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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL ON 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2017.  
MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL AR AN 10ú AIBREAN, 2017.**

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

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

***In attendance/i láthair***

Ms. J McCarthy	Delegated Executive Officer List MD
Ms. J Foley	Meetings Administrator
Mr. A Smith	MD Officer
Mr. T Sheehy	SE
Mr. J Kennelly	SE
Mr. E Scanlan	SEE
Mr. I Saili	EA
Mr. M Lynch	SEE
Mr. M McEnery	EE
Mr. G O'Brien	A/SEO
Mr. T Brosnan	AO
Mr. T O'Connor	SO
Ms. S Broderick	SO

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton, took the Chair.

**Welcome to Eamon Scanlan**

On behalf of the members, Cathaoirleach A Thornton welcomed Eamon Scanlan recently appointed Senior Executive Engineer for the Listowel Municipal District. She wished him well in Listowel and said that she looked forward to working with him.

**Listowel Chamber Alliance**

Cathaoirleach A Thornton acknowledged the contribution of Ms. J McCarthy and Mr. A Smith in connection with work involved in the setting up of a Chamber Alliance in Listowel.

She said that this is a very positive development for Listowel and she looked forward to working with the new Chamber Alliance.

#### **17.04.10.01**

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

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M Kennelly SECONDED by Cllr. L Purtill it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel, held on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 be confirmed.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D Nolan SECONDED by Cllr. J Moloney it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel, held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 be confirmed.

##### **(b) Reception of Deputation**

(a) Deputation from the residents of Leitrim West/Ahalanna and Tullamore Area.  
Re: Local road L 6025.  
Requested by Cllr. M Kennelly.

**Cllr. M Kennelly informed the meeting that the spokesperson for deputation had advised him that due to unforeseen circumstances they were unable to attend the meeting. He PROPOSED that this deputation would be received at the next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.**

**Cllr. R Beasley SECONDED the proposal and it was unanimously agreed that the deputation would be received at the next meeting.**

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

(a) Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, in respect of the proposed development of 7 no. two storey dwellings and associated site works at Courthouse Lawn, Listowel.

*Cathaoirleach A Thornton reminded the members of their requirements under Part 15 (Ethics Framework) of the Local Government Act 2001 and the Code of Conduct for Councillors.*

Ms. J McCarthy briefed the members on the following report which was circulated.

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHIARRAI**  
**KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**



**Tuairisc an Phríomh-Fheidhmeannaigh a ullmhaíodh de bhun Alt 179(3) Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (leasaithe) maidir le forbairt a leanas/  
Chief Executive Report and Recommendations on Public Consultation in accordance with Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the following development:-**

**CONSTRUCT 7No. TWO STOREY DWELLING UNITS, SERVICE ROAD AND ASSOCIATED SITE WORKS.**

**AT**

**COURTHOUSE LAWN,  
LISTOWEL,  
CO. KERRY**

**Dáta/Date: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

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Project Number	H-16-018
Document title	Managers' Report – Courthouse Lawn, Listowel, Co Kerry
Document Revision	A
Document Prepared by	Anna Meria Costelloe – Assistant Planner
Document Approved by	Tom Sheehy – Senior Engineer

### *1. NATURE & EXTENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:-*

The proposed project consists of the demolition and clearance of the existing shed structures on site, the construction of 7 units, {consisting of 6 no. two storey, semi-detached units and 1 no. two storey detached unit}, service road and associated site works on Kerry County Council owned land at Courthouse lawn, Listowel, Co. Kerry.

The development consists of;

4 X 2 bed / 4person unit (84.0sqm)

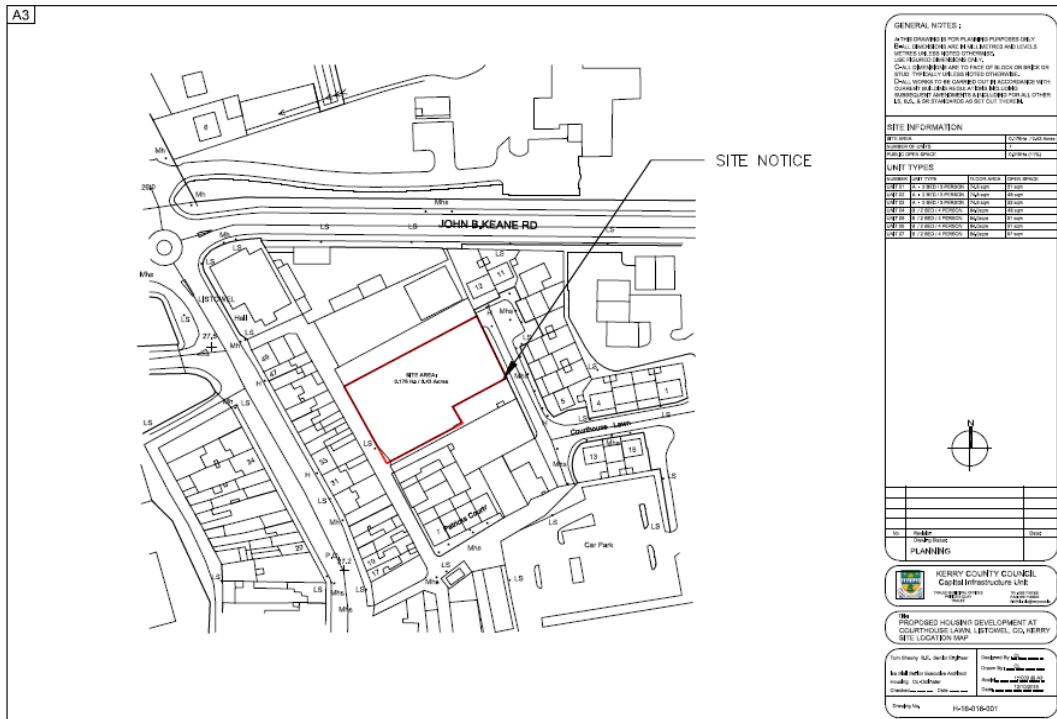
3 X 2 bed / 3 person unit (74.8sqm)

The proposed development will connect to the existing public watermain, existing public sewer and make provision for surface water attenuation before connection to the existing combined sewer.

The project site is situated within Listowel Town Boundary in Courthouse Lawn to the rear of Upper William Street. Existing sheds are present on the South West of the lands. Vehicular access is via Charles Street. The site is situated within 500m of a choice of facilities, shops, public services and amenities. Existing two storey terrace units are noted to the west on Rear Upper William St., single storey units are constructed to the east and northeast and a commercial garage is operating to the North.



**Figure 1: Ariel Photograph of proposed site highlighted in Red.**



**Figure 2: The site is situated in Courthouse Lawn, within the Listowel Town Boundary.**

## 2. RELEVANT DEVELOPMENT PLAN ZONING, POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The site is located on lands zoned Town Centre Facilities & Mixed Use Development as per the Listowel Town Development Plan 2009-2015.

### 14.9 Town Centre Facilities and Mixed Use Development

The purpose of Town Centre Facilities and Mixed Use development lands is to primarily provide for mixed uses including residential, commercial, medical, office, sit down restaurants, public toilet facilities and retail type developments. Proposed developments should improve the vitality and viability of the town centre.

The core strategy objective of the Listowel Town Plan is to promote the concept of compact town+by encouraging appropriate forms of development in suitable locations and by resisting sporadic isolated development.

It is an objective of Kerry County Council to co-ordinate and facilitate the release of new residential development giving priority to locations that enhance the existing urban structure (sequential test) and which can be integrated into existing public services.

The development of greenfield sites will therefore be encouraged to occur in a sequential manner with the lands nearest the town centre and to available and adequate service being developed first.

#### Planning History:

05/404061 -

*(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* applied to Construct 6 No semi-detached two storey houses and permission to construct an entrance road and associated site works at Rear William Street, Listowel, Co. Kerry. Granted permission subject to 37 conditions.

04/404100 - Liscargy Developments Ltd applied for Planning permission to construct (a) 6 No. town houses (3 blocks of semi-detached), 6 car spaces and all associated site works. (b) Planning Permission to construct 2 No. 1 bedroom town houses with access to Courthouse Lawn and all associated ancillary site works. This application was WITHDRAWN.

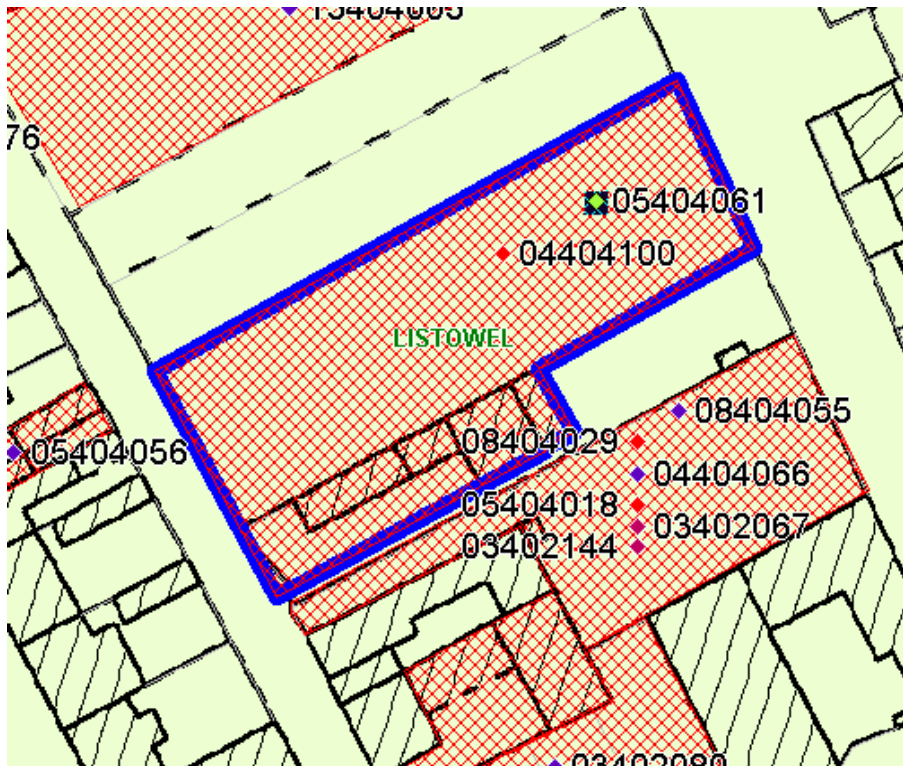


Figure 4: Planning history of the proposed site.



Figure 4: Site Layout Proposal that went on Public display on the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017. .

A Public Notice was advertised in the Kerry Eye newspaper on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

A Site Notices were erected on the lands on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017** and inspected regularly hereafter.

The Plans and Particulars for the development were on display from **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2017 to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017** at the following locations:

É Kerry County Council, Tralee Municipal District Office, Town Hall, Prince's Quay, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

É Kerry County Council, Listowel Municipal District Office, Áras an Phiarsaigh, Listowel Town, County Kerry

É Kerry County Council Website [www.kerrycoco.ie](http://www.kerrycoco.ie)

***Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with proper planning and sustainable development of the area were invited on or before 5.00 p.m. on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017.***

***3. PERSONS OR BODIES WHO MADE SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD***

**3no. submissions and observations were received from Prescribed Bodies and Interested parties within the statutory time period.**

- 1) Brendan Dunne, Senior Health Officer, HSE,
- 2) Residents of Courthouse Lawn (31.01.2017)
- 3) Residents of Courthouse Lawn (06.02.2017)

***4. ISSUES RAISED, WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA, BY PERSONS OR BODIES WHO MADE SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS AND MANAGERS RESPONSE AND RECOMMENDATIONS.***

- 1) **Brendan Dunne, Senior Health Officer, HSE,**

**Submissions/Comments:-**

- Having studied the EIA screening report this department has no issue with the proposed development provided it's carried out in accordance with best practice standards.

**Manager's Response:-**

- The proposed development will be constructed in accordance with best practice guidance as set out in the Environmental Management Measures associated with the development.

**Recommendation:-**

**No further action recommended.**

- 2) Residents of Courthouse Lawn (31.01.2017)

**Submissions/Comments:-**

**The residents of Courthouse lawn object to the proposed development for the following reasons:**

- The narrow access road is unsuitable for the proposed development.
- The site is full of Japanese Knotweed plants,
- Proposed development has caused distress to some of the residents of Courthouse Lawn,
- Residents of the estate were verbally assured by the town council that Courthouse lawn was a protective area and no further development of housing in the area would occur.
- In the event of a grant of permission the Courthouse lawn residents wish for some consideration in the construction and distribution of these houses. They request that only bungalows be built and people with similar circumstances as the current resident should be given the newly built houses.

**Manager's Response:-**

- The access road (Courthouse lawn) serves an existing small scale residential development, the public Library, a public car park and Kerry County Council Municipal District Offices. The access road is a cul-de-sac and is considered adequate to accommodate traffic associated with the proposed small scale 7 unit development.
- A full assessment of the site for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be conducted by a suitably qualified person and a management plan established to manage and eradicate the presence of Japanese's knotweed. This shall be conducted prior to construction on site and in consultation with the Biodiversity Officer of Kerry County Council and the Listowel MD office.
- Capital Infrastructure Unit consulted with the Listowel Municipal Office in relation to the verbal agreement referred to in this submission. The Municipal office is unaware of any such verbal agreement regarding the protection of the site from future development. There is no formal written record of such agreement. The proposed development is situated within the town development boundary of the Listowel Town. It is an objective of Kerry County Council to ensure the development of greenfield sites occurs in a sequential manner with the lands nearest the town centre and to available and adequate service being developed first. The proposed site meets these criteria and is considered suitable for the proposed sustainable residential community.
- The Part 8 process as set out in Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2001-2016 considered issues/observations relevant to the proper planning and sustainable development only. The concerns of the residents of Courthouse lawn have been noted and referred to the Housing Section of Kerry County Council. It is considered that the development of two storey houses at this location is appropriate. There is no issue of overlooking other residential properties.

**Recommendation:-**

A full assessment of the site and the preparation of a management plan shall be conducted by a suitably qualified person to establish, manage and eradicate the presence of Japanese's knotweed prior to the commencement of works on site.

3) Residents of Courthouse Lawn (06.07.2017)

**Submissions/Comments:-**

Following the previous letter regarding the proposed development the following point were added:-

- The development actually consist of 14 units which is totally inappropriate for this site,
- A similar less dense development was refused planning permission by KCC approx. 10 years ago.

- There is currently a very small green area serving the existing houses, what will replace this green site?
- The road network is unsuitable for such development,
- The entrance from Courthouse lawn is inappropriate and should be from the rear of William St.

**Manager's Response:-**

- The proposed development consists of 7 units only, 4 X 2 bed / 4person unit and 3 X 2 bed / 3 person unit.
- In 2004 planning permission was sought from the former Listowel Town Council to construct 6 no. town houses, 6 car parking spaces and associated site works at Rear William Street, Listowel, co. Kerry. The application was withdrawn.  
In 2006 Listowel Town Council granted permission to construct 6no. semi-detached houses and permission to construct an entrance road and associated site works on the proposed site at Rear William Street, Listowel, co. Kerry.
- The proposed brownfield site is not used as a green space for the existing Courthouse Lawn Development. The proposed development will contain green public open space which accounts for 10% of the overall site in accordance with the development management criteria of residential developments.
- Road network concern is addressed in submission no. 2 above.
- The new vehicular access onto the rear of Upper William Street is not considered adequate to serve the proposed development due to the restricted width of this road. The entrance onto Courthouse Lawn will ensure adequate turning movements in / out of the proposed development.

**Recommendation:-**

**No further action recommended.**

*5. EVALUATE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPER PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA:-*

The proposal is in accordance with the zoning and relevant objectives and requirements in the Listowel town development Plan 2009-2015 (extended).

A full assessment of the site for the presence of Japanese Knotweed shall be conducted by a suitably qualified person and a management plan established to manage and eradicate the presence of Japenses knotweed. This shall be conducted prior to any construction on site.

A Habitats Directive Assessment report was carried out on the proposed project and determined that the works, individually and in combination with other plans and projects, are not likely to have significant effects on the European site (Natura 2000 site), and as such, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment / Natura Impact Assessment is not required.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report was carried out on the proposed project and determined that the works, individually or/and in combination with other plans and projects, are not likely to have significant effect on the environment and as such a full EIA is not required.

All services, drainage (surface and foul), shall be carried out in accordance with details as per drawings no. H-16-018-P-501. Stormwater Attenuation System {16m<sup>3</sup> of storage} shall be constructed on site. The final storm MH S2 shall be fitted with a release valve with an allowable outflow of 2.66/s.

A site-specific waste management plan to be prepared and shall be agreed with the Environment Department in advance of any works commencing on-site.

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and consequently it is recommended to proceed with the development in accordance with the drawing set H-016-018.

**Joan McCarthy**  
**Municipal District Manager Listowel MD**

Ms. McCarthy advised the members that any discussion regarding this matter must take the sustainable development of the area into consideration.

Mr. T Sheehy circulated drawings of the existing proposal

Cllr. R Beasley referred to the report and asked how a 2 bed house could be considered to be a 4 person unit.

Mr. Sheehy said a decision on this matter would be made based on the family formation of applicants on the housing list.

Ms. J McCarthy said that this type of accommodation would suit a family at a certain stage in life.

Cllr. D Nolan supported Cllr. Beasley on this matter and said that she considered the occupancy of a two bedroom house by four people to be a very optimistic maximum. She said that she would be happy to propose that the development should proceed pending the amendment of the existing proposal as she was in favour of changing the roof levels adjacent to the public road.

Cllr. M Kennelly asked why the application for planning permission in 2006 was withdrawn. He PROPOSED that the existing proposal would be replaced by the construction of four bungalows. The views of the residents who have lived in this area for many years must be respected. He said that he could not support the existing proposal.

Mr. T Sheehy said that the country is currently going through a housing crisis and Kerry County Council has a significant number of applicants on its housing list. Housing construction has not taken place for many years. The additional footfall may add to security and enhance the community in this area.

Cllr. R Beasley said that the proposed development may not be ideal but it is important that it goes ahead.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton said that this is a hugely important decision for the members. There is a need for social housing in Listowel but the members also want to be fair to the residents. She said that she too would be in favour of changing the roof levels.

Cllr. L Purtill acknowledged the need for the provision of social housing in Listowel.

Cllr. M Kennelly asked why the design for the development was not kept to the same bungalow format as the existing houses.

Mr. T Sheehy circulated drawings of the existing proposals and Option Nos 1 & 2 which were considered by the members.

Cllr. D Nolan PROPOSED that the proposal be amended in favour of alternative Option No. 2 as presented to the meeting which incorporated the removal of the gable adjacent to the public road.

Cllr. R Beasley **SECONDED** the proposal.

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. R Beasley, D Nolan, J Lucid, L Purtill, A Thornton. (5)

Against: Cllrs. M Kennelly & J Moloney.(2)

Not Voting: (0).

The Cathaoirleach declared the proposal to be carried.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D Nolan **SECONDED** by Cllr. R Beasley it was agreed to proceed with the proposed development as amended, being alternative Option No. 2 as presented to the meeting, incorporating the removal of the gable adjacent to the public road, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000,(as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, (as amended), in respect of the proposed development of 7 no. two storey dwellings and associated site works at Courthouse Lawn, Listowel.

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

**(a) It was agreed to note the following report from the Economic & Community Development Directorate which was circulated:**

##### **Economic Development**

The Economic Development Officer has been liaising with the various agencies. She has met clients and referred them to the appropriate support structures. She is actively promoting Kerry as a place to do business.

##### **• Business Support unit (LEO)**

##### **Promotion and general activity**

March 2017 is designated as Enterprise Month which sees a strong focus on enterprise development throughout the County by the Local Enterprise Office and other State Agencies. The activities were supported by extensive online promotion and print promotion. This has led to an increase in requests for financial and other supports from businesses within the Listowel MD.

##### **Training Events held in Listowel MD**

- A **Start Your Own Business** Course commenced in Listowel on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. The course is fully booked with 20 people participating.
- The LEO helped to promote a digital marketing event run by AIB on the 15<sup>th</sup> March in Listowel.

##### **Ongoing Activities**

The Local Enterprise Office is providing ongoing support, mentoring and advice to businesses in the Listowel area.

### **Upcoming Events - Kerry Jobs Expo Event**

This will take place 9th April at the INEC, Killarney. The event is to showcase business and job opportunities in Kerry. Over 100 businesses have expressed an interest at exhibiting at the event with a number from the Listowel area.

### **Business & Enterprise**

Two public meetings were held in relation to the formation of the Listowel Business and Community Alliance. Due to poor attendance at the second meeting a decision was taken to form an executive group for an interim 12 month period. The MDO and District Manager have been working with this group and it is currently filling all posts in sub committees.

Fáilte Ireland's Wild Atlantic Way team are inviting businesses in Ballybunion and Listowel to participate in their **Extend the Season Programme**. The overall aim of the programme is to develop new ideas, events and offers that extend the season in cluster destinations and within their business.

### **• Tourism Development**

#### **LISTOWEL Military Tattoo Weekend**

An interagency group has been established which includes the Gardaí, Civil Defence, Irish Aviation Authority and Kerry County Council, to meet regularly with the Military Tattoo Weekend Committee to finalise their full programme of events and ensure all health and safety standards are adhered to over the weekend of the Tattoo. The event takes place over the May bank holiday weekend and a very exciting programme is planned which will appeal to the enthusiast as well as families. A marketing and promotional plan will also be agreed with the group to ensure maximum attendance and business for Listowel town.

#### **Cycle Gradient Signage**

The Tourism Unit are coordinating the installation of cycle gradient signage on a looped cycle route in Kerry Head. Our Operations Unit have identified a location for each sign on the loop which commences and ends in Ballyheigue village, and have assessed the gradient levels and distances from the summit. The next phase of the project is to agree a design for the signage and arrange for their installation. A suitable marketing and promotion campaign will then be devised. This signed looped cycle will be a very welcome addition to Ballyheigue and it is hoped that both locals and visitors will utilise the route. A formal launch will be organised for early in the Summer season.

#### **Events Calendar**

The Tourism Unit has recently upgraded its events calendar with the introduction of a new submit your event feature which enables event organisers to add their event to this rapidly expanding calendar of what's happening throughout the county. This Event Guide is an easy and accessible way of promoting events and festivals, both big and small, to a wide national and international audience and can be accessed online at <http://www.tockify.com/enjoykerry> or through the Tourism Unit's social media platforms.

### **Lartigue Monorail**

The Tourism Unit is assisting the Lartigue Monrail Committee with the publication of a pamphlet for a self-guided tour of the museum. We are also working with the Committee on the design and production of advertising and promotional material for this popular attraction in the town, which offers visitors of all ages an opportunity to experience a unique form of rail travel and learn about the history of the monorail in Listowel.

### **Tourism, Festivals and Sport**

A meeting and site visits took place with a representative of the National Monuments Service in relation to a season extension for OPW Historic Monument Sites within the MD, and the provision of seating at some of the sites. The meeting was positive and it is hoped to progress the issues over the coming months.

Heritage Walks have been established by the Ballylongford Tidy Towns Group and Tarbert Development Association and it is hoped these will prove very popular with visitors and locals alike.

Interagency meetings are currently being held on a weekly basis in relation to the upcoming Military Tattoo in Listowel on 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

This year's event will undoubtedly be the biggest to date and will include the World War Two re-enactment, helicopter flyby involving 15 helicopters, jump by the Irish Defence Forces parachute display team

The MDO has been liaising with the Ballybunion Community & Voluntary Forum in relation to the Ballybunion MOYA Festival on 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Also, meetings are being arranged with organisers of Spin Southwest Sandstorm event in Ballyheigue on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 and Kerry Crusaders Cycling Club annual sportive cycle on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017.

As a result of several meetings between the Kerry Recreation and sports Partnership and local volunteers a Parkrun will be commencing in Listowel at 9.30am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017. It is hoped this will become a very popular weekly event in the town.

The MDO has been contacted by the Irish National Beach Volleyball Association and after discussions with the Ballybunion Community & Voluntary forum they will be holding an event on Ballybunion Beach in August 2017.

## **• Community**

### **Strengthening Communities**

Groups are still being encouraged to register with the PPN and the MDO is assisting the new community development group **A Better Ballyduff** to establish itself as the forum, to oversee the planning and implementation of initiatives that will promote the growth and development of Ballyduff into the future.

Also, a decision of planning for the construction of a new playground adjacent to Community Centre in Abbeydorney is due on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

### **Tidy Towns Update**

Four additional villages from the MD have decided to enter this year's Tidy Towns Competition: Kilflynn, Lixnaw, Ballyduff and Ballyheigue. These will join the ten existing groups.

### **Listowel**

The Launch of the 2017 Tidy Towns Campaign was held at the Lartigue Monorail Museum on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Highlighted was completion of the resurfacing of William Street along with associated line marking and fitting of Commemorative 1916 manhole covers. It was noted these works along with the demolition of the unsightly old Neodata offices on the Bridge Road, have greatly improved the appearance of the town.

Brick paving has been laid in Church Street outside the Garda Barracks at the site where the telephone boxes were located and the Listowel Pitch & Putt club are currently refurbishing their clubhouse and the Dandy Lodge in the Town Park, supported by KCC.

A comprehensive tree planting programme has taken place throughout the town and is ongoing. Several other trees have been reduced and shaped. The area adjacent to St Johns Art Centre has been replanted to a landscaped design.

The 1916 Commemorative Garden is nearing completion and will be officially opened at 11.00am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

The last remaining old style lamp pole has been removed from Church Street and obsolete signage is to be removed from around the town. An old and unsightly storage portacabin has been removed from behind the Lartigue Monorail Museum and work is shortly to commence on rendering and capping the new Convent Wall.

New labelling was fitted to both recycling banks within Listowel and new signage has been erected throughout the town clearly identifying the location of the recycling banks. Also, new signage has been erected throughout the town clearly identifying the location of free off street car parks. These signs have been complimented by innovative road markings which direct motorists to these parking areas. Line markings have been painted in William Street and Church Street clearly identifying individual box spaces for each vehicle.

### **Ballybunion**

Resurfacing of Glen Road in Ballybunion is now complete, and the round traffic bollards to be removed over coming weeks. Planting has taken place at entrance to town from Listowel direction an area identified as requiring works in the 2016 Tidy Towns adjudication report.

### **Tarbert**

Work is nearing completion on the Sensory Garden in Tarbert and an official opening by the Tarbert Development Association is being planned for 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

In conjunction with local tidy towns/development groups, environmental works ongoing in villages of North Kerry, trees were supplied to local development groups in Kilflynn and Abbeydorney. Heritage style benches are to be fitted in Finuge, Ballybunion, Ballyduff and Kilflynn over coming months.

New community alert signage is being ordered and fitted throughout MD in conjunction with KCC. Signage has already been erected in Duagh, Lixnaw and Ballylongford.

## • Planning & Sustainable Development

The Listowel Heritage & Community-Led-Regeneration Strategy is to be launched on Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2017. The Listowel Heritage & Community-Led-Regeneration Strategy aims to environmentally, economically, and socially regenerate the historic town of Listowel.

The strategy proposes 18 actions for Listowel's Heritage assets that aim to:

1. Provide the town's residents with an enjoyable living environment,
2. Provide the town's traders with a fruitful business environment and
3. Provide future visitors to Listowel with a more interesting and engaging offering in terms of shopping, activities, attractions, accommodation and heritage interpretation.

Funding sources for year one projects identified in the strategy are currently being investigated.

Kerry County Council has made a detailed submission to the National Planning Framework, after consideration by the elected members at the ordinary March meeting of Kerry County Council.

A draft Development Contribution Scheme has been placed on public display after consideration by the elected members at the ordinary March meeting of Kerry County Council. The draft scheme replaces the existing four schemes currently in operation.

Submission / observations may be made until 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**Cllr. D Nolan welcomed the new "submit your event" feature for the events calendar.**

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

**1. Cllr. D Nolan:** That members make a variation to County Development Plan/Listowel Town Plan changing the Listowel Town boundaries.

**Reply:** The Listowel Town Plan 2009-15 along with the other two former town councils have been extended until such time as the new County Development plan is adopted in 2021. The new County development Plan will include all 3 former town councils. Until such time it is not possible to change the boundaries of these towns.

**Cllr. D Nolan said that there is a need for the members of the Municipal District of Listowel to look at the Listowel rural area to examine any development opportunities that may exist. She asked if a planning briefing could be arranged at a future date.**

**2. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council provide public play provisions for children with disabilities, in the Listowel Town Park public playground.

**REPLY:** Listowel Play Ground has a number of disability friendly pieces of equipment including basket swing, low level bowl spinner and surf rocker. The provision of additional disability friendly pieces of equipment including a level access roundabout and sight and touch panels is dependent on the availability of capital funding.

**Cllr. M Kennelly** said that families of children with disabilities had asked if a deputation from their members could attend a meeting of the members of the Listowel Municipal District with a view to making Listowel a more wheelchair friendly town. They would like a wheelchair accessible swing to be provided in the town park.

**Cllr. A Thornton** referred to a recent initiative by celebrities Kathryn Thomas and Kevin Kilbane who took to the streets of Dublin in wheelchairs to highlight the inaccessibility of the streets for people who use wheelchairs. She **PROPOSED** that a letter on behalf of the members issue to Kerry Intervention and Disability Service in Listowel and Kerry Parents and Friends Association to request that consideration be given to organising a similar initiative for Listowel town.

**Cllr. M Kennelly** **SECONDED** the proposal and added that wheelchair parking spaces in the town should be examined as eg. it is very difficult for a wheelchair user to get out of a car on the parking bay on Church St.

#### **17.04.10.03 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.

#### **KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

Achoimre Stádais ar an 3ú Aibreáin 2017

Status Summary at 3<sup>rd</sup> April 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 the coming weeks.** 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><u>COUNTYWIDE MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS</u></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 April 2017
Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant works	Equipment for UVT and flow monitoring and sampling	" 1.25M	Contract works - completion WW April d17, Water Nov.d17

**Total allocated to-date    €1.5M**

<b><u>LISTOWEL M.D. - MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME</u></b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Status</b>
Ballyheigue Water	Repair pipework and replace	" 7,000	Complete

Softener	resin		
NKRWSS: Ballyduff Cast Iron Mains	Replace 2,9Km of old / deficient C.I. pipes	" 278,000	Complete
CRWSS Cloonafineela	Provision of SCADA/Telemetry for reservoir and pumphouse	" 6,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Derry - Clontibret	Replace 2.25Km of 300mm diameter Asbestos Cement Main	" 236,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Dromin Water Treatment Plant	Upgrade Fencing	" 72,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 550M old / deficient 100mm diameter C.I. pipes	" 33,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 335M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 44,000	Complete
Laheshheragh Pressure Management	Installation of PRVs etc	" 30,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Tieraclea Pk. Tarbert	Replace 250M old / deficient 3+ PVC water mains	" 26,000	Complete
NKRWSS: St Pat's Tce. Tarbert	Replace 350M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 42,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Lisselton	Replace 3.8KM 250mm AC pipes	" 513,000	Complete
Listowel SS	Replacement of pumps Tea Lane	" 5,000	Complete
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 Balfour Beatty
NKRWSS: Tarbert - Mail Cross to Tarmons Reservoir	Replace 4.4Km of 300mm Asbestos Cement pipe with uPVC	" 501,000	Complete
Glenderry WS: Mains Replacement	Replace 750M of 50mm AC main with 90MM uPVC	" 56,000	Complete 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 Water Treatment Plant	Upgrade Sludge Treatment works	" 190,000	<b>Requested</b>
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Village	Replace 1,750M of 75mm C.I. and A.C. with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 236,000	<b>Requested</b>
<b>Total ALLOCATED to-date</b>		<b>€3,453,000</b>	

## THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The administration and development of the Group Scheme sector continues to be a function of the Local Authorities under the guidance and supervision of the Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government. **Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.**

The funding for **2016 - 2018** was announced on in 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).**

## **Environmental Protection**

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

### ***2017 Anti-Dumping Initiative***

We have been notified by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment of the 2017 Anti-Dumping initiative. The aim of the initiative is to work in partnership with local community organisations in identifying high risk or problem areas, developing appropriate enforcement resources and carrying out clean up operations.

The Department is making available an initial allocation of " 650,000 from the Environment Fund to support this initiative which will be delivered through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs). Funding will be allocated to support projects where community groups and other state agencies work in partnership to clean up and prevent illegal dumping and where appropriate enforcement actions are being taken by local authorities. Kerry County Council has submitted proposals for funding under this initiative.

### ***Publication of draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021***

Mr. Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government has recently, published the draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021. The draft plan will now be subject to six months public consultation as required by the Water Framework Directive.

This second cycle River Basin Management Plan takes a very different approach to river basin management planning to that adopted during the first cycle plans. A single river basin district approach has now been taken with a much improved evidence base to underpin decision making. Implementation structures have been strengthened to ensure more effective and coordinated delivery of measures, and the approach to public consultation and engagement has been improved. Work will continue throughout 2017 in completing the characterisation of our River Basin District and on further developing the proposed measures outlined in the draft plan, informed by the views of respondees to the consultation process. It is intended to publish the final River Basin Management Plan by December 2017 following approval by the Minister.

A copy of the draft Plan approved for publication by the Minister, together with the associated Environmental Report and Natura Impact Statement can be obtained at the following link: <http://www.housing.gov.ie/water/water-quality/river-basin-management-plans/public-consultation-draft-river-basin-management>

The Department is currently finalising the details of its strategy for public consultation and community engagement over the next 6 months but certain key components of that strategy can already be communicated, including:

- LAWCO (the Local Authorities Water and Communities Office) will have a key role in facilitating local engagement with the RBMP
- The National Water Forum, referred to in the draft Plan, is likely to be established on an administrative basis before the Summer; this will allow it to actively engage on the draft Plan
- A national stakeholders workshop is likely to be held in May to facilitate broad understanding of the draft Plan and to ensure that the engagement process is robust

The Department is now seeking the views and comments of all those interested in the draft River Basin Management Plan.

### ***Review of Ireland's Nitrates Action Programme – Public Consultation***

The Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Mr Simon Coveney, T.D. has announced the opening of public consultation in relation to the review of Ireland's Nitrates Action Programme.

Ireland's Nitrates Action Programme is given effect by European Union (Good Agricultural Practice for Protection of Waters) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 31 of 2014). The regulations contain specific measures to protect surface waters and groundwater from nutrient pollution arising from agricultural sources. In accordance with the Nitrates Directive these regulations are due to be reviewed this year.

The review is a key step in the preparation of regulations that will underpin Ireland's fourth Nitrates Action Programme which will remain in place until 2021.

The closing date for receipt of responses is 28 April 2017. This consultation is run jointly by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government (DHPCLG) and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). Full details are available on the Department's website at <http://www.housing.gov.ie/water/water-quality/nitrates/public-consultation-irelands-nitrates-action-programme>

### ***Further Scope of accreditation for Kerry County Council laboratory***

Our in house Kerry County Council laboratory has recently received confirmation from the Irish National Accreditation Board that following a successful application process our scope of accreditation has been extended to cover testing for Clostridium Perfringens, Sodium, Zinc and ecoli for bathing waters.

This is a further endorsement and professional recognition of the work and the processes in our laboratory and a testament to the dedicated work of our staff.

This further accreditation will also allow us to carry out more testing of samples in house rather than having to rely on external private laboratories for these tests as heretofore.

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

The County Clean Up day, which was facilitated by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council, took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April.

This was the sixth year of collaboration on the County clean Up Day between KWD and Kerry County Council.

### **Fire/Building Regulation**

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

### **Building Control:**

The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of March 2017 was 122 which is a 32.6% increase on the figure of 92 for the same period last year.

Up to the end of March 2017 a total of 27 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 38 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents decrease of 12.9% in Disability Access Certificate applications and 9.52% in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2016.

<b>Building Control Statistics January-March inclusive:</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	42	38
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	31	27
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices Received	92	122

### **Fire Service Operations:**

Quarter 1 of 2017 has provided benign weather (from a fire safety perspective) and reasonable road safety conditions. Fires and false alarms are well down on Q1 2016 and Road Traffic Collisions was on a par with last year. There was a brief spate of gorse fires at the very end of March.

<b>FIRE OPERATIONS - January – March inclusive</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b><i>Fires Number</i></b>	<b>197</b>	<b>142</b>
Chimney Fires	49	45
Gorse Fires	93	47
Other Fires	55	50
<b><i>Special Services Number</i></b>	<b>60</b>	<b>48</b>
Entrapment	10	4

Gas/Chemicals	3	0
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	0
Hazardous Substances non Transit	1	0
Machinery	0	0
Miscellaneous	18	12
Other rescue	3	6
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	1	1
Road traffic accident	22	25
Water pumping/flooding	2	0
<b>False Alarms Number</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>25</b>
Malicious	1	3
Good Intent	45	22
<b>Total Number of Incidents</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>Total Number of Mobilisations</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>260</b>

### **Library Services**

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

" Kerry Library will be supporting the national **Spring into Story-Time** initiative during the month of April.

While many libraries already run regular story-time sessions, this initiative aims to run at least one story-time session in every library throughout the country during the month of April. Events will be advertised locally at each of the 9 Kerry libraries and details will also be available on the Kerry Library website [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie)

Part of the national Right to Read strategy, parents and children from toddlers to five year olds are invited to come and engage in the experience of sharing stories and laying the foundations for children to read. Children can now borrow up to 12 books, free of charge, at any given time from all public libraries.

" Forthcoming events [details of events county wide are available at [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie)

Spring into Story-Time sessions at Listowel Library is:

Listowel Library	Thursday, 20 April, 3.00 pm	After school story time session.
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- Chatter Books Children's Book Club Meeting, Thursday, 27 April, 4.30 pm
- Poetry Ireland is presenting Poetry Day Ireland on Thursday 27 April 2017.

This year's theme: Poetry Connects

Poetry Day Celebration on Thursday, 27 April at Listowel Library with an Open Mic+ session, 6.30 . 7.30 pm

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

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** That Asdee village be included in the next small village scheme.

**Reply:** There is no existing Sewerage Scheme in Asdee village and there is no provision for a proposed Scheme in Irish Water's Draft Capital Investment Programme 2017-2021.

Kerry County Council has made a submission to Irish Water in 2014, for the IW Water Services Strategic Plan, to request the provision of sewerage infrastructure to un-sewered villages including Asdee, The Cashen, Finuge, The Spa, Aughacasla,

Cé Bhréanainn, Inch, Boolteens, Cromane, Chapelstown, The Glen, Caherdaniel, Glenflesk, Scartaglin and Currow.

Irish Water's policy is to give priority to upgrading the existing substandard sewerage schemes, and also to meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences for existing Sewerage Schemes, prior to considering investment in new schemes or in extensions to existing schemes.

Irish Water's current position is that it has no funding stream to provide (or extend) new services to properties with private sewerage facilities, except on foot of Connection Agreements and at the expense of these property owners.

**Cllr. R Beasley said that he would like the sewerage scheme in Duagh to be upgraded as there will be no development in villages such as this until adequate wastewater facilities are in place.**

**Mr. J Kennelly said that the Council has already highlighted to Irish Water the need for improved wastewater infrastructure in numerous villages, throughout the county, including Duagh and will be making a very strong submission for funding for the provision of sewerage schemes for these villages.**

**Cllr. R Beasley asked that the provision of a sewerage scheme in Asdee be included in the submission.**

**Mr. J Kennelly said that Irish Water has made no provision for funding for sewerage schemes in villages such as Asdee where there is no existing sewerage infrastructure.**

**Cllr. R Beasley said that Asdee is on the Wild Atlantic Way and in the Shannon Estuary and this should be taken into consideration.**

### **(c) Question**

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** When will the dog foul bin be put in place on the Cliff Walk, Ballybunion?

**Reply:** The Operations Department will arrange to have this bin put in place as soon as possible.

**Cllr. R Beasley asked that the bin be in place before the June bank holiday weekend.**

**Ms. J McCarthy said that this would be arranged.**

**Cllr. R Beasley expressed his appreciation.**

### **17.04.10.04 Housing Directorate.**

Ms. J McCarthy welcomed Mr. T Brosnan recently appointed Administrative Officer, Housing Department, to Listowel and wished him well for the future. She also welcomed Mr. T O'Connor SO Housing to the Listowel Municipal District meeting.

On behalf of the members, Cathaoirleach A Thornton welcomed Mr. Brosnan and Mr. O'Connor to the meeting.

**(a) Mr. T O'Connor briefed the members on the following report which was circulated:**

### 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	649
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	40
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	33

### Void Management

<b>Municipal District breakdown</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	12
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	6
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	5
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	1
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	4
<b><u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b>

### 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	12	891
RAS	5	131
Leasing	0	17
HAP	18	18
<b><u>Total No. of Tenancies</u></b>	<b><u>35</u></b>	<b><u>1057</u></b>

### Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

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

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>No of dwellings</u></b>	<b><u>Type of dwellings</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated start date</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated completion date</u></b>
Upper William Street, Listowel.	7 No.	2 bedroomed two storey.	05/02/2018	05/12/2018

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

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>No of dwellings</u></b>	<b><u>Type of dwellings</u></b>	<b><u>start date</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated completion date</u></b>
Ashgrove, Listowel	1 No.	4 bedroomed special needs bungalow	05/09/2016	05/07/2017

Lixnaw, Phase 4	4 No.	2 bedroomed two storey	13/02/2017	13/12/2017
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### House Acquisitions since the start of the year

<u>General Location in MD</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
1 property purchased	1	3	<u>January</u>
Legal formalities are ongoing to progress the purchase of two houses	2	3	
Sales have been agreed in the case of 5 other properties			

### Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 214 No. requests for repairs have been received for the Listowel Municipal District.

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

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 35 No. grants have been allocated in the Listowel Municipal District.

### Extensions to Local Authority dwellings

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, no bedroom extensions have been allocated in the Listowel Municipal District.

### Summary Rent Review

The 2017 Annual Rent Assessment process is currently underway. Circumstance forms have been posted out to tenants with a closing date of 17/2/17 for submission. This year's review will be done on the M.D.s of Tralee & Killarney only reducing accounts to be assessed from 5,000 to just under 3,000. The remaining M.D.s will be done in 2018. In accordance with Differential Rent Scheme, rents will be assessed based on income details/household circumstances as submitted by tenants.

The effective rent date is the first Saturday in July, i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.

### Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2017

The purpose of the Summary of Social Housing Assessments is to capture the total number of households qualified for social housing support across the country whose social housing need is not being met, in order to understand the level of need for such support. This is now an annual assessment of housing needs whereas it was every three years previously.

In order to ensure an accurate picture of the housing need in Kerry it will be a count of the total number of households qualified at a particular date in 2017 and housing authorities are required to return this data. It is expected that this will be in May 2017 and we await confirmation from the Department on this. Where a household is eligible and demonstrates a need (in accordance with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011 as amended by the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) Regulations 2016, and hereafter referred to as the Social Housing

Assessment Regulations), they are then deemed to be qualified, i.e. they are entered on the record of qualified households for social housing support for that housing authority.

The results of the most recent Summary of Social Housing Assessments in 2016 were analysed by the Housing Agency and shows **91,600** households qualified for social housing support nationally- **an increase of 1,728 (1.9%)** over 2013. The figure for Kerry as of 21 September 2016 was 3916.

It is vital that accurate and timely information is returned from all applicants in order to ensure that the assessment is accurate and reflects the true need of the applicants.

The following procedure is proposed to deal with the completion of the Assessment of Housing Need:

1. A rigorous tracing of existing applicants will be carried out.
2. An advertisement will be placed in the Local newspapers and on Radio Kerry.
3. An initial letter will issue from the L.A. to the client.
4. In the event of no reply, a second letter will be sent informing the client that they will be removed from the waiting list if they do not respond.
5. Where an existing applicant fails to respond to two letters from the housing authority, all other available means of communication will be utilised including phone calls and email where this data is available.
6. The Council will then examine each client's application on a case by case basis to determine if the applicant household is no longer in housing need or has left the area of the authority. If it is determined that there is no longer a need or if they have left Kerry, they will then be removed from the list and the application will be closed.
7. Should contact be re-established with the applicant, and where a household subsequently comes back with information, within a reasonable time, then the authority will on a case by case basis determine if that application will be reactivated without affecting the original date of qualification.

### **Tenant Purchase**

A total of 244 applications have been received to date. Of these, 105 deemed were deemed eligible and of those 50 are ready to go to the property valuation stage. A panel of external valuers will be formed in the coming weeks following an advertisement in the local newspapers. Of the remainder who applied under the TPS, 31 were requested to provide further information and 108 were deemed ineligible.

### **Turnkeys**

Housing Department advertised in Sept/Oct 2016 for Expressions of Interests for Turnkey Developments for Kerry County Council. We received 17 applications. We are in discussions with 9 of the applicants with regard to their proposals. The other 7 proposals were not deemed suitable due to a number of factors such as the housing need in the area, cost, location and design of development.

### **Stock Survey Overview**

A stock survey will be carried out in the Council owned properties in Stokers and Feale Drive estates in Listowel on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

A letter will issue to all tenants in these estates informing them that officials from the Housing Department will be calling to their house on this day to enable the completion of a house survey.

We will assess the findings of this survey and this will help us make an informed decision with regard to completing a stock survey for our remaining housing stock. In the interim staff will be completing a Stock Survey form on all vacant houses being relet which is approximately 125 per annum.

**Cllr. D Nolan said that the members had previously requested that the number of housing transfers broken down by the number of Social Housing options and the number of approved applications for the Tenant Purchase Scheme in the Listowel Municipal District, be included in the report for future meetings. She also requested that a breakdown of the locations of the houses purchased in the year be included in the report.**

**Ms. J McCarthy said that this information would be included in the Housing Report for the next meeting.**

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

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** That Kerry County Council give serious consideration to building social houses in Ballybunion and Listowel as the serious shortage of houses is at crisis level in these areas.

**Reply:** Details of the current Housing Construction Programme have been provided to members at previous meetings. Following the completion of the most recent Housing Needs Analysis we are currently scoping the further phase of our Construction Programme for agreement with the Department. At this point it is proposed that the construction of a number of units in Ballybunion & Listowel will be included in those proposals.

**Cllr. R Beasley welcomed this reply.**

**2. Cllr. D Nolan:** What was the average turnaround time for vacant housing in 2016, excluding long term voids, in Listowel Municipal District, from vacancy to works complete, and from works complete to new tenant's acceptance.

**Reply:** This is a complex area and the national standard definition for turnaround on voids times includes not only properties which are available for re-letting but also those that are not immediately available. It also includes properties which are vacant long term. It includes properties for example which have suffered structural damage (e.g. such as fire damage and are awaiting insurance assessment and clearance before works are completed) and other complexities (e.g. disputed tenancies) which may not be long term but which do negatively affect re-letting times. It also includes a number of properties which required more substantial works where the Council had sought specific funding from central government for such works.

The average turnaround time for all houses that became vacant in 2016 in the Listowel MD Area is 36.21 weeks. This measures the time from the point when a tenancy ended to the point at which a new tenant occupied the house.

While a significant number of properties are re-let within a shorter timeframe some of the more difficult cases referred to above can negatively affect the average times.

In addition where older houses come back into stock more fundamental works may have to be undertaken which again can delay the completion times of such properties.

We have carried out a fundamental review of the Voids Management Process over the past 3 months and new procedures are being implemented with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017 which should lead to improvements in the turnaround times.

**Cllr. D Nolan welcomed that new procedures are being implemented with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017 as the turnaround timeframe for vacant properties needs to be improved.**

**3. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council give a current update on how many single rural houses are in the Listowel Municipal District and explain why some of our older stock are 'suffering' due to lack of planned maintenance, such as the construction of footpaths that were never in place first day to the replacement of kitchens and old existing ranges.

**Reply:** There are approx. 179 Single Rural Dwellings in the Listowel MD Area.

The Council is currently reviewing the approach to Planned Maintenance. As part of this we are conducting a pilot stock survey across all our Municipal Districts including Listowel (scheduled for the estates of Stokers and Feale Drive on Wednesday, 12 April 2017). In addition the Council is also aware of reviews on-going nationally in relation to the overall approach to this area by Local Government. A secure funding methodology will also have to be identified to fund any expansion of a Planned Maintenance Programme.

In any event a tenant may report an issue through our Repair Requests Procedure and will be dealt with if the repair is considered the responsibility of Kerry County Council. These are set out clearly in the most recent Tenants Handbook issued to all tenants. It is worth noting that Energy Efficiency Works were carried out to 70 of these Single Rural Dwellings in 2016.

**Cllr. M Kennelly said that he was very concerned about the condition of older single rural houses as many of them were built 30 to 40 years ago for people who were approximately 30 years of age at the time. These people are now in their seventies and may be living in very poor conditions.**

**Mr. T O'Connor said that basic maintenance work is carried out to older housing stock but due to the lack of funding it is not possible for any further works to be carried out.**

**Cllr. D Nolan PROPOSED that the recruitment of skilled tradespersons be examined by Kerry County Council.**

**17.04.10.05      Operations, Infrastructure, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate**

**(a) It was agreed to note the following Report which was circulated.**

Listowel Municipal District Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Report from the Director of Operations, Safety & Infrastructure  
Programme of Works

<b>Listowel Municipal District Operations</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Roads</u></b></p> <p>Preparatory works have commenced on the following roads on this years roads programme</p> <p><b><u>Listowel East</u></b></p> <p>R-551 Glencullare . Meelcon L-1008 Ballydonoghue Cross . Junction with L-6019 L-1006 Glouria . Coolbeha</p> <p><b><u>Listowel West</u></b></p> <p>L-1000 Beale R-554 Lisselton . Moybella</p>
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Eamon Scanlon  
Senior Executive Engineer

Paul Neary  
Senior Engineer

**Housing Operations**  
**Works Report to the 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.**  
**Listowel Municipal District – April 2017**

<p><b>Voids Works</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 no. 1 bed bungalows in Marconi, Ballybunion, due to complete w/e 31st March.</li> <li>• 2 bed bungalow, Woodgrove, Moyvane, due to commence w/e 7<sup>th</sup> April.</li> <li>• 3 bed 2 storey, Benmore, Ballyduff, commenced 27/02/17.</li> <li>• 3 bed SRC, Knockbrack, Ardfert, commenced 6/03/17.</li> <li>• 2 bed bungalow, Ashgrove, Listowel commenced 27/02/17, due completion w/e 7<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• 3 bed 2 storey Ballygologue Listowel, commenced 23/03/17, due completion w/e 28<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• 1 bed bungalow, Courthouse Lawn, Listowel, commenced 6/03/17, due completion w/e 21<sup>st</sup> April</li> <li>• For Tender on LAQ,             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 3 bed 2 storey, Riverside CI, Abbeydorney</li> <li>2. 3 bed 2 storey, Cluainin, Listowel</li> <li>3. 1 Bed bungalow, Feale Drive</li> <li>4. SRC Bromore, West, Ballybunion, alterations to be approved by housing</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Recently Tendered on LAQ             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. 1 bed bungalow, Marian Pk, Ballyheigue, due to commence 10<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>6. 3 bed 2 storey, Benmore, Ballyduff, due to commence 24<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>7. 2 bed 2 storey, Ballylongford, due to commence 10<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>8. 2 bed bungalow, Shraid Thaidgh, Ballyheigue, due to commence 24<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Works to Acquisitions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alterations to 10 Knockroe drive, complete and keys returned to housing 27<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• Works to 13no purchased houses to commence 10<sup>th</sup> april, contractors tendered on LAQ, works to be managed and coordinated by LMDO COW</li> <li>• Reports on 7 no. additional houses for purchase to be compiled by 7<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ul>

<b>Inspections to be carried out to Acquisitions, Part v</b>	
<b>Extensions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 no. 1 bedroom extensions to houses in Riverside Close, Abbeydorney. Contractor nearing completion</li> <li>• Design consultation commenced for 1 no. extension to SRC in Kilmorna, Listowel</li> <li>• Feasibility for 2 no. extensions to SRCs to be examined at Ballyduff, Ballybunion.</li> <li>• Feasibility for extension to 3 bed 2 storey being examined in Tarbert.</li> </ul>
<b>Single Rural/Site Suitability Assessments</b>	
<b>Planned Maintenance Programme</b>	To be agreed with Housing
<b>Energy Retrofitting Programme</b>	2017 Plan to be Prepared
<b>Stock Survey</b>	80 - 100 Older units to be surveyed during April

### **Report from Capital Infrastructure Unit**

#### **Listowel MD Meeting 10th April 2017**

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:**

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 grant funding is to cover the costs of completing the design works, carrying out an environmental appraisal of the project and preparing a planning application. The transfer of the land from CIE to Kerry County Council has been completed. The tender for consultants to prepare the design to planning stage was published on 31st March. Closing date for tender is 26th April. It is the intention of the Council to commence some preliminary site clearance to facilitate the initial survey work over the coming weeks. As the design develops and the work involved becomes clearer the Council will meet with adjacent landowners in relation to discussing boundary treatments etc.. It is anticipated that the planning process for the works will be undertaken during 2017.

#### **South Kerry Greenway**

Following the completion of the route selection workshop on 1<sup>st</sup> March work on incorporating the recommendations arising from the workshop has been ongoing. The amended draft route selection report will be completed next week and circulated for comments prior to finalising the route. The ecological surveys have been ongoing for the last week and the landowners who have provided access to their lands. Once this is complete KCC will be writing to the landowners who have refused access to

their lands. Landowners will be required to reply with 2 weeks. If no response is received a notice of entry will be served on these landowners. 20 landowners have refused access. A number of these have let us know that it is in support of their neighbours. James Sayers and Kate Sayers spent 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March trying to meet the landowners who refused.

In tandem with this work has been progressing on the design report.

The next milestones for the project are:

- The completion of the route selection report.
- The final public consultation.
- Issuing the final route and required documents to Fehily Timoney.

## **Lough Leane**

There remains two significant environmental issues to be resolved here. The impact on the White Tailed Sea Eagle and subject to that analysis being ok, the route alternative to avoid the White Fronted Geese habitat.

We are awaiting the final report on the environmental impact on the White Tailed Sea Eagle (WTSE). Our consultant has queried the footfall anticipated on the trail as a means of quantifying impact. The nearest comparator we can come up with for that analysis is the Kerry Way or Beara Way. I have been in contact with Patricia Deane, the rural recreation officer with SKDP, as they have counters on the trails, to get their data. To date I have not got the info requested so we cannot compile footfall figures that we could stand over. I asked RPS to look at banding the footfall v impact data e.g. 1000 . 5000 per annum no impact, 5000- 10,000 significant impact. They are looking to see if they can do that in the absence of data from us on likely footfall.

In the event that we can show that the WTSE issue is not significant we need to identify a route for the trail that avoids the bog at Glenna and the sensitive White Fronted Geese habitat. We have proposed a possible location to the NPWS and they are examining it. If it is suitable we will need to look at the design of an appropriate structure to bridge the channel at Glenna over to Dinish.

### **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 . Construction commenced 13/02/2017, the project proceeding on schedule. Estimated completion date is 13/12/2017.

7 Units at Courthouse Lawn, Upper William Street, Listowel . the Part 8 Planning Process is to be submitted to Listowel MD meeting on 10/04/2017.

## **North Kerry Line Greenway**

Cathaoirleach A Thornton welcomed that the funding application for the development of the North Kerry Line Greenway under the urban renewal grant scheme has been successful.

## **Upcoming visit to Kerry by Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport.**

Cathaoirleach A Thornton referred to recent correspondence from the members of the Listowel Municipal District inviting the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport to visit North Kerry during his proposed visit to Kerry. She asked that a further letter

issue to the Minister inviting him to include North Kerry in the itinerary and if this is not possible that he would agree to meet with the members of the Listowel Municipal District at a location convenient for him, to discuss the condition of the roads in North Kerry.

Cllr. R Beasley agreed that a further invitation should issue to the Minister as the condition of the Dale road is a huge concern.

Mr. J Foley said that two letters had issued to the Ministers office but a response had not been received to date.

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

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** That Kerry County Council would install a public light at the entrance to Ballybunion sports field (next to the gate).

**Reply:** This area is private, not in charge of Kerry County Council so it is not for Kerry County Council to install a light at this location.

**Mr. E Scanlan said that Kerry County Council has a very specific public lighting policy therefore it is not possible to install a public light in a private area.**

**2. Cllr. R Beasley:** That a strip of tarmacadam be provided outside Dr. Maharg's surgery on the Cliff Road, Ballybunion as the pavement surface is very rough and holds a lot of puddles during wet weather.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will carry out works at this location during 2017.

**3. Cllr. R Beasley:** That Kerry County Council would undertake some remedial work at the bridge before you come to Ballinclogher Cross on the left hand side coming from Abbeydorney. (you get a bad bump as if you were going over a severe edge)

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have carried out repairs at this location recently.

**4. Cllr. R Beasley:** That Kerry County Council would undertake major work in the Lisselton/Asdee area where roads have deteriorated since the bad weather in late February/early March - the Larha road, Glouria road, Francis road. These roads are becoming very dangerous for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

**Reply:** The only road scheduled for improvement in this area in the current year is the L-1006 from Glouria . Coolbeha. None of the other roads are listed for improvement. Some repairs will be carried out on them.

**5. Cllr. R Beasley:** That the round bollards which are to be removed in Main Street, Ballybunion be replaced with the old cast iron bollards or else stainless steel bollards.

**Reply:** The round bollards are in the process of being removed and ground sockets are being installed to allow for other type bollards to be installed. Kerry County Council will liaise with the local Tidy Towns group to identify the most appropriate

type of bollard to use in Ballybunion bearing in mind the sea air conditions that prevail there.

**6. Cllr. R Beasley:** That the Council extend the footpath from the Sandhill Cottage on the Sandhill Road down to the car park in Ballyeigh. This is an area that is very attractive to tourists staying in the town and also general walkers who complete the ring by walking from the Cliff Walk and the long beach down to the Cashen and back up to the town.

**Reply:** To provide a footpath at this location it would be necessary to acquire lands. At present there is no funding available to acquire these lands or to carry out any footpath construction work.

**Cllr. R Beasley said that this is a very popular area for walkers.**

**Mr. E Scanlan referred to the reply and said that there is no funding available for the acquisition of land and the construction of a footpath at this location.**

**7. Cllr. D Nolan:** That Kerry County Council provide an update on submission to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) for a slip road at Lackamore Cross on N69 to Abbeydorney.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will discuss this junction with the TII safety officer at our next meeting. If improvements are identified and funding is forthcoming, then a detailed design and feasible report will be prepared for this location.

**Cllr. D Nolan welcomed this reply.**

**8. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the junction on the N69 to Kilflynn village be made safer at night time with increased visibility markings and signs, and that kerbing or similar be put in place to improve the appearance of the junction.

**Reply:** The TII select locations on the national road network that require safety improvements based on accidents statistic. This junction has not yet been identified by the TII. However it will be brought to the attention of the TII at our next meeting.

**9. Cllr. D Nolan:** That Kerry County Council provide an update on traffic and road safety issues in Kilflynn, concerning the crossroad in the village and bus parking.

**Reply:** The Municipal District engineer will consult with the councillors on the specific details and will provide an update at the next meeting.

**10. Cllr. D Nolan:** That 'Cycle Safe' routes be identified in the Listowel Municipal District and once identified promoted for both cyclists and vehicle driver awareness, with funding sought to develop these routes safely for all road users.

**Reply:** There are a number of factors that contribute to a Cycle Safe route that require careful consideration. Traffic speed, road width and geometry, traffic volumes, traffic type, signage and line markings are all issues that would be very relevant. As the Councillors will be aware there is an upcoming speed limit review and this would allow an opportunity to examine one hugely significant element. The proposed development of the North Kerry Greenway would also be a significant development in providing safe off road cycle safe routes in the District. We would

welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue in more detail with the Councillor to develop the concept.

**11. Cllr. J Moloney:** As Saint Michael's graveyard Listowel is reaching capacity will the Council extend the graveyard as soon as possible?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will commence laying new footpaths in John Paul II Burial Ground within the next month.

**Cllr. J Moloney said that his Notice of Motion should have read "John Paul II burial ground"**

**12. Cllr. J Moloney:** How much of the proposed flood relief program has been completed in Ballylongford Village? When will the remainder be completed?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council completed all of the works that were planned and that funding was provided for in early 2015. Kerry County Council doesn't have any plans for any further works in relation to flooding in Ballylongford. The OPW have carried out studies in this location as part of the CFRAMS process and any works that may develop from that are a matter for the OPW.

**13. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the Council look at renting some extra space on Sandhill road, Ballybuinion, for car parking during the busy tourist season?

**Reply:** A privately owned site along Sandhill Road is currently being assessed for parking purposes.

**Mr. E Scanlan said that it is planned to have this parking facility available for the upcoming tourist season.**

**14. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the Council resolve the water pooling issue at the rear of (Details with Directorate)?

**Reply:** The ponding issue to the rear garden will be investigated and appropriate drainage works will be undertaken to alleviate the issue.

**15. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the Council look into extending or improving the kitchen in (Details with Directorate)?

**Reply:** Applications for extensions are to be submitted to the Housing Department, Kerry County Council, Rathass, Tralee. Applications for extensions are dealt with based on need and any special medical circumstances. Repairs to the kitchen are the responsibility of the tenant.

**Cllr. M Kennelly supported the Notice of Motion.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that he would examine this matter further and discuss the issues with Mr. M Griffin EE.**

**16. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the immersion system be repaired and back garden fenced in at (Details with Directorate)?

**Reply:** The immersion to (Details with Directorate) was replaced on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016. The maintenance of the rear garden and the fencing is the responsibility of the

tenant as per No. 10 of the tenants handbook. Kerry County Council erected a new boundary fence between the back lane and the garden last year in the interest of public safety.

**17. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can rumble strips or some traffic calming measures be provided at the junction of Church Street and Couthouse Road, Listowel? Cars coming down Church Street are continuously failing to stop at this junction.

**Reply:** The junction is question is signed and lined in accordance with current guidelines; in fact there are 2 %Stop+signs in place to remind motorists coming down Church Street to stop. There isn't any further signage or lining that can be provided at this location.

**18. Cllr. J Lucid:** Will Kerry County Council make the necessary changes to improve safety on the R551 road at both the Causeway and Tralee sides of Ballyheigue by installing solar powered radar speed control signs?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has received funding in the current year for low cost accident improvement works near Ballyheigue. Our Road Design section is working on the details of the plan for this area.

**Cllr. J Lucid welcomed the reply and said that there are 12 exits along this road therefore improvement works are necessary.**

**19. Cllr. J Lucid:** Will Kerry County Council initiate a study/investigation to evaluate the need to have traffic lights installed at the cross roads in Abbeydorney village?

**Reply:** This location will be referred to our Road Design section for surveys to be carried out to establish if the location is suitable for traffic lights.

**Cllr. R Beasley supported the Notice of Motion.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that he was familiar with this junction. Surveys will be carried out by Road Design to assess the suitability of traffic lights at this junction.**

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton asked if the provision of pedestrian crossing lights could also be taken into consideration.**

**20. Cllr. J Lucid:** Will Kerry County Council remove the school traffic signs and lights from outside Rathmorrell school, Causeway, which closed in 2014 and put them outside the girls primary school in Lixnaw village, where there are currently no safety signs?

**Reply:** It would not be suitable to move the lights in place at Rathmorrell to Lixnaw as these type of lights have proven to be problematic at other schools in the area in recent times mainly due to the fact that replacement parts for those type of lights cannot be sourced any longer. It is intended to make a submission for Clár funding for school flashing lights and Lixnaw girls primary school will be included in this submission.

**21. Cllr. J Lucid:** Will Kerry County Council set up a special budget for the repair and replacement of footpaths in the Listowel Municipal District so that a proper programme for footpath renewal can be put in place to deal with the very poor condition of many of them in our towns and villages?

**Reply:** A footpath programme has been adopted in the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for Listowel Municipal District. There is no other funding available for footpath improvements. Future road programmes will provide for footpaths programmes subject to DTTAS approval.

**Cllr. J Lucid welcomed that a footpath programme has been adopted.**

**22. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council investigate the drain on the road (L 1029) in Lixnaw village opposite the Ceolann building. The existing drain may be blocked as it is not carrying the water and the road is flooding?

**Reply:** The road in this location is listed for improvement in the current years roads programme. The drainage matter will be investigated as part of that work.

**Cllr. J Lucid acknowledged this response.**

**23. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council investigate the drainage system in Ballyduff village on the side of the Garda Station. During the recent heavy rain some houses in the middle of the village were in danger of being flooded?

**Reply:** Preliminary inspections of this location have indicated that there isn't any blockage in the system. We will continue to monitor this location in times of heavy rain.

**Cllr. R Beasley supported the Notice of Motion and said that a wall of water can build up very quickly in this area.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that he had examined this location and a blockage in the system was not identified. He undertook to examine the drainage system in more detail and monitor the location during future heavy rain.**

**24. Cllr. J Lucid:** Could Kerry County Council put 50km speed limit signage at the entrance to Mountway, Ballyheigue and also could a sign for a sharp bend be placed at the blind corner outside (Details with Directorate) further down the road.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will arrange for signage to be installed at this location

**Cllr. J Lucid acknowledged this response.**

**25. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council put up a sign for a sharp bend on the Ballyduff side of Dromartin Cross on the R551?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will arrange for signage to be installed at this location.

**Cllr. J Lucid acknowledged this response.**

**26. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council replace sections of the footpath at Sandhill Road, Ballybunion.

**Reply:** The cost of replacing the section of footpath in question would be " 3,000. It would be suitable for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF).

**27. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council complete the footpath works on the R551 in Tarbert.

**Reply:** The cost of carrying out this work would be " 3,500 and it would be suitable for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF).

**28. Cllr. M Kennelly:** When is Kerry County Council going to undertake the footpath works as promised in Upper Dromin, Listowel?

**Reply:** Outstanding matters in this area in relation to drainage need to be brought to a satisfactory conclusion and once this matter is complete, the footpath works will be considered.

**Mr. E Scanlan said that he had examined this area. The issues in relation to drainage need to be addressed before the footpath works can be considered. He undertook to discuss the issues with the land owner with a view to expediting the matter.**

**29. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council commence immediate road works on the L6025, servicing Leitrim West, Ahalanna and Tullamore and to include this road in future road works programmes for the Municipal District as this road is in a horrendous state.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will undertake some repair works to this road in the coming weeks. This road is not included in any current roads programme. It can be considered for inclusion in a future roads programme.

**Cllr. M Kennelly referred to Item 1 (b) and said that a deputation from the residents of these areas was included on the agenda for this meeting but the deputation had informed him that they were unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances.**

**He welcomed that repair works would be undertaken on the L6025 in the coming weeks.**

**30. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council immediately contact Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and obtain the finances to get the N69 Listowel/Tralee road from Coolnaleen Cross to Mountcoal overlaid as this section of road is in an embarrassing state. We will not accept a repeat of the fiasco of William Street, Listowel.

**Reply:** The TII select sections of national roads for improvement based on national surveys of the road pavement. Funding for the design of this pavement has not yet been provided. This section of the N69 has already been brought to the attention of the TII. It will be brought to the attention of the TII again at our next meeting.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton supported the Notice of Motion.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that the condition of this section of the N69 has previously been raised with TII and will again be brought to its attention at the next**

**meeting. Kerry county Council is completely at the behest of TII with regard to the availability of funding for this type of work.**

**31. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council engineers who are dealing with the Clieveragh flood area give me a briefing on what works are to be completed, for the flood defence works and when. Recently on the 3/3/17 due to heavy rainfall, the residents and businesses in this area were once again on tender hooks. These works will have to commence immediately.

**Reply:** A "Flood Risk Assessment" Report was prepared by JBA Consulting for Kerry County Council in 2016, which identified the need for flood risk measures at Clieveragh to address the risk of flooding as experienced in previous years following severe weather events. It identified that the existing drainage network on the R552 Ballylongford Road did not have adequate capacity in a severe rainfall event and proposed a number of options to address this risk.

The Preferred Option, involves the installation of a new culvert underneath the R552 Regional Road, approximately 400m north of the junction with th John B. Keane Road, taking the floodwater to a proposed storage area, on lands north of the Industrial Estate. The water from the storage area would be discharged to the River Feale, in a controlled manner to reduce the further risk to properties downstream on the Ballybunion Road, where there has also been a history of flooding.

The proposed works involve the construction of new culvert under the R552, a 350m long open channel and 400m of earthen embankments to contain the flood waters in a 6 acre storage area. These embankments will vary in height from 3m to 1m. A schematic layout of the works is attached.

The members were briefed on these proposals last year. However, the construction of the works was contingent on securing the lands and funding from the OPW. We are at an advanced stage in the negotiations on securing the necessary lands and will advise the members when these are concluded.

We also made an application to the OPW for funding in late 2016, to carry out the detailed design of some aspects of the works, to progress it through the planning process, to secure the lands and to complete the construction of the works. We are awaiting approval of same and, in recent discussions with OPW officials, they have advised that the application is being assessed and hope to be in a position to make a decision on the application very shortly.

**Cllr. M Kennelly said that the residents are very concerned. If their homes and businesses get flooded again they may not be able to get insurance cover.**

**Mr. G Riordan said that an application has been made to the OPW for funding and a decision is expected very soon. An agreement in principle has been made with regard to the purchase the lands required.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that Kerry County Council is doing everything possible to advance this matter and he undertook to keep the members informed.**

**32. Cllr. L Purtill:** What plans has Kerry County Council regarding the road that has been damaged by the contractors doing the work for the Tullahinell windfarm. i.e. Ballylongford lower road to Tarbert, the Ballylongford/Ballyline road, the Tullahinell road and the Asdee road. Are these roads to be surface dressed and when?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council staff has commenced drainage works on the Lower Road from Ballylongford to Tarbert with a number of weeks, in preparation for road surfacing works during the year. Improvement works on the other roads will be considered thereafter.

**Mr. M McEnery said that there has been ongoing communication between Kerry County Council and the contractors involved.**

**33. Cllr. L Purtill:** I have received requests on a number of occasions for signage with road numbers to be erected on roads so as to make them easier to identify for first responders, ambulance personnel and the Gardaí.

**Reply:** To provide the type of signage requested throughout the road network in the Listowel Municipal District would cost in excess of " 250,000. This level of funding is not available to carry out this work. As an initial step, it is intended to provide signage on those roads which will be improved in the current year as part of the yearly roads programme.

**Mr. E Scanlan said that he would endeavour to provide this type of signage on an incremental basis.**

**34. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would carry out the works that have already been costed for the rear entrance to the funeral home in Tarbert.

**Reply:** It is not possible to carry out any works to the side of the funeral home in Tarbert as changing from steps to a ramped area will result in insufficient headroom being available to pedestrians using this footpath because of an overhanging fascia/soffit of an adjoining property. A similar motion was dealt with at the July 2016 meeting for which a similar response was provided.

**Cllr. L Purtill said that this is a public footpath.**

**35. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would repair the footpath outside the home of (Details with Directorate). This footpath is used by pedestrians and is also the footpath to the soccer pitch.

**Reply:** The cost of carrying out this work would be " 3,500 and it would be suitable for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF).

**36. Cllr. L Purtill:** What is the update on the Mortra road, Ballylongford where there is water flowing onto the road from land. This road is now damaged as a result. It is also affecting out offices belonging to a farmer.

**Reply:** As stated at the last Municipal District meeting, the Roads Enforcement Officer is involved in this matter and is dealing with the relevant landowner

**37. Cllr. Liam Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would remove the debris which is under the bridge outside the home of (Details with Directorate) Ballyline, Ballylongford. It was promised some time ago that this work would be carried out.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will clear this debris in the near future

**38. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council assess the cross at Finuge and more particularly the sight lines when coming from Dromclough and turning left to Lixnaw. There was another accident at this cross in recent weeks?

**Reply:** It will be necessary for Kerry County Council to establish the ownership of the area of ground in question. In the short term if the hedging at this junction was cut back it would improve the sightlines, long term some land acquisition would be required to improve this junction subject to agreement with the landowners

**39. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council repair the road which leads to Abbeydorney and more particularly at Shanow Bridge? It is in a terrible state of disrepair and seems to have been that way now for a few years.

**Reply:** A 4km section of this road from Garrynagore towards Abbeydorney Village is in need of overlay works. This road is not listed in any current roads programme. It will need to be included in a future programme for these overlay works to take place.

**Mr. E Scanlan said that he would examine this matter further.**

**40. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council provide an update regarding the works at Killflynn Cross to include the taking over of lands at the cross? (Details with Directorate).

**Reply:** The Municipal District engineer will consult with the members on the specific details and will provide an update at the next meeting.

**41. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council provide an update regarding the works at Lixnaw graveyard?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are currently reviewing the cost for the construction of the new Burial Ground at Lixnaw and it is hoped that works will be commenced here during 2017 subject to available funding.

**Mr. M McEnery said that the engineer with responsibility for burial grounds would be requested to keep the members informed regarding this matter.**

**42. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can the Council assess the road at Ballyrehan Lixnaw and more particularly around the residence of (Details with Directorate)?

**Reply:** A section of this road from the said premises towards Clandouglas Bridge is in need of overlay works. This road is not listed in any current roads programme. It will need to be included in a future programme for these overlay works to take place.

**43. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can the Council cost the footpath works at Tower Drive, Ballyduff?.

**Reply:** It would cost " 13,000 to upgrade along the southern side of Tower Drive, similar to what was upgraded along the northern side of this estate last year. This is suitable for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF).

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton** said that Notices of Motion requesting that works be carried out on footpaths are being submitted for meetings, on an ongoing basis. Given that there is a considerable amount of footpath upgrading works required in the Listowel Municipal District, funding other than Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF) is needed for this work.

**Cllr. J Lucid** agreed that other sources of funding are required for works on footpaths.

**Mr. E Scanlan** said recommended that the members compile a structured request for the works required to footpaths in the Listowel Municipal District. This would be assessed and the members would be advised of the outcome.

**44. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council consider the potholes on the Crotta/Kilflynn road and particularly beside the sportsfield and (Details with Directorate)?

**Reply:** Repairs have been carried out at this location recently

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton** acknowledged this reply.

**45. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can the Council update members as to the procedure in relation to the proposed bypass - what has been done, where we are now and what procedure lies ahead along with an approximate timeframe envisaged at this stage?

**Reply:** On 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017, Transport Infrastructure Ireland conveyed its approval to Kerry County Council to proceed with the publication of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for the N69 Listowel Bypass.

For publication, public notices for the CPO and EIS will be placed in a local newspaper and the affected landowners will be served with the relevant statutory CPO notices at that time. The EIS and CPO documents will be made available on the same day for viewing by members of the public in Kerry County Council Offices and on the Kerry County Council website.

The notices will give the details of the consultation period, outline where documents can be inspected, and that submissions in relation to the EIS, CPO or extinguishment of public rights-of-way should be made in writing to the Strategic Infrastructure Division of An Bord Pleanála on or before the specified deadline.

The Board will consider any submissions received and may decide to hold an Oral Hearing on the proposed development, after which it will issue a decision.

It is currently anticipated that Kerry County Council will hold a Pre-Application Consultation with the Board, and that the CPO and EIS will be published after this process is completed. An application in respect of the Pre-Application Consultation has been submitted to the Board. A publication date of May 2017 for the CPO and EIS is currently anticipated, with an Oral Hearing to be held before the end of 2017.

**Ms. J McCarthy** said that at the last meeting the members had expressed concern about traffic flow in Listowel. She had referred this matter to Ms. T

**Smith SEE and also asked that the placing of promotional signage at junctions be examined.**

**Cllr. D Nolan said that people must be encouraged to come into the town. The traffic flow from estates in Clieveragh and Ballygologue must also be examined.**

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton thanked Ms. McCarthy for the update and information.**

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** Will the Council replace the door in the men's toilet on the Castle Green which was vandalised during the winter?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will assess the damage done to this door and will repair or replace this, as appropriate.

**2. Cllr. R Beasley:** Will the Council ensure that the timber seats on the Cliff Walk and other parts of Ballybunion are painted as they have been neglected for a few years.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will be replacing a number of seats in Ballybunion in the coming month or so with seats similar to those installed on the Castle Green last year to be provided in their place.

**3. Cllr. R Beasley:** When can we expect to see progress in Rahealy burial ground in relation to tarring of the pathways?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are currently reviewing the cost of tarring of pathways within Rahealy Burial Ground and work can then progress subject to available funding.

**4. Cllr. R Beasley:** When can we expect the wall that was promised to be built at the east side of the burial ground in Causeway?

**Reply:** The construction of this wall is under review and progress with these works are subject to available funding.

**5. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council investigate the drains on the road outside Abbeydorney G.A.A. ground?

**Reply:** Preliminary inspections of this location have not indicated that there is any blockage in the system. We will continue to monitor this location in times of heavy rain.

**6. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Listowel Municipal District write to Tralee Municipal District to ask them why they do not look after the drainage system at Ardkeragh lake?

**Reply:** This matter has been referred to the Tralee Municipal District.

**Cllr. J Lucid acknowledged that work was going on at the moment.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that this matter is moving towards a resolution and hopefully regular maintenance of the drainage system will resume.**

**7. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council investigate the drainage outside the home of (Details with Directorate)? This is a new house and was very nearly flooded on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will need to investigate this matter.

**8. Cllr. J Lucid:** Will Kerry County Council put in junction definition posts at Buncurrag, Ballyheigue on the junction of the R551 - 502 and L1031- 159 to improve road safety in the area?.

**Reply:** It would cost " 1,500 to install these posts at this location, which would be suitable for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF).

**9. Cllr. J Moloney:** Is there any update on the proposed traffic calming measures on the Bridge Road at the entrances of Castleinch/Town Park?

**Reply:** Traffic calming proposal are currently being prepared. A feasibility report together with proposal will be forwarded to the TII within the next month. When these plan are approved, then these proposals will be discussed with the Listowel Municipal District members before going out through the public consultation process.

**Cllr. J Moloney said that the provision of the proposed traffic calming measures required at this location has been ongoing for a long time.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that he would investigate the matter further and revert to Cllr. Moloney.**

**10. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council install two bike stands in the small square area in Listowel, with funding from councillors allocations, like the ones that can be seen in the square?. As I have already stated, these are badly needed for locals and tourists in our town.

**Reply:** This proposal was examined and there are a number of potential difficulties with the proposal. The area in question is not large and with consideration needing to be given to the requirements of the visually impaired, amongst other things, the small square may not be the most appropriate location for additional bike stands. However we would be happy to look at other suitable locations with the Councillor.

**Mr. E Scanlan said that he would talk to the traders in Listowel with a view to identifying a suitable location for additional bike stands.**

**11. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Will Kerry County Council carry out immediate works outside of the Tarbert picnic area as the area in question is getting continuously flooded with the floods remaining at this location?

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

**12. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council tell us when the road marking company is in Listowel as the residents of Willow Court, Listowel require double yellow lines immediately as was promised from a previous motion?

**Reply:** These road markings will be provided when the road marking contractors are in the area again.

**13. Cllr. M Kennelly:** When will Kerry County Council carry out flood relief works at the Gale cross road entering the Ballybunion/Listowel road as this area is continuously flooded?

**Reply:** Subject to agreement with an adjoining landowner, Kerry County Council will install a pipe and gulley at this location to discharge this water to a nearby open drain.

**14. Cllr. M Kennelly:** When will Kerry County Council carry out immediate road works on a section of the L1012 Moher Road as the condition of this section will ultimately result in a serious accident?.

**Reply:** Repairs will be carried out at this location in the near future.

**Cllr. M Kennelly acknowledged this reply and said that he understood that this work would be carried out in Quarter 1 of this year.**

#### **17.04.10.06. Any Other Business**

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

**1. Cllr. D Nolan:** That Kerry County Council provide a map of all lands owned by the Local Authority in Listowel Urban and Listowel Rural District Electoral Divisions (DEDs).

**Reply:** A map was circulated to the members at the meeting.

**2. Cllr. D Nolan:** That Kerry County Council provide an update on the former County Council office site on the Bridge Road, Listowel.

**Reply:** A commitment was made previously to the Municipal District members that the local community would be consulted on possible uses for the Bridge Road site.

Its location adjoining the river Feale, the Town Park and woodland makes it most suitable for amenity purposes. An option that will be examined by the design consultants for the North Kerry Greenway is that trailhead facilities would be provided at that location.

**Cllr. D Nolan asked if consultation with the community was held.**

**Ms. J McCarthy said that public consultation will be held when possible uses for the site are identified.**

**3. Cllr. J Moloney:** Given the national and international recognition of Listowel Writers Week that this Municipal District request that more funding and support be allocated from the county budget.

**Reply:** Listowel Writers Week is a hugely successful event and is extremely important to the North Kerry economy. As well as having a National and International significance in the Arts world, Writers Week also puts Listowel and North Kerry on the map as a tourist destination, with lots of experiences to be enjoyed by the visitor. The Municipal District Manager, will work with Writers Week regarding growing and supporting the festival's programme of events to ensure wide appeal to all market segments.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton SECONDED the Notice of Motion.**

**Cllr. D Nolan supported the Notice of Motion.**

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton said that a motion regarding this matter should be forwarded for inclusion on the agenda of a meeting of the Full Council on behalf of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel.**

**(b) Dates for the following meetings:**

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cathaoirleach A Thornton SECONDED by Cllr. D Nolan it was agreed next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel would be held in Áras an Phiarsaigh, Listowel on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J Moloney SECONDED by Cllr. L Purtill it was agreed that a Special Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel would be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, County Buildings Tralee.

**(c) Reception of Deputations**

On the PROPOSAL of Cathaoirleach A Thornton SECONDED by Cllr. R Beasley it was agreed that a deputation from the residents of the Dale Road, Lixnaw would be received at the next meeting.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M Kennelly SECONDED by Cathaoirleach A Thornton it was agreed that a deputation from families of children with disabilities would be received at the next meeting with a view to making Listowel more wheelchair friendly.

**(d) Correspondence**

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

1.	Letter dated 13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2017 from the National Transport Authority regarding the provision of a bus shelter in Ballybunion.
2.	Email of 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017 from the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport in response to correspondence on behalf of the members of the Listowel MD regarding increased funding for the upgrade of the roads in North Kerry.

### **Bus Shelters**

Cllr. D Nolan referred to the correspondence from the National Transport Authority and asked if consideration could be given to the provision of one bus shelter per year by Kerry County Council which would be funded by the members through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF). It could also be used as a community notice board for the Council.

Mr. A Smith said that the provision of bus shelters is grant aided through CLAR funding to a maximum of " 25,000.

Cllr. J Moloney said that the National Transport Authority does not fund the maintenance of bus shelters.

### **Use of CSMDOF**

Cathaoirleach A Thornton said that she would like clarification on the use of CSMDOF going forward.

### **(e) Any Other Business**

#### **Bedford Cross**

Cllr. L Purtill asked that undulations on the road at Bedford Cross be addressed.

Mr. M McEnery said that a section of the road at this location needs to be strengthened.

### **(f) Presentation by Siobhan King, Fáilte Ireland in relation to the Shannon Estuary Drive.**

On behalf of the members, Cathaoirleach A Thornton welcomed Ms. Siobhán King to the meeting and acknowledged the excellent work being done by Fáilte Ireland.

Ms. King said that drives off the Wild Atlantic Way are being developed by Fáilte Ireland to give an opportunity to areas such as Ennistimon, Limerick and Tarbert which are not on the Wild Atlantic Way to draw visitors from some of the busiest areas on the route.

She said that her role is in relation to the development of the Shannon Estuary Drive and the Burren Drive. Visitors want experiences and will stop off and visit places where there are experiences. It is also hoped that in these areas that new businesses would emerge and that existing businesses would be enhanced or diversify as business has increased on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Cllr. R Beasley thanked Ms. King for her presentation and said that the promotion of traditional seaside towns must be prioritised. He asked that the drive would not be taken any further east than Limerick.

Ms. King said that Limerick is not on the Wild Atlantic Way and it will not be signed with a WAW logo. The drive to Limerick is a product off the Wild Atlantic Way.

Cllr. L Purtill thanked Ms. King for her presentation and asked if something can be done to encourage visitors to visit eg. Moyvane.

Ms. King said that there must be an experience available to draw visitors to an area. She would be happy to meet with anyone who has a product. If Moyvane has a product that would attract visitors she would be happy to discuss its potential.

Cllr. M Kennelly thanked Ms. King for her presentation and welcomed her to the meeting. He said that investment in North Kerry is important and Tarbert must be showcased to ensure that visitors stop there.

Cllr. D Nolan said that North Kerry does not even have a signature point on the Wild Atlantic Way.

Ms. King said that North Kerry has six discovery points. She said that she does not see the Drives as a threat to the Wild Atlantic Way. They are just another option and will not be branded Wild Atlantic Way.

Cllr. J Moloney asked how an area can attract visitors and does the Local Authority have a role.

Ms. King said that an example would be the bus tours that are now visiting John B Keanes pub in Listowel. They had a product which they sold to the tour operator.

Mr. A Smith said that local groups in North Kerry are interested in meeting with Ms. King to discuss options to attract visitors to their areas.

Ms. J McCarthy said that Kerry County Council funded the attendance of representatives of local groups at Meitheal 201, Irelands most important trade event.

Cllr. J Lucid welcomed Ms. King to the meeting and thanked her for her presentation. He said that the Wild Atlantic Way has been a great success. There is a lot more work to be done such as the development of a green area on Kerry Head. There are now opportunities to attract people who traditionally chose Turkey and Greece for their holidays.

Cathaoirleach. A Thornton asked if more Drives will be developed.

Ms. King said that Fáilte Ireland is always looking at opportunities to develop products off the Wild Atlantic Way. She acknowledged that North Kerry is challenged by the attractions of South Kerry and Dingle.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton on behalf of the members thanked Ms. King for her excellent presentation.

### **(g) Tarbert Ballylongford Heritage Trails**

Members of the Ballylongford Tidy Towns Group and Tarbert Development Association were present at the meeting for the launch of the Tarbert and Ballylongford Heritage Trails. They circulated information leaflets on the Heritage Trails which have been established in Tarbert and Ballylongford.

On behalf of the members Cathaoirleach A Thornton welcomed both groups to the meeting and commended them on all the work carried out by them on a voluntary basis. She hoped that the Heritage Walks would prove very popular with visitors and locals alike.

On behalf of the Municipal District of Listowel, Ms. J McCarthy welcomed both groups to the meeting and commended them on their excellent work which is part funded by Kerry County Council through the Community Support Fund.

The meeting concluded at 3.00 pm

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

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