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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017.**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL AR AN 13ú FEABHRA, 2017.**

**PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**  
***Councillors/Comhairleoirí***

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

**Absent**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr. A Thornton

***In attendance/i láthair***

Ms. J McCarthy	Delegated Executive Officer List MD
Ms. J Foley	Meetings Administrator
Mr. A Smith	MD Officer
Mr. T Sheehy	SE
Mr. C Mangan	SEE
Mr. J Sheehan	SEE
Mr. D Murphy	SEE
Mr. M Lynch	SEE
Mr. M McEnery	EE
Mr. J McEniry	EE
Mr. G O'Brien	A/SEO
Ms. B Conway	AO
Ms. L O'Donnell	AO
Ms. B Fitzgerald	Economic Development Officer
Mr. N Horgan	ASO
Ms. S Broderick	SO

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am.

In the absence of Cathaoirleach A Thornton, Leas-Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M Kennelly, took the Chair.

**17.02.13.01 Confirmation of Minutes**

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R Beasley SECONDED by Cllr. D Nolan it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel, held on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2016, be confirmed.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J Moloney SECONDED by Cllr. J Lucid it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel, held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, be confirmed.

**(c) Business prescribed, by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction.**

**(a) Draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019.**

Mr. G O'Brien briefed the members on the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017 . 2019 and said that the draft plan sets out the objectives and targets for litter management in the county for the next three years. He said that Kerry County Council is aware that littering and illegal dumping are significant issues throughout the county at present.

He briefed the members on the public consultation process and the submissions received as follows:

**1.0 Legal Preamble**

In accordance with Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, Kerry County Council proposes to make a new Litter Management Plan. The current plan expired in 2016 and a new draft plan has been prepared. In accordance with the legislation a period of public consultation was under taken and the following is a report on submissions received.

**2.0 Public Consultation**

In accordance with Section 12 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, notice of the proposed Draft Litter Management Plan was published in the local papers on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 inviting observations and submissions on the plan. Copies were available from the County Council offices at Maine St., Tralee; Aras an Chontae, Rathass, Tralee, and in Municipal District offices and Council libraries. Copies were circulated to all registered Tidy Towns groups, Green Schools in the County and to all Elected members. The draft Litter Management Plan was also available on the Councils website, [www.kerrycoco.ie](http://www.kerrycoco.ie). Closing date for submissions was the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.

Prior to public consultation, the elected members were advised at each MD meeting that a new plan was being prepared and of the process involved in the adoption of same.

In accordance with the Litter Pollution Act 1997, announcements in respect of the proposal were broadcasted on three successive days on Radio Kerry during the consultation period, 1<sup>st</sup> November to the 3rd of November 2016 inclusive.

Two submission were received, from, Comharchumann Forbartha an Leith Triúigh Teo. and Sceim Bhrúscair Uibh Ráthaigh.

## **1) Comharchumann Forbartha an Leith Triúigh Teo**

Three areas of concern were raised in this submission:

### **i) Coffee Cups dumped on the road side**

The group spoke with Kerry County Council Environmental Awareness Officer Mícheál O Coileáin, and the following ideas for a Coffee Cup Awareness Campaign were discussed;

- Petrol stations should be encouraging people to reuse cups
- Posters should be erected in the garage foyer of the stations encouraging people not to forget their reusable cup
- Work with petrol stations to give people discounts if they reuse their own cup
- Give free funky reusable coffee cups
- Have a competition in the local national and secondary schools to discover creative ways in which we can tackle the issue
- A social media campaign should be run in conjunction with the campaign
- Businesses should be encouraged to use bio degradable cups

**Response:** On page 19 of the Draft Litter Management Plan, action r) states: That Kerry County Council ~~will~~ collaborate regionally on prevention initiatives+The Southern Waste Management office has plans to tackle the issue raised. Kerry County Council will assist in the roll out of this campaign and will liaise further with this group on this matter.

### **ii) Community Refuse Service**

The group have a problem with people disposing of their rubbish in the community refuse service. They feel they cannot bring prosecutions against this form of dumping as technically they are not illegal dumping, they are simply just abusing the community service.

They do not want to lock their bins as this is a community service and people in the area are not able to use the service at usual business hours. This is a particular issue during busy summer months. They take pride in their service and would like to work with Kerry County Council to identify solutions to this problem.

**Response:** While this is outside the remit of Kerry County Council to resolve we will discuss the matter with the group to see if we can assist in any way.

### **iii) Refuse Points for Tourists**

The group raised the issue that arises for tourists unable to find areas in which they can dump their rubbish. People travelling in Campers vans have a very bad experience with trying to find ways in which they can dispose of their rubbish in a proper manner.

**Response:** Kerry County Council Tourism Strategy 2016-2022 has a medium term action identified which is to ~~provide~~ e-charging for electric vehicles, freshwater supply and waste/ water disposal for campervans in suitable locations in towns and villages along the Wild Atlantic Way and major tourism centres+ The council will be taking the lead to deliver this action, working with its partners including Fáilte Ireland,

the Local development companies and communities including those providing a Community Refuse service.

2) Scéim Bhrúscair Uíbh Ráthaigh.

There are five communities in the Iveragh Gaeltacht area and its immediate surrounds who are currently running a community waste management scheme on a partnership basis. Those community groups involved in running Scéim Bhrúscair Uíbh Ráthaigh respectfully request that the following be taken into consideration in the final version of the litter management plan:

- i) Scéim Bhrúscair Uíbh Ráthaigh be included in P10 as one of the approved collectors which will be promoted by the council, as a community initiative
- ii) Scéim Bhrúscair Uíbh Ráthaigh to be included in P12 under commitment to support community groups (mainly Tidy Towns at the moment in the plan)
- iii) Also on P12, to include community waste management systems under Recycling & Recovery as one of the ways being promoted for people to access recycling options was received during the consultation period.

**Response:** i) Details of all waste disposal facilities available in the county will be stated on the Council's Website including municipal, private and community facilities. Amendment has been made to page 23 of the draft litter management plan to reflect this change.

ii) The Scéim members can contact the council regarding fly-tipping etc and will receive the same support afforded to any other community group or member of the public as outlined in action c) page 22 of the draft plan.

iii) Details of all recycling facilities available in the county will be stated on the Council's Website including municipal, private and community facilities. Amendment has been made to page 23 of the draft litter management plan to reflect this change.

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT SECTION:**

The plan has been brought through the Public Consultation process and has recently been considered by the Quality of Life SPC who have recommended the formal adoption of the plan by municipal district members in accordance with Local Government Reform Act 2014, Schedule 3, Part 1, Section 131A, which amends Section 13 of Litter Pollution Act, 1997.

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019. She expressed concern that the Listowel MD does not have a civic amenity centre and asked if it would be possible to address this matter through the Public Participation Network (PPN) as it is essential that a civic amenity site is provided in the Listowel MD.

Cllr. L Purtill welcomed the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019. He referred to the disposal of litter in a dyke on a roadside in Ballylongford. The dyke has been cleaned by Kerry County Council but the littering continues to occur.

Cllr. J Moloney also welcomed the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019 and expressed concern about the continuous illegal dumping throughout the Listowel

MD. He said that the naming and shaming of offenders should be seriously considered.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed Draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019. He SECONDED Cllr. D Nolan regarding the provision of a civic amenity centre in the Listowel MD. He said that he was aware of illegal dumping of refuse in the mart yard in Listowel. Also, the owners/operators of fast food outlets should be responsible for litter management in the vicinity of their premises.

Cllr. J Lucid welcomed the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019 and said it was a very clear and comprehensive report. He said that he was concerned about the amount of litter being dumped from passing vehicles and said that in his opinion educating children in school is the only way forward to address indiscriminate littering.

Leas Cathaoirleach M Kennelly welcomed the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019 and said that littering is a huge problem in the North Kerry area. A civic amenity site is urgently required in Listowel and he PROPOSED that a full time litter warden be assigned to the Listowel MD.

Mr. G O'Brien said that the lack of a civic amenity centre in Listowel is also a huge concern for Kerry County Council. A site is available but there is no grant aid available at the moment for the development of civic amenity sites. In the absence of grant aid being available, the Council are not in a position to advance matters further at this time. He acknowledged the role of volunteers in helping to address the littering problem throughout the county.

Ms. J McCarthy commended all involved in the Tidy Towns Committees in North Kerry. Thirteen North Kerry villages will be participating in 2017 and Listowel is very close to winning an overall award.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J Moloney SECONDED by Cllr. D Nolan it was agreed to adopt the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019 in accordance with L.G. Reform Act 2014, Schedule 3, Part 1 Section 131A, which amends Section 13 of Litter Pollution Act 1997.

**(b) Taking in Charge of road within The Links, Fairway Drive and Fairway Green, Ballybunion.**

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

Dáta/Date                      13<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Chuig/To:                      Cathaoirleach Aoife Thornton  
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Lios Tuathail

Ábhar/Subject:              Declaration of Roads to be Public Road/s in Accordance with  
Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993

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A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

In accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 I enclose a report on the Taking in charge, by Kerry county Council of one housing estate in the Listowel Municipal District.

Public notice of our intention to declare the roadway as a public roadway, was advertised in the local press and submissions were invited.  
No submissions or observations were received.

I now recommend that this estate is taken in Charge by Kerry County Council, in accordance with the legislation and the Taking in charge policy, adopted by the Council in June 2008 and the recent Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol with Irish Water.

The consideration of this Report and the making of the Order to declare this roadway as a public roadway is now a reserved function of the Members of the Listowel Municipal District in accordance with the Local Government act 2001 (as amended).  
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Gerard O'Brien, A/S.E.O.  
Environmental Services, Planning Enforcement,  
and Housing Estates Unit

**KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAI**



**Report to the Municipal District of Listowel in accordance with  
Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993**

Declaration of Road to be Public Road at the following locations:

- (i) The Links, Fairway Drive and Fairway Green, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL/CEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUTHAIL**  
**Report Prepared Pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993**

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**Locations of Roads to be Taken In Charge:**

The Links, Fairway Drive and Fairway Green, Ballybunion - Road from its junction with L-1002-0 to all terminal points within the estate in The Links, Fairway Drive and Fairway Green, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry **Map 5** (serving 15 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 375m

**Background:**

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

**Statutory Procedures:**

In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in The Links, Fairway Drive and Fairway Green, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

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

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell

A/Director of Economic & Community Development

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R Beasley **SECONDED** by Cllr. L Purtill it was agreed that an Order be made declaring the road in The Links, Fairway Drive and Fairway Green, Ballybunion from its junction with L-1002-0 to all terminal points within the estate be a public road pursuant to Section 11 (2) (i) of the Roads Act 1993, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and having regard to section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in relation to the taking in charge of estates.

Cllr. R Beasley asked what the situation is with regard to the taking in charge of estates that include affordable and social housing.

Mr. G O'Brien said that Affordable Houses are privately owned and if the Council had social Housing Units in the estate the position regarding the taking in charge of the estate would be the same as outlined in the Council's Taking in Charge Policy,

50% of residents would have to be in favour of taking in charge before the application could be processed.

Cllr. M Kennelly asked if assistance was available to the representatives of the residents with the preparation of the application for the taking in charge of an estate.

Mr. G O'Brien advised that the residents should contact Mr. N Horgan in the estates unit who would provide any assistance required.

#### **17.02.13.02. Economic & Community Development Directorate**

**(a) The following report was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.**

##### **ECONOMIC & TOURISM DEVELOPMENT**

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Kerry County Council has appointed the Economic Development Officer Bridget Fitzgerald. They have also appointed the Broadband Officer Diarmuid O'Reilly who will work with the Economic Development Officer. There has been a PR campaign in the local media in relation to the recent appointments. The Economic Development Officer has been meeting with various government Agencies

The Local Enterprise Office has continued with the roll out of programmes in 2017.

There has been strong promotion of events in the local newspapers which has led to a number of funding enquiries and these are being developed further through standard grant process and loan schemes.

A number of programmes are presently underway including Business Start Up, Business Growth and Digital marketing.

The Local Enterprise office completed a retail programme in Listowel in December with excellent feedback.

Recruitment for the Food Academy programme is presently ongoing with a proposed interview process in February.

The LEO executive continues to meet with potential clients throughout the MD with referrals to sister agencies.

##### **BALLYBUNION BEACH PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE:**

The provision of a pedestrian bridge at Cliff Road, Ballybunion to allow universal/disabled access to the Cliff top walk is being progressed with an engineering feasibility study and cost plan being developed. This proposal is included as an action in the Tourism Strategy.

##### **BALLYBUNION TOILET FACILITY:**

Plans and drawings are prepared and finalised to commence Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations process.

The expected time-frame for the Part 8 process is as follows:

- Commence Statutory Part 8 procedure - 16th February 2017
- Publish Notice in Local Newspaper 16 February 2017.
- Closing Date for Submissions - 14 April 2017.
- Part 8 Public Consultation Report to be noted and discussed at SMT - May 2017.
- Making of a resolution under section 179(4)(b) of the Act at the Listowel MD meeting - June 2017.

#### North Kerry Line Greenway:

Ongoing legal issues have delayed the transfer of the ownership of the North Kerry line from CIE to KCC. Our Law Agents are working on resolving the remaining outstanding issues with CIE and it is hoped that the line will be in the ownership of Kerry County Council in the coming weeks. The CIU section has practically completed 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. We hope to begin some preliminary work on the design and environmental appraisal in the coming weeks. It is anticipated that a planning application will be lodged for the works in 2017.

#### **CYCLE GRADIENT SIGNAGE:**

Following the success of the installation of cycle gradient signage on the Conor Pass Road in Dingle, we are currently working with the Finuge Freewheelers Cycling Club, our Operations Unit and the Listowel MD office to erect similar signage on a suitable route on Kerry Head in Ballyheigue.

### **Community Report**

#### **Community Support Fund Workshop**

96 Applications were received for funding from the Listowel MD area. These applications are currently being assessed.

#### **Strengthening Communities**

The process to form a Community Development Group in Ballyduff is nearly complete. Elections to fill the Community/Voluntary Sector Groups seats on the Committee were held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and elections for the Business and Social Partners seats will be held over the coming weeks.

Also, the process to form a Business and Community Alliance in Listowel has begun with meetings being held on 24<sup>th</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 at Listowel Family Resource Centre.

#### **National Strategy for Angling Development**

Funding of **€40,000** has been allocated to Listowel Town to carry out works which will enhance access for abled and disabled fishing at a given location on the banks

of the River Feale. Works will involve raising walkways, platforms, ramps and pathways to facilitate angling.

### **Tidy Towns**

Groups are still being encouraged to register with the PPN and consider entering the Tidy Towns Competition if they are not already doing so. Ballyduff has decided to enter this year's competition and Ballyheigue and Kilflynn are also considering entering the 2017 competition.

### **Completed Works**

The planting of trees and hedging is continuing throughout the district in conjunction with local community groups. New signage highlighting the Designated Free Car Parks in Listowel has been erected and accompanying road markings been laid.

### **Comhairle na nOg**

The Kerry Comhairle na nÓg work plan for 2017 has been approved by the Department of Youth and Children's Affairs. The topic they will now be working on for the year is a mental health awareness educational program and information day.

At the 2016 Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards held on Friday 27th January at the Ballyroe Hotel the Comhairle na n'Og members who travelled to the European Youth Event (EYE) in Strasbourg, France were chosen as winners of the Voluntary Group Category. In addition two of the members Barry Sugrue and Unity Ankomah will be receiving individual awards for their work with the Kerry Comhairle and KDYS.

### **Kerry PPN**

Registration of groups is now open and all community & voluntary groups have been notified of this. Groups are encouraged to register. There is no charge for registration.

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## **Panning & Sustainable Development**

### **Panning Report – Listowel**

The Listowel heritage & Community led Regeneration Strategy is to be noted at the next MD meeting. It will be formally launched before the end of February. Work is already proceeding on a number of the projects contained within this Strategy.

Listowel Variation No.2, Public consultation on the Material Alteration closed on the 31st January. Work is proceeding on the Chief Executives report.

The architectural heritage survey of William Street, Listowel is nearing completion. Upon completion this will be launched and published.

Phase 1 of the Audit of Historic memorials, plaques and signs is been finalised. The findings will be exhibited during heritage Week in August.

The report hereunder sets out some of the major statistics for 2016 as they relate to planning on a Municipal District Basis.



### Analysis of Activity Levels 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016

Applications Received			Decisions Issued							
	2015		2016		Inc/Dec		2015		2016	
	No. of Apps. Recd.	% of Total	No. of Apps. Recd.	% of Total	No.	%	No of Decs.	% of Total	No. of Decs.	% of Total

<i><b>Killarney</b></i>	308	26%	359	27%	51	17%	266	28%	292	27%
<i><b>South &amp; West</b></i>	418	35%	492	38%	74	18%	331	35%	388	36%
<i><b>Listowel</b></i>	230	20%	225	17%	-5	-1%	192	20%	188	18%
<i><b>Tralee</b></i>	220	19%	232	18%	12	1%	165	17%	200	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1176</b>		<b>1308</b>		<b>132</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>954</b>		<b>1068</b>	

***Analysis of Multi-Residential Applications (No. of Units) Received for During Period 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016***

<b>Municipal Area</b>	<b>Outline</b>		<b>Permission</b>		<b>Approval</b>		<b>Retention Permission</b>		<b>Permission Consequent on the Grant of Outline Permission</b>		<b>TOTALS</b>	
	<b>No. of Appls</b>	<b>No. Units</b>	<b>No. of Appls</b>	<b>No. Units</b>	<b>No. of Apps</b>	<b>No Units</b>	<b>No Apps</b>	<b>No. Units</b>	<b>No. of Appls</b>	<b>No. Units</b>	<b>No. of Appls</b>	<b>No Units</b>
<b>Killarney</b>	1	2	16	253	0	0	4	32	2	10	23	297
<b>South &amp; West Kerry</b>	1	6	9	72	0	0	2	14	0	0	12	92
<b>Listowel</b>	0	0	4	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	60
<b>Tralee</b>	0	0	3	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	24

Electoral Area		Decision to Grant							Decision to Refuse			
Totals	2	8	32	409	0	0	6	46	2	10	42	473

		Total No.	Breakdown By Category				Total No.	Breakdown By Category			
			<i>Single Res</i>	<i>Multi Res</i>	<i>Res Others</i>	<i>Non Res</i>		<i>Single Res</i>	<i>Multi Res</i>	<i>Res Others</i>	<i>Non Res</i>
<b>Killarney Municipal Area</b>	292	272 93%	76	12	111	73	20 7%	10	3	1	6
<b>South &amp; West Municipal Area</b>	388	357 92%	65	7	165	120	31 8%	4	0	15	12
<b>Listowel Municipal Area</b>	188	171 91%	24	2	65	80	17 9%	4	0	4	9

Tralee <b>Municipal Area</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>182</b> <b>91%</b>	28	2	76	76	<b>18</b> <b>9%</b>	5	1	5	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>982</b> <b>92%</b>	193	23	417	349	<b>86</b> <b>8%</b>	23	4	25	34

**Analysis Of Decisions Issued To Grant On Multi Residential Applications (No. of Units) 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016**

<i><b>Municipal Area</b></i>	Outline		Permission		Approval		Retention Permission		Permission Consequent on the Grant of Outline Permission		TOTALS	
	<b>No. of Appls</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>No. of Appls</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>No. of Appls</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>No. of Appls</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>No. of Appls</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>No. of Appls</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>
<b>Killarney</b>	3	13	5	119	0	0	2	11	2	10	12	153
<b>South &amp; West</b>	0	0	3	23	0	0	4	34	0	0	7	57
<b>Listowel</b>	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
<b>Tralee</b>	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	2	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>219</b>

**Analysis of Decisions to Refuse Issued on Multi Residential Applications (No. of Units) 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016**

<b>Municipal Area</b>	<b>Outline</b>		<b>Permission</b>		<b>Approval</b>		<b>Retention Permission</b>		<i>Permission Consequent on the Grant of Outline Permission</i>		<b>TOTALS</b>	
	<b>No. of Apps</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>No. of Apps</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>No. of Apps</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>No. of Apps</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>No. of Apps</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>	<b>No. of Apps</b>	<b>No. of Units</b>
<b>Killarney</b>	0	0	3	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	41
<b>South &amp; West</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Listowel</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Tralee</b>	0	0	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>55</b>

**5.1 Totals for Refusals, Grants & Withdrawn Applications as a Percentage for Municipal Areas up to 31/12/2016**

Municipal Area	Total No. of Decisions/ Withdrawals	Decision to Refuse					Decision to Grant					Withdrawn				
		Total No.	Breakdown by Category				Total No.	Breakdown by Category				Total No.	Breakdown by Category			
			Single Res	Multi Res	Res Other	Non Res		Single Res	Multi Res	Res Other	Non Res		Single Res	Multi Res	Res Other	Non Res
Killarney Municipal	304	20	10	3	1	6	272	76	12	111	73	12	2	1	1	8
South & West Municipal	412	31	4	0	15	12	357	65	7	165	120	24	6	0	7	11
Listowel Municipal	197	17	4	0	4	9	171	24	2	65	80	9	3	1	1	4
Tralee Municipal	210	18	5	1	5	7	182	28	2	76	76	10	3	2	2	3
Total	1123	86 8%	23	4	25	34	982 87%	193	23	417	349	55 5%	14	4	11	26

**Decisions on Appeal Issued by An Bord Pleanála for Municipal Areas During Period 01/01/2016 to 31/12/2016**

	<b>Kerry County Council Decision to Grant</b>					<b>Kerry County Council Decision to Refuse</b>				
<b>Electoral Area</b>	<b>Overtur ned</b>	<b>Modifie d</b>	<b>Upheld</b>	<b>Withdrawn / Dismissed</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Overtur ned</b>	<b>Modified</b>	<b>Upheld</b>	<b>Withdraw n/ Dismissed</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Killarney</b>	6	2	6	0	<b>14</b>	1	0	3	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Listowel</b>	0	1	2	0	<b>3</b>	2	0	0	2	<b>4</b>
<b>Tralee</b>	0	1	4	0	<b>5</b>	0	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
<b>South &amp; West Kerry</b>	2	3	5	0	<b>10</b>	4	0	1	0	<b>5</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>



**(b) Newly appointed Economic Development Officer.**

Ms. J McCarthy introduced Ms. Bridget Fitzgerald newly appointed Economic Development Officer, to the members. She said that Ms. Fitzgerald previously worked with Fexco and in the private sector and brings considerable experience to Kerry County Council. Economic development is very important for North Kerry as the area suffers from depopulation and high unemployment.

On behalf of the members, Leas Cathaoirleach M Kennelly welcomed Ms. Fitzgerald to the Listowel Municipal District.

Ms. Fitzgerald said that she is a native of Caherciveen and an accountant by trade. She was appointed Economic Development Officer in November 2016 and looked forward to working with the members of Kerry County Council. She said that she was very open to talking with local businesses and her office is open to clients who may have queries/suggestions. A pilot retail programme was launched in Listowel before Christmas and a Start Your Own Business course will also be held in Listowel.

Cllr. J Moloney wished Ms. Fitzgerald every success in her new appointment. He asked that a representative of Shannon Properties be invited to address the members at a future meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel.

Ms. J McCarthy said that Shannon Properties have been contacted and a representative will be invited to attend the next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

Cllr. J Moloney asked if a revaluation of property rates for businesses could be considered.

Ms. Fitzgerald said that this is not within her remit but would refer the request to the Head of Finance.

Cllr. L Purtill welcomed Ms. Fitzgerald to Listowel and wished her success. He said that he was disappointed that no progress had been made with the development of LNG on the Ballylongford landbank.

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed Ms. Fitzgerald's appointment and said that she looked forward to working with her.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed Ms. Fitzgerald and commented that unless the LNG development goes ahead at the landbank in Ballylongford, North Kerry will remain in the doldrums.

Cllr. J Lucid welcomed Ms. Fitzgerald to Listowel and said that the appointment of an Economic Development officer is a very positive move for the county as the lack of employment particularly in North Kerry is currently a huge concern.

Leas Cathaoirleach M Kennelly asked that a representative of the IDA also be invited to address the members at the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel.

### **Congratulations to Timmy Dillon**

Leas Cathaoirleach M Kennelly PROPOSED that congratulations be extended to Timmy Dillon from Kilflynn who was the Overall Winner of the Lee Strand Kerry Garda Youth Achievement Awards 2016.

Cllr. J Moloney SECONDED the proposal.

All the members wished to be associated with the Leas Cathaoirleach's remarks.

### **Funding for angling facilities on the River Feale**

Mr. J Sheehan said that a grant of " 40, 000 had been received from Inland Fisheries Ireland (IFI) for the development of angling facilities on the River Feale. He said that this funding was very welcome and acknowledged the work of MD Manager Ms. J McCarthy in making an application for this funding.

Ms. J McCarthy said that this grant was very welcome as the need for improved angling facilities on the River Feale had been highlighted during the assessment for the tidy towns competitions.

Cllr. D Nolan acknowledged the allocation of the grant and said that it was very welcome.

### **(c) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. J Moloney:** How many and which housing estates in the Listowel Municipal District will be taken in charge in the coming year?

**Reply:** The Following Housing Estates will be taken in charge in 2017.

- The Links, Sandhill Road, Ballybunion
- Slí na Faiche, Ballingeragh, Lixnaw
- Urlee Close, Lisselton
- Bárr na Sráide, Ballyheigue
- Abbeyville, Montanagay, Abbeydorney
- The Writings, Dromin, Listowel

In addition to the above list it is hoped that additional estates may also be taken in charge in 2017 subject to outstanding works being completed and having received approval from Irish Water in accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding.

**2. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the council give an update on plans for the Centenary garden.

**Reply:** Minor works are now on-going to complete the garden.

A date to officially open this project will have to be determined by the Councillors.

**It was unanimously agreed that the centenary garden would be officially opened on Easter Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at 11.00am.**

**3. Cllr. D Nolan:** That Kerry County Council facilitate a community mapping survey of Listowel old cemetery (St. Michael's) with interested groups such as historical societies, volunteer organisations and schools.

**Reply:** Recording surveys were undertaken in many county burial grounds in the past, however, this did not extend to urban areas.

The source of finance used to undertake this work is now no longer available.

**4. Cllr. D Nolan:** That Kerry County Council provide an update on Cecile O'Rahilly Celtic Links outreach to agencies in Wales.

**Reply:** A working group has been established in Listowel with representatives of Kerry County Council, the Seanchai Literary Centre, Writers Week and Cllr Nolan. Contact has been made with Dr Aled Jones of Bangor University with a view to organising a celebration of her life possibly as part of Writer Week in 2018.

#### **17.02.13.03 Quality of Life – Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Directorate.**

**(a) It was agreed to note the following report from the Quality of Life – Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate.**

#### **Environmental Protection**

**Business Unit Manager: Ger O'Brien SEO**

Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021 . Annual report 2016

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The Annual Report for 2016 was recently launched by the Southern Region Waste Management office. The Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015 . 2021 is focused on the safe and sustainable prevention and management of waste.

Among the key performance indicators in the report which includes a number of telling comparisons in the waste management practices across the region between 2012 and 2014, is that the disposal rate of waste to landfill from households has dropped from 37% to 25% in that period.

Other positive results include that the recycling and recovery rate has improved from 63% in 2012 to 75% in 2014. The report reveals that the annual amount of household waste produced per person has increased from 295 kgs to 299 kgs from 2012 to 2014. The average amount of waste produced per household in 2014 was 807kgs.

Other key findings in the report include:

- Household waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) recovery in the region is now at almost twice the minimum EU target of 4kgs per inhabitant.
- 67% of households have now signed up for a waste collection service.
- 45% of households availing of a collection service have on organic bin

A Copy of the report has been circulated to Members

#### **County Clean Up Day**

- The County Clean Up day, which is facilitated by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council, will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April next.

This will be the sixth year of collaboration on the County clean Up Day between KWD and Kerry County Council. Further details will be made available in the next few weeks.

### **Fire/Building Regulation**

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

#### **Fire Service Operations:**

Please find set out hereunder the Statistical details in respect of the Fire Service and Building Control for the period 1 Jan 2016 to 31 Dec 2016 along with the details of 2014 and 2015 for reference purposes:

<b>Fire Service Operations</b>	<b>Year 2014</b>	<b>Year 2015</b>	<b>Year 2016</b>
Total Incidents	1016	1110	958
Total Mobilisations	1136	1259	1138
Number of Fires	464	595	531
Of which: Chimney Fires	144	141	123
Gorse	104	223	161
Number of Special Service Incidents	364	329	257
Of which: Road Traffic Accidents	160	120	135

Total incidents in 2016 are down by 13.5% from 2015 (and about 6% from 2014) despite a busy march 2016 when there was a spell of dry spring weather and a high seasonal volume of wild land fires. Road traffic collisions were up 12% in 2016 due to the exceptional year it was for Kerry tourism.

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

- Licencing inspections, During Performance inspections and inspections in respect of complaints and as otherwise required continued through December.

#### **Building Control:**

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of December 2016 was 418 which is a
  - 24.4% increase on the figure of 336 for last year.
  - This consolidates the 2016 indication of an increase of over 24.4 % in construction activity.
- In 2016 a total of 103 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 159 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents increases of:

- 11.95 % in Disability Access Certificate applications and
- 15.21 % in Fire Safety Certificate applications over 2015.

<b>Building Control</b>	<b>Year 2015</b>	<b>Year 2016</b>
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	138	159
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	92	103
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices Received	336	418

## **Library Services**

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

“ The level of usage of the county's public libraries continues to be quite positive.

During 2016, the no. of **items borrowed** across all Kerry's libraries was **644,376**. In fact overall borrowings show a **57% increase over the no. of items borrowed 10 years ago, back in 2006**.

Tralee continues to be the busiest library with 153,483 items borrowed in 2016.

Ballybunion showed significant usage change, with a 14% increase in the no. of items borrowed over the previous year and a 23% increase in the no. of individual visits to the library. .

2016 returns for the libraries in the Municipal District are:

<b>Library</b>	<b>No. of items Borrowed 2015</b>	<b>No. of items Borrowed 2016</b>	<b>% change on 2015</b>	<b>No. of Visits 2015</b>	<b>No. of Visits 2016</b>	<b>% change on 2015</b>
<b>Listowel</b>	44,513	46,889	+ 5%	33,710	38,220	+ 14%
<b>Ballybunion</b>	28,215	32,260	+ 14%	12,792	15,719	+ 23%

The no. of individual **visits** county wide was **478,560**, an **increase of 3%** on 2015. Most visits, 117,718, were to Tralee library with Killarney second busiest at 74,139.

“ Details of forthcoming events are available at [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie)

Mr. Colm Mangan briefed the members on the following report from Water Services..

**Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí**  
**KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT**  
**LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**  
Achoimre Stádais ar an 6ú Feabhra 2017  
Status Summary at 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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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

<b><u>ADDITIONAL MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS</u></b> <b><u>BUT NOT PUBLISHED IN IW CIP 2014-2016</u></b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Status</b>
Derry - Listowel NKRWSS	Replacement of 2.15Km of 300mm Asbestos Cement Water Main (a further 870M length was completed as advance worksq also by KCC staff in 2015).	" 0.75M	<b>Completed</b>

**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>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Status</b>
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
<b>Total allocated to-date</b>		<b>€1.5M</b>	

<b>LISTOWEL M.D. - MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Status</b>
Ballyheigue Water Softener	Repair pipework and replace resin	" 7,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Ballyduff Cast Iron Mains	Replace 2.9Km of old / deficient C.I. pipes	" 278,000	Complete
CRWSS Cloonafineela	Provision of SCADA/Telemetry for reservoir and pumphouse	" 6,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Derry - Clontibret	Replace 2.25Km of 300mm diameter Asbestos Cement Main	" 236,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Dromin Water Treatment Plant	Upgrade Fencing	" 72,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 550M old / deficient 100mm diameter C.I. pipes	" 33,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 335M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 44,000	Complete
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 Patrick'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
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	Replace 4.4Km of 300mm Asbestos Cement pipe with	" 501,000	Complete

Reservoir	uPVC		
Glenderry WS: Mains Replacement	Replace 750M of 50mm AC main with 90MM uPVC	" 56,000	<b>Underway</b> Contrs. JHR
NKRWSS WSS . Ferry Road Tarbert	Replace 2,350M of 170mm A.C. with 160MM uPVC	" 294,000	<b>Underway</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. have been prepared / sent by KCC to Irish Water.
NKRWSS Scartleigh, Finuge, Ballyduff	Replace 10 Sluice 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
NKRWSS: Quay St Ballylongford	Replace 800M of 100mm Cast Iron with 150MM uPVC pipe	" 50,000	Approved
NKRWSS: Dromin	Upgrade Sludge Treatment	" 190,000	<b>Requested</b>

Water Treatment Plant	works		
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 Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government. **Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.**

The funding for **2016 - 2018** was announced on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

### Takeover of Group Schemes

Since 1 January 2014, responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes has transferred to Irish Water, and KCC is no longer in a position take over Group schemes.

Nationally, discussions are ongoing between the **Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government**, the **County and City Managers' Association** and **Irish Water** to develop a protocol to facilitate the Takeover of Group Schemes. **Funding has been allocated in the 2016-2018 programme for upgrade works prior to take-over by IW at the Group Water Schemes of Clanmaurice (€200,000) and Brosna (€40K).**

### **Pipe laying on the Listowel to Tarbert road.**

Mr. C Mangan commended Mr. J McEniry and staff Mr. Billy Twomey and Mr. Pat O'Connor for the excellent pipe laying work carried out on the 10km of National Secondary road from Listowel to Tarbert.

Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr. M Kennelly also complimented Mr. J McEniry and his staff on the works carried out on the National Secondary road from Listowel to Tarbert.

Cllr. L Purtill expressed appreciation for the works which have been carried out on the NKRWSS WSS at Ferry Road Tarbert.

### **County clean up day**

Cllr. J Moloney referred to county clean up day on 8<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 and said that last year North Kerry got very little media coverage for its participation in the county clean up and asked that this matter would be addressed this year.

Ms. L O'Donnell undertook to refer this matter to Mr. M Ó Coilean Environmental Awareness Officer.

### **(b) Notice of Motion**

**1. Cllr. R. Beasley:** What is the up to date with the sewage plant for Ballyduff village?

**Reply:** Ballyduff is not among the eight sewerage schemes in Kerry which are included in Irish Water's national **Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016** and there is no indication that this old, inefficient and overloaded Scheme will form part of the new **CIP**, the publication of which is expected in early 2017.

The CIP may include a fund for the upgrading of smaller (to serve a population equivalent of less than 500) waste water schemes. If these details of the programme make provision for it, Kerry County Council intends to make a prioritised submission for a number of villages, including Ballyduff, to Irish Water.

The Council has already highlighted the need for improved wastewater infrastructure in numerous villages, including Ballyduff, throughout the county, to Irish Water.

**Mr. C Mangan said that works have been carried out on the water pipes on the main street in Ballyduff.**

**Kerry County Council will prioritise the making of a submission to Irish Water for funding for sewerage schemes for a number of villages, including Ballyduff and Duagh.**

**2. Cllr. R. Beasley:** Once again dog foul has continued to blight our villages, towns and walk ways and beaches. Kerry County Council needs to take drastic action.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council takes the issue of dog fouling on our streets, footpaths, beaches and walkways very seriously. Our new Litter Management Plan which is before you today for adoption has again included addressing this issue as a key objective. Following from the provisions of this plan, it is intended that we will refocus on the matter of dog fouling with dog owners particularly at dog licensing registration or renewal time. A number of dog walking routes have been developed over the last number of years with dog foul bag dispensers and appropriate signage put in place along the routes. Areas where there are high incidences of dog fouling have also been targeted. In 2016 127 specific dog foul patrols were carried out around the County. On these patrols the wardens raise awareness with passing dog owners of their responsibilities. Regular media campaigns are under taken to highlight the issue also.

Enforcement in this area is problematical and difficult to pursue. In many instances it is impossible to link a dog to their owner. We will continue to work in 2017 to raise awareness amongst the minority of the public who continue to neglect their responsibility regarding their dogs. Kerry County Council alone cannot solve this issue and dog owners have to take responsibility for their dogs' actions.

**Cllr. R Beasley said that urgent action must be taken to address the issue of dog fouling on pavements and walkways in North Kerry. He said he was aware that a child had lost its eyesight due to coming in contact with dog foul.**

**Cllr. L Purtill supported Cllr. Beasley regarding this matter.**

**Cllr. M Kennelly agreed with Cllr. Beasley and said that he hoped that a full time litter warden would be assigned to Listowel in the near future.**

**Mr. G O'Brien acknowledged Cllr. Beasley's concerns. He said that dog fouling in Ballybunion was prioritised for attention by the litter warden last year. He said that the Environment Department would direct all possible resources towards addressing this problem throughout the county.**

**Cllr. Beasley asked that this matter would be brought to the attention of children in school and that media coverage would be increased.**

**3. Cllr. M. Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council immediately install CCTV cameras in John Paul 11 cemetery, Listowel as this area has become an illegal dumping ground for domestic waste. This form of dumping has to be of the most deplorable form of dumping imaginable.

**Reply:** We will arrange to install a mobile covert camera at this location in the near future, following the erection of appropriate signage at the bins.

**Mr G O'Brien said that a mobile covert camera is now in place at the cemetery. Cllr. M Kennelly welcomed this response.**

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

**4. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council urgently prioritise works to the sewerage Treatment Plant, Duagh, for upgrade works and to help facilitate the provision of required housing in the village and to protect the water course leading to the River Feale.

**Reply:** Duagh is not among the eight sewerage schemes in Kerry which are included in Irish Water's national **Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016** and there is no indication that this old, inefficient and overloaded Scheme will form part of the new **CIP**, the publication of which is expected in early 2017.

The CIP may include a fund for the upgrading of smaller (to serve a population equivalent of less than 500) waste water schemes. If these details of the programme make provision for it,

Kerry County Council intends to make a prioritised submission for a number of villages, including Duagh, to Irish Water.

The Council has already highlighted the need for improved wastewater infrastructure in numerous villages, including Duagh, throughout the county, to Irish Water.

**5. Cllr. J Lucid:** Could we be assured that the road at Keel, Kerryhead is properly re-instated to the standard it was at prior to water main installation, when the work is complete. A significant amount of Councillors' allocation was spent there over a number of years to get the road in good condition.

**Reply:** Funding has been provided for the restoration of the road to its condition prior to the commencement of the job, in this 750M long, water mains replacement contract which is being done by a private firm.

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. R. Beasley:** When can we expect to see the Dog Foul Bin put in at the entrance to the Cliff walk from upper Doon road across from (Details with Directorate).

**Reply:** Having carried out a review of the number of bins at this location, it is felt that there is an adequate number there at present. The requirement for further bins will be kept under review in consultation with the Ballybunion Tidy Towns Group.

**2. Cllr. R Beasley:** Can we have a dog foul bin installed at the carpark in Beale Strand.

**Reply:** In view of the fact that it is our experience that the installation of a bin at this location may contribute to illegal dumping. It is felt that the location of a dog foul bin here would not be appropriate.

#### **17.02.13.04 Housing Directorate.**

(a) Ms. B Conway briefed the members on the following report which was circulated:

#### **Housing Report – Listowel Municipal District.**

##### **1 Housing Applications**

	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	665
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	12
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	13

##### **2 Void Management**

<b>Municipal District breakdown</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	13
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	12
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	10
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	17
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	13
<b><u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u></b>	<b><u>65</u></b>

##### **3 Social Housing Options**

<b>Social Housing Options in MD</b>	<b>New tenancies since the start of the year</b>	<b>Current No of tenancies</b>
LA Housing	2	875
RAS	1	128
Leasing	0	19
HAP	7	7
<b><u>Total no of Tenancies</u></b>	<b><u>10</u></b>	<b><u>1029</u></b>

##### **4 Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme**

**Schemes/S.R. dwellings at planning/design stage in Municipal District**

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Lixnaw, Ph4	4 No.	2 Bedroom Two Storey	13/02/17	13/12/17

#### **Schemes/ S.R. dwellings under construction in Municipal District**

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Ashgrove, Listowel	1 No.	4 Bedroom Special Needs Bungalow		05/07/17

#### **House Acquisitions since the start of 2016**

<u>General Location in MD</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
13 properties were acquired in 2016. 12 in Listowel 1 rural	12 1	3 bed 4 bed	1 in Q1 1 in Q2 1 in Q3 10 in Q4
1 sale has closed to date in 2017 in Listowel	1	3 bed	January.
Offers are pending in respect of three other properties and a number of others are currently under consideration.			

#### **5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 74 No. requests for repairs have been received for the Listowel Municipal District

#### **6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 12 No. grants have been allocated in the Listowel Municipal District.

#### **7 Extensions to Local Authority dwellings**

*Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, there are no extensions allocated in Listowel Municipal District.*

#### **8 Update on Casual Vacancies**

#### **Group Schemes**

**Ballybunion**

2 Bed, 29 Marconi,  
Works nearing Completion

2 Bed, 2 Marconi,  
Works nearing Completion

2 Bed, 3 Marconi,  
Works nearing Completion

**Ballyheigue**

1 bed 48 Marian Terrace  
Works going to tender

2 Bed, 24 Sraid tHaidgh,  
Estimate approved, works to commence Mid February

**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  
Works Commenced

**Lixnaw**

3 Bed, 35 Baile an Garrai,  
Works Complete

3 Bed, 21 Baile an Gaarrai,  
Works Complete

2 Bed 27 Cloghers Drive  
Works Complete

**Moyvane**

3 Bed 36 Woodgrove  
Fire Damage, Awaiting Insurance settlement

2 Bed 48 Woodgrove  
Estimate approved, works to commence Mid February

**Listowel Town**

1 Bed 112 Feale Drive  
Works underway, nearing completion.

2 Bed 22 Ashgrove  
Estimate approved, works to go to tender

1 Bed 72 Feale Drive  
Works underway, nearing completion.

3 Bed 108 Ballygologue  
Estimate to be prepared

**Update on long term voids****Group Schemes****Ballyduff**

3 Bed 11 Benmore  
Tender approved, Contractor to commence in new year.

**Single Rural Dwellings**

- *3 Bed Knockbrack Ardfert  
Tender approved, Contractor to commence in Late February*

*2 Bed Bawnmore Ardfert  
Law Agents, trespass issue*

*3 Bed Aghabeg Middle, Lixnaw  
Boundary Issue*

*2 Bed Ballinagearagh Lixnaw  
With Housing Admin. For consideration*

*3 Bed Boherroe Abbeydorney  
Law Agents*

*2 Bed Derry Listowel  
Dept approval received, documents being prepared for tender*

*3 Bed Ballinclemisig Ballyheigue  
Awaiting probate*

*3 Bed Bromore West, Ballybunion  
Dept approval received, documents being prepared for tender 3 Bed Lahesrough, Ballybunion  
Works Complete.*

#### **Current non maintenance works**

*Two extensions have commenced in Riverside Close, Abbeydorney, expected completion by mid March. February.  
Insulation Upgrade works commenced 28<sup>th</sup> Nov to 92no Single Rural properties in Listowel MD. Works nearing completion*

*Planned Maintenance works to replace fire alarms to 390 dwellings in Listowel MD  
Commenced in Mid December and nearing completion.*

## **9 GENERAL HOUSING REPORT**

### **9.1 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.

## 9.2 Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

<b>Total number of applicants countywide to date is 233</b>
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<p><b>Number of Properties <u>Agreed</u> to sell, provided required documentation is in order e.g. Water charges paid up to date and Garda Vetting is complete and in order:</b></p>
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<p><b>(94, to date, in total )</b></p>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>67 x 3 Bedroomed properties</b></li> <li>• <b>16 x 2 Bed properties</b></li> <li>• <b>4 x 4 Bedroomed properties</b></li> <li>• <b>7 x Single Rural Cottages</b></li> </ul> |
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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 .

## 9.3 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.

### **9.4 Housing Construction Projects:**

1 Unit at Ashgrove Listowel . Construction commenced 05/09/2016 and is proceeding on schedule. Estimated completion date is 05/07/2017.

4 Units at Lixnaw . Scanlon Construction Ltd has been appointed as the contractor on this project. Construction is scheduled to commence 13/02/2017.

7 Units at Courthouse Lawn, Upper William Street, Listowel . the Part 8 Planning Process has commenced. Public Consultation is underway with a closing date of 24/03/2017.

### **9.5 Part 8: Courthouse Lawn, Upper William St, Listowel**

The Part 8 Process of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2016 for the Construction of 7 no. two storey (semi detached and detached) dwellings and associated site works, Courthouse lawn, Upper William Street, Listowel, Co Kerry, commenced on **Thursday 26th January 2017**.

All plans and particulars are available for inspection or purchase from **Thursday 26th January 2017 until Friday 10th March 2017** at the following locations:

- Kerry County Council, Tralee Municipal District, Town Hall, Prince's Quay, Tralee, Co. Kerry,
- Kerry County Council, Listowel Municipal District Office, Áras an Phiarsaigh, Listowel Town, County Kerry,
- <http://www.kerrycoco.ie>.

Submissions and Observations with respect to the proposed development may be made in writing to the Capital Infrastructure Unit, Kerry County Council and received on or before **5.00 p.m. on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Ms. J McCarthy asked that the number of applicants for housing in the Listowel area be included in the housing report for future meetings.

### **Construction of rural dwellings**

Leas Cathaoirleach M Kennelly asked if Kerry County Council had any plans to build rural houses.

Ms. B Conway said that a target to construct 12 single rural dwellings is included in the programme. It is currently a work in progress. There are a number of issues to be resolved and all sites may not be suitable for development.

### **HAP Scheme**

Cllr. D Nolan asked if many applicants for the HAP Scheme have requested immediate transfer.

Ms. B Conway said that when a tenant signs up to the HAP Scheme he/she is deemed to have had their housing need met. They have an entitlement to be placed on the transfer list with immediate effect and be considered for an allocation if their housing needs change.

Ms. J McCarthy asked that the number of tenants on the HAP Scheme be included on the housing report for future meetings.

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

**1.Cllr. L. Purtill:** It takes an inordinate amount of time for a local authority house that has been vacated to be ready for re-housing to another tenant especially some houses that only need redecorating. Why is this so?

**Reply:** A full technical assessment is done on every property vacated and while it may appear that minimum works may be required, this may identify further remedial works. In cases where minimum works are required, these voids are returned to use without delay.

There are a number of existing cases in which ongoing issues such as legal, ROW, family disputes, structural etc. which have led to major delays in commencing the re-letting these properties. Work is ongoing in trying to resolve these.

We are currently carrying out a review of our Void management process to ensure that all voids where practicable, are returned to productive use within the minimum length of time. We have reduced the average turnaround time by 20%. We are working to ensure this is reduced further while working within Departmental guidelines, budgetary constraints along with ensuring that all dwellings are returned in an acceptable condition which meet current building regulations.

**2. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council provide a list of all available four bedroom houses in the Listowel Municipal District.

**Reply:** There is one four bedroom house vacant and available for letting in the Listowel Municipal District.

**3. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the council confirm that the housing development will proceed at the site between Colbert Street and Courthouse Road.

**Reply:** The CIU are examining a number of scheme layouts for the application to the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government.

### **Best Wishes to Brenda Conway**

Ms. J McCarthy said that Brenda would be moving from the Housing Department to the Revenue Department in the coming weeks. She thanked Brenda for her help and co-operation and commended her on her work in the Housing Department and the

Listowel Municipal District over the past few years. She wished her well in her new assignment and for the future.  
All the members wished to be associated with Ms. McCarthys remarks.

#### **17.02.13.05 Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate**

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

### **Listowel Municipal District Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Report from the Director of Operations, Health & Safety**

#### **Programme of Works**

<i><b>Listowel Municipal District Operations</b></i>	<u><b>Roads</b></u>
	Skirting works on the following roads are complete or ongoing
	N-69- Mountcoal & Tarbert
	R-553- Lisselton - Ballybunion
	L-6062 -Scrahan
	L-6064- Knocknacrohy
	L-6033 - Coolaclarig
	L-6034- Coolatoosane- Bedford
	L-10056 - Clounamacon
	L-10057- Ballaghadigue
	L-6052- Ballyduhig
	L-1004 - Scralum
	L-6014- Lahersheragh

John Sheehan  
Senior Executive Engineer

Paul Neary  
Senior Engineer

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:**

Ongoing legal issues have delayed the transfer of the ownership of the North Kerry line from CIE to KCC. Our Law Agents are working on resolving the remaining outstanding issues with CIE and it is hoped that the line will be in the ownership of Kerry County Council in the coming weeks. The CIU section has practically completed 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. We hope to begin some preliminary work on the design and environmental appraisal in the coming weeks. It is anticipated that a planning application will be lodged for the works in 2017.

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

**1. Cllr. R. Beasley:** That the footpath on the post office side of the main street in Ballybunion be replaced as it is in a very dangerous state, it is uneven, cracked, broken, holding puddles and many people have tripped and fallen there.

**Reply:** This segment of footpath from the Golf Hotel to the Aces High premises is particularly poor.

The cracked and broken paving slabs should be replaced with concrete.

Unfortunately the only source of funding for footpath construction/re-construction is the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

This is a project, which would be highly beneficial to undertake and I would commend it to Councillors, for their support.

The cost of undertaking the works is estimated at " 20,000.

**Cllr. R Beasley asked if consideration could be given to replacing the paving slabs in preference to the construction of a concrete footpath.**

**Ms. J McCarthy said that currently the only source of funding for footpath construction/re-construction is the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.**

**2. Cllr. R. Beasley:** That Kerry County Council take immediate action on the Tullahinell Road North and South which is in a deplorable state. The Wind Turbines have contributed to this, outside of this the road was in a very bad way.

**Reply:** Once all ducting works relating to the wind-farm project have been completed, Kerry County Council will examine all roadways affected by these works and plan a programme of improvement works for these roads.

**3. Cllr. R. Beasley:** That Kerry County Council tar the paths around Rahela Church yard in Ballyduff.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will consider including this project, at Rahealy Burial Ground, within the works programme for 2017.

**Cllr. R Beasley said that this burial ground has been neglected.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said that the engineer with responsibility for burial grounds will consider this project for inclusion in the works programme for 2017.**

**4. Cllr. R. Beasley:** That Kerry County Council carry out repair work on the Ballinclogher to Abbeydorney village where major cracks are becoming visible again and will continue until phase 2 of the works are carried out.

**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 2014 to the worst sections of the road.  
A full road reconstruction is required to adequately improve the poor riding quality, and thus safety, of the carriageway.

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

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

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

Some safety works were undertaken in 2016, specifically some surface levelling and the provision of extra warning signage and road-markings.

A report outlining the major road safety concerns and in particular to the difference of levels between the existing road and adjoining fields and a cost estimate was prepared by Kerry County Council and forwarded to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

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.

As stated, last year, Listowel Municipal District Operations undertook some strengthening and levelling works. In some areas these works have again subsided with resultant cracking and surface deformation. Until adequate funding is allocated to improve the road, the only option we have is to fill the road deformations, as best we can.

**Cllr. R Beasley said that major cracks are becoming visible on this road again. It is vital that funding for the reconstruction of the roadway is received sooner rather than later.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said that full road reconstruction is required to adequately improve the quality and safety of the roadway but in the absence of adequate funding the only option is to carry out repair works.**

**5. Cllr. R. Beasley:** How long more before the lights in Cahill's Supermarket are brought to a successful conclusion.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has applied to the ESB for a network connection to the lights on the access road leading to the supermarket car park and is waiting on the ESB for these lights to be connected.

**Cllr. R Beasley welcomed this response.**

**6. Cllr. R. Beasley:** What is the hold up with the lights in the Castle Green area.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council is not proposing to carry out any works to the lights around the Castle Green.

However, the Ballybunion Development Association has made an application for LEADER funding to upgrade the Castle Green and Promenade lighting with new cabling, fitting, LED bulbs and other associated works.

Kerry County Council has recently carried out repairs to some of the lights on the pedestrian walkway from the Castle Green area to the beach.

A couple of lights could not be repaired at the time due to access issues but these works will be carried out shortly.

**7. Cllr. L. Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would address the undulations on the surface of the R552 at Bedford cross.

**Reply:** This segment of the R552 for approximately 200m around Bedford Cross suffers from severe surface irregularities. Repairs were undertaken in 2015 and 2016, however the problem still persists.

The roadway is of bog rampart construction and requires a full reconstruction, however no finance is currently available for this.

Strengthening, as an interim solution, will cost " 49,000.

The project is not on the current Road Improvement Programme and may be proposed for any future consideration, however the works are suitable for a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund allocation.

**Cllr. L Purtill said that 3 sections of this road around Bedford Cross suffer from severe surface irregularities.**

**Cllr. M Kennelly supported the notice of motion and referred to another section adjacent to a dwelling house where there are also undulations on the road surface.**

**Mr. M McEnery undertook to re-examine the roadway at this location.**

**8. Cllr. L. Purtill:** That Kerry County Council erect signage warning of a narrow road with a drop on both sides, there are no ditches in this stretch of road on the Ballylongford side of (Details with Directorate) at Ballyline Ballylongford on the R522. There are a couple of bad patches in the centre of this road.

**Reply:** This section of the R552 is of bog rampart construction, as is much of this roadway. Listowel Municipal District Operations undertook works in Q3 of 2016 to ameliorate the worst of the surface undulations. At the location mentioned, the carriageway remains of constant width and does not narrow, however it has to be

admitted that the road surface still exhibits surface deformation in a number of areas.

These areas are signed with the appropriate signage.

**9. Cllr. L. Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would surface dress the footpaths in Well Street Ballylongford from (Details with Directorate) and from (Details with Directorate) as people with mobility aids use these footpaths.

**Reply:** This segment of footpath is on the southern flank of Well Street, Ballylongford.

Much of the pathway is of a cobble-lock type and is in good order. The eastern extension of this section consists of a bitmac surface of varying widths.

Due to its location, the surface rarely gets sunshine and as a consequence there is a build up of moss on the surface.

An application of a herbicide by the local community employment scheme should improve the situation.

While the bitmac surface is not perfect, it is not in bad order.

Surface dressing is not recommended for footpaths in towns or villages.

**10. Cllr. L. Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would repair the side of the road at Dromlivane (Lenamore) Ballylongford between the homes of (Details with Directorate) approximately 20 yards in distance. This part of the road is very muddy and dangerous. It is impossible for two cars to pass without one of them having to go into this area. I am asking to have this addressed urgently.

**Reply:** This road is the L-6021, a local secondary road which varies in width from 3.0-3.2m.

The road itself is in reasonable condition, however a carriageway of this width is not designed for heavy two way traffic.

The side of the road issue to which the Cllr refers relates to a number of set back areas for private houses.

This is a private matter for the individual householders conditioned by planning.

**Cllr. L. Purtill said that he was very disappointed with the response. He added that there is a bend close to the section of road referred to and asked that the location would be re-examined.**

**Mr. M McEnery said that he would re-examine the road as requested by Cllr. Purtill.**

**11. Cllr. L. Purtill:** Who is responsible for the large amount of mud deposited on the sides of the Ballyline road, the Tullahinell road, the line and the coast road from Ballylongford to Tarbert? Is the contractor employed by the Tullahinell Wind Farm responsible or Kerry County Council. I have had complaints on a daily basis about this.

**Reply:** The soil deposited at the road verge on the Ballyline Road and Tullahinell Road was not requested by the Listowel Municipal District of Kerry County Council. It was placed there by a contractor undertaking ducting works in the area.

Kerry County Council, as part of the Road Opening Licence Agreement has no requirement for soil to be placed at the side of the roads concerned and has communicated this to the contractor involved.  
Kerry County Council expects the excess soil to be removed by the contractor at the locations indentified in the near future.

In relation to the Ballyline Road, this roadway was approximately 3.0-3.5m in width and exhibited some off road intrusion on the margins prior to the commencement of the construction work.

Listowel Municipal District Operations will be responsible for the final restoration of roads, where work has been undertaken for this project and in particular the Ballyline segment of roadway will be restored to its former parameters.

**Cllr. L Purtill said that it is unacceptable that a contractor undertaking works in the area has deposited a large amount of soil at the sides of the road. He asked if there are plans for the mud to be removed.**

**Cllr. R Beasley SECONDED the notice of motion and said the mud had been deposited on the roadway without any consideration for road users or residents.**

**Leas Cathaoirleach M Kennelly supported the notice of motion.**

**Cllr. D Nolan moved Notice of Motion No. 22 at this stage.**

**22. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the council confirm in relation to pipe laying in Ballylongford that the compacting of dangerous mud at the road verges was part of contractors contractual conditions 'to put road back as it had been.

**Reply:** The soil deposited at the road verge on the Ballyline Road and Tullahinnel Road was not requested by the Listowel Municipal District of Kerry County Council. It was placed there by a contractor undertaking ducting works in the area.

Kerry County Council, as part of the Road Opening Licence Agreement has no requirement for soil to be placed at the side of the roads concerned and has communicated this to the contractor involved.  
Kerry County Council expects the excess soil to be removed by the contractor at the locations indentified in the near future.

In relation to the Ballyline Road, this roadway was approximately 3.0-3.5m in width and exhibited some off road intrusion on the margins prior to the commencement of the construction work.

Listowel Municipal District Operations will be responsible for the final restoration of roads, where work has been undertaken for this project and in particular the Ballyline segment of roadway will be restored to its former parameters.

**Mr. M McEnery said as part of the Road Opening Licence Agreement, Kerry County Council has no requirement for soil to be placed at the side of the road and has advised the contractor accordingly. It is expected that the excess soil will be removed by the contractor in the near future.**

**12. Cllr. L. Purtill:** Is there any update on the drainage problem on the Mortra road, Ballylongford. The water is draining into a farmyard which floods when there is heavy rain. This problem was looked at by an engineer from Kerry County Council.

**Reply:** This matter has been brought to the attention of the Roads Enforcement Officer who will be inspecting the location in question in the coming weeks.

**Cllr. L. Purtill acknowledged this response.**

**13. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council put down yellow lines at Willow Court Estate, Listowel as illegal parking here is preventing refuse truck collection in this area.

**Reply:** Listowel Municipal District Operations will extend the yellow lines in this area.

**14. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council carry out road surfacing works in Clounmacon at locations of Curtin's Cross to Coolaclarig Cross.

**Reply:** The roadway in question is the L-6033, stretching from Curtin's Cross to Guiney's Cross, most of which is suitable for a Roads Maintenance Programme. The roadway itself is 2.15 kms in length, however the most easterly 0.95 kms has been heavily repaired and is in need of strengthening, prior to any surface dressing occurring.

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

The only source of funding available for works of this type and magnitude is the multi-annual Road Improvement Programme.  
The current programme, which was agreed in March 2016, runs from 2016-2018 inclusive.

The project is not on the current Road Improvement Programme but may be proposed for any future consideration.

**15. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council immediately overlay the junction at Lisselton Cross, as the junction requires road repairs every six weeks after remedial works have been completed by the council.

**Reply:** The works requested requires improvement works to the R 553, the junction of the R 553 with the R 554, the junction of the R 553 with the L-1006 and the junction of this roadway with the L-1004.

The estimated cost of undertaking these works is " 151,200.

The only source of funding available for works of this type and magnitude is the multi-annual Road Improvement Programme.  
The current programme, which was agreed in March 2016, runs from 2016-2018 inclusive.

The project is not on the current Road Improvement Programme but may be proposed for any future consideration.

**Cllr. M Kennelly** said that he was not happy with this reply and asked that this matter be investigated further in the context of the conditions of a grant of planning permission in this area.

**Mr. M McEnery** undertook to investigate this matter and revert to the members.

**16. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council provide hand rails at the build outs that have been erected on William St. i.e. for pedestrian safety.

**Reply:** Listowel Municipal District Operations is of the opinion that a railing system is not allowed at the build outs in William Street as there is an unobstructed view of pedestrian activity in these areas from oncoming traffic.

It is not considered appropriate to place railing features at junction build outs, due to the fact that dangerous vehicular traffic movements may crush a pedestrian against such a hard landscape feature.

**Ms. J McCarthy** said that this matter would be examined further.

**17. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council repair and replace the footpath network in Abbeydorney Village.

**Reply:** There are 2 sections of footpath in Abbeydorney which should be considered for replacement in the short term

1. A 50m section extending from the junction in the village towards Lixnaw which would cost " 12,500
2. A 40m section extending from the junction in the village towards the primary school which would cost " 8,000

Both of these sections would be suitable for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operation Fund allocation.

**18. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the trees at the junction of the N69 and L6055 in Mountcoal be cut back?

**Reply:** This is a private matter for the landowner. The trees are not currently impacting road usage.

**Cllr. J Moloney** said that he understood that if trees were posing a treat to users of a public road the Council would be responsible for having them cut back.

**Mr. J Sheehan** said that the trees in this case are not currently impacting on road usage.

**19. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the council look into the possibility of introducing a special yearly parking rate for Listowel?

**Reply:** The necessity and importance of the frequent turn-over of on-street car parking spaces is vital for the retail/service sector in the centre of the town.

To this effect a traffic warden is employed full-time to monitor and control traffic movement and parking.

It is not desirable that vital on street parking should be tied up with vehicles parking on an all-day basis.

In other towns, yearly rates are available for specified off street car parks, however, in Listowel our car park spaces are free of charge.  
It will be noted that improved signage and improved road markings has highlighted free parking, in all our car parks, within the town.

**Cllr. J Moloney welcomed the improved signage and road markings highlighting the free parking within the town.**

**Ms. J McCarthy said the frequent turn-over of 'on-street' car parking spaces is vital for the retail/service sector in the centre of the town.**

**20. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the road surface on the bridge on the L6071 be tarred and chipped. This is on high ground and regularly freezes.

**Reply:** The road surface contiguous with the bridge is not of sufficient quality to render a surface dressing with an acceptable ride quality.  
The bridge and the approach sections of roadway require strengthening and an overlay, however, due to the small quantity of work involved, the plant mobilization costs would be high.  
It is estimated that the required works would cost " 12,000.  
This project is suitable for funding through a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund allocation.

**21. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the ongoing drainage issue outside 2 Stokers lawn be resolved.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will address the drainage issue at this property in early March, weather permitting.

**Notice of Motion No. 22 was moved by Cllr. D Nolan in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 11.**

**23. Cllr. D Nolan:** That Kerry County Council give an update as to Road safety measures for Kilflynn and any footpath or Municipal fund improvements that may be needed as part of this.

**Reply:** Road safety issues at Kilflynn will be examined. An application for funding under the low cost safety improvement scheme will be submitted to DTTAS during Q4 2017.

**24. Cllr. D Nolan:** That Road markings at Ballylongford Village be re-marked due to fading and wearing away in sections.

**Reply:** Bridge Street, Ballylongford is scheduled for improvement works in 2018, however if there is an increase in the annual grant for the Road Improvement Programme, the works to the road network in this section of the village could commence in 2017.  
It would be prudent not to undertake expensive road lining works until these overlays are complete.  
Road markings in parts of the village where no works are planned can be initiated.

**25. Cllr. D Nolan:** That Kerry County Council comprehensively tackle the problem of illegal parking in Listowel Town.

**Reply:** Listowel Municipal District is aware of the necessity and importance of the frequent turn-over of on-street car parking spaces.

To this effect a traffic warden is employed full-time to monitor and control traffic movement and parking within the retail/service centre of the town. Every effort is made to control and enforce at identifiable black-spots

The recent installation of set down areas and marked individual parking spaces has facilitated an improved interface, making on street parking easier and more accessible.

It will also be noted that improved signage and improved road markings has highlighted free parking, in all our car parks, within the town.

We have met with the Gardaí and discussed the issue, on a number of occasions, and have implemented suggestions from this discourse.

**Cllr. D Nolan said that it is important that this matter is addressed as illegal parking in the square was so problematic that on Thursday of the past week it was not possible for a bus to turn around.**

**26. Cllr. J Lucid:** Could the concrete step on the left side (the Killury school side) at the entrance to Foxford road L 10438-0, be cut away as it is causing an obstruction to milk lorries entering the road to do routine milk collection.

**Reply:** The step at this location provides some form of protection for pedestrians when northbound traffic is turning west from the L-1034 onto the L-10438, an easement of the southern flank of this junction would be considered inappropriate and would place pedestrians in further danger.

To rectify the situation, a land take from the property owner on the northern flank of the junction would be considered appropriate. Any such project would require accommodation works and a junction realignment.

There is no source of funding available to initiate or undertake such works.

**Cllr. J Lucid said that he was concerned that the entrance is very tight and the step is causing an obstruction for lorries entering the road.**

**Mr. J Sheehan said that junction realignment is required and the step provides protection for pedestrians when northbound traffic is turning west from the L-1034 onto the L-10438.**

**27. Cllr. J Lucid:** Could the road drainage outside the house of (Details with Directorate) be examined as they had flooding issues in 2016 and to advise on the best option to remedy the situation.

**Reply:** The roadway at this location is in good order and the camber of the carriageway is such that the drainage issue is not caused by run-off from the road. It appears that the source of surface water at the location originates on the property and is thus an issue for the owner to solve.

Kerry County Council staff will not advise on a remedy to the situation.

**Cllr. J Lucid acknowledged that the road surface was in good order but the drainage issues at this location have been highlighted to him by road users.**

**28. Cllr. J Lucid:** Could the road from Healy's cross, Ballyheigue to the first bend be repaired as it has deteriorated to a very poor condition? This section of road requires strengthening as it is in a dangerous condition for cyclists in particular.

**Reply:** The structure of the local primary roadway at this location (L-1032) is in reasonable structural order, apart from a segment at the junction of the L-6087/L-10474, which requires strengthening.  
Should the cost of strengthening i.e. " 10,000 be provided from a Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund allocation the roadway could be considered for a Road Maintenance Programme, with the estimated cost of surface dressing at " 31,000.

**29. Cllr. J Lucid:** Could the section of road outside Moriarty's Centra/Post Office at Ballyheigue be repaired properly. This area disimproved greatly during the latter part of 2016. In December the potholes were filled for safety reasons but this was a temporary measure and there is noticeable deterioration there again.

**Reply:** Works have commenced.

**30. Cllr. J Lucid:** Could the road from Lowes Cross to Cleanderies Cross be scheduled to take place in 2017 as part of the road restoration programme.

**Reply:** The roadway from Lowes Cross towards Lodge Cross for a distance of 1.65km is scheduled for actioning under the Multi Annual Road Improvement Programme in 2018.

This programme was adopted at the Listowel Municipal District meeting of March 2016 and runs from 2016-2018 inclusive.

This is a heavily trafficked road on the Wild Atlantic Way, which has deteriorated in the recent past. Listowel Municipal District was in receipt of a deputation in relation to this roadway in 2016, where-in the Councillors unanimously expressed support for the residents/ road users.

Should finance, in excess of that predicted, become available through a raise in the available Road Improvement Grant 2017, the engineering staff of Listowel Municipal District Operations will highly recommend that Phase I of the proposed works on this roadway be added to the 2017 programme and we would seek the support of the meeting for this measure.

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

**Reply:** Drainage work to Kilmoyley housing estate will be carried out during the summer months when ground water level will be at its lowest. There is no funding available for other works to Kilmoyley estate. Funding will be sought for this estate under the NTICI programme in 2017.

**Cllr. J Lucid said that this road is in very bad condition.**

**32. Cllr. J Lucid:** Could a road sign for Ballyduff be placed at Tiershanahan Cross as previously requested to divert traffic away from going into Glenlee which is a cul de sac.

**Reply:** The requested sign has been ordered.

**Cllr. J Lucid said that he hoped that the sign would be erected before the beginning of the 2017 summer season.**

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. R. Beasley:** How soon will the public toilets go out to tender. The summer season is fast approaching.

**Reply:** Plans and drawings are prepared and finalised to commence Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations process.

The expected time-frame for the Part 8 process is as follows:

- Commence Statutory Part 8 procedure - 16th February 2017
- Publish Notice in Local Newspaper 16 February 2017.
- Closing Date for Submissions - 14 April 2017.
- Part 8 Public Consultation Report to be noted and discussed at SMT - May 2017.
- Making of a resolution under section 179(4)(b) of the Act at the Listowel MD meeting - June 2017.

**Cllr. R Beasley welcomed this response.**

**2. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County council investigate the works, required to bring Killocrim road up to safety standards, since 2016 the road has deteriorated considerably.

**Reply:** The road network in this area was suggested for inclusion in the Multi Annual RoadsqlImprovement Programme 2016-2018 by Cllr Aoife Thornton and by Cllr Mike Kennelly.

The segment proposed by Cllr Thornton was from Killocrim to Coolagowan Cross, a total of 1.6km along the L-6040.

The estimated cost of improving this section of roadway is " 364,000(note; full reconstruction would cost " 2.96-3.536m)

Cllr Kennelly proposed the above section of roadway plus its extension along the L-10268 for 500m, the additional cost of which was estimated at " 50,000, giving a total of " 414,000.

The only source of funding available for works of this type and magnitude is the multi-Annual RoadsqlImprovement Programme.

The current programme, which was agreed in March 2016, runs from 2016-2018 inclusive.

The project is not on the current RoadsqlImprovement Programme but may be proposed for any future consideration.

**3. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council install bollards at Coolaclarig Cross junction for safety of all road users?

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

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

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

At the Listowel Municipal District Meeting held in October 2016, it was decided that four junctions, intersecting with National or Regional Routes be identified in the Listowel Municipal District Area and that this project would be costed for a CSMDOF.

Coolaclarig Cross does not come within the remit of this proposal.

**4.Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council cut down the trees and bushes at the exit from Ballygrennan onto the Listowel/ Duagh road as this is leading to health and safety issues.

**Reply:** There are no sight-line issues caused by trees or bushes at this junction.

**5.Cllr. M Kennelly:** Can Kerry county Council give an update on Clieveragh Flooding works to be carried out in 2017?

**Reply:** Following on from the Flood Risk Assessment carried out on behalf of the Council by JBA Consulting, a Minor Works Funding application was submitted to the OPW late last year.

The preferred option proposed was the construction of a Flood Storage area between the Clieveragh Road( R552) and the Ballybunnion Road (R553), along with the installation of an overflow culvert underneath the R552 road to take the floodwater to the proposed new offline storage area.

While funding has yet to be approved by the OPW, Kerry County Council are in negotiations with the relevant landowners with the view of purchasing the required land for the impoundment area and the new overflow channel. All works will be subject to this land purchase and scheme funding etc.

**Ms. J McCarthy said that Mr. C O'Sullivan Director of Operations, Safety & Infrastructure had updated the members on the proposed options, at a previous meeting.**

**Cllr. J Moloney said that the situation had changed since Mr. O'Sullivan addressed the members.**

**Ms. McCarthy undertook to discuss this matter with Mr. G Riordan SE and revert to the members.**

**6.Cllr. M Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council give an update on the crash barriers and safety bollards that were requested to be put in place at Bolton Cross Listowel, as this is a real health and safety issue at this area.?

**Reply:** TII allocate funding for safety improvement works to the national roads. The location of this funding is prioritised by the TII based on recorded accidents across the national road network. TII has commissioned consulting engineers to assess the requirement for safety barriers along the N69 national road. This report has not yet been finalised. If Bolton Cross is identified as requiring a safety barrier, then an application for funding will be submitted to the TII.

Feasibility reports are currently being finalised for safety improvement works at Bridge street and in the vicinity of St Michael College on the Tarbert road.

**7.Cllr. J Lucid:** When does Kerry County Council intend to repair damaged stone wall at (Details with Directorate) in Glenderry. The wall was damaged during the road restoration by a Council roller.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will carry out these repair works in the near future.

#### **17.02.13.06. Any Other Business**

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

**1. Cllr. L. Purtill:** Is there any update from the O.P.W. regarding work to be carried out at Carrigafoyle castle (carpark surface dressings, lighting to illuminate the castle, benches and also the opening times of the castle)

**Reply:** The OPW have confirmed that both the Senior Architect and Archaeologist for Carrigafoyle have concerns in relation to the benches proposed for the left-hand side of the car-park as you are facing the Castle. There will be a loss of actual car-parking space and who will be responsible for the upkeep in terms of litter collection?

In relation to lighting the castle at night, in general, there must be a justification for floodlighting and it is understood that a detailed proposal must be submitted to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs as any works associated with any National Monument requires the written consent of that Departments Minister. The DAHRRGA draft guidelines indicate that the Minister will not normally give favourable consideration under the National Monuments Acts to works associated with the floodlighting of monuments in rural locations.

An onsite meeting has been organised with the District Archaeologist to discuss all these issues further.

**Ms. J McCarthy said that the extended opening hours would also be discussed during this meeting.**

**2. Cllr. J Moloney:** What was the total revenue from parking fees/fines in the Listowel MD in 2016.

**Reply:** 2016 figures for total revenue have not been finalised to date, and will be made available to the Councillor on completion.

**3. Cllr. J Moloney:** Is there any update on the proposed free WiFi in Listowel.

**Reply:** There would be merit in introducing any initiative which attracts business and visitors into the town. This will be looked into further by Kerry County Council at Municipal District level.

**Ms. J McCarthy said that Kerry County Council has appointed a Broadband Officer who will work with Bridget Fitzgerald newly appointed Economic Development Officer.**

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

As agreed at the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016, the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

It was unanimously agreed that a meeting to consider the 2017 Community Support Fund for the Listowel Municipal District would be held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 commencing at 10.00am.

### **(c) Reception of Deputation**

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J Moloney SECONDED by Cllr. M Kennelly it was agreed that a deputation from the residents of Tullahinell South, Ballylongford, would be received at a future meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel, in relation to the operation of a windfarm and associated quarry.

### **(d) Correspondence**

It was agreed to note the following correspondence which was circulated:

1. Email dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016, from the members of the Newcastlewest Municipal District in relation to a resolution adopted by that authority regarding the proposed gas pipeline to Listowel.
2. Letter from TII dated 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 regarding directional signage to Ballybunion on National Routes.

### **(b) Any Other Business**

#### **Visit of TUI Travel Group**

Ms. J McCarthy advised the members that the TUI travel group which is one of the largest travel operators in the world is interested in moving its main market from southern Europe to Northern Europe. Representatives of the group will be visiting the North Kerry area this year and while she has already contacted the hospitality sector she asked that members would contact her if there were aware of suitable accommodation in the area. She said this is a great opportunity for the county as this travel company has wide and varied interests including water sports and archaeology.

**Visit of Minister Transport, Tourism & Sport to Kerry.**

Leas Cathaoirleach M Kennelly said that he was aware that Minister for Transport Tourism & Sport Shane Ross will be visiting the county in the near future. He asked that a letter issue to the Minister requesting that he consider including North Kerry in the itinerary for his visit.

It was agreed that a letter as requested would issue to the Minister for Transport.

**Retirement of Johnnie Sheehan**

Ms. Joan McCarthy said that as Johnnie Sheehan would be retiring in March this was his final meeting as Senior Executive Engineer of the Listowel Municipal District. She said that Johnnie had joined Kerry County Council in 1976 and had worked in the former Tralee Town Council until the amalgamation of the Local Authorities in 2014 when he became Senior Executive Engineer in the Listowel Municipal District. She said that she enjoyed working with him and thanked him sincerely for his help and co-operation. She wished him a happy retirement and the very best for the future.

Cllr. R Beasley said that he was disappointed to see Johnnie leaving as he has always been available to the members and very approachable. Both Johnnie and Mike McEnery had done a huge amount of work in the Listowel area and were always very accessible. He wished Johnnie a happy and healthy retirement.

Cllr. J Moloney thanked Johnnie for his assistance and co-operation and wished him well for the future.

Cllr. L Purtill thanked Johnnie for all the work which has been carried out in the Listowel Municipal District since he was appointed Senior Executive Engineer and wished him a very happy retirement.

Cllr. J Lucid said that Johnnie was always very helpful and accessible and wished him the very best for the future.

Cllr. D Nolan thanked Johnnie for his assistance and co-operation and wished him a happy and healthy retirement.

Leas Cathaoirleach M Kennelly said that he enjoyed working with Johnnie and thanked him for his assistance and co-operation. He wished him a happy retirement and the very best for the future.

Johnnie thanked the Cathaoirleach, the members and Joan for their kind remarks. He said that he had enjoyed working in the Listowel Municipal District and commended Mike McEnery who he said was responsible for the huge amount of work which has been carried out in the Listowel Municipal District in the past few years.

The meeting concluded at 2.45pm

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

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