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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL ON 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016.**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL AR AN 19<sup>U</sup> NOLLAIG, 2016**

## **PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**

### ***Councillors/Comhairleoirí***

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

### **Absent**

**Cllr. A Thornton**

### ***In attendance/i láthair***

<b>Ms. J McCarthy</b>	<b>Delegated Executive Officer List MD</b>
<b>Ms. J Foley</b>	<b>Meetings Administrator</b>
<b>Mr. A Smith</b>	<b>MD Officer</b>
<b>Mr. P Curry</b>	<b>SE</b>
<b>Mr. C Mangan</b>	<b>SEE</b>
<b>Mr. J Sheehan</b>	<b>SEE</b>
<b>Mr. M McEnery</b>	<b>EE</b>
<b>Mr. J McEniry</b>	<b>EE</b>
<b>D O' Malley</b>	<b>SE Planner</b>
<b>T.J. O' Mahony</b>	<b>Heritage Officer</b>
<b>Ms. B Conway</b>	<b>AO</b>
<b>Ms. C Fitzgerald</b>	<b>ASO</b>

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am.

**Cathaoirleach Cllr A Thornton gave apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed that Cllr M Kennelly would move all notice of motions and questions on behalf of Cllr A Thornton.**

The Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M Kennelly took the Chair.

**16.12.19.01**

The Leas-Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to Ms. Sheila Broderick and her family on the death of her daughter Ms. Kathryn Broderick. All members wished to be associated with the Leas-Cathaoirleach's comments.

Cllr J Moloney proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of Mr. Michael Deenihan who recently passed away. All members wished to be associated with Cllr. J Moloney's comments.

Cllr R Beasley proposed a vote of sympathy to the people of Cuba on the recent death of their former president Mr. Fidel Castro. He stated that Fidel Castro was responsible for removing American Imperialism from Cuba and that his death is a great loss to the people of Cuba. Cllr D Nolan seconded the proposal.

Cllr J Moloney proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of Tony Soetaert former Mayor of Shawnee, who recently passed away. Mr. Soetaert was the Mayor of Shawnee, Kansas, when Listowel town was twinned with Shawnee.

The Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr M Kennelly wished to congratulate Listowel town on the very successful visit of the Coca Cola Truck to the town and welcomed the reopening of William St.

The Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. M Kennelly congratulated the Ballydonoghue Football Team on winning the 2016 North Kerry Championship.

The Leas-Cathaoirleach Cllr. M Kennelly congratulated the under 18's Listowel Ladies Rugby Team who recently won the playoff final. He proposed that a civic reception would be held to honour their achievements.

Ms. J Foley explained that approval for civic receptions is considered by the Corporate Policy Group and it will be necessary for a letter to be submitted to Corporate Support for consideration by CPG.

Mr. A Smith undertook to organise that a letter would be prepared and submitted.

### **(a) Confirmation of Minutes**

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R Beasley 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 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 be confirmed.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J Moloney SECONDED by Cllr. R Beasley it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel Listowel to consider & adopt a Draft Budgetary Plan for 2017, held on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, be confirmed.

### **Business prescribed**

#### **(a) Update on Heritage Plan for Listowel**

To note the Listowel Heritage and Community Led Regeneration Strategy

Ms. J McCarthy stated that in 2015 Kerry County Council commissioned the introduction of a Listowel Heritage & Community-Led-Regeneration Strategy which aims to environmentally, economically, and socially regenerate the town. She acknowledged that the process had taken some time to complete. A Public consultation day has taken place in Listowel. This strategy sets out a shared vision for the future generation of where the town could be in 5 years time. The document has been considered by Kerry County Council's Senior Management Team, and has been overseen by a Local Steering Group. She informed the meeting that an additional objective of the strategy will be to support the application for Museum Status for the Kerry Literary & Cultural Centre.

Mr. T.J. O'Mahony stated that The Listowel Heritage & Community Led Strategy has been produced by Kerry County Council due to Listowel's involvement as a Pilot Town (with Youghal and Westport) in a '*National Historic Towns Initiative Pilot*' since 2012. The Heritage Council have just confirmed that in early 2017 they are to establish a '*National Historic Towns Network*'. Six new towns (including the three pilot towns) will initially be incorporated into the '*Historic Towns Network*' along with 29 towns that are currently members of the '*Irish Walled Towns Network*' established by the Heritage Council in 2005. Membership of the network incurs a yearly fee of " 2,500 with the average yearly return of " 35,000 per town to co-fund local heritage themed projects. This strategy will be the main tool for leveraging these funds.

#### **Aims of the Listowel strategy:**

- ***Maximise the benefits from Listowel's heritage assets in order to economically, socially and physically regenerate the town.***
- ***Produce workable projects to achieve this.***
- ***Develop a structure to deliver these locally.***

#### **Strategy vision following public consultations:**

***Listowel – Home of Words, Heart of North Kerry:*** *Listowel is a vibrant historic and authentic market town located in the heart of North Kerry and at the centre of literary Ireland. Through its energetic and impassioned communities, Listowel in partnership with local and national state agencies will continue to work together in shaping a better place to live and work for all. The local economy will be regenerated by welcoming more and more visitors to Listowel. They, along with residents, will be invited and encouraged to explore, learn and celebrate the unique heritage of Listowel together.*

#### **Projects**

With the aforementioned vision in mind the strategy goes on to propose 18 projects which vary greatly in scale and scope.

- 1: Streets and Square**
- 2: Street Frontages**
- 3: Childers Park**
- 4: River Feale**
- 5: Lartigue Monorail Experience**
- 6: Heritage Archive**
- 7: Seanchaí Centre**
- 8: Visitor Accommodation**
- 9: Chamber Alliance**
- 10: Marketing Strategy**
- 11: Event Coordination & Development**

- 12: ***Town Online Presence***
- 13: ***Orientation & Interpretation***
- 14: ***Inner Relief Road Extension***
- 15: ***Arrival & Parking Strategy***
- 16: ***Great Southern Trail Greenway***
- 17: ***North Kerry Heritage Trail incorporating the Wild Atlantic Way***
- 18: ***Cycle Friendly Town***

#### **Project funding:**

Projects unique to this strategy have an estimated cost of " 230,000 to implement over the next five year period. The vast majority of these projects have 75% external co-funding sources identified (" 172,500) to match contributions of 25% (" 57,500) from Kerry County Council. Of course these projects will only commence when co-funding availability (both external and internal) has been formally confirmed. The mains sources for project funding are:

- ***Historic Towns Network.***
- ***Heritage Management Grants Scheme.***
- ***County Heritage Plan Grants Scheme.***
- ***The Heritage Council.***
- ***Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2016 – 2021.***
- ***Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.***
- ***Fáilte Ireland.***
- ***REDZ funding.***
- ***North, East & West Kerry Development (LEADER).***
- ***Kerry County Council.***

#### **Adoption, Oversight and Management**

- ***Document noted at Municipal District Level.***
- ***Public launch day with Project Consultants, Steering Group, The Heritage Council, DoAHG, Failte Ireland and local interest groups in attendance.***
- ***Local Government to take leadership role continuing a Partnership – Community Led approach.***

Cllr. J Moloney thanked the executive for the report and asked is Listowel a Heritage or Historic Town.

Mr. T.J. OqMahony replied that Listowel is both a Heritage and Historical Town, the town has been a member of the Heritage Town Network for a number of years.

Cllr J Moloney referred to the proposed public realm improvement works and asked could these works be carried out sooner.

Mr. T.J. OqMahony replied that there is a possibility that the works could be brought forward, depending on the availability of funding.

Mr. J McCarthy said that an application was submitted under the REDZ scheme, however the application was unsuccessful as funding had already been received for the Great Southern Trail Greenway.

Cllr D Nolan welcomed the document and said it was fantastic to see the publication of same. She referred to the Heritage Archive and the proposal to assemble an archive and database of all historic collections. She suggested that there should be an intermediary between the database, the collector and the general public.

Mr. T.J. OqMahony replied that only specific details would be made public.

Cllr D Nolan stated that a student from University College Cork is currently on work placement in the Seanchaí where they are compiling a masters in relation to archiving and Museum standards. She asked that an update on the Listowel Heritage and Community Led Regeneration Strategy would appear on the agenda twice a year. Cllr D Nolan suggested that a submission would be made to the National Planning Framework regarding the special status of our Historical and Heritage Towns i.e. Listowel and Kenmare, that they would be recognised in the settlement description of the new plan.

Mr. T.J. OqMahony replied that he would be confident that the Heritage council would be proposing something similar.

Mr. D OqMalley stated that Kerry County Council is in the process of writing up this submission.

Cllr L Purtill welcomed the document and asked does the North Kerry Heritage Trail solely relate to Listowel Town.

Mr. T.J OqMahony replied that the Trail has been renamed the North Kerry Heritage Trail incorporating the Wild Atlantic Way and designated Heritage Town of Listowel.

Ms. J McCarthy stated that the Trail includes Carrigafoyle.

Cllr L Purtill said that Ballylongford is rich in heritage and referred in particular to Carrigafoyle Castle.

Cllr R Beasley welcomed the document and referred to the proposal to apply for Museum Status for the Literacy Centre and asked would there be an opportunity to apply for grants.

Mr. T.J OqMahony replied that contact has been made to the Heritage Council to confirm if grants are available.

Cllr D Nolan stated that there are two stages involved, the intermediate accreditation and full accreditation.

Cllr R Beasley questioned is the funding worth applying for, considering what Listowel will receive from it.

Ms. J McCarthy stated that the Literacy Centre is currently working in conjunction with the County Museum to make progress. It was a huge marketing potential.

Cllr D Nolan stated that the inspection has taken place and it has received a very positive feedback.

Ms. J McCarthy replied that the Tourism Unit in conjunction with Tralee Institute of Technology held a Tourist Ambassador Programme, which consisted of a two night programme in Listowel Community College. Fourteen businesses participated in the programme which proved to be very successful and received excellent feedback. The Tourism Unit aims to roll the programme out to other parts of the county.

Cllr J Lucid welcomed the document and said that Listowel is a beautiful town and this plan will certainly promote the town and its surroundings.

Cllr M Kennelly welcomed the document and thanked the staff of Kerry County Council for compiling same. He stated that this is a five year plan with a lot of positives for the town. The construction of the relief road will be the last piece of the jigsaw. Mr. T.J Mahony stated that public consultation took place, and a substantial

amount of feedback was received. Kerry County Council will continue to liaise with the public.

Ms. J McCarthy advised the members that the document will come before the Steering Group who will finalise the strategy.

## **16.12.19. 02 Water Services**

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

### **Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT**

#### **LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

Achoimre Stádais ar an 5ú Nollaig 2016

Status Summary at 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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#### **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 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 early 2017.** The Schemes which are listed in the current CIP, and which affect the **Listowel Municipal District** are outlined below:

<b><u>CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016</u></b> <b><u>WASTE WATER PROJECTS</u></b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
Tarbert and Ballylongford WWTPs	Complete; the upgrades to some pipelines were done in 2013; " 2.3M

#### **ADDITIONAL MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS** **BUT NOT PUBLISHED IN IW CIP 2014-2016**

Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Derry - Listowel NKRWSS	Replacement of 2.15Km of 300mm Asbestos Cement Water Main (a further 870M length was completed as advance worksq also by KCC staff in 2015).	" 0.75M	Completed

## IRISH WATER MINOR IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME

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

<b>COUNTYWIDE MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Health and Safety, Quality and Environment	Installation of handrails, ladders and platforms at 44 Water and 17 Waste Water sites	" 250,000	Contract works - completion February 2017
Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant works	Equipment for UVT and flow monitoring and sampling	" 1.25M	Contract works - completion WW Feb. 17, Water Nov. 17

**Total allocated to-date €1.5M**

<b>LISTOWEL M.D. - MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME</b>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Ballyheigue Water Softener	Repair pipework and replace resin	" 7,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Ballyduff Cast Iron Mains	Replace 2,9Km of old / deficient C.I. pipes	" 278,000	Complete
CRWSS Cloonafineela	Provision of SCADA/Telemetry for reservoir and pumphouse	" 6,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Derry - Clontibret	Replace 2.25Km of 300mm diameter Asbestos Cement Main	" 236,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Dromin Water Treatment Plant	Upgrade Fencing	" 72,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 550M old / deficient 100mm diameter C.I. pipes	" 33,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 335M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 44,000	Complete

Laheshheragh Pressure Management	Installation of PRVs etc	" 30,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Tieraclea Pk. Tarbert	Replace 250M old / deficient 3+ PVC water mains	" 26,000	Complete
NKRWSS: St Pat's Tce. Tarbert	Replace 350M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 42,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Lisselton	Replace 3.8KM 250mm AC pipes	" 513,000	Complete
Listowel SS	Replacement of pumps Tea Lane	" 5,000	Complete
			<b>Continued...</b>
CRWSS: Laccamore Abbeydorney	Replace 1.825KM old / deficient 125MM PVC main with 160MM pipe	" 158,000	Complete
NKRWSS: William St. Listowel	Install 250M 200MM water main	" 88,000	Complete; Contrs <b>Balfour Beatty</b>
NKRWSS: Tarbert - Mail Cross to Tarmons Reservoir	Replace 4.4Km of 300mm Asbestos Cement pipe with uPVC	" 501,000	Underway . nearing completion
Glenderry WS: Mains Replacement	Replace 750M of 50mm AC main with 90MM uPVC	" 56,000	Jan. 2017; Contrs. <b>JHR</b>
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
NKRWSS: Dromin Water Treatment Plant	Extensive roof repairs / building remodelling	" 150,000	Approved; Consultants preparing Design and Planning Docs.
Listowel SS	Drainage Area Plan; assessment of existing networks and Waste Water Treatment Plant	" 250,000	Approved; Tender Docs. to appoint Cons. are with Irish Water
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
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
Tieraclea Tarbert WSS . Steeple Road	Replace 2,350M of 170mm A.C. with 160MM uPVC	" 294,000	Approved
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NKRWSS: Quay St Ballylongford	Replace 800M of 100mm Cast Iron with 150MM uPVC pipe	" 50,000	Approved
NKRWSS: Dromin Water Treatment Plant	Upgrade Sludge Treatment works	" 190,000	<b>Requested</b>
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Village	Replace 1,750M of 75mm C.I. and A.C. with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 236,000	<b>Requested</b>
<b>Total ALLOCATED to-date</b>		<b>€3,453,000</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.

### **Dromin to Tarbert Pipeline**

Mr. C Mangan said that pipe replacement works on the Tarbert Line had taken place from Dromin to Tarbert, where all customers are connected to the new line. The works should be completed in the next two weeks.

#### **Marian Terrace, Causeway & Ballyheigue**

Mr. C Mangan stated that a substantial amount of works have been approved for 2017 and referred in particular to the pipe replacement works which will be carried out at Marian Terrace Causeway and Marian Terrace, Ballyheigue.

#### **Listowel Drainage Plan**

Mr. C Mangan referred to Drainage Area Plan for Listowel which will consist of an assessment of the existing networks and the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Cllr J Moloney asked does the works involve compiling a plan for the town.

Mr. C Mangan replied a consultant will assess the existing networks and Water Treatment Plant.

#### **Tarbert road**

Cllr. L Purtill said that damage had been done to the Tarbert road following the burst of two major pipes, one in the village and one on Island road. The road has over 22 potholes.

Ms. J McCarthy replied unfortunately while the pipe replacement works are ongoing, the condition of the road will suffer.

Cllr L Purtill asked when will the works commence.

Mr C Mangan replied the works will commence in late January. When the works are completed there will be a very good surface on the road.

#### **Duagh Sewerage Scheme**

Cllr M Kennelly said that a builder has expressed an interest to construct a number of houses in Duagh Village and asked what would be the position considering there is no waste water treatment plant in the village.

Mr C Mangan replied that the Council / Irish Water policy is that no development, other than single house applications, will be allowed in villages such as Duagh where the existing waste Water Treatment Plants are already overloaded. Nor is the Council / IW agreeable to the provision of proprietary WTPs by private developers to serve estates of more than one house. This is mainly for reasons relating to future / long term operation and maintenance.

Cllr M Kennelly asked if there is a plan to construct a treatment plant in Duagh.

Mr. C Mangan replied that Duagh had been on a KCC long list of villages for which treatment plants were to be built, perhaps 12 years ago, but this list had been rationalised at the onset of the recession and Duagh no longer features.

However, it is expected that the Irish Water national **Capital Investment**

**Programme 2017 – 2021**, due for publication in early 2017, will contain some funding for the provision of such infrastructure in villages which require same.

It is intended that the situation will be reviewed by KCC when this programme and the level of funding is published, with a view to applying for some such village schemes.

Cllr M Kennelly said that this was unfortunate as a builder has expressed an interest to build a number of houses in the village.

Cllr J Lucid asked if there any plans to construct a treatment plant in Ballyduff.

Mr. C Mangan replied that exactly the same situation applies to Ballyduff as Duagh.

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

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

**1. Cllr. D Nolan:** That Kerry County Council coordinate a cross sectoral plan to help get shoppers and visitors back into Listowel Town after the long period of roadworks.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council through our Municipal District Officer, Andy Smith, has already commenced a promotional and marketing programme with the Local Traders Association to ensure maximum coverage in local media for Listowel town. The programme of events last Sunday with the Coca-Cola Truck, The William Street party and the unveiling of the Tidy Towns sculpture all resulted in a fantastic day for traders and locals. The amount of national and local media coverage was unprecedented.

The Love Listowel Marketing Group with the support of Kerry County Council are also very proactive in promoting the town.

To promote Christmas Shopping in the town, Kerry County Council is also providing parking concessions in the town with free on-street parking during the month of December until the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January.

Members may also be aware that 12 participants from local businesses in Listowel and North Kerry recently complete a 4 week retail programme culminating with an awards ceremony recently in Listowel. This programme was organised and part-funded by LEO and the feedback has been extremely positive from all the businesses who participated.

Kerry County Council will continue to work with the traders, publicans and the marketing group to do all we can to promote our beautiful town.

**Cllr D Nolan said that the recent local trade has been very positive. There have been a number of projects and documents launched and asked that this Municipal District would continue to build on these events.**

**Ms. J McCarthy replied that she agreed with Cllr M Kennelly's previous comments regarding the recent successful events in the town. She said that there was a renewal of enthusiasm and positivity in the town. She referred in particular to the success of the recent concert in the town and the visit of the Coca Cola Truck. Before each event the council met with the organisers, traders and the Gardai to clarify procedures and issues. Kerry County Council want to ensure that our money is well spent and if there is anything that the Municipal District can improve. One of the tasks for the Chamber Alliance will be to ensure that these standards are maintained.**

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

**1. Cllr. J Lucid:** Do Kerry County Council intend to update the Town Plan for Ballyheigue and if so when?.

**Reply:** The Ballyheigue Plan is part of the Tralee-Killarney HUB Local Area Plan 2013-19. Any revision to this plan will be as part of the Listowel Municipal Area LAP.

The preparation of the LAPs has begun in 2016 with Killarney MD area. It is proposed to commence Tralee in 2017 and the remaining Plans following this.

**Cllr. J Lucid welcomed the reply.**

**2. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council state when it will take Barr na Sraide, Housing Estate, Ballyheigue in charge.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are progressing this taking in charge application in accordance with our taking in charge policy and our memorandum of understanding with Irish Water. The statutory taking in charge process will commence in early 2017 and it is anticipated that it will be brought before the Listowel MD Members for approval by mid 2017.

**Cllr J Lucid asked what was the timeframe involved in this process. The application was submitted in April 2016, which outlines that it will be over 12 months before the estate will be taken in charge.**

**3. Cllr J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council state when it will take in charge Urlee Housing Estate Lisselton .

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are progressing this taking in charge application in accordance with our taking in charge policy and our memorandum of understanding with Irish Water. The statutory taking in charge process will commence in early 2017 and it is anticipated that it will be brought before the Listowel MD Members for approval by mid 2017.

**Cllr. J Lucid said that the estate has a problem with street lighting and especially this time of year it is a priority from a health and safety issue.**

**Cllr L Purtill wished to support Cllr J Lucid's comments and said that the current situation was unacceptable and asked when will the estate be taken in charge.**

**Cllr M Kennelly said that he had previously submitted a notice of motion requesting a list of all unfinished estates to be taken in charge in this Municipal District and asked that the list would be provided.**

**Ms. J McCarthy replied that the process doesn't take very long. Once the application is received, it goes to public consultation and is brought before the members for approval. She confirmed that currently she didn't have a list of all unfinished estates to be taken in charge but undertook to revert to the members with the full list.**

**Cllr J lucid said that the Writings Estate was done due to the fact that a lot of elderly lived in the estate.**

**Ms J McCarthy said she will ask the Municipal District officer to liaise with the members.**

**Cllr J Lucid replied he had discussed the matter with Mr. N Horgan in the Housing Estate Unit.**

**Question no 4 was moved by Cllr M Kennelly on behalf of Cathaoirleach Cllr M Kennelly.**

**4. Cllr. A Thornton:** When will the new Development Levy Scheme be developed for the Listowel Municipal District?

**Reply:** The Planning Department is currently preparing a draft County Development Contribution Scheme. This scheme will harmonise the four current schemes in operation. It is envisaged that the draft scheme will be presented to the Council in early 2017. It is planned to bring the Scheme to the Economic SPC in January and the full Council in February.

**5. Cllr. J Moloney:** That this Council request an update from Shannon Properties on recent activity and future plans for Clieveragh Industrial Estate.

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

**Cllr J Moloney said that in the last week the IDA visited the county on three occasions. He asked that the council would contact Shannon properties requesting an update on recent activity and plans for Clieveragh Industrial Estate. He suggested that LEO and Economic Development Officer would also make contact with Shannon properties.**

**Cllr D Nolan wished to support the notice of motion and asked had the Economic Development office or the LEO office made contact with Shannon Properties.**

**Ms. J McCarthy replied that she is hopeful to have the Economic Development Officer attend the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel. Subsequently a request can be made to Shannon Properties asking them to attend a future meeting.**

**It was agreed that a letter would issue to Shannon Properties requesting an update on recent activity and future plans for Clieveragh Industrial Estate.**

#### **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:**

### **REPORT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES /QUALITY OF LIFE DIRECTORATE LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING**

**December 2016**

## Library Service Report

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

É Kerry Library was highly commended for its Toys & Sensory Resources Collection at the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards ceremony in Dublin on 24 November. Cllr. Michael O'Shea, Cathaoirleach, Kerry County Council attended along with John Breen (Director of Service), Tommy O'Connor (County Librarian) and Nóirín O'Keeffe (Senior Executive Librarian).

The Toys and Sensory Resources Collection, operating from Castleisland Library, is designed to compliment quality of life services county wide for children and adults and to offer support for the use of the toys and sensory resources through professional partnerships between Kerry Library and health care professionals. Further details are available from Castleisland Library (066-7163403), each local library or at [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie)

- Máire Holmes, Kerry County Council Writer in Residence is holding creative writing workshops each Tuesday at Ballybunion and Listowel libraries from October to December.
- Library arrangements for Christmas & New Year period: All libraries will be open up to 5.00p.m. on Friday, 23 Dec. Re-opening for one day on Friday, 30 Dec. Normal hours resume on Tuesday, 3 January.

Online sources, book renewals and book requests will be available to library users at all times via the library website [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie)

## Emergency Services Report

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

#### **Operation of the Fire Brigades Service:**

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

Fire Operations	Jan-Oct 2015	Jan-Oct 2016
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Fires Number		
Chimney Fires	129	104
Gorse Fires	223	154
Other Fires	213	232
Total	<b>565</b>	<b>490</b>
Special Services Number		
Entrapment	10	18
Gas/Chemicals	3	4
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	1	0
Hazardous Substances non Transit	3	1
Machinery	0	1
Miscellaneous	80	57
Other rescue	24	24
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	8	1
Road traffic accident	109	123
Water pumping/flooding	22	9
Total	<b>260</b>	<b>238</b>
False Alarms Number		
Malicious	27	21
Good Intent	143	134
Total	<b>170</b>	<b>155</b>
Total Number of Incidents	<b>995</b>	<b>883</b>
Total Number of Mobilisations	<b>1129</b>	<b>1045</b>

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

- **Fire Officers carried Inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and forwarded Fire Officers' recommendations to the relevant Courts during November.**
- **Fire Officers continued with premises inspections in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.**

#### **Building Control:**

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of November 2016 was 391 which is a
  - **21.80%** increase on the figure of 321 for the same period last year.
  - This consolidates the 2016 indication of an increase of over 21.80% in construction activity.
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of November 2016 a total of 94 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 151 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents increases of
  - **16.04 %** in Disability Access Certificate applications and

- **17.96 %** in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2015.

<b>Building Control</b>	<b>1 Jan 2015 to 30 November 2015</b>	<b>1 Jan 2016 to 30 November 2016</b>
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	128	151
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	81	94
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices Received	321	391

### **Training**

1. This month saw 40 No. Firefighters successfully complete a Compartment Fire Behaviour Refresher in Cork City.

## **ENVIRONMENT SERVICE REPORT**

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

### **Litter Management plan 2017 -2019**

Closing date for receipt of submissions from the public on the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017- 2019 was 2<sup>nd</sup> of December last. The plan with submissions received will be considered by the Quality of Life SPC in early January.

The final draft will then be brought before each Municipal District for their consideration and approval.

### **Upgrade of bottlebanks**

Work on upgrading 10 bottlebanks in the Listowel M.D. area has commenced and work on these will be completed over the next number of weeks.

***John Breen  
Director of Services  
December 2016***

<b>Community and Enterprise Report to the Listowel Municipal District Meeting December 2016.</b>
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## **UPDATE ON WORK BEING CARRIED OUT BY MDO**

### **Community Support Fund Workshop**

The Listowel MD workshop hosted by KCC in conjunction with the Kerry PPN was held at Listowel Family Resource Centre at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The event was well attended and attendees were able to get advice from staff of KCC Community Department, the Kerry PPN, Clann Credo and the Kerry Volunteer Centre.

The closing date for the receipt of applications under the 2017 Fund is the 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

### **Festivals**

The MDO met with the Listowel Traders and Listowel Marketing Group in relation to the Christmas programme of events and KCC are delighted to be supporting the events. The Christmas lights were switched on by Kerry Minors on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and the Listowel Christmas Carnival took place in William Street on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016. This event included a visit from the Coca Cola truck as well as music, food and fun. Support has also been provided to the Listowel- Panissieres twinning group as 2017 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its establishment.

### **Business**

The Listowel Enterprise Town event organised by Bank of Ireland was a huge success with over 100 businesses exhibiting on the Friday night and over 90 community and voluntary groups taking to the stand on Saturday.

### **Strengthening Communities**

The MDO attended the AGM of Community Alert Groups in North Kerry and attended a public meeting in Ballyduff Community Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in relation to establishing an umbrella group for the village. Groups are being encouraged to register with the PPN and consider entering the Tidy Towns Competition if they are not already doing so.

Regular meetings are continuing with the Garda District Superintendent to discuss cross functional issues (MDO and Area Engineer attending). Regular meetings have also commenced with NEWKD to discuss cross functional issues.

### **Completed Works**

In conjunction with the Area Engineer and local communities a program of minor works is being progressed throughout the District, including the replacement of railings at the old pier Tarbert, the fitting of a new navigation light on the new pier Tarbert, water connection in Abbeydorney Burial Grounds, and fitting of a new stone bench recognising the success of the Listowel Tidy Towns group. Works to rebrand the recycling banks is continuing and Community Alert signage has been fitted in Lixnaw.

The William Street road works are complete as is the demolition of the former KCC offices on Bridge Road (Neodata site).

The Greenway will link the two rural towns of Abbeyfeale in Co. Limerick and Listowel in Co. Kerry and will connect the Limerick section of the Great Southern Trail to Listowel town.

## **TOWN & VILLAGE RENEWAL SCHEME**

A grant in the sum of €92,879 was approved by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in respect of the following two projects in the Listowel Municipal District,

- **Greenway Project:** Funding to advance the Greenway Project to design stage, i.e., an extension of the existing greenway into North Kerry by constructing a 3m wide and 9km long Greenway suitable for off road walking and cycling between Abbeyfeale and the Town Park in Listowel.
- **The Neodata Site:** To develop an overall plan for the site.

## **CLÁR 2016 LETTER OF OFFER (received on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2016)**

On foot of the Council's recent application to the DAHRRGA for funding under the CLÁR Scheme, notification of a letter of offer was received on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. A breakdown of the funding award relevant to the Listowel Municipal District is listed hereunder:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Agreed CLÁR Funding</b>
Road Markings/Flashing Lights	St. Treasa Naofa, Kilflynn	€9,000
Road Markings/Flashing Lights	Coolard	€9,000
Road Markings/Flashing Lights	St. Joseph's, Ballybunion	€9,000
Road Markings/speed Safety Signs	Scoil Naomh Erc, Ballyheigue	€16,000
Access Road	Access Road to Ladies Beach, Ballybunion	€57,600
<b>Total:</b>		<b>€100,600</b>

The letter of offer advises that every effort should be made to expend the full grant provided before the end of December, 2016.

## **LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP)**

Following the formal launch of the LECP, priority actions for 2017 are currently being agreed with the Lead Agencies and will be presented to the LCDC at the January, 2017 meeting. It is intended to give regular updates to the Council on progress being achieved in the implementation of the Plan and in particular the implementation of actions that the potential to have a significant impact on the economy of the County.

## **SOCIAL INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVATION PROGRAMME (SICAP)**

The 2017 Annual Plans, as submitted by each of the SICAP Programme Implementers, (i.e. the Local Development Companies,) were approved by the LCDC at the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> inst. The approved Plans have now been submitted to Pobal and in due course will be forwarded to the Department for final approval. This year, on the direction of Pobal and the Department, the 2017 annual planning process was implemented independent of the 2016 annual review process. The

review process to determine if the targets set in the 2016 annual Plans have been met will be undertaken in January, 2017.

### **LEADER 2014-2020**

At this stage the Expressions of Interest received have been considered by the Implementing Partners and approved by the Kerry Local Action Group. The applicants on all proposed projects deemed to be eligible have been invited to submit a full application and the closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

### **COMMUNITY Awards 2017**

The Kerry Community Awards Event 2017 was launched at the Dromhall Hotel, Killarney on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017. The awards are intended to honour those community organisations, managed by volunteers, who freely give of their time and energy to sustain and develop projects in their local communities. The Event will be promoted by the Kerryman Newspaper over the next number of weeks. The award ceremony is proposed to be held in April, 2017.

### **Comhairle na nOg**

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 planned and managed by the current Comhairle na nÓg members. Young people aged 12-18 were invited from all 25 secondary schools and this year we had 131 attendees from 22 out of the 25 schools.

You tube videos showcasing the work of the Comhairle in Kerry were shown as part of the day's events. 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.

At the AGM an election took place where 57 new members joined Kerry's Comhairle 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."

## **Housing/Social Services Report**

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

**TURNKEY DEVELOPMENT**

In July 2016 the Government published its Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness . Rebuilding Ireland. The primary goal of this Action Plan was to significantly increase housing supply including actions to increase and expedite the delivery of social housing units, boost private housing and improve the rental market.

Kerry County Council placed an advertisement in the local and national press seeking suitable projects and proposals which can assist with the delivery on these actions.

Kerry County Council received 16 submissions which are currently being assessed taking into account various factors which need to be considered when purchasing such units. It will be a number of months before a decision is made on these submissions.

**Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme**

**Total number of applicants to date is 233**

**Number of Properties Agreed to sell, provided required documentation is in order e.g. Water charges paid up to date and Garda Vetting is complete and in order:**

**(94, to date, in total )**

- **67 x 3 Bedroomed properties**
- **16 x 2 Bed properties**
- **4 x 4 Bedroomed properties**
- **7 x Single Rural Cottages**

To date we have 36 applicants (from the above 94) who have returned their documentation in relation to the payment of their water charges and the files have now progressed to the next phase that being Garda Vetting and Valuation.

- 5 applications to be checked with IOs prior to decision being made ( 5)

- 36 requests for further information to be submitted ( 36 )
- 87 did not qualify for scheme ( 87 )
- 11 Properties which Kerry County Council declined to sell for reasons of the long term management of our housing stock . (the high demand for these types of dwellings in these areas .

## **HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME**

### **Introduction**

The Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP) was introduced late last year and is currently available in seven local authority areas under Wave 1 of the project. The Wave 1 authorities are Limerick, Waterford City and County Council, Cork, Louth, Kilkenny, South Dublin and Monaghan County Councils. Currently there are 1,690 HAP tenancies in total in the scheme.

Wave 2 has also been implemented.

The Department have now initiated Wave 3-the final wave of the project and Kerry County Council is included. Following discussions with the Department of the Housing, Planning, Environment, Community and Local Government and the Department of Social Protection it commenced in Kerry County Council on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016. This in effect means that any new rent supplement applicant who has not previously been in receipt a payment must first apply to the Council for Social Housing Support and if approved then apply for the HAP scheme.

### **General Information**

The introduction of the scheme represents a fundamental reform to the way in which social housing support will be provided in future in that its aim is to transfer responsibility for the provision of rental assistance to those with a long term housing need from the Department of Social Protection to local authorities who are currently responsible for a range of social housing supports. It will result in a more integrated and streamlined social housing sector under the auspices of the Department of Environment and Local Government. Therefore, the transfers into HAP also forms an integral part of the Housing Strategy 2020, where in conjunction with the RAS scheme, it is proposed to meet the housing needs of up to 75,000 approved households during the period 2015 . 2020. Rent supplement will still be available from the Community Welfare Service to households with a short term need i.e. temporarily unemployed or a household who has been in rent supplement at any time over the previous 12 months.

### **Benefits of the Scheme**

- It supports activation and provides pathways to work in that HAP recipients can work full time and retain their payment or a portion thereof. The weekly rent will be adjusted in accordance with the Council's Differential Rent Scheme . previous to this the rent supplement payment was discontinued
- Over time it will lead to improving quality of accommodation as properties will be inspected by the Council
- It supports better regulation of the private rented sector and it creates a system of integrated housing supports as they will all now be provided through the Council

### **Who is Eligible to apply?**

- Any household that is qualified for social housing support is eligible for HAP

### **How does it Work?**

- The household sources their own accommodation in the private rented market
- The rent supplement limits apply
- The landlord is paid directly by the Council on a monthly basis
- The HAP recipient pays their weekly rent to the Council based on its Differential Rent Scheme through the Household Budget Scheme or by direct debit.
- The HAP recipient signs a tenancy agreement with the Landlord and their tenancy is covered under the Residential Tenancies Act, 2004 . note the Council is not the landlord
- The accommodation needs are met; however, the household may apply to the Council for a transfer to standard social housing support unit i.e. leased or council owned

### **Where can applications be made?**

- Applications should be made as normal to Kerry County Council Housing department. Applicants may present during normal working hours as is the case for all housing supports but this will be kept under review.

### **Implementation Schedule**

While it is the intention that over a two-year period all rent supplement applicants and recipients in the County will be transferred into HAP, this will be done on a systematic basis. The tentative schedule agreed is as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 - All new RS applicants or those in receipt of rent supplement who have obtained employment which would result in them no longer qualifying for rent supplement**

All these will be dealt with by the Council as and from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

**All existing RS recipients who are changing address-date to be decided on review of scheme (ongoing review will be done)**

All these will be dealt with by the Council on the date agreed with the DSP (probably within 6 months). In the meantime, their payment arrangements will continue as is.

**Thereafter - All remaining RS recipients**

All these will be dealt with thereafter by the Council in tranches in agreement with the CWOs locally. In the meantime, their payment arrangements will continue as is.

### **Shared Service**

Limerick City and County Council is currently providing a transactional shared service to all local authorities who are operating the scheme. Therefore, while Kerry County Council will decide on the amount of differential rent payable it will notify Limerick City and County Council, who is then responsible for payments to landlords and collection of rents from the HAP recipients.

### **Allocation Scheme**

A person who is accommodated in HAP is deemed to have had their housing need met. However, it is acknowledged that households on the waiting list who apply for HAP may have expectations that they would receive a more permanent form of social housing support. Therefore, in conjunction with the statutory regulation which will be enacted to give effect to the scheme in Kerry, it is expected that a Ministerial direction will issue to ensure that HAP recipients can avail of a move to other forms of social housing support through a transfer list. This will necessitate a change to the existing Allocation Scheme and this will be brought back to the Council in due course.

### **Conclusion**

The implementation of the scheme while proving challenging, presents an opportunity for a standardisation of the provision of social housing supports for local authorities and will be openly embraced by Kerry County Council to ensure that there is a seamless transfer from rent supplement to HAP.

<b>Social Housing Activity Report as at 8th December 2016</b>
<b>Listowel Municipal District (L.M.A.)</b>

<b><u>Social Housing Applicants (Year to Date Position)</u></b>				
Qualified Applicants with area of choice within Municipal Area			464	
Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area			60	
New Tenancies Commenced			35	
Awaiting a Decision			25	
<b><u>Social Houses</u></b>				
<b>Vacant Group scheme properties within Municipal Area</b>				
Under Repair (Excl those awaiting major refurbishment)			25	
Awaiting Allocation			6	
<b><u>Rental Accommodation Scheme</u></b>				
-		<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A.</u>	
Total Active Tenancies		920	126	
New tenancies in 2016		101	6	
Tenancies terminated in 2016		88	4	
<b><u>Leasing</u></b>				
-		<u>County</u>	<u>L.M.A.</u>	
Leased Properties		209	17	
New Tenancies in 2016		58	6	
Leases under negotiation		13	1	
<b><u>Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)</u></b>				
		<u>No.</u>	<u>"</u>	
New Grants Allocated 2016		403	" 1,877,472	
Grants Paid		314	" 1,618,389	
Total Commitments		216	" 991,784	
<b><u>Construction Programme:</u></b>				
Single Rural Dwellings - Site Transfer Stage			0	
Single Rural Dwellings - under construction			0	
Extension Applications Received & Under review			6	
Extensions - At Tender Stage			2	
Extensions - under construction			0	
<b><u>Capital Listowel MD:</u></b>				



<b>Progress on Proposed Developments:</b>					
Upper William Street, Listowel - In Planning Process.		7			
Ashgrove, Listowel - Construction Commenced on 05/09/2016.		1			
Lixnaw Scheme - Construction will commence in January 2017.		4			

### **Housing Assistance Payment scheme**

Cllr D Nolan referred to the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) scheme and asked did people who are currently in receipt of Rent Allowance have to reapply to this scheme.

Ms. B Conway replied yes all applicants who are in receipt of rent allowance for one reason or another will be given an application form to apply for HAP. The second phase will consist of people moving house and who will be moving from rent allowance to the HAP scheme. The third phase will relate to all other tenants currently on rent allowance. These tenants will have to be moved over to the HAP system on a phased period over the next two years.

Cllr D Nolan asked what happens if you are in receipt of HAP and request a transfer. Ms. B Conway replied that all applicants requests are considered in line with the council's transfer policy.

Cllr D Nolan asked are tenants who are in receipt of the HAP on the housing list? Ms. B Conway replied yes but are categorised as a transfer. The HAP is exclusive to private rented accommodation. This is a payment made directly to the landlord from the council. Under the HAP scheme the tenant is allowed to commence employment, their rent is assessed under the differential rent scheme.

Ms. J McCarthy asked will this make the number of applicants on the housing list more realistic.

Ms. B Conway replied yes all applicants are considered to have their need met under the HAP scheme, the application for housing is closed however the application is treated as a transfer only.

Cllr D Nolan said that a number of applicants have spent many years renting in the private market and asked would this be taken into consideration.

Ms. B Conway replied yes it will be taken into consideration.

### **Turnkey Developments Listowel**

Ms. J McCarthy referred to the recent submissions received for Turnkey Developments in Kerry and asked will such developments be commencing in the Listowel Municipal District.

Cllr. J Lucid asked have submissions been received to build two bedroom properties and single rural dwellings.

Ms B Conway committed to investigating the matter further and revert to the members. She stated that before any development commences the housing department must be satisfied that there is a requirement for such development in the area.

Cllr J Lucid said that it is evident from Kerry County Council's housing list, that there is a significant demand for two bedroom properties.

Ms. B Conway replied that it has proven difficult to receive submissions for two bedroom developments, it is normally three bedroom.

#### **Tenant purchase Scheme**

Ms J McCarthy referred to the 87 applications that didn't qualify for the Tenant Purchase scheme and asked for an update.

Ms. B Conway replied that it was mostly due to financial reasons.

#### **Clarification on Housing Development**

Cllr D Nolan referred to the development on Upper William Street and questioned was this area actually Colbert Street.

Mr. J Sheehan said he believed that the existing development is off Courthouse Lawn.

Ms. B Conway undertook to investigate the matter and revert to the members with clarification.

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

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** That signs be put up in the gates of St. Johns Churchyard, Ballybunion, warning dog owners to not allow their dogs on the grounds.

**Reply:** As this relates to private property it is a matter for the property owner to resolve. Kerry County Council dog wardens can provide advise if required.

**Cllr R Beasley said he was not aware that this was private property and asked that the notice of motion would be amended to the graveyard.**

**Ms. J McCarthy replied that the matter will be reviewed.**

**2.Cllr. R Beasley:** That Kerry County Council make a serious effort to clamp down on dog foul in our streets as the situation in Ballybunion has gone completely out of hand, both in our footpaths and Cliff Walk.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council litter and dog wardens have carried out joint patrols in the area and will continue to do so in order to monitor the situation in Ballybunion. There is sufficient signage and dog dispensing units in the area.

**Cllr R Beasley said that the situation has deteriorated once again. The dog warden has assessed the area. He said his biggest concern is the dog foul will end up on children's shoes and their bikes. Ballybunion is a black spot for dog litter, several people take their dogs for a walk in the area. The situation isn't improving.**

**Ms. J McCarthy** said it is a national issue. The tidy towns have raised it in their annual report.

**Cllr. M Kennelly** wished to support the notice of motion and said he has seen first hand the damage it is causing in Ballybunion.

**Cllr J Moloney** said the only way to combat the problem is to issue on the spot fines.

**Ms. J McCarthy** replied that priority must be given to our seaside Towns in the summer months.

**Cllr R Beasley** said that people aren't coming to Ballybunion because of the problem with dog fouling and believed that if one or two people are prosecuted, may initiate public awareness that dog fouling is no longer acceptable.

**Cllr L Purtill** said that the situation is despicable and believed that many people are paying no attention to the signage.

**Ms. J McCarthy** gave a commitment to liaise with the Environment Department and ensure that the wardens are manning the areas and will impose on the spot fines if necessary.

**Cllr. R Beasley** said that a number of people need to be fined and made an example of. He referred to his previous request to organise a campaign in the schools and on the air waves raising awareness of dog fouling.

**Cllr J Lucid** supported **Cllr R Beasley's** comments and stated that the public awareness needs to commence at the schools.

**Cllr R Beasley** asked that the areas are manned and that a public awareness campaign commences in the school and public airwaves. He advised the meeting that dogs are banned from Lahinch Beach during the summer months.

**3. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can I please get an update as to what Kerry County Council plan to do with the old house it owns near the Cluain an Aisling housing estate at Causeway village. The house is a listed building and it has not been occupied for the last 30 years.

**Reply:** This property was purchased as part of the acquisition of the adjacent land where Cluain an Aisling was constructed. Kerry County Council does not have any immediate plans for the property. However, if there is an interested party within the community who have a proposal for the property we could meet them to discuss same.

**Cllr J Lucid** said that the dwelling is an eye sore and asked that it would be tidied up. He added that he wasn't aware of any interested parties and believed that an opportunity was lost when Clanmorris Credit Union was built a number

**of years ago. He committed to discussing the matter with the directors of the Credit Union.**

**4. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council revise their policy around grant support for septic tanks to bring about a situation that there is some level of grant support for people who wish to upgrade/replace their septic tanks.

**Reply:** The criteria for the grant support scheme for septic tank improvements is set out in national legislation and Kerry County Council cannot amend this. This matter should be referred to the Department of the Environment for consideration.

**Cllr J Lucid said that if the Environment Department inspect a septic tank and it is not up to standard, it is a bit of anomaly if the property owners want to standardise the septic tank and are unable to do so. He said that that the anomaly should be removed. It would benefit both the environment and the property owner.**

**5. Cllr. D Nolan:** How many local authority properties in the Listowel M.D. are to benefit from the recent Warmer Homes funding and what percentage of stock in the Municipal District is yet to receive such an upgrade?

**Reply:** There are currently Insulation upgrade works ongoing to 92 single rural dwellings in the Listowel Municipal area. On completion of these Insulation Works we believe that there are no further properties within the Listowel Municipal District that require an insulation upgrade.

**Cllr D Nolan welcomed the reply and asked for a timeframe for the completion of the works.**

**Ms B Conway committed to investigating the matter further and reverting to Cllr D Nolan with a timeframe.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said he understood that the works will be concluded by the end of December.**

**Notice of Motion no 6 moved by Cllr M Kennelly on behalf of Cllr A Thornton**

**6. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council consider what financial and other support it can give the town of Listowel in developing economically and for tourism. Can the new Economic Development Officer provide a certain number of hours to the Listowel Municipal District.

**Reply:** The Kerry County Tourism Strategy, as members are aware, has a total of 273 projects/actions to be delivered over the next five years in the county. A large number of these are located in North Kerry and a number will be commenced in 2017.

Funding for these projects will be provided through National Agencies, LEADER funding and Kerry County Council.

The Local Enterprise Office is actively working with the business community in North Kerry under various programmes, including the online voucher system, the mentoring programme and the retail programme.

The Municipal District Manager has been in discussions with Tomás Hayes, Head of Local Enterprise, regarding locating a member of the Local Enterprise Team in Listowel for a period during 2017 and this will be progressed early in the year

#### **16.12.19.05 Operations, Health & Safety Directorate.**

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

### ***Listowel Municipal District Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016***

#### ***Report from the Director of Operations, Health & Safety***

##### ***Programme of Works***

<b>Listowel Municipal District Operations</b>	<b><u>Roads</u></b>	
	<b>Strengthening Works</b>	
	<b>Road Improvement Programme &amp; Severe Weather Damage Programme</b>	
	Road strengthening & double surface dressing was undertaken at the following locations during 2017	
	<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Location</b>
	L-1025	Smearla Bridge -Derrindaff
	L-1027	Irremore Church Cross - Knockburrane Cross
	L-1031	Ardcullen - Bishops court North
	L-6043	Rahely - Addergown
	L-10031	Ballyline -Graffa
	R551 WAW	Doon Road, Ballybunion
	R551 WAW	Glencullare South to Meelcon (Phase A)
	L-6050*	Finuge Cross to Finuge Bridge
	L-1011	Greenville Road
	L-1033	Kerryhead,Ballyheigue
	L-10431	Cloghaneleesh, Ballyheigue
	L-1008	Glouria,Lisselton
	L-6019	Knockenagh North
	L-1013	Tarmons East, Tarbert
	L-6017	Pulleen, Tarbert
	L-10434	Meenagohane, Causeway
	L-6038	Cloghane, Ballyduff
	L-6009	Farranpierce, Ballybunion
	* Major drainage works also undertaken on this road	
	Road strengthening was undertaken at the following locations during 2017	
	<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Location</b>
	Listowel Town	Convent Cross
	Listowel Town	Courthouse Road

Road reconstruction incl. all major services renewal was completed at	
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Location</b>
N69 Listowel	William Street
<b>Road Maintenance Programme</b>	
Surface dressing works were undertaken at the following locations during 2017.	
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Location</b>
L-10460	Duagh to Burial Ground
L-1000 WAW	Kilconly North – 400m west of jnct with L-6001 at Beale East
L-6005	Knockaneroe
R523	Bolton's Cross – Shanacool Phase 1
R551 WAW	Ballinbranhig Cross Westwards
L-6038	Cloghane Road, Ballyduff
L-6054	Furhane
L-1006	Ballydonoghue Cross to Jnct with L-6016 Glouria Cross
L-1011	Dromurrin Cross – Ballyouneen jnct L-1004
L-10041	Tarmons, Tarbert - Retro CIS
L-10081	Ardoughter, Ballyduff - Retro CIS
Reconstruction and double surface dressing was undertaken under a Medical hardship Scheme at	
Medical Hardship	Ahabeg, Lixnaw
<b>Bridge and Culvert Replacement &amp; Repair</b>	
<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Location</b>
R-551	Glanderdalliv Bridge, Ballyduff – Bridge replaced with box culvert sections
6067	Meenanare, Duagh – Bridge replaced with box culvert sections
6038	The Cashen, Ballyduff – Culvert and non return valve replacement
R-555	Duagh Village – Storm pipe replacement
L-1023	Kilmorna – Storm pipe replacement
R-523	Shanacool – Culvert Repairs
L-6050	Finuge – Storm pipe replacement
L-1010	Lislaughtin – Bridge and parapet repair/restoration
L-6015	Ballyline West - Bridge reconstruction
L-1016	Kilbaha – Replacement of Culvert
R-552	Gortacoco, Ballylongford – Culvert repairs
R-551	Tullamore, Ballybunion – Culvert replacement
R-551	Rahavanig, Ballybunion – Culvert replacement

## Housing

- **Update on Casual Vacancies**

### Group Schemes

- **Ballybunion**

2 Bed, 29 Marconi,

Works commenced

2 Bed, 37 Sandhill rd,

Works Complete 12<sup>th</sup> Oct.

2 Bed, 2 Marconi,

Awaiting Estimate

2 Bed, 3 Marconi,

Estimate approved, works to commence early Jan

- **Ballyheigue**

1 bed 48 Marian Terrace

Works going to tender

2 Bed, 24 Sraid tHaidgh,

Estimate approved, works to commence early Jan

- **Ballyduff**

3 Bed 7 Benmore

Fire Damage, Documents being prepared for tender

- **Causeway**

2 Bed 16 Marian Terrace

Fire Damage, Estimate to be prepared/Awaiting Insurance settlement

1 bed, 3 Cluain an nAishling

Estimate approved, works to commence early Jan

- **Lixnaw**

3 Bed, 35 Baile an Garrai,

Works underway 14<sup>th</sup> November

3 Bed, 21 Baile an Gaarrai,

Works to commence 12<sup>th</sup> December

2 Bed 27 Cloghers Drive

Works underway 12<sup>th</sup> Oct, nearing completion

- **Moyvane**

3 Bed 36 Woodgrove

Fire Damage, Awaiting Insurance settlement

2 Bed 48 Woodgrove

Estimate approved, works to commence Mid January

### Listowel Town

- 1 Bed 112 Feale Drive

Works underway.

- 2 Bed 22 Ashgrove

Estimate approved, works to go to tender

- 1 Bed 72 Feale Drive

Works underway 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 Bed 3 Cluainin Works Complete 25<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• 3 Bed 19 Liosarda Works Complete, 25<sup>th</sup> October</li> <li>• 3 Bed 108 Ballygologue Estimate to be prepared</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Update on long term voids</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Group Schemes</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Ballyduff</u></b> 3 Bed 11 Benmore <i>Tender approved, Contractor to commence in new year.</i></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Single Rural Dwellings</u></b></p> <p>3 Bed Knockbrack Ardfert <i>Tender approved, Contractor to commence in new year</i></p> <p>2 Bed Bawnmore Ardfert <i>Law Agents, trespass issue</i></p> <p>3 Bed Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw <i>Boundary Issue</i></p> <p>2 Bed Ballinagearagh Lixnaw <i>With Housing Admin. For consideration</i></p> <p>3 Bed Boherroe Abbeydorney <i>Law Agents</i></p> <p>2 Bed Derry Listowel <i>Dept approval received, documents being prepared for tender</i></p> <p>3 Bed Ballinclemisig Ballyheigue <i>Awaiting probate</i></p> <p>3 Bed Bromore West, Ballybunion <i>Dept approval received, documents being prepared for tender</i></p> <p>3 Bed Lahesrough, Ballybunion <i>Works commenced 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, nearing completion</i></p> <p><b><u>Current non maintenance works</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two extensions have commenced in Riverside Close, Abbeydorney, expected completion by the beginning of February.</li> <li>• Insulation Upgrade works commenced 28<sup>th</sup> Nov to 92no Single Rural properties in Listowel MD. Expected completion of works by Mid December</li> </ul> <p>Planned Maintenance works to replace fire alarms to <b>390</b> dwellings in Listowel MD to commence week 12<sup>th</sup> December.</p>
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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 legal agreement in relation to the transfer of the ownership of the line from CIE to KCC is with CIE for signing. It is anticipated that the line will be in the ownership of Kerry County Council in the coming weeks. The CIU section is completing 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 in respect of the development of the line as a greenway for the section between the Limerick County Bounds and Listowel Town under the recent urban renewal grants was successful. The funding granted is to cover the costs of completing the design works, carrying out an environmental appraisal of the project and preparing a planning application. It is anticipated that a planning application will be lodged for the works in 2017.

### **Housing Construction Projects:**

1 Unit at Ashgrove, Listowel – Construction commenced 05/09/2016, and is proceeding on schedule.

4 Units at Lixnaw – Tender for construction closing date 24/10/2016.

Departmental Approval has been received and tenderers have been notified.

Commencement of construction is expected in 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.

## **Roads Programme 2016**

Mr. J Sheehan stated that in 2016 the Operations Department have completed a roads programme of which " 3.9m was invested in to the road networks in addition to the maintenance programme. Mr. J Sheehan took the opportunity to thank Mr. M McEnery and all the staff of the Listowel Municipal District for the excellent work through out the year. The works were carried out in a very safe and effective manner.

## **Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** That the liner signs indicating The Cashen Ring, Kilmore and Ballyduff be replaced at Clogahane Cross near (Details with Directorate) they have been missing for over 2 years.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will order the sign for this location and erect it in Q1 2017.

**Cllr R Beasley welcomed the reply.**

**2. Cllr. R Beasley:** That the briars on the ditch down by lower Knopogue be cut as they are causing damage to cars, details of land owner with council.

**Reply:** The Roads Enforcement Officer of Kerry County Council will carry out inspections of the area within the current week to deal with the issue of over-grown hedging.

**Cllr R Beasley said the ditch in the area is very overgrown.**

**3. Cllr. R Beasley:** What is the up to date with the public toilets in Ballybunion, how soon do we expect to see work commence?

**Reply:** The design and costings have been completed for Ballybunion toilets and planning is due to commence in early January 2017.  
Following the completion of that process, tenders will be sought for the demolition and construction.

**Cllr R Beasley asked that the matter would be given priority and asked that the works would be fully completed before the summer season commences.**

**Cllr J McCarthy replied that progress is being made and confirmed that the works will go to tender in January 2017.**

**4. Cllr. L Purtill:** Main St in Ballylongford is in dire need of resurfacing. The centre of the road was opened to facilitate the ducting for the Wind Farm at Tullahinell. The roads surface in that area has subsided. When repair works are being carried out, it is most essential that the whole street be surfaced dressed by Kerry County Council?

**Reply:** The trenching and ducting works being undertaken in this area are associated with a wind-farm development.  
The contractor is required, under the terms of the road opening licence to reinstate the road to the satisfaction of KCC 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.  
The restoration which subsided in Ballylongford Village has been restored by the contractor recently.

Once all ducting works for this wind-farm are completed, Kerry County Council will plan resurfacing works along the route thereafter.

**Cllr L Purtill said that there is a very unattractive opening in the middle of the road and asked that it would be repaired and that both sides of the road would be surface dressed.**

**Mr. J Sheehan replied that Kerry County Council will be responsible for the permanent surface dressing of the road.**

**Cllr J Moloney referred to the support road to Asdee from Ballyline and asked will the entire road be resurfaced.**

**Mr. J Sheehan replied the condition of the road is the result of heavy machinery.**

**Cllr L Purtill asked that repair works are carried out to the badly effected sections of the road in Main St. Ballylongford.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said that sections of this road were damaged before the works commenced and stated that the council will be responsible for the restoration works.**

**5. Cllr. L Purtill:** When will work on the footpaths from Ballyduff Village to the G.A.A. ground be completed?

**Reply:** Listowel Municipal District, Kerry County Council is not aware of any source of finance to undertake these works, therefore we can not comment on when the project will start or be completed.

There are three segments to this project

a) from the Junction to the west of Benmore Estate (290m), where, for the most part, there is a kerb and gravelled surface b) a segment, 100m, in length beyond Benmore Estate to the commencement of the sports ground, some land acquisition is probable prior to construction here and finally c) a segment, 105m in length, flanking the GAA grounds.

The total cost of undertaking these works is " 65,000.

As Listowel Municipal District does not have a specific budget for footpath construction, the project is suitable for a Councillor Specific Municipal Operations Fund allocation.

**Cllr L Purtill said that it was brought to his attention by a member of the public.**

**Mr. J Sheehan referred to the reply and said that the cost to construct the footpath is €65,000, however there is no funding available under the footpath restoration works.**

**Cllr L Purtill asked would it be possible to carry out works to a small section of the footpath and could the works be funded through Councillor Specific Municipal District Allocation fund.**

**Mr. J Sheehan stated that this hadn't worked in the past.**

**6. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would repair the road leading to Ratoo Tower, Ballyduff? This road also needs to be skirted.

**Reply:** This road will be added to the repairs list.

**Cllr L Purtill said that he recently visited the area and the road had deteriorated significantly. There is three to four families living here and he asked that the works would be carried out before Christmas.**

**Mr. M McEnery committed to reinvestigating the matter but said he couldn't commit to carrying out the repairs before Christmas.**

**7. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would urgently repair the road outside (Details with Directorate), Ballylongford. Part of the road has sunk down causing a traffic hazard?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will carry out works to this section of road in Q1 of 2017

**Cllr L Purtill said that the condition of the road has since deteriorated due to heavy rain and that mud is seeping up through the road.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said that works will be carried out in early 2017.**

**8. Cllr. R Beasley:** Has Kerry County Council been in contact with the developer in relation to the lighting situation at Doonard, Doon Road, Ballybunion where there are a number of affordable houses occupied and there has been no lighting in this Estate since March of this year.

There are many young children and this is a health and safety issue and someone has to be held responsible for this deplorable situation.

**Reply:** This is private housing estate, which is not in the charge of Kerry County Council nor has a ~~taking~~ in charge application been received.

The local authority has a valid claim on the Bond and is pursuing this with the Bondsman but to date this has not been paid.

Regrettably at this time the Council cannot address the problems with the Public lighting in this private estate.

**Cllr R Beasley said that there are over 30 houses in the estate with a number of children living there. It is a very dark cul de sac. The matter is ongoing since March 2016 and the developer is showing no signs of carrying out works to the estate.**

**Mr. J Sheehan stated there is a bond on the estate to which the local authority is pursuing and said that unfortunately he was not in a position to give a timeframe.**

**Ms. J McCarthy gave an undertaken to liaise with the Housing Estate Unit for an update on the bond.**

**9. Cllr. R Beasley:** That Kerry County Council improve the footpaths on Doon Road from the entrance to the Glens Road down as far as the steps taking you down to the Cliff Walk, opposite the Cliff House Hotel?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will improve the footpaths from St Joseph's school to the area opposite the Cliff House Hotel on an incremental basis.

**Cllr R Beasley welcomed the reply and asked that all necessary repairs would be carried out.**

**Cllr J Moloney asked would the works consist of a new footpath or would it be solely repairs.**

**Mr. J Sheehan replied repair works will be carried out to the footpath.**

**10. Cllr J Lucid:** Will Kerry County Council investigate options to improve safety at Abbeydorney village cross? Traffic coming from the Dale road going to the Tralee road has right of way, but there have been a number of accidents with cars travelling from the Lixnaw road.

**Reply:** This location will be considered for submission for funding under the Minor Works Safety Improvements Programme in 2017.

**Cllr J Lucid welcomed the reply and said he was unsure of what more could be done to improve safety at the cross. There is adequate signage and the road is very well marked.**

**Mr. J Sheehan replied that a similar notice of motion was previously submitted. The National Roads Design Office will investigate the area, traffic lights may be considered at this location. The council will apply for funding under the low cost safety measures grant.**

**Cllr R Beasley wished to support the notice of motion.**

**11. Cllr. J Lucid:** Will Kerry County Council remove the storage heating system from the houses at the back row in Sraid Thaidhg housing estate, Ballyheigue and replace it with a system that works effectively and efficiently?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council do not currently have a budget to replace the storage heating to these houses with an alternative form of heating. The local authority will engage the services of an electrical contractor to review the efficiency of the current heating appliances in these houses, examine alternatives and cost the required retrofit works.

**Cllr J Lucid said that these houses are occupied by single parents who are on tight incomes and can't afford the ESB bills they are receiving. One of the main issues with the storage heaters is that there are very hard to regulate and make efficient. He asked that Kerry county Council would consider replacing the heaters or alternatively making them more efficient.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said that there is no funding available to replace the heaters. The council will provide advise to the tenants on how to make them more efficient. In the interim the council will investigate alternatives to the storage heaters.**

**Cllr J Lucid said that this matter was raised last May and nothing has been done since. He asked that the matter would be dealt with as a matter of urgency.**

**Mr. J Sheehan replied that the council must liaise with an electrical contractor regarding the matter.**

**12. Cllr. J Lucid:** When is Kerry County Council going to put a safety barrier in place at Castleshannon, Causeway to stop cars from going over the ditch when they take the corner at inappropriate speed?. There is a considerable drop in the field inside the ditch at that part of the road.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will undertake these works before the Christmas holiday period.

**Cllr J Lucid welcomed the new signage to enhance safety. Many unreported accidents have occurred at this location.**

**13. Cllr. J Lucid:** Do Kerry County Council intend putting parking plan/strategy in place for people attending the Health Centre at Harty's Terrace, Ballyheigue when it re-opens after the refurbishment works there are completed?

**Reply:** The planning permission granted to this development was conditional on a parking strategy.

**Cllr J Lucid said that the Health Centre is being extended, it is amalgamating with the Clounmorris Medical Practice and will become a primary care health service. It will lead to the facility becoming very busy and as there are no parking facilities on the road, this could result in traffic chaos.**

**14. Cllr. J Lucid:** Will Kerry County Council put measures in place to stop parking on the footpath outside the house between (Details with Directorate), and the (Details with Directorate), at Ballyheigue. Could this be put in place as part of a revised traffic plan for the village.

**Reply:** The existing double yellow lines at this location have become faded over time, it will be necessary to refresh these lines to highlight the restriction to parking in this area.

The only other option to prevent parking on the footpath in this area would be to place a physical barrier, such as a railing or bollards, along the edge of the footpath. It is hoped that this works will be completed as soon as possible in the new year. This action would have to be undertaken within the provisions of the Road Traffic Act and Public Transportation Regulation Act which require the drawing up of plans, a period of public consultation and submissions and approval of Council.

**Cllr J lucid said that as the footpath is wide, motorists are parking on both the road and the footpath. The parking is unnecessary and said that motorists shouldn't be parking there.**

**15. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the Clounmacon Road, particularly in the area of the Community Centre, be repaired.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has carried out repairs to this road in the recent past. A segment road, approximately 200m in length, north of the community centre is of bog rampart construction and has suffered from severe surface deformation. Further improvements to the riding quality of the surface will require major structural works to the road structure, the financial quantum of which could not be accommodated within the maintenance budget. The estimated cost of the required works in " 255,000.

Works of the type and magnitude requested 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. This road is not listed for improvement in any current roads programme.

To undertake remedial strengthening on this segment of road will cost " 50,000 and this could be funded from a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund allocation.

**Cllr D Nolan acknowledged the reply and welcomed the recent works carried out to the road adjacent to the Community Centre.**

**16. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the road verge in Kilmorna on the series of sharp bends is repaired, as parts of the pavement have worn away and is in a dangerous condition.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will carry out repairs to this road in the near future.

**17. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the pothole on the road in Ballyegan, Lisselton be repaired.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council recently repaired this segment of roadway.

**Cllr. D Nolan welcomed the reply.**

**18. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the wire mesh be repaired on the footbridges in the 'Cahirdown Wood' section of Listowel Town Park.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will carry out these repairs.

**Cllr D Nolan said that the mesh is sticking upwards and asked that it would be repaired as someone may injure themselves.**

**19. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the grass verge at The Bog Village, Leampreghane, Kilflynn be cut back as traffic trying to access onto the N69 have little to no view.

**Reply:** The sight distance looking north, when exiting this junction is clear as far as the apex of a convex curve on the N69, to the south the visibility is good.

**Cllr D Nolan said that members of the public have contacted her regarding the matter. When the grass becomes overgrown it blocks the view.**

**20.Cllr. D Nolan:** Can Kerry County Council provide an update as to new lighting in Knockanure.

**Reply:** 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.

The implementation of the Public Lighting Policy does not allow for the erection of new lights and columns through CSMDOFs, unless it is a single light near a Community Centre to be maintained by and connected to the centre, where the power is paid by the local community.

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. Listowel Municipal District engineers were not requested to provide an estimate for this project.

The erection of new public lighting, other than stated above, is a matter for the annual lighting budget, with projects being considered annually.

The fund can be used for the replacement of old lanterns with new energy efficient types on existing columns.

Response given to Notices of Motion 18<sup>th</sup> May & 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 on the same issue.

*May 2016*



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

October 2016

**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 Councillor's allowance*

**19. Cllr. J Moloney:** *Any update on the proposed lights at Knockanure Community Centre?*

*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.*

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

**Cllr D Nolan asked for clarification as to when her CSMDOF can be used to provide lighting.**

**Mr. J Sheehan replied that CSMDOF can be used to provide funding for a single light near a Community Centre to be maintained by and connected to the centre, where the power is paid by the local community. Any additional requests for new lighting needs to be assessed, as part of the Public Lighting Policy. Mr. J Sheehan added that all submissions have been forwarded to Kerry County Council but a decision hasn't been made in regard to what will be funded.**

**Mr. A Smith said he understood that the location is suitable for six lights but that one or two lights would be adequate if the community centre would take on the power supply. The cost would be €100 per year. He confirmed that he is awaiting a response from the community centre.**

**Cllr J Moloney referred to notice of motion no 39 and asked have any public lighting requests been granted since the last Municipal District meeting.**

**Mr. J Sheehan replied that the public lighting policy has been agreed, however allocations have been made towards lighting projects.**

**Cllr D Nolan said that the members were advised that they could allocate towards some projects.**

**Cllr J Sheehan confirmed that under the Public Lighting Policy these works aren't suitable for CSMDOF.**

**Cllr. D Nolan confirmed that a job number was provided for the works and the public were advised that the councilors were holding up the works.**

**Cllr J Moloney referred to Greenville estate and said as the pole is already erected, does it qualify to be funded through CSMDOF.**

**Mr. J Sheehan replied that the annual assessment of requests hasn't yet been carried out.**

**Mr. A Smith stated that the CSMDOF can be reallocated to another project if required. The Community Centre hasn't yet issued a response to the council, to clarify if they will erect the poles and pay the energy consumption. The poles will be situated inside the grounds of the Community Centre.**

**Cllr D Nolan said that this matter can't be decided at this meeting.**

**Ms. J Mc Carthy said the money will have to be reallocated.**

**Mr. J Sheehan stated that the lighting at Knockanaure is still an issue.**

**Cllr D Nolan asked that in the future if a group contact a councillor and if the works aren't on their own property, should they be given a job number.**

**Mr. J Sheehan replied an estimate to cost the works must be carried out first.**

**Cllr D Nolan asked that the situation is monitored more closely in the future.**

**Cllr M Kennelly asked would funding the construction of one or two poles be permitted through CSMDOF.**

**Mr. A Smith replies yes but the Community Centre hasn't come back with a formal response.**

**Ms. J McCarthy confirmed that Mr. A Smith will liaise with the group.**

**21. Cllr M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council carry out immediate road repairs at Tullahinnel North and South, cut the dangerous hedges from Morans Cross to Asdee and to include these roads in future Road Works Programmes.

**Reply:** These roads will be added to the repairs list.

The Roads Enforcement Officer of Kerry County Council will carry out inspections of the area within the current week to deal with the issue of over-grown hedging.

Segments of three roads are within the town-lands of Tullahinnel North and South, none of which are on the current Multi Annual Roads Programme.

The L-1005, Tullahinnel North . 3.4Kms in length . has an estimated cost of " 510,000 for the required improvement works.

2.6kms of the L-6012 fall within Tullahinnel South, the estimated cost of undertaking strengthening works to this section is " 455,000 and the L-6015 is also within the town-land of Tullahinnel South. The 2.5kms of this roadway will cost " 312,500 for the required upgrade.

These roads may be included in any future Roads Improvement programme.

**Cllr R Beasley welcomed the reply. He stated that the cost of the works were substantial and asked if this section of the road is included under a restoration programme.**

**Mr. J Sheehan undertook to investigate the matter further and revert to Cllr R Beasley with a reply.**

**Cllr R Beasley said that a lot of work has already been carried out but some sections of the road are in a dreadful state. He asked that a full report on this road would be presented at the next meeting of the Municipal District of Listowel.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said that roads strengthening works are due to be carried out in 2018.**

**Cllr J Moloney** said that there is a substantial amount of trucks travelling this road and asked can the development levies from planning be used to fund the works required to the road.

**Cllr R Beasley** said that as part of the planning application there must be a commitment to fix the road.

**Mr. J Sheehan** said that a road opening application was submitted to the council.

**Cllr R Beasley** said that it is very unfair for the locals who have to reside next to these windfarms. They are no benefit to the community and have destroyed the countryside.

**Mr. J McCarthy** stated that there are strict planning conditions that the company must adhere to.

**Mr J Sheehan** said that the cost of repairing the road is €512,000. Initially the road wasn't in a good condition and confirmed that the contractor will only be expected to bring the road up to the standard it was in, when the work commenced. Kerry County Council will carry out the final restoration works to this road.

**Ms. J McCarthy** said that the contractor must be given the adequate timeframe to comply with all of the conditions of the planning application. Kerry County Council will ensure that the road works are completed.

The members requested that an update on the condition of the road at Tullahinell North and Tullahinell South would be brought to the meeting of the Municipal District of Listowel.

**Cllr J Moloney** said that the works to the wind farm aren't due to be finished until mid 2018.

**Mr. J Sheehan** replied that once the contractor is finished, temporary restoration works will be carried out to the road.

**22. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council do an immediate road side fill to a section of road on the L1012-45 in the Moher Region of Moyvane as this location has become extremely dangerous.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will carry out works to this section of road in the near future.

**Cllr M Kennelly** asked will the works be done in January 2017.

**Mr. McEnery** confirmed yes the works will be carried out in January.

**23. Cllr. M. Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council carry out the public lighting works request at Knockanure Community Centre with the secured 2016 Councillor Specific Municipal District Allocation funding in January 2017.

**Reply:** 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.

The implementation of the Public Lighting Policy does not allow for the erection of new lights and columns through CSMDOFs, unless it is a single light near a Community Centre to be maintained by and connected to the centre, where the power is paid by the local community.

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. Listowel Municipal District engineers were not requested to provide an estimate for this project.

The erection of new public lighting, other than stated above, is a matter for the annual lighting budget, with projects being considered annually.

The fund can be used for the replacement of old lanterns with new energy efficient types on existing columns.

Response given to Notices of Motion 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 on the same issue.

**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 Councillor's allowance

**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.

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.

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

**Notice of Motion previously dealt with in conjunction with notice of motion no 20.**

**24. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council as a matter of urgency look at the very serious situation at the junction at Ballygologue Cross traffic lights. The problems at this junction leading from John B Keane Road turning immediately into two housing estates and up to Dromin Upper, where over the years we have seen three large housing estates built. This is a very heavily populated area and the situation at this junction will ultimately end in tears.

**Reply:** The intersection of the John B Keane Road and the Dromin Road is a junction controlled by traffic lights.  
If not as efficient as a roundabout for the transit of vehicular traffic, this form of controlled intersection is the safest for pedestrians and vehicular traffic alike. The Electrical Department of Kerry Council will be engaged to verify the correct functionality of the system.

**Cllr M Kennelly said that a lot of chances are been taken by motorists travelling from estates on both the left and right hand side.**

**Cllr D Nolan said that when you are travelling up from the town you have to be very close to the light so you will have opportunity to go when the lights turn green.**

**Cllr M Kennelly asked that the situation would be reviewed.**

**Mr. J Sheehan replied that functionality of the traffic light will be looked at.**

**Cllr D Nolan stated that there is also an issue with on street parking at this location and said that some parts of the footpath are very high.**

**Mr. McEnery confirmed that he had spoken to the electrician and explained that the traffic lights travelling east to west on the N69 get priority as this is the busiest junction. The traffic lights coming from Dromin has less traffic and therefore gets less of an opportunity. The traffic lights have a monitor attached to them to give priority to the traffic travelling east to west.**

**Ms. J McCarthy asked that the timing of the lights could be changed to give the traffic lights at Dromin more time.**

**Mr. M McEnery undertook to discuss the matter with the council's electrician.**

**Cllr D Nolan said the situation is very frustrating.**

**Cllr M Kennelly stated that the on street parking at this location must also be addressed.**

**25. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council carry out immediate road repair works on the L6060-0 road as a section of this road is in very poor condition. This road links the Duagh /Abbeyfeale road to the Listowel /Abbeyfeale road.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will carry out repairs to this road in the near future.

**Cllr M Kennelly welcomed the reply.**

**26. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council contact the TII to undergo immediate road surfacing works on the N69 from Mountcoal Cross to Coolanaleen Cross. If sections of this road are not done immediately, it will lead to accidents happening which is totally unacceptable.

**Reply:** This section of the N69 will again be brought to the attention of the TII with a view to seeking funding for a pavement improvement programme.

**Cllr M Kennelly asked that road surfacing works would be carried out to the road from Mountcoal Cross to Listowel town.**

**Mr. J Sheehan stated that the matter has previously been raised with TII requesting them to prioritise this section of road.**

**Cllr J Moloney wished to support the notice of motion.**

**27. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council carry out immediate road repairs on the streets of Tarbert, where works that were carried out have left section of the road in a dangerous state.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council intend to carry out repairs to this area in Q1 of 2017.

**Cllr M Kennelly welcomed the reply and said the road has been left in a very bad condition.**

**28. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council carry out road works and include in future works programme the L1020-21 road from Skeherin Cross to Keylod, as sections on this road has in the past caused serious accidents.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has carried out substantial repairs to sections of this road in the recent past.

Further improvements to the riding quality of the surface will require major structural works to the road structure, the financial quantum of which could not be accommodated within the maintenance budget.

Works of the type and magnitude requested 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.

This road is not listed for improvement in any current roads programme.

**Cllr M Kennelly said that there is a section of the road where accidents have occurred and asked that the road would be given priority.**

**Mr. M McEnery said that substantial works have already been carried out to this road.**

Notice of Motion no 29 to 34 moved by Cllr M Kennelly on behalf of Cllr A Thornton



**29. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council cost the addition of a footpath from BUDS centre, Ballyduff to the village in Ballyduff.

**Reply:** The request has been forwarded to Kerry County Council Road Design section for design consideration.  
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 cars are parking outside the centre and asked that something could be done to prevent this.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said that that Road Design Office will assess the matter and said that painting yellow lines may be considered.**

**30. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council repair the road which leads left at Dromerin School, into the residence of the (Details with Directorate),. It is in a terrible state of disrepair.

**Reply:** This road will be added to the repairs list.

**31. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council repair the road at Irremore, Lixnaw which passes the residence of (Details with Directorate), as the surrounding neighbours have complained re the danger of travelling this road.

**Reply:** The road referred to is the L-6110 at Irramore, Lixnaw.  
Much of the roadway is in good condition with minor potholing evident, which will be repaired.  
This road will be added to the repairs list.

However the structure of a segment of this roadway, at the exact location mentioned, is currently being negatively impacted by the operation an agri-commercial concern, the yards of which, at their interface with the road, have not been delineated in a proper manner from the existing carriageway and with no evident provision for adequate surface drainage transmission.  
This has impacted the current road surface causing severe deformation of the road surface.

The issue will be referred to the Kerry County Council Roads Enforcement Officer.

**32. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can the Council consider the inclusion of extra signage at the Garden Centre in Listowel as an approach road from the Tarbert side, once the road works are complete. A resident in the area witnessed many visitors who did not stop as appropriate at this junction.

**Reply:** There are 2 Stop signs in place at this location in between is a hatched diagonal box and Stop sign and line road-markings.  
The normal signage and markings at this type of junction would consist of one sign and one road-marking, therefore in terms of signage and road-markings there is nothing further that can be added at this location.

**33. Cllr A Thornton:** Can the Council consider the inclusion of further safety signage on the Dale Road, Lixnaw and particularly signage urging drivers to slow down on the road due to the dangerous condition of the road.

**Reply:** This road is the R556 regional road from Tralee to Ballyduff. The section of road from Ballinclogher Cross to Abbeydorney is built on a bog rampart, which has a number of undulations. Minor repair works have been carried out over the past number of years, most recently in 2016 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.

Due to the fact that this road is narrow and the shoulder embankments so steep, the erection of further signage will intrude on the carriageway, increasing rather than decreasing risk.

Kerry County Council will however undertake further road-marking at the locus.

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.

A limited amount of funding was provided in 2014 and 2015 to complete outstanding projects, where construction works were on-going.

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 and 2016 specifically the provision of extra warning signage and road-markings and the strengthening of sections of the carriageway.

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.

**34. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can the Council consider box parking spaces on Church Street, Listowel.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will provide box car parking spaces in Church Street and will extend it throughout the town on an incremental basis.

**35. Cllr J Moloney:** Can the lights in the Town Park be extended to the Gurtenard Entrance?

**Reply:** Any request to provide extend the public lighting to the Gurtenard entrance 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.

**Cllr J Moloney welcomed the reply.**

**36. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can bollards similar to those at Fairies Cross Tralee be trailed at Lower Church Street?

**Reply:** If need is established the placing of these bollards may be considered. However this will probably lead to the removal of the Disability Parking Bay and the Set Down Area on the north flank of Church Street, near the junction, to facilitate an earlier segregation of vehicular traffic into specific lanes.

**Cllr J Moloney said that he submitted this notice of motion to stop the double parking as it is an issue.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said he would bring this matter to the attention of the traffic warden.**

**Cllr J Moloney said that the traffic warden isn't in a position to patrol the area all the time and asked that bollards would be constructed.**

**Mr M McEnergy said that bollards wouldn't be suitable at this location.**

**Ms. J McCarthy said that the council will bring the matter to the attention of the superintendant and may look into the possibility of issuing parking tickets.**

**Cllr D Nolan said it was unfortunate that bollards may have to be erected here.**

**37. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the council assist Knockanure Tidy Towns extending the planted area on the Moyvane side of the village?

**Reply:** The estimated cost of this work would be " 2,500. It would be suitable for funding through a Councillors Allocation.

**Cllr J Moloney requested that the €1,500 previously allocated to the lighting at Knockanaure would be reallocated to this project.**

**38. Cllr. J Moloney:** Is there any update on the safety measures on the Bridge Road Town Park entrance that were due to be reviewed this year?

**Reply:** We will look at the existing entrance to the town park in combination with the neodata site to ascertain the optimum safe usage of the town park facilities. A feasibility report will be prepared for this location and submitted to the TII for their approval.  
This feasibility will be completed by end of March 2017.

**Ms. J McCarthy said that these works will have to reviewed in conjunction with the Neodata site. The Council acknowledged that works are required to the entrance of the park. A feasibility report is currently being prepared which will be submitted to the T.I.I.**

**39. Cllr. J Moloney:** Have any public lighting requests been granted since our last meeting?

**Reply:** The Public Lighting Policy adopted by Kerry County Council on the 16th May 2016 states that the Council will 'prioritise funding towards the upgrading of existing Public Lights to more energy efficient LED luminaires' rather than adding additional lights. It also states that 'any requests for additional public lights to be provided and operated by Kerry County Council will be assessed annually having regard to the available resources and this policy.'  
No additional public lights will be granted until after the annual assessment of requests has been carried out.

**Notice of Motion dealt with in conjunction with notice of motion no 20.**

**40. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the green area around St. Johns be replanted in the new year?

**Reply:** This area can be redeveloped in 2017, however there will a cost implication, for which there is no direct source of funding except for the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.  
Having determined a re-design, we will revert to the Councillor with the cost.

**Ms. J McCarthy said that the Local Authority is hopeful to have the works done in the near future.**

**Cllr J Moloney said it would be fantastic for the town.**

**Ms. J M Carthy said it is a protected structure and the council must be cognisant of the works that are carried out here.**

### **(c) Questions**

**1.Cllr. R Beasley:** Are Kerry County Council monitoring the deteriorating problem on the Cliff Road, Ballybunion?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council is constantly monitoring the magnitude and severity of the erosion of the sand banks bounding the Cliff and Glen Roads, other than ongoing visual inspections there is no current source of finance to undertake an in depth geological evaluation of the stability of the embankments.

**Cllr R Beasley welcomed the reply.**

**2. Cllr R Beasley:** What is the update in relation to the work that was to be carried out adjacent to the home of (Details with Directorate),?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council cleared the drain and undertook some rock armouring of the embankment. We will monitor the road structure and advise if more significant works are required.

**Cllr R Beasley said he hoped that a resolution to the problem is found in the New Year.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said that the road will continue to be monitored.**

**Cllr R Beasley said that he previously made an allocation through his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund and asked were these works carried out.**

**Cllr J Sheehan replied that this allocation was already used to carry out work at this location.**

**3. Cllr. M Kennelly:** What is Kerry County Council's update on the Lay By at upper Church Street.

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

We have taken into consideration the Councillors request and we have reviewed the location and feel that the optimum location for a set down area in Upper Church Street is on the southern flank of the road between Church Road and Colbert Street.

**Ms. J M Carthy said that matter has been reviewed and the council feel that the optimum location for a set down area is Upper Church Street on the southern flank of the road between Church street and Colbert Street.**

**Cllr J Moloney suggested that the lay bay be located closer to the school.**

**Cllr J McCarthy said it would be serving more businesses at the proposed location.**

**Cllr J Moloney said that the school is a very busy area with a medical centre also located there.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said that parking isn't an issue here, it is designed to allow buses and motorists to park for a short period of time.**

**Ms J McCarthy said it is a good decision based on the type of business in the area.**

**Cllr J Moloney asked that if there are other suitable areas for Lay By in the town, will the council give a commitment to investigate them.**

**Cllr D Nolan asked if there is a Lay Bye in Courthouse road.**

**Ms. J McCarthy replied no.**

**Cllr M Kennelly asked could a Lay Bye be erected at Courthouse road on a trail basis.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said there was never an intention to construct a Lay By at upper Church Street. The proposal was to construct Lay Bys in the following locations.**

- **Two in Church Street**
- **Two in Market Street and one in William Street when the works are concluded there.**

**This commitment has been honoured**

**Cllr J Moloney asked that this could be confirmed in writing.**

**4. Cllr M Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council explain why it takes so long for a public lighting complaint call out, this is too serious, one light in particular at Lisselton Cross was reported three times in the space of six weeks. Why can Kerry County Council not maintain this public service?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council does maintain the public lighting in the County and employs two specialist contractors to carry out the maintenance works to the public lighting infrastructure.

The maintenance contractors are required to carry out routine maintenance repairs(i.e. bulb replacements and basic repairs) to reported lighting faults within 12 working days. However, not all repairs are routine which can result in unavoidable delays. For example some repairs can be dependant on third parties such as ESB Networks staff who have to install wiring to mini-pillars or interface boxes. Other examples of non routine repairs are where special materials have to be ordered such as oversize brackets, decorative luminaires, pre-programmed ballasts, igniters, LED lanterns etc. and where civil works are required for road crossings, ducting, locating of underground cable faults etc.

The delay in repairing the light at Lisselton Cross was due to difficulties our Contractor had in accessing this light due to the erection of local advertising signage on the access corridor to the light and the soft ground conditions. Following removal of this signage our Contractor was able to access this light with a hoist last week and carried out the repairs.

**Cllr J Lucid asked that contact is made with the contractor to repair the light.**

**Mr. A Smith** said that the light has been repaired. When a fault is logged the contractor gives a log number which can be quoted if you need to contact the maintenance contractor again. If there is an additional problem the repair works may take a little bit longer.

**Cllr J Lucid** asked if a light isn't working, what is the process to report the fault.

**Mr. A Smith** replied that you ring the free phone number and give details of the pole number. The repair works should be carried out in 12 working days.

**Cllr R Beasley** said that there was a similar problem with some lighting in Ballylongford which wasn't rectified until he contacted The Municipal District Officer. He said he believed that 12 working days was too long to have to wait.

**Ms. J McCarthy** said that the Service Level Agreement with the contractor states that repairs must be carried out within 12 working days.

**5. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That the Listowel Municipal District welcome the works of " 508,000 to alleviate the flooding issues in the Clieveragh Area of Listowel which has effected home owners and businesses in the past, Can Kerry County Council give an update where these works are and when works will commence.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council appointed JBA Engineering Consultants, Limerick, to analyse the water courses in the Clievragh area and to recommend a preferred option to mitigate flooding in this area.

The preferred option recommended by JBA consists of the following infrastructural works:

- An interceptor grate on an existing private road to collate flood waters.
- A wall to divert flow into this grate.
- A new Culvert under the R552.
- A new over flow channel.
- An 18,000m<sup>3</sup> off line flood storage area (by embankments) with flow release back to the existing channel.

Kerry County Council have applied to the OPW for " 407,505 to fund the site investigation, detailed design and contract documents and the construction of the scheme.

The Council is awaiting a decision on this application for funding, therefore we can not furnish you with a commencement date for the works.

**Cllr. M Kennelly** said he felt that the matter was handled very badly. The initial plans were changed and the members weren't informed of the changes.

**Ms. J McCarthy** replied that the Director briefed the members on the matter at the October Municipal District meeting.

**Cllr. J Moloney** said he welcomed the works but said the plans changed and public weren't made aware.

**Ms. J McCarthy** said that an application has been made to the OPW to fund the works. The council has an excellent system in place where staff can work very quickly on foot of the funding been provided by the OPW.

**Mr. J Sheehan** informed the meeting that two water pumps have been purchased for Listowel Town.

**Cllr. J Moloney** asked are the pumps specifically for Listowel Town.

**Ms. J McCarthy** confirmed yes there are solely for Listowel Town.

**6. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council following on from my motions at Municipal District Meeting and recently at full Kerry County Council Meeting of October 2016, give an update on the Serious Traffic Safety Measures outside St Michaels College Listowel.

**Reply:** A feasibility report will be prepared for this location and submitted to the TII for their approval. A draft report will be completed by Jan 2017 and this will be discussed with the TII inspector before being submitted for funding.

**Cllr. M Kennelly** said he was hopeful that more progression would have been made at this stage and asked will the application be successful with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

**Mr. J Sheehan** said that in May of this year a survey was done of the area and the results didn't warrant the need for a pedestrian crossing. The report was submitted to the Senior Engineer who requested that an additional survey would be completed and referred to T.I.I.

**Cllr. M Kennelly** said that it is a very busy and dangerous location and is particularly busy here at 4p.m. when the schools finish.

**7. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council give the confirmed route that Gas Networks Ireland is taking to supply gas from Foynes to Listowel.

**Reply:** The route of the proposed gas pipe network to Listowel is an issue for Gas Networks Ireland.

Kerry County Council welcomes the confirmation that Gas Networks Ireland have decided to bring natural gas to Listowel.

We have been advised of two possible routes.

To date final decision has not been made on the exact route.

**Ms. J McCarthy** confirmed that the Council is awaiting clarification which is expected in June 2017 and it is anticipated that gas would be supplied to the town in 2018.

**Mr. J Sheehan** stated that any of the proposed routes could be changed. Once a definite route has been identified Gas Networks Ireland will apply for a road opening licence and the Council will be advised of the route then.



**Notice of Motion no 8 moved by Cllr M Kennelly for Cllr A Thornton.**

**8. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council formally consider the replacement of the traffic lights outside (Details with Directorate), and whether a costing may be produced re its replacement as a pedestrian crossing?

**Reply:** Listowel Municipal District has consulted with the Gardaí on the matter and they are not in favour of the removal of traffic lights at this location as they feel that the traffic lights facilitate a safer transit of pedestrians at the location than a zebra crossing.

Currently the red phase of the lights operates on a 10 second cycle, which is minimal in its impact to vehicular traffic flow, given the benefits of greater pedestrian safety.

**7.Any Other Business**

**(a)Notice of Motion**

**1.Cllr. R Beasley:** That consideration would be given to construct a bus shelter in the locality of the Barracks in Ballybunion.

**Reply:** The NTA makes funds available for bus shelters on an annual basis, subject to budgetary constraints, for the provision of bus shelters at bus stops on subsidised bus routes, such as those operated by Bus Eireann.

The funding is provided with respect to new shelters, replacement of life expired shelters and the relocation of existing bus shelters, where necessary.

The available funding is allocated having regard to a prioritized list of locations across the State, drawn up by the bus companies, each year and agreed with the Authority.

We will write to the NTA in relation to the provision of a bus shelter, at this location, in Ballybunion.

Notwithstanding the above funding source, this project is suitable for funding through CouncillorsqSpecific Municipal District Operations Fund.

The various options are:

Unit 1

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

Base 2.5m x 7.0m " 1,400

Total Cost " 21,018.50

Unit 2

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

Base 3.0m x 6.0m " 1,440

Total Cost " 21,489.50

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

**Cllr. R Beasley** said the matter has been raised on a number of occasions and proposed that a letter would be forwarded to the National Transport Authority. **Mr. J Sheehan** replied that the Municipal District has previously written to the NTA and they have informed the council that they are prioritising the busiest routes.

**Cllr D Nolan** seconded **Cllr R Beasley** proposal to write to the NTA and it was agreed to issue a letter to the NTA.

**2. Cllr. L Purtill:** Once again I have been requested to have the opening times of Carrigafoyle Castle extended from March to October. I am asking Kerry County Council to make contact with the O.P.W. re opening times.

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

**Prior to any discussion on this notice of motion Cllr. D Nolan left the meeting.**

**Cllr. L Purtill** said that it has raised this issue on a number of occasions. The castle was refurbished and is now requesting that the opening times of the castle be extended. The castle is a fabulous attraction and it appears that the OPW are ignoring the request. On previous contact with the OPW, **Cllr L Purtill** said they advised him that it was a fantastic idea however he said that there has been no further update on the matter.

**Cllr R Beasley** wished to support the notice of motion and asked that an additional request would be made to the OPW asking them to extend the opening hours of all their North Kerry sites, so as to be line with the South Kerry sites such as Ross Castle and Derrynane House.

It was agreed that a letter would issue to the OPW.

**Cllr J McCarthy** stated that the OPW are responsible for the opening times of Carrigafoyle Castle.

**Cllr D Nolan entered the meeting again at this time.**

**3.Cllr. A Thornton:** Can the members of Listowel Municipal District agree a date on which they can meet with the Newcastlewest councillors in relation to progress on the Greenway.

**Cllr. J Moloney** said that he welcomed the notice of motion.

**Ms. J McCarthy** informed the members that contact has been made with the Corporate services Department of Limerick City and County Council and it has been proposed that a formal meeting will take place in March 2017.

**Cllr. J Moloney** welcomed this news and asked that senior management would give this matter priority.

**Ms. J McCarthy** confirmed that the CE has given this project priority.

**Notice of Motion no 4 was moved by Cllr M Kennelly on behalf of A Thornton.**

**4.Cllr. A Thornton:** What are the plans in relation to the old Neo Data site being put out to public consultation?

**Reply:** It is proposed to hold an initial meeting to establish a Listowel Chamber Alliance in January 2017. We envisage discussing developing a plan for the old Neo data site with this forum as soon as it is up and running, before then bringing a proposal for consideration of the elected members.

**(b) To agree date for next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel**

**Ms. J Foley proposed the following dates for the Listowel Municipal District meetings in 2017.**

**13<sup>th</sup> February  
10<sup>th</sup> April  
12<sup>th</sup> June  
01<sup>st</sup> August  
09<sup>th</sup> October  
04<sup>th</sup> December**

**Cllr R Beasley asked have the dates been confirmed for 2017 at the other Municipal District meetings.**

**Ms. J Foley replied that the Listowel Municipal District is the first. It is intended that this will be proposed at the next meetings of the other Municipal District. She assured the member's that the dates could be changed if required.**

**The proposed dates for 2017 were unanimously agreed by the members.**

**Gael Scoil**

Cllr M Kennelly said that the Gael Scoil in Listowel wish to build a new school in Listowel and asked if the council could be of any assistance in acquiring land.

Ms. J McCarthy replied that Kerry County Council has land zoned for education on the Ballybunion road.

**Centenary Garden**

Cllr D Nolan asked for an update on the proposed centenary garden for Listowel.

Mr. J Sheehan replied that the council will facilitate a ceremony.

Ms. J McCarthy proposed that the ceremony would take place on 31<sup>st</sup> December, currently the council is awaiting the flag pole.  
All members welcomed the reply.

**School at Coolard**

Cllr M Kennelly asked for an update for Clár funding outside the school at Coolard.

Mr. J Sheehan advised the meeting that the works have gone to tender.

Cllr. M Kennelly asked that the lights would be constructed as a matter of urgency.

Mr. J Sheehan replied that the electricians are investigating the lights but confirmed that there is an issue with them.

Cllr M Kennelly asked that the broken white lines coming out of the school would be made continuous.

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

**(b) Any Other Business**

The meeting concluded at 1.05pm

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

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**Cllr. M Kennelly**  
**Leas Cathaoirleach of Listowel**  
**Municipal District**