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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH & WEST KERRY HELD IN KILLORGLIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ON FRIDAY 27th JANUARY, 2017

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHIARRAÍ THAR AGUS THEAS A THIONÓLADH I COLAISTE PHOBAIL CHILL ORGLAN, CHILL ORGLAN AR AN AOINE 27Ú EANAIR 2017.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr S Fitzgerald
Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen
Cllr. J F Flynn
Cllr. J Healy-Rae
Cllr. D McCarthy
Cllr. N Moriarty
Cllr D Quigg
Cllr M Cahill
Cllr M O' Shea**

IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR

Mr. M O' Donoghue	Delegated Executive for South and West Kerry
MD	
Mr. P Teahan	SEE
Ms. J Foley	Meetings Administrator
Ms. S Griffin	Municipal District Officer
Mr. V Horgan	EE Kenmare
Mr. B Hickey	EE Killorglin
Mr. C Nagle	EE Dingle
Mr. C Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. M Lynch	S.E.E. Planning
Mr. C O' Leary	E.E Water Services
Mr. G O' Brien	A/S.E.O. Environment / Planning Enforcement
Mr. D Murphy	S.E.E.
Ms. L O' Donnell	A.O. Environment
Ms. B O' Riordan	A.O. Housing
Mr. C Slattery	S.S.O. Housing
Ms. C Fitzgerald	A.S.O Corporate Affairs

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J F Flynn took the Chair.

27.01.17.01(a) Welcome address from Killorglin Community College

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) a fifth year student from Killorglin Community College welcomed the members, in particular Cllr. J F Flynn and Cllr. M Cahill and the executive of Kerry County Council to Killorglin Community College. She stated that the students were very keen to see how Local Government operates.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn congratulated *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* a student of Killorglin Community College who received a Farm Safety Award at the 2017 BT Young Scientists and Technology Exhibition. All members wished to be associated with the Cathaoirleach's comments.

27.01.17.01(b) Confirmation of Minutes

- (b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr D Quigg SECONDED Cllr M Cahill it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the South & West Kerry Municipal District held on 18th November, 2016 be confirmed.

- (c) Reception of Deputations

(a) Killorglin Angling Club

Re: Culling of the seals in the River Laune
Requested by Cllr J F Flynn.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the deputation to the meeting.

The first spokesperson *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* said that he was a member of the Laune Salmon and Trout Anglers Association and was here today to discuss a number of issues with the members. The most common concern is the seals and the reduction of salmon in the River Laune. He thanked Cllr J F Flynn for bringing the deputation to the meeting and said that he had previously spoken to Cllr M Cahill who has been very supportive of their concerns. No one is coming to the River Laune to fish, anglers want a significant catch. The majority of the salmon is now caught in Cromane.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) referred to the recent figures published by the Irish Fishing Industry which stated the declining numbers of Salmon. In 2001, 256,000 salmon landed between commercial nets and anglers, however in 2015 only 25,000 salmon landed between commercial nets and anglers. Little or no anglers now come to Kerry and in particular to the River Laune. Ideally anglers want an end to the commercial catch or at least a significant reduction. The anglers are also realistic that politicians will not go out to Cromane or tell *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* that he can't fish. The IFI don't have the resources to pay for a buy out. In Ballina the commercial fishing was bought out which resulted in a substantial increase of anglers to the area. The spokesperson

referred to an email he received from a customer of the IFI complaining that he fished the Laune at the end of May 2016 and hadn't seen or caught fish. He also referred to many other comments on their social media page from tourists who visited the area, bought a permit and were unsuccessful in catching any fish on the River Laune. Killorglin Town has many fantastic B&Bs, Restaurants and other facilities that the tourists can avail of, but are returning home with no catch. One of the members of the Angling Club hasn't caught a salmon in over six years. More seals were seen in the Laune during the month of August and September than Salmon. Seals in the river at any time is not good especially from October to January when the salmon are about to spawn. The seals could bring the River Laune into terminal decline. The seal is a species which is on an upward trajectory, the salmon is in serious decline. The salmon is the reason the River Laune is a Special Area of Conservation. A general cull of all seals isn't been requested, but a cull of seals specialising on catching salmon in the river.

Cllr J F Flynn thanked the deputation and said that he wasn't aware of how important an issue this is until it was brought to his attention. This is a huge problem, especially when trying to promote Tourism in Killorglin Town. People are fishing the River Laune and catching nothing. The seal can consume 40% of its body weight each day and can cause even more harm when they kill the salmon in the spawning pools. This is a disaster for tourism locally.

The Second Spokesperson said he was aware that the seal is a protected species but said it wasn't in decline. An application for a licence to cull the seal was previously refused.

Cllr M Cahill welcomed the deputation and said he supported the application to have the seals culled. Tourism is the lifeline of South Kerry and Killorglin. He called on the introduction of the bounty to cull the seals. It is very well documented that the volume of salmon has declined dramatically in the rivers. The Super Trawlers and Factory Ships have played a role in this, along with Otters and Mink. Historically in Cromane Village every household had a fisherman but now this number has dramatically declined. The local fishermen have confirmed that the number of salmon has reduced. Cllr M Cahill said he has seen an increase in the number of seals in Rossbeigh. They have also been sited in the Killarney Lakes. This is a huge problem and is threatening the existence of salmon in the area. Historically the net fisherman had spoken of the reducing salmon stocks, but now the rod fisherman has raised concerns of the dwindling numbers.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the deputation and said as a native of Waterville Village, she can empathise on how important fishing can be to a local village. Over the Christmas period she said she spoke to anglers, who along with previous generations visited the village to fish, but unfortunately the catch has declined dramatically and the younger generation are no longer coming to Waterville to fish. She referred to the recent launch of the Skellig Coast experience by Fáilte Ireland and said that they referred to the personal experience of catching your own fish. She stated that she didn't want a cull of the seals but asked that the seal stock would be managed. She said the situation is at crisis point.

Cllr M OqShea welcomed the deputation and commended them on their presentation. Angling tourism is very important to this region. He proposed that a letter would issue to Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine. Mr. Michael Creed requesting that the seals would be culled.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the deputation and commended them on their presentation. With the introduction of Trip Advisor, tourists can highlight this problem worldwide, which could have a negative effect on angler tourism in the area. The problem should be tackled on a national level and asked that a letter would forward to Minister Creed requesting that consideration would be given to buying out the fishing rights and granting a licence to cull the seals.

Cllr D Quigg said that prior to any meeting with the Minister, he asked that a cost analysis would be carried out, outlining what the reduction in visiting anglers is costing Killorglin town. He stated that he had previously submitted a notice of motion regarding the number of seals on the Blasket centre. He referred to the success of Angler Fishing in Ballina and said he believed that Killorglin could enjoy the same success if the commercial fishing was bought out.

Cllr D McCarthy welcomed the deputation and wished to concur with all previous comments. He asked was there any avenue where revenue could be generated from seal culling.

Cllr J Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and said that he previously called for a cull of the seals in the Dingle area. Cllr Healy-Rae asked that a letter would issue to Minister Creed, requesting that he would receive a deputation from the members of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry and The Killorglin Angling Club to discuss this matter further. He also suggested that the council would investigate if revenue could be generated from culling the seals. He questioned how a buy out of the fishing rights could be achieved if they aren't for sale.

Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the deputation and said that he was no stranger to Salmon fishing. Fishing in Ballydavid has almost ceased to exist. The Blasket Islands is full of seals and said he believed that the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine treat the seals better than humans. A number of seals were shot in Dingle over thirty years ago and in recent years two seal heads were found in Lispolie, of which both instances caused outrage amongst the public. He suggested that the Minister would facilitate a scientific experiment outlining the damage the seals are doing to our fishing stocks.

On the proposal of Cllr M OqShea and Seconded by Cathaoirleach J F Flynn, it was agreed that a letter would issue to Minister Creed requesting that he would receive a deputation from the members of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry to discuss the culling of the seals and buying out the commercial fishing rights in the Mid Kerry area.

The spokesperson thanked the members for the opportunity to speak. The diminish of the salmon and our association is very concerning. He said he believed that the anglers need to be more vocal. The association would be delighted to have an opportunity to speak to the Minister.

(b) Dingle Tourism Alliance

Re: Local Issues

Requested by Cllr S Fitzgerald

The Cathaoirleach welcomed *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* to the meeting.

The first spokesperson *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* confirmed that the deputation were members of the Dingle Business Chamber. He said that their attendance here today coincides with this week's announcement from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to allocate "500,000 towards the Dingle Inner Relief Road. The spokesperson said that as the tourism season is approaching, the Business Chamber has received complaints from both locals and tourists regarding the traffic congestion in the town. Local businesses have complained that during the summer months, locals living on the east of the town are heading left to do their shopping in Tralee. A recent survey at the roundabout accounted that approximately 8,000 vehicles are entering Dingle daily and the town can't handle this traffic. Buses and delivery trucks have complained that they are finding it very difficult to travel through the town. Dingle is primarily a tourist town with over 90% of people employed in the tourism trade. The Wild Atlantic Way has increased the footfall to the town. He said that the Dingle Business Chamber has received reports of people leaving the town, as they were unable to find car parking. He said that the Chamber is requesting the Dingle Inner Relief road would be completed to accommodate the movement of traffic in the town.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) said the introduction of forward planning is vital for the town along with additional car parking. Last summer the traffic was chronic and said he is hopeful that the fourth phase of the Dingle Inner Relief Road will be completed by the summer of 2018. He asked that Kerry County Council would approach landowners in Dingle with a view to purchasing land in the town for car parking.

Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the deputation and thanked them for highlighting the very important issues in Dingle Town. He stated that the fourth phase of the Dingle Inner Relief is urgently required and has previously raised the matter with Minister Simon Coveney and Minister Pascal O'Donoghue and stressed how important it is that the road is completed. During the summertime the traffic is crippling the town. The second important issue highlighted today is car parking. Cllr S Fitzgerald said he understood that Kerry County Council is liaising with a landowner to provide a car park in the town. He asked that the council would provide an update. He asked that Kerry County Council would liaise with Dingle Business Chamber on a regular basis.

Cllr M O'Shea welcomed the deputation and said it now appears that tourists are avoiding the area which is costing the town money. He welcomed the recent allocation of " 500,000 for the Dingle Inner Relief road and said that this is an indication that the Department of Transport, Sport and Tourism will fund the completion of the road. He said he understood that the engineers are liaising with a landowner for car parking in Dingle Town. It is very important that additional car parking is provided in the town. A substantial number of car parking spaces were lost in the last two years along with twenty car park spaces in the Harbour Car Park. He stated that a traffic management plan is required for the town. He said that the Emergency Services have experienced great difficulty accessing the Green Street area.

Cllr D Quigg welcomed the deputation and wished to concur with the previous comments. He stated that the Wild Atlantic Way has proven to be a great success but the infrastructure can't handle the increased volume of traffic coming into the town. He suggested that a separate Alliance should be set up to deal specifically with the Wild Atlantic Way. He asked that Kerry County Council would purchase land in Dingle to provide additional car parking in the town.

Cllr M Cahill welcomed the deputation and said that Dingle is the nicest town on our coastline. It attracts huge numbers to the county. He welcomed the allocation of " 500,000 for the Dingle Inner Relief road and said the road is a necessity for the Dingle area. Parking is a problem for the town, in particular with over 8,000 motorists travelling through the town daily.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the deputation and said the problems are very obvious. The town has become one big roundabout for traffic. She said that the pay parking in the town is a guaranteed income stream and believed it should be introduced in more towns in the county. The tourists should have a positive experience when they visit Dingle.

Cllr J Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and moved the following Notice of Motion

53. Cllr J Healy-Rae: What progress has Kerry County Council made in relation to car parking in Dingle for the next summer season.

REPLY: Kerry County Council are currently in discussions with a property owner in Dingle Town in relation to the provision of land which would increase the provision of parking in Dingle by in excess of 80 parking spaces. It is hoped that these negotiations will be concluded in the coming weeks.

He said that he previously submitted notices of motion regarding car parking in Dingle Town. He said that parking is a major issue in the town, Moran's car park has closed and with over 99% of the county's tourists coming to Dingle, this matter must be addressed urgently. He asked that a facility would be provided to allow the buses park in the Marina car park, which would free the parking on the street.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the deputation. He said that outside of Grafton Street, Dingle and Killarney are two of the busiest towns in the country. Dingle is in the top ten towns to visit in the country and with over one million tourists visiting the area annually, tourists need a place to park. Similar parking issues exist in both Kenmare and Killarney. Cllr P Connor-Scarteen asked that Kerry County Council would acquire land for car parking in the town.

Cllr D McCarthy welcomed the deputation and said that Dingle is unique. The town is very fortunate to have the volume of tourists it receives. He welcomed the funding for the fourth phase of the Dingle Inner Relief road.

The spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) asked that the council would consider providing a temporary car park in the interim.

Mr. P Teahan introduced himself and on behalf of the executive welcomed the deputation to the meeting. He welcomed the recent funding from the Department and said it creates momentum to the project. The funding is for land acquisition. Closer to the summer, Kerry County Council will have to submit details of land acquisition to the Department of Transport, Sport and Tourism. He stated that negotiations with landowners have been very positive. He referred to the car parking in the town and said that Kerry County Council is exhausting all avenues to acquire land for car parking in the middle of the town with the intention of having it ready for the summer season. These projects will feed into the traffic management Plan for the town. A traffic management plan for the town cannot be completed without built infrastructure, which is the Dingle Inner Relief road. He confirmed that no complaints have been received from the emergency services regarding access to and from the town and asked that if the emergency services have any further concerns, that they would contact the council.

Mr. M O'Donoghue welcomed the deputation and said that regular meetings are held between the council and the Dingle Business Chamber. He acknowledged that there is a sense of frustration regarding the traffic in the town, particularly during the summer season. Mr. O'Donoghue referred to the parking in the town and said that Kerry County Council has left no stone unturned in finding a suitable location. The council is at the mercy of the property market. Kerry County Council is hopeful to have a site secured before the summer season. Mr. O'Donoghue said that there has recently been many positive additions to the town and referred to the newly built playground and the works to the N86. He referred to the Dingle Inner Relief road and said that the progress is dependent on the timeframe for the land acquisition. Normally when the Department provide funding for land acquisition, it is an indication that they will provide funding to complete the project.

Cllr S Fitzgerald said that he has approached land owners and held discussions with them regarding the provision of land for car parking in the town.

Mr. O'Donoghue acknowledged that a small number of spaces have been lost in the Pier Car Park but stated that realignment works of the car park were necessary for Health and Safety. He acknowledged the ongoing efforts of Cllr S Fitzgerald, Mr. P Teahan and Mr. C Nagle to secure a suitable site for a car park. He confirmed that Kerry County Council is actively looking for land for the purpose of car parking in Dingle Town and would welcome all proposals from the public.

The spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) asked that an advertisement would be published in the local media expressing an interest for land in Dingle Town.

(C) Representatives from bus and coach companies
Re: Overhanging trees and hedges on the Ring of Kerry Road
Requested by Cllr M Cahill.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn welcomed the deputation to the meeting.

The first spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) said he is employed as a relief driver for tour bus companies who visit the county. He said that some of these coaches are Super Coaches which cost over " 200,000 and are much bigger than regular coaches. As part of his job, he travels the Ring of Kerry road and Sleah Head. Their main concerns are the overhanging bushes and briars on the road side. The super coaches are much wider and take up almost the width of the road. The over hanging briars and bushes are damaging the coaches. He referred to the Ring of Kerry road and said that they have previously pointed out the "Black Spot" areas to the council. With the success of the Wild Atlantic Way and Stars Wars there could be up to thirty or forty buses travelling the road per day. The safety of the passengers must be prioritised. It has proven very difficult to remain on the left hand side of the road due to the overgrowth and asked that it would be cut before the summer season commences. (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) referred to the Dingle Peninsula and said when you are driving over Sleah Head and meet another vehicle you have to move back which can be very difficult. He asked that temporary traffic lights would be installed at the grotto or that a one-way system would be introduced. He added that from Castlemaine to Inch and from Listry Bridge to Milltown, the area is completely congested with bushes and over hanging trees. He asked that consideration would be given to construct a car park at Ceann Sibheal overlooking Clogher Strand.

The second spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) said that these vehicles are coaches and not buses. They are coming from Germany at an enormous expense and can hold up to 70 or 80 people. There is a great deal of responsibility that they are not damaged. The maintenance of the coaches is a priority. He asked that the trees would be cut back. Finally he said that the roads had vastly improved over recent years and commended Transport Infrastructure Ireland and Kerry County Council for this.

Cllr M Cahill welcomed the deputation and thanked them for bringing their concerns to the meeting. He said that Kerry is the premier tourism county and the overgrowth of trees and shrubs on the Ring of Kerry road is making driving conditions very dangerous. It is a sad situation when the coach drivers are complaining and is particularly dangerous when the drivers have to move out on to the middle of the road, to prevent the coaches from being damaged. The success of the Wild Atlantic Way is very welcome, but it has also resulted in our roads becoming busier in the county. He said he believed that Kerry County Council's Hedge Cutting Policy has failed and asked that the council cut the hedges. He asked that Kerry County Council would construct a car park in Ceann Sibheal.

Cllr D McCarthy welcomed the deputation and said he has previously raised this issue at the full council meeting. He asked that an executive from the council would travel the Ring of Kerry road and identify the 'Black Spot' areas and cut the overhanging trees at these locations. He said it isn't an easy task to drive these enormous vehicles and keep the tourists entertained.

Cllr D Quigg moved the following notice of motion.

31. Cllr. D Quigg: That this council put signage in place asking tour buses to travel in the same direction on the Sleah Head Drive and create lay bys to ease traffic congestion during the busy summer tourism period.

REPLY: Kerry County Council shall erect a sign exiting Dingle town to highlight the preferred orientation of the R559 i.e. in a clockwise direction. This will complement the existing signage. There would be significant challenges to be overcome to introduce lay bys at Sleah Head due to topography, environmental designation and cost. It is unlikely that this work will be feasible in the short term.

Cllr D Quigg welcomed the deputation and commended them on their presentation. He said this is also a huge problem for cyclists, it forces them to veer in and out on the road. The matter has previously been raised at meetings of the Strategic Policy Committee. If landowners aren't adhering to the conditions of the policy, he asked that the council would cut the hedges and invoice the landowners. He committed to raising the matter again at a future meeting of the S.P.C.

Cllr M O'Shea welcomed the deputation and thanked them for highlighting the problem. He said that is ongoing for sometime, not only on National roads but also Regional roads. The county is privileged to have these coaches visiting the area. He suggested that a meeting would be held between Kerry County Council and the Irish Farmers Association to highlight the problem. These coaches are very expensive and the responsibility is with Kerry County Council to ensure that they can travel in a safe manner.

Cllr J Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and said he has raised this issue on a number of occasions. He said that Kerry County Council's Hedge Cutting Policy isn't working. In some scenarios the landowner isn't living in the country and in other cases the identity of the landowner isn't known. He asked that when the trees are being cut, that they are cut at the stump. He acknowledged that the Hedge Cutting Policy states that the onus is on the landowner to cut their hedges and briars. However Kerry County Council is dependent on these coaches to provide employment in the county and believed that the council should be doing more to address the matter. He referred to the Sleah Head Drive and said he previously requested that it would be made one-way. The council wasn't in favour of this and he asked that the matter would be reconsidered.

Cllr N Moriarty said that she concurred with the previous comments and believed that Kerry County Council should cut back the bushes and trees and subsequently bill the landowners. It is important that the coaches slow down, enjoy the viewing points and spend more time in the county. She said she wasn't a fan of the new Super Coaches. These vehicles are self sufficient and are equipped with their own catering facilities. She said she preferred the smaller coaches who spend more money in our towns and villages.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the deputation. He said that the Ring of Kerry and the Dingle Peninsula is the backbone of tourism in this county. The safety of the buses and the tourists is paramount. He said that he has previously requested that each Municipal District would have a separate Roads Enforcement officer. He believed that the current Hedge Cutting Policy isn't working. He asked that the council would cut the hedges and bill the landowner. It was previously suggested that Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund would be allowed to fund hedge cutting, but the council wouldn't permit this.

Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the deputation. He said he believed that the council should cut back the hedges and trees on the Ring of Kerry road and Sleah Head and subsequently bill the landowners. He asked that council would consider a one way traffic system for Sleah Head while allowing the emergency services access to travel both ways.

Mr. P Teahan introduced himself and on behalf of the executive of Kerry County Council welcomed the deputation to the meeting. He referred to Section 70 of the 1993 Roads Act which states that the landowner has a legal responsibility to ensure that all trees and shrubs that are interfering with the safety of the public road are cut or removed. Recently Kerry County Council's Road Enforcement Officer travelled the Ring of Kerry route and identified Black Spot areas. The areas included the road from Derrynane to Sneem and the road from Sneem to Molls Gap. He confirmed that the council will issue notices to the landowners in these areas. If the landowners fail to cut their hedges and trees, Kerry County Council will carry out the works and bill the landowners. Mr. Teahan said that Kerry County Council isn't in a position to carry out ongoing maintenance under the roads restoration and maintenance grant. He referred to the request for traffic lights at Sleah Head and stated that this has already been investigated and

it wasn't viable. Kerry County Council will install additional signage requesting the traffic to travel clockwise. The construction of lay bys would prove to be very challenging and require significant funding. Environmental factors would have to be taken into consideration as this it is a Special Area of Conservation. He referred to the deputation's request for a car park at Ceann Sibheal and said that Kerry County Council is actively seeking land for a car park facility.

Cllr S Fitzgerald asked that a one way system would be introduced on a trial basis for six weeks.

Mr. P Teahan replied that this is a very hard system to enforce in a rural area.

Cllr M Cahill said that he had an issue with the council expecting landowners and farmers to pay for the cutting of hedges and trees and believed that they were already paying enough tax. He said that the council should cut the trees and bushes in the Black Spot areas on the Ring of Kerry route.

The spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) asked that the cat's eyes on the Killarney to Killorglin road would be removed. He said that they serve no purpose as the road isn't wide enough and vehicles are travelling directly over them.

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn thanked the deputation for attending the meeting and asked that they would provide the councillors with a list of roads and areas they have concerns with. He referred to the Castlemaine to Inch road and said that he had previously highlighted the dangers of this road.

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

(a)In accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and having regard to section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in relation to the taking in charge of estates, to consider any objections or representations received and the making of an Order declaring the following roads to be public pursuant to Section 11 (2) (i) of the Roads Act 1993.

(1) Garranebane, Caherciveen - Road from its junction with N70-402 to all terminal points within the estate in Beginish Way, Garranebane, Caherciveen, Co. Kerry **Map 31** (serving 9 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 210m

Dáta/Date 27th January 2017

Chuig/To: Cathaoirleach John Francis Flynn
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Chiarraí Thiar agus Theas

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

A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

In accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 I enclose reports on the Taking in charge, by Kerry county Council of two housing estates in the South & West Kerry Municipal District.

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

No submissions or observations were received

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

The consideration of these Reports and the making of the Order to declare these roadways as a public roadway is now a reserved function of the members of the South & West Kerry Municipal District in accordance with the Local Government act 2001 (as amended).

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

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH & WEST KERRY/CEANTAR BARDASACH
CHIARRAÍ THAR AGUS THEAS
Report Prepared Pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993**

Locations of Roads to be taken In Charge:

Garranebane, Caherciveen - Road from its junction with N70-402 to all terminal points within the estate in Beginish Way, Garranebane, Caherciveen, Co. Kerry **Map 31** (serving 9 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 210m

Background:

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

Statutory Procedures:

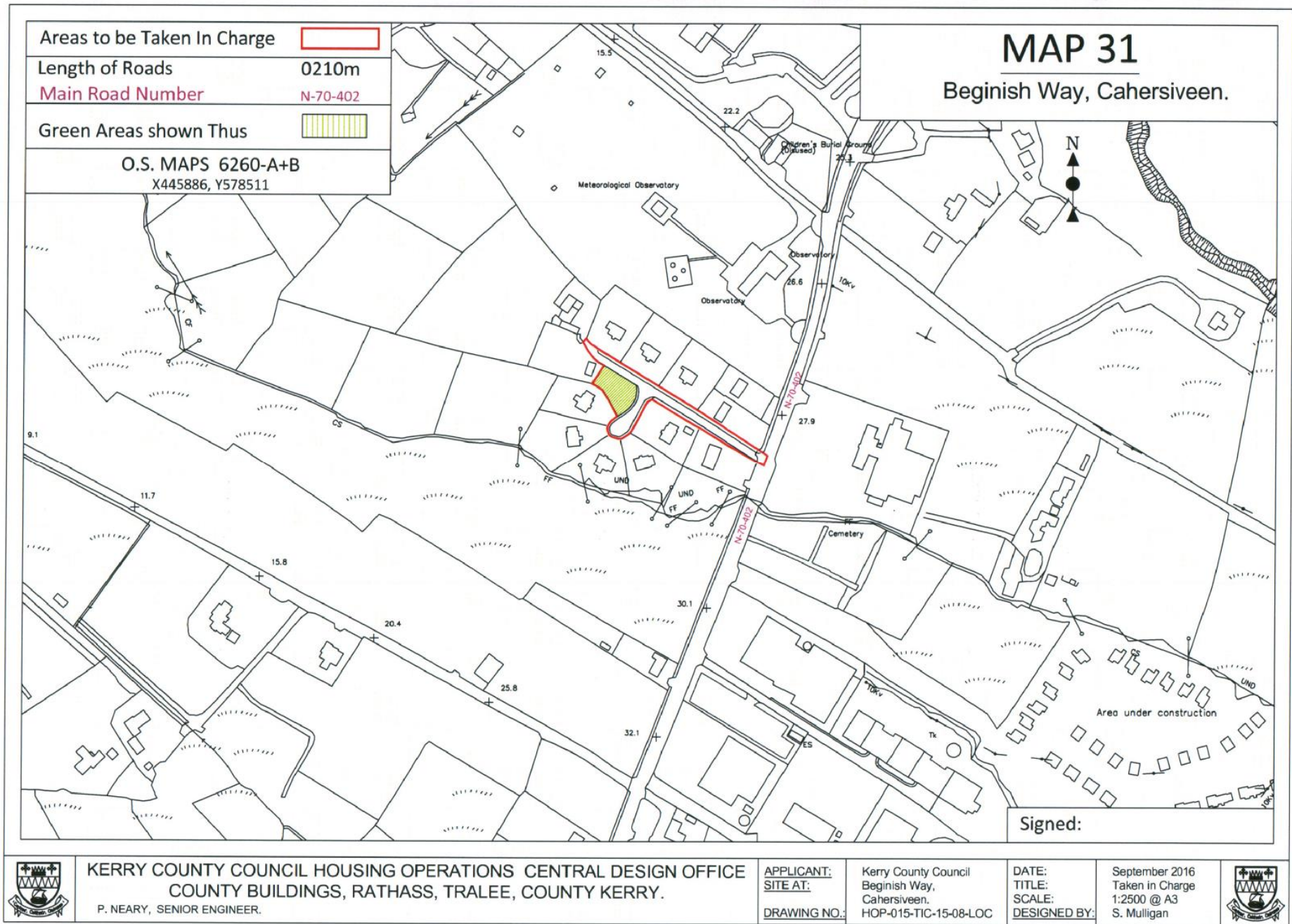
In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in Beginish Way, Garranebane, Caherciveen, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 9th November 2016.

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

No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell
A/Director of Economic & Community Development



On the PROPOSAL of Cllr N Moriarty , SECONDED by Cllr. S Fitzgerald it was agreed to make an Order declaring the road from its junction with N70-402 to all terminal points within the estate in Beginish Way, Garranebane, Caherciveen. .Co. Kerry, to be a public road pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993.

(2) Monacappa, Dingle - Road from its junction with L12071-0 to all terminal points within the estate **Cois Chnoic, Monacappa, Dingle, Co Kerry **Map 34** (serving 56 houses).**

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 825m

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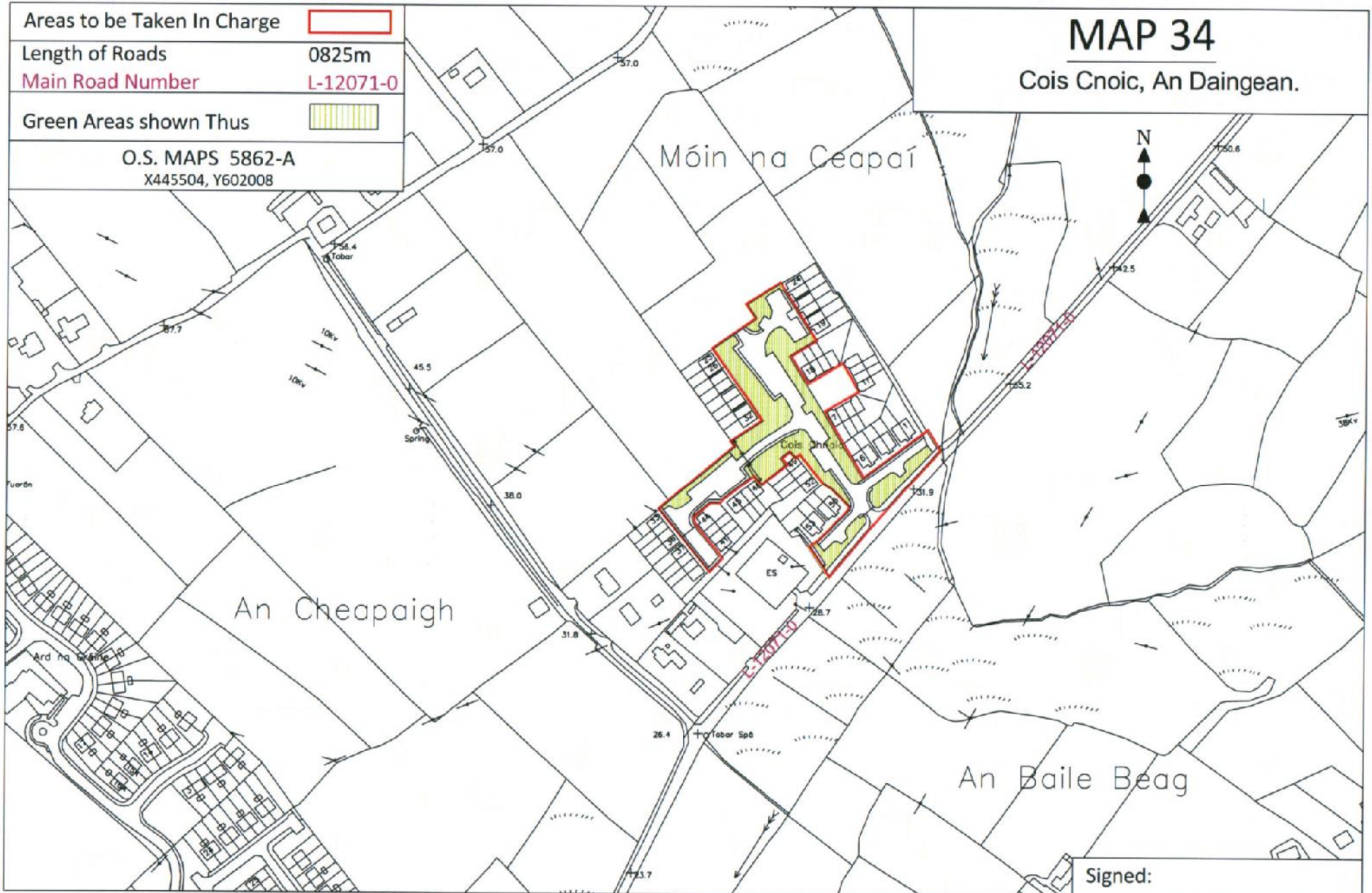
I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell
A/ Director of Economic & Community Development

Areas to be Taken In Charge	
Length of Roads	0825m
Main Road Number	L-12071-0
Green Areas shown Thus	
O.S. MAPS 5862-A X445504, Y602008	

MAP 34

Cois Cnoic, An Daingean.



KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING OPERATIONS CENTRAL DESIGN OFFICE
COUNTY BUILDINGS, RATHASS, TRALEE, COUNTY KERRY.
P. NEARY, SENIOR ENGINEER.

APPLICANT:
SITE AT:
DRAWING NO.:

Kerry County Council
Cois Cnoic,
An Daingean.
HOP-016-TIC-15-10-LOC

DATE:
TITLE:
SCALE:
DESIGNED BY:

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



On the PROPOSAL of Cllr S Fitzgerald , SECONDED by Cllr. D McCarthy it was agreed to make an Order declaring the road from its junction with with L12071-0 to all terminal points within the estate **Cois Chnoic**, Monacappa, Dingle, Co Kerry **Map 34** (serving 56 houses). Co. Kerry, to be a public road pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993.

(b) To consider the adoption of draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019 in accordance with L.G. Reform Act 2014, Schedule 3, Part 1 Section 131A, which amends Section 13 of Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Mr. G O' Brien stated that in accordance with section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 Kerry County Council propose to make a new Litter Management Plan. The current Plan expired in 2016 and a new draft plan has been prepared to cover the period 2017- 2019.

The draft plan contains a review of litter management in the county over the last 3 years. There has been a lot of success during the period with Killarney and Tralee doing well in the Irish Business Against litter awards, the growing success of Kerry's towns and Villages in the Tidy Towns competition, the cooperation shown by business, community groups and Kerry local authority working together to tidy the county during County Clean up day and during the annual Spring clean period in particular and throughout the year.

The plan sets out the principal litter challenges facing the county which include

- *illegal dumping in the countryside in the bogs, mountainside, rivers and forests*
- *Litter tipping along road ways by passing motorist and pedestrians*
- *Dog fouling along walking routes and in housing estates*
- *The growing amount of Litter discarded from convenience food outlets etc*
- *Cigarette and Gum littering*

In order to address these issues the plan has a number of primary objectives set out in p 13 namely:

- **Educate and Raise Public Awareness-** *To roll out a programme of education and awareness activities, through our Environmental Awareness officer, to schools, community groups etc. to raise awareness of relevant legislation, challenges and opportunities in relation to the management of litter.*
- **Litter Prevention and control-** *To under take and develop litter prevention and control measures throughout the county to ensure a reduction in littering and to continue with integration with Municipal district offices.*
- **Enforcement-** *To carry out effective enforcement in order to prevent and control litter.*

- **Develop Partnerships-** *To continue to develop partnerships with the business and community sectors to assist with the management and control of litter.*
- **Promote Recycling and Recovery-** *To promote usage of recycling infrastructure provided and to extend this infrastructure so that all towns and villages are adequately served with easily accessible recycling facilities.*
- *To prioritise the litter issues affecting the county and to deploy resources in the most cost effective and efficient way*

The actions, targets and indicators for each of these objectives are set out from pages 14 to the end of the plan.

Many of the actions planned are continuing from the previous plan, some actions and initiatives will be carried out in conjunction with the Southern Region waste office office and there will greater emphasis on partnerships with businesses, community groups and the general public to tackle the counties litter problems.

In November the public were invited to submit their observations and suggestions on the plan. Two submissions were received and details of these are set out in separate report including our response to their suggestions

1 Comharchumann Forbartha an leith Triúigh Teo

2 Scéim Bhruscair Uibh Ráthaigh

The plan has also been considered by the Quality of life SPC who have recommended the formal adoption of the plan by Municipal district members in accordance with LG Reform Act 2014 and I ask that you today approve the adoption of the plan.

Cllr D Quigg asked that if the Tidy Town's committee was consulted.

Ms. L O' Donnell replied yes, the Tidy Town's formed part of the consultation process.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M OqShea and SECONDED by Cllr. J F Flynn it was unanimously agreed to adopt the draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019 in accordance with L.G. Reform Act 2014, Schedule 3, Part 1 Section 131A, which amends Section 13 of Litter Pollution Act 1997.

2. 27.01.17.02 To note report from Economic & Community Development Directorate

(a) It was agreed to note the following report.

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

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

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

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

The LEO has also developed a mentoring programme in cooperation with Fáilte Ireland on 25th January.

A Digital Marketing programme has been scheduled for March in Cahersiveen and a Business Start Up Programme has been scheduled for Killorglin. Recruitment for these programmes is ongoing.

The LEO executive continues to meet with potential clients throughout the MD with referrals to Údaras in the Gaeltacht areas.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Kerry County Council has appointed the Economic Development Officer Bridget Fitzgerald. They have also appointed the Broadband Officer Diarmuid O'Reilly who will work with the Economic Development Officer.

The Economic Development Officer has been meeting with various government Agencies. There has been a PR campaign in the local media in relation to the recent appointments. This has led to a number of funding enquiries which are then channelled through the appropriate processes. She has met with potential clients throughout the MD with referrals to Údaras in the Gaeltacht areas.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

ACCESSIBLE TOURISM

The Tourism Unit and the Killarney MD Manager and staff, working with Mr. Paudie Healy CEO Universal Access and the Killarney Chamber, are investigating opportunities with Fáilte Ireland and

ENAT (European Network for Accessible Tourism) to promote, develop and support improved accessibility for the community and visitors.

MACGILLYCUDDY REEKS MOUNTAIN ACCESS FORUM

The MacGillycuddy Reeks Mountain Access Forum and SKDP received an additional grant in December 2016 in the sum of " 150,195 under the REDZ programme, for the continuation of the upgrade of the mountain trails.

TASTE KERRY

The Taste Kerry Food Trail, which includes several food and drink producers, bars, restaurants, accommodation providers and retailers in the Killarney area, where local Kerry produce can be enjoyed, will be officially launched in February 2017. The Tourism Unit has worked closely with Taste Kerry on their re-branding, website launch and food trail development to ensure an enhanced experience for visitors to the county.

2023 RUGBY WORLD CUP

Kerry County Council is working with the Killarney Chamber in their bid to be a host venue for the 2023 Rugby World Cup.

TBEX

TBEX is the world's largest gathering of travel bloggers, travel writers, new media content creators and social media savvy travel industry professionals. The Tourism Unit working with Failte Ireland and the Kerry Convention Bureau have secured TBEX 2017 and the conference will take place from the 3rd to the 5th October 2017 in the INEC, Killarney. Kerry County Council will be involved in the development of an extensive programme of events and activities for conference delegates.

CMT Germany

Tourism groups from Killarney and Castleisland joined those from the Ring of Kerry, West Kerry, North Kerry, Kenmare and Tralee at the Destination Kerry/Kerry County Council promotion at Europe's biggest travel fair in Stuttgart from 14th-22nd January 2017.

Other Initiatives

The provision of all-weather coverings on Main Street, Killarney (and The Square, Tralee) to facilitate weather independent events in the town centre is to be further investigated.

Council officials are working with Killarney Chamber and SKDP to progress plans for a public address system and electronic tourism information sign for the Killarney Town Centre.

COMMUNITY

REDZ

Minister Heather Humphries announced the REDZ funding and Kerry Local Authority area received " 150,195 shared between the S & W MD and Killarney MD for the MacGillycuddy Reeks Access Forum for habitat restoration/trail repair. Three applications had been submitted in total. This project was considered as a Medium or Flagship status.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

As previously reported two applications were successful under the 2016 Scheme. The work in Sneem has commenced and the work at Portmagee is due to commence shortly. Funding of **€71,777** had been allocated to Sneem for the Enterprise Centre Group, Sneemec Ltd. The Sneem Enterprise Centre Group has been working in partnership with Kerry County Council, IDA, South Kerry Development Partnership and the LEO since its formation in April of 2014 in an effort to encourage companies to provide home/hub working opportunities for people in the Sneem & surrounding areas and to help skilled people who may wish to locate to Sneem to connect with potential employers who offer ~~work~~ from home jobs. The funding will be used for the refurbishment of the work space.

Funding of **€46,455** has been allocated to Portmagee for a car park.

This project will allow for the development of 22 additional car parking spaces in the village.

Community Support Fund 2017

Three public information meetings were held for the Community Support Fund in the Sth & West MD area. Prior to initial appraisal there are approx 185 Applications for funding from the South & West MD area. The MD office was very busy dealing with queries in the two weeks running up to the closing date and also liaising with the Community office in Tralee on queries. Many queries related to match funding for LEADER and other funding.

CLÁR

Some of the projects that had been unsuccessful under the 2016 CSF Fund were included under the CLÁR application and were successful including Annascaul access road to Community Centre and GAA pitch and access road to Killorglin Soccer Pitch. The Clár Application was coordinated by the Operations Section. The Sth & West MD area was very successful overall.

Social Economic Plans for Killorglin, Kenmare and Cahersiveen.

The Municipal District Officer has been working with SKDP on a proposal for the facilitation and preparation of three (3) individual community led socio-economic plans for the towns of Killorglin, Kenmare & Cahersiveen under the LEADER programme. An important aspect of this work will be to integrate the community socio-economic plans with the Local Government plans and development needs in each of these towns in addition to other strategies. (LECP, LEADER, TOURISM). The process should have wide stakeholder engagement based on the socio-economic characteristics of local communities and also engage with the statutory policy role of the elected members. Invitations to tender were issued before Christmas.

Cahersiveen Alliance Group Development

A preliminary meeting on the establishment **community representative structure in Cahersiveen** with approx 60 people present was held in Cahersiveen in on the 22nd of November last.

The meeting explored:

- **What/Who needs to be represented?**
- **the purpose and working arrangements**
- **Next steps towards agreeing an appropriate size and structure for a Cahersiveen town representative body.**

The follow up meeting is arranged for January 31st next.

Milltown

Dr Brendan O Keefe has concluded a preliminary statistical analysis of the community in Milltown. This will be presented to the community in the near future.

Other work in the MD area

A further meeting has been in Brandon Cloghane, and communication is ongoing with Killorglin Chamber Alliance on work programmes. A meeting was held with Cromane Community Council, with Caitlin Breathnach regarding Baile na Sceilg projects, with Anne Marie Nic Gearailt in relation to Baile na nGall.

Communication is ongoing with Castlegregory and Annascaul.

Pride of Place Awards 2016 Ceremony

The 2016 Awards Ceremony was held in Belfast on the 26th November last. The Rural Mensq Project received a runner up Award in its category which was a really good achievement in this competition. In the 14 years of attendance this was the largest audience at the ceremony. The competition has grown and the entries require huge commitment. The community in Glencar had worked very hard on their entry and the day of the adjudication had gone really well. Both Glencar and Imagining Iveragh were both strong contenders in their respective categories.

Kerry PPN

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

PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Development Contribution Scheme

Work continued on the Development Contribution Scheme. It is proposed to bring the draft DCS to SPC in February.

2 Year review of the County Development Plan

Section 15(2) of the Planning Act requires that a report be prepared outlining the progress achieved in securing the objectives contained in the Plan. This review is presently underway.

South and West Municipal District Plan

Planning policy relevant to the South and West Municipal District is at present contained in the following Plans:

1. Dingle Functional Area Plan.
2. Killorglin Functional Area Plan.
3. Caherciveen, Waterville & Sneem Functional Area Plan.
4. Kenmare Functional Area Plan.

These Plans will be replaced by a single Local Area Plan covering the South and West Municipal District. It is envisaged that the preparation of this plan will begin during the third / fourth quarter of 2017.

Development Management

388 valid Planning Applications were received by Kerry County Council in the South and West Municipal District during 2016. The corresponding figure for 2015 was 331. This represents a 17% increase in the number of applications received.

Heritage

Ecclesiastical Heritage Audit of Kerry.

Work on the Ecclesiastical Heritage Audit of Kerry, which includes religious structures in the South and West Municipal District continues.

Kerry Way Folklore and Heritage Trail App.

The Kerry Way Folklore and Heritage Trail App development in partnership with Béaloideas Chiarraí, Solas, South Kerry Development Partnership, Muckross House and the Institute of Technology Tralee is complete. This is expected to be launched in the coming weeks

Audit of Historic Memorial, Plaques and Signs in County Kerry, Phase 2.

The Audit of Historic Memorial, Plaques and Signs in County Kerry, Phase 2, (which includes the South and west Municipal District) is to begin in February 2017. This study focuses on Memorials, Plaques and Signage Associated with World War 1, the 1916 Rising, War of Independence and Irish Civil War.

The ecclesiastical study and the Plaques & monuments report will be published in a GIS format.

Kerry County Heritage Plan.

A review of the Kerry County Heritage Plan has commenced. This plan is due for completion by the final quarter of 2017. It is envisaged that there will be significant interaction between the Council and local interest groups during the preparation of this plan.

Biodiversity

Kerry County Council continued its programme of managing and where possible treating Japanese Knotweed on public lands. This programme included working in collaboration with local community groups such as Kells and Kenmare Tidy Towns. Leaflets, signage etc was also forwarded to community groups, landowners and area offices for distribution.

Archaeological works complete 2016

Conservation Works on Killagh Abbey, Milltown

Part funded by The Heritage Council, this project was completed in early November 2016. The works consisted of the re-setting of the corner stones of the south-west corner and the raking out and re-pointing of all joints in the west gable at a cost of " 15,000.

Excavation and minor conservation works to Gable-Shrine at Cill Buaine early ecclesiastical site, The Glen, Ballinskelligs

This project was completed in July 2016 to assist local community in potentially developing a tourism project around the site. The excavation report is to be completed. The gable shrine does need major conservation work in the short term.

Archaeological works proposed 2017

Preliminary Excavation & Survey of Killaclohane Wood Megalithic tomb.

At a distance of 600m from the excavated portal tomb in Killaclohane this second possible portal tomb offers a unique opportunity to sequence the two tombs and establish an early Neolithic cemetery in the area. Located in open woodland owned by Coillte, a second, accessible tomb in the locality opens further tourism possibilities for the Milltown area.

Cromwell's Bridge, Kenmare

It is proposed to apply to the Structures at Risk Fund for grant assistance to carry out urgent stabilization and conservation works on this important, protected structure in KCC ownership.

Conservation

Valentia Cable Station.

" 30,000 additional grant aid funding allocation was received under the Structures at Risk Fund 2016 for the conservation of Valentia Cable Station. This will help progress and underpin the application for UNESCO Industrial World Heritage status. The Cable Station has also received " 20,000 previously under the same scheme.

Belleville House, Portmagee

Conservation works were successfully completed to Belleville House, Portmagee which received " 10,000 funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2016. Conservation works were carried out by a conservation company based in Kilgarvan, resulting in 76 days of local employment.

Carhan House, Cahersiveen

Ruins at Carhan House, Cahersiveen received " 21,250 which has stabilised the ruins from further deterioration. A total of " 26,690 was spent on the project which included circa 40 days of employment for a specialist local stone mason.

Public Realm Plan for Kenmare

The Heritage Council has funded the preparation of a Public Realm Plan for Kenmare. This process has commenced and the Conservation Officer facilitated a workshop and chaired a public meeting to inform its preparation recently in Kenmare town. Stakeholders and attendees included Elected Representatives, secondary school students, members from the Kenmare Tidy Town group, representatives of the Kenmare Farmer's Market, local architects, local town marketing group and others.

(b) Questions

1.Cllr. M Cahill: What progress has been made in regards to the bid to have Cromane included in the "Wild Atlantic Way Route" following on from the Deputation that I arranged last year.

Reply: Fáilte Ireland will be inviting submissions in connection to the Wild Atlantic Way spine and loops off the main route later in 2017 and the inclusion of Cromane will form part of the Council's proposals to the Fáilte Ireland review.

Cllr M Cahill said that he previously had a deputation to the South & West Municipal District meeting requesting that Cromane would be included in the Wild Atlantic Way Route. The village is on the Atlantic Ocean and has panoramic views of Inch Strand and Dingle Bay. He said that Cromane needs this level of investment into the area and asked that it would be considered to form part of the new route.

2. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council assist Small Businesses in the county, who are facing massive pressures, by helping to initiate a "Shop Local Day" that would include the introduction of a "Loyalty Card" that would give discounts to card holders thereby increasing business. That Kerry County Council help organise a major fundraising initiative, with all proceeds going to Charities, Voluntary Groups, Clubs and Organisations from within the county.

Reply: The Kerry County Council through it's Local Enterprise Office ran a strong media and radio campaign prior to Christmas encouraging local shopping in the run up to Christmas.

A pilot Retail Programme was completed in Listowel which combined a range of marketing initiatives, social media activity and mystery shopping. This allowed feedback to retailers and the the ongoing improvement of services and exploration of joint marketing initiatives such as loyalty cards and voucher schemes. A second programme has gone to tender and it is anticipated that this will be extended to other towns in the county including the South & West Municipal District over the coming year subject to demand and funding.

One of the major initiatives in the county for fundraising is the Ring of Kerry cycle and the County Council provides major support to this event and the range of other smaller events.

The role of the council is to facilitate such events particularly with traffic monitoring, road closures and general permissions.

Cllr M Cahill said that he has previously raised this matter. He said he believed that it would help local business and generate revenue back into towns. He asked that the project would commence on a trial basis, commencing in Killorglin town and targeting one town per month.

3. Cllr. M Cahill: In view of the fact that we are here in Killorglin today, I propose that Kerry County Council develop a Pilot Project in Killorglin that supports Universal Access, whereby services and venues would be fully inclusive of and responsive to people with disabilities and disabling conditions so that they can live in or holiday in this town, knowing that they can participate fully.

Reply: The first step in the process to examine this project is the identification of a group that Kerry County Council can work with in Killorglin. Preliminary discussions have been held with the Disability Federation of Ireland in relation to education and information sessions to be hosted by Kerry PPN in each of the four Municipal Areas in Co Kerry. As a follow up to these sessions it may be possible to identify a working group to progress this project.

In addition The Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2016 . 2022 has a specific action for the provision of disabled/universal fishing stands on the River Laune and a number of other rivers (Action: 2.4.2), however this is a medium term objective.

Cllr M Cahill asked that his colleagues' would support the notice of motion. He stated that it is very important that Killorglin town can provide access to individuals with a disability who are either living locally or holidaying in the town. He referred to the success of the Gleneagle Hotel, as a result of improving facilities for individuals with a disability. He acknowledged that Kerry County Council has been proactive and commended the Area Engineer for the recent works carried out in Killorglin town.

4. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: When does Kerry County Council envisage the new proposed playground being built in Castlegregory?

Reply: The Community Playground in Castlegregory has just received Planning Permission. The works to construct the playground at currently at tender with a return date of the 21st January.

Cllr S Fitzgerald said he was satisfied with this reply.

5. Cllr P Connor-Scarteen: When does Kerry County Council envisage the Playground, Caherdaniel to be operational?

Reply: The Community Playground in Caherdaniel is shovel ready with all tenders and licences in place. A funding application has been made to SKD for funding. If this is successful then the playground can be operational 10 weeks later.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen thanked Kerry County Council and said that a significant amount of fundraising has been done for the part funding required. There are a significant number of children living in Caherdaniel, with the population increasing during the summer months. He asked that the project would be completed before the summer season commences.

6. Cllr P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council provide a Playground at Cillin Liath, Dromid, please give an update.

Reply: The Local Community Group at Dromid have a current application for planning with the Local Authority at present. A site has been secured. Progress thereafter to construction is dependent on funding.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen said that this site is in a fantastic location. It is adjacent to the school with plenty of parking available. He asked that the council would look favorably on the planning application.

7. Cllr. D Quigg: That this council commit to work in conjunction with the various youth groups and organisations in Dingle town that are crying out for a Community Centre to be built there.

Reply: Kerry County Council will engage with the local community, Kerry Diocesan Youth Service, Údaras na Gaeltachta and NEWKD in relation to the need for a centre in An Daingean.

Cllr D Quigg said that there is a misconception amongst the public that there is an existing Community Centre in Dingle. He said he welcomed the reply and believed that the community centre would prove to be a fantastic facility for the town.

8. Cllr. N Moriarty: That we work with Waterville IRD and Tidy Towns to locate a suitable site for a Retro Phone Box to house a public access defibrillator?

Reply: The Area Engineer will liaise with Waterville IRD and Tidy Towns in relation to this matter.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the reply.

9.Cllr N Moriarty: Can we make a submission to the fund for taking estates in Charge in relation to Cois Uisce Cahersiveen and the Estate in Castlecove.

Reply: A fund was made available in 2016 under a governmental initiative called the "National Taking in Charge Initiative for Residential Housing Estates". To date, we are not aware if a similar fund will be put in place for 2017. It should be noted that Kerry County Council does not have any Taking in Charge application on hand from either of the above mentioned estates. As regards the estate in Cahersiveen, they could be considered for inclusion for funding if same becomes available. It is likely that a Site Resolution Plan will have to be agreed for the estate in Castlecove.

Cllr. N Moriarty said should funding become available in 2017 under The "National Taking in Charge Initiative for Residential Housing Estates" that she would be advised of same.

Mr. D Murphy stated that a claim had been made on the bond for the estate in Castlecove. He confirmed that Kerry County Council will be writing to all bond companies.

Cllr N Moriarty asked who is responsible for the repairs to the estate.

Mr. D Murphy replied that the role of the bondsman is to pay up on the bond or agree a scope of works.

Mr. G O' Brien stated that Kerry County Council has an active engagement with the bond company. The council has been successful in making progress with some of the more problematic estates. The funding under the National Taking in Charge Initiative for Residential Housing Estates has been very beneficial and has allowed works to be carried out to these estates.

10. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That people who were born in Glencar would be allowed to build on land they own in Beaufort, as there is only the width of your finger between the two parishes.

Reply: Section 3.3 of the Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021 dealing with Rural Settlement Strategy identifies three Rural Area Types in the county as follows:

- (a) Rural Areas Under Strong Urban Influence,
- (b) Stronger Rural Areas and
- (c) Structurally Weaker Areas.

In relation to the provision of one-off rural dwelling houses, different development objectives apply to the three different rural area types.

Much of the rural area in the Beaufort Parish is designated as a Stronger Rural Area where Objective RS-10 applies as follows:

It is an objective of the Council to facilitate the provision of dwellings for persons who are an intrinsic part of the rural community in which they are raised, subject to compliance with normal planning criteria and environmental protection considerations.

Where an application is made for permission to construct a new dwelling house in a Stronger Rural Area, the onus is on the applicant to demonstrate that the site is located where the applicant was raised and where the applicant is an intrinsic part of that particular rural community. In relation to a case where a resident of Glencar Parish applies to construct a house in a part of Beaufort Parish which is designated as a Stronger Rural Area, each application must be assessed on its own merits. However, given that the western part of Glencar Parish is over 20km from the eastern side of Beaufort Parish, there can be no assumption that a resident of Glencar is automatically qualified to be considered to be an intrinsic part of the rural community in Beaufort.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said that this is a young couple who were refused planning close to Kilgobnet school, as they were unable to prove that they have a connection to the area. The County Development Plan states that it supports rural schools and rural shops. In the near future there will be four families in a similar position. He referred to the reply and said he didn't agree that Glencar was over 20 km from Beaufort. The applicants didn't have a suitable site at home and purchased a site in this area. Cllr J Healy-Rae said that it is imperative that we support rural schools and rural shops and believed that there should be no issue with granting planning to these applicants, once they met all the other conditions of planning. The applicants are currently renting a property.

Cllr M Cahill wished to support the notice of motion. He said that it is important to ensure people continue to live in rural areas. He said he wasn't involved in the application and asked did a pre-planning meeting take place between the applicants and the Area Planner and were there similar applications pending. He wished the applicants the very best for the future.

Mr. M O' Donoghue said he didn't believe that it was appropriate to discuss an individual application. The County Development Plan provides for proper planning and development in the county and all planning applications are dealt with on a case by case basis. He said that Ballymac Parish covers an area of over 30 to 40 Km. The CDP states that applicants must be an intrinsic part of the rural community. Kerry County Council will look at all cases sympathetically.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen stated that the issue raised is very valid and believed that sometimes the conditions of the Parish Rule aren't adhered to.

Mr. M Lynch stated that he didn't want to comment on individual cases. He said that there are different interpretations of the policy and who a local person can be defined as. Kerry County Council does its utmost to meet with the applicants and assist them at the pre-planning stages. The Planning Department ensures that it is consistent and does its utmost best to interpret the policy.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said that the County Development Plan supports local development and local schools and asked how local schools will remain open if local people are refused planning. There is a contradiction in the plan and said there will be four families who will be soon in a similar situation who he believed are an intrinsic part of the area.

Cllr M O' Shea asked that an update on the application would be provided at the next meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

Mr. O' Donoghue replied that no further discussion will take place on an individual application.

11. Cllr J F Flynn: That Kerry County Council organise a conference for the Diaspora.

Reply: Kerry County Council recognises the importance of the Diaspora and the wider linkages of the Diaspora internationally and nationally.

Council staff are presently engaged with a number of Diaspora initiatives including the hosting of seminars with Connect Ireland and direct involvement with Diaspora linkage groups such as the Killorglin Archives Society.

Council staff have linked with council staff in other local authorities to explore examples of best practice in coastal counties and this could be the initial foundation for a best practice event such as a conference or a seminar.

We are currently examining the best options for engaging support with the Diaspora. Part of this examination will include exploring whether we hold an event locally or is there a greater benefit in having such an event outside the county. We will revert to the council in due course.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn said he was satisfied with the reply but asked that the conference would be held within the county. He referred to the Christy Kissane football tournament that will take place on 04th February and said that this tournament has very strong links to the Mid- Kerry area and again stressed the importance of having the Diaspora Conference in the county.

Cllr M Cahill wished to support the notice of motion and said that this area has very strong links to the London Diaspora. He said that the "Go Kerry" Logo is advertised on many fleet vehicles in London and has been very helpful in promoting the county of Kerry and asked that Kerry County Council would continue to strengthen all contacts with the Kerry Association in London.

(a) 27.01.17.03 To note update report from Quality of Life – Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate

(b) It was agreed to note the following report.

Fire/Building Regulation

Business Unit Manager: Michael Hession CFO

Fire Service Operations:

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

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

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

Fire Safety and Prevention:

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

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of December 2016 was 418 which is a
 - 24.4% increase on the figure of 336 for last year.

- This consolidates the 2016 indication of an increase of over 24.4 % in construction activity.
- In 2016 a total of 103 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 159 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents increases of:
 - 11.95 % in Disability Access Certificate applications and
 - 15.21 % in Fire Safety Certificate applications over 2015.

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

Library Services

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

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

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

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

2016 returns for the libraries in the Municipal District are:

Library	No. of items Borrowed 2015	No. of items Borrowed 2016	% change on 2015	No. of Visits 2015	No. of Visits 2016	% change on 2015
An Daingean	39,116	41,249	+5%	40,883	44,080	+8%
Killorglin	54,285	52,851	-3%	49,914	48,461	+1%
Caherciveen	32,247	33,089	+3%	34,284	33,093	-3%

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

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Ger O'Brien SEO

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

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

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

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

Other key findings in the report include:

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

A Copy of the report has been circulated to Members

SOUTH AND WEST KERRY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

**Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí
Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme**

Achoimre Stádais ar an 18ú Eanáir 2017
Status Summary at 18th January 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 will be 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 will be given to towns (agglomerations) to which ECJ Rulings apply, and on meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences.

IRISH WATER'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016

The Irish Water **Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016** was launched in May 2014. A total of 8 wastewater Schemes (total value of " 10.7 million) and 7 Water schemes (total value of " 22.5 million) in Kerry are included. **It is expected that a new CIP will be issued in early 2017.** The Schemes in the South and West Kerry Municipal District which are listed in the current **CIP** are outlined in the following tables:

CIP TIONSCNAIMH SOLÁTHAIR UISCE CHIARRAÍ THEAS AGUS THIAIR CIP WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREA			
Project	Status		
Mains Rehabilitation Project	Description	Value	Status
	County Direct Labour	" 2.65M	Pipelaying ongoing by Direct Labour - complete
Kenmare WSS	Contractor Glan Agua has commenced construction of the new water treatment plant at the existing reservoir site at Lissyclearig Upper in Kenmare in January 2017. The expected completion date is December 2017.		

CIP TIONSCNAIMH FUÍOLLUISCE CHIARRAÍ THEAS AGUS THIAIR CIP WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREA	
Project	Status
Castlemaine SS	Approved by Irish Water in February 2015. Design underway by appointed Consultant
Kenmare SS	Approved by Irish Water in February 2015. Design underway by appointed Consultant

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT 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. The list of schemes that Kerry County Council has applied for under the Minor Capital Works Programme in the South and West Kerry area is outlined in the table below.

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREAS

Project	Description	Estimate	Status
An Gráig Cloichear / Tír Abháin	Replace and extend watermains	" 15,000	Complete
Baile An Sceilg Water Supply Scheme	Replace 580m of 3" pipe with 100mm main at Na Cúla, Baile An Sceilg	" 41,000	Complete
Breanlee Water Treatment Plant	Upgrade Chemical equipment	" 14,000	Complete
Cathair Bó Sine WTP	Connect to Baile Mór WSS and decommission	" 15,000	Complete
Cahersiveen WTP	Install Mag Meters on SSFs; Alteration to Control Hse, Coulagh	" 40,000	Complete
Cahersiveen WSS Mains	Replacement of 370M of pipe on Carhan Road Cahersiveen	" 19,000	Complete
Sneem WSS	Replacement of 650M of 100MM watermain (2 Pipes)	" 95,000	Complete
Sneem WWTP	Upgrade to Air Blower	" 5,000	Complete
Baile an Fheirtéaraigh WSS Imileá	Replacement of 450M of watermain	" 20,000	Complete
An Daingean WSS Marian Park	Replacement all cast iron Watermains network and Lead service pipes	" 55,000	Complete
Mid Kerry RWSS	Pressure Reducing Valves Gearha Cr.	" 24,000	Complete
Mid Kerry RWSS	Reconstruct river Intake, Gearha	" 50,000	Complete
			Continued..
Mid Kerry RWSS Gearha Meanus	Replace 4.75Km of 300/250MM Kilgobnet Sch. to River Laune	" 1,055,000	Complete
Mid Kerry RWSS Kilgobnet	Replace 2.5Km of 300MM main Gearha Bridge to Kilgobnet school	" 700,000	Complete
Mid Kerry RWSS Mains Board Of Works Rd	Replace 0.55Km of 300MM Trunk Main east of Kissanee Shop	" 84,000	Complete
Mid Kerry RWSS Mains Kilcoolaght Kilgobnet	Replace 450m of 50MM mains with 80MM pipe	" 22,000	Complete
Mid Kerry RWSS Cappagh Kilgobnet	Replace 3.3Km of 100MM Killorglin Trunk Main Cappa North and South	" 479,000	Complete
MKRWSS – Glenash Killorglin	Replace 160M of 80MM watermain	" 41,000	Complete
MKRWSS – Kilderry	Lay 900M of 80MM watermain to replace 13 No. long connections	" 60,000	Complete
Milltown WSS	Replacement of 320M Cast Iron watermain on N69 through village	" 53,000	Complete
Poulgorm WSS	Lay 350M of 100MM watermains at Abbeylands to eliminate old C.I. pipe	" 25,000	Complete
Mountain Stage WSS	Lay 570M of 300MM and 100MM	" 127,000	Complete

	diam. mains at Mountain Stage		
Mountain Stage WSS	Replace 2,200M of 160MM water mains	" 400,000	Complete
An Daingean WTP	Covers for DAF Tanks	" 13,000	Complete
Kilgarvan WWTP	Upgrade WWTP	" 148,000	Complete
Knightstown SS	Upgrade WWTP and Fencing	" 117,000	Complete
Cé Bhréanainn SS	Lios Na Caol Buí WW pump-station	" 16,000	Complete
B An Sc. Dún Géagáin WS	Lay 300M of 80MM watermain	" 20,000	Complete
Baile An Sceilg WSS Fearmaoil	Replace 1430M of 80MM water mains with 110MM pipes	" 130,000	Complete
An Mhín Aird WSS	Replace 1600M of 100MM / 80MM mains - N86 road upgrade works	" 165,000	Complete
Mín Aird WSS - Cinn Aird	Replace 2110M of 75MM mains with 90MM pipe	" 140,000	Complete
Portmagee WSS	Replace 820M of 160MM watermains Portmagee village	" 80,000	Complete
			Continued..
Ceann Trá WSS – Com An Liaigh	Replace 980M of 90MM	" 220,000	Complete
CRWSS Castlemaine	Repair watermain on bridge crossing	" 3,000	Complete
Castlemaine SS	Pumpstation overflow repairs	" 2,000	Complete
Málainn WSS	Aughatubrid Rsvr to Laharan Rsvr Replace 1350M of 4+watermain with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 122,000	Underway
An Daingean WSS	Replace 1600M of 150MM main Milltown Br to Green Street	" 220,000	Underway
B.An Fh WSS Tír Abháin Thoir Na Gorta Dubha	Replace 2KM of 90MM water main (830M laid)	" 200,000	Underway / paused
Castlemaine WWTP	Upgrade to ejector house and holding tank, etc	" 28,000	Approved
An Mhuiríoch WSS - Baile An Locaigh	Replace 1335M of 50MM and 38MM mains with 80MM pipe	" 125,000	Approved
Mid Kerry RWSS Shannera Kilgobnet	Replace 1.55Km of 100MM Killorglin	" 202,000	Approved; by Contract 2017
Mid Kerry RWSS Cappagh North	Replace 1.75Km of 100MM Killorglin	" 228,000	Approved; by

Kilgobnet			Contract 2017
Mountain Stage WSS	Replace 750M of 110MM water main north of shop, Mountain Stage	" 98,000	Approved; by Contract 2017
Mid Kerry RWSS Ballykissane	Replace 1.1Km of 100MM	" 143,000	Approved; by Contract 2017
Sneem WSS Sneem South	Replace 700 of 100MM	" 91,000	Approved; by Contract 2017
Mid Kerry RWSS Meanus to Annadale	Decommission old 3+main/ connect houses to existing 200 MM main	" 49,000	Approved
Dún Chaoin WSS	Replace 850M of 110MM water main near the school (560M done in 2016)	" 95,000	Approved
Castlegregory WWTP	Treatment Upgrade	" 300,000	Approved
Baile an Fheirtéaraigh WWTP	Upgrade Waste Water Treatment Plant	" 230,000	Approved
An Daingean WSS	Hospital Rd and Goat St; Replace 500M of 200MM main and 20 house connections	" 45,000	Approved
An Mhín Aird WSS Poc I.	Replace 410M of 90MM watermain	" 35,000	Approved
Lauragh WSS	Replace 1050M of 2+and 3+ watermain with 100MM uPVC pipe	" 182,000	Approved
Castlemaine SS	Pumpstation overflow repairs	" 2,000	Complete
Portmagee WSS Valentia	Provision of 300m3 Reservoir, 1830m rising Main and 650m distribution mains	" 275,000	Approved
Cahersiveen Water Treatment Plant, Coulagh	Provide standby Ozone Plant	" 65,000	Approved
Castlegregory and Camp Water Treatment Plants	Provision of UVT monitor / PLC codes / dosing pump controls	" 30,000	Approved
Portmagee, Baile Mór and Dún Chaoin Water Treatment Plants	Installation of larger Caustic Soda Storage tanks	" 30,000	Approved
An Ghráig Cloichear WSS	Replace 1400M of 100MM mains	" 140,000	Approved

Breanlee WSS	Replace 7.5Km of 160MM main Glencuttane to Ardmoniel	" 900,000	Approved
Mid Kerry RWSS Mains Board Of Works Rd	Replace 3.6Km of 300mm Trunk Main to Gap Cross	" 1,010,000	Requested
Baile Mór WSS – Burnham East	Replace 980m of 90mm watermain	" 90,000	Requested
MKRWSS – Callinafercy	Replace 7KM of 100/80MM watermain	" 1,235,000	Requested
MKRWSS – Anglont	Replace 350M of 200MM AC watermain	" 95,000	Requested
	Total Value <u>APPROVED</u>	€12,199,000	

RAL PROGRAMME

Remedial Action List for Water Supply Schemes

Liosta Oibreacha Feabhsúcháin do Scéimeanna Uisce

The Schemes in the South and West Kerry areas are listed below.

	Scéimeanna RAL RAL Schemes	Uasghrádú Up-Grade Works	Stádas Status
1	An Baile Breac	Provision of a Slow Sand Filters Water Treatment Plant	Completed
2	An Ceapaigh Thiar	Connect to An Clochán WTP	Completed
3	An Clochán	Provision of a WTP	Completed
4	An Daingean	Minor upgrade of existing WTP	Completed
5	An Fheothanach	Provision of a WTP	Completed
6	An Gleann WSS	Connect to Baile An Sceilg and decommission	Completed
7	An Mhín Aird No. 3	Provision of a WTP	Completed
8	An Mhín Aird No. 2	Connect to An Mhín Aird No.3 and decommission	Completed
9	An Mhín Aird No. 1	Provision of a WTP	Completed
10	An Mhuiríoch Baile Breac	Provision of a WTP	Completed
11	Annascaul WSS	Provision of a WTP (S.S.Fs.)	Completed
12	Aughacasla WSS	Provision of a WTP (S.S.Fs.)	Completed
13	Baile an Fheirtéaraigh	Provision of WTPs . 4 sites	Completed
14	Baile An Lochaigh	Connect to An Mhuiríoch Baile Na nGall WSS and decommission	Completed
15	Baile an Sceilg	Connect to Waterville WSS and decommission	Completed
16	Baile Mór	Provision of a WTP (SSFs)	Completed
17	Baile Na bFhionn Úrach	Provision of a WTP	Completed
18	Breanlee	Provision of a WTP	Completed
19	Cahersiveen	Minor upgrade	Completed

20	Caherdaniel	Provision of a WTP	Completed
21	Camp	Provision of a WTP	Completed
22	Caragh Lake	New Filtration Plant	Underway
23	Castlecove	Provision of a WTP	Completed
			Continued ...
24	Castlegregory WSS	Provision of a WTP	Completed
25	Cé Bhréanainn	Provision of a WTP	Completed
26	Ceann Trá	Provision of a WTP	Completed
27	Cill Maoilchéadair	Provision of a WTP	Completed
28	Dún Chaoin	Provision of a WTP	Completed
39	Emlaghpeasta	Provision of a WTP	Completed
30	Gleann Fán	Connect to Ceann Trá WSS and decommission	Completed
31	Glenbeigh	Connect to Mountain Stage WSS and decommission	Completed
32	Inch	Minor upgrade of existing WTP	Completed
33	Kilgarvan	Provision of WTP	Completed
34	Lauragh	Up-grade existing WTP or connect to Tuosist	Ongoing
35	Lios Cearnaigh	Provision of a WTP	Completed
36	Málainn	Provision of a WTP	Completed
37	Mid Kerry – Gearha	Provision of a WTP	Completed
38	Milltown (Poulgorm)	Provision of a WTP at Knockavota reservoir	Completed
39	Mountain Stage WTP	Provision of a WTP	Tender 2017
40	Portmagee	Provision of a WTP	Completed
41	Sneem	Provision of a WTP	Completed
42	Templenoe	Connect to Kenmare WSS; decommission	Ongoing

This is a significant programme involving significant changes / upgrades to 42 WSSs at 53 separate sites. Most of these upgrades are designed in-house by KCC staff.

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The administration and development of the Group Scheme sector continues to be a function of the Local Authorities under the guidance and supervision of the Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government. **Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.**
The funding for **2016 - 2018** was announced on the 29th August 2016.

Takeover of Group Schemes

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

Nationally, discussions are ongoing between the **DoHP&LG**, the **County and City Managers' Association** and **Irish Water** to develop a protocol to facilitate the Takeover of Group Schemes.

Funding has been allocated in the 2016-2018 programme for upgrade works prior to take-over by IW at the Group Water Schemes of Dawros (€100,000), Bonane (€70K), Kells (€50K), Muingaphuca (€50K) and Tuosist (€25K).

Kenmare Water Supply Scheme

Mr. C Mangan referred to the construction of the plant for the Kenmare Water Supply Scheme and said it should be completed by the end of the year.

Templenoe Water Supply Scheme

Mr. C Mangan said that the Templenoe Water Supply Scheme is in the process of being decommissioned and will be connected to the Kenmare WSS. He took the opportunity to thank the caretakers Mr. Frank Sheehan and Mr. Stephen O'Sullivan who gave very good service to the scheme.

Minor Capital Works Programme

Mr. C Mangan referred to the decommissioning works on the Meanus to Annadale road and said that these works will make a huge improvement to the area.

Mr. C Mangan said that pipe replacement works of 1km will take place in Lauragh during the summer months. Irish Water has advised Kerry County Council that the construction of two new plants will take place in Lauragh and Mountain Stage.

Cllr M Cahill welcomed the report and in particular the construction of the new plant in Mountain Stage. He also welcomed the works at Breanlee and thanked Mr. C Mangan and Mr. C O'Leary for their assistance in the matter and said the funding was acquired very quickly. Cllr M Cahill asked that the road would be reinstated when the works are complete.

Cllr D McCarthy welcomed the pipe replacement works at Breanlee and took the opportunity to wish all retirees of Kerry County Council the very best for the future.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn welcomed the funding at Breanlee and thanked Irish Water for the allocation. He said he believed that Irish Water have been very proactive and have honoured their commitments.

The Cathaoirleach asked will the works at Breanlee benefit the Caragh Lake area as there have been a number of breaks in the area recently.

Mr. C Mangan replied that pipe laying works will be carried out from Glencuttane to Ardmoniel. The supply at Caragh Lake may be decommissioned in the near future.

Group Schemes

Mr. C Mangan advised the meeting that the council is asking Group Scheme applicants to submit their details for the subsidy. Only 40% of the groups eligible applied for this funding and he asked that all groups schemes would submit their details to the council.

(b) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: At times there can be a bad smell emanating from the man holes and drains along the streets of Kenmare Town, I ask Kerry County Council to request Irish Water to investigate, report and rectify the matter.

Reply: The Engineer has made inquiries locally and the Council's Water Services staff are not aware of an odour problem in Kenmare.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen said he spoke to the local engineer. The odour appears to be emanating from two estates in the town where their sewerage system may not be working properly.

Mr. C Mangan replied that these are two private housing estates. He referred to the reply and said that the local engineer has made inquiries locally and aren't aware of any odour problem in Kenmare. Mr. C Mangan confirmed that the local engineer will continue to monitor the area.

2. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: The water tank is leaking and flooding the property of (Details with Directorate) please investigate and arrange for the issue to be rectified.

Reply: This relatively newly built reservoir, constructed in the early 2000s as part of the major upgrade of the Waterville Water Supply Scheme is operated by the private company Electrical Pump Services, which also operates and maintains the water treatment plant. The Engineer has made inquiries locally and the Council's Water Services staff are not aware of any leak. The situation will be monitored.

Mr. C Mangan said that reservoir is operated by a private company and they aren't aware of any leaks.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council carry out water sampling and make every effort to ensure Cromane Beach is included in the 2017 Green Coast Scheme.

Reply: Consideration will be given to carrying out sampling at Cromane Beach in line with available resources during the 2017 season. Sampling for Green Coast Beaches are generally carried out over a number of years in advance of making a Green Coast application. Every effort will be made to commence this process in 2017.

Cllr M Cahill welcomed the reply and said he was satisfied that Kerry County Council will make every effort to commence this process in 2017. Cromane is aspiring to have a Blue Flag Beach and said he had no doubt that the water is of excellent quality. He said that the locals are doing everything possible to clean up the village and encourage visitors to the area.

Mr. G O' Brien stated that the council is hopeful to commence the process in 2017.

2. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry Council apply to Irish Water to extend the public water further up Kilmurry, Kenmare to cover extra houses. (Details with Directorate).

Reply: The cost of this proposed 900M extension (including a pump-station because of the high elevation), with an 80MM pipe, of the existing public mains to serve eight houses is provisionally estimated at " 125,000.

While Irish Water is investing substantial money in the replacement of defective mains, there is currently no funding stream available for the laying of extensions to the existing networks, other than that provided by private development.

The Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government which funds the Group Scheme sector, has also informed KCC that such a proposed extension of the public mains to serve new customers is a matter for IW.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen said that there are a number of houses on the edge of the town requesting connection to the public water supply. He acknowledged the substantial investment made by Irish Water to the county and asked that the Water Services Department would bring this matter to the attention of Irish Water.

3. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would make a proposal to complete the water main from (Details with Directorate) to Joys Cross and onto Beaufort Village as this stretch of road is riddled with breaks.

Reply: A submission, requesting funding of " 1M to replace 3.6Km of 300MM Asbestos Cement watermain along the Board Of Works Road, was made by Kerry Council to Irish Water and this is under consideration.

A 550M length of this pipe east of Kissane Cross was replaced in 2016.

There have been very few breaks on the 1.8Km length of 300MM AC pipe between Joy Cross and Beaufort village.

Kerry County Council will request funding from Irish Water for the replacement of the old and defective, 900M long, 3+PVC main from Beaufort village to Green Cross, also on this road.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said that the pipes on this road are consistently bursting and asked that the water mains would be repaired or replaced.

27.01.17.04 Housing and Corporate Services Directorate

4 (a) To note the update from the Housing Directorate Report

It was agreed to note the following report.

Housing Report – S&W Municipal District.

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	953

No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	5
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	1

2 Void Management

Municipal District breakdown	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	11
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	0
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	6
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	25
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	15
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	<u>57</u>

3 Social Housing Options

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	2	1165
RAS	0	155
Leasing	0	67
HAP	0	0
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1387</u>

4 Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Kenmare	22	12 No. three bedroomed & 10 No. two bedroomed units - two storey	June 2017	June 2018
Infill Sites, Milltown	8	4 No. three bedroomed & 4 No. two	Feb. 2018	Dec. 2018

		bedroomed units . two storey		
Ardmoniel, Killorglin	14	Two bedroomed units . two storey	Feb. 2018	Feb. 2019
Rathmore/Barraduff	20	Two bedroomed units . two storey	April 2018	April 2019
Milltown SRD	1	Three bedroomed single storey	June 2017	June 2018
Ventry SRD	1	Three bedroomed single storey	June 2017	June 2018

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>

House Acquisitions since the start of the year

<u>General Location in MD</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
None closed to date as at 18/01/2016.			

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2017, 63 No. requests for repairs have been received for the South & West Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2017, 1 No. grant has been allocated.

7 Extensions to Local Authority dwellings

Since 1st January, 2017, zero allocated to date.

8 General Housing Report

TURNKEY DEVELOPMENT

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

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

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

Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme

Total number of applicants to date is 233
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Number of Properties <u>Agreed</u> to sell, provided required documentation is in order e.g. Water charges paid up to date and Garda Vetting is complete and in order:

(94, to date, in total)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 67 x 3 Bedroomed properties• 16 x 2 Bed properties• 4 x 4 Bedroomed properties• 7 x Single Rural Cottages |
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To date we have 36 applicants (from the above 94) who have returned their documentation in relation to the payment of their water charges and the files have now progressed to the next phase that being Garda Vetting and Valuation.

- 5 applications to be checked with IOs prior to decision being made (5)
- 36 requests for further information to be submitted (36)

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

HOUSING ASSISTANCE PAYMENT (HAP) SCHEME

Introduction

The Housing Assistance Payment Scheme (HAP) was introduced late last year and is currently available in seven local authority areas under Wave 1 of the project. The Wave 1 authorities are Limerick, Waterford City and County Council, Cork, Louth, Kilkenny, South Dublin and Monaghan County Councils. Currently there are 1,690 HAP tenancies in total in the scheme. Wave 2 has also been implemented.

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

General Information

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

Benefits of the Scheme

- It supports activation and provides pathways to work in that HAP recipients can work full time and retain their payment or a portion thereof. The weekly rent will be adjusted in accordance with the Council's Differential Rent Scheme . previous to this the rent supplement payment was discontinued
- Over time it will lead to improving quality of accommodation as properties will be inspected by the Council

- It supports better regulation of the private rented sector and it creates a system of integrated housing supports as they will all now be provided through the Council

Who is Eligible to apply?

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

How does it Work?

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

Where can applications be made?

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

Implementation Schedule

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

1st December 2016 - All new RS applicants or those in receipt of rent supplement who have obtained employment which would result in them no longer qualifying for rent supplement
All these will be dealt with by the Council as and from 1st December 2016.

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

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

Thereafter - All remaining RS recipients

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

Shared Service

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

Allocation Scheme

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

Conclusion

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

(c)Notices of Motion for Housing & Corporate Services

1. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would urgently allocate council houses that are vacant for over 12 months, of which there is a number of.

Reply: The Housing Department is carrying out a review of our Voids Management Programme and any houses that are identified as being available for letting where there is a housing need will be allocated without delay. We are also assessing those properties where there may be issues, eg. Right of way, and we will be assessing remedial action is required to resolve these matters.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said that he was referring to the properties in Iveragh Park and Ard Bhearna and said that some of these properties are vacant for over two years. He acknowledged that the council have schemes in place, but asked that Kerry County Council would allocate these houses immediately.

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn wished to support the notice of motion and also referred to the property in Iveragh Park.

Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that no applicant on the council's housing list has expressed an interest in renting the property in Iveragh Park. He said he didn't want a message going out to the public, that Kerry County Council are in possession of long term voids. Many factors must be taken into consideration. He referred to the vacant single rural dwellings and said that many of these properties are derelict and may never be allocated. Other vacant properties are situated on farmland and aren't feasible to allocate. The council has a number of properties with fire/ structure damage where negotiations are ongoing with insurance

companies. Mr. O' Donoghue did acknowledge that there are a small number of properties, that Kerry County Council are finding difficult to allocate.

Mr. B O' Riordan asked that if the members were aware of any vacant properties in the county, that they would advise the Housing Department of same.

Cllr J Healy-Rae referred to the property in Kilgarvan that is currently being renovated. He asked that it would be re-allocated.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council fully support the "Turn Key Project "submission for Killorglin Town and ensure that this excellent Housing proposal for what is the last significant Town Center development site, comes to fruition. Kerry County Council should not allow this wonderful opportunity for Killorglin pass by.

Reply: We received a number of submissions for Killorglin which continue to be assessed.

All assessments have regard to the underlying need for housing in the locations; Delivery Timeframes; Design/Quality/Sustainability/ Services; All-in cost per unit.

Cllr M Cahill said that there is a significant site in Killorglin Town and asked that the council would acquire it for housing. He said it would very disappointing if the council didn't avail of this opportunity. An Bhainseach Housing Estate was the last major council development in Killorglin.

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn wished to support the notice of motion and said when Fexco extend their facilities, there will be a greater demand for housing in Killorglin.

2. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council provide emergency accommodation, as a matter of priority in Killorglin, Caherciveen, Dingle and Kenmare, as no such service currently exists in any of these areas.

Reply: The Housing Department has secured 3 properties in the County, one of which is in South Kerry, which will be used as transitional emergency accommodation for families. We are actively pursuing more properties throughout the County.

Cllr M Cahill welcomed the reply and said that historically this type of accommodation was only available in Tralee and Killarney. He said he understood that the existing property in the South & West Kerry Municipal District is in Killorglin town. He asked that emergency accommodation would be provided in each town within the Municipal District.

3.Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council and Dept of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government provide smoke alarms in all houses of the elderly and the disabled throughout the county free of charge.

Reply: The Housing Department has carried out a planned programme with regard to the installation and upgrading of smoke alarms in all our properties in 2016. With regard to a scheme

of financial support for the provision of smoke alarms to privately owned houses for the elderly and disabled this is a matter for central Government.

Cllr M Cahill said it was critical that all houses of the elderly had a smoke alarm fitted and called on the Government to introduce a scheme to facilitate the installation of smoke alarms. He also requested that a grant for a smoke alarm would be made available under the Housing Grants.

4. Cllr. M Cahill: That the Housing Department and the Environment Department immediately examine the increased incidents of dumping/ storing of rubbish in Local Authority houses. What steps are been taken to address this most worryingly trend and can the council assist these LA tenants who cant afford to dispose of their refuse due to financial circumstances.

Reply: The Housing Department is aware of some issues in this area and we actively carry out inspections of properties where the matter has been brought to our attention. We would also carry out regular inspections of areas where an incident of hoarding rubbish had previously occurred to ensure it did not develop again. We also encourage our tenants to engage with MABS to help them budget their finance to enable them prioritise and ensure their rent, food, electricity, refuse and other household bills can be paid. Unfortunately, as the kerbside refuse service in Kerry is a privately operated service Kerry County Council cannot intervene with the costs associated. There is no funding available to the Housing Department to subsidise refuse disposal costs for individual households.

Cllr M Cahill said that it is a bad reflection on Irish Society and sadly there is people going hungry and are unable to pay their utility bills. He welcomed the engagement with KMABS and St. Vincent de Paul. He said that he has been involved in cases where vermin was present and said that part of the problem is the refuse's service is privately owned.

5.Cllr J F Flynn: That all councillors are informed in future of any plans by Kerry County Council to house refugees.

Reply: The Council has responsibilities under various national and international Programmes administered by central Government. We work in a multi agency approach with the Department of Justice on Refugee Programme which they administer in co-operation with the UN.

We are obliged to approach the provision of accommodation in a sensitive and confidential manner as we would with any tenant or Social Housing applicant.

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn said he believed that the members should be advised of any future plans to house refugees in the county. This matter was brought to his attention by a member of the public. He referred to the situation in Ballaghaderreen where 80 refugees have been recently located without any consultation with the public. He stated that there are over 5,000 applicants on the council's housing list and believed that they should be given priority.

Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that it is Kerry County Council's policy that no individual housing application is discussed in a public forum. He said it isn't fair or reasonable to discriminate any individual on their religion, origin, race or appearance. The Equal Status Act 2000 promotes equality and prohibits any form of discrimination. All major agencies including Kerry County Council are working together to ensure that the refugee's requirements are met.

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn said that some housing applicants have been on the housing list for over 13 years.

Cllr M Cahill said that it is important to ensure that what happened in Ballaghadereen doesn't happen locally. He said that when the 13 refugees came to Glenbeigh, he wasn't advised of their arrival despite all other local services been notified in advance.

Cllr N Moriarty asked that she didn't agree with the Cathaoirleach's comments and said that the members were informed at the full council meeting, that a separate fund had being available to deal specifically with accommodating refugees in the area. She said that many Irish people have had no choice but to leave the shores of this Island and became emigrants and refugees in other countries.

Cllr D Quigg concurred with Cllr N Moriarty's comments and said he couldn't support the Cathaoirleach's comments.

Cllr S Fitzgerald said he also wished to support Cllr N Moriarty's comments.

Mr. M O' Donoghue said he will continue to update the members on general obligations under the refugee programme, but will not comment on individual families or properties.

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn accepted that a separate fund had been set up for the refugee programme and wished to confirm that he wasn't racist. He said he didn't want to be advised of upcoming refugee programmes by members of the public.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn said should the council have any plans to provide a facility similar to Ballaghadereen, he asked that the members would be advised in advance.

Mr. O' Donoghue stated that the council will provide the required general information on the refugee programme.

Cllr D Quigg asked the Cathaoirleach to withdraw the notice of motion.

Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that the notice of motion can remain and stated that he will provide the information permitted under the Data Protection Act.

27.01.17.05 Operations Health & Safety Directorate

5 (a) To note update report from the Operations, Health & Safety Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report.

South and West Kerry Municipal District Meeting – 27th January 2017
Update Report from the Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety

1. Road / Transportation

Design and Construction works on the following projects over the next two months

National Roads

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works – Road Widening and Realignment - Design

N70 Kilderry Bends -2017 Allocation- " 345k:-

- Land Acquisition is currently underway.
- Archaeological testing will be carried out in Q1 2017 subject to TII approval.
- The preparation of the Construction Contract Documents is being advanced.

N70 Blackwater Bridge to Sneem Road Project -2017 Allocation- " 0k:-

- The Preliminary Design is being advanced.
- Public Consultation will take place on the proposals in Q1 2017.
- The CPO/EIS are anticipated to be published in 2017 subject to TII approval.

N70 Glanbehy Bridge Improvement Scheme - 2017 Allocation " 0k:-

- Three options have been identified and are being appraised.
- Consultation will take place on the proposals in February 2017.

N70 Waterville to Ballybrack

- The preliminary design for road widening improvements has advanced.
- Land acquisition will be required to accommodate the necessary setback for the works.
- Part 8 will also be required and will be undertaken in 2017.

N70 Brackaharagh

- The preliminary design for road improvements at this location has advanced with a view to securing the necessary funding to carryout improvement works.
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Kerry Cork and Clare Bridge Rehabilitation- 2017 Allocation " 2.0M

N70 Ballynamona Bridge Widening

- The Part 8 has been published in December for this Bridge widening and minor realignment proposal located 2.5km north of Castlemaine.
- Works will be carried out in 2017 subject to TII approval and the availability of the necessary funding.

Rehabilitation Contract A

- Tenders have been invited from Contractors to carryout rehabilitation works to 12

bridges at in Kerry. 5 are in the S&W area at N70 Inny, N70 Dereenafoyle, N86 Garfinny, N86 Clooncurra and N86 Gort na Crann.

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works – Road Widening and Realignment - Construction

N86 Dingle to Annascaul & Gortbreagoge to Camp -2016 Allocation- " 7.2M:-

- The Contract for the construction of the phase between Lispole to Ballynasare Lower and between Ballygarret and Camp has been awarded to Allman Contracts Ltd. /Mid Cork Tarmacadam Ltd Joint Venture. The Contractor has commenced works. The Contract period is 18 months.
- Land Acquisition for the remainder of the scheme is underway.

N71 Releagh Road Widening Scheme:-

- The works associated with widening of the carriageway on this 1.5 km road improvement scheme are substantially complete.

N70 Laharan Cross Culvert Installation

- A new culvert has been installed at Laharan Cross in early December to alleviate flooding problems at this location

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works
Pavement overlay and associated works
Status of Design and Construction

Road No.	Location	Length (m)	Allocation	Comment
N70	Carhan to Deelis Bridge	3,200	" 2,022,977	Contract awarded to Roadstone Ltd. Scheduled to start this quarter.
N70	Dereenamacken (Tahilla)	2,000	" 788,528	Contract awarded to Roadstone Ltd. Scheduled to start in Q2 2017.
N70	Killorglin Junctions - Market Street /Mill Road	-	" 150,000	A Section 38 public consultation process has been completed and it is now proposed that the works which will involve bringing the junction opposite St Jamesq Church up to current design standards is scheduled to commence on the 30 th January 2017.

N70	Loher Pavement Strengthening	5,480	" 1,912,952	Approximately 90% of the works are completed. The final section will be completed by the end of this quarter.
N70	Oghermong	585	" 586,086	These works were completed in Q4, 2016.
N70	Valentia Road, Caherciveen	560		
N70	Aghatubrid	560		

Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme

Restoration Maintenance Programme

At the time of going to print the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport had not announced the Regional and Local Road Grants for 2017 which will form part of this year's Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan. The Members will be informed immediately when these grants are received.

Other Road and Public Area Works

Rural Recreation

Project	Allocation	Status
Access Enhancements to Ballinskelligs Beach.	" 49,000	Commencing this quarter.
Viewing & Seating Area at Coom a Ciste.	" 23,000	Commencing this quarter.

Town and Village Renewal

Project	Allocation	Status
Development of a car parking area in Portmagee.	" 46,455	Commencing this quarter.

All Areas

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works.

Drainage maintenance, pothole and patch repairs.

2. Capital Infrastructure

Greenways

Work is ongoing on the final alignment of the proposed trail, the environmental impact assessment and the other design elements required for the planning application and CPO for the project. Progress has been steady on the finalising of the details on the project. It is proposed to hold a final series of public consultation meetings in Cahersiveen to outline the final alignment for the trail in the coming weeks. Ongoing discussions have been taking place with landowners at a number of locations along the trail to try and ensure that the requirements of landowners along the propose

route are dealt with adequately and that the necessary accommodation works can be agreed. The team dealing with the project in CIU remains available to landowners along the route for discussions and to address any issues causing concern in relation to the project.

3. Other Operational Matters

Burial Grounds

Widen access into Dunurlin Burial Ground. Access road has been skirted, improvement works to road will be done in 2017.

Further ancillary works to burial grounds will be detailed in due course as part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan.

Piers and Harbours

Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2017

To date there has been no call for the submission of projects to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for funding in 2017. However, listed below are the projects that were completed using the funding allocated last year, a number of which were completed in Q4, 2016.

Location	Project Description	Project Funding (Total)	Status January 2017
Ballinskelligs Pier	Stabilisation works, structural repairs and underpinning works to pier.	" 150,000	Phase 1 complete.
Renard Pier	Completion of pier rehabilitation works including installation of fendering, mooring rings, handrails, toe rails, public lighting and repairs to slipway.	" 120,000	Phase 3 complete.
Scraggane Pier	Complete underpinning & repair of substantial voids to pier.	" 60,000	Works complete.
Caherciveen Pier	Replace damaged safety railings, mooring rings, and toe rails to pier. Concrete repairs to slipway and pier	" 5,000	Works complete.
Kay Rock Aid to Navigation	Reinstatement and installation of salvaged and repaired AtoN	" 80,000	Works complete.
Visitor Moorings	Replacement of worn chains and upgrading of visitor moorings in Ventry, Kells, Derrynane and Sneem.	" 40,000	Visitor Moorings complete.

Kenmare River Aids to Navigation (AtoN)	Replacement of worn chains and upgrading Aids to Navigation network in Kenmare River.	" 30,000	Works complete.
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Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety

5(b) Notice of Motions

1. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council, TII and the Kerry ETB immediately jointly address the following issues in the vicinity of (Details with Directorate) and (Details with Directorate), Langford St. Killorglin: (a) traffic calming measures, (b) car parking (C) school bus drop off pick up point on health and safety grounds.

REPLY: (a) Kerry County Council recently erected signage and put down road markings at the entrances to both premises. This work was funded through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund.

(b) Kerry County Council are prepared to meet with the Kerry Educational and Training Board to examine the options available for car parking. However, the primary responsibility for the provision of car parking for the Community College rests with Kerry ETB.

(c) A school bus drop off/pick up bay has been constructed by Kerry County Council adjacent to the Community College.

Cllr M Cahill said that there are a number of young children attending the Scamps and Scholars playschool and parents are complaining on a daily basis regarding the volume of traffic and how dangerous the location has become. He pointed out that there is land available by the ETB for car parking. He asked that Kerry County Council would arrange to meet with the Kerry ETB as a matter of urgency.

Cllr D Quigg welcomed the reply and said that the current situation outside the Scamps and Scholars premises isn't working. He asked that an update would be provided.

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn said that both the Area Engineer and the Municipal District Engineer have agreed to meet with the members following the meeting to discuss the matter further.

2. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council immediately address the health and safety issues in the vicinity of Scoil Mhuire NS Killorglin as a matter of extreme urgency.

REPLY: There is a controlled pelican crossing on the L7503, Local Secondary, Sunhill road immediately in front of the school. The approach lining to the crossing was upgraded in December 2016.

Cllr M Cahill welcomed the lining works and asked that both the Area Engineer and Municipal District Engineer would meet with the Board of Management.

Mr. P Teahan replied that the council have made contact with the school and explained that the general road will have to take priority.

3. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council for once and for all take immediate action and address the major ongoing flooding problem at Valentia Road Caherciveen.

REPLY: Following the receipt of funding from the Office of Public Works, Malachy Walsh and Partners Consulting Engineers were appointed to undertake a Feasibility Study to determine what solutions were available to resolve this flooding issue at Valentia Road. The study will need to take numerous constraints into account including the cost / benefit criteria that are set down by the OPW when they are considering the viability of schemes. The consultants are due to issue the report in early February.

Cllr M Cahill said that the matter needs to be addressed urgently.

Cllr N Moriarty agreed to move question no 20 and stated that the report is costing just under €6,000 to complete.

20. Cllr N Moriarty: May I have the results of the survey that was carried out on the flooding issues at Valentia Road, Caherciveen and the recommendations that would have arisen?

REPLY: Following the receipt of funding from the Office of Public Works, Malachy Walsh and Partners Consulting Engineers were appointed to undertake a Feasibility Study to determine what solutions were available to resolve this flooding issue at Valentia Road. The study will need to take numerous constraints into account including the cost / benefit criteria that are set down by the OPW when they are considering the viability of schemes. The consultants are due to issue the report in a number of weeks.

4. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council immediately address the following issues in Iveragh park Housing estate Killorglin, the second largest estate in South Kerry by (a) address the condition of footpaths (b) the provision of ramps to slow down cars (c) provision of additional public lighting (d) the provision of a new lawn mower (e) the issue of longer delays exiting the estate (f) address the unacceptable issues of dog fouling within the estate.

REPLY: (a) This work is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund. An estimate has recently been prepared for these works.

(b) This estate will be assessed in accordance with the Councils Traffic Calming Policy for Council Estates and Local Roads and if traffic calming measures are warranted then a proposal will be considered for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the Safety Improvement Works Scheme.

In the interim, the Council has this week erected signage at the entrance to Iveragh Park, identifying a Slow Zone. The work will be in accordance with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Advice Note to Local Authorities on the use of the Slow Zone sign.

(c) In order to provide additional public lighting, a new lighting design and lighting system would be required. Unfortunately, the required funding is not available for this project. However, the existing public lighting was designed and installed in line with the regulations that were in place at that time of construction, as was the majority of housing estate public lighting throughout the county.

(d) The Residents Association have received a grant from the Housing Department's Estate Management Fund and have purchased a lawnmower in the recent past.

(e) The treatment of this junction was considered during the design phase of the N70 Iveragh Road Safety and Pavement Scheme and as part of the statutory consultation process under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994. The introduction of traffic signals to serve this or other individual estates was not permitted by Transport Infrastructure Ireland who were the funding authority for the scheme. Considering the level of funding at " 1.56m provided by TII for this scheme, this position will not change in the medium term.

(f) The Council's litter warden has patrolled this estate on 3 occasions in 2016 and carried out an additional joint patrol with one of our dog wardens. On these occasions they would have talked to dog owners about their responsibilities regarding their dogs and checked for dog licences. There are also a number of dog foul notices in the estate. The patrols will continue in 2017.

Cllr M Cahill thanked the Operations Department for the very detailed response. He said that he has allocated towards the footpath repairs through his Councillor Specific Municipal District Allocation fund. He said he believed that there is a requirement for additional lighting in the estate. He welcomed the funding towards the purchase of the lawnmower. Cllr M Cahill referred to the traffic issues at the junction and asked that it would continue to be monitored. The traffic needs to slow down. It is an extremely busy junction with Fexco, the housing estate and the many shops close by.

5. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council and TII carry out urgent improvement works at Castlemaine Junction in the vicinity of Cronin's shop and Filling station, Brackhill cross on the National secondary N70 route by providing a slip lane to accommodate traffic coming from Milltown that is branching off for Tralee on Health and Safety grounds.

REPLY: The relevant national road design standard titled ~~Geometric~~ Geometric Design of Major/Minor Priority Junctions and Vehicular Access to National Roads does not permit the provision of slip lanes at simple junctions on single carriageway roads such as this junction of the N70 National Secondary Road and the R561 Regional Road at Castlemaine.

Cllr M Cahill acknowledged the reply and said that when exiting Castlemaine it would be a huge improvement if a slip road could be provided. He asked that the Operations Department would request T.I.I. to re-examine the junction again.

Mr. P Teahan referred to the reply and said that T.I.I. will not support these works. There are no accidents recorded at this location.

6. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to extend the street lighting from Beaufort Village further out the road towards Killorglin as the area has built up in recent years and it is dangerous for people walking in the dark.

REPLY: The existing public lighting extends beyond the speed limit and also beyond the public footpath. Any public lighting extension shall only take place in conjunction with the provision of further safety measures such as an extension to the footpath.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said it is very dangerous for people walking in the dark.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn wished to support the notice of motion.

7. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council repair the sea wall at Cuaisín, Baile Móir, Ventry?

REPLY: It is the responsibility of the owner of the sea wall at Cuaisín, Baile Móir, Ventry to carry out these repairs. As the sea wall is not owned by Kerry County Council we will not be carrying out the repairs.

Cllr S Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply .

8. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry Council get the Public lights outside the Áiseanna na hÓige childcare centre taken in charge and working?

REPLY: The lighting units outside Áiseanna na hÓige childcare centre remain the responsibility of the facility.

Cllr S Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply and said he will discuss the matter further with the area engineer.

9. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: An ndéanfaidh an Comhairle Contae comharthaí bóithre maoile trácht a chur suas aige Baile Bhoithín, Baile an Fhírtéaraigh?

9. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council erect a Traffic Calming Sign at Baile Bhoithín, Baile an Fhírtéaraigh?

Freagra: Baineann an cheist seo leis an ngabhal don L12008 agus an L8046. Má deintear an gabhal seo a thabhairt chun rialtachta, beidh ar an dtrácht ag teacht ó Reilg Bhaile Bhoithín géilleadh don dtrácht sar a gceanglóidh siad leis an mbóthar go Baile an Fhírtéaraigh. Is féidir comhartha ~~STOP~~ agus na línte bóthair cuí a chur ann nuair a bheidh an conraitheoir sa cheanntar arís.

REPLY: This query refers to the junction of the L12008 and the L8046. Regularising this junction will result in traffic travelling from Baile Bhoithín graveyard giving way to traffic in

advance of joining the road to Baile an Fheirtéaraigh. A Stop sign with associated lining can be provided when our lining contractor is next in the area.

Cllr S Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply.

10. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council acquire additional lands for the purposes of developing a burial ground at Killiney, Castlegregory?

REPLY: Kerry County Council will survey the existing Burial Ground at Killiney, Castlegregory and assess if there is a need to acquire additional lands.

Cllr S Fitzgerald said the burial ground is full and asked if a survey of the graveyard would be carried out.

Mr. P Teahan said the graveyard will be assessed to determine if additional land is required.

11. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: An ndéanfaidh an Comhairle Contae Carr clós a fhorbairt in aice le páirc caide na Gaeltachta ar an Muiríoch?

11. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council develop a Car Park beside the Gaeltacht football field in Muiríoch?

Freagra:Tá Comhairle Contae Chiarraí taréis comhráite a bheith acu le úinéir na talún maidir leis an ionad atá a úsáid mar carr-chlós ócáideach chun an áit a thabhairt chun rialtachta.Bá cheart a mheabhrú go mbeidh méid agus dearadh an charr-chlóis ,teorannaithe de bharr na srianta timpeallachta atá ag baint leis an gceannrta

REPLY: Kerry County Council has spoken with the landowner of the ground currently being used for casual parking with a view to regularising same. It should be noted that environmental designations and associated restrictions will severely restrict both the size of car park provided and the specification of the materials used.

12. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council develop a number of lay byes on the road leading to Bóthar Breac, Lispole and to get TII to improve the junction coming from this road onto the N86 to facilitate larger vehicles?

REPLY: The road referred is the L8036 and the proposed works can be considered in the context of them being funded via a CSMDO allocation. A meeting can be arranged on site to discuss the matter further if required.

Cllr S Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply.

13. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council liaise with the relevant landowners at Upper Faha and Upper Tír in Cloghane with the view to developing a car- park at both locations?

REPLY: Kerry County Council shall arrange to meet with the said landowners with a view to progressing this matter.

14. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council get the hedges at the Bóthairín caol in Baile na Buala and along the Clasach cut before the hedge cutting season closes?

REPLY: These locations have been referred to the Roads Enforcement Officer for investigation in accordance with our current procedures.

15. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: What plans have Kerry County Council in place to upgrade the back road into Annascaul?

REPLY: There is no specific funding available to complete these works at present, however, it is hoped that the project can continue subject to the receipt of CSMDO allocations.

16. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council apply for funding to permanently improve the access onto the beach adjacent to Minard Castle?

REPLY: This strand is unique within the region and the rocks at the back of the beach are tidal and become dislodged on a regular basis. As a result, the provision of a permanent access to the strand will likely involve significant reinforced concrete works for which there is not a suitable source of funding available at present. In the absence of such funding, the access shall be maintained as before.

17. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please keep the pressure on the ESB to resurface and widen the road at Silhertane and Grousemount Kilgarvan.

REPLY: The Council has granted road opening licenses to contractors on behalf of ESBI to lay ducting on the local tertiary Grousement road to serve the wind farm developments. The Operations Department are in continuous contact with ESBI to ensure the conditions of the road opening licence are being met.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen stated that works were carried out to the road on 23rd December and additional works are to be carried out in the coming weeks. He said that the farmers living on the road travel this road very frequently.

18. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: The Footpath at Dromnevane, Kenmare is in a shocking state please arrange for it to be repaired.

REPLY: The entire footpath along the L7601 at Dromnevane requires reconstruction. The cost of this work is estimated at " 95,000. Due to the constraints on the availability of funding for Regional and Local Roads, it is very unlikely that there will be funding available for the construction of new footpaths in the 2017 Schedule of Municipal Works Plan for the South and West Kerry Municipal District.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen said that this is a very busy built up area. The housing estate and soccer club are located here. He said the footpath is in a shocking state.

Mr. P Teahan said the council will carry out basic maintenance to the footpath.

19. Cllr. P Connor-Scarreen: The junction at Reen road, Brackaharagh, Caherdaniel (L11602) to Ring of Kerry N70 is extremely dangerous, please give an update on what Kerry County Council and TII are doing to improve safety at this location.

REPLY: Kerry National Road Design Office is currently progressing the design of a circa. 1km section of the N70 in the townland of Brackaharagh, which includes improvements to the junction of the N70 with Local Road L11602. Preliminary design is currently ongoing, and environmental screening is scheduled to be undertaken in Quarter 1 2017. It is proposed that, subject to TII approval, the planning process will be progressed during 2017.

Cllr P Connor-Scarreen stated that he has met with some of the residents at Brackaharagh and said the junction is very dangerous. It has become extremely busy since the introduction of the Wild Atlantic Way. He acknowledged that a preliminary design is currently ongoing and stated that a landowner is willing to give land. He asked that additional signage would be erected in the interim.

20. Cllr. P Connor-Scarreen: That Kerry County Council please repair the road and bridge at Killoe, Caherciveen which is currently closed, please give a breakdown of the estimate of how much it costs to repair. Also request the fisheries to co-operate in the interests of safety and accessibility of residents.

REPLY: It is acknowledged that the structural damage to this bridge as a result of the extreme rainfall event in the Caherciveen Area in October of last year is leading to some inconvenience for residents who must divert onto the upper local tertiary road at Letter resulting in an additional travel distance of 800m approximately.

However, the extent of the damage to the structure is such that a new bridge / culvert needs to be constructed. To reduce the risk of damage to a new structure and to reduce the risk of flooding in the future, a clear span structure of a minimum of 3.5m wide will be required. The provisional cost estimate for the design and construction of this culvert is " 100,000 with approximately 15% of this cost being for the design phase and the remainder being the estimated cost of construction. Funding must be identified to meet these costs and in this regard the replacement of this bridge was included in a submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport seeking an allocation to undertake repairs to the public road network arising from the severe rainfall event. To date we have not received any supplementary allocation from the Department. However, the Regional and Local Road Grants for 2017 have just been announced by the Department and we will be seeking to fund the reconstruction of this bridge from the standard allocations made available. We are progressing the design process and will be proceeding to receive the necessary statutory consents including approval from the Office of Public Works under Section 50 of the EU (Assessment and Management of Flood Risks) Regulations SI 122 of 2010 and Section 50 of The Arterial Drainage Act, 1945.

Cllr P Connor-Scarreen stated that the local road is closed and the residents are now using a different road. He said he believed that the cost of €100,000 is excessive. He said that there have been issues with Inland Fisheries Ireland with regard to Salmon

Spawning. He welcomed the submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and said that this should be a priority for South & West Kerry. The residents of Killoe deserve a new road.

21. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please request that the lights are made operational outside the housing development in Castle Cove Village.

REPLY: This is the Lub na hAbhainn unfinished estate - the terrace of houses along the Ring of Kerry Road were built but not those at the rear. There is a footpath and light standards along the Ring of Kerry frontage. This is a private housing estate. Kerry County Council have claimed the bond but it is not paid up. Kerry County Council met with the bondsman's agent to seek to agree a site resolution plan but this has not been agreed.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen asked that the Council would progress the matter more vigorously.

22. Cllr P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please consult with the NRA and erect 'Go Slow' signs in Castle Cove Village.

REPLY: This matter will be referred to TII to determine if there is any additional regulatory or warning signage required on the approaches to Castle Cove on the N70 National Secondary Route.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the reply.

23. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please make The Kenmare to Killarney Road N 71 Ring of Kerry more user friendly for busses and Lorries including widening the tunnels.

REPLY: As a result of road widening works carried out some years ago, it is considered that the section of the N71 National Secondary Road from Kenmare to Looscaunagh Lough is adequate for buses. The remaining section of the road is situated in the Killarney Municipal District.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen asked that Kerry County Council would consider widening the road.

24. Cllr. D Quigg: That this council provide a footpath in Ventry village.

REPLY: There is no specific source of funding available to provide additional footpaths in Ceann Trá at present. However, the Council shall consider their inclusion for funding should a suitable opportunity arise in the future.

Cllr D Quigg said that footpath is required from a Health and Safety concern and asked that the council would pursue the matter.

25. Cllr. D Quigg: That this council write to TII asking that the roundabout on the N70 at Killorglin Bridge be marked out again and that some better form of pedestrian style crossing be provided for the residents of Laune View to cross the main road.

REPLY: We have met Transport Infrastructure Irelands Regional Safety Engineer on site and TII would be supportive of improvements at this junction of the N70 and N72 at Laune Bridge. The proposed improvements would incorporate pedestrian facilities. The Road Design Office will be preparing a design and feasibility report as part of its work programme for 2017 which will be submitted to TII for consideration of the provision of funding.

Cllr D Quigg stated that on the Killorglin to Beaufort side, the wall is jutting out on the road and said he believed that a period of heavy rainfall will knock the wall. He asked that the trees would be cut on the Annadale road.

26. Cllr D Quigg: That this council provide funding for improvement works at Dromid burial ground.

REPLY: Kerry County Council have met the local committee for Dromid Burial Ground and will be funding some improvement works at Dromid Burial Ground including footpaths and a new steel shed.

27. Cllr D Quigg: That this council address the overhanging trees on the Beaufort road leaving Killorglin town as there is land sliding and the landowners wall is falling out on to the main road, this is a huge accident waiting to happen.

REPLY: This location has been referred to the Roads Enforcement Officer for investigation in accordance with our current procedures.

28. Cllr. D Quigg: That this council agree to cutting the grass at Laune View in Killorglin as not all of the residents are in a position to contribute and some residents are now elderly.

REPLY: The Council is not currently in a position to fund grass cutting in residential estates. However, the Council will be exploring options for community grass cutting in Killorglin with the FAS Community Employment supervisor and the Rural Social Scheme supervisor.

29. Cllr. D Quigg: That this Council agree to resurface the road at The Glen National School Ballinskelligs.

REPLY: A 100m section of this Local Tertiary road (L-11515) adjacent to The Glen National School has been included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's 2017 Restoration Improvement programme and is scheduled to receive funding of " 27,923. This work is planned to start in the third quarter of the year.

The remaining section of this Local Tertiary road will be considered for inclusion in future programmes under the appropriate grant headings. In the interim, general maintenance works will be carried out on this road to the extent allowable under Local Roads Upkeep funding.

30. Cllr. D Quigg: That this Council agree to putting a Channel in the road at (Details with Directorate) to divert surface water from the main road entering into the owners property.

REPLY: The Operations Department has not changed the storm water drainage regime on this section of the R561 Regional Road. An examination of the area indicates that there is a natural low point where the road pavement meets that of the forecourt area of the commercial premises and along which water presently flows. It is a matter for the commercial premises to deal with any excess water which has always historically flowed into or across the premises.

Furthermore, sightlines exiting the property are restricted to the east and it is felt that the provision of a water channel will impede the swift exit of vehicles onto the public road thus having a negative impact on road safety.

Cllr D Quigg said that the water is entering the premises from the main road and suggested that the ditch could be lowered to improve the site line. He said that there have been a number of near misses and suggested that the landowner would liaise with the local business.

Mr. P Teahan said that this is a private matter, however he confirmed that the area engineer will meet with both parties in the interest of public safety.

31. Cllr. D Quigg: That this council put signage in place asking tour buses to travel in the same direction on the Sleah Head Drive and create lay byes to ease traffic congestion during the busy summer tourism period.

REPLY: Kerry County Council shall erect a sign exiting Dingle town to highlight the preferred orientation of the R559 i.e. in a clockwise direction. This will complement the existing signage. There would be significant challenges to be overcome to introduce lay byes at Sleah Head due to topography, environmental designation and cost. It is unlikely that this work will be feasible in the short term.

Notice of Motion previously dealt with in conjunction with the Deputation received from The Bus and Coach Companies.

32. Cllr. D Quigg: That this council provide signage at Cildrom Crossroads making road users aware that it is indeed a crossroads and also %Slow+signage at the same location and green bollards.

REPLY: Additional regulatory and warning signage will be placed at this junction in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual.

Cllr D Quigg welcomed the reply.

33. Cllr. D McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council to extend the footpath from Chill Mhuire Housing Estate to the Priest's Cross.

REPLY: At present there is no Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Programme in place to fund new footpath links. However, if a scheme of funding became available then this location would be included on any programme that would be developed for the South and West Kerry Municipal District.

Cllr D McCarthy said the length of the footpath required is no more than 100 yards.

34. Cllr. D McCarthy: Has Kerry County Council any progress / update in relation to the ongoing problem of casual trading in Kenmare.

REPLY: The Council has published notice of the Draft County of Kerry (Casual Trading) Bye-Laws 2016 (Kenmare Co. Kerry) in accordance with Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act 1995, as amended. The period for submissions ends on the 10th February 2017 and the 21 day period for appeal to the District Court ends on the 3rd March 2017. There have been two notices of appeal to the District Court received and the Council will be seeking to have the matter heard in the District Court as soon as possible. It is not feasible at this stage to put a definite time line on when the bye-laws will be adopted.

Cllr D McCarthy welcomed the reply.

35. Cllr D McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council to extend the footpath from Nedin View Estate to Spring Well Cottages in Kenmare.

REPLY: It is considered that there are reasonable footpath facilities in this area and having regard to the reduced level of funding available for works of this nature on Regional and Local Roads it will not be feasible to prioritise this work in the short to medium term.

Cllr D McCarthy asked that improvement works would be carried out to the existing footpath.

36. Cllr. D McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council to erect a street light opposite Finnegan's Funeral Home.

REPLY: There is an existing public light directly opposite Finnegan's Funeral Home. Any additional public lighting will be assessed in conjunction with the adopted Public Lighting Policy, having regard to the following criteria, recorded pedestrian and traffic volumes at this location during the hours of darkness, accident records and Garda records on criminal activity.

37. Cllr. D McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council is funding available to repair / replace the footbridge at The Emlagh Loop Walk at Reenroe Beach.

REPLY: This footbridge is on private property and its repair is not the responsibility of the Council. However, the Council will keep this matter under review and should a funding stream be made available by a central Government Department then the matter will be discussed with the local community group who maintain the walk and South Kerry Development Partnership.

Cllr D McCarthy acknowledged the reply.

38. Cllr. D McCarthy: Would the relevant bodies consider making a viewing point at Blackwater Bridge where the forestry has been removed.

REPLY: Transport Infrastructure Ireland are considering a road widening scheme on the N70 National Secondary Route immediately west of Blackwater Bridge and quite close to the suggested location. The proposed scheme may incorporate a viewing area that would look out onto the Kenmare River as this is one of two locations on the southern side of the Ring of Kerry where the road runs next to the coast.

Cllr D McCarthy said that this would be a fantastic location for a set down area as part of the Wild Atlantic Way route.

39. Cllr. D McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council to provide extra lay bys and cut back hedges on the Rossacussane Rd, Greenane due to extra traffic volume.

REPLY: Due to the closure of the N71 National Secondary Road at Molls Gap the hedges along this road (L4046) have been cut. The provision of lay bys is suitable for CSMDO funding provided an indication is received that the land necessary can be secured by agreement.

Cllr D McCarthy thanked the Area Engineer for the works carried out to the road.

40. Cllr. N Moriarty: To ask Kerry County Council to improve sight lines at the Junction leading from Farranearagh, Bunavalla onto the main N70 at The Scarriff Inn particularly when turning toward Waterville.

REPLY: This junction is on the N70 National Secondary route and any junction improvement scheme on this road would have to be approved and funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

In 2015, the Operations Department had a detailed meeting with TII regarding how funding for safety related schemes are prioritised and allocated to Local Authorities. The TII has introduced a technical standard, HD 15 Network Safety Ranking, into the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges and this standard deals with road safety measures.

TII HD15 Network Safety Ranking requires the TII to carry out annual assessments of the national road network to identify High Collision Locations. These locations are subsequently analysed by the TII's Regional Safety Engineer. If an engineering solution is required then the locations are forwarded to the Local Authority who carries out a Feasibility Report in relation to the possibility of a safety engineering solution.

The N70 Junction from Bunavalla has not been identified as a priority location under the formal process described in HD 15. The standard does allow Local Authorities to submit locations for examination where there would be a high incidence of road traffic accidents recorded on the TII database and which may not have been identified by the TII analysis.

The Road Design Office has examined the accident statistics on this section of the N70 and there have been no accidents recorded over the past 10 years that would give rise to a submission to TII.

Cllr N Moriarty said that it is a blind spot from Farranearagh. The height of the road restricts the view and you can't see what is coming before you.

Mr. P Teahan stated that he didn't see an avenue for funding as the road hasn't been highlighted by T.I.I. He undertook to raise the matter with the T.I.I.

41. Cllr. N Moriarty: That the council provide land by the pier in Caherciveen to facilitate a Bus Park which would do much to alleviate traffic congestion in the main street.

REPLY: The Council does not currently own sufficient lands at the pier that would enable construction of a bus park. The Council has granted permission to ACARD for a planetarium and associated site development works including parking. Any further development of the pier area, which would need a substantial level of funding, is likely to be lead by this proposed development.

Cllr N Moriarty asked that the council sheds could be relocated which would provide parking facility for buses.

Mr. M O' Donohgue stated that this area will be a key site after the relocation of the stores and future uses must be approached sensitively.

42. Cllr. N Moriarty: That the council sheds at Caherciveen waterfront be relocated to the former factory buildings at Valentia Road and that the units there also be made available to particular voluntary organisations that require storage and work spaces.

REPLY: The Council is examining the options available to move its operations depot from Quay Street. The former IDA site at Valentia Road has been examined and is not suitable for an operations depot as the units are not large enough to store bulk material such as salt. However, the Council is trying to acquire another site at present that would facilitate moving of the depot.

The Council have enquiries from a number of interested parties in the former IDA Units at Valentia Road, Cahersiveen. A report is currently being prepared for consideration. All units require investment to address safety issues with the units.

Cllr D Quigg stated that when these units were built the Sock Factory was closing down in Caherciveen and the former Minister Mr. J O' Donoghue said that these units would create employment in the town. Cllr D Quigg stated that the units are still vacant.

Mr. M O' Donohgue said that the council is currently examining future uses for these units.

43. Cllr. N Moriarty: That signs be erected on the road to Derrynane Beach indicating that particular types of vehicles are unsuitable given how narrow the route is.

REPLY: In accordance the relevant statutory regulations, the only signage that could be erected on the local road to Derrynane Beach would be signs indicating a statutory weight restriction. Drivers of vehicles whose design gross vehicle weight exceeds the weight specified on the signs would be prohibited from proceeding beyond that point except where it is necessary for a vehicle to gain access to, or egress from, premises accessible only from that road. This type of signage would, therefore, have very limited benefit as it is most likely that any Heavy Goods Vehicles that travel these roads do so to access individual properties and the weight restriction would not apply to this traffic.

Cllr N Moriarty stated that the primary concern is to alleviate the traffic congestion on the road and believed that appropriate signage would advise the public as to what vehicles are suitable to use this road.

Mr. P Teahan committed to erecting the appropriate signage.

44. Cllr N Moriarty: That the 50km speed limit currently placed at the (Details with Directorate) in Waterville be moved to where (Details with Directorate) is as per recommendation of National Trails Office with which the local community development organisation has been working to establish and develop walks and trails.

REPLY: The section of road referred to is the N70 National Secondary Road and Transport Infrastructure Ireland are the Authority that are leading the review of speed limits on National Routes. It is proposed to bring Draft Maps indicating the locations where changes to speed limits are proposed to a Municipal District Meeting that will be scheduled in the next number of weeks.

Cllr N Moriarty asked will information on the speed limit review be provided to the members.

Mr. P Teahan replied that the proposed changes are due to be presented at the Municipal District Meeting in the next number of weeks.

45. Cllr. N Moriarty: That we also look to reduce the speed limit on the R567 towards the N70 at Cennaigh Cross. This is a busy thoroughfare especially given the location of the co-op.

REPLY: The reduction of the speed limit at this location will be examined as part of the ongoing speed limit review. It is proposed to bring Draft Maps indicating the locations where changes to speed limits are proposed to a Municipal District Meeting that will be scheduled in the next number of weeks.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the reply.

46. Cllr. N Moriarty: That Kerry County Council examine approx. 17 acres of land at Scarriff Waterville, (Details with directorate) with a view to ascertaining if it is suitable to develop as a graveyard. There are very limited plots available in St Finian's and while there is a relatively new graveyard at Dromod, The amount of space there, is not adequate long-term.

REPLY: Kerry County Council will assess the future needs of the Waterville and Dromid area to ensure that grave plots are available long term.

Cllr. N Moriarty stated that there are only a limited number of plots available in St. Finian's graveyard.

Mr. P Teahan said that the council will investigate the matter further.

47. Cllr N Moriarty: That we liaise with the OPW with a view to providing extra car parking spaces at Derrynane (Details with directorate) This is an area that is choked with cars during the summer season and it is also an area that needs to ensure that the members of the rescue services have space to access when they are called on.

REPLY: The Council will contact the OPW to examine options for extending the car park at Derrynane.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the reply.

48. Cllr. N Moriarty: That we also liaise with the OPW with a view to providing a safer surface on which to access Abbey Island Graveyard. Please see attached photos which indicated the roughness on the track which is also very steep.

REPLY: The access to the new extension to Abbey Island Graveyard is through land in the control of the Office of Public Works. Kerry County Council will liaise with the OPW to see if the access can be improved. This area is designated as a Special Area of Conservation and this will restrict the scale of any potential works that can be undertaken.

Cllr N Moriarty stated that Kerry County Council did a fantastic job at Abbey Island but said that access to the Island must be improved. She acknowledged that the works will be permitted as it is a Special Area of Conservation.

49. Cllr N Moriarty: That we arrange with Eir to have a telephone pole at Beenbane Waterville relocated as it is posing a significant hazard as is. (Details with Directorate).

REPLY: This Eir pole is located on private property and its removal is not the responsibility of the Council. The property owner can apply to Eir to have this pole relocated at the following e-mail address : plantalterations@eir.ie

Cllr N Moriarty acknowledged the reply.

50. Cllr. J F Flynn: That this council would construct a traffic management plan for the town of Killorglin.

REPLY: An overall Traffic Management Plan for a scheduled town like Killorglin would, at a minimum, be expected to examine the following transport issues:

Road Safety
Pedestrians, Cyclists and People with disabilities
Traffic Flow Management
On street and off street Car Parking
HGV Management
Access to Schools
Bus Services

It is acknowledged that sections of the street network, operate beyond capacity during the summer months which results in tailbacks on the national secondary approach roads, most particularly on the N70 Iveragh Road. In this regard Killorglin is similar to most popular tourist towns in the county and indeed the country.

The options to alter traffic flow management, HGV management and on-street parking (which is highly valued by commercial business) on the existing street network is limited. Therefore, the ultimate solution to reduce the tailbacks being experienced in the summer will require the construction of a new by-pass linking the N70 and N72 and a new bridge crossing of the River Laune. This requirement is identified as an objective in the County Development Plan. Until there is a likely timeline for the construction of this new infrastructure, the preparation of a full traffic management plan could not be considered as an effective use of resources. However, many aspects of transport planning in Killorglin are under continuing review and improvement and the provision of a centralised bus stop and bus shelter at Library place was implemented in November 2014. Last year the Council completed the N70 Iveragh Road Safety Enhancement and Pavement Scheme which addressed many of the transport issues listed above, particularly in relation to road safety and pedestrian facilities. The Mill Car Park on Annadale Road was also surfaced and re-lined in 2016.

The operation of junctions is the principal factor regarding efficient traffic flow and in this regard works on the N70 Mill Road / Market Street Junction will commence next week. The Operations Department will also examine what alterations could be made to traffic flow arrangements in the town centre that would ensure true priority for traffic on the N70. This will form part of the work programme of the Road Design Office this year.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn asked that a directional sign for the Ring of Kerry would be erected at the bottom of the bridge.

51.Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would repair the Ballynabloun, The Glen, as this is in an awful state and try to solve the flooding problems for residents.

REPLY: The Council will carry out drainage and repair works on this road (L-11511) within the next two weeks.

Cathaoirleach welcomed the reply.

52. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would repair the footpath along the new Road in Dingle on both sides alongside the mart.

REPLY: It is currently proposed that a localised section of the alignment of this road and footpath at the immediate approach to the R560 Connor Pass road will have to be realigned in tandem with Phase 4 of the Dingle Relief Road and it is envisaged that the surface of the footpath will be permanently restored at this time. In the interim, the surface shall be maintained.

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that this very busy road and asked that the footpath would be maintained.

53. Cllr J Healy-Rae: What progress has Kerry County Council made in relation to car parking in Dingle for the next summer season.

REPLY: Kerry County Council are currently in discussions with a property owner in Dingle Town in relation to the provision of land which would increase the provision of parking in Dingle by in excess of 80 parking spaces. It is hoped that these negotiations will be concluded in the coming weeks.

Notice of Motion no 53 dealt with in conjunction with the Deputation from Dingle Tourism Alliance.

54. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: How many durapatchers are in the South & West Kerry Municipal District area, are they utilised everyday because the cold tar being put into potholes may as well be thrown into the tide.

REPLY: At present, there is one Durapatcher in Operation in the South and West Kerry Municipal. The Council is currently undertaking a review of the operation of the Machinery Section and the option to purchase/lease new velocity patchers will form part of this review.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said that there is only one Durapatcher in the Municipal District of South & West Kerry, where as one time, there was a Durapatcher available in each area of the Municipal District. Despite the majority of the county's coastline situated in this Municipal District, a lorry isn't available in each area. He said that he previously raised this matter at Full Council and was given a commitment that the Durapatcher would be available during periods of bad weather. The use of cold tar isn't value for money and asked that each area of this Municipal District would have access to a Durapatcher.

Mr. P Teahan said that Kerry County Council is currently reviewing the operation of the Machinery Section and the option to purchase/lease new velocity patchers will form part of the review.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn agreed to move Question no 34.

34. Cllr. J F Flynn: That at least two durapatchers be purchased for the South and West Kerry Municipal District.

REPLY: The Council is currently undertaking a review of the operation of the Machinery Section and the option to purchase/lease new velocity patchers will form part of this review.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn welcomed the reply.

55. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council Roadø Department would take on the few temporary staff in Caherciveen, Dingle, Killorglin and Kenmare full time, as there is not enough men and engineers to carry out the maintenance works.

REPLY: The Council will be hiring staff on temporary contracts in the coming months to undertake the Service Delivery Plan of the Operations Department. At the current levels of funding available it is not feasible to hire additional staff on a full time basis. The Members will be fully briefed regarding the overall levels of funding available when the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan and the Service Delivery Plan is being considered and proposed for adoption during February and early March.

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that some seasonal staff are employed with over 11 years and asked that Kerry County Council would consider making them permanent. In some areas staff hasn't been appointed since 2008. He suggested that two or three staff would be appointed. It can be difficult for families who don't know from year to year if they will have work for the year ahead. He stated that in Kenmare alone 14 men who retired from the council weren't replaced.

56. Cllr J Healy-Rae: Can we have an update on the Kenmare Casual trading and a time line on the various stages for adoption.

REPLY: The Council has published notice of the Draft County of Kerry (Casual Trading) Bye-Laws 2016 (Kenmare Co. Kerry) in accordance with Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act 1995, as amended. The period for submissions ends on the 10th February 2017 and the 21 day period for appeal to the District Court ends on the 3rd March 2017. There have been two notices of appeal to the District Court received and the Council will be seeking to have the matter heard in the District Court as soon as possible. It is not feasible at this stage to put a definite time line on when the bye-laws will be adopted.

Cllr J Healy-Rae welcomed the reply and wished to thank the Municipal District Manager Mr. M O' Donoghue, the Area Engineer and Mr. P Teahan for their work to date. He acknowledged that Kerry County Council will have no control of the submissions received but hoped that there will be a positive outcome.

57. Cllr. J F Flynn: That the Tralee and Killarney roads out of Killorglin be resurfaced and have the council applied already for funding?

REPLY: The condition of the road surface on the N70 Tralee Road and the N72 Killarney Road has been and continues to be highlighted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland with a view to having these sections prioritised for resurfacing at the earliest possible opportunity. Following a request from TII these sections of road were formally submitted for funding to TII last year.

Cathaoirleach asked for an update on the matter.

M.r P Teahan replied that the council has made a submission for funding to TII.

58. Cllr. J F Flynn: That a footpath be put in Castlemaine outside (Details with Directorate).

REPLY: This proposed footpath would form part of the N70 National Secondary Route but the Authority does not presently have a footpath programme in place to fund these works. However, the work is suitable for Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations funding on the condition that the landowner is in agreement with the proposal. The estimated cost of the work is " 22,864. This estimate is subject to change pending conditions associated with a land acquisition agreement.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn said he has previously raised this issue. The situation is very dangerous and said the allocation would cost each member just under €2,500.

Cllr M Cahill asked will the council be contributing towards the cost of the works.

Mr. P Teahan replied that the council isnt in a position to support this project. All works will have to be funded through CSMDOF.

59. Cllr J F Flynn: That Kerry County Council provide a bus shelter on the Killarney road for the residents of Laune View.

REPLY: The provision of a bus shelter at this location is a matter for Bus Eireann and this request will be forwarded to the company.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn stated that there is a number of elderly people living in the estate.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter would issue to the National Roads Authority.

60. Cllr. J F Flynn: That Kerry County Council put lights from Glenbeigh Village out to Falvey's Caravan Park.

REPLY: The request for additional public lights at this location will be assessed having regard to the following criteria, recorded pedestrian and traffic volumes at this location during the hours of darkness, Accident records and Garda records on criminal activity.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn said that the area is very dangerous especially when walking. **Mr. P Teahan** said the provision of lighting at this location is subject to certain criteria.

Cllr D Quigg wished to support the Notice of Motion and said this area has been previously highlighted.

Mr. M O' Donoghue said the request has been assessed under the Public Lighting Policy which was adopted by the members.

Cllr M Cahill asked will the speed limit be extended from Glenbeigh Village to Falveys Caravan Park.

Mr. P Teahan replied that currently all villages are being examined under the Speed Limit review.

61. Cllr J F Flynn: That the speed calming measures be undertaken in Boolteens Village that was already promised to a deputation a number of months back.

REPLY: The works referred require the addition of some road markings adjacent to the western speed limit. Our lining contractor has been informed of these works and they should be completed shortly. Funding of " 24,000 has also been provided under the Clar Programme for speed safety signage at Castledrum National School which will also assist traffic calming in Boolteens Village.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn welcomed the reply and thanked the Area Engineer for the works carried out to date.

(d) Questions

1. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council realign the road, carry out urgent improvement works to the "Death Trap Bend" at Quaybawn, Glenbeigh as a matter of extreme urgency.

REPLY: The bend at Quaybawn on the L4020, Local Primary Road will be considered for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the 2018 Safety Improvement Works Scheme.

Cllr M Cahill stated that a landowner is prepared to provide land. He expressed disappointment that the works will not be considered until 2018 and asked could a special submission be made for 2017.

Mr. P Teahan said Kerry County Council are hopeful to acquire the land in 2017 and carry out the works in 2018.

2. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council and the Department of Transport, Sport and Tourism carry out urgent improvement works to the extremely dangerous Bends, Junctions on the regional road from Caherciveen to Portmagee on health and safety grounds as there has been a no of accidents on this heavily trafficked road, that not alone carries all the local

traffic but also carries the Skellig rock, Skellig ring, Kerry Cliffs, Valentia island, tourist traffic etc.

REPLY: This location will be considered for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for funding under the Safety Improvement Works Grant.

Cllr M Cahill stated that this is an extremely busy road with a number of bad bends. The locals may be familiar with the bends but the tourist's aren't. He welcomed the submission for funding to the Department of Transport, Sport and Tourism.

3. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council immediately address "Health and Safety" issues in the vicinity of St. James's Church, Killorglin by realigning the Public Road, Footpath and Junction and also by providing additional Public Lighting at this location as a matter of extreme urgency, so that the General Public and especially our elderly can safely cross this busy Public Road."

REPLY: Work on the Mill Road/Market street junction will be commencing in the coming week. This project is funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland and an allocation of " 150,000 has been made available.

Cllr M Cahill said he received a number of complaints regarding the darkness outside the church. He said that the Area Engineer has advised him that public lights will be constructed. He asked that the works would commence very soon.

4. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council resurface the section of road in the Grove estate in Dingle which serves the houses which were built in the second phase of the Development?

REPLY: There is no funding available at present to undertake these works and this road does not form a part of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports Restoration Improvement Grant 2016 . 2018 programme of works. It shall however be considered for inclusion when compiling future Roads Programmes.

Cllr S Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply.

5. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council resurface the section of street in Dingle from the Credit Union up towards the old hospital?

REPLY: There is no funding available at present to undertake these works and this road does not form a part of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports Restoration Improvement Grant 2016 . 2018 programme of works. It shall however be considered for inclusion when compiling future Roads Programmes.

Cllr S Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply.

6. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Given that we will be commemorating the centenary of Thomas Ashe's death this year, will Kerry County Council develop additional lay bys on the Upper Kinard road where his original homestead is located?

REPLY: These works would be suitable for CSMDO funding provided there is an indication that the lands necessary could be acquired by agreement.

7. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council install traffic calming measures on the Quay road in Dingle from the Aquarium back as far as Brian De Staic's business?

REPLY: Kerry County Council shall not be introducing any additional traffic calming measures along this street as a part of restoration improvement works being undertaken this year. A speed survey has indicated that the vast majority of motorists are travelling at or below the speed limit of 50 kph and traffic calming measures are therefore not warranted.

Cllr S Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply and asked that signage alerting the traffic to slow down would be introduced.

Mr. P Teahan said the erection of signage at the entrance will be considered.

8. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: Please arrange for the environs of the Public Toilets in Kenmare to be improved, the wall has fallen in, a tree needs to be removed and the facade of the outside of the toilets needs to be changed.

REPLY: The removal of the tree and rebuilding of the stone wall is suitable for CSMDO funding, an estimate can be prepared on request. There is no funding available at present to change the finish on the walls of the building.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen asked that an estimate would be prepared.

9. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: Improvements are needed for Health & Safety at Kenmare Pier, including clean slip way and steps, please arrange for this to be done.

REPLY: Kerry County Council is continuously seeking to improve Health & Safety at its Piers & Harbours in the County and will shortly be commencing its 2017 maintenance programme for the cleaning of slipways and steps. As part of this programme Kenmare Pier slipway and steps will be cleaned and any seaweed/algal growth removed. Kerry County Council is also carrying out repairs to the existing handrails on the steps at Kenmare Pier.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen said that on a recent visit to Kenmare Pier, the matter was brought to his attention on foot of the tragedy in Buncrana. He asked that the works would be carried out very soon.

Mr. P Teahan said the works to Kenmare pier will shortly be commencing.

10. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: When will Kerry County Council resurface the road at Gowlanes, Castlecove.

REPLY: This Local Tertiary road (L-11608) in Gowlanes, Castlecove has not been included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Restoration Improvement programmes for 2017 and 2018. However, this road is suitable for funding under a Community

Involvement Scheme. General maintenance works will be carried out on this road to the extent allowable under Local Roads Upkeep funding.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen acknowledged the reply.

11. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please erect a Disable parking sign (Details with Directorate)

REPLY: The Council have reviewed this matter and it is not appropriate to reserve a disabled parking bay at this location. This section of the public road should remain available to all residents for car parking.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen acknowledged the reply.

12. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council call upon Irish Water to fix the loose man hole covers on the roads in Kenmare town, the noise when cars travel over is unacceptable.

REPLY: The Operations Department will consult with Irish Water to seek to have this matter resolved.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the reply.

13. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: Please repair the road at (Details with Directorate)

REPLY: The L11774 Local Tertiary Road will be repaired in the next two weeks.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the reply.

14. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please erect a junction sign on the N70 past the Finnihy Bridge across from (Details with Directorate).

REPLY: This matter will be referred to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to include the provision of a sign on the N71 in their sign maintenance contract.

15. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please consult with (Details with Directorate) and please rectify the drainage problem at the above location.

REPLY: This work is suitable for funding under a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations allocation.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen acknowledged the reply.

16. Cllr. D Quigg: Why is the roadworks signage at the N86 not in both the Irish and English language considering this is a Gaeltacht region.

REPLY: The construction of the N86 Lispole to Ballynasare Lower & Ballygarret to Camp is being undertaken by a private contractor. When works commenced in December 2016, the road works signs initially erected, were in English only. The requirement for bilingual signage was immediately notified to the contractor, and bilingual signage has since been erected. The contractor is aware that all future road works signage is required to be bilingual.

Cllr D Quigg welcomed the reply.

17. Cllr. D McCarthy: Is there any update on the placement of a footpath between the Brooklane Hotel and the main Kenmare Molls Gap road.

REPLY: A design has been completed for this location and negotiations will take place with the landowner concerned over the coming months.

18. Cllr. D McCarthy: Has there been any update regarding the installation of public lighting and footpath from Ard bhearna Housing Estate towards Kenmare Town.

REPLY: The Council is continuing to consult with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the need for a footpath and public lighting on the N71 National Secondary Road to Ard Bhearna Estate.

Cllr D McCarthy said that this is an ongoing issue. There is a large residential estate located here and the place is in darkness.

Cllr J Healy-Rae agreed to move Question no 27.

27. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would provide a footpath from Ard bherna Housing Estate, Kenmare to the town as there is over 40 children living here.

REPLY: The Council is continuing to consult with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the need for a footpath and public lighting on the N71 National Secondary Road to Ard Bhearna Estate.

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that Ard Bhearna is a local Authority estate and if a private contractor built this estate, they would be instructed to erect lighting and footpaths.

Mr. P Teahan stated that ongoing discussions are being held with TII and the council is hopeful that funding will be approved.

19. Cllr. N Moriarty: Can I please have an update on the progress being made to replace the bridges at Killoe near Letter and Doory near Portmagee?

REPLY: It is acknowledged that the structural damage to these bridges as a result of the extreme rainfall event in the Caherciveen Area in October of last year is leading to some inconvenience for residents who must divert via the surrounding local road network.

However, the extent of the damage to these structures is such that two new bridges / culverts need to be constructed. To reduce the risk of damage to a new structure and to reduce the risk of flooding in the future, a clear span structure of a minimum of 3.5m wide at Killoe and 4m wide at Doory will be required. The provisional cost estimate for the design and construction of these bridges is " 100,000 each with approximately 15% of this cost being for the design phase and the remainder being the estimated cost of construction. Funding must be identified to meet these costs and in this regard the replacement of these bridges was included in a submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport seeking an allocation to undertake repairs to the public road network arising from the severe rainfall event. To date we have not received any supplementary allocation from the Department. However, the Regional and Local Road Grants for 2017 have just been announced by the Department and we will be seeking to fund the reconstruction of these bridges from the standard allocations made available. We are progressing the design process and will be proceeding to receive the necessary statutory consents including approval from the Office of Public Works under Section 50 of the EU (Assessment and Management of Flood Risks) Regulations SI 122 of 2010 and Section 50 of The Arterial Drainage Act, 1945.

Cllr N Moriarty stated that the bridges are coming to the end of their life span and asked that the tender for the Design Phase would be carried out before hand. She said that the village will experience severe traffic congestion when the car park spaces are been constructed in Portmagee.

Mr. P Teahan said it isn't possible to forward plan as each structure is different. A submission was forwarded to Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport seeking an allocation to replace these bridges. The damage caused to these bridges as a result of the 1 in 500 year rainfall event which took place in October, couldn't be predicted. Mr. P Teahan confirmed that the Inland Fisheries are not delaying the process. He said it may be May or June before the works commence and confirmed that Kerry County Council are doing all it can to advance the works.

20. Cllr N Moriarty: May I have the results of the survey that was carried out on the flooding issues at Valentia Road, Caherciveen and the recommendations that would have arisen?

REPLY: Following the receipt of funding from the Office of Public Works, Malachy Walsh and Partners Consulting Engineers were appointed to undertake a Feasibility Study to determine what solutions were available to resolve this flooding issue at Valentia Road. The study will need to take numerous constraints into account including the cost / benefit criteria that are set down by the OPW when they are considering the viability of schemes. The consultants are due to issue the report in early February.

Question dealt with in conjunction with Notice of Motion no 3.

21. Cllr. N Moriarty: Can the following footpaths in Caherciveen be repaired as soon as possible?

At (Details with Directorate and the Apartments near-by, the bricks are very uneven and broken, Outside AIB Bank, By Soldiers Monument, Frank's Corner and from (Details with Directorate) toward Fertha Drive.

REPLY: The Council will carry out repair work to the public footpaths adjacent to the following areas within the next three weeks:

1. An Bunnan Bui towards the apartments
2. Outside AIB bank
3. Franks Corner

The Council will also repair the concrete base at the soldier's monument within the next three weeks.

The Council will consider the inclusion of the section of the public footpath adjacent to McCarthy's Insurance in the 2017 National Secondary footpath maintenance programme.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the reply.

22. Cllr N Moriarty: Can drainage and clearing work be carried out at Scarriff Cross (Details with directorate) as there is a stream that constantly crosses the main road and in icy conditions is very dangerous?

REPLY: This drainage work on the N70 National Secondary Route will be carried out within the next three weeks.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the reply.

23. Cllr. N Moriarty: Can we submit an application for future Clár Funding to have the road into St Mary of the Angels in Beaufort resurfaced. It is not a long stretch of road and it needs to be repaired?

REPLY: The re-surfacing of the road into St Mary of the Angels will be considered for submission to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs for funding under the 2017/2018 CLÁR Programme.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the reply. All Members wished to support the application.

24. Cllr. N Moriarty: Can a commitment be given to make the sweeper machine based in Caherciveen available to the towns and villages in the immediate area? In line with the sharing of the same type of equipment between Killorglin, Milltown and Castlemaine.

REPLY: The Cahersiveen Area Office continuously liaises with the various tidy town groups throughout the year to carry out road sweeping works where and when appropriate. This includes manual litter collection and road sweeping on an ongoing basis. We will continue to liaise with the local tidy town groups especially during the summer months regarding the

road sweeper. However, this is subject to the level of funding available and the distance the road sweeper has to travel as this has proved problematic in the past.

Cllr N Moriarty stated that she has previously made this request and asked why the road sweeper machine in Caherciveen can't be made available to towns and village in the immediate area.

Mr. P Teahan replied that the Sweeper is intended for use in the Town Centre. It is not a piece of machinery suitable for travelling on the open roads.

Cllr N Moriarty asked that the service would extend beyond the summer months. Many of the Community Employment schemes have ceased and asked that the council would consider employing additional staff. She added that there is currently seven properties been refurbished in the area.

Mr. P Teahan said this is an ongoing issue and committed to carrying out road sweeping works subject to the level of funding available. He reiterated that the road sweeper isn't suitable for the open road.

25. Cllr. N Moriarty: Can the issue with the power source at Coonana Pier Lights be resolved as soon as possible? The lights were recently repaired and hours later the furthest along of the three went out.

REPLY: A Contractor has been engaged to carry out the repairs to the power cable, public light and AtoN light at Coonana Pier. These works will be carried out shortly.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the reply.

26. Cllr. N Moriarty: Can the road markings be re-done near Coos Crann ,Over The Water, the markings are very worn (Details with Directorate).

REPLY: The Council will reline the road markings at this junction when the road lining contractors are next working in the Cahersiveen Area.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the reply.

27. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would provide a footpath from Ard bherna Housing Estate, Kenmare to the town as there is over 40 children living here.

REPLY: The Council is continuing to consult with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the need for a footpath and public lighting on the N71 National Secondary Road to Ard Bhearna Estate.

Question dealt with in conjunction with Question No 18.

28. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would carry out a safety review at Dingle junction in Castlemaine near (Details with directorate) and I am asking for the design office to come with a proposal for this junction.

REPLY: This junction is on the N70 National Secondary route and any junction improvement scheme on this road would have to be approved and funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

In 2015, the Operations Department had a detailed meeting with TII regarding how funding for safety related schemes are prioritised and allocated to Local Authorities. The TII has introduced a technical standard, HD 15 Network Safety Ranking, into the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges and this standard deals with road safety measures.

TII HD15 Network Safety Ranking requires the TII to carry out annual assessments of the national road network to identify High Collision Locations. These locations are subsequently analysed by the TII's Regional Safety Engineer. If an engineering solution is required, then the locations are forwarded to the Local Authority who carries out a Feasibility Report in relation to the possibility of a safety engineering solution.

The N70 / R561 Junction at Castlemaine has not been identified as a priority location under the formal process described in HD 15. The standard does allow Local Authorities to submit locations for examination where there would be a high incidence of road traffic accidents recorded on the TII database and which may not have been identified by the TII analysis. The Road Design Office has examined the accident statistics on this section of the N70 and there have been no accidents recorded over the past 10 years that would give rise to a submission to TII.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said he was disappointed with the reply. He said he believed that the junction was very dangerous and asked that it would be reviewed. He asked was there any history of accidents recorded.

Mr. P Teahan replied that no traffic accidents have been recorded on the TII database.

29. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would repair the section of road in Kilgarvan across from (Details with directorate).

REPLY: This section of the R569 is included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's 2018 Restoration Improvement Programme and is scheduled to receive " 111,000 of funding. General maintenance works will be carried out on this road in the interim to the extent allowable under Regional Roads Upkeep funding.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said he was referring to a small section of road from the shop. He said that there is a very loud noise when vehicles travel on this section of road which is very frustrating for the locals. He asked that immediate works would be carried out on this particular section, as the restoration works will not be carried out for another twelve months.

30. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would put yellow lines to the top of Coom as the fog is nearly constant in this area.

REPLY: The contractor working on behalf of ESBI who laid ducts in the road to facilitate Grousemount Windfarm will install yellow edge lining along the L3021. This will be undertaken as part of the company's reinstatement of the road.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said that the fog is present at this location all year round. He acknowledged that the ESBI will carry out works but asked that Kerry County Council would carry out additional works.

Mr. V Horgan said that the matter can be reviewed.

31. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would buy galvanised paint and paint the Wild Atlantic Way signs and put another small sign alongside them to explain what they are.

REPLY: Fáilte Ireland is the lead government agency dealing with the roll out of the Discovery Point Markers. It is understood that the works to complete the installation have commenced and the contractor is working along the WAW from north of the country to the south. There will be information plates installed next to the markers. However, it has been decided by Fáilte Ireland that the current finish on the markers is to remain.

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that the signs are very unsightly and it makes no sense to leave them erected.

Cllr M Cahill wished to support the question. He said that the poles and table in Rossbeigh are unfinished. The signage is not reader friendly. He asked that the council would write to Fáilte Ireland.

Cllr S Fitzgerald stated that wrought iron was used to construct these signs which will decay over the next number of years. He said the person responsible for approving this signage should be brought before an Oireachtas committee.

Cllr M Cahill said if the work is commencing in the north of the country, it will be approximately two years before the information plates will be constructed in South Kerry.

Cllr J Healy-Rae asked that a letter would issue to Fáilte Ireland outlining the members concern.

32. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would repair lags before the Climbers Inn Glencar, as there have been accidents here.

REPLY: The L4010, Local Primary Road from Lyranes Cross to Gortmaloon Cross has been included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Restoration Improvement programme and is scheduled to receive funding of " 162,000 in 2017. A number of defects

were repaired on the road in the past three weeks. This road will receive essential maintenance in the interim.

Cllr J Healy-Rae welcomed the reply and enquired if works will be carried out to the road outside Gradys.

Mr. B Hickey stated that the road in question is the L4019 which stretches from Gortnaloon Cross to Shanacashel. Works will be carried out to this road as part of the Multi Annual Roads Programme for 2018.

33. Cllr J F Flynn: That proper signage would be put around Killorglin town for car parking.

REPLY: Additional parking signage will be erected in the Killorglin town prior to the commencement of the peak tourist season in 2017.

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that the car park facilities are only a five minute walk in the town and ask that signage for car parking would be erected.

Mr. P Teahan stated that the signage for car parking will be improved before the tourist season commences.

34. Cllr. J F Flynn: That at least two durapatchers be purchased for the South and West Kerry Municipal District.

REPLY: The Council is currently undertaking a review of the operation of the Machinery Section and the option to purchase/lease new velocity patchers will form part of this review.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn welcomed the reply.

(6) 27.01.17.06 Motions / Questions relevant to other Directorates or issues not relevant to Kerry County Council business

(a) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Health, Mr. Simon Harris TD., to immediately address (a) the huge waiting list for Orthodontic Treatment in Kerry and throughout the country (b) the outrageous charges for treatment, braces, etc. that is putting massive financial hardship on already hard pressed families.

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

Cllr M Cahill proceeded to read the following into the record of the meeting.

According to HSE figures, the number of patients waiting for orthodontic treatment up to four years is 17,024 and the number of patients waiting for orthodontic treatment less than two years is 11,573.

The pressure on Orthodontics services and waiting lists in this state are so great that, since April 2016, the HSE has undertaken the procurement of orthodontic services with a number of private service providers nationally.

According to the chief executive of the Irish Dental Association (IDA), Fintan Hourihan, the population of children under the age of 16 in Ireland has increased by 20% over the last decade, to 1.1m. However the number of dentists tasked with looking after these young people has fallen by 20% in recent years due to the recruitment embargo. The result of this is that a large number of primary school children are missing their school screening and their dental problems are not being identified in the early stages which has a knock on effect on emergency cases in later life.

Cllr M Cahill said that the cost of dental treatment is between €4,000 and €5,000 and people are now travelling abroad to have treatment done. He proposed that the resolution would issue to the Minister for Health Mr. Simon Harris.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn seconded the proposal.

2. Cllr M Cahill: That Kerry County Council call on St. John of Gods , the Minister for Health Simon Harris, TD, the Minister of State with responsibility for people with a Disability, Finian McGrath TD and the Government to acknowledge the tremendous gesture of the Doyle Family, Beaufort who donated their land free of charge for the care of children with Special Needs and will they now honour this wonderful gesture by opening St. Mary of the Angels to new admissions.

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

Cllr M Cahill recalled the recent meeting with the Minister and said that the families were advised that no resident would be removed from the facility without a family member been informed. The land was originally donated by the Doyle family in Beaufort to set up a facility for people with special needs and not for a drug rehabilitation centre. He said he believed that the Government's plans to change the use of the facility is morally wrong. He said it is a superb service with specialised facilities to cater for the resident's requirements.

Cllr N Moriarty wished to support the notice of motion. The Minister is looking to relocate people who are highly functioning from the facility to the wider community. She said she believed that these people need a secure environment to live in.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr M Cahill and SECONDED by Cllr N Moriarty, it was agreed to forward the resolution to the Minister for Health Mr. Simon Harris and the Minister of State Mr. Finian McGrath and the St. John of Gods.

3.Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council liaise with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Environment as a matter of priority so as to ensure that a permanent cost effective and efficient Farm Waste Collection Service is provided for the collection of veterinary medicine bottles, fertilizer bags, chemical drums, used engine oil, etc.,

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

Cllr M Cahill proposed that the resolution would issue to the Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Environment.

Cllr D McCarthy seconded the notice of motion and said that this is a very important issue. He suggested that a facility would be made available in the Mart, where the waste could be disposed of and collected once a month.

4. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Government, to make every effort to ban as a matter of extreme urgency, Super Trawlers fishing in Irish Waters before it is too late and they completely wipe out our Fish Stocks and Coastal Communities.

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

Cllr M Cahill said he submitted this notice of motion following a programme on R.T.E. He said these super trawlers have destroyed our fish stocks and Cromane Village is an example of this. It has been the ruination of the small fisherman.

Cllr J Healy-Rae wished to support the notice of motion and said that he previously raised this matter. He said that in one incident, a factory ship spent six weeks off the Skellig's and nobody from the Department approached them. These types of ships are banned in Australian waters. He said that when these ships catch fish they don't want, instead of throwing them overboard, they shred the fish. He said that the crew don't spend any money locally.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn wished to support the notice of motion.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr M Cahill and SECONDED by Cllr J Healy-Rae it was agreed to forward the resolution to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

5.Cllr. D McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council to write to the HSE for an update on the opening up of the rest of the beds in Kenmare hospital.

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

Cllr D McCarthy asked that an update would be provided as to when the rest of the hospital beds in Kenmare hospital will be opened. He said that the A&E Department of University Hospital Kerry is struggling to cope with the numbers going through their doors and in Kenmare Hospital there are a number of vacant beds.

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn wished to support the notice of motion.

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that there are people who are waiting for a long term bed and may pass away before the bed is ready.

Cllr S Fitzgerald wished to support the notice of motion and said the situation in Dingle Hospital is similar. Dingle Hospital was purpose built to provide a district hospital and now some of the premises have been turned into offices. He proposed that a letter would issue to the HSE requesting a deputation to discuss the situation in both Dingle and Kenmare Hospital.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter would be forwarded to the H.S.E.

6. Cllr. J F Flynn: That this Municipal District meet with Kerry University Hospital to try and rectify the huge problem of ambulances not been able to find houses when called out to emergencies.

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

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn said he is aware of a situation where the ambulance service was unable to locate a house in West Kerry. He said that when an ambulance is called to a property every second counts. He suggested that a meeting would be held with the Manager of KUH to discuss the matter. It was unanimously agreed to forward the resolution to KUH.

7. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would write to the Minister to make sure we maintain a bus services in West Kerry. The difference between cutting a bus service in Kerry and in Dublin is there are no Dart or Luas service in Kerry.

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

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that the population in Kerry may not be as big as other counties, but the preservation of the bus service in West Kerry is critical as there is no other public transport available. For some elderly people it is the only method of transport to collect their pension.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr J Healy-Rae and SECONDED by Cllr D Quigg it was agreed to issue a letter to the Minister for Transport, Sport and Tourism Mr. Shane Ross.

8. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That we again write to the Minister in regards to extending the burning season by one month. This was previously promised by the Government.

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

Cllr J Healy-Rae said that he previously called for an extension of the slurry season at full council. An extension of the burning season by one month was previously promised by the Government. The weather conditions don't always allow to farm by the calendar and believed that farmers should be granted an extension.

Cllr D Mc Carthy stated that he previously wrote to the Minister requesting that an extension to the burning season would be considered, but has received no reply to date.

9. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would show leniency to people who don't owe more than 12 months rates, especially in the first quarter of the year.

Reply: Legislation provides that commercial rates are payable on commercial, industrial and some other non-domestic properties on an annual basis. The achievement of collection rates for commercial rates is critical to overall funding for this local authority, rates are an important element in funding the general provision of services. The continued focus on collection, of all arrears, across the entire year is paramount to achieving these targets. The making of the rate occurs in Quarter 1 each year, this is payable in two moieties and customers have the entire year to make payment. We work with our ratepayers to arrange suitable payment methods. The Council will review the position of any business experiencing financial difficulties and where supporting documentation indicates a serious decline in activity and turnover over a period of time.

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that he fully accepted that Kerry County Council has an obligation to collect rates. He stated that he is aware of situations where rate payers have forwarded their accounts to the council and a payment plan has been put in place. He believed that the council took a more aggressive approach to collections in 2016 and asked the council would refrain from this approach in 2017 and show leniency to rate payers who don't owe more than 12 months rates.

Cllr M Cahill asked that the matter would be dealt with on a case by case basis.

10. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would write to Inland Fisheries asking them to make some one available to farmers who have issues with flooding who can liaise, help and advise them as to what they can do to help themselves.

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

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that there has been situations where farmers have been delayed from carrying out work, as they are awaiting a response from the Inland Fisheries. The window of opportunity to carry out works on a farm can be very small. He asked that a letter would issue to the Inland Fisheries requesting them to provide a liaison person to assist the farming community.

11. Cllr. J F Flynn: That this Municipal District invites the Minister to Incharee and Cromane to try and secure funding to protect the properties that is in a big risk of being flooded.

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

However at this point it may be premature. No funding will be provided until the relevant studies have been carried out on the greater Castlemaine Harbour area. The Council is working on advancing such a proposed study with relevant Government Departments. This study would be subject to appropriate funding being provided by central Government.

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn said that this was one of the first notices of motions he submitted when he was elected to Kerry County Council which is over two and half years ago. He expressed disappointment that the project hadn't advanced further.

Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that discussions had been held with the locals. The Government will not fund this project until the relevant studies have been completed.

Cllr M Cahill said he wished to support the notice of motion. It is important that family homes are protected and said that a person living in Incharee contacted him regarding the build up of gravel at the bridge and said that the next event of flooding will wash their property away. The accumulation of gravel is preventing the natural flow of the river and asked the council would invite the OPW to assess the situation.

12. Cllr. J F Flynn: Following from a motion I raised at a recent council meeting calling for the first 45 minutes be free at Kerry university hospital, have the council received any response to date.

Reply: Following the September full council meeting, a letter was issued to both the Minister for Health and the HSE. To date a letter of acknowledgement was received only from the Minister of Health. A reminder letter has now issued to the HSE.

13. Cllr. J F Flynn: That we write to the Minister in support of the local fishermen, to have their quotas increased.

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

It was unanimously agreed to forward a letter to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

14. Cllr J F Flynn: That bus shelters be provided at all rural bus stops.

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

The Cathaoirleach stated that many bus stops located in rural areas have no bus shelter. He requested that a letter would be forwarded to the National Transport Authority requesting bus shelters in rural bus stops.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter would be forwarded to the National Transport Authority.

(d) Correspondence

1	Letter from National Transport Authority dated 09 th January 2017 regarding the request to extend the bus Éireann Killarney to Waterville bus service to Caherdaniel.
2	Email dated 05 th December 2016 from Ms Mary Mitchell O'Connor Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation.

(e) Matters arising from the Minutes as confirmed at 1 above

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen referred to page 10 of the minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District South & West Kerry held on 18th November, 2016. In his contribution the minutes stated he is satisfied with the number of days trading but in fact he stated that he was not satisfied with the number of days trading and asked that the minutes would be amended accordingly.

(f) Any Other Business

Valentia Island Ferry

Mr. M O'Donoghue stated that following the resolution forwarded to Mr. Patrick O'Donovan TD, Minister of State for Tourism and Sport on 21st November, in relation to the Valentia Island Ferry, Mr. Shane O'Brien from the Minister's office has advised Kerry County Council that the minister has met groups previously, on this matter and is unable to exceed to our request for a further meeting, as he has exhausted all possibilities on this issue.

Mobile Phone Coverage

Cllr N Moriarty called upon the Municipal District of South & West Kerry to write to all mobile phone providers regarding the very poor mobile phone coverage in the South Kerry area. It was unanimously agreed that a letter would issue to all mobile phone providers in this Municipal District.

Glenbeigh / Glencar Football Team

Cllr M Cahill wished the Glenbeigh / Glencar senior football team the very best of luck in their semi final against Louisburgh Football team on Sunday 29th January 2017 in the All Ireland Club Junior Football Championship.

Kenmare Football Team

Cllr D McCarthy wished the Kenmare Senior football team the very best of luck in their semi final match against Westport on Sunday 29th January 2017 in the All Ireland Intermediate Football Final.

Cathaoirleach J Flynn thanked the principal Mr. Con Moynihan, his staff and students for their excellent hospitality shown towards today's meeting.

27.01.17.06(b) Approval for the Reception of Deputations

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr P Connor-Scarteen SECONDED by Cllr D Quigg, it was agreed that a deputation from the residents of Killoe, Caherciveen would be received at a meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr D McCarthy SECONDED by Cllr J Healy-Rae, it was agreed that a deputation from residents of Chill Mhuire Estate, Kenmare, would be received at a meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

(c)On the PROPOSAL of Cllr J Healy-Rae SECONDED by Cllr P Connor-Scarteen, it was agreed that a deputation from residents of Sneem Village, would be received at a meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

(d)On the PROPOSAL of Cllr M Cahill SECONDED by Cllr P J F Flynn, it was agreed that a deputation from Beaufort Community Council, would be received at a meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that the Meetings Administrator would revert back to the members with regard as to which deputations would attend the next meeting.

18.11.16.06(c) Date for next Municipal District Meeting

(a)As previously agreed the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of South and West Kerry will be held on 31st March at the Area Service Centre, Killorglin.

Jean Foley
Meetings Administrator

Cllr. J F Flynn
Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of
South and West Kerry

The meeting concluded at 3.35 p.m.