in September 2016.

**Reply:** This section of roadway is suitable for a surface dressing programme and should be considered for Listowel Municipal District Roads Maintenance Programme 2017.

**Cllr. J Lucid commended Mr. J Sheehan and Mr. M McEnery on the excellent work which was carried out on two sections of the road and said that he hoped that that the remaining section will be brought up to the same high standard.**

**12. Cllr J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council state when a new caretaker will be appointed to look after the public toilets at Ballyheigue.

**Reply:** Interviews have taken place and appointment will be finalised shortly.

**13. Cllr J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council install a Public Light between the Village and the Community Centre at Knockanure as per job number 8338 and with funding provided for by Councillors allowance.

**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 the Public Lighting Policy, which was developed through the Operations SPC, and given the existing demands on the Council to maintain/replace existing public lighting infrastructure throughout the county.

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.

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. Consequently requests for new public lights to be financed through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Funding is not acceptable.

The request for new public lighting at Knockanure has been forwarded for consideration in the manner determined in the Public Lighting Policy.

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

**Cllr. D Nolan supported the notice of motion and said that she had raised this matter at a previous meeting and asked if a cost neutral scheme for the provision of public lighting could be considered on a pilot scheme in Listowel.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said that requests for public lighting must be considered within the budget available.**

**Mr. P Neary said that he would examine this specific case and revert to Cllr. Lucid.**

**14. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council take action to deal with the clearance of two dangerous bends at Cahermead/Ballysheen, Abbeydorney.

**Reply:** The landowner associated with the area in question has been identified and the relevant details have been provided to the Roads Enforcement Officer to issue the required notice to the landowner to carry out the clearance works.

**Cllr. J Lucid that the bends at this location should be cleared in the interest of health and safety.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said that the Roads Enforcement Officer has been made aware of this issue and will advise the land owner accordingly.**

**15. Cllr. J Lucid:** What is Kerry County Council policy with regard to derelict buildings when they become dangerous and begin to fall down.

**Reply:** Upon receipt of a report of a dangerous building, Kerry County Council investigates the building and attempts to contact the owner with regard to addressing the dangers. While every effort is usually made to contact the owners, in many cases, Kerry County Council receive no reply or acknowledgement to their correspondence. In extreme situations where there is a clear and present danger to members of the public, the designated manager within Kerry County Council can authorise works to remedy the situation

**16. Cllr. J Moloney:** That this council request funding from the TII for road repairs on the N 69 at the following locations (a) Between Coolnaleen Cross and Moantcoal (b) John B Keane Road between Lidl and traffic lights (c) Caherdown.

**Reply:** Transport Infrastructure Ireland TII survey the entire national road network pavement annually. This survey is then used to determine what sections of the national road network require pavement improvements. Funding is then allocated based on this road pavement condition survey.

The road condition of sections of the N69 between Coolnaleen Cross and Moantcoal, John B Keane Road between Lidl and traffic lights, and Caherdown have already been brought to the attention of the TII. The road surface condition of these sections of national road will again be brought to their attention so that they may be included in the national road pavement improvement programme.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton SECONDED the notice of motion and asked that the Dale road be added to the list.**

**Mr. M McEnery said that the Dale road is the responsibility of the Department of Transport.**

**17. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the ditch either side of Dromclough School be removed and a fence be erected in the interest of safety?

**Reply:** The ditches and hedges on the approaches to the school are well maintained. Warning signage is appropriate and visible.

However hedges and shrubberies planted within the school property, fronting the L-6055, may be problematic, from a visibility perspective, for pupils exiting the school premises to the adjacent road.

It would be advisable, for the safety of the pupils, that this matter should be addressed.

**Mr. J Sheehan** said that shrubs planted within the school property, fronting the L-6055, may be problematic, from a visibility perspective, for pupils exiting the school premises to the adjacent road therefore this matter should be discussed with the school management.

**Mr. J Sheehan** said a considerable amount of work has been undertaken in the vicinity of schools by Kerry County Council as safety around schools is a priority.

**Mr. J McCarthy** said that while she could not give a commitment that the Council will meet with the principals of all schools in the Municipal District, when works programmes are being carried out the engineers will always ensure that they engage with the principals with regard to the works that are being carried out in the vicinity of schools.

**Cllrs. M Kennelly and D Nolan** supported the notice of motion.

**Cllr. D Nolan** moved notice of motion No. 31 at this stage.

**31. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the flashing school lights at Coolard NS be repaired.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council's Electrical Department has indicated that they would accord this a high priority.

**18. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can a light be placed on the pole outside Furze Island, Greenville?

**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 at Furze Island will need to be assessed as part of the Public Lighting Policy, which was developed through the Operations SPC, and given the existing demands on the Council to maintain/replace existing public lighting infrastructure throughout the county.

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

The request, as outlined in the Notice of Motion, would necessitate the placement of an LED lantern and outreach on an existing power transmission pole, permission for which may be problematic and thus a separate standard and connection may be required.

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. Consequently requests for new public lights to be financed through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Funding is not acceptable.

The request for new public lighting at Furze Island has been forwarded for consideration in the manner determined in the Public Lighting Policy.

**19. Cllr. J Moloney:** Any update on the proposed lights at 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.

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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 the Public Lighting Policy, which was developed through the Operations SPC, and given the existing demands on the Council to maintain/replace existing public lighting infrastructure throughout the county.

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.

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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. Consequently requests for new public lights to be financed through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Funding is not acceptable.

The request for new public lighting at Knockanure has been forwarded for consideration in the manner determined in the Public Lighting Policy.

**20. Cllr. J Moloney:** Have the ESB committed to an underground cable between Kilmorna and Tarbert ?

**Reply:** ESB International has been in contact with the Listowel Municipal District seeking to arrange a meeting to discuss their installation of a 220KV power line from their station at Kilmorna to their station at Kilpaddoge near Tarbert.

This meeting will take place within the coming weeks.

The majority, if not all, of this underground network will be installed along public roads, the approximate length of which is in the region of 20km depending on the route taken.

We will update the members when more detailed information becomes available.

**Cllr. J Moloney asked that the members be kept informed regarding this matter.**

**21. Cllr. J Moloney :** Can a continuous white line be placed past the junction with Steeple Road and The N 69 in Tarbert?

**Reply:** A continuous white line will be placed at this location when the road marking contractors are in the area again.

**22. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would make sure that the contractor laying the pipes for the windfarm would finish properly the Ballyline Road and the Coast Road to Tarbert. These roads are in a deplorable condition and could be the cause of accidents with people trying to avoid the rough part of the road.

**Reply:** The contractor is required, under the terms of the road opening licence to reinstate the road to the satisfaction of Kerry County Council on completion of the works.

Currently the contractor has undertaken ~~immediate~~ restoration in some locations, which subsequently is advanced to a ~~temporary~~ restoration when settlement has occurred.

The ~~temporary~~ restoration, where it has been done, is of a satisfactory standard, however we will continue to monitor and engage with the contractor in relation to the ~~immediate~~ restoration.

**Cllr. L Purtill said that the road is in very poor condition and parts are breaking up.**

**23. Cllr. L Purtill :** That Kerry County Council would address the underneath part of the wall that has collapsed on the seaward side of Island Road, opposite the signpost for Tarbert E-Town and Welcome to Tarbert.

**Reply:** The degradation of the wall on the seaward flank of the N67 appears of a more serious nature than is initially readily visible.

A full structural analysis of the wall will have to be undertaken.

This will be done in conjunction with TII and a solution will be determined.

**24. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would erect a dangerous bend sign adjacent to the home of (Details with Directorate). There have been five accidents at this location in the past 12 months.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will arrange to have a sign placed in the vicinity of this property

**25. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would put a channel in place to carry the water from the road to prevent it flowing into the property of (Details with Directorate). This work was promised to be carried out when the road was being tarred.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council undertook works in this area under its Roads Maintenance Programme.

This is purely a Surface Dressing Programme with no finance available to facilitate any other works.

Surface Dressing does not alter the level or profile of the existing roadway and hence has no material effect on the drainage of the area.

Consequently, Listowel Municipal District Operations staff would not and did not undertake promises to anyone in this locality in relation to drainage issues.

**Cllr. R Beasley SECONDED the notice of motion.**

**26. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would erect a sign warning that children are crossing adjacent to St. Oliver's School, Ballylongford. This request has been made by the teachers and Board of Management of the School.

**Reply:** There is currently statutory warning signage on both approaches to the church entrance.

**Cllr. L Purtill said that the notice of motion should have included a request for flashing lights at the side of the school.**

**Mr. M McEnery said that additional warning signage has been provided at this location in the past week.**

**27. Cllr. D Nolan:** That a position on energy cost neutral community lighting be agreed in order to facilitate such works in the future.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council's Public Lighting Policy was adopted in May 2016. The following are part of the Policy Criteria:

Policy Criteria

5. Any requests from the Elected Members for additional public lights to be provided and operated by Kerry County Council will be assessed annually having regard to the available resources and the Public Lighting Policy.

11. Public lighting for public and/or community facilities (such as outside schools, churches, community centres etc.) where the need is only for an intermittent period, will be assessed in accordance with this Public Lighting Policy and consideration will be given to the provision of these public lights. Such lighting shall be controlled by a switch within the facility being served and subject to agreement that the facility operators will be responsible for the ongoing energy and maintenance costs.

**28. Cllr D Nolan:** That the road edge at Kilmorna, just beyond the entrance to the power exchange, be repaired as the verge is in a dangerous condition.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will arrange to have the edge repaired in the near future.

**29. Cllr. D Nolan:** That a Traffic Flow Management Plan be commissioned for Listowel town, taking into account alternative street use patterns and accessibility issues for future development.

**Reply:** The provision of a traffic management plan for Listowel is desirable. This plan could examine traffic flow patterns and make recommendation for improvement. It would also examine what areas of the town should have more pedestrian priority zones, accessibility, cycle routes, shared space etc. The amendments to the streetscape in accordance with the Design Manual for Urban street would also have to be considered.

This traffic management plan would be premature pending the provision of the Listowel Bypass as this road will remove a large volume of heavy goods traffic from the town centre area which will have a significant effect on any proposed traffic management plan.

**Cllr. D Nolan said that while she appreciated that a traffic management plan would be premature pending the provision of the Listowel Bypass there are a number of land locked areas in Listowel therefore traffic should be routed in a different manner in the meantime.**

**Cllr. J Moloney said that a lot of simple measures could be taken to improve the current situation.**

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton said that the traders in Listowel have requested that a deputation from their members be received at a meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel to discuss this matter.**

**Ms. J McCarthy acknowledged the concerns expressed by the members and said that the Garda Superintendent has advised that permission will no longer be given for charities to have people doing collections at junctions on public roads in the town.**

**She said that a traffic management plan will be considered but it is not possible to give a timeframe at this time. The traffic warden is also aware of the need to keep traffic flowing.**

**Cllr. D Nolan** said that in her opinion it would be desirable to have a traffic management plan in place before a bypass of the town is constructed as it will be needed whether the construction of the bypass goes ahead or not.  
**Ms. J McCarthy** said that signage would be provided at the pay parking machines advising customers of free car parking locations in the town.

**30. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the works take place as soon as possible for a shower for (Details with Directorate) a tenant with disability issues.

**Reply:** An estimated cost for the required works was forwarded to the grants section KCC on 29/09/16.

Listowel Municipal District Operations are awaiting approval.

Upon receipt of approval, a contractor will be engaged to undertake the works.

The estimated time lapse between approval and the commencement of the works is dependent on the availability of the contractors and their workload.

It is hoped that, in this particular case, the works could commence within three to four weeks of appointing a contractor.

### **Notice of Motion No. 31 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 17**

**32. Cllr. Aoife Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council update the members as regards the progress of the road works on William Street and confirm that all works are operating on schedule, so far.

**Reply:** Update on William St Gas Main, Water Main, ESB ducting, Storm Drain and Road Reconstruction.

#### Introduction

Contractors Balfour Beatty (and subcontractor MGD Civil Engineering) acting for main client Energia (Gas Networks Ireland and Irish Water) commenced work on Monday the 26th September.

To date works are on schedule with pipes, mains and ducts laid in the first 70m. Works are expected to be substantially completed by Friday 25th November.

Consultation with Businesses/Residents on Wm St, Church St, the small Square and Mkt St.

Consultation has been ongoing with businesses and residents on Church St, William St and Market St and the feed back is largely positive.

#### Traffic Management

William St Lwr is closed to through traffic. Traffic diversion and two way traffic on Church St is operating well with no significant traffic congestion reported. Works are being carried out in phases to minimise disruption.

When pipe laying on the lower part of William St is complete a temporary surface will be applied and the the lower part of William St will be opened to vehicular traffic giving access to Market St from the Square.

When the pipe laying is complete on the upper part of Wm St permanent reinstatement of the road will entail closing the William St entirely for a period of four days.

**Cllr. A Thornton said that she was glad to see that the work is progressing efficiently and works are on target and that all traders are open for business.**

**33. Cllr. Aoife Thorton:** Can Kerry County Council inspect the damper on the fire at the home of (Details with Directorate), Co. Kerry as she is currently living in a mobile home while the fire is not functioning.

**Reply:** It has been agreed with the tenant that a new stove would be fitted as replacement for the mal-functioning range.

**34. Cllr. Aoife Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council address the malfunctioning gullet beside the home of (Details with Directorate) which is causing flooding around his home.

**Reply:** This location is within the Tralee Municipal District functional area and your request has been forwarded to the Tralee Roads Engineer (East).

**35.Cllr A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council confirm when approx they will be in a position to move the shed at Baile na Garrai, Lixnaw for the purposes of housing the lawnmower ?

**Reply:** An undertaking was given by Listowel Municipal District to move a shed, in which the local community store machinery. This commitment was made due to the theft of lawnmowers in late 2015.

The work involved in relocating the shed will be undertaken when the current Roads/Sever Weather Damage Programme is complete i.e. most likely not earlier than the second half of November.

**36. Cllr A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council provide a guide timeline as to when works may take place on the Kilfeighney North road into the Coillte Bog to facilitate the removal of turf from the bog for this winter.

**Reply:** Listowel Municipal District estimated the cost of undertaking temporary remedial works to 0.9km of this roadway at " 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.

No source of funding is currently available to undertake the works.

Works of this type and magnitude require funding through the Multi-Annual Roads Improvement Programme which was determined and approved by Listowel Municipal District in March of this year, and runs from 2016-2018 inclusive.

The project may be considered for any future Roads Strengthening Programme.

**37. Cllr A Thornton:** I am asking the members of Listowel Municipal area for support in a demand to government for an increase in funding for the dreadful roads in North Kerry and that Kerry County Council accordingly are put in a position to increase the level of funding next year into the Municipal area to bring our roads up to a reasonable standard.

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

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton said that the most important issue for the members of the Municipal District of Listowel at the moment is the condition of the roads in North Kerry. This is not acceptable and a very serious approach must be taken. Cllr. R Beasley supported the notice of motion and said that a delegation to the Minister for Transport to highlight this matter should be considered. North Kerry needs treble the amount of funding of the rest of the county to address appalling condition of the roads.**

**Cllr. J Moloney supported the notice of motion and agreed that a delegation to the Minister for Transport should be arranged.**

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton asked that the Minister be requested to meet a delegation from the members of the Municipal District of Listowel to discuss this matter.**

**38. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council put a Set Down bay on upper Church in Listowel.

**Reply:** The necessity for a set down area is determined by the level of commercial activity.

Upper Charles Street does not have the volume or intensity of commercial activity to warrant the inclusion of a set down bay.

**Cllr. M Kennelly said that there is a need for a set down area at this location.**

**Ms. J McCarthy said that volume or intensity of commercial activity at Upper Church St. does not warrant the inclusion of a 'set down' bay.**

**39. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council repair the footpath outside the Listowel Emmets Club House.

**Reply:** These repairs have been completed.

**40. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council for road safety measures put a continuous white Line on the newly resurfaced road entering Tarbert.

**Reply:** A continuous white line will be placed on the approaches of the N-69 near its junction with the Steeple Road, but not transecting it.

**41. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Following on from a previous motion to make Colbert Street in Listowel a one way system that Kerry County Council immediately look at this street as traffic congestion there is getting Worse.

**Reply:** A previous motion at the March 2016 Listowel Municipal District Meeting on this issue elicited the following response.

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

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

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

*The width of carriageway, between kerbs, in Charles Street East is 8.0m – 9.0m.*

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

*The designated width of a parking space is 2.5m, allowing a width of 3.0m – 4.0m for the transit of two-way traffic along this route (slightly wider in practice).*

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

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

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

As an alternative to making Charles Street East a one-way system consideration should be given to removing parking from one side of the road, thus allowing easy facilitation of two-way traffic.

Again, such a determination would be subject to the normal public consultation process.

**Ms. J McCarthy said that this area would be monitored and examined in the future.**

**42. Notice of Motion No. 42 was deferred by Cllr. M Kennelly until the next meeting.**

**43. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council put the Green Safety Bollards at all cross road junctions in the Listowel Municipal District.

**Reply:** Junction Definition Posts are high visibility posts, designed to delineate junctions in rural areas.

These green and white bollards are employed to define exactly where the mouth of a junction is and are placed on each side of the junction mouth.

They are generally used at the intersection of National Routes with minor roads so a driver travelling at night, in particular, can clearly see the junction in front and immediately tell if she/he gets between the two Junction Definition Posts they have driven down a side road.

To erect Junction Definition Posts at all our intersections will cost between " 280,000 - " 340,000.

Listowel Municipal District Operations does not currently have the finance to undertake such works.

**Cllr. M Kennelly asked that the most dangerous junctions in the Listowel Municipal District be identified for the provision of Junction Definition Posts.**

**44. Cllr M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council welcome the " 20M Gas Networks Ireland Investment Works in Listowel.

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

**Cllr. M Kennelly welcomed the €20M Gas Networks Ireland Investment Works in Listowel and hoped that it would enhance the economy in the area and bring more employment to Listowel. He congratulated Ms. J McCarthy and her staff on the launch of the Kerry Tourism Strategy in Listowel in the past week.**

**Cllr. D Nolan SECONDED the notice of motion and said that this investment opens up huge possibilities for Listowel. She moved notice of motion No. 2 (Item 6) as follows:**

**2. Cllr. D Nolan:** In light of recent developments regarding the confirmation of gas supply to Listowel, and also the siting of a large Multinational factory in Newcastle West a town of similar size and geographic location, that the relevant bodies such as the IDA, Enterprise Ireland and Shannon Commercial Properties be contacted and called upon to promote the investment potential of Listowel.

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

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton SECONDED the notice of motion.**

**Cllr J Moloney said that the €20M Gas Networks Ireland Investment Works in Listowel is a huge opportunity for the town. He moved Question No. 5( Item 6) as follows:**

**Q5. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can this council receive regular updates from Gas Networks Ireland and Kerry County Council on the pipe connecting Foynes and Listowel?

**Reply:** Your request will be forwarded to Gas Networks Ireland for the relevant information, as it becomes available.

**45. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council look at abandoned cars in our car parks.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will examine public car parks in Listowel Municipal District and determine if there are any abandoned cars present. Appropriate action will take place to remove any abandoned cars in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulations 1983.

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** How soon can we expect to see work commence in the public toilets in Ballybunion. Hope work will be complete before St. Patrick's Day 2017.

**Reply:** The Capital Infrastructure Unit of Kerry County Council is currently preparing costings in relation to the 2 proposals for redevelopment of the public toilets at Men's Beach, Ballybunion with a view to then progressing one of these proposals to planning level.

**2. Cllr. R Beasley:** When can we expect to see the footpath at the junction of Upper Sandhill Road opposite Rinn Buí Caravan Park fixed as promised at the September Municipal District Meeting.

**Reply:** Listowel Municipal District will undertake this work when the current Roads/Sever Weather Damage Works Programme is complete i.e. most likely not earlier than the second half of November.

**3. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council state when it will carry out completion work on roads and footpaths at Kilmoyley housing estate.

**Reply:** Listowel Municipal District Operations can not furnish you with this information as no finance is currently available to undertake these works.

**4. Cllr. J Lucid:** That Kerry County Council take the necessary action to ensure that the R551 at Buncurrig, Ballyheigue is not flooded this winter.

**Reply:** Flooding on the R551 roadway at Buncurrig, south of Ballyheigue, is primarily a function of tidal conditions and in some instances can not, presently, be prevented.

I further append a NOM and answer from the July 2016 Listowel Municipal District Meeting.

*'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'.*

**With regard to the Sluice Gates at Akeragh, Cllr. J Lucid that he had raised this matter previously and the area has not yet been cleaned up. He asked that this matter be referred to the Tralee Municipal District as Ballyheigue is loosing out due to the lack of maintenance at this location.**

**Cllr. R Beasley supported the notice of motion.**

**Mr. P Neary undertook to raise this matter with management of Tralee Municipal District.**

**Question No. 5 was moved in conjunction with notice of motion No. 44. (Item 5).**

**6. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council please inspect the road near the home of (Details with Directorate) whereby half of the road was previously resurfaced and the second half needs the same.

**Reply:** Scrahan, Duagh is contiguous with the L-6062. This is a local secondary roadway, which is 2.8kms in length and upon inspection is in good order for most of its length.

However there is a segment 400m long which requires strengthening. The cost of undertaking this work is " 40,000.

The project is suitable for Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Funding.

Failing this works of this type and magnitude require funding through the Multi-Annual Roads Improvement Programme which was determined and approved by Listowel Municipal District in March of this year, and runs from 2016-2018 inclusive. The project may be considered for any future Roads Strengthening Programme.

**7. Cllr. M Kennelly:** What road improvement works have been done on the Dale Road and what works are scheduled for the Dale Road.

**Reply:** Listowel Municipal District Operations undertook minor repairs on a segment of the R556 in September 2016.

The section of road referred to as the Dale Road forms part of the Tralee . Ballybunion Road R556, from Ballinclogher Cross, southwards towards Abbeydorney.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Some safety works were undertaken in 2015, specifically 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 and Phase 3 - 650m).

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

The poorest section of this road is the southern most 650m i.e. Phase 3.  
The preferred option for this section of road is to excavate out the entire bog rampart and construct the new carriageway, with a finished road level of 0.5 m approximately above the existing field and finished floor house levels.  
This section of road will cost " 847,600.

To date Kerry County Council has not been allocated funding for this project, therefore no further work are scheduled.

#### **16.10.24.06 Any Other Business**

##### **(a) Notice of Motion**

**1. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would request the HSE to reconsider the threatened closure of St Mary of the Angels, Beaufort. The HSE should have full consultation with the parents and relatives of the residents. They are very unhappy about their loved ones being moved from St Mary of the Angels. The residents have spent many happy years in Beaufort, some as long as forty years. I have been approached by parents of residents who are very unhappy with the threatened closure.

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

**Cllr. L Purtill said that it appears that a decision has been made to close this wonderful facility without any consultation with the parents and relatives of the residents.**

**Cllr. R Beasley supported the notice of motion .**

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton said that she hoped that progress would be made with regard to the retention of the facility.**

**2. Cllr. D Nolan:** In light of recent developments regarding the confirmation of gas supply to Listowel, and also the siting of a large Multinational factory in Newcastle West a town of similar size and geographic location, that the relevant bodies such as the IDA, Enterprise Ireland and Shannon Commercial Properties be contacted and called upon to promote the investment potential of Listowel.

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

**3. Cllr. Aoife Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council write to all appropriate bodies including the TII in relation to the dreadful signage to Ballybunion and Ballyheigue as WAW destinations. This request is also in relation to signage coming from other counties eg Shannon Airport.

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

**Cllr. R Beasley supported the notice of motion and asked that Ballybunion be included on the directional signage towards North Kerry from Tralee and Killarney.**

##### **(b) Next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel**

It was agreed that the next meeting for the Listowel Municipal District would be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at 10.00am.

**(b) Any Other Business**

**Approval for reception of a deputation**

It was agreed that the reception of a deputation from the traders in Listowel would be included on the agenda for approval by the members at the next meeting.

**Crash barriers at Boltons Cross**

Cllr. M Kennelly asked if a response had issued from TII regarding the installation of crash barriers at Boltons Cross.

Mr. P Neary undertook to revert to Cllr. Kennelly regarding this matter.

The meeting concluded at 3.10pm

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**Ms. J Foley**  
**Meetings Administrator**

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**Cllr. A Thornton**  
**Cathaoirleach of Listowel**  
**Municipal District**