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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL ON 1 AUGUST, 2017. MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL AR AN 1 LÚNASA, 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

Mr. J Breen	DOS
Ms. B Conway	Meetings Administrator
Mr. E Scanlan	SEE
Mr. M Lynch	SEE
Ms. H Switzer	AO
Ms. A M Costelloe	A/Planner
Mr. C Mangan	SEE
Mr. T O'Connor	SO
Ms. S Broderick	SO

The meeting commenced at 11.10 am.

Cathaoirleach J Lucid, took the Chair.

17.08.01.01

(a) Confirmation of Minutes

(a) On the PROPOSAL OF Cllr. L Purtill SECONDED by Cllr. M Kennelly it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on 12th June, 2017 be confirmed.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M Kennelly SECONDED by Cllr. A Thornton it was agreed that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel, held on 30th June, 2017 be confirmed.

(b) Business prescribed, by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting:

(a) Demolition and clearance of the existing public toilet structure and the construction of a new public toilet facility and all associated site works and access for all at Ballybunnion, Co Kerry.

Ms. Anna Meria Costelloe briefed the members on the following report which was circulated:

Tuairisc an Phríomh-Fheidhmeannaigh a ullmhaíodh de bhun Alt 179(3) Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (leasaithe) maidir le forbairt a leanas/

Managers' Report and Recommendations on Public Consultation in accordance with Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the following development:-

Demolition and Clearance of the existing public toilet structure and the construction of a new public toilet facility and all associated site works and access for all.

AT

BALLYBUNNION,

CO. KERRY

Dáta/Date: 12th June 2017

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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to set out the proposed Local Authority development, to list, summarise and respond to all submissions received as part of the public consultation process and, evaluate whether the proposal is consistent with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area to which the development relates. This report will also recommend whether the development should proceed as proposed, proceed with modifications, or not proceed.

The criteria for assessing the development are in accordance with section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2016.

2. NATURE & EXTENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The proposed development consists of the demolition and clearance of the existing public toilet structure and the construction of a new 43.12m² public toilet facility and all associated site works with access for all. The proposed development will be serviced by the public water supply, a new pumping station to connect to the public sewer and the construction of a soakaway to accommodate surface water run-off.

The 3.6m high structure shall be finished in ledgestone limestone and galvanized aluminum cladding.

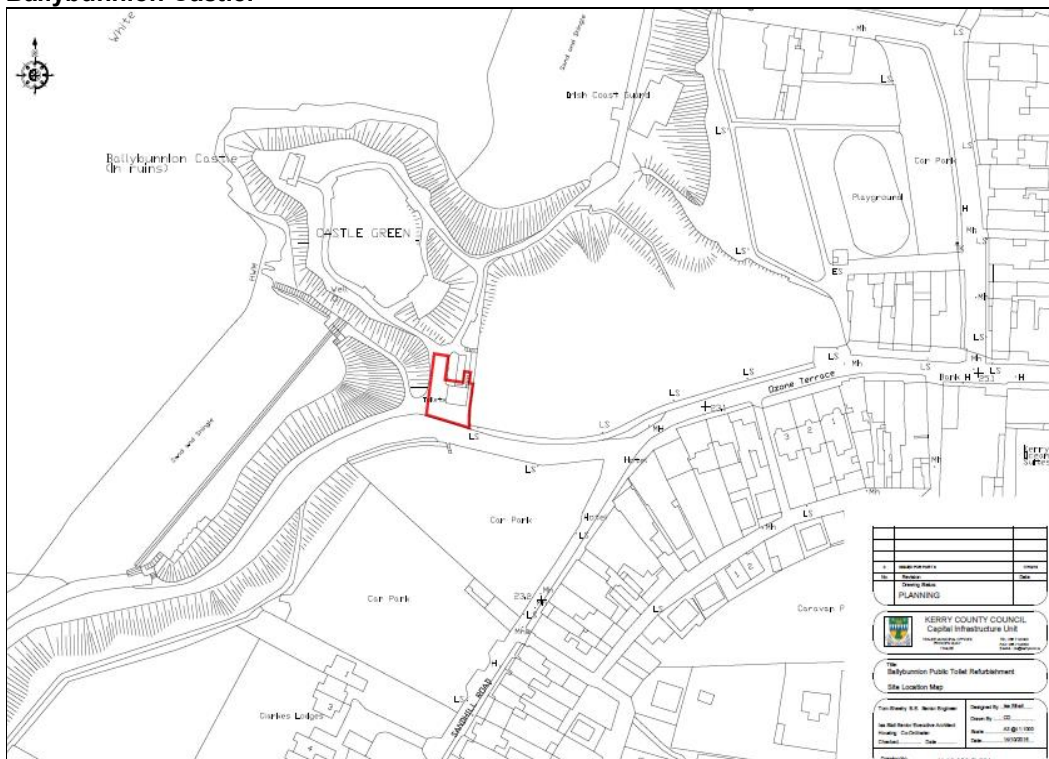
A 2m high concrete retaining wall faced with natural stone shall be constructed along the rear (east) boundary of the site.

The proposed development site is located within Ballybunnion town, adjacent to the access road down to Ballybunion Beach off Sandhill road. The existing toilet block is two storey in nature from its western elevation and adjoins a number of single storey shop units. The site is located to the south east of Ballybunion Castle and the Castle Green.

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



Figure 2: The site is adjacent to access road leading to Ballybunnion beach and SE of Ballybunnion Castle.



3. RELEVANT DEVELOPMENT PLAN ZONING, POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The site is located within the development boundary for Ballybunnion town as determined by the Listowel/Ballybunnion Functional Areas Local Area Plan 2013-2019. The site has no specific zoning. The following objectives are relevant to the proposed site:

- **BN-1:** Promote the sustainable development of infrastructure and services within the town, improve the quality of life of its residents and make the town a more efficient and attractive location in which to live.
- **BN-6:** Promote quality developments that are of a high standard of architectural design, are attractive to residents, increase the vibrancy of the town centre, and promote the tourism potential of the town.
- **BN-10:** Promote Ballybunnion as a destination for outdoor pursuits, water based activities, and as a service centre for visitors and tourists to the North Kerry area while protecting the underlying environmental attributes and resources in the area, upon which much of the tourist industry is based.

Planning History:

No recent planning history recorded on the proposed site.

A Public Notice was advertised in the Kerry's Eye newspaper on **Thursday 17th February, 2017**.

A Site Notices were erected on the lands on **Thursday 17th February, 2017** and inspected regularly hereafter.

The Plans and Particulars for the development were on display from **Friday 17th February 2017 to Friday 31st March 2017** at the following locations;

- Kerry County Council, Listowel Municipal District Office, Áras an Phiarsaigh, Listowel Town, County Kerry,
- Ballybunnion Library, Sandhill Rd, Ballybunion, Co. Kerry,
- Kerry County Council Website www.kerrycoco.ie.

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with proper planning and sustainable development of the area were invited on or before **5.00 p.m. on Friday 14th April 2017**.

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

Two submissions were received from Prescribed Bodies and Interested parties within the statutory time period.

- 1) Brendan Dunne, Senior Health Officer, HSE,
- 2) Denis Power, Heritage Division Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

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

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

Submissions/Comments:

Having studied the screening reports which accompanied this development this department has no issue with the proposed development provided it's carried out in accordance with best practice standards (Appendix D).

Manager's Response:

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

Recommendation:

No further action recommended.

2) Denis Power, Heritage Division, Department of Arts, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs.

Submissions/Comments:

The National Monuments Services has examined the papers received and have no archaeological objections to this work going ahead as outlined in the submission.

Manager's Response:

Observations from the National Monuments Services are noted.

Recommendation:

No further action required.

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

The proposal is in accordance with the relevant objectives and requirements in the Listowel / Ballybunnion Functional Area Local Area Plan 2013-2019.

The scale and design of the proposed new toilet block will integrate into this scenic location. It is considered that the existing toilet block does not integrate into the surrounding area and interrupts views to the Castle and the Atlantic Ocean, this will not be the case with the proposed new toilet block due to the lower level height of same. The proposal will be an improvement to the amenity of the area.

The finish of the proposed structure shall be amended slightly from the drawings that were on public display. The rear (east) and side (north) elevations shall be finished in smooth plaster render as opposed to finished with Ledge stone Limestone. The proposed development and all services shall be constructed in accordance with details as per drawing no. H-16-050-P (Appendix 1)

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

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

The proposed works are located partially within the archaeological zone of potential, as defined in the Record of Monuments & Places, around the recorded monuments Ke004 031001-003 comprising of a coastal promontory fort, castle and souterrain. The monuments are also shown on the Sites and Monuments Record though this indicates the works are located just outside the zone of notification. The proposed development was referred to the National Monuments Services for viewing and comment. The NMS are satisfied with the development proposed and have no archaeological objection to the works.

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Having considered the proposed development under the criteria set out in section 176(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2016, the proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Consequently, it is recommended to proceed with the development with minor modification to the drawing that went on public display (drawing set H-016-050-P).

Joan McCarthy

Municipal District Manager Listowel MD

Proposed Amendment No. 1

Draft that went on Public Display

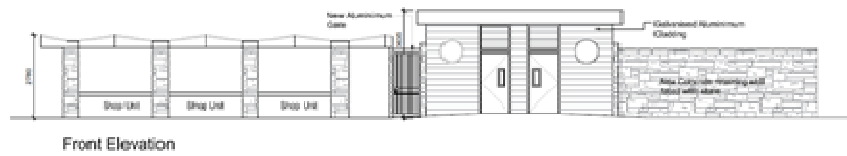


Side Elevation

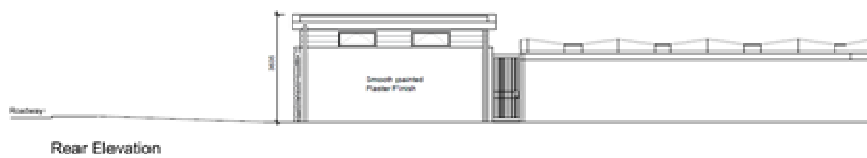


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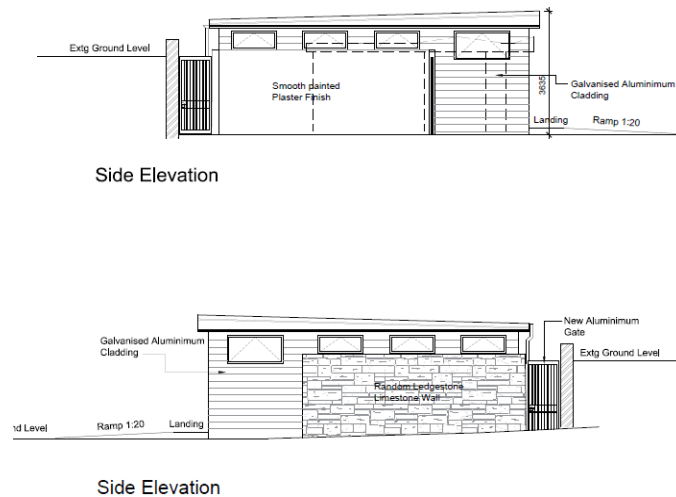
Proposed Amendment to Draft



Front Elevation



Rear Elevation



Cllr. R Beasley welcomed the development and acknowledged the work of Kerry County Council in progressing this matter.

Cllr. A Thornton welcomed that this development was going ahead and asked if this project was being progressed under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

Mr. E Scanlan said that the development of a Beach Service Centre in Ballybunion has been shortlisted for selection under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. This will involve significant public convenience upgrade and landscaping works.

Cllr. M Kennelly welcomed the development and said that it was long awaited.

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed the development of a Beach Service Centre in Ballybunion and said that including the project in the Town and Village Renewal Scheme made more sense than carrying out little jobs on a piecemeal basis.

Cllr. L Purtill said this development was a very positive step forward for Ballybunion.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. A Thornton SECONDED by Cllr. M Kennelly it was agreed to note the Managers Report and Recommendations on the Public Consultation in accordance with Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the demolition and clearance of the existing public toilet structure and the construction of a new public toilet facility and all associated site works and access for all at Ballybunion, Co Kerry.

17.08.01.17 Economic & Community Development Directorate

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

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

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

A series of programmes were launched in the Local Enterprise Office Bootcamp series with strong Listowel MD representation.

There is ongoing liaison with the Listowel Chamber Alliance and a mentor has been supported to facilitate meetings.

Listowel has been nominated as an Enterprise Town and Lisa O'Carroll, Business Adviser is working with the Chamber and Municipal Officer on the initiative.

The LEO is currently engaged with a number of clients from the district seeking mainstream financial supports through business feasibility, priming and expansion grants.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Enterprise Ireland Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) was launched on Monday 29th May 2017. 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.

Full details of the scheme are available on the Enterprise Ireland Website www.enterprise-ireland.com/REDF

E-Hubs Workshop

The Government set an ambition in the Action Plan for Jobs 2017 to promote the development of a network of E-Hubs throughout the regions to support remote working, entrepreneurship and small business growth, developed through local enterprise initiatives, local authorities, LEOs and the enterprise development agencies. The Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation held an E-Hubs in Ireland Workshop in June 2017. The Economic Development Unit attended this workshop.

COMMUNITY / TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Strengthening Communities

The MDO has met with the newly established **Ballyheigue Development Association** and will continue to work with them. The group has much 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 Ballyheigue. A productive meeting has already been taken place between this group and Fáilte Ireland, aiming to improve the profile of Ballyheigue as a Wild Atlantic Way Destination.

The MDO is also assisting the new community development group **Causeway Development Association** to establish itself as the forum, to oversee the planning and implementation of initiatives that will promote the growth and development of Causeway into the future.

Groups are still being encouraged to register with the PPN with 115 groups currently registered within the Listowel Municipal District. This compares with 89 in the Tralee MD, 156 in the South & West MD and 82 in the Killarney MD.

Finally, out of 66 submissions made by voluntary and community groups under the 2017 Age Friendly Initiatives . Community Facilities Scheme, 28 related to the Listowel MD. This clearly shows that voluntary and community groups within the MD are effectively trying to source funding for local projects.

Tourism, Festivals and Sport

The last month has seen the Ballyheigue Summerfest, Sandstorm Endurance Challenge, Kilflynn Fairy Festival, and several Vintage Rallies. August will see many festivals and events taking place including the Sean McCarthy Weekend in Finuge and Revival Music Festival in Listowel, beach volleyball event in Ballybunion and Ring of North Kerry Cycling Event.

Kerry County Council is working with organisers of the event in relation to event management plans and groups are acknowledging the support they have received under the 2017 Community Support Fund.

Interagency meetings have been held in relation to the upcoming Revival Music Festival and Kerry County Council through the Tourism and Community sections will continue to work with organisers to help ensure additional growth in visitor numbers. A mentor is also working with this group through the Local Enterprise Office.

The parkrun+ continues to take place in Listowel Town Park at 9.30am every Saturday and is proving very popular with over 100 people taking part each week.

Following on from the success of the Swim for a Mile programme, Swim Ireland are partnering with Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership and our local leisure centres to roll out a specially designed programme for teenagers - Swim for a Mile for Teens.

The programme caters for teenagers, aged 13 to 17 years, and takes place during July and August in Ballybunion Health and Leisure Centre. Teens can progress through the 8 weeks, with the view of completing the Swim for a Mile for Teens event at the end of August.

Wild Atlantic Way Conference

The inaugural Wild Atlantic Way Conference will be taking place in Listowel on September 5th and 6th next. It begins in the Listowel Arms Hotel on Tuesday evening, September 5th and continues all day Wednesday. Speakers including local and national figures from private and public sectors will address issues relating to all aspects of tourism along the Atlantic seaboard. Minister Brendan Griffin, TD, will officially open the Conference.

Communities in Bloom

Judging of Listowel for this prestigious competition took place on 5th and 6th July 2017. The Communities in Bloom competition recognises the work being done to create communities that are vibrant, creative, caring and good places to live. It acknowledges environmental action, heritage conservation, landscape beautification, and sustainable initiatives benefitting the community as a whole.

Tremendous work was carried out by the Listowel Tidy Towns Group, who organised a full programme of events over the two days in conjunction with local residents, businesses and volunteers from community organisations within the town.

As a result the town was showcased in an excellent light and it is hoped the town will be awarded the prestigious 5 blooms when the results are announced on 16th September.

Tidy Towns Update

In response to requests from Development Groups and Tidy Towns Groups throughout the Listowel MD environmental works continue to be carried out by the Operation Departments.

In Listowel obsolete signage has been removed and re-lining of the car park in the Town Park has taken place, along with additional planting. In Ballyduff re-lining of The Square has taken place and additional signage has been erected, and in Moyvane re-lining has taken place outside the church. Finally, in Lisselton and Abbeydorney obsolete signage was removed from the approach roads.

Civic Reception

Unfortunately, a visit from representatives from Panissières to Listowel to celebrate the 25 years of twinning has had to be postponed as direct charter flights from Lyon to Shannon were cancelled by the tour operator for August. There was no viable alternative, so both committees have postponed the exchange to early next year.

Cllr. D Nolan referred to the update on the E-Hub Workshop in the report and asked that rural areas where Garda Stations have been closed be considered for inclusion in the network of eHubs with a view to giving something back to these rural communities.

Cllr. Nolan welcomed that Listowel has been nominated as an Enterprise Town and asked that Ms. Lisa O'Carroll, Business Advisor would be requested to attend the next meeting to update the members on this initiative.

Cllr. A Thornton asked that Ms. Bridget Fitzgerald, Economic Development Officer would be requested to meet with the members and Listowel Chamber Alliance to discuss the funding options that could be pursued for North Kerry.

Cllr. A Thornton welcomed the inaugural Wild Atlantic Way Conference to Listowel on September 5th & 6th next and said that this opportunity should be used to showcase all that North Kerry has to offer to visitors.

She thanked Mr. A Smith for his excellent work with the various community groups in North Kerry and complimented the Tidy Towns groups on all the work carried out by them on a voluntary basis.

Cllr. M Kennelly supported the sentiments expressed by Cllr. A Thornton. He welcomed the inaugural Wild Atlantic Way Conference to Listowel and asked how this

opportunity for Listowel was being sold by Kerry County Council. He thanked all the Tidy Towns Groups for their voluntary work and wished them success in the future.

Cllr. J Moloney acknowledged the work carried out by all the community and voluntary groups throughout the Municipal District. He said that the number of tourists visiting North Kerry has increased but the accommodation available is inadequate. He said that he hoped that the development contribution scheme agreed by the members at the Special Meeting of the Full Council on 25th July would help to address this matter.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed the inaugural Wild Atlantic Way Conference to North Kerry and commended all the community and voluntary groups on their excellent work throughout the Municipal District.

Cllr. L Purtill acknowledged the work carried out on a voluntary basis by the Tidy Towns groups.

Cathaoirleach J Lucid thanked Mr. A Smith for his work with the community groups in North Kerry and commended all the volunteers who organise festivals and sports events throughout the area. He said that the development of the Wild Atlantic Way route has been a huge success and he thanked Listowel Tidy Town Group and all involved in the organising of events for the recent Communities in Bloom competition.

(b) 2017 Community Facilities Scheme

Ms. H Switzer briefed the members on the following report which was circulated:

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government has developed a new Community Facilities Capital Scheme to provide small scale capital grants. The aim of the Scheme is to fund projects that seek to enhance communities, address disadvantage and improve social cohesion at a local level. It will also seek to address some of the difficulties local community groups face in terms of accessing very often small scale levels of funding to match their own fundraising efforts, in order to get community projects off the ground.

One of the conditions of the Scheme was that the Scheme is to be linked to some element of the LECP.

In this context Niamh O'Sullivan, Chief Officer, Kerry LCDC made a case to the Department that the LCDC had prioritised the Age Friendly Programme as one of the priority actions to be focused on in the LECP Implementation Plan for 2017. This was agreed at the February meeting. Also, Siobhan Griffin, Kerry Age Friendly Co-Ordinator is currently preparing a Draft Age Friendly Strategy for County Kerry.

On this basis the Department approved that the "€64,500 allocated could be used to support age friendly initiatives.

A public call for funding was made in early April . closing date 30th June 2017.

The following points were noted regarding the Age Friendly grants initiative:-

The age friendly grants will provide funding for new activities that support age friendly communities such as:

- Improved access to public and community buildings
- Creation of safe, comfortable places to meet
- Intergenerational capital projects
- Provision of recreation and healthy living facilities

The projects were brought to the July LCDC meeting for consideration at their meeting of 5th July 2017. The recommended allocations for the Community Facilities Scheme projects are now being brought to the MD meetings scheduled to be held in July/August for consideration and approval by the Elected Members.

Information and application forms on the CFS were available under latest news on the Kerry County Council website and PPN website. A list of grants approved under each of the 4 MDs will be uploaded onto Kerry County Council website following the respective MD meeting.

Applicant Group	Project Description	Approved Funding Amount
Duagh Sports and Leisure Complex Ltd.	The provision and installation of energy efficient lighting, to include fire and intruder alarm. This would make three more multi-purpose rooms available for use to various groups to extend the number of activities available at the centre.	" 1,000.00
North Kerry Older Persons Service (Home Maintenance Service)	To facilitate the marketing and advertising of the project (brochures, leaflets, newspaper advertisements) as users of the service may not have access to modern day sources of advertising such as facebook.	" 1,000.00
Ceolann' Cultural Centre Lixnaw	Replacement of old plastic chairs with new, more comfortable chairs, so as to provide a more comfortable meeting place for all patrons of Ceolann.	" 1,000.00

Ballybunion Active Retirement Association	Provide the local Ballybunion ARA with 3 complete indoor shuffleboard courts and accompanying cues, pucks and silicon spray to use in the main hall. This would enable the running of competitions among the group and among other older person's groups in the community as well as with local secondary school students and members grandchildren .	" 1,500.00
Moyvane ICA (Irish Countrywomen's Association)	Purchase of a new fridge and electric cooker for the kitchen in the local Marian Hall aswell as varnish for the cupboards and replacement of door locks. Shelving work is required also. The kitchen is used for many events for senior citizensa throughout the year e.g. annual mass, bingo	" 700.00
Duagh Sports and Leisure Complex	Installation of a heating system in the Sports and Leisure Complex to make the centre suitable for older users. It is intended to host events such as tea dances, bingo, yoga for over 65's, keep fit classes for over 65's etc.	See No.1 above
Ballylongford Tidy Towns	Installation of a footpath and seating in the Ballylongford Bay area. The path currently in the area is not user friendly for the elderly or wheelchair users.	" 1,000.00
Asdee (Club 55) Active Retired	Improve the small road leading to the Community Centre. It proves dangerous as the surface area is old and uneven with the concrete unravelled due to many years of harsh winters. The project would involve creating a new underground drainage system, lowering the surface area before resurfacing. Also there is an urgent need for lighting in the area as it is extremely hazardous during the winter months.	" 1,000.00
Ballyheigue Social Economy Enterprises clg	Purchase of new fryers, a water boiler and table cloths for the kitchen. Over 70 meals on wheels dinners are prepared each week, many of which are delivered to older people in the locality allowing them to live more independently.	" 1,000.00

Knockanure Development Association	To preserve the culture and heritage for future generations, it is imperative that all stories memories and recipes be recorded and compiled into a book. The active retirement group which meets monthly will be part of this process.	" 1,500.00
Abbeydorney Community Hall Development Committee	To provide adequate tables and chairs for new members of the active retired group. To purchase a fridge for food storage for the active retired meals. To provide seating for the graveyard masses for elderly members of community as the ground is uneven in the graveyard.	" 1,000.00
Abbeydorney Development Committee	To provide seating and folding tables for the elderly members of the community to participate in outdoor activities such as graveyard masses and ploughing festival.	" 1,000.00
Ballylongford Enterprise Association	To install a lift in the Parish Hall to enable older people with mobility issues to access the three rooms upstairs in the Parish Hall and therefore be able to access more activities/classes.	N/A
Ballylongford Active Retired	To purchase autofill boiler Tap dispenser. Purchasing sound system from own funds.	" 500.00
Finuge GAA Club	To upgrade footpaths around access points of the grounds. Also it is intended to introduce a seated platform area specifically for older and less mobile patrons. This is to be sited within a short distance of the main entrance and will also cater for wheelchair users.	" 950.00
Lixnaw Field Development Committee (GAA Pitch)	To provide appropriate seating which could be utilised by older people who walk the periphery of the field which is approx. 1 km. It is intended to provide a high quality walkable area which will enable older people to utilise the field and the provision of intermittent seating in walkway has considerable benefits for older people.	" 1,000.00
Lixnaw Development Association	To provide outside seating for Active Retirement group outside the community centre. A number of services are available in the community centre such as chiropodist, laundry service, first responders. An outside bench would be beneficial for those waiting for a service.	" 1,000.00
Rathea/irremore Senior Citizens	To install a straight stair lift to access the gym. Many older persons with mobility issues would benefit from use of gym and guidance from gym instructor	" 1,000.00

Listowel Emmets GAA	To improve access to clubhouse and dressing rooms for the ageing population with mobility issues. It is intended to create another ramp up to club room door and extend viewing area in front of clubhouse to allow patrons and supporters to view matches in a safer environment.	" 950.00
St. Senan's GAA	To construct a shelter for wheelchair users and elderly to give them protection from weather elements and allow them to view matches in comfortable surroundings.	" 950.00
Listowel Family Resource Centre	To create a sensory and bio-diversity area for the Alzheimers group based at the FRC. This will be an outdoor space where members will feel comfortable in a safe environment. The area will be filled with wildflower plants, a seated area , a solar powered water feature. A small wall will also need to be built.	" 1,000.00
Ballybunion Mens Shed	To purchase chairs and kitchen equipment. To provide ramps for wheelchair access.	" 1,000.00
Kishenane Community Development Group	To erect a heritage style bench within the lcoal graveyard so that elderly residents can sit and enjoy the local annual mass or just sit to remember their loved ones.	" 1,000.00
Moyvane Development Association	To provide two new rest areas in the local Nature trail by including new appropriate seating at regular intervals through the walk to encourage older people to use the trail.	" 1,000.00
Buds Family & Community Resource Centre (Ballyduff)	To purchase computer, projector books reading material with the aim of bringing older adults together to meet and socialise within the centre.	" 1,000.00
Lartigue Monorail Restoration Project	To improve access to the museum and the train for older people/wheelchairs users. To provide a safer access ramp from the parking area to the footpath in front of the museum entrance.	" 1,000.00
Ballyheigue Development Association	To provide seating area on the looped walk around Ballyheigue Village. To place a bench halfway along the walk where older people could stop for a rest.	" 1,000.00
Kerryhead Ballyheigue FRC (Over 55 Active Retirement Group)	To purchase equipment for the Active Retirement Group. Equipment is primarily to encourage exercise and activity.	" 1,000.00
		<hr/> €26,050.00 <hr/>

Cllr. J Moloney welcomed the allocation of funding to the Listowel Municipal District under the Community Facilities Scheme. He said that this was good news for Listowel and asked that it be publicised.

Cllr. A Thornton welcomed the allocation to the Listowel Municipal District and thanked Mr. A Smith for his work with the local community groups throughout North Kerry.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that he was delighted that approximately 50% of the funding had been allocated to North Kerry. He thanked Mr. A Smith for his work and his commitment to the local community groups throughout the Municipal District.

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed the allocation of funding to the Listowel MD and said that she was delighted that it was being distributed to 13 towns and villages in North Kerry. She complimented Kerry County Council on the scheme said that it was very well written.

Cllr. L Purtill welcomed the allocation of funding to North Kerry and complimented Kerry County Council on the preparation of the Community Facilities Scheme.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed that approximately 50% of the funding has been allocated to groups in North Kerry and thanked Mr. A Smith for his engagement with community groups throughout the area.

Cathaoirleach J Lucid welcomed the funding allocation for the Listowel Municipal District and thanked Ms. H Switzer for her presentation.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J Moloney SECONDED by Cllr. A Thornton it was agreed to approve the allocations from the 2017 Community Facilities Scheme for the Municipal District of Listowel as outlined in the report circulated

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. R Beasley: That a map be erected in Asdee Village indicating places of historical interest in the surrounding countryside such as sacred wells, walkways and beaches.

Reply: The Municipal District Officer has met with the Asdee Community Development Association in relation to this proposal. They are to return with a definite decision as to where such a map could be erected and what sites should be included on it.

Cllr. R Beasley acknowledged the response and said that it is very important that such a map is erected as soon as possible.

2. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would discuss with the Asdee Development Association how best to utilise the old ball alley.

Reply: The Municipal District Officer has met with the Asdee Community Development Association in relation to the ball alley. The land in question is in private ownership and the Development association have been advised that they should discuss any proposal with the owner.

3. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would investigate the ownership of the old Church opposite Carrigafoyle Castle. I have spoken to the Office of Public Works (OPW) and they informed me that they have no responsibility for this ruin. It is no longer accessible. The Ballylongford Tidy Towns and Ballylongford Development have asked me to make enquiries regarding same.

Reply: Kerry County Council has identified that the lands are in private ownership and those details will be relayed to the Councillors at the meeting.

Mr. E Scanlan said that that this matter has been investigated and it has been concluded that the structure is situated on lands which are in private ownership and there is no facility for the Local Authority to get involved.

Cllr. D Nolan said that this structure is a national monument.

Mr. Scanlan reiterated that the lands are in private ownership.

4. Cllr. L Purtill: That this Council would use every possible scheme - Village Renewal/Enhancement Scheme to turn the tide of rural decline and in particular the situation in Ballylongford where there is no entry to the national school next September.

Reply: Kerry County Council endeavours to secure funding under any potential funding stream to allow development and future growth of towns and villages across the county. The staff of the Council will continue to work with communities in developing projects and will in particular build on the wonderful response that the call for Expressions of Interest has yielded across the county under the recent Town and Village Renewal Scheme, CLÁR Funding, Outdoor Recreation Funding and the Community Facilities Scheme - Age Friendly Initiatives.

Cllr. L Purtill said that the village of Ballylongford is in decline for a considerable length of time and is in urgent need of revival.

Cllr. M Kennelly supported the notice of motion and said that that no child has applied to start at the national school in Ballylongford in September 2017.

5. Cllr. D. Nolan: That the Municipal Area Plan for Listowel be initiated in September in order to fully coordinate the former Listowel Town Council area with the Listowel County Council area.

Reply: The Planning Policy Unit are, at present, finalising a new planning framework for Killarney. Work has commenced on a new planning framework for Tralee. It is intended to commence a review of the planning policy framework for Listowel Town and the Listowel Municipal District by the beginning of Q4 2017. This new planning policy framework will consist of:

- (a) Preparing a new Municipal District Plan for the environs of Listowel Town and settlements with the Municipal District and
- (b) A variation to the current Listowel Town Plan 2009 - 2015 as extended
- (c) A reference in each plan to each other

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed that it is intended to commence a review of the planning policy framework for Listowel Town and the Listowel Municipal District by the beginning of Q4 2017. She said that it is confusing that there are two plans as she had understood that a coordinated plan would be prepared following the amalgamation of the Local Authorities.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the Notice of Motion.

Cllr. J Moloney requested that Question No. 4 (Item 2) also be dealt with.

4. Cllr. J. Moloney: When will work begin on the Listowel Area Plan?

Reply: The Planning Policy Unit are, at present, finalising a new planning framework for Killarney. Work has commenced on a new planning framework for Tralee. It is intended to commence a review of the planning policy framework for Listowel Town and the Listowel Municipal District by the beginning of Q4 2017. This new planning policy framework will consist of:

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Mr. J Breen said that Mr. D Ginty would be requested to provide further details to the members.

6. Cllr. D. Nolan: That the Economic Development Unit of Kerry County Council engages with promoters of the Listowel Food Hub and Food Production businesses to formulate a plan of support for food producers and innovators in the Listowel MD area to progress the industry and try to protect in the face of Brexit pressures.

Reply: Kerry County Council has strong links with local food producers throughout the County and through the Local Employment Office and Taste Kerry have built up a strong business support environment for the industry. In the past Kerry County Council has supported the establishment of the Furies Food Hub and undertaken a number of business development programmes with food producers to help scale these businesses and increase market share. The Chief Executive and senior staff of the Council met with promoters of the Listowel Food Hub in the past week and it is planned to meet again in the Autumn when their plans are more advanced.

The Economic Development Unit of Kerry County Council engages with promoters of various initiatives in the County including the Listowel Municipal District area. The Unit is supportive of all initiatives which promote economic development in the County.

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed the reply and said that it is important to support food producers and innovators with a view to progressing the food industry in North Kerry.

Cllr. A Thornton asked that an update on the progress of the Listowel Food Hub be emailed to the members.

7. Cllr. A. Thornton: Have the Council received any potential projects for North Kerry under the Town and Village funding scheme?

Reply: In all, 51 Expressions of Interest were submitted and following detailed assessment by staff of the Community, Economic and Tourism sections and scored in accordance with Scheme Guidelines & Scoring Framework, they were subsequently reviewed by an Internal Evaluation Committee, and 15 EOs were selected for development into detailed applications. Of these shortlisted projects, three projects relate to the Listowel Municipal District:

L1	Ballybunion Community Forum: To develop a Beach Service Centre to promote enterprise activity at Ballybunion Beach which will involve significant public convenience upgrade and landscaping works
L1 Arts	Ballybunion Tidy Towns Group: Incorporate a seal statue into the nearly refurbished Beach Service Centre
L2	Ballyheigue Town Development Association: To enhance the tourism potential of a coastal town and maximise footfall from the Kerry Head Way which passes through Ballyheigue Village. Works includes undergrounding of services, signage and landscaping.
L2 Arts	Ballyheigue Town Development Association: Incorporate an art sculpture into the enhanced entrance to the village
L3	Listowel Business & Community Alliance: To develop a 3 Year Economic Action Plan and upgrade a web site to include an E Street facility

The selection of projects under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme will be by means of a competitive process. Final project selection will be made by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, on the basis of proposals submitted by the Local Authorities.

The staff of the Council will continue to work with communities in developing projects and will in particular build on the wonderful response that the call for Expressions of Interest has yielded across the County.

Cllr. A Thornton welcomed this response.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the Notice of Motion and welcomed the development of a beach service centre in Ballybunion.

Cllr. D Nolan welcomed the projects which have been selected for the Listowel Municipal District.

(d) Questions

1. Cllr. R. Beasley: What is the probability of putting in larger swings for in the playground in Ballyheigue to facilitate teenagers with special needs?

Reply: The present play equipment in Ballyheigue has play range of 4 to 12 years. The equipment layout is such that safety zones for each match. Any changing of equipment to an older age profile would involve a significant redesign of the playground with significant cost implications.

Cllr. A Thornton said that she was withdrawing Questions 2 & 3 as she had already received a response.

2. Cllr. A. Thornton: What projects, as outlined in the Heritage Strategy, have been progressed by the Council?

3. Cllr. A. Thornton: What funding is available from the Heritage Council?

She said that National Heritage Week will be taking place from 19th to 27th August and as Listowel is one of the three Historic Towns in the country more needs to be done to promote National Heritage Week in the town.

Question 4 was dealt with in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 5 (Item 2)

5. Cllr. J. Moloney: Has there been any response from Shannon Properties regarding Clieveragh Industrial Estate and their plans for its ongoing development?

Reply: Following the correspondence issued to Shannon Properties, the Listowel Municipal District has received no response to date. A reminder can be sent if requested by the Members.

Cllr. J Moloney asked that a letter would issue to Shannon Properties from the Council's Economic Development Officer, regarding this matter.

Cllr. A Thornton supported the notice of motion and said that it was unacceptable that no response has been received to date.

17.08.01.03 Quality of Life – Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Directorate.

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

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Ger O'Brien SEO

Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme

Kerry County Council has recently been notified of a grant allocation of " 26,000 to co-fund local public education and awareness initiatives in relation to litter and graffiti. The grant allocation covers up to 70% of the cost with the balance being met by way of local contribution. Projects submitted for funding this year include ongoing support for our adapt a road and bottle bank schemes, purchase of equipment to support Community and Tidy Towns groups, litter awareness and increasing awareness of responsible dog ownership in relation to dog fouling issues.

2017 Anti-Dumping Initiative Phase 2

Following on from funding received earlier in the year from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment under the 2017 Anti-Dumping initiative application for funding for phase 2 of the initiative has now been made. Phase 2 of the project aims at tackling illegal dumping issues at a number of sites/locations around County Kerry. The intention is to build on the actions undertaken in Phase 1 of the project. This phase of the project includes proposals for additional covert surveillance and clean-up activities at known dump-sites, along with a proposal for a bulky-waste bring-event at a location as yet to be identified.

Fire Services

Business Unit Manager: Capt. Michael Hession, Chief Fire Officer

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers carried out Inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and forwarded Fire Officers recommendations to the relevant Courts during June 2017.

- Fire Officers continued with premises inspections in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.
- A Pre Event meeting was held on 30th June between GAA Management, Kerry County Council Fire Officers, An Garda Siochana and Order of Malta personnel in preparation for the upcoming Munster Football Finals of 2nd July at Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney.
- Fire Officers carried out pre-Event inspection and met with organisers on the 30th June in advance of the Ring of Kerry Cycle Event at Beech Road Car Park Killarney.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the 30th June 2017 was 252 which is a 19.43% increase on the figure of 211 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 30th June 2017 a total of 45 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 68 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. While the Disability Access Certificate figure is on par with the same period last year there is a decrease of 15 % in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2016.

Building Control	1st January 2016 to 30th June 2016	1st January 2017 to 30th June 2017
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	80	68
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	45	45
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices Received	211	252

Fire Service Operations:

Quarter 1 of 2017 provided benign weather (from a fire safety perspective) and reasonable road safety conditions. Quarter 2 brought a sustained dry spell with increased numbers of wild-land fires. Overall at mid-year fires and false alarms are marginally down on 2016 and Road Traffic Collisions are on a par with last year.

FIRE OPERATIONS - DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK	Jan- June 2016	Jan-June 2017
Fires Number		
Chimney Fires	71	66
Gorse Fires	143	160
Other Fires	107	110
Total	321	336
Special Services Number		
Entrapment	10	4
Gas/Chemicals	3	1
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	0
Hazardous Substances non Transit	1	0
Machinery	0	1
Miscellaneous	29	30
Other rescue	14	14
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	1	1

Road traffic accident	55	57
Water pumping/flooding	6	0
Total	119	108
False Alarms Number		
Malicious	14	8
Good Intent	87	58
Total	101	66
Total Number of Incidents	541	510
Total Number of Mobilisations	639	628

Library Services

Business Unit Manager: Tommy O'Connor, Co. Librarian

" The Children's Reading programme 2017 - **Summer Stars** – will be running in all Kerry Libraries and most public libraries nationally throughout the country this summer . from Saturday, 1 July . Saturday, 26 August. 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 access to talking books and games, computers, internet access and of course children's books for all ages.

" As per the 2017 Kerry Library Reader Development Action Plan, **Primary Schools Open Days will take place from 18 - 22 September**. Each library will contact local primary schools and invite teachers to visit during that week. Library services/facilities for schools will be highlighted, including:

Classroom Novel collection to support literacy curriculum (2nd . 6th class)

Block loans (literacy resources for junior . 2nd class and resource classes)

Online sources - junior Britannica, languages online, recommended websites, e.g.

www.askaboutireland.ie

Library children's activities programme - Children's Book Festival, Science Week, World Book Day, etc.

Exhibition spaces for display of school projects

Non fiction resources to support STEM / STEAM activities in classrooms

Local history resources.

Kerry Library is also at present preparing a Right to Read literacy programme for the county and will be progressing throughout 2017.

" Library events programme [countywide details at www.kerrylibrary.ie]

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Status Summary at 26th July 2017

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.

<u>CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016</u> <u>WASTE WATER PROJECTS</u>	
Project	Status
Tarbert and Ballylongford WWTPs	Complete " 2.3M; Connections Work Contract - to Tender July '17

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

IRISH WATER MINOR IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME

Irish Water has also launched a Minor Capital Works Programme. This is a rolling programme of **Minor Improvement Works** which can be added to as the need arises. **Works of value €2.63M have been completed in the Listowel Municipal District since 2014** and the list of **current** projects in this area for which Kerry County Council has applied under the Minor Capital Works Programme is outlined in the following tables:

<u>COUNTYWIDE MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant works	Provision and installation of Equipment for UVT and flow monitoring and sampling	" 1.25M	Contract works - completion WW April 17, Water Nov. 17

<u>LISTOWEL M.D. - MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME</u>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
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
Ardfert North WSS: Ballyheigue Pressure Management	Install Pressure Reducing Valves and Meters	" 7,000	Complete
Glenderry WS: Mains Replacement	Replace 750M of 50mm AC main with 90MM uPVC	" 56,000	Complete Contract JHR
Ardfert North WSS . Church Rd Ballyheigue	Replace 590M of 200mm C.I. with Lead services 160MM uPVC	" 62,000	Complete
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Village	Replace 400M of 75mm C.I. and A.C. with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 50,000	Underway
NKRWSS: Dromin Water Treatment Plant	Upgrade Sludge Treatment Works	" 190,000	Underway
NKRWSS: Dromin Water Treatment Plant	Extensive roof repairs / building remodelling	" 150,000	Consultants prepared Design; Planning Appln. submitted
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.
Lyreacrompane RWSS: Network - Unidirectional Scouring	Install new scour valves and provide sampling points on existing scours	" 17,000	Approved
Ardfert North WSS . Tiershanaghan	Replace 3,400M of 50mm A.C. with 1,800M of 90MM and 1,600M of 63MM uPVC	" 304,000	Approved
NKRWSS: Quay St Ballylongford	Replace 800M of 100mm Cast Iron with 150MM uPVC pipe	" 50,000	Approved
Ardfert North WSS . Causeway Village	Replace 1,750M of 75mm C.I. and A.C. with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 236,000	Requested
	Total APPROVED works on hand	€1,013,000	

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).

The valve replacement works at Brosna are underway and **contract works on the replacement of 1.5Km of watermain at Feeans Causeway are to be commenced on the 1st August 2017.**

Mr. C Mangan briefed the members on the report from the Water Services Directorate as follows:

The replacement of a 2.15Km of a 300mm Asbestos Cement Water Main on the Derry . Listowel NKRWSS has been completed.

The upgrade of sludge treatment works at the Dromin water treatment plant is underway.

With regard to the Rural Water Programme he said that funding has been allocated in the 2016-2018 Rural Water Programme for upgrade works prior to the take over by Irish Water on the Group Water Schemes at Clanmaurice ("200K) and Brosna ("40K).

Illegal dumping at Derra Bog, Listowel

Cllr. M Kennelly referred to the 2017 Anti . Dumping Initiative Phase 2 and asked if funding would be made available to tackle the illegal dumping problem at Derra bog.

Mr. J Breen said that a number of illegal dumping sites in the county are being examined with a view to the provision of additional covert surveillance and clean up activities at known illegal dumping sites.

Cllr. M Kennelly said covert surveillance was provided at John Paul II burial ground in Listowel but the illegal dumping continued.

Take over of Group Water Schemes

Cllr. A Thornton asked that a copy of the protocol to facilitate the take over of Group Water Schemes be forwarded to the members.

Lixnaw Wetland waste water treatment system

Cllr. A Thornton asked for an update on the Lixnaw wetlands waste water treatment system .

Mr. C Mangan said that Water Services Capital is currently preparing, on behalf of Irish Water, a Planning Application for the development of a new Integrated Constructed Wetland waste water treatment system for the existing Lixnaw sewerage scheme. There is a fund set aside for such ICW systems in Irish Water's national Capital Investment Programme 2017 . 2021.

Mr. C Mangan said that this is included in the new Capital Investment Programme 2017 . 2021.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. R. Beasley: That the water pipe from (details with Directorate) be encased with a larger pipe which they have done in other parts of the Clanmorris Group Scheme. The road is almost impassable as a result of the continuous leaks.

Reply: Pipe replacement work on 1.5Km of defective 100MM watermain at the adjacent Feeans is due to be commenced on 1st August 2017. It is planned that the 50MM main in this 600M-long cul-de sac in Cleandries will be replaced later this year.

Cllr R Beasley welcomed this reply.

2. Cllr. J. Moloney: Could the Council investigate the possibility of a Tannoy System on our beaches warning people against illegal dumping?

Reply: The Environment Department will investigate this proposal to see if it has been tested or piloted in any other locations and revert to the members in due course.

Cllr. J Moloney said that he would welcome any system that would help to keep the beaches clean.

Cllr. A Thornton moved Notice of Motion No. 26 (Item 5) at this stage.

26. Cllr. A. Thornton: What is the schedule for beach cleaning in Ballybunion Beach and what arrangements are made while staff are on holidays?

Reply: Over the summer period and in particular during a spell of warm weather, Kerry County Council staff commence cleaning work of the beaches in Ballybunion at 6.30am each morning, 7 days a week. Cleaning is carried out both by hand and by using the beach cleaning machine as required. During holiday periods other staff are rostered for this cleaning work as the need arises

Cllr. A Thornton said that she was not satisfied with the reply. Ballybunion beach is on the Wild Atlantic Way (WAW) route and is not serviced as it should be. The beach needs to be machine cleaned daily preferably early in the morning, particularly after Monday and Tuesday nights which are very busy in Ballybunion.

Extra resources should be deployed while staff are taking their holidays during the summer months. She said that it is now 1st August and asked that a plan be put in place to ensure that the beach is kept clean for the next six weeks.

Cllr. R Beasley agreed with Cllr A Thornton's remarks regarding this matter. He said that the moratorium on the recruitment of outdoor staff has had an adverse effect on beach cleaning in Ballybunion. The beaches in the Listowel Municipal District are on the Wild Atlantic Way (WAW) therefore more effort is needed to ensure that they are kept clean. He has advised the Tidy Towns Groups not to clean the beaches as if they carry out this work, the staff resources required will not be provided.

Mr. E Scanlan said that it must be acknowledged that people who use the beach facility should take responsibility for their rubbish and not leave it on the beach

While he was disappointed that Cllr A Thornton was not happy with the response to the notice of motion, he said that Listowel Municipal District Operations Office is doing what it can with the resources available. Staff are on site early every day and he observed that a good job had been done before 9.00am when he visited the beach on a number of mornings recently.

Mr. J Breen said that we have become a disposable society but this is not an excuse for leaving refuse behind us on the beach. While Kerry County Council does have a job to do, a level of personal responsibility is expected from people who use the beach facilities. While he welcomed the views of the members he said that a balance is needed.

Cllr. A Thornton said that she understood that resources were limited but asked that the beach in Ballybunion would be machine cleaned on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings following the busy previous nights in the town. We want to encourage people to visit Ballybunion therefore it is important that a plan to address this matter is put in place.

Mr. J Breen acknowledged the concerns of the members and said that Kerry County Council will ensure that the beaches are cleaned regularly during the busy season but this does not excuse people from being responsible for their refuse.

Mr. E Scanlan said that it is very important that the message goes out to beach users that they must not leave rubbish on the beach and must take responsibility for cleaning up after themselves before leaving. He undertook to discuss the concerns of the members with his staff with a view to delivering a better beach cleaning service.

3. Cllr. J. Moloney: That the Council and Irish Water move to address the sewage problem affecting business owners and residents on Market Street.

Reply: There is a circa 135M long, 225MM diameter concrete sewer pipe laid, parallel to the street, under the extensions to the original premises from McKenna's corner along Market Street. The sewer was laid before the buildings were extended. The sites are 40M deep and the sewer pipe is approximately 20M from the street and back lane. There appears to be 13 separate properties, including a restaurant, public house, and a night club, on this sewer. Virtually all of the sites are completely covered by buildings, but there is one remaining external manhole which is accessible from the rear lane. There is also a smaller rodding eye accessible in an open area at one property. These access points can be used to clear / rod / water-jet the sewer. There is also an existing sewer running along the (other side of the) street in front of these properties. There has been one incident of sewer back-up in one of the properties in recent years. It is not feasible, for reasons of cost and disruption to the use of the buildings, to either re-lay this sewer in its current location or alternatively to individually connect each property to the sewer on the (other side of the) street.

The regular water-jetting of the sewer by the Council's Water Services staff, and also the avoidance by the proprietors of allowing fats and greases or any inorganic material into the sewer are important to the maintenance of this infrastructure.

4. Cllr. J. Lucid: Can Kerry County Council ask Irish Water to repair the road at Laccamore, Abbeydorney where water main was replaced. The original work carried out there was a very long time ago and the road is in a very poor state since.

Reply: The Contractor will repair the road in the coming weeks.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. J. Lucid: Will Kerry County Council establish ownership of the entrance to the location of the water tower at Ballylongane, Ballyheigue so that it can be arranged for a gate to be erected and locked with access only to Irish Water personnel. This action will eliminate illegal dumping and anti-social behaviour in that location.

Reply: Neither Kerry County Council Water Services nor Irish Water has a role or authority in this matter. Trisk reservoir and the water mains at this location are part of the privately operated Clanmaurice Group Water Supply Scheme. These lands are part of a commonage which is owned by more than 10 individuals. The Group's approximately 20M by 20M site of the reservoir on the hilltop is securely fenced and locked.

17.08.01.04 Housing Directorate.

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

1 Housing Applications

	<u>No</u>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	647
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	91
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	86

2 Void Management

Municipal District breakdown	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	2
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	5
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	7
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	1
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	5
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	<u>20</u>

3 Social Housing Options

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	29	901
RAS	10	133
Leasing	2	19
HAP	32	32
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>1085</u>

4 Transfers

There are currently 89 approved transfer applications in the Listowel Municipal District which include 2 Co-Operatives, 36 LA – Rented Accommodation, 32 Private Rented – HAP and 19 Private Rented – RAS.

5 Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Upper William Street, Listowel	7 No.	7 No. 2 bedroomed	Dec. 2017	Oct. 2018
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

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Ashgrove, Listowel	1 No.	4 bedroomed special needs bungalow	Sept. 2016	14 th July, 2017 . complete on schedule.
Lixnaw, Ph4	4 No.	2 bedroomed (two storey)	13 th Feb. 2017	13 th Dec. 2017

House Acquisitions since the start of the year

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
Listowel	2 No.	3 bed	January May
12 properties are progressing in the Listowel MD Area.			

6 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2017, 456 No. requests for repairs have been received for the Listowel Municipal District.

7 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2017, 82 No. grants have been allocated in the Listowel Municipal District.

8 Bedroom Extensions

Since 1st 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 MD are approved to go for valuation.

1 withdrawn

11 sent for valuation . 7 valuations are completed, 4 are still with Valuer.

2 of the properties with valuation done have had Letter of Offer issued. Letters of Offer are being issued on a phased basis.

7 more have been approved from the income side but are awaiting confirmation of payment of water charges/Garda vetting etc.

9 at this stage now.

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.

Kerry County Council have been given a revised target for 2017 to deliver 27 units under the scheme. Kerry County Council advertised the scheme during the week of the 15 May with a closing date of the 01 June 2017. The Council received 84 applications. These have now been assessed in terms of demand for units in the area and 20 of the application have been rejected as they are in an area of low demand. A further 20 applications have been prioritised as they are in areas of high demand and are now being assessed to determine if they meet the technical requirements of the scheme. The remaining applications required further information to be submitted from the applicant.

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 authority¹ 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.

The number of qualified persons on our Housing waiting list as at the 28 June 2017 is 3248. This is a reduction of 40% from 5501 at the start of the 2016 assessment and is a result of an intensive rigorous exercise conducted by the Housing section where over 10,000 letters issued and 1500 phone calls were made.

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.

12 Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016

The Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 (Commencement of Certain Provisions) (No. 3) Order 2017 has been signed with an effective date of 3 July 2017. The associated and supporting Planning and Development (Strategic Housing Development) Regulations 2017, (S.I. 271 of 2017), have also been signed and came into operation on the same date.

The main purpose of the Planning and Development (Housing) and Residential Tenancies Act 2016 (the 2016 Act) is to give effect to a number of priority legislative measures in Rebuilding Ireland aimed at enhancing housing supply and the functioning of the private rented sector, including:

- introducing temporary streamlined planning procedures to allow direct application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of large scale residential developments (100+ units) and large scale student accommodation developments (200+ bed spaces) . known as strategic housing developments (Chapter 1 of Part 2 . sections 3 to 25);
- introduction of maximum time limits for the approval process of local authority own development proposals, including social housing and infrastructure servicing both public and private development (Chapter 3 of Part 2 . section 29); Under the new provisions, Part 8 proposals must in future be decided on by elected members within a maximum period of 20 weeks of being first issued for public consultation. Until now no such overall maximum timeframe applied.
- amending the law in relation to extensions of the duration of certain planning permissions and providing for second extensions of duration for housing developments of 20+ units, subject to certain criteria (Chapter 3 of Part 2 . section 28);
- amending legislation to enhance the functioning of the private rented sector, including tenant protection issues (Part 3 . sections 30 to 50 - and Schedules); and

- providing for the amendment of the Housing Finance Agency (HFA) Act 1981 to provide that the HFA may lend finance to Institutes of Higher Education for the provision of student accommodation and to the Housing Agency for the purchase of vacant properties (Part 4 . section 51).

The Regulations supplement the strategic housing development provisions in the 2016 Act and prescribe the detailed procedural and administrative matters relating to proposed strategic housing developments (SHD). They set out requirements for prospective applicants, planning authorities, the Board and prescribed authorities and include the prescribed form for pre-application stage, site and newspaper notices and the form at application stage.

13 2017 Allocation - Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes For Older People and People with a Disability

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, has advised us that the combined capital allocation to Kerry County Council for the payment of the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Schemes, in 2017 is " 2,220,979 of which " 444,196 is to be provided from your authority's own revenue resources.

(b) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. R Beasley: Kerry County Council have almost 140 people on the housing list in Ballybunion, yet a three bedroom house in Lahesrough which could be used to house one of the above families is being used as a half way house for people from outside the area who are involved in anti-social behaviour. Can I request that the house be allocated to one of the 140 families on the current waiting list for Ballybunion.

Reply: Due to the increase in numbers who are presenting as homeless, especially family units, to the Homeless Information Centre over the past 12 months, the Government direction and commitment that families would not be placed in hotel or B & B type accommodation and the difficulties we are experiencing in endeavouring to source suitable accommodation for them, a number of properties were made available throughout the County, from our own stock, to act as Short Term Transitional Emergency Accommodation for these families. These properties are occupied by the families while another source of accommodation is being sourced by them and for them. The properties are designated short-term emergency accommodation only and will be placed back into stock as soon as possible. It is not the intention of Kerry County Council to re-use properties as short-term emergency accommodation if the property had already had that designation on a previous occasion.

Cllr. D Nolan supported the Notice of Motion.

2. Cllr. D. Nolan: What level of funding is still available under the various Kerry County Council Home Improvement Grants e.g. Elderly, Mobility etc.

Reply: There have been no changes to the level of grant assistance available under the three schemes being operated by Kerry County Council.

Mobility Aids Housing Grant Scheme is available to provide grant assistance in providing basic works to address the mobility needs of a household member. This scheme provides a maximum grant of " 6,000 which may cover up to 100% of the cost of the works to those with a gross household income of up to " 30,000 per annum.

Housing Aid for Older People Grant Scheme is available to assist older people (those aged 66 or older) living in poor housing conditions to have the necessary repairs or improvements carried out.

The maximum grant available under this scheme is " 8,000 to cover 95% of the cost of the works in cases where the gross household income is less than " 30,000. The scheme provides a reducing grant allocation for households with a gross income in excess of this amount with no grant available for households with a gross income in excess of " 60,000 per annum.

Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability Grant scheme is available to assist in carrying out works that are reasonably necessary for the purposes of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation of a person with a disability who is a member of the household.

The maximum grant available under this scheme is " 30,000 which may cover 95% of the cost of the works in cases where the gross household income is less than " 30,000. The scheme provides a reducing grant allocation for households with a gross income in excess of this amount with no grant available for households with a gross income in excess of " 60,000 per annum.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council inform the members as to what is the current average time 'now' for a vacant Council house, which has been returned to the Council, to be re-allocated.

Reply: As Members are aware this is a complex area with many considerations affecting the turnaround times. Some of these issues can have a significant impact on the ability to have these properties available in the short term.

In addition, when a property becomes vacant the opportunity is taken to carry out works necessary to maintain the fabric of the property. In some case where older properties are returned to stock, more fundamental and extensive works are required.

The turnaround times are assessed under guidelines issued by NOAC (National Oversight & Audit Commission). We have been working with NOAC to evaluate areas where the figures also include properties which are simply unavailable for re-letting. In such cases these properties have significant impact on the re-letting times and the figures don't adequately reflect the actual times for straightforward properties.

Some of the issues are as follows:

- Department approval required for funding a major refurbishment . where significant works are required then Department approval is required for works on excess of limits allowed
- Fire Damaged Properties . considerable delays are encountered with such properties while insurance and other issues are resolved
- Derelict Properties . there are a number of these properties which are simply not available for re-letting and required substantial works but can be counted in respect of turnaround times
- Legal Issues preventing Kerry County Council taking vacant possession, e.g. squatters, legal disputes, boundary issues, title issues
- Death of tenant . reasonable period must be allowed before the Council seeks to secure vacant possession

In addition and despite the significant demand we have, individual properties can be difficult to let with some on occasions being subject to multiple refusals.

Over the past 18 months significant effort has been made to reduce the turnaround times. Currently the average time across the County is 38 weeks approximately. This includes all cases even those properties that are classified above. The real turnaround times for properties that are available for re-letting is much less than this and of the order of 23 weeks as at 30 June 2017.

We continue to assess performance in this area and are analysing the data across multiple headings and across the various categories. When the NOAC reports on the 2016 data is published this matter will be coming back before the Council with a more extensive update.

Mr. E Scanlan said that that in recent months significant effort has been made by the Operations Department to expedite the works required on vacant properties with a view to reducing the turn around time.

2. Cllr. D. Nolan: What targets do Kerry County Council have for housing units in Listowel Town, both in terms of house building and land purchase, as well as house purchase?

Reply: Kerry County Council have recently finished the construction of a special needs four bedroom house in Ashgrove Estate. Kerry County Council propose to commence the construction of 7 No. houses including 3 No. two bedroom houses (3 person) and 4 No. two bedroom houses (4 person) in December 2017.

Kerry County Council is currently carrying out a review of its Housing landbank with a view of preparing a strategic development and management plan for its residential land assets. Following this review, lands may be purchased for future developments depending on the need. It is anticipated this review will be complete by end of September 2017.

Kerry County Council have no set target for purchases in an area. As long as there is a clear demand and value for money can be achieved under our set unit ceiling costs, we will look to purchase an available house in an area.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the Notice of Motion.

17.08.01.05 Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety Directorate

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

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Report from the Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety

Roads

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

Restoration Improvement

R-551 Glencullare . Meelcon
L-1008 Ballydonoghue Cross . Junction with L-6019
L-1000- Beale (90 % complete)
L-1011 Greenville Road (90 % complete)
L-1006- Gloria . Coolbeha (90 % complete)
R-551- Doonard to Junct. with L-1010 (90 % complete)

Restoration Maintenance

R-551 . Ballinbranhig, Ballyduff westwards for 1.75kms
R-552 . From junction with L-6015 to a point 200m south of Kilgarvan crossroads
R-554- Lisselton Cross to Moybella Cross
L-1025 . Two segments of Cork Line Road
L-6050- Finuge Bridge . Killocrim Cross
L-1032 . Lacka Cross
L-1033 . Glenderry, Ballyheigue

Footpath Programme

L-1401 . Greenville Road- In progress
L-6326 - Woodview . Complete

Bridge Improvement Works

R-556 . Cloonametagh Bridge, Abbeydorney . Complete

(b) Notices of Motion

Cllr. L Purtill said that he would have to leave the meeting due to another appointment and asked that his Notices of Motion be moved at this stage.

As Notices of Motion No's 2,4,8,23,24, & 30, (item 5) and Question 2 (Item 5) all referred to the same issue it was unanimously agreed that they would be moved simultaneously.

2. Cllr. R Beasley: That the broken footpaths in Asdee Village be repaired without further delay.

Reply: As agreed with the Councillors, we will look to put in place a schedule of footpath works for the Municipal District. The schedule will be prioritised and agreed with the councillors based upon the submitted list of locations. Completion of the list will be subject to funding being made available through the Municipal District Works plan and allocations from the Councillors. There are no funds currently available for footpath works in 2017.

4. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would address the footpaths in Asdee Village from (details with Directorate). I would expect that these footpaths would be addressed when funding for footpaths becomes available.

Reply: As agreed with the Councillors, we will look to put in place a schedule of footpath works for the Municipal District. The schedule will be prioritised and agreed with the councillors based upon the submitted list of locations. Completion of the list will be subject to funding being made available through the Municipal District Works plan and allocations from the Councillors. There are no funds currently available for footpath works in 2017.

8. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would urgently repair the footpaths in Doonard Crescent, Tarbert. The footpaths are a health hazard for older people and children who use them.

Reply: As agreed with the Councillors, we will look to put in place a schedule of footpath works for the Municipal District. The schedule will be prioritised and agreed with the councillors based upon the submitted list of locations. Completion of the list will be subject to funding being made available through the Municipal District Works plan and allocations from the Councillors. There are no funds currently available for footpath works in 2017.

23. Cllr. A. Thornton: Can Kerry County Council cost the additional footpath required to connect the Cloisters to the Village of Abbeydorney? Is there money allocated to this job?

Reply: As agreed with the Councillors, we will look to put in place a schedule of footpath works for the Municipal District. The schedule will be prioritised and agreed with the councillors based upon the submitted list of locations. Completion of the list will be subject to funding being made available through the Municipal District Works plan and allocations from the Councillors. There are no funds currently available for footpath works in 2017. The estimated cost of this section of footpath is " 50,000

which does not include any cost that may be incurred in the acquisition of 4 portions of land to allow the footpath to be constructed

24. Cllr. A. Thornton: Can Kerry County Council consider when works can be done on the footpaths at Lacca, Ballyduff and has this job been costed?

Reply: As agreed with the Councillors, we will look to put in place a schedule of footpath works for the Municipal District. The schedule will be prioritised and agreed with the councillors based upon the submitted list of locations. Completion of the list will be subject to funding being made available through the Municipal District Works plan and allocations from the Councillors. There are no funds currently available for footpath works in 2017.

30. Cllr. J. Moloney: Can the footpath on the Woodford Road from Listowel town be extended?

Reply: As agreed with the Councillors, we will look to put in place a schedule of footpath works for the Municipal District. The schedule will be prioritised and agreed with the councillors based upon the submitted list of locations. Completion of the list will be subject to funding being made available through the Municipal District Works plan and allocations from the Councillors. There are no funds currently available for footpath works in 2017. Land acquisition would necessary to allow for any extension works in this location.

Question 2. Cllr. L. Purtill: Can Kerry County Council repair the damaged footpath at St. Patrick's Terrace, Tarbert? A large number of elderly people live in this terrace and it urgently needs attention.

Reply: As agreed with the Councillors, we will look to put in place a schedule of footpath works for the Municipal District. The schedule will be prioritised and agreed with the councillors based upon the submitted list of locations. Completion of the list will be subject to funding being made available through the Municipal District Works plan and allocations from the Councillors. There are no funds currently available for footpath works in 2017.

As Notices of Motion No's 1,5 & 37 (item 5) referred to the same issue it was unanimously agreed that they would be moved simultaneously.

1. Cllr. R Beasley: That the amber light SON70 in Asdee Village be changed to normal LED to give more light as the amber lights are not effective at any time of year especially in wet and damp weather.

Reply; Son and SOX lanterns make up 95% of the lighting in Kerry. Kerry County Council has adopted a policy of replacing damaged lanterns that are beyond economic repair with LED lanterns through our maintenance programme. Unfortunately, Kerry County Council's Public Lighting section does not have adequate funding to carry out a programmed mass replacement of operational SON and SOX lanterns. However, this may be suitable for funding from the Councillor Allocations.

5. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would upgrade the street lighting in Asdee. The present lighting is appalling and is a health and safety issue. It should be upgraded to LED lighting immediately.

Reply: Son and SOX lanterns make up 95% of the lighting in Kerry. Kerry County Council have adopted a policy of replacing damaged lanterns that are beyond economic repair with LED lanterns through our maintenance programme. Unfortunately, Kerry County Council's Public Lighting section does not have adequate funding to carry out a programmed mass replacement of operational SON and SOX lanterns. However, this may be suitable for funding from the Councillor Allocations.

37. Cllr. J. Lucid: Can Kerry County Council Public Lighting Section replace the street light bulbs in Asdee. The luminosity of the current bulbs is very poor and more modern LED bulbs would give greater light.

Reply: Son and SOX lanterns make up 95% of the lighting in Kerry. Kerry County Council has adopted a policy of replacing damaged lanterns that are beyond economic repair with LED lanterns through our maintenance programme. Unfortunately, Kerry County Council's Public Lighting section does not have adequate funding to carry out a programmed mass replacement of operational SON and SOX lanterns. However, this may be suitable for funding from the Councillor Allocations.

3. Cllr. R Beasley: That a number of seats be installed in Asdee Village to help enhance the place and give a welcome to visitors on the Wild Atlantic Way (WAW).

Reply: Some funding has been provided through Councillors Allocations this year which will allow for a seat to be installed in Asdee later this year.

Notice of Motion No. 4 was moved in conjunction with No. 2.

Notice of Motion No. 5 was moved in conjunction with No. 1.

6. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would erect amber lighting and school signage and road markings in the Village of Asdee. The school is on a straight stretch of road where there is no signage indicating a school.

Reply: This location has been examined. The school is located within a 50kph area. There are school flashing lights in place on both approaches to the school. There is also school warning signage in place on both approaches. Kerry County Council will arrange for road markings to be provided on both approaches to the school.

Cllr. J Moloney SECONDED the Notice of Motion.

7. Cllr. L Purtill: That Kerry County Council would replace the hand dryers in both toilets at Tarbert ferry terminal. I have seen these dryers and they are definitely not adequate.

Reply: These hand dryers will be inspected and replaced if required.

Notice of Motion No. 8 was moved in conjunction with No. 2.

9. Cllr. R. Beasley: That Kerry County Council examine the ongoing problem outside (name with Directorate) with flood water backing up and flooding slatted unit. This is as a result of the pipe under the road being too small and it needs to be replaced with a larger pipe. This is an environmental problem as this flows out into the ocean.

Reply: This matter has been examined. In order to resolve this matter it would be necessary to carry out a road crossing at this location. The cost of this work would be " 4800 and it would be suitable for funding from a Councillors Allocation.

Cllr. R Beasley welcomed this response.

10. Cllr. R. Beasley: Would Kerry County Council consider putting ramps into Marian Park, Ballyheigue.

Reply: A previous response to a Notice of Motion on speed ramps set out the process for putting speed ramps/traffic calming in place at requested locations in housing estates. With the agreement of the Councillors we would like to put together a schedule of traffic calming works for the Municipal District. The schedule will be prioritised and agreed with the Councillors based upon the submitted list of locations. Completion of the list will be subject to an initial evaluation of the locations, agreement from the residents to the proposals and to funding being made available through the Municipal District Works plan and allocations from the Councillors. There are no funds currently available for these works in 2017.

11. Cllr. D. Nolan: That extra resources be used to keep bus bays in Listowel Square clear of cars and therefore providing space for tour buses.

Reply: The areas in question are signed and lined to indicate bus parking only, we will ask our Traffic Warden to remain vigilant in this area.

Cllr. D Nolan said that the Traffic Warden is not present full time in Listowel and asked that the Gardaí be requested to monitor these spaces.

Mr. E Scanlan said that the Gardaí would be contacted regarding this matter.

12. Cllr. D. Nolan: That Kerry County Council progress development of the area at the front of the Seanchaí/Listowel Castle to bring the tourist amenities into the public realm.

Reply: The plans for this area have not yet been finalised. Once finalised they will be then be submitted for funding

13. Cllr. D. Nolan: That Kerry County Council repair the L1015, from the N69 Tarbert-Listowel Road to Moyvane, in preparation of the upcoming biker's Mass.

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

14. Cllr. D. Nolan: That the high walls at the traffic light junction at Ballygologue Road - John B. Keane Road be lowered to increase visibility for motorists especially coming onto the junction from Ballygologue and Lower Ballygologue Road.

Reply: The walls at this location were constructed as part of the development of the J.B.Keane Road. The height of the walls as constructed would have been determined through negotiations between Listowel Town Council/ Kerry County Council and the adjoining property owners at that time. The John B. Keane Road forms part of the proposed Listowel By-Pass and the junction was considered as part of the scheme.

Cllr. D Nolan said that a further incident occurred at this junction during the past few days. As drivers on the John B Keane road are failing to stop at this junction it is extremely dangerous for motorists coming into the junction from Ballygologue and Lower Ballygologue Road.

Cllrs. J Moloney & M Kennelly supported the Notice of Motion.

Mr. E Scanlan said that he would discuss the issues raised by the members with the Council's Road Design Office.

Cllr. A Thornton Proposed that this matter be referred to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

15. Cllr. M. Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out road and drainage works at the Six Crosses in Listowel. This area has been previously highlighted due to very poor road surface and reoccurring flood damage.

Reply: This section of road is not included in any current roads programme. It can be considered for inclusion in a future roads programme. Estimates for the drainage work have been prepared previously and that work would be suitable for funding through a Councillors Allocation.

16. Cllr. M. Kennelly: That Kerry County Council carry out immediate works at Lisselton crossroads as this junction is a disgrace and one which I have highlighted continuously.

Reply: This section of road is not included in any current roads programme. Repairs have been carried out at this location recently. It can be considered for inclusion in a future roads programme.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that he had raised this matter previously and had received the same reply. In his opinion, carrying out repairs to the road at this location is a waste of money.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the Notice of Motion.

17. Cllr. M. Kennelly: That Kerry County Council install double yellow lines on both sides of the exit from Feale Drive, Listowel onto the Ballybunion road as cars park there during school times, making it a danger for cars exiting Feale Drive.

Reply: Kerry County Council will arrange for this work to be carried out.

18. Cllr. M. Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council resurface Dirha West, Listowel in 2017 as another year in waiting in what can only be described one of the worst roads in North Kerry.

Reply: This section of road is not included in any current roads programme. Repairs have been carried out at this location recently. It can be considered for inclusion in a future roads programme.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that the Notice of Motion should have read “Dirha East, Listowel.

19. Cllr. M. Kennelly: That Kerry County Council install a continuous white line on the N69 at the junction leading to Lyon's Cross as cars overtake coming up to this junction which will cause an accident.

Reply: The provision of a continuous white line at this location is a matter for TII as it is located on the N-69. We will refer the issue to the TII for consideration.

20. Cllr. M. Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council cut and maintain the hedges at all crossroad junctions on the LMA (Gale Bridge).

Reply: Kerry County Council have cut a number of junctions throughout the MD over the last month, there are some more locations that are in the process of being cut.

Cllr. M Kennelly welcomed this reply.

21. Cllr. M. Kennelly: When does Kerry County Council envisage the important flood relief works are to commence in the Clieveragh area, Listowel as residents and businesses in this area are extremely concerned.

Reply: The application for funding of this scheme was submitted to the OPW in October 2016. The application includes for the procurement of consultants to complete the detailed design, planning, land acquisition and construction of the proposed works.

They have recently reverted to the Council with a number of queries, which are being addressed. The response to these queries will be issued within the next 2 weeks. At a recent meeting of the elected members and Minister Kevin Moran, T.D., the OPW gave a positive indication to the application and we would hope to have a response shortly.

22. Cllr. M. Kennelly: When will Kerry County Council in conjunction with the TII complete the traffic safety plan/works outside St. Michael's College, Listowel.

Reply: A feasibility report for safety improvement works on N69 at St Michaels College Listowel has been submitted to the TII. When the TII approve this report the council will complete a public consultation process in accordance with section 38 of the Road Traffic Act.

Mr. E Scanlan said that he would discuss this matter further with Mr. D Doyle SE and revert to the members.

Notices of Motion No's 23 & 24 were moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 2.

25. Cllr. A. Thornton: Can Kerry County Council consider a full review of traffic movement and roads in the Village of Abbeydorney especially Abbeydorney Cross.

Reply: As outlined in response to a motion at a previous meeting, it is the intention of Kerry County Council to carry out surveys in Abbeydorney this year to establish if a warrant exists for the installation of traffic lights at the cross. The matter has been referred to the Road Design Office in Tralee.

Cathaoirleach J Lucid that he had raised this matter previously.

Notice of Motion No. 26 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 2 (Item 3).

27. Cllr. A. Thornton: Can the Council confirm when the Department of Transport last reviewed the Dale/Rathscannell Road?

Reply: The Dale Road, north of Ballinclogher Cross was improved between 2006 and 2009, under the Specific Improvement Grant Scheme. Funding for Specific Improvement Grant schemes was significantly reduced since 2009, and since then the funding was primarily to complete schemes which were in progress. Government policy since 2009 has been to prioritize available funding to maintain the existing network, under the Restoration Maintenance and Restoration Improvement Programmes. The Council has raised the need for funding for projects such as the Dale Road with the Department, but have been informed that given the limited funding available, the priority continues to be on the maintenance of the existing road network.

Cllr. A Thornton said that she was very concerned about the unacceptable condition of this road.

Mr. E Scanlan said that the need for funding for projects such as the Dale Road has been raised with the Department of Transport but they have advised that the maintenance of the existing road network is a priority for them.

Cllr. R Beasley supported the notice of motion and said that it is now almost ten years since the first phase of the project has been completed.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that Kerry TD Brendan Griffin is now Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport. He recommended that a request for the reception of a delegation from the Listowel Municipal District to discuss funding for the works required on the Dale Road would issue to Ministers Shane Ross and Brendan Griffin.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr A Thornton, SECONDED by Cllr M Kennelly it was agreed that a request that a delegation from the members of the Municipal District of Listowel be received at the offices of the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport would issue to Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport, Shane Ross TD and Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport, Brendan Griffin TD.

28. Cllr. A. Thornton: Can the Members be provided with an update regarding Kilflynn Cross.

Reply: The assessment of this location is on-going and a report will be brought to the next Municipal District meeting.

Cllr. A Thornton acknowledged this response.

29. Cllr. A. Thornton: Can the Council confirm if the tender process has completed regarding the Greenway.

Reply: The tender assessment for the engagement of a consultant to prepare the design to planning stage on the North Kerry Greenway (Listowel to County Bounds) has been completed. The preferred Consultant will be appointed shortly, following completion of all necessary contractual requirements.

Cllr. A Thornton said that it is important that this process is completed as soon as possible to enable the project to be ready to start when funding becomes available.

Cllr. J Moloney moved notice of motion No. 35 at this stage.

35. Cllr. J. Moloney: Given that the next round of Greenway funding is rapidly approaching, can the Council ensure that all necessary site works will begin on September 1st on the Listowel to County Bounds section of the Great Southern Greenway.

Reply: Kerry County Council intends to begin clearance works on the section between Listowel & the County bounds from September 1st onwards.

31. Cllr. J. Moloney: Has there been any progress for a pedestrian crossing or related safety works in Duagh Village?

Reply: The issue of providing a pedestrian crossing in Duagh was looked at previously and the surveys carried out at that time indicated that the volumes of pedestrians crossing the road didn't warrant the installation of a pedestrian crossing. The issue of relocating the speed limit at the Listowel side of the village is a matter that will be considered as part of the speed limit review.

32. Cllr. J. Moloney: Can "Children at Play" signs be erected in Cois Baile especially at the entrance to the estate?

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

33. Cllr. J. Moloney: Can repairs be carried out on the L6077-30 in Lisselton.

Reply: Kerry County Council will arrange for this road to be repaired.

34. Cllr. J. Moloney: Can the Council assist Beale GAA in erecting lighting in the car park which is signposted by Kerry County Council as a public car park.

Reply; Kerry County Council currently have 2 No. public lights on the access road to Beale GAA grounds, the car park area is the responsibility of the GAA. Kerry County Council can advise the GAA on the type of infrastructure that would be required.

Mr. E Scanlan undertook to examine this matter further and revert to Cllr. Moloney.

Notice of Motion No. 35 was moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 29.

36. Cllr. J. Lucid: Will Kerry County Council move excess sand from Ardkeragh and use it to repair parts for the sand dunes on Ballyheigue beach that suffered severe damage from the high seas and storms of 2014.

Reply: The Council has previously assessed the possibility of using the dredged material from the Ardkeragh on replacing sections of the sand dunes at Ballyheigue. The material is not suitable for use in the dunes.

Cathaoirleach J Lucid said that the dredged material had previously been used for this purpose.

Mr. E Scanlan said that he would examine this matter further and revert to Cllr.

Notice of Motion No. 37 was moved in conjunction with Notices of Motion No's 1 & 5.

38. Cllr. J. Lucid: Will Kerry Council introduce traffic calming measures on the road (L 6041 25) adjacent to Benmore housing estate, Ballyduff. This road is very busy and much of the traffic travels very fast.

Reply: A previous response to a Notice of motion on speed ramps and traffic calming set out the process for putting speed ramps/traffic calming in place at requested locations in housing estates. With the agreement of the Councillors we would like to put together a schedule of traffic calming works for the Municipal District. The schedule will be prioritised and agreed with the councillors based upon the submitted list of locations. Completion of the list will be subject to an initial evaluation of the locations, agreement from the residents to the proposals and to funding being made available through the Municipal District Works plan and allocations from the Councillors. There are no funds currently available for these works in 2017.

39. Cllr. J. Lucid: Can Kerry County Council paint the railing outside Sraid Thaidhg, changing the present colour from black to a more luminous colour so that it can be clearly seen especially at night as it is very close to the road.

Reply: Kerry County Council will look to put some luminous strips on this railing to highlight it

40. Cllr. J. Lucid: Can Kerry County Council make sure that hedges are cut in areas where safety is compromised for example speed limit signs cannot be seen, road safety signs such as sharp bends cannot be seen and where there are exists onto main roads.

Reply: Kerry County Council have cut a number of junctions throughout the MD over the last month, there are some more locations that are in the process of being cut.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. L Purtill: Can Kerry County Council replace the sign on the wall beside the gate into Lislaughtin Abbey? This sign has fallen off the wall. The history of the Abbey is written on this sign. It is a plastic sign and I feel the ruin of this historical site warrants a sign in keeping with such an ancient ruin.

Reply: Lislaughtin Abbey is managed by the OPW and we will refer the matter to them for attention

3. Cllr. L Purtill: Can Kerry County Council arrange for signage with Wild Atlantic Way (WAW) logo to be erected at Carrigafoyle Castle, Ballylongford?

Reply: Any signage that would need to be erected at Carrigafoyle Castle would be a matter for the OPW as the castle is under their management.

4. Cllr. L Purtill: Can Kerry County Council cut back the overgrowth between Flynn's Cross and McElligott's Cross at Glencullane, Tarbert. This road is being used as a detour road while road works are taking place and is in a very dangerous condition.

Reply: We will assess the road in accordance with the Council's adopted policy on hedge cutting.

5. Cllr. R. Beasley: Will Kerry County Council replace the footpath at the entrance to Marconi Estate, Ballybunion as it is in a dangerous condition.

Reply: As agreed with the Councillors, we will look to put in place a schedule of footpath works for the Municipal District. The schedule will be prioritised and agreed with the Councillors based upon the submitted list of locations. Completion of the list will be subject to funding being made available through the Municipal District Works plan and allocations from the Councillors. There are no funds currently available for footpath works in 2017.

6. Cllr. R. Beasley: Will Kerry County Council use its influence to have lighting on the Dun Ard Estate, Ballybunion before the winter sets in.

Reply: This is a private development which is not in the charge of Kerry County Council. The Council has a claim on the bond for the development and are pursuing the completion of outstanding works, including repairs to the public lighting network. We have recently been informed that the receivers for the development company have appointed a Consulting Engineer to assess the outstanding works.

7. Cllr. R. Beasley: What is the up to date position in relation to bins for Beale Beach?

Reply: Historically there were two bins on the beach. However the presence of these bins contributed to a significant litter problem as they became the site for illegal dumping that far outstripped any current difficulties. It would not be the

intention of the local Municipal District Operations office to replace the bins on Beale strand as a result.

Cllr. R Beasley said that Beale beach is on the Wild Atlantic Way and as tourism is important to the area the bins should be reinstated.

Mr. E Scanlan said that the removal of the bins had addressed the littering on the beach.

Cllr. M Kennelly said that local people were not the perpetrators of illegal dumping at this location and asked that the bins be replaced.

8. Cllr. R. Beasley: That Kerry County Council improve the path from Ballyduff Village up to the Sportsfield and also the paths around Benmore Estate into their homes which are cracked and broken and a health and safety issue.

Reply: As agreed with the Councillors, we will look to put in place a schedule of footpath works for the Municipal District. The schedule will be prioritised and agreed with the Councillors based upon the submitted list of locations. Completion of the list will be subject to funding being made available through the Municipal District Works plan and allocations from the Councillors. There are no funds currently available for footpath works in 2017.

9. Cllr. D. Nolan: When will the cast iron bollards be installed in Ballybunion where the new path was put in on the Main Street?

Reply: Kerry County Council have agreed a type of bollard to be installed at this location with the local Tidy Towns group. These bollards have been ordered and will be installed once received

10. Cllr. M. Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council repair and replace the fence between number (details with Directorate) leading from the back of Ballygologue Park as anti-social behaviour is occurring at this point.

Reply: Kerry County Council will arrange for this section of fencing to be repaired

11. Cllr. M. Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council install a safety rail on a very low existing wall which has a drop of at least 30ft leading to the River Feale at the end of Tae Lane, Listowel.

Reply: The wall in question was not constructed by Kerry County Council and therefore is not its charge. It has constructed as part of the refurbishment of the nearby hotel some years ago

Mr. E Scanlan undertook to follow up on this matter.

12. Cllr. M. Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council include in the upcoming roadworks programme the Glencalore Road from McElligott's Cross to the Salloglin Gates as this road is in a very poor condition.

Reply: This section of road is not included in any current roads programme. It can be considered for inclusion in a future roads programme.

13. Cllr. J. Moloney: Can a replacement gate be provided for (details with Directorate)?

Reply: In line with the information set out in the Tenants Hand book, the replacement of a gate is the responsibility of the tenant. Kerry County Council will not be replacing the gate.

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

Reply: A feasibility report for safety improvement works on N69 at St Michaels College Listowel has been submitted to the TII. When the TII approve this report the council will complete a public consultation process in accordance with section 38 of the Road Traffic Act.

Cllr. J Moloney said that this response refers to thye N69 AT St . Michaels College, Listowel and is not the correct reply to his Notice of Motion. Mr. E Scanlan apologised to Cllr. Moloney for the error and undertook to forward him the correct response.

15. Cllr. J. Moloney: Can the L6055 to L6055-15 in Ballyhorgan be repaired?

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

16. Cllr. J. Lucid: Can Kerry County Council carry out reinforcement work on the wall at the garden of commemoration next to Ballyheigue Grotto on the R551 to prevent it falling in.

Reply: This wall was not constructed by Kerry County Council and is on private property.

17. Cllr. J. Lucid: Can Kerry County Council improve road markings and signage on the road at either side of Asdee Primary School in order to bring about driving speed reduction and traffic calming measures in that area.

Reply: This location has been examined. The school is located within a 50kph area. There are school flashing lights in place on both approaches to the school. There is also school warning signage in place on both approaches. Kerry County Council will arrange for road markings to be provided on both approaches to the school.

18. Cllr. J. Lucid: Can Kerry County Council place a safety sign before the bend after the Telephone Exchange at Dromartin, Ballyduff.

Reply: Kerry County Council will arrange for this sign to be installed.

17.08.01.06. Any Other Business

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. J. Lucid: Can Kerry County Council commit to increasing the availability of fast charge units for EV cars in every town in the County and to provide incentives

for drivers of EV cars by providing free or reduced rate parking charges in all public car parks.

Reply: The provision of EV charge points is a matter for the ESB. This Council will write to the ESB to request them to provide additional fast charging points in Kerry. Parking charges are set out in the Car Park and On . Street parking Bye Laws. This request for reduced parking charges will be considered at the next review of these bye laws.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council, which has been previously requested, inform the members of what commercial rates that Kerry County Council receive from one individual wind turbine.

Reply: The 2017 rates demand for wind farms is " 1.451m, this covers 19 rate accounts. The ARV of a property is determined by the Valuation Office.

Cllr. M Kennelly PROPOSED that half of the money collected in commercial rates from wind farms in North Kerry be used to upgrade the road infrastructure in the Listowel Municipal District.

Mr. J Breen advised that the legislation does not allow for such a decision.

2. Cllr. J. Lucid: Would Kerry County Council request the National Driving Licence Service to investigate the possibility of organising Driving License renewal applications through the Post Office network in the County in the same way that Passport applications are currently processed in conjunction with the Passport Office?

Reply: This is a matter for consideration by the Members.

Cllr. A Thornton SECONDED Cllr. Lucid on this issue and it was unanimously agreed that the Question would be forwarded to the RSA National Driving Licence Service for consideration.

(c) Dates for the following meetings:

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R Beasley SECONDED by Cllr. J Moloney it was agreed next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel would be held in Áras an Phiarsaigh, Listowel on 9th October, 2017.

(d) Correspondence

Cllr. A Thornton welcomed Cllr. J Lucid as Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Listowel and wished him well for the coming year.

The meeting concluded at 1.25 pm

Ms. B Conway
Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach of Listowel
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