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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL ON 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2017.  
MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS  
TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL AR AN 12  
MEITHEAMH, 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***

<b>Ms. J McCarthy</b>	<b>Delegated Executive Officer List MD</b>
<b>Ms. B Reidy</b>	<b>Meetings Administrator</b>
<b>Mr. A Smith</b>	<b>MD Officer</b>
<b>Mr. P Curry</b>	<b>SE</b>
<b>Ms. T Smith</b>	<b>SEE</b>
<b>Mr. E Scanlan</b>	<b>SEE</b>
<b>Mr. J Breen</b>	<b>DOS</b>
<b>Mr. M Lynch</b>	<b>SEE</b>
<b>Mr. C Mangan</b>	<b>SEE</b>
<b>Mr. D Murphy</b>	<b>SEE</b>
<b>Mr. M McEnery</b>	<b>EE</b>
<b>Mr. J McEniry</b>	<b>EE</b>
<b>Mr. G O'Brien</b>	<b>A/SEO</b>
<b>Mr. T Brosnan</b>	<b>AO</b>
<b>Ms. S Broderick</b>	<b>SO</b>
<b>Ms. C O'Neill</b>	<b>Student</b>
<b>Ms. S Liston</b>	<b>Student</b>

The meeting commenced at 11.10 am.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton, took the Chair.

**17.06.12.01**

**(a) Confirmation of Minutes**

(a) On the PROPOSAL OF Cllr. R Beasley SECONDED by Cllr. M Kennelly it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 be confirmed.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J Moloney SECONDED by Cllr. A Thornton it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel, held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 be confirmed.

(c) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J Lucid SECONDED by Cllr. L Purtill it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel, held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 be confirmed.

**(b) Reception of the following Deputation**

(a) Deputation from the parents of children with disabilities and people with disabilities.

Re: Making Listowel a more wheelchair friendly town.

Requested by Cllr. M Kennelly.

Cllr. M Kennelly advised the Cathaoirleach that the deputation would not be attending the meeting due to the illness and hospitalisation of one of the children concerned. He apologised to the members on behalf of the deputation and asked that they be received at the next meeting.

Mr. E Scanlan said that he would like to meet with representatives of the deputation to examine their concerns with regard to accessibility in the town, in advance of their reception at the next Listowel Municipal District meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that he had discussed their issues concerning accessibility in the playground with Mr. V Foley EE and it is hoped that sources of funding can be examined and availed of in conjunction with the group.

It was 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) In accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and having regard to Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in relation to the taking in charge of estates, to consider any objections or representations received and the making of an Order declaring the following roads to be a public road pursuant to Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993:

- (i) Abbeyville, Montanagay Abbeydorney, Co. Kerry
- (ii) Barr na Stráide, Ballyheigue, Co. Kerry
- (iii) Urlee Close, Urlee, Lisselton, Co. Kerry

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

Dáta/Date 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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

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

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A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

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

Public notice of our intention to declare the roadway as a public roadway, was advertised in the local press and submissions were invited.

No submissions or observations were received.

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

The consideration of this Report and the making of the Order to declare this roadway as a public roadway is now a reserved function of the Members of the Listowel Municipal District in accordance with the Local Government act 2001 (as amended).

Is mise le meas,  
Gerard O'Brien, A/S.E.O.  
Environmental Services, Planning Enforcement,  
and Housing Estates Unit

**KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAI**



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

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

- (iv) Abbeyville, Montanagay Abbeydorney, Co. Kerry
- (v) Barr na Stráide, Ballyheigue, Co. Kerry
- (vi) Urlee Close, Urlee, Lisselton, Co. Kerry

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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

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

Montanagay Abbeydorney, - Road from its junction with R-557 to all terminal points within the estate Abbeyville, Montanagay Abbeydorney, Co. Kerry **Map 35** (serving 9 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 124m

**Background:**

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

**Statutory Procedures:**

In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in Abbeyville, Montanagay Abbeydorney, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

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

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell  
A/Director of Economic & Community Development

Areas to be Taken In Charge



Length of Roads 0124m

Main Road Number R-557

Green Areas shown Thus

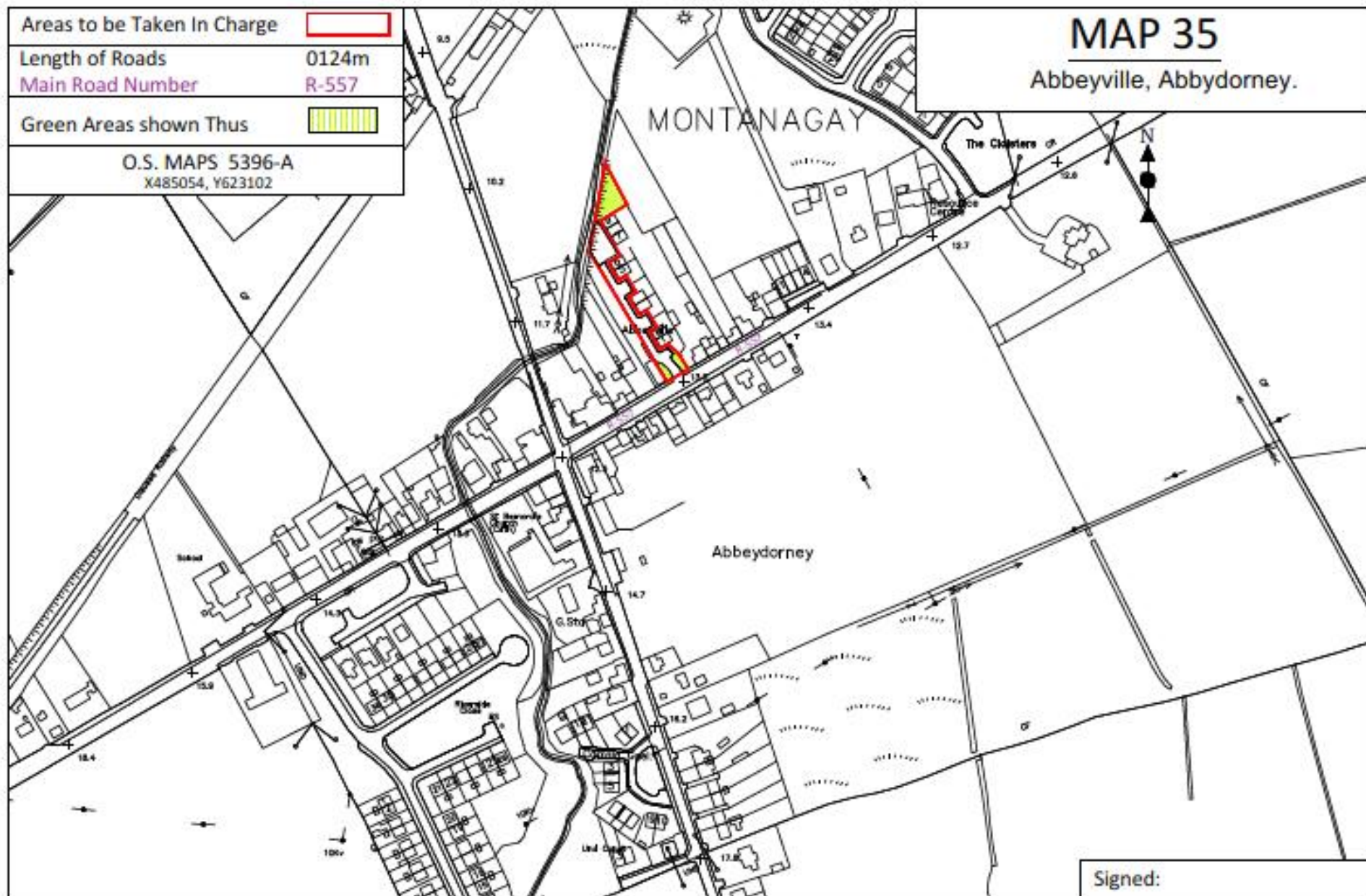


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## MAP 35

Abbeyville, Abbydorney.



Signed:



KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING OPERATIONS CENTRAL DESIGN OFFICE  
COUNTY BUILDINGS, RATHASS, TRALEE, COUNTY KERRY.

P. NEARY, SENIOR ENGINEER.

APPLICANT:  
SITE AT:

DRAWING NO.

Kerry County Council  
Abbeyville,  
Abbydorney.  
HOP-516-TIC-16-09-LOC

DATE:  
TITLE:  
SCALE:  
DESIGNED BY:

September 2016  
Taken in Charge  
1:2500 @ A3  
S. Mulligan



Montanagay Abbeydorney, - Road from its junction with R-557 to all terminal points within the estate Abbeyville, Montanagay Abbeydorney, Co. Kerry **Map 35** (serving 9 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 124m

## **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL/CEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUTHAIL**

### **Report Prepared Pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993**

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

Barr na Stráide, Ballyheigue, - Road from its junction with L-1033-134 to all terminal points within the estate Barr na Stráide, Ballyheigue, Co. Kerry **Map 36** (serving 32 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 315m

#### **Background:**

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

#### **Statutory Procedures:**

In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in Barr na Stráide, Ballyheigue, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

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

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell  
A/Director of Economic & Community Development



Areas to be Taken In Charge



Length of Roads 0315m

Main Road Number L-1033-134

Green Areas shown Thus

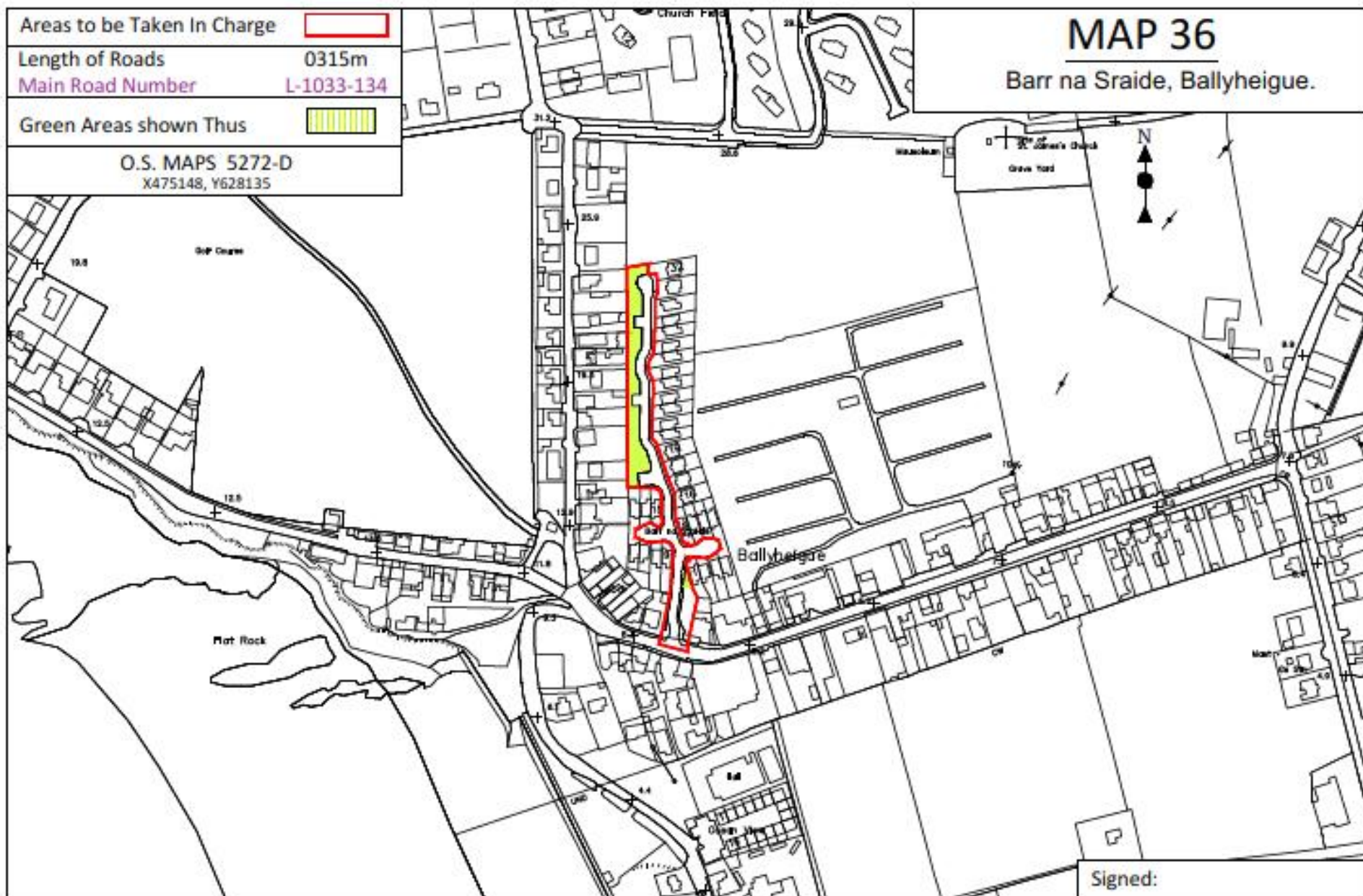


O.S. MAPS 5272-D

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## MAP 36

Barr na Sraide, Ballyheigue.



Signed:



KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING OPERATIONS CENTRAL DESIGN OFFICE  
COUNTY BUILDINGS, RATHASS, TRALEE, COUNTY KERRY.

P. NEARY, SENIOR ENGINEER.

APPLICANT:  
SITE AT:

Kerry County Council  
Barr na Sraide,  
Ballyheigue.  
DRAWING NO. HOP-016-TIC-16-07-LOC

DATE:  
TITLE:  
SCALE:  
DESIGNED BY:

September 2016  
Taken in Charge  
1:2500 @ A3  
S. Mulligan





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

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

Urlee, Lisselton, - Road from its junction with L6077-30 to all terminal points within the estate Urlee Close, Urlee, Lisselton, Co. Kerry **Map 38** (serving 4 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 47m

**Background:**

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

**Statutory Procedures:**

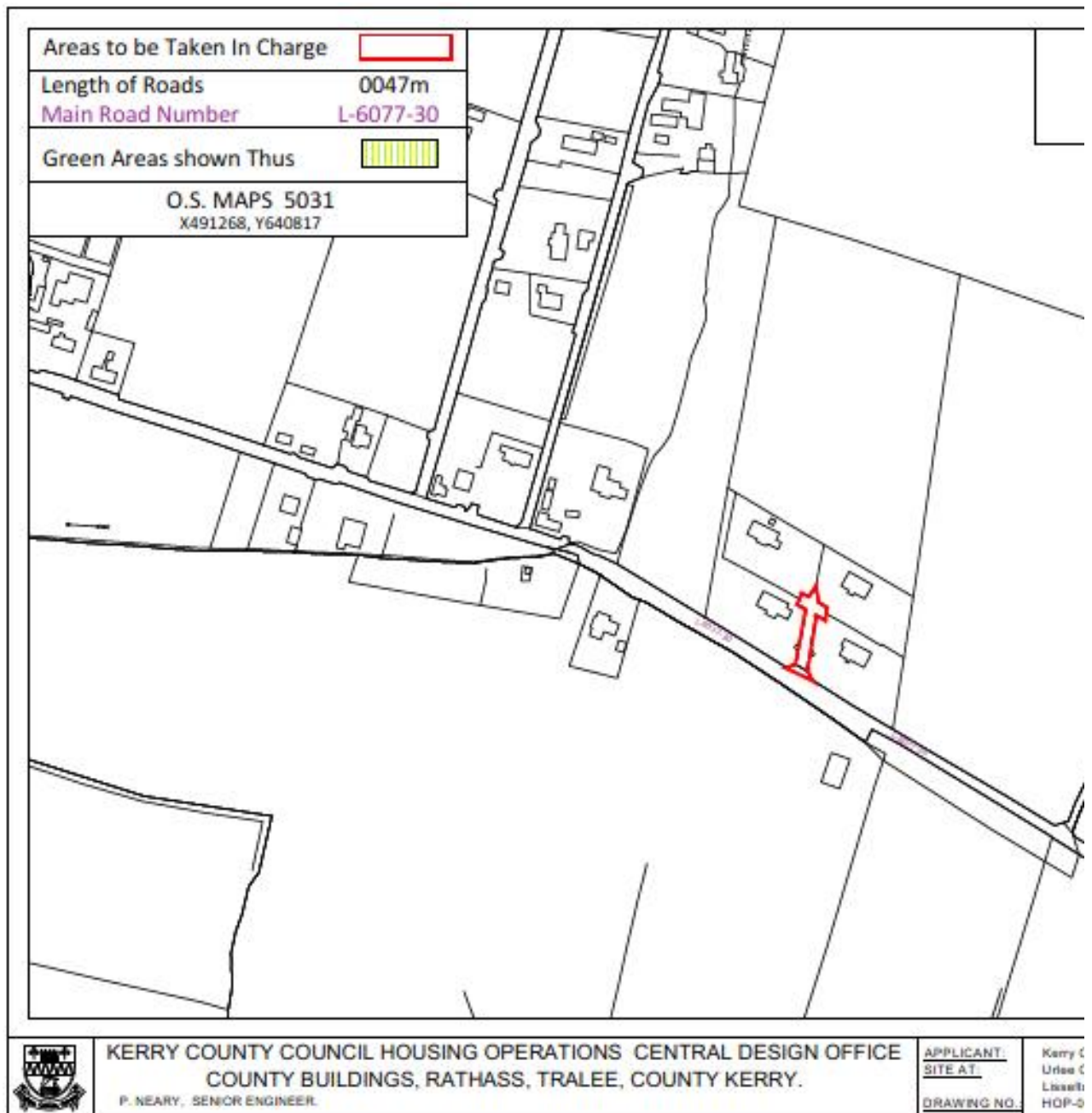
In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in Urlee Close, Urlee, Lisselton, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

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

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell  
A/Director of Economic & Community Development



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(iii) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M Kennelly SECONDED by Cllr. J Moloney it was agreed that an Order be made declaring the road from its junction with L6077-30 to all terminal points within the estate Urlee Close, Urlee, Lisselton, Co. Kerry **Map 38** (serving 4 houses). Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 47m, to be a public road pursuant to Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993 in accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and having regard to Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in relation to the taking in charge of estates.

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

### **Writers Week 2017**

Cathaoirleach A Thornton on behalf of the members thanked all who were involved in making Writers Week 2017 a huge success for Listowel.

Cllr. J Moloney said that the funding allocated through the Community Support Fund (CSF) is inadequate for Writer Week, therefore, an additional source of funding is required.

### **Green Coast Award**

Ms. J McCarthy said that Littor beach in Asdee had recently received a Green Coast Award. The Green Coast Award is based on public participation and encourages local communities to get involved in the preparation of coastal management plans. She acknowledged the work of the local community at Littor and said that Kerry County Council would work with them in helping to retain this award.

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

### **Business Support Unit LEO**

April 2017 continued to see a strong level of enquiries from businesses within the MD, seeking information on available supports.

Work is ongoing with the delivery of planned business bootcamps over the summer period.

A number of businesses from the MD were represented at The Kerry Business and Jobs expo held on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

In addition a number of food businesses from the MD are taking part in the LEO Food Academy programme that is run in conjunction with Musgraves and gives producers a listing in Supervalu stores.

Antoinnette Butler of Irish Host Family and the Butler Education Centre (Listowel) won the best business category in the region at the National Enterprise Awards.

## **Economic Development**

### **Kerry Expo 2017**

Kerry County Council supported the Kerry Expo 2017 event held in April. The Economic Development Unit and the Local Enterprise Unit held a stand at the event which had a large attendance.

### **Ireland/China Southern Region Launch**

The Economic Development Officer attended the launch of the Southern Region Ireland China Association held in Cork on the 22nd May.

### **Enterprise Ireland Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF)**

This competitive funding has been provided by the Department of Jobs, through Enterprise Ireland and is a key action to support the Regional Action Plan for Jobs and the Action Plan for Rural Development. The Fund is aimed at accelerating economic recovery in every part of the country by delivering on the potential of local and regional enterprise strengths. The Fund will support significant collaborative regional initiatives to build on specific industry sectoral strengths and improve enterprise capability, thereby driving job creation.

Under a competitive process, Enterprise Ireland is now seeking applications for funding under four streams with varying investment levels:

Stream 1 - Major Change Projects - " 2m up to " 5m per project,

Stream 2 - Regionally Significant Projects - " 250,000 up to " 2m per project,

Stream 3 - Local & Community Enterprise Development Projects - " 50,000 up to " 250,000 per project,

Stream 4 - Industry Clusters - " 50,000 up to " 250,000 per project.

## **Tourism Development**

### **Cycle Gradient Signage**

Further progress has been made on the installation of cycle gradient signage on a looped cycle route on Kerry Head. Working with the Tourism Unit, Kerry County Council's Operations Unit, the Listowel Municipal MD office and local cycling clubs have identified locations for each sign and have assessed the gradient levels for each. A design for the signage has been agreed and production and installation will take place shortly. An information board outlining the loop will also be erected in Ballyheigue Village. The County Kerry Tourism Strategy 2016-2022 identified Adventure Tourism, both soft and hard, as the fastest growing segment of

international tourism. It has as one of its priorities, the upgrading of visitor facilities at seaside resorts and several actions to promote and develop Kerry's cycling product are included in its Action Plan. This signed cycle route will be a very welcome addition to Ballyheigue for use by locals and visitors and the Tourism Unit and Failte Ireland will help market and promote the route.

### **An Taisce – Green Coast Awards 2017**

The Tourism Unit welcomes the recent announcement by An Taisce that Kerry is the county with the highest number of blue flags in Ireland in 2017 . 13 for beaches and 1 for Fenit Marina. An Taisce also announced that Kerry had been awarded 5 Green Coast Awards - an increase of 4 from last year. Green Coast Awards are given to beaches with excellent bathing water quality which are prized for their natural unspoilt environment, but don't have the level of infrastructure and intensive management generally associated with blue flag beaches. The Tourism Unit, working with our Environment Services Unit and An Taisce and liaising closely with community groups, coordinated the Green Coast Award applications in 2017 and are delighted that all five applications were successful. The award will highlight these rural beaches to locals and visitors and will help maintain our international reputation for having some of the cleanest and most beautiful beaches in the world.

### **Listowel Military Tattoo and Listowel Writers Week**

Listowel Military Tattoo which took place over the May bank holiday weekend was a huge success with hundreds of locals and visitors enjoying the many events that took place around the town. The establishment of an interagency group which included the Gardaí, Civil Defence, the Irish Aviation Authority and Kerry County Council ensured all events ran smoothly during what is now, a must-go-to event for enthusiasts and families alike.

### **Listowel Writers' Week**

The internationally acclaimed Listowel Writers Week drew record crowds to Listowel from the 31<sup>st</sup> May to the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017. This year's festival brought together writers and audiences at unique and innovative events all around the town. Listowel Writers' Week is supported by Kerry County Council through the Municipal District Community Support Fund and marketed through the Tourism Unit.

### **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. A public meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 saw the election of three members from the business sector, they will now join the Executive Committee.

The MDO has met with the newly established **Asdee Community Development Association** and will be working with them. The group has many years experience within community and voluntary groups and in conjunction with the local community will be developing a vision on how they would like to see the future growth of Asdee.

Also, a decision of planning for the construction of a new playground adjacent to Community Centre in Abbeydorney was granted on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Fundraising is taking place in the village and tenders will shortly be sought.

In total 13 submissions were made by voluntary and community groups under the 2017 Town and Village renewal scheme and four applications have been received to date from groups within the MD under the Age Friendly Initiatives . Community Facilities Scheme.

A meeting of the Joint Policing Committee was held at the Listowel Family Resource Centre in Listowel on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017, the first time such a meeting of the countywide group has taken place in the Listowel MD.

### **Civic Reception**

At a Civic Reception held at Aras an Phiarsaigh, Listowel on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 the Cathaoirleach and elected members of Listowel Municipal District honoured the Under 18 Listowel Rugby Football Club girls team who won the treble of Munster Cups over the 2016/17 season. Seven of the players from the U18 squad participated in the Munster U18 teams in the 7 and 15 a side inter provincial competitions and one of these went on to represent Ireland.

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

The May bank holiday weekend saw two very successful festivals take place. The Military Tattoo took place in Listowel and the MOYA Festival took place in Ballybunion. Kerry County Council through the Tourism and Community sections will continue to work both organising committees to help ensure additional growth in visitor numbers.

Listowel hosted another hugely successful Writers Week Festival with visitors from Ireland and abroad visiting the town. All of these festivals acknowledged the support they received from Kerry County Council under the 2017 Community Support Fund 2017.

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, Listowel Town Park was the venue for a blitz competition for secondary school girls from St Joseph's School in Ballybunion, Listowel Presentation Secondary School and Tarbert Comprehensive. This was run by Transition Year students from Tarbert schools as part of an initiative between Listowel RFC and the school, with the support of the Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership through the club/school initiative.

A parkrun is now taking place in Listowel Town Park at 9.30am every Saturday and is proving very popular with over 100 people taking part each week.

National Bike Week is a Department of Transport Tourism & Sport initiative, which this year takes place from 10<sup>th</sup> . 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017, with cycling events planned right across the country. The aim of bike week is to encourage more individuals and families to participate in cycling for commuting or recreational purposes.

Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership, through the support of Kerry County Council and local cycling clubs, have planned a Pedal in the Park in Listowel on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Cyclists can pre register at [www.kerryrecreationandsports.ie](http://www.kerryrecreationandsports.ie) for a family 2.5km and 7km cycle both of which are taking place within the Town Park.

### **Tidy Towns Update**



Tidy Towns Groups throughout the Listowel MD are currently working to showcase their villages in this year's competition and the Operations Department has provided assistance where possible.

In Listowel the Convent Wall has now been rendered and Operations Staff continue to complete repairs and minor environmental works.

In Ballybunion lamp posts were painted and heritage style benches were fitted at Ahafona, plus the walkway down to and the area overlooking Ladies Beach.

In Tarbert the Sensory Garden was opened on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017 and is a great facility for the village. Both Ballybunion & Tarbert villages were only a couple of points away from winning medals in last year's competition and it is hoped they will achieve the required standard in 2017.

Planting of an Urban Woodland in Moyvane is nearing completion and lamp posts were painted in Kilflynn village. Finally, new signage on the approach roads to Finuge and Kilflynn has been erected and heritage style benches were fitted in Finuge, and Ballyduff.

### **Planning & Sustainable Development**

(1) On Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 the 'Listowel Heritage and Community Led Regeneration Strategy' was launched at the Lartigue Monorail Museum, Listowel.

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

(2) The review of the Listowel Municipal District Local Area Plan will commence in the third quarter of 2017 with an initial round of public consultation.

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

**1. Cllr. D Nolan:** That we, the members of Listowel Municipal District, receive an update regarding the Community Support Fund (CSF) monies which were set aside for community seed capital funding, a timetable for follow through and review the process which has been carried out.

**Reply:** "50,000 was ring-fenced under the Listowel CSF allocation to maximise the opportunities provided by alternative sources of funding such as Town and Village Renewal and LEADER. Once projects are successful under LEADER or any other co-funded programmes and display wide community and economic benefit they may be considered for an element of match-funding under the CSF reserve fund.

**Cllr. D Nolan asked if local community groups have been made aware of this.**

**Mr. A Smith** said that 53 Expressions of Interest were received county-wide from local community groups under the Town and Village renewal scheme. Once decisions are made in respect of applications under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and LEADER, community groups will be contacted.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton** said that the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) met last week to consider the applications from South Kerry. The applications from North & East Kerry Development (NEKD) will be considered very shortly.

**Ms. J McCarthy** said that local community groups would be well aware of the sources of funding available.

**Ms. J McCarthy** said that the funding for Writers Week in Listowel had not been reduced for this year.

**2. Cllr. D Nolan:** Has the seed capital Community Support Fund (CSF) monies been applied for by any community seeking projects outside of LEADER, eg. Town and Village Renewal Scheme, and were community groups contacted in relation to accessing seed capital for their projects.

**Reply:** Decisions in relation to the LEADER applications in the Listowel Municipal District are pending consideration and decision by the Kerry Local Action Group. A public call for expressions under the Town and village Renewal Scheme was made at the end of April, 2017. A total of 53 Expressions of Interest were received county-wide from local community groups and organisations and are currently being assessed.

**3. Cllr. J Moloney:** That we ask Kerry County Council/TII to compile an economic impact assessment report of a proposed bypass of Listowel.

**Reply:** In accordance with TII guidelines, a cost benefit analysis was prepared for Listowel Bypass Proposed Road Development. The economic viability of a proposed development is confirmed when the Benefit to Cost Ratio is greater than 1. The Listowel Bypass has a Benefit to Cost ratio of 2.629.

This result confirms that the proposed N69 Listowel Bypass is economically viable and therefore a worthwhile project to progress.

Prior to approval to publish the CPO/EIS for Listowel Bypass, the cost benefit analysis for the Listowel Bypass received economic approval from the Department of Transport and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

**Cllr. J Moloney** said that what he wanted was an impact assessment post construction of a bypass of Listowel. What has been the impact of the construction of a bypass in other areas? What effect does a bypass have on business and trade in other towns?

He said that there is a considerable amount of concern in Listowel about the impact of the bypass on the local economy. Kerry County Council must do more to sell the benefits of the project in Listowel, eg. an initiative similar to

the campaign to sell the Tralee town centre works which were carried out this year.

Ms. T Smith said that she was not aware of a post bypass construction impact assessment for any other scheme. She referred to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the scheme and said that this includes a chapter on the future economic vitality of the town.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton asked Ms. Smith for information on any changes that will be made to infrastructure on the route of the bypass.

Ms. Smith said that the John B Keane road will be resurfaced. Footpaths on the north side of the road will be upgraded to increase safety for vulnerable road users. The traffic lights at Ballygologue road junction will be upgraded

Cllr. D Nolan moved Notice of Motion No. 18 Item 5 (b) at this stage.

***18. Cllr. D Nolan: Can Kerry County Council apply for funding for a new set of traffic lights for Ballygologue Cross on the John B Keane road?***

***Reply: A new control unit has been installed at this location in the past few weeks. To completely replace the lights would involve considerable costs for which there isn't a budget available at present. Any change would also have to be considered in the context of the proposed relief road route and TII would have to be involved in that process.***

Cllr. D Nolan said that she was also concerned about access to the town through this junction while the construction of the bypass is in progress.

Mr. E Scanlan acknowledged that there have been major difficulties with traffic lights at Ballygologue road junction. A new control unit has recently been installed but the long term solution could only be considered in the context of the proposed relief road as Kerry County Council does not have the funding to carry out this work.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that he was aware that a traffic accident had occurred at this junction recently and he was concerned that a fatal accident would occur at this location due to issues with the traffic lights.

Mr. E Scanlan said that the installation of a new control box has addressed the issues with the traffic lights in the short term. There will be an application for the upgrading of the traffic lights in conjunction with the construction of the proposed relief road.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that it will not be possible to sell the proposed development of the relief road while this junction is included.

Mr. E Scanlan said that this matter would be discussed with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

Mr. Scanlan said that the proposed relief road for Listowel has been designed on the basis of very well thought out models. The model for Listowel town shows that the relief road will take the 50% of traffic going through the town

centre that would not be stopping in the town. This will have a positive impact on life in the town. An incentive must be provided to attract the 20% of commuters who are undecided about exiting the relief road, to spend time in the town.

Ms. J McCarthy said that people living in areas outside of Listowel have indicated that they do not come to Listowel during the summer months due to traffic delays. This is a huge loss to the economy of the town.

Cathaoirleach A Thornton asked Mr. Scanlan to comment on the following statement “ *if there was proper consistent traffic management there would be no need for a €40m investment in a bypass of the town*”

Mr. Scanlan said that it makes sense to want to remove the 50% of traffic from the town centre that has no interest in stopping in the town. Listowel has a very attractive town centre and by enhancing traffic management there would be a risk of changing the appearance of the town centre therefore it makes sense to construct a route around the town.

Ms. T Smith said that unlike the Castleisland bypass, the proposed relief road for Listowel is not a complete bypass of the town. Traffic will be brought around the town and there will be a number of exits off the route into the town. It will provide scope for marketing the town.

Cllr. J Moloney asked if there will be any marketing of the project over the coming weeks.

Ms. J McCarthy said that the CPO and the EIA have been submitted to An Bord Pleanála. All documentation is available for inspection in the County Buildings, the NRDO office and in the Listowel MD offices and on Kerry County Council’s website. The closing date for receipt of submissions is 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. A public information evening was held in September 2016. She said that she hoped that the members had adequate information to answer any questions put to them.

**4. Cllr. J Moloney:** What steps are the Council prepared to take to ensure the vitality of Listowel Town Centre in the event of a bypass being constructed?

**Reply:** As members are aware, Kerry County Council, over the last number of months have been working with the business and community sector in the town, to facilitate the formation of a business and community Alliance. At this stage, the executive committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Stephen Stack, has been established along with a number of sub-committees.

Tremendous positive interest and co-operation has been shown in the town for the Alliance and a public launch will take place after the summer months. As discussed previously at Listowel MD level, the Local Authority will work with the Alliance to ensure that the voices of the traders and local businesses are heard and that everyone is working together to maximise the potential of the town.

Part of the work-programme for the Alliance, which will be supported by Kerry County Council and the Local Enterprise Office, will include the development of a Retail Strategy and a Marketing Plan for the town.

The Retail Strategy will include an audit of businesses, examining the retail mix in the town. It will include an analysis of foot fall, researchers will speak to retailers and consumers as well as looking at traffic flow, parking and enforcement. It will also review the need for additional information signage, the impact of online shopping and how to address it.

Secondary research will be carried out also which will include looking at loyalty schemes, car-parking initiatives and pedestrianised access.

A marketing plan will look at all services in the town including retail, accommodation, the food sector, tourism activities/amenities, events and festivals and will be informed by research/data in the Retail Strategy.

Additional information signage regarding our retail offering and tourism amenities and activities will be erected, to inform shoppers and visitors of both the variety of businesses and tourism amenities in the town.

**5. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council carry out a safety survey on all the playground equipment that is used in Kerry, as parents have some serious issues with one in particular which is causing extreme worry for parents with toddlers.

**Reply:** All playgrounds in Kerry comply with EN1176 Playground Equipment Standard. The standard requires Routine Visual Inspection (Council), Operational Inspection (Council every 3 months) and Annual Main Inspection (Independent Inspector) of all equipment for compliance with the code. All playgrounds in Kerry have just passed Annual Main Inspection. Age suitability notices are erected at playground entrances which may indicate that equipment is not always suitable for toddlers.

**Cllr. M Kennelly said that parents had raised some serious issues with regard to a particular piece of equipment.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that a very specific code of practice and design standard is required for playground equipment and regular inspections are carried out. It would be very unusual if equipment that did not comply with safety standards was installed. He said that he had discussed this matter with Mr. V Foley EE and undertook to further examine the equipment in question.**

**Cllr. R Beasley supported Cllr. Kennelly on this matter and said that parents had also raised concerns with him in relation to the use of this particular piece of equipment.**

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Will Kerry County Council management investigate what protected structures in the heritage town of Listowel have applied for funding to the Heritage Council and were unsuccessful?

**Reply:** The Heritage Officer Mr. T J O'Mahoney has contacted the Heritage Council regarding this matter. The data is currently being compiled and a response is awaited.

**Cllr. M Kennelly said that he looked forward to getting the response. He said that he was aware that an application had been made in respect of a property in Listowel had been refused.**

**Ms. J McCarthy said that this matter would be examined in the context of any funding that is made available under the heritage schemes.**

**2. Cllr. A Thornton:** What is the update regarding Wild Atlantic Way (WAW) road signage in North Kerry?

**Reply:** The provision of Wild Atlantic Way signage is a matter for Fáilte Ireland. A full review of the Wild Atlantic Way is to be carried out by Fáilte Ireland at the end of this year. This request for additional signage will be included in a submission to the Head of the Wild Atlantic Way Programme.

**Ms. J McCarthy said that a full review of the Wild Atlantic Way is to be carried out by Fáilte Ireland at the end of this year.**

#### **17.06.12.03 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.**

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

#### **LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

Achoimre Stádais ar an 31<sup>ú</sup> Bealtaine 2017

Status Summary at 31<sup>st</sup> May 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 national **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 Capital Investment Programme. **The new CIP 2017 - 2021 has not yet been published.** The Schemes listed in the original **CIP** which are located in the Listowel Municipal District are outlined in the following tables.

<b><u>CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016</u></b> <b><u>WASTE WATER PROJECTS</u></b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
Tarbert and Ballylongford WWTPs	<b>Complete</b> - " 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	Provision and installation countywide 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	Provision and installation of Equipment for UVT and flow	" 1.25M	Contract works - completion WW April d7, Water Nov.d7

Plant works	monitoring and sampling		
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**Total allocated to-date    €1.5M**

<b>LISTOWEL M.D. - MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Status</b>
Ballyheigue Water Softener	Repair pipework and replace resin	" 7,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Ballyduff Cast Iron Mains	Replace 2,9Km of old / deficient C.I. pipes	" 278,000	Complete
CRWSS Cloonafineela	Provision of SCADA/Telemetry for reservoir and pumphouse	" 6,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Derry - Clontibret	Replace 2.25Km of 300mm diameter Asbestos Cement Main	" 236,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Dromin Water Treatment Plant	Upgrade Fencing	" 72,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 550M old / deficient 100mm diameter C.I. pipes	" 33,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Rusheen Ballylongford	Replace 335M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 44,000	Complete
Lahesherragh Pressure Management	Installation of PRVs etc	" 30,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Tieraclea Pk. Tarbert	Replace 250M old / deficient 3+ PVC water mains	" 26,000	Complete
NKRWSS: St Pat's Tce. Tarbert	Replace 350M old / deficient 100MM diameter C.I. pipes	" 42,000	Complete
NKRWSS: Lisselton	Replace 3.8KM 250mm AC 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
NKRWSS WSS . Ferry Road Tarbert	Replace 2,350M of 170mm A.C. with 160MM uPVC	" 294,000	Complete
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Marian Terrace	Replace 370M of 90mm C.I. with Lead services with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 54,000	Complete
Ardfert North WSS . Marian Park Ballyheigue	Decommission 215M of C.I. mains	" 48,000	Complete
Glenderry WS: Mains Replacement	Replace 750M of 50mm AC main with 90MM uPVC	" 56,000	Complete <b>Contract JHR</b>
Lyreacrompane WTP -	Complete Sludge Treatment	" 17,000	In progress

Sludge Treatment	Plant		
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	Upgrade Sludge Treatment works	" 190,000	In progress
NKRWSS: Dromin Water Treatment Plant	Extensive roof repairs / building remodelling	" 150,000	Consultants prepared Design; <b>Planning Appln. submitted</b>
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 . Marian Park Ballyheigue	Decommission 215M of C.I. mains	" 48,000	Complete
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Marian Terrace	Replace 370M of 90mm C.I. with Lead services with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 54,000	Complete
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
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Village	Replace 400M of 75mm C.I. and A.C. with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 50,000	<b>Approved – works in June 17</b>
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Village	Replace 1,750M of 75mm C.I. and A.C. with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 236,000	Requested
<b>Total ALLOCATED to-date</b>		<b>€3,693,000</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, Community 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.

Following consultations with the **Department Of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government** and the **County and City Managers' Association**, **Irish Water** has now developed a protocol to facilitate the Takeover of Group Schemes. **Funding has been allocated in the 2016-2018 Rural Water Programme for upgrade works prior to take-over (by IW) on the Group Water Schemes of Clanmaurice (€200,000) and Brosna (€40K).**

### Environmental Protection

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

#### ***2017 Anti-Dumping Initiative Phase 2***

In response to a hugely positive reaction to the initial launch of the 2017 AntiDumping Initiative, the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Mr Denis Naughten T.D., has advised local authorities that further funds will be made available to support the initiative. The initial allocation of " 650,000 has been doubled with total funding of " 1.3million now being made available to support the clean-up of dumping black-spots and to target those who engage in this illegal practice.

Successful applications from the initial phase included projects that will equip authorities with the latest enforcement technologies including overt and covert surveillance equipment and drone technology to target dumpers. A range of cleanup and restorative projects led by community, environmental and sporting groups have also been approved. The extra funds will support strategic, community led anti-dumping projects that remediate specific site(s) and develop effective deterrents.

The second phase of the initiative will continue to be delivered through the WERLA offices. The additional funding of " 650,000 will provide local authorities and community groups with the financial support they need to actively respond to instances of illegal dumping in their areas. Applications should engage community groups and other state agencies working in partnership to clean-up and prevent illegal dumping. Local authorities can enhance projects by responding to breaches of waste legislation and taking enforcement actions where appropriate.

Project Selection Criteria and Application Process Applications are now invited from Local Authorities for consideration by the relevant WERLA Regional Steering Group and must be submitted on the application form developed for this purpose. The

Steering Groups are responsible for selecting suitable projects eligible for funding subject to a selection criteria, and for determining the grant allocations in each individual case.

The deadline for receipt of applications for the second phase of this project is Monday, 26 June 2017 and the appropriate WERLA will endeavour to notify successful applicants within one month of this closing date. Please note successful applicants may be required to submit further information prior to the commencement of works and to engage with the relevant WERLA for the duration of the project.

### **Blue Flag Beach and Green Flag Beach Awards**

Blue Flags were awarded to 13 Kerry beaches again this year in addition to a Blue Flag for Fenit Marina. This year Kerry has been awarded an extra 4 Green Coast Flags. This summer there will be green coast flags flying in Béal Bán (West Kerry), Castlegregory, Waterville Town beach, Ballinskellig and Littor Beach (North Kerry). The award recognises beaches for their clean environment, excellent water quality and natural beauty. An important aspect of the Green Coast Awards is the involvement of Clean Coasts groups.

### **Fire/Building Regulation**

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

Fire Officers continued to provide the Courts with recommendations in respect of licencing applications notified to the Fire Service.

Fire Officers continued with inspections of premises where required, including post fire incident inspections and fire safety inspections following complaints received.

Fire Officers attended the annual Chief Fire Officers Association Conference which was held in Dublin.

### **Fire Service Operations:**

OPERATIONS	Jan-31 May 2016	Jan-29 May 2017
<i>Fires</i>		
Chimney Fires	69	59
Gorse Fires	136	153
Other Fires	83	91
Total	288	303
Special Services Number		
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	26	25
Other rescue	9	13
Rescue/Removal of persons from	1	1

water		
Road traffic accident	47	38
Water pumping/flooding	6	0
Total	103	81
False Alarms Number		
Malicious	11	6
Good Intent	77	42
Total	88	48
Total Number of Incidents	479	432
Total Number of Mobilisations	565	528

### **Building Control:**

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017 was 197 which is a:
  - 14.53% increase on the figure of 172 for the same period last year.
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 a total of 36 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 57 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents decrease of:
  - 14.28 % in Disability Access Certificate applications and
  - 17.39 % in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2016.

<b>Building Control</b>	<b>1 January 2016 to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>	<b>1 January 2017 to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	69	57
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	42	36
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices Received	172	197



## **Library Services**

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

“ The Children’s Reading Adventure programme 2017 - **Summer Stars** – will be running in all Kerry Libraries and most public libraries throughout the country again this summer. Summer Stars is a free programme, open to all children.

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

A range of support material is available at [www.librariesireland.ie/summer-stars](http://www.librariesireland.ie/summer-stars)

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

**1. Cllr. D Nolan:** That Kerry County Council investigate the dumping problem at the back of Feale Drive/Gleanna a Phuca/O'Connells Avenue, especially the issue of horse manure, and steps be taken to stop this illegal activity.

**Reply:** The Listowel Municipal District Office has recently cleaned up the horse manure in this area. The horse warden has previously visited this area and found no issue. Regular monitoring of the area will be carried out and any issues arising will be addressed.

**Cllr. D Nolan asked that this location be monitored to ensure that this problem does not reoccur.**

**2. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can the Council consider installing cameras at the bottle bank in Lixnaw village?

**Reply:** The Environment Section has not received any complaints regarding ongoing littering or illegal dumping at or near the bottle banks in Lixnaw. This may be due to the good work of the local community who look after the maintenance of the bottle banks under our Adopt a Bottle Bank Scheme. Our bring bank operative routinely inspects and cleans the bottle banks and he has confirmed that littering or illegal dumping is not an issue at present. On that basis the installation of a CCTV system could not be justified at this time.

**Cllr. A Thornton acknowledged this reply.**

#### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. J Lucid:** Will Kerry County Council erect a gate at the inside entrance to the location of the water tower at Ballylongane, Ballyheigue and keep it locked with access only to Irish Water personnel. This action will eliminate illegal dumping and anti social behaviour in that location?

**Reply:** Trisk reservoir and the water mains at this location are part of the privately operated Clanmaurice Group Water Supply Scheme. Irish Water has no role or authority in this matter. These lands are part of a commonage with more than 10 owners. The circa 20M by 20M site of the reservoir on the hilltop is securely fenced and locked.

**Cllr. J Lucid said that a very serious illegal dumping incident occurred at this location earlier this year. The area has also been used by people indulging in anti-social behaviour. Local residents are very concerned. The matter has been reported to the Gardaí. The erection of a gate would prevent the illegal dumping and Kerry County Council would not have to incur the cost of cleaning up.**

**Mr. C Mangan referred to the response and said that these lands are part of a commonage with more than 10 owners therefore the erection of a gate is not possible.**

**Cllr. R Beasley supported Cllr. Lucid on this matter and said that consumers have expressed concern about the water quality due to the illegal dumping at this location. He suggested that a gate be erected on a trial basis.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that Kerry County Council does not have the authority to block private property.**

**Mr. C Mangan suggested that the members would raise this issue with the commonage owners.**

#### **17.06.12.04 Housing Directorate.**

**(a) It was agreed to note the following report from the Housing Directorate which was circulated:**

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

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

	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	650
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	72
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	71

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

<b>Municipal District breakdown</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	6

Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	7
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	6
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	3
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	6
<b><u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u></b>	<b><u>28</u></b>

### **3      Social Housing Options**

<b>Social Housing Options in MD</b>	<b>New tenancies since the start of the year</b>	<b>Current No of tenancies</b>
LA Housing	16	892
RAS	8	133
Leasing	2	19
HAP	27	27
<b><u>Total no of Tenancies</u></b>	<b><u>53</u></b>	<b><u>1071</u></b>

### **4      Transfers**

There are currently 86 approved transfer applications in the Listowel Municipal District, which include 37 LA Rented accommodation, 30 Private Rented . HAP and 19 Private Rented . RAS.

### **5      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>
Marconi Avenue, Ballybunion	20 No.	8 No. 2 bedroomed, 12 No. 3 bedroomed (two storey)	Dec 2018	Dec 2019

#### **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		5th July 2017
Lixnaw, Ph4	4 No.	2 bedroomed, (two storey)	13 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 2017	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2017

## 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>
Listowel	2	3 bed	January May
8 properties are progressing in the Listowel MD Area			

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

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 347 No. requests for repairs have been received for the Listowel Municipal District.

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

*Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 57 No. grants have been allocated in the Listowel Municipal District.*

### **8      Extensions to Local Authority dwellings**

*Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 3 No. bedroom extensions have been recommended to proceed and forwarded for costing to Housing Operations.*

### **9      Tenant Purchase Scheme**

*12 houses in the Listowel Municipal District are approved to go for valuation. 7 more have been approved from the income side but are awaiting confirmation of payment of water charges/Garda vetting etc.*

### **10     Repair & Leasing Scheme**

A key component of the [Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness](#) is the new Repair and Leasing Scheme, which targets the delivery of social housing and also ensures that existing housing stock is used to the maximum degree possible.

The basis of the scheme is that repair and improvement works to suitable vacant properties are funded to bring them up to the standard for rented accommodation and the cost of the works is then deducted from lease payments over an agreed lease term.

There are a number of requirements in relation to the scheme:

- ❖ The property has to be vacant for at least 12 months
- ❖ There has to be a social housing demand for the property
- ❖ The property has to be assessed as being viable to provide accommodation
- ❖ The minimum lease term is 10 years and is preferably 20 years
- ❖ The lease payments are based on the current market rental rates in the property location, less 20% to cover vacant periods and administration/management
- ❖ The scope and cost of the works, and the recoupment of the works cost through the lease payments, are agreed between the owner and Kerry County Council
- ❖ The initiative is not available for private renting.

If the property is located in an area of need and is suitable for social housing a property inspection will be carried out by Kerry County Council staff who will identify the works required to bring the dwelling to the required standard.

There will be a National Media Campaign as well a local campaign rolled out over the coming weeks. At that stage application forms and further details will be available on our website.

## **11     Assessment Of Housing Need 2017**

The Minister for the Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government has directed that under Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, each housing authority<sup>1</sup> is required to prepare a summary, in the prescribed form, of the social housing assessments carried out in its administrative area.

The Minister has directed that the summary be prepared on **28 June 2017**.

The form of the 2017 summary is as prescribed in the Social Housing Assessments (Summary) Regulations 2016.

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.

**Cllr. M Kennelly referred to the new Repair and Leasing Scheme and asked if there was interest in the scheme. He also asked if the scheme might be extended beyond the 1<sup>st</sup> July as he had spoken to a property owner recently who may be interested but was not aware of the scheme.**

**Mr. T Brosnan said that there has been a significant interest in the scheme. He said that he would contact the property owner referred to on receipt of contact details from Cllr. Kennelly.**

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

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** How many qualified applicants are on the Housing List for the Listowel Municipal District and how many for Ballybunion?

**Reply:** There are 648 qualified applicants on the waiting lists for the Listowel Municipal District. Of these, 123 applicants have indicated Ballybunion as an area of choice to be housed.

**Cllr. R Beasley said that he was seriously concerned about the number of applicants on the waiting lists for housing accommodation and asked for an indication of when the construction of social housing will commence.**

**2. Cllr. D Nolan:** How many households on the Kerry County Council housing list have Listowel Town as their preferred area choice or have a transfer request relating to Listowel Town?

**Reply:** There are 341 qualified applicants who have Listowel Town as an area of choice to be housed. Of these 43 are approved transfer applicants (which includes RAS, HAP and LA type accommodation).

**Cllr. D Nolan said that the availability of housing stock in Listowel is dwindling. Also, potential private house purchasers are missing out as selling to the Council is seen as a better option by property owners.**

**Cllr. J Lucid supported the Notice of Motion and said he was aware of people renting houses in the private sector who were being given notice as the owner was putting the house up for sale.**



**Ms. J McCarthy** referred to the Housing Construction Programme and advised that 20 units were at the planning/design stage for Marconi Avenue, Ballybunion estimated to start in December 2018 and finish in December 2019. Seven units have been approved for construction at Courthouse Lawn Listowel. The construction of five Single Rural Dwellings is due to start in the Listowel MD in 2017.

**Cllr. D Nolan** said that the Housing Construction Programme needs to be ten times greater than this.

**Cllr. R Beasley** referred to the estimated start and finish dates for the units at Marconi Avenue and said that he was concerned that people will be living on the streets by then.

**3. Cllr. J Lucid:** Will Kerry County Council review upwards the current grant limit of " 2,000 for heating installation, as the cost of heating installation in an average house costs between five and seven thousand euro?

**Reply:** Electric storage heating along with panel heaters are largely the most cost effective method of providing heating to a dwelling both in the short and long term where no heating already exists. The cost of installing a central heating system would in general start at around " 6,000 depending on the size of the house.

The maximum sum allocated by Kerry County Council (" 2,000) under the grants schemes has been calculated to cover the cost of installing 2 no. storage heaters and 3 no. panel heaters in the average sized house.

In the case of Housing Adaptation Grants for People with a Disability, Departmental guidance states;

- *in the case of an application for a Housing Adaptation Grant solely in respect of the provision of a central heating system, authorities should exercise appropriate discretion taking into account the nature of the disability, etc. The payment of grants in respect of such works should only occur in exceptional circumstances. It is a matter for the local authority to determine whether exceptional circumstances apply in individual cases.*
- *where an existing house has no central heating, electric storage heaters or other arrangements can serve the new accommodation.*

There are other benefits to installing electric storage heaters;

- Quick and easy to install with none of the construction works associated with installing plumbing with central heating systems.
- For applicants living alone, it is not practical nor does it make economic sense to install a central heating system to heat an entire house when only a small number of rooms would be used.
- Electric heating for disabled or elderly persons is much cleaner and more user friendly compared to solid fuel.

- There are no bulk costs which are associated with oil and LPG deliveries where minimum amounts are only delivered. In the past we have had applications to replace oil due to applicants not being able to afford such costs.

In a lot of cases where applications for the installation of heating are approved we allow the applicants to install a separate source of heating e.g. solid fuel stove with heaters, oil central heating, etc. however any additional costs associated with same must be borne by the applicants.

**4. Cllr. J Moloney:** Given that many Demountable Units in Kerry and Listowel Municipal District have been in use for many years when will Kerry County Council begin the purchase of new units?

**Reply:** It is our policy to carry out repairs on Demountable Units as they arise. We will be undertaking a review of our current units in the coming months and a Strategic Programme will be put in place for dealing with any issues identified.

**Cllr. J Moloney said that some demountable units are over 30 years old . He said that he was aware of a unit in North Kerry where the floor has completely decayed.**

**Ms. J McCarthy asked that Mr. T Brosnan would discuss this particular case with Cllr. J Moloney.**

**5. Cllr. J Moloney:** Where and how many houses have been purchased in the Listowel Municipal District so far in 2017?

**Reply:** We have purchased 2 three bedroomed houses in the Listowel Municipal District since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. Due to the commercial sensitivity of the acquisition of houses we are not in a position to give details of the exact locations.

**Cllr. J Moloney queried the response and said that when a house is allocated the exact location is public knowledge.**

**Ms. J McCarthy said that the release of this type of information would be contrary to data protection legislation.**

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton asked that this response be reconsidered.**

**6. Cllr. M Kennelly:** How many houses has Kerry County Council bought/Sale Agreed in private estates in the Listowel area i.e. 1,2,3, 4 bed up to the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017?.

**Reply:** We have purchased 2 three bedroomed houses and we have Sale Agreed on 1 two bedroom house, 6 three bedroom houses & 1 four bedroom house in the Listowel Municipal District since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017. Due to the current market conditions and the commercial sensitivity of the acquisition of houses we are not in a position to give details of the exact locations.

**Cllr. M Kennelly said that there appears to be a shortage of four bedroom houses in the Listowel Municipal District. He said that he was aware of a family who must vacate their current accommodation by 6<sup>th</sup> July and are unable to find alternative suitable accommodation.**

**Mr. T Brosnan** said that he was aware of this particular case and staff of the Housing Department were putting considerable effort into resolving the matter. With regard to the acquisition of properties he said that houses are purchased, having regard to the needs of the applicants on the housing waiting list.

**Cllr. M Kennelly** asked if emergency accommodation is available in Listowel. **Mr. T Brosnan** said that emergency accommodation is available throughout the county for people who find themselves homeless and the Council endeavours to keep them in their own locality.

**(c) Question**

**1. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council carry out a site assessment at (Details with Directorate) in respect of an application for a single rural dwelling (Details with Directorate) in order to ascertain the suitability of the site for consideration in future years for single rural cottage funding availability?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council carry out site assessments for single rural developments only when an application is being considered for immediate inclusion in the capital program. The current capital expenditure on single rural developments is now fully allocated. As this is a recent application there is no plan to conduct a site assessment at this stage.

**17.06.12.05      Operations, Infrastructure, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate**

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

***Listowel Municipal District Meeting  
June 2017***

***Report from the Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure &  
Safety***

***Programme of Works***

**Roads**

**Works have been completed on the following roads on this years roads programme**

**Listowel East**

R-551 Glencullare . Meelcon  
R-552 Ballyline Cross . Kilgarvan Cross  
L-1008 Ballydonoghue Cross . Junction with L-6019  
L-6050 Finuge Bridge . Kilocrim Cross

**Listowel West**

R-554 Lisselton . Moybella  
R-551 Ballinbranhig - Westwards

**Works have commenced on the following roads on this years roads programme**

**Listowel East**

L-1025 Two Segaments of £Cork Line Roadq  
(Road Lining & accommodation works to be completed)

**Preparatory works have commenced on the following roads on this years roads programme**

**Listowel East**

L-1011 Greenville Road

**Listowel West**

L-1000 Beale, Ballybunion  
L-1032 Glenderry, Ballyheigue

Eamon Scanlon  
Senior Executive Engineer

Paul Neary  
Senior Engineer

## Housing Operations

### VOIDS

Property	Completion Date
Knockbrack, Ardfert,	Complete
11, Benmore Estate, Ballyduff,	Complete
48, Marian Terrace, Ballyheigue,	9th June 2017
48, Woodgrove, Moyvane, Listowel	Complete
24, Sráid Thaidhg, Ballyheigue,	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017
1, Radharc na hAbhann, Ballylongford,	Complete
7, COURTHOUSE LAWN, Listowel,	Complete
108, BALLYGOLOGUE PARK, Listowel,	Complete
9, Riverside Close, Abbeydorney,	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017
16, Cluainín, Ballygologue, Listowel,	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
50, Woodgrove, Moyvane, Listowel	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
115, Feale Drive, Listowel,	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
13 Sraid Thaigh	Complete
12 Bromore	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
7 Baile an Ghearaí	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
12 Baile an Ghearaí	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2017
15 Courthouse Lawn	Complete
68 Larteige	July 2017
5 Ashgrove	July 2017
14 Stokers Lawn	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2017

- 8 Dromin Green, Listowel was acquired and repair works are now complete.
- 2 no. 1 bedroom extensions to houses in Riverside Close, Abbeydorney, Substantially complete
- A stock survey will be conducted in Marian Terrace, Ballyheigue on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> June

## **Capital Infrastructure Unit.**

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

### North Kerry Line Greenway:

The tenders for engagement of a consultant to prepare the design to planning stage were opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. 5 No tenders were received and the tender evaluation is currently being progressed and it is hoped that the consultant will be appointed in the coming weeks. It was envisaged that the Council would commence some site clearance in advance of this contract to facilitate initial survey works. However this will not be possible as the Wildlife Act 1976 (& 2000 amendments) prohibits the cutting of vegetation from 1st March to 31st August. As the design develops and the work involved becomes clearer the Council will provide a programme for the works in due course.

### 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 was approved at Listowel MD meeting on 10/04/2017. Design Team is being procured for the project.

20 Units at Ballybunion, Co.Kerry- . Preliminary Appraisal of the project has been submitted to DHPCLG for approval in May 2017.

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

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** That a STOP sign be provided at the exit of the Tower Drive housing estate, Ballyduff, coming out onto the main Tralee/Ballybunion road.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will provide this sign at this location

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

**Cllr. J Lucid said that there is a high hedge on the right hand side and suggested that double yellow lines be placed on the road at this exit.**

**Cllr. R Beasley supported Cllr. Lucid regarding this matter.**

**2. Cllr. R Beasley:** That the seats in Ahafona be raised as they are currently the same level as the new footpath.

**Reply:** These seats have been recently installed by Kerry County Council at this location. It is not appropriate to raise the level of these seats

**Cllr. R Beasley welcomed the works that have been carried out by Kerry County Council, in Ballybunion, over the past six months.**

**3. Cllr. L Purtill:** Littor strand cannot be accessed because of a bank of sand that has built up at the end of the road. Kerry County Council should deal with this

immediately as it causes traffic chaos at the weekends. The STOP sign at the end of the road has been defaced and is practically hidden with overgrowth. A sign should be erected warning of the sea ahead.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will deal with the signage issues in the near future. Regarding the issue with the bank of sand, Kerry County Council have removed a bank of sand at this location recently, however the Council would not be encouraging traffic to drive onto the strand area.

**Cllr. L Purtill thanked Kerry County Council for removing the bank of sand at this location.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that he is not looking to close the strand area but would not be encouraging traffic to drive onto the beach.**

**Mr. M McEnery said that there was an incident with regard to a burned out car on the beach, some months ago.**

**Cllr. R Beasley said that a lot of local people use this beach.**

**Cllr. L Purtill asked that "SEA AHEAD" sign be provided at this location.**

**Mr. E Scanlan undertook to follow up on this request.**

**4. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would carry out works to enable the hearse to access the back of the funeral home in Tarbert. This cost of the work has already been estimated.

**Reply:** The estimated cost of this work is " 6,600. It will be necessary to liaise with an adjoining property owner as the works would impact on an adjoining dwelling. Subject to agreement with this property owner by the applicant and funding being provided, the works can proceed.

**Cllr. L Purtill said this is an ongoing situation and it can be hazardous when a big funeral is taking place.**

**Funding from CSMDOF was allocated as follows:**

**Cllr. L Purtill - €4,200**

**Cllr. D Nolan - €1,000**

**Cllr. J Moloney - €700**

**Cllr. A Thornton - €700**

**5. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council address the road outside Kennelly's garage, Ballylongford. The road has sunken at the joining of two surfaces carried out there and is now extremely hazardous. I already submitted this notice of motion in 2016.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will be carrying out works at this location in the coming weeks

**6. Cllr. L Purtill:** Is there any update on seating and other works to be carried out at Carrigafoyle Castle, Ballylongford. I have spoken to Minister Patrick O'Donovan about this matter and he advised me to get Kerry County Council to apply for funding, with permission from the OPW. When is the meeting on site with the district archaeologist taking place?

**Reply:** A meeting was held with Dr Connie Kelleher of the National Monuments Service and she indicated that she did not feel heritage style seating would be appropriate at Carrigafoyle Castle. She did feel that stone seating would be a preferred option and indicated two possible locations within the car park. We are currently progressing a proposal for works including design, material and location, which will be submitted to the National Monuments Service.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton referred to previous correspondence to the OPW requesting that the opening times be extended. She said that very little effort is being made by the OPW to attract visitors to the castle. Cllr. D Nolan suggested that the installation of an automated counter would give an indication of the numbers of visitors to the castle. It was agreed that a further letter would issue to the OPW to request that the opening times for Carrigafoyle Castle be extended.**

**7. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would check the timber fencing at the bend adjacent to the home of (Details with Directorate) on the Ballylongford, Asdee road.

**Reply:** This fence has been inspected. Any matters relating to it are a matter for the landowner to address

**8. Cllr. L Purtill:** Has Kerry County Council contacted Irish Water regarding the tarmacadam that has sunken on Chapel Street, Tarbert. This is causing serious vibration to houses on both sides of the street. I had this motion before Kerry County Council on 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. The reply I received then was that Kerry County Council was contacting Irish Water regarding the problem.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will be carrying out works at this location in the coming weeks

**9. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would clear vegetation and free the drain on the raised area of the wall close to Carrigafoyle Castle on the Ballylongford side and also at the opposite side of the road which is very overgrown and wet.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will deal with the drainage matters in due course. The clearing of vegetation from the wall is probably a matter for the OPW and not a matter for Kerry County Council and due to the nature of the location will need to be carried out with great care.

**Mr. E Scanlan undertook to examine this location in the company of Cllr. L Purtill.**

**10. Cllr. L Purtill:** That Kerry County Council would address the water problem outside the home of (Details with Directorate). Since the road has been surface dressed the water is flowing into the front of properties and a channel would solve the problem.

**Reply:** The estimated cost of carrying out this drainage work would be " 3,500. It would be suitable for funding through a Councillors Allocation.



**Mr. E Scanlan undertook to discuss this matter with the landowners.**

**11. Cllr. R Beasley:** That Kerry County Council examine the problem with flooding at the rear of St. Patrick's housing estate, Tarbert.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will monitor this situation to establish the cause of any flooding issue

**12. Cllr. R Beasley:** That the road into the reservoir at Lahesrough which was repaired under a Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) some years ago and did not get the final surface dressing, be addressed without further delay. The residents were told by the workers that they would be back the next day to complete the surface dressing, but so far this has not happened.

**Reply:** Works were carried out on this road in 2012 through a CIS. Having checked with the roads staff involved in this work, they are satisfied that all works were fully completed in 2012. There is no funding available to carry out any works to this road presently however this road has been submitted for funding through the Retro CIS programme. It remains to be seen if funding becomes available from this source.

**Mr. E Scanlan said that he checked with the roads staff involved in this work and they advised that a double surface dress was carried out on the day the job was completed.**

**Cllr. R Beasley said that it took a considerable length of time to collect the funding for the CIS and the residents were delighted with the work that was carried out.**

**Mr. E Scanlan undertook to examine this matter further.**

**13. Cllr. R Beasley:** That the square in the village of Ballyduff be lined to improve the exit/entrance situation for people driving in and out of the Church and school.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will arrange for this work to be carried out later this year

**Mr. E Scanlan said that this work will be carried out when the road lining contractors are in the area.**

**14. Cllr. R Beasley:** That the seats on the Cliff Walk, Ballybunion be painted immediately, before the summer season gets into full swing.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will support the local Tidy Towns group in order to get this work completed.

**Mr. E Scanlan said that this request will be kept under review as currently Kerry County Council does not have staff available to carry out this work.**

**15. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the sign for the upcoming junction in Duagh village be moved further into the village away from the speed limit sign as it is obscuring the speed limit and confusing motorists.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has relocated this sign recently

**16. Cllr. D Nolan:** That Kerry County Council provide costings of bus shelters, how these can be funded and outlines processes required to erect bus shelters in locations with an official bus stop and those without.

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

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

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

Having regard to this response from the National Transport Authority, we wrote to the Chief Executive of Bus Éireann, to include the following on their prioritised list for rural bus shelters.

a) Sráid Thaidhg Estate, Ballyheigue, Co Kerry b) Marconi Park, Ballybunion, Co Kerry & c) Duagh Village, Co Kerry.

None of the sites made it on to the prioritized list however we were advised that there was nothing to prevent local authorities from providing bus shelters within their administrative areas.

All such projects are suitable for funding through CouncillorsqSpecific Municipal District Operations Fund.

The various options are:

Unit 1

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

Base 2.5m x 7.0m " 1,400

Total Cost " 21,018.50

Unit 2

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

Base 3.0m x 6.0m " 1,440

Total Cost " 21,489.50

Unit 3

A bus shelter unit comprised of tubular steel and polycarbonate roofing and paneling can be purchased for " 9,800 (not including base), but this would be of inferior quality and in my opinion would not survive stormy conditions.

Total Cost " 11,200

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

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

**Mr. E Scanlan recommended that a schedule be prepared identifying suitable locations for bus stops, in preparation for the availability of CLAR funding next year.**

**Cllr. D Nolan asked if the inclusion of a panel in the bus shelters for the provision of an outreach notice board could be considered.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that it is important that the unit is kept as simple as possible to facilitate ongoing maintenance.**

**17. Cllr. D Nolan:** That the road up to Knockanore be patched for the summer season as many are using the road for viewing at the top.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will arrange for repairs to be carried out to this road.

**Notice of Motion No. 18 was moved in conjunction with Item 2 (b) Notice of Motion No. 3**

**19. Cllr. J Lucid:** Will Kerry County Council examine the exit from Tower Drive housing estate, Ballyduff with a view to improving safety for traffic coming out of the estate?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will be providing a Stop sign at this location and the double yellow lines that have become faded at the exit need to be renewed which Kerry County Council will arrange for.

**20. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council tell me if a coastal erosion risk management study has been completed for Cliff road, Ballyheigue and if not how much longer it is expected to take before one is complete and submitted to the Office of Public Works?

**Reply:** The Coastal Protection Unit has just completed the collating and mapping of those areas currently at risk of coastal erosion, in particular, where there is a risk of damage to homes and public infrastructure. Fourteen individual coastal areas, where Public Infrastructure/Houses are identified as being at Risk of Coastal Erosion, have been identified. Included in these are Kerry Head Cliff, Ballyheigue Dunes and Banna/Carrahan Dunes.

Ahead of making funding applications to the OPW, a **Costal Risk Management Study** must be carried out in advance of any structural measures to prevent or mitigate erosion. This must be done on a **Coastal Cell basis**, as opposed to on an individual isolated location. This is to prevent the scenario, whereby a structural change to the coastline may improve the erosion incident at that particular location, but may exacerbate the problem in an adjoining area within that Coastal Cell. Indeed erosion from one area may have beneficial accretion in another area, etc.

Coastal Cell groupings were identified whereby geographically contiguous areas are analysed together in order to carry out Coastal Erosion Risk Management Studies. The objectives of the studies would be to develop appropriate plans to best manage the risks identified to human health and life (social), the environment, cultural heritage and economic activity and to further assess the feasibility of the management plan options and measures being recommended. These Cells contain one or more areas requiring particular attention.

With regards Cliff Road, it is proposed that it would be included in the Ballyheigue-Banna Coastal Cell (Cell 1), and this would also cover the areas of Cliff Road, Ballyheigue Dunes and Banna/Carrahane Dunes.

At present a Minor Works application is being worked on for a short length of Coastal Erosion at Kilfenora/Fenit, and as soon as this is complete we would then be in a position to enter into discussions with the OPW with regards funding for a Coastal Erosion Risk Management Study for the Ballyheigue-Banna Coastal Cell.

It is hoped by the end of June to be in a position by engaging with the OPW regarding these larger Coastal Cell areas, with a view to applying for funding to carry out the required studies. Application for funding of such studies will be considered by the OPW under the Minor Works Scheme, up to a maximum of 90 % of the cost. If funding is forthcoming, Consultants will then be required to carry out the Study and come up with management plan options and proposed measures to address the erosion etc.

It is worth noting that the completion of these studies will take a number of months and will require extensive field studies to assess existing coastal processes and coastline evolution etc., along with a detailed risk assessment.

**Cllr. J Lucid thanked Mr. Scanlan for the very comprehensive response.**

**21. Cllr. J Lucid:** Will Kerry Council install speed ramps and traffic calming measures on the road (L 6041 25) adjacent to Benmore housing estate, Ballyduff?

**Reply:** This request will have to be considered in accordance with the adopted policy of Kerry County Council in relation to traffic calming on residential estates and local roads. An initial assessment will need to be undertaken at this location later this year.

The basic criteria are as follows:

- The site must be inside a speed limit zone of 50kmph or less (unless otherwise agreed).
- That two thirds majority of households who reside on the section of road under consideration must be in favour of the introduction of traffic calming.
- In the case of a through road, the minimum length of straight road shall be 300m.
- In the case of a cul-de-sac, the minimum length of straight road shall be 150m.
- In exceptional circumstances where there is evidence from An Garda Síochána that excessive speeding occurs in a housing estate, then these areas will also be considered.

### ***Prioritising of Schemes***

Once a scheme has passed the basic criteria, further assessment of the proposed scheme will be carried out to establish where the request will be placed on a list of

priority schemes.

The assessment of proposed scheme shall be examined under the following headings:

- Accident History/Data
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- Vulnerable Road Users
- Traffic Volumes
- Local Conditions

A Marking Scheme shall be awarded for each heading in accordance with a Priority Assessment Form, which is included in Appendix A. The total marks awarded for each scheme will determine where a scheme will be on the priority list.

**Cllr. J Lucid said that a soccer pitch and GAA grounds are located on this is a very busy road which does not have a 50km speed limit.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that a considerable number of criteria has to be considered before speed ramps can be provided. He undertook to examine this matter further.**

**22. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council examine (Details with Directorate) where there have been serious ongoing problems with damp, mould and mildew on the north facing wall and put a proper solution in place to resolve this issue?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will examine a number of houses in Sraid Thaidhg to assess ongoing issues with damp and cold bridging. Kerry County Council will also engage an electrician to check the storage heating fitted to a number of the houses to ensure it is set up and operating correctly.

**Cllr. J Lucid said that this is one of several houses experiencing this type of problem. The houses have been occupied since 2009 and the skirting boards in some are decaying.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that this matter would be dealt with as a matter of priority.**

**Cllr. R Beasley supported the Notice of Motion and referred to a house in Ballylongford which required works to the chimney.**

**23. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council install speed ramps and traffic calming measures near the green areas at the Sraid Thaidhg housing estate , Ballyheigue?

**Reply:** This request will have to be considered in accordance with the adopted policy of Kerry County Council in relation to traffic calming on residential estates and local roads. An initial assessment will need to be undertaken at this location later this year

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**Cllr. J Lucid said that the Family Resource Centre is located at the rear of this estate, this is a heavily trafficked area, therefore, some traffic calming measures are urgently required.**

**Cllr. L Purtill informed the Cathaoirleach that he was leaving the meeting at this stage, due to another commitment.**

**24. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council state when drainage work at Kilmoyley housing estate and graveyard will commence and be completed?

**Reply:** These drainage works for the housing estate will commence Q3. They will take approximately 1 month to complete.

**Cllr. J Lucid said that he was advised last year that this work would be carried out by May 2017.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that the cost of carrying out this work was more than anticipated which resulted in a delay due to the availability of funding.**

**Cllr. J Lucid said that it is important that this work goes ahead in Q3.**

**25. Cllr. J. Lucid:** Can Kerry County Council replace the road signs at the Lodge cross, Causeway that were removed recently. The signs gave directions to Ballyheigue, Ballyduff and Causeway?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will arrange for this signage to be replaced.

**26. Cllr. J Moloney:** Is there any program this year to spray Japanese Knotweed and other invasive species on our roadsides?

**Reply:** In 2015, TII provided funding to Kerry County Council to carry out treatment works on invasive species on the National Routes. In the Listowel MD, the N-69 was treated in 2015 as part of this programme. No funding was provided in 2016 to the Listowel MD for a continuation of this treatment work and to date in 2017 no funding has been provided. Earlier this year estimates were provided by Kerry County Council to the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport for the treatment of invasive species on the Regional & Local road network. To date no funding has been provided to allow for this work to proceed.

**Cllr. J Moloney said that Limerick City and County Council has developed a mobile phone app to help tackle the scourge of invasive plant species on riverbanks and roadsides. The app will link to a national database, providing information on the prevalence and locations of plants. He suggested that Limerick County and City Council be contacted regarding this matter. Cllr. R Beasley supported the Notice of Motion.**

**27. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the dangerous lag on the R555 at Ballinruddery be repaired ?

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

**28. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council carry out an immediate traffic management plan for Kilflynn village as traffic both entering and leaving the village will ultimately cause a fatal accident.

**Reply:** Following a review of accident data for the area and taking overall traffic volumes into consideration, the need for a traffic management plan for Kilflynn cannot be justified. Kerry County Council is continuing to deal with a local landowner in respect of improvement works at the crossroads junction within the village.

**Cllr. M Kennelly said that he was concerned about the danger for traffic entering and leaving the village.**

**Mr. E Scanlan said that he has discussed this matter with the Gardaí who have carried out a number of speed checks at this location.**

**Improving the site lines at the junction is being examined. Mr. Scanlan said that he would examine this matter further.**

**Cllr. M Kennelly asked if the installation of speed ramps could be considered.**

**Mr. Scanlan said that speed ramps may not be a solution and hopefully improvement works at the junction will improve the situation.**

**29. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council carry out footpath replacement works in Willow Court estate Listowel as the footpaths have completely deteriorated and dropped and will be the cause of a serious accident.

**Reply:** There is no funding available to carry out any works at this location.

It can be considered for inclusion in a future footpath programme if funding becomes available

**Mr. E Scanlan recommended that a programme for upgrading of footpaths for the Listowel MD be prepared with a view to addressing the works required on a priority basis.**

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton on behalf of the members said that each member would contact Mr. Scanlan with a list of 5 locations where works to footpaths are required.**

**Cllr. R Beasley said that footpaths in many housing estates are in very poor condition and asked that these be considered for upgrade works before any new footpaths are constructed.**

**30. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council immediately do a complete new overlay of the Woodview Estate in Cahirdown as the road surface in this area is completely unexacceptable.

**Reply:** There is no funding available to carry out any surfacing works at this location. It can be considered for inclusion at in a future roads programme.

**31. Cllr. M Kennelly:** When is Kerry County Council completing the next road works program for the Listowel Municipal District so as the roads that have had representations to this chamber i.e. the Killocrim road, the Knockalougha road, the Leitrim West to Tullamore road and also the Furhane road as these roads are continuing to deteriorate rapidly.

**Reply:** The current road programme is from 2016-2018. These roads can be considered for inclusion as part of any future roads programme

**Mr. E Scanlan said that if additional funding becomes available at the end of the year, it may be possible to consider other roads.**

**32. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council carry out roadworks at the entrance to (Details with Directorate).

**Reply:** The estimated cost of carrying out this drainage work would be " 2,000. It would be suitable for funding through a Councillors Allocation.

**33. Cllr. M Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council carry out roadworks on the Greenville road (Details with Directorate).

**Reply:** This location has been inspected. There is no nearby discharge point along the public road to which the water can be conveyed. The only alternative would for the householder to engage with a nearby landowner to allow a soakpit to be created in that land.

**34. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council investigate road L10559 from Laccamore to Dillons Cross Abbeydorney? The road is in a very bad condition.

**Reply:** This road is not included in any current roads programme. There are some road works remaining to be completed by Water Services following the installation of



a water pipe on this road last year. Kerry County Council will continue to maintain the road as best as resources allow.

**Mr E Scanlan said that he would pursue this matter with Water Services.**

**35. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council review road signage entering and exiting Lixnaw village on all points? The signage is very faded.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will arrange for new signage to be installed at these locations.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton thanked Mr. Scanlan for this response.**

**36. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council repair the Cemetery road, Finuge, Listowel. There are bad potholes on the road?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will arrange for repairs to be carried out on this road.

**37. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can the Council consider what works can be done on the Shanow Bridge road, Abbeydorney while awaiting the next roads programme?

**Reply:** This road is not listed on the current roads programme. Kerry County Council will continue to maintain the road as best as resources allow. This road will need to be considered for inclusion in the next roads programme.

**38. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can the Council consider the inclusion of a sign for Lixnaw at Ahabeg cross, Lixnaw?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will arrange for a sign to be provided at this location.

**39. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council investigate the road at Scrahan Duagh which has many potholes?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will arrange for repairs to be carried out to this road.

**40. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can the Council confirm what progress has been made in relation to Kilflynn Cross?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are continuing to liaise with a local landowner with regard to improving sightlines at the junction at Kilflynn Cross.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton asked that every effort be made to prioritise the improvement of this junction.**

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. J Lucid:** Will Kerry County Council remove the School traffic signs and lights from outside Rathmorrell school, Causeway, which closed in 2014 as they are no longer necessary?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will be making arrangements to have these lights disconnected and removed in the near future.

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

**2. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can installation of shower facility at the home of (Details with Directorate) be completed immediately?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council currently have two contractors engaged in converting bathrooms into level access wet-rooms at present. It is envisaged that works will commence on (Details with Directorate) bathroom on week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> June.

**Cllr. J Lucid said that he was delighted with this response and hoped the work would go ahead on 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

**3. Cllr. J Lucid:** Can the current build up of sand in front of the promenade at Ballyheigue beach be moved to the area of the sand dunes that was severely damaged by storm and high tides in 2014 ? The local community will re plant the area with maram grass.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will remove any sand that builds up along the promenade and move into the areas along the dunes which previously had picnic tables in them

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

**4. Cllr. J Moloney:** Any update on proposed traffic calming measures on the Bridge Road ?

**Reply:** A feasibility report for a traffic calming schemes at Bridge Road is being finalised and will be submitted to the TII in the next month.

**Mr. E Scanlan said that the members would be updated on this matter as soon as possible.**

**5. Cllr. J Moloney:** Can the wall be heightened at the rear of houses no. 1 and 2 Stokers Grove?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will raise the wall to the rear gardens of nos 1 & 2 Stokers Grove as soon as suitable resources and manpower is available. It is envisaged this work should be completed sometime in August.

**6. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council give me a current progress update on the footpath works in the Cahirdown area of Listowel?

**Reply:** Progress on this project is dependent on the resolution of a drainage matter relating to a nearby property. Kerry County Council is currently engaged with property owner in respect of this matter.

**7. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council inspect all the manhole covers in the Listowel Municipal District as many are in a desperate state with many 1-2 inch over the road with the surround all broken up causing damage to vehicles and with cyclists avoiding them as these manholes will cause a serious accident?

**Reply:** Listowel MD does not have the resources available to carry out the inspections as outlined in the motion. If there are specific covers causing an issue, the Listowel MD office should be informed of their location.

**Mr. E Scanlan asked that the Listowel MD office be informed of any specific covers which may be causing a problem.**

**8. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council complete immediate works on the road from Coolard to Gael crossroads as there is a dangerous bend with the side of the road completely eroded as this will cause a very serious accident?

**Reply:** This location has been inspected. Significant stabilisation works would be required at this location to deal with this issue. The estimated cost of the works would be " 15,000 and funding is not available at present to carry out these works.

**Mr. E Scanlan said that he would further examine this location in the company of Cllr. M Kennelly.**

**9. Cllr. M Kennelly:** Will Kerry County Council complete road works at the entrance to the property of (Details with Directorate) as when heavy rain falls the water enters their property threatening flooding to their house?

**Reply:** The estimated cost of carrying out this drainage work would be " 3,000. It would be suitable for funding through a Councillors Allocation.

**10. Cllr. A Thornton:** Can a bench be provided in the picnic area in Lixnaw village?

**Reply:** The cost of providing a bench at this location would be " 1,500. It would be suitable for funding through a Councillors Allocation.

**11. Cllr. A Thornton:** What consideration has been given to improve the entrance/exit to Listowel Community Centre?

**Reply:** A feasibility report for a traffic calming scheme at Bridge Road is being finalised and will be submitted to the TII in the next month.

**Mr. E Scanlan said that a co-ordinated plan for this area which included the Neodata site, must be prepared.**

#### **17.05.12.06. Any Other Business**

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

**1. Cllr. R Beasley:** In whose ownership is the Tintean Theatre in Ballybunion?

Ms. J McCarthy will give a verbal reply at the meeting.

**Ms. J McCarthy said that this is a private company and Kerry County Council does not have any legal representation on the board of the company. She said**

that if the members wished her to get involved with the group on any occasion she would be happy to do so.

**Cllr. R Beasley** said that he and the people of Ballybunion have concerns regarding this matter.

**Ms. J McCarthy** said that there is work going on in relation to the strengthening of the company..

**Cllr. M Kennelly** supported the Notice of Motion and asked who owns the open area at the rear of the Tintean Theatre.

**Mr. A Smith** said that Kerry County Council owns the green field at the rear of the theatre.

**2. Cllr. J Moloney:** That Listowel Municipal District members request a meeting with the relevant Minister regarding funding for the completion of the Great Southern Greenway into Listowel.

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

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

**It was unanimously agreed that a letter on behalf of the members would issue to Shane Ross Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport.**

**Mr. E Scanlan** said that the final design of the North Kerry Greenway must be completed and it will be the end of this year before the cost of this project can be determined.

**3. Cllr. J Moloney:** That Listowel Municipal District request a presentation from the IDA and Enterprise Ireland on what efforts are being made to bring employment to North Kerry.

**Ms. J McCarthy** will give a verbal reply at the meeting.

**Ms. J McCarthy** said that she had been informed by the Corporate Services Department that the corporate policy for meetings with agencies such as these is through a proposal by the Full Council.

**Cllr. D Nolan** said that no response has been received to previous correspondence to the IDA and Shannon Properties.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton** said that a significant amount of work has gone into establishing a Chamber Alliance in Listowel and she did not understand why the Municipal District members could not request a meeting with the IDA and Enterprise Ireland.

**Cllr. J Moloney** said that this is not a full Council matter as Shannon Properties owns a number of units in Listowel. He asked that the Council's Corporate Service Department be advised that this is an issue for the Listowel Municipal District.

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

**1. Cllr. J Moloney:** Have Shannon Properties responded to the numerous requests for a meeting with the Listowel Municipal District?

**Ms. J McCarthy** will give a verbal reply at the meeting.

**Please refer to response from Ms. J McCarthy to Notice of Motion No. 3.**

**2. Cllr. A Thornton:** What is the update in relation to the Neo Data site?

**Reply:** With regard to future development of the Neodata site, it is seen as wise to await the final design of the North Kerry greenway before any overall plan is made for this site. It could incorporate the trailhead for the walk as well as associated facilities.

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

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J Lucid SECONDED by Cllr. M Kennelly it was agreed next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel would be held in Áras an Phiarsaigh, Listowel on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J Moloney SECONDED by Cllr. R Beasley it was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel would be held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at 10.15am.

Cllr. J Moloney said that he would not be able to attend the Annual Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> July and gave his apologies to the Cathaoirleach.

**(d) Correspondence**

**List of correspondence circulated at the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**

1. Email of 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 from the Irish Wheelchair Association regarding examining access issues in Listowel for people who use wheelchairs

2. Email of 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 from the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport regarding the Ministers visit to North Kerry.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton PROPOSED that a further letter would issue to the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport to request that he receive a delegation from the members of the Municipal District of Listowel to discuss the unacceptable condition of the roads in North Kerry.**

**It was unanimously agreed that a further letter as requested would issue to the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport.**

3. Letter dated 9th May, 2017 from the OPW regarding the opening times of OPW sites in North Kerry.

**Cathaoirleach A Thornton referred to the response from the OPW which stated that “*due to Health and Safety concerns at the site, access is curtailed during the off season when light levels are poor and underfoot conditions can be variable. It is not considered advisable to extend the opening arrangements at the site*”**

***She asked that a further letter issue to the OPW TO request that they consider carrying out works to improve the lighting and underfoot conditions in the vicinity of the castle, to allow the opening times to be extended.***

**It was unanimously agreed that a further letter as requested would issue to the OPW.**

The meeting concluded at 1.45 pm

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**Ms. B Reidy**  
**Meetings Administrator**

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