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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 31st MARCH, 2017

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHIARRAÍ THAR AGUS THEAS A THIONÓLADH I COLAISTE PHOBAIL CHILL ORGLAN, CHILL ORGLAN AR AN AOINE 31Ú MÁRTA 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 M Cahill
Cllr M O' Shea**

APOLOGIES

Cllr. D Quigg

IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR

Mr. M O' Donoghue	Delegated Executive for South and West Kerry MD
Mr. P Teahan	SEE
Mr. C O' Sullivan	D.O.S. Operations, Safety & Infrastructure
Mr. D Doyle	S.E. Operations, Safety & Infrastructure
Ms. J Foley	Meetings Administrator
Ms. S Griffin	Municipal District Officer
Mr. B Hickey	EE Killorglin
Mr. M Kelliher	EE Caherciveen
Mr. C Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. J Sugrue	A.E. Water Services
Mr. C Slattery	S.S.O. Housing
Ms. C Fitzgerald	A.S.O Corporate Affairs

The meeting commenced at 10.20 a.m.

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

31.03.17.01(a) Confirmation of Minutes

Apologies were given on behalf of Cllr D Quigg who was unable to attend the meeting. The Cathaoirleach agreed to move all notice of motions on behalf of Cllr D Quigg.

The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of Sympathy to Cllr D McCarthy and his family on the death of his bother in law Mr. Paudie Sheehan. All members wished to be associated with the Cathaoirleach's comments.

The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of Sympathy to Cllr J Finucane and his family on the death of his mother in law Ms. Bridie Sheehy. All members wished to be associated with the Cathaoirleach's comments.

The Cathaoirleach proposed a vote of sympathy to Carmel O'Connor of Kerry County Council and her family on the death of her father Mr. Patrick O'Connor. All members wished to be associated with the Cathaoirleach's comments.

- (b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr M Cahill SECONDED Cllr D McCarthy it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the South & West Kerry Municipal District held on 27th January, 2017 be confirmed.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr D McCarthy SECONDED Cllr M Cahill it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the South & West Kerry Municipal District held on 13th March, 2017 be confirmed.

(c) Reception of Deputations

- (a) Residents of Killoe, Caherciveen
Re: Bridge & Road Repairs.
Requested by Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the deputation and briefed them on the standing orders for reception of deputations at the meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

The Spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) thanked Kerry County Council and the members for allowing him the opportunity to speak. He said that on 04th October severe heavy rainfall swept away the Killoe Bridge and road. The residents are now using an alternative road but stressed that this road is not suitable to service the traffic which is now travelling on same. The road is in a very poor condition and the local school bus operator has considered stopping his school bus service on this road as it is damaging his bus. The spokesperson explained that the bridge was damaged two years ago and said that Kerry County Council erected cones and did no further works. He asked that works would be carried out immediately to repair the bridge and improve the condition of the road.

Mr. P Teahan welcomed the deputation on behalf of the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate of Kerry County Council. He confirmed that subject to approval by the members the sum of " 100,000 has been allocated to Killoe Bridge. The schedule of works has been forwarded to the OPW for approval. Construction will commence in June and the works are expected to take six to eight weeks to complete. Kerry County Council anticipates opening the bridge in August. Mr. Teahan confirmed that the damage done to the bridge was not as a result of lack of maintenance by Kerry County Council but in fact the one in 500 year rainfall event which occurred on 03rd and 04th October, 2016.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the deputation and said that he had seen first hand the damage done as a result of the severe rainfall. The road diversion has affected 30 to 40 households with the alternative route unable to take the traffic. It is a health & safety issue. He said he hoped that the matter will be resolved sooner. He thanked the residents for their constant campaigning.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the deputation and the funding of " 100,000 from Kerry County Council to repair the bridge. She said that as far back as late October it was understood that the works could be done locally through discretionary funding and questioned why the works hadn't commenced sooner. She insisted that the works should commence in advance of the proposed date.

Mr. P Teahan replied that the proposal is currently with an outside body which is standard protocol. The works have had to go through a tender process. Mr. P Teahan advised the meeting that Kerry County Council is statutory prevented from commencing works on a fisheries river before 01st June.

Cllr N Moriarty asked Mr. P Teahan to clarify if approval is required from the OPW for the project to proceed.

Mr. P Teahan confirmed that it is necessary for approval to be granted from the OPW. He said that the bridge is on a public road, statutory procedures are in place and environmental factors must be taken into consideration. It is paramount that the allocation of " 100,000 is spent correctly and confirmed that all efforts will be made to progress the works. Mr. P Teahan stated that there is no delay to the works, Kerry County Council must work within the relevant timeframe.

Cllr M Cahill welcomed the deputation and said that the alternative route isn't in a good condition and it is a serious concern when the school bus operator is threatening to stop travelling the road. He asked will the allocation of " 100,000 cover all the works.

Mr P Teahan confirmed the allocation will cover all works.

Cllr M O'Shea welcomed the deputation and said it was unfortunate that the bridge fell into such disrepair. He welcomed the funding to repair the bridge and said that this is certainly a good news story. He asked when the works will be completed.

Mr. P Teahan replied the works will be completed at the end of July / early August.

Cllr D McCarthy welcomed the deputation and the funding to repair the bridge. He referred to the condition of the alternative road and asked that a number of lay- bys would be constructed in the interim. He expressed disappointment that the works can't commence until 01st June.

Cllr J Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and the funding to repair the bridge. He said that he visited the area and the situation is a complete inconvenience to the locals. He supported Cllr D McCarthy's request to construct lay- bys on the detour route of the Killoe road. He expressed disappointment that Kerry County Council can't legally commence the work until 01st June and believed that it was unacceptable that animals are prioritised.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn said that is very good news for South Kerry. He acknowledged that it is an inconvenience to the locals but said by 01st June the work will commence.

Mr. M O'Donoghue stressed that this is a good news story. He stated that Kerry County Council received no specific grant from Government to repair the bridge. The funding has been transferred from the allocation received from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. He acknowledged that there are concerns regarding the timeframe involved but reassured the members that it will be completed within the agreed timeframe.

The spokesperson thanked the members and executive for their assistance and said the news is very welcoming to the area.

(b) Residents of Chill Mhuire Estate, Kenmare
Re: Footpath issues from the estate to the town
Requested By Cllr D McCarthy

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn welcomed the deputation and briefed them on the standing orders for reception of deputations at meetings of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

The spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) referred to the documentation circulated and proceeded to read the following into the record of the meeting.

The Cill Mhuire Estate consisting of 60 houses and a Crèche was built in 2001/2002. A footpath leading to / from the estate was partially built to a point whereby when it finishes people are forced onto the narrow public road. They then have to continue walking down this narrow unit road for 100 metres, before coming to a very busy junction onto another footpath.

Over the last 15 years this road has become noisier and busier. In that time the National school was redeveloped and now has 420 students, the hospital was improved, 4 large housing estates (Sunny Hill, Pairc and Callan, Glanerought, and Ard Carrig) were built with about 200 units. The Super Valu shopping Centre was constructed which contains the Kenmare Medical Centre and Primary Centre and Lidl supermarket was built nearby. The Taobh Linn residential centre for senior citizens was constructed at the junction. In more recent times, the bypass road was constructed and Aldi supermarket was built. The business in Kilmurry such as the Kenmare Salmon and now more recently the addition of the Starwood Hotel Resorts starting a hub in the Kenmare Innovative Centre in Kilmurry also add to the very busy nature of this section of town.

Many times residents have spoken to our County Councillors about this dangerous situation especially for elderly residents and families with small children living in Kilmurry/ Cleady and Cill Mhuire Estate as well as families from outside Cill Mhuire walking to and from the Crèche. On 21st October, 2015 one resident from the Cill Mhuire sent a pleading email to all the Kerry County Council Councillors and the Kerry County Council in Tralee highlighting two near accidents in one week. A copy of this letter was circulated at the meeting.

Patrick O' Connor-Scarteen responded to the email and put a submission at the Kerry County Council full council meeting in November to which nothing came from this. The residents of Cill Mhuire estate were not happy and a petition was signed by almost 75% of the residents of the estate, residents living in Kilmurry, workers at Kenmare Salmon, teachers at St. John's National school and employees and residents at Taobh Linn. A copy of the petition was circulated at the meeting.

We are now officially handing over the petition to Kerry County Council and request that they take the necessary action to improve the access the access from the Cill Mhuire Estate to and across the busy junction. As chairperson of the Cill Mhuire Residents Association the residents requested a meeting with the head of the Roads at the Kerry County Council in February to discuss extending the footpath, extend the footpath, providing lighting and a crossing point to the relief road before an accident does occur because of this dangerous situation.

A sub committee will be formed of parents and residents from various areas effected and will be highlighting this issue to the media if no proper response and plans are forthcoming from the Kerry County Council.

The spokesperson referred to Map B and said the section highlighted in green outlines where pedestrians are forced to walk out onto the public road. He added that there are a number of houses at this location and the road surface is very poor. He also referred to the red section on map B and stated that there is no footpath situated here. He said where the green and red section on Map B meet, a bend is located here where the visibility is very poor. He asked that Kerry County Council would install a footpath and street lighting from Cill Mhuire Estate to the Railway Road.

Cllr D McCarthy welcomed the deputation and said what the residents are requesting is not beyond the remit of Kerry County Council. There are several young children living in the estate who are walking down this route every day to the bus stop. He stated that the area is particularly dangerous at the Priest's Cross. He referred to the house located at the junction and asked that Kerry County Council would consider purchasing the property for the elderly.

Cllr J Healy- Rae welcomed the deputation and commended them on their presentation. He explained that the completion of the roundabout formed part of the original plan when the by-pass was being constructed. He stated that the landowner is now willing to enter into negotiations with the council. The road is a very poor condition and asked that the levies collected locally are used to repair the road. The road is very heavily trafficked and is used as an access road during the summertime. Cill Mhuire is the biggest estate in Kenmare town and he asked that works are adopted here similar to what have been recently done in Ard Bheana estate. He stated that the hill approaching the Priest's Cross is very dangerous and is an accident waiting to happen. He requested that both footpath and lighting would be constructed from Cill Mhuire estate to the Railway Road.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the deputation and commended them on their presentation. He moved notice of motion no 13

13: Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please resurfaces the road from the Priest's Cross pass Killmurphy Cross and install a footpath.

REPLY: The estimated cost of resurfacing and installing a footpath along this section of road is estimated at " 250,000. This cost is comprised of land acquisition , ducting, public lighting, footpath construction, accommodation works and bituminous surfacing of the carriageway. The meet this level of cost the Council would have to utilise a number of Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport grants including Specific Improvement (for the 2nd phase of the Kenmare Relief Road), Safety Improvement and Restoration Improvement. This project will be considered for inclusion in

the next round of funding and is likely to have to be addressed on a phased basis over a number of years.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen said that the residents are facing a very tough predicament every day. The area is very built up with a hospital, four housing estates and a shopping centre. This road is also used to access the mart which adds to the traffic congestion of the area. He raised concern regarding the location of Taobh Linn and stressed that land acquisition must be implemented for improvements to be made. He referred to the reply given to Notice of Motion no 13 and said he believed that the cost of €250,000 seemed very excessive and stressed work to the area needs to commence very soon and that a number of years is too long.

Cllr M Cahill welcomed the deputation and said he believed that the whole area is a health and safety issue. He stated with 420 students attending the national school, immediate action must be taken. He asked that Kerry County Council would construct a footpath immediately.

Cllr M O' Shea welcomed the deputation and complimented them on an excellent presentation. He stated that money should be no object and that the footpath should be constructed as soon as possible. He said he believed that it was an accident waiting to happen and asked that the matter is addressed urgently. He offered the deputation his full support.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the deputation and complimented them on an excellent presentation. She referred to the documentation circulated and said that the pictures speak a thousand words. She asked that Kerry County Council would prioritise funding through the levies collected or through Clár funding.

The area is servicing a large number of people and stated that both the footpath and lighting is a necessity and must be constructed immediately.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn stated that this is a very built up area and the safety of children is paramount. He thanked **Cllr D McCarthy** for bringing the deputation to the meeting.

On behalf of the Operations, Safety and Infrastructure Directorate, **Mr. P Teahan** welcomed the deputation to the meeting. He acknowledged the high volume of development in the area and the requirement for a footpath. He stated that both funding and land acquisition issues are preventing the Council from carrying out these works and explained that there has been a significant reduction in the Council's funding since 2008. However, notwithstanding the reduction in funding, Kerry County Council successfully secured a safety grant of €50,000 for footpath related works in the vicinity of the secondary road in 2016 and a further €60,000 this year for further safety related works in front of the school. It is hoped that this funding mechanism could also be utilised to address the pedestrian facilities required to serve **Cill Mhuire**.

Mr. P Teahan outlined that works required at the Priests Cross were part of the 2nd phase of the Kenmare Relief Road and said that the reason that the road hasn't been completed is due to funding constraints.

Addressing a further query, he confirmed that the surface of the Kilmurry Road may be addressed through the grants available from the Department of Transport for Road Restoration over the next 2 to 3 years.

He referred to the most important section of footpath between the Priest's Cross and the estate and said that the safety grant mentioned earlier would be available if land acquisition by agreement was successful. Kerry County Council will approach the relevant landowner.

The spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **thanked the members and in particular Cllr D McCarthy for allowing them to attend the meeting. He acknowledged that the works will not be completed immediately. He asked that if land acquisition is secured and funding is approved that Kerry County Council would commence the works. He referred in particular to the wall at the roundabout and asked that it would be removed.**

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn thanked the deputation for attending the meeting.

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

(a) To consider and adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the South & West Kerry Municipal District in accordance with the provision under Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and guidelines issued by the Department of Environment Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014)

Mr. C OqSullivan briefed the members on the document previously circulated in advance of the meeting. He said that the document before the members is the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for 2017 for the South & West Kerry Municipal District and does not include any capital projects.

He advised the members that the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport have indicated that there will be an increase in funding over the next number of years. The Department has been requested to make a submission which will go before the Government. It has been acknowledged that the roads need significant investment to bring them up to a reasonable standard. He confirmed that Kerry County Council has previously raised this matter with the Department of Transport, Sport and Tourism.

Mr. C OqSullivan stated that Kerry County Council didn't make a separate submission for footpath repairs. He confirmed that a Footpath Restoration programme will be complied. With regard to repairs to public lighting, he advised the members that a report will be brought to the members on a quarterly basis.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn welcomed the programme and in particular the extra funding. He referred to the Killorglin to Killarney road and stated that this road is one of the primary roads in South Kerry and is in a very poor condition. He asked that the condition of the road would again be highlighted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland. He referred to the Medical Emergency & Hardship Scheme and asked if more flexibility would be introduced to allow funding to be transferred from the Community Involvement Scheme to the Medical Hardship and Emergency Scheme.

He welcomed the funding to repair the bridges at Doory and Killoe and requested that an update from Transport Infrastructure Ireland on all the roads and bridges in the South & West Kerry Municipal District would be brought before the next Municipal District meeting.

Cllr M Cahill welcomed the programme and in particular the recent works to the Iveragh road. He complimented the ongoing work outside the church on Mill road and acknowledged that the works

are progressing very efficiently. From the Astellas factory on the Tralee road to the Mill road he stated that the road is in a terrible condition. The road is very heavily trafficked and will become even busier when Fexco is extended. He called upon T.I.I. to provide investment into this section of the road immediately. Cllr Cahill referred to the over hanging trees and branches on the roads and stated that in some areas motorists have no option but to drive in the middle of the road. He said he didn't accept that it was the responsibility of the landowner to cut the overhanging trees and shrubs and asked that the council would cut some immediately. He wished to highlight the huge demand countywide for one and two bedroom houses and understood that the council are to build 14 housing units in Ardmoneel, Killorglin. He asked that the council would commence the construction of these houses immediately and requested that additional houses would be constructed in the Municipal District. He advised the meeting that a member of the An Bhainseach's residents association have recently forwarded a number of written complaints to Cllr Cahill. The majority of the complaints referred to the windows and doors and stated that many of the residents believed that the windows and doors weren't installed correctly. Cllr M Cahill said he was again highlighting the need for the construction of a pier in Cromane. He said that he had some serious concerns with the condition of many of the graveyards in the Municipal District and in particular the Ballinakilla Graveyard. Cllr M Cahill referred to the recent gorse fire in Killorglin. He commended the fire service on their efforts to bring the fire under control but stressed that measures must be put in place to prevent such fires in the future. He proposed that a letter would be forwarded to Coillte requesting that measures would be put in place to ensure that all landowners are installing fire breaks around their forestry.

Cllr S Fitzgerald seconded Cllr M Cahill's proposal and said he believed that not all landowners are adhering to this condition. Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the programme and the funding provided. He referred to the Dingle Inner Relief road and stated he didn't believe that " 500,000 was enough to complete the road. He asked that the council would liaise with the landowners and purchase the land where necessary to complete the project. He referred to the car parking in Dingle town and said that this is an issue in Dingle and again asked that the council would liaise with the landowners to acquire land. Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the turn key project of ten houses in Lispolse and asked was there any other plans to develop additional social housing in Dingle. He referred to the centenary celebrations for Tomás Ashe and said the local committee in Lispolse wish to erect a bust of Tomas Ashe and asked would Kerry County Council be in a position to make a donation towards the construction of same.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the programme and acknowledged the work by the staff of the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate to compile the document. He welcomed the quarterly updates to the meeting and the schemes such as the Town and Village Renewal and REDZ schemes which will significantly benefit the area. He welcomed the funding of " 550,000 for the Rossbeigh road. He referred to the turn over of vacant houses and asked that the 3 months maximum timeframe would be adhered to. He welcomed the energy efficiency improvements to 210 houses in the South & West Kerry Municipal District. Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the funding for works to the Doory and Killoe Bridge but said it was unfortunate that the funding has impacted on the Restoration Improvement Grant. He stated that minimum works have been carried out to footpaths in recent years and welcomed the " 200,000 for footpath repairs in the county. With 138 applicants on the priority list for the Local Improvement Scheme and only four schemes completed in 2016, he stated that more funding is required to make an impact on this list. He welcomed the updates for street lighting and referred in particular to Kenmare and Kilgarvan where there are a number of lights not working. He welcomed the works on the road from Tahilla but

asked that the works would be done as soon as possible. He reiterated that all councillors have requested that a footpath would be constructed in Killorglin from the Laune Bridge to Astellas factory to coincide with the extension of Fexco. He referred to the works on the Molls Gap to Kenmare road and said while he acknowledged that the works were required to strengthen the road, he understood that a problem has been encountered that wasn't envisaged. He asked that a single lane of traffic would be introduced and that extra resources would be employed by the contractor to complete the works as soon as possible as 25th April was too long a timeframe. He stated that there have been events of unregulated casual trading in Sneem and asked that the enforcement officer would call to investigate the matter further.

Cllr M O'Shea welcomed the programme. He stated that the outdoor staffing levels have reduced dramatically over the last number of years and asked that additional outdoor staff are appointed. He said he wasn't happy that Councillors' Specific Municipal District Operations Fund is required to fund the Medical Hardship & Emergency Scheme and asked that a sum of " 10,000 per Municipal District is set aside to support these applications. He said he believed that the turn around time for vacant houses is still an issue.

Cllr O'Shea asked will the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the South & West Kerry be approved today or will it have to go before the Special Meeting of the 2017 Operations service Delivery Plan to be held on 03rd April. He asked that a press release would be issued highlighting the work carried out in the Municipal District over the last twelve months. Cathaoirleach J F Flynn seconded the proposal.

Cllr J Healy-Rae welcomed the programme and in particular the increase to the allocation. He commended the staff of the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate for compiling the document. He welcomed the footpath programme for the South & West Kerry Municipal District and said that in some places the footpaths are unsafe and would like to see more money been approved for this programme. He welcomed the works to the Pier Bridge in Sneem and the repairs to the lights on the bridge. He also welcomed the provision of " 100,000 from the Discretionary fund to allow for 4 schemes to be completed under the local Improvement Scheme. He said he hoped that additional works would be carried out under this scheme and stressed that these applicants are tax payers and are deserving of the works. He also stressed that more funding is required for the Community Involvement Scheme and Medical Emergency and Scheme. He asked that the lack of car parking in Kenmare and Dingle would be resolved very soon. He asked that the Casual Trading in Kenmare would be resolved. He stated that he had previously submitted a notice of motion to the Full Council meeting regarding Poulgorm Bridge and asked that an application would be made to T.I.I. for traffic calming measures. He said that when lorries are descending from the bridge it is particularly dangerous. Cllr J Healy-Rae requested that the street trading in Sneem would be addressed as it causing a traffic hazard in the village.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the programme. She stressed that the construction of a footpath on the N72 out to Liebig is paramount as this is a very important industry to the area. She referred to the Medical Hardship and Emergency Scheme and stated that she wanted to see significant progress on the outstanding allocations. She asked that the members would agree to meet and make a joint statement on the applications. She acknowledged that staffing is an issue and stated that currently the Caherciveen area is without a foreman which is having a significant impact on the area. She stated that there is a significant demand for housing in the greater Caherciveen area. Cllr N Moriarty asked that the council would examine the possibility of introducing a scheme where the

cost to repair windows and doors would be accumulated to the tenants rent. She believed that this would protect the asset of the house. She welcomed the works to Doory and Killoe Bridge.

Cllr D McCarthy welcomed the programme. He raised concern regarding the turn around time for vacant properties and said he believed that it is a major concern. He welcomed the allocation for the Rossbeigh road. The deterioration of the footpaths in the Municipal District has become a very serious issue and asked that extra funding is provided.

Mr. C O'Sullivan thanked the members for their comments and stated that the three other Municipal Districts have approved the programme. He acknowledged the members concerns regarding the Local Improvement Scheme and stated that this is a very difficult situation, significant funding is required to complete these schemes which are not available to this council. Mr. C O'Sullivan stated that an extra funding is required for the county's road network. Despite all efforts it has become very difficult to maintain the road network. The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport have acknowledged that the level of funding must be increased significantly to maintain the road network. He stated that discussions are ongoing with the T.I.I. regarding the construction of a footpath at Liebig, Killorglin. Mr. C O'Sullivan acknowledged that the Killorglin to Tralee road is in a very poor condition. He referred to the works on the Molls Gaps to Kenmare road and said that the road is closed for safety reasons and it will not be possible to open one lane while the works are ongoing. The council will continue to work with the contractor to reopen the road as soon as possible. It is currently scheduled to re-open on 25th April. He undertook to liaise with T.I.I regarding Poulgorm Bridge. He referred to the maintenance of the council's social housing and confirmed that the majority of these houses are occupied by excellent tenants to which the council has a very good working relationship and it would be in very exceptional circumstances that the property would be damaged by the tenants. He acknowledged the reduction of outdoor staff over the last number of years. He explained that the appointment of staff is determined by the grants received by the Department which has significantly reduced over the last number of years. The situation is constantly been reviewed and the council is anxious to fill some critical appointments.

Cllr N Moriarty referred to the proposed works on the L-4010 Sallahig to Doory road and asked that these improvements works could be done as a matter of urgency.

Cllr Cahill asked that the land acquisition for the Rossbeigh road would commence immediately and that the council would investigate the complaints from the residents of An Bhainseach estate.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn PROPOSED ~~That~~ that we the members of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry hereby resolve to adopt for 2017 the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the South & West Kerry Municipal District, as amended, having regard to the provisions under Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014)+

Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen SECONDED the proposal.

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For: Cllrs. M Cahill, S Fitzgerald, P Connor-Scarteen, J Healy-Rae, D McCarthy, M O'Shea, N Moriarty, J F Flynn (8)

Against : None (0)

Absent: Cllr D Quigg (1)

Not Voting: (0)

The Cathaoirleach declared the proposal CARRIED.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn thanked Mr. C O'Sullivan and asked that an update on all road projects in the Municipal District where a submission for funding has been made would be brought to the next Municipal District meeting.

Mr. P Teahan stated that an updated report for the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure is provided to the members in advance of the bi-monthly Municipal District meetings. A report on the Capital project will be provided at the Special Roads meeting which will be held on Monday 03rd April.

2. 31.03.17.02 To note report from Economic & Community Development Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Promotion and general activity

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

Training Events held in South & West MD

- A Start Your Own Business Course commenced in Killorglin on the 7th March. The course will run over 7 Tuesday evenings and is fully booked with 20 people attending.
- A Digital Marketing programme commenced on the 7th March in Cahersiveen. The course will run over 4 Tuesdays and is fully booked with 16 attendees.
- A workshop in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland was held to discuss tourism matters on the 25th January in Waterville. The Local Enterprise Office arranged for specialist mentors to be in place for the day.

Ongoing engagement with Údaras

The LEO executive continues to meet with potential clients throughout the MD with referrals to Údaras in the Gaeltacht areas as appropriate. Údaras is also one of the partners in Enterprise Month.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

South Kerry Innovative & Research Centre- WEAVE Project

Kerry County Council hosted the SmartLab conference in Cahirciveen Library in February 2017. This event is run in conjunction with SmartLab and UCD. There were approximately 35 international and 4 local Phd students based in Cahirciveen library for the week. This event is supported by Kerry County Council and NAISC the Skellig Coast Disapora Network.

Dingle Creativity & Innovative Hub

Kerry County Council supports and continues its involvement in this project. The Dingle lothon 2017 was held on the weekend of the 3rd March 2017 in Dingle.

Skellig Centre for Research & Innovation

The initial meeting of the Skellig CRI steering group convened in Caherciveen on Friday 24th March 2017. The project is a partnership between Kerry County Council, University College Cork, South Kerry Development Partnership as well as other third level institutions, Failte Ireland and the wider community. This project has been initiated with the appointment of Cliondha O Callaghan seconded to KCC from UCC to project manage the initiative over the coming months. It is hoped to develop the area as an international centre of learning building on the strengths of the area.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Skellig Coast Visitor Experience Development Plan

The Skellig Coast Visitor Experience Development Plan and Skellig Coast Tourism Network was launched in Ballinskelligs in January 2017 by our Chief Executive along with Ms Orla Carroll, Director Failte Ireland. Kerry County Council's Tourism Unit will be working closely with the network to develop a strategic plan to broaden appeal and increase dwell time in the region by developing compelling and motivating attractions/experiences for our national and international visitors.

Valentia UNESCO Project

Working with Valentia Island Development Company and the Valentia Island Foundation to advance the designation of the Valentia Ensemble of Cable Sites as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Newfoundland is also advancing the Cable Station at Heart's Content for UNESCO world heritage designation and it has been suggested that Valentia and Heart's Content be submitted as a joint bid by the Irish and Canadian Governments.

Kerry Dark Sky Reserve

Kerry County Council provided support for the Messier Marathon in Ballinskelligs which took place last weekend and was well attended. The Council is seeking grant support from SEAI for the retrofitting of public lighting with Dark Sky compliant lights, within the Reserve. Works are also progressing on the preparation of a design for a mobile observatory for the Reserve, as a shared resource between communities.

COMMUNITY

Community Support Fund 2017

" 63,000 was allocated in the South and West for projects under the Scheme at a meeting on 13th March last. A further " 72,000 has been committed to support strategic projects as matching funding. There are many queries in relation to unsuccessful groups and groups that received less funding than anticipated.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Work has commenced on the two applications that were successful under the 2016 Scheme. Funding of **€71,777** was allocated to Sneem for the Enterprise Centre Group, Sneemec Ltd for the refurbishment of the work space.

Funding of **€46,455** was allocated to Portmagee for a car park which supports the increased number of tourists visiting Skellig.

Strategic Projects.

Socio 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 and TOURISM strategies). The process will 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 for the work were issued before Christmas 2016 by SKDP and tenders were received and reviewed during February. There has been ongoing contact with the Procurement office on this.

Preparation of 3 Year Tidy Towns Plans for towns and villages

This is a joint project between Kerry County Council and South Kerry Development Partnership. Tenders for the work for the preparation of 3 years Tidy Towns Plans have been assessed. There are up to 24 areas that would benefit from such a plan.

Cahersiveen Alliance Group Development

Three meetings have now been held on the establishment of a community representative structure in Cahersiveen. A number of seats remain to be filled but the process has been positive and a plan is in place to fill the remaining seats.

Milltown

Dr Brendan O Keefe concluded a preliminary statistical analysis of the community in Milltown. This forms the basis of a work plan and the development of a community representative structure. A number of meetings were held with community representatives to ensure engagement with the process. Two meetings have been held in the community regarding the establishment of a representative body.

Cromane

A second meeting was held with Cromane re their work plan. A steering group has been formed and local consultation will commence in the near future.

Other Community Engagement is continuing on specific local matters with communities across the Sth & West MD area and also in relation to funding opportunities for groups and projects.

Leader Evaluation . the process of evaluating LEADER projects has commenced and the MD Officer is one of Kerry Co Co nominations on the committee.

Kerry Public Participation Network – website kerryppn.ie

Provided for under the Local Government Reform Act 2014, Kerry County Council has adopted a framework for public participation in Local Government called the Public Participation Network (PPN) which sets out the mechanisms by which citizens and communities are encouraged and supported to participate in decision making processes of the Local Authority that impact on communities.

This PPN structure is independent of Kerry Co Co but has strong links to the Local Authority. The PPN is the main link through which the Local Authority connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in Co Kerry.

Current Work Programme include:

- Linking with Bláithín Ní Ainín | Community Water Officer
- Disability Access and inclusion - Education and Awareness raising workshops in conjunction with the DFI
- Street Feast . promotion of this initiative across the county.
- Promotion of the Community Facilities Fund
- Killarney Area Plan . community engagement.

(b) Notice of Motion

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn moved notice of motion No. 1 on behalf of Cllr. D Quigg.

1. Cllr. D Quigg: That this Council Support the idea of holding a Conference in Killorglin Town in relation to the wild Atlantic way.

Reply: Preparations are currently underway to host a Wild Atlantic Way Conference in the Listowel Municipal District Area in May/June this year. This is as a result of a Notice of Motion from Cllr Robert Beasley which was raised back in 2016. However, consideration will be given to holding a similar event in Killorglin in 2018.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council open an Office in Killorglin to serve the county and that can advise and assist Community Groups and Individuals on all funding mechanisms available at Local, National and European level and also on the various schemes that are available ie.,Community Employment Schemes, Rural Social Schemes, etc.,."

Reply: Staff members of Kerry County Council assist Community Groups with funding queries on a daily basis. At Municipal District level the MD Officer is a first point of contact and is in a position to refer groups to the Economic Development Officer, Ms Brigid Fitzgerald or Mr Tomás Hayes of the LEO or other appropriate staff members. In addition there is good interaction and working relationship with the Local Development Sector in relation to other initiatives such as the RSS and TÚS.

Cllr M Cahill said as there is such a wide variety of schemes now available, he asked that an office would be made available where the public could get information on the various schemes and funding mechanism that are available. He said he believed that it could attract employment to the area.

Mr. M O' Donoghue confirmed that Kerry County Council's point of contact for such queries in the South & West Kerry Municipal District is Ms. Siobhan Griffin. He added that South Kerry Development Partnership is also located in the Area Service Centre, Killorglin who may also be able to assist the public on such queries.

2. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council explore all avenues and assist in every way possible the people of Annascaul in their endeavors to provide a Public Playground for their Parish.

Reply: Kerry County Council previously made lands available for a playground in Annascaul. This was subject to a Planning Application which was unsuccessful due to limitations in the road infrastructure servicing the site.

The Council remains committed to providing a playground in the village and will work with the local community to identify another possible site.

Cllr M Cahill said that the Annascaul community are currently seeking a site to build a playground in the village. He acknowledged that the planning application was unsuccessful for the previous site. He asked that the council would continue to assist the local community in identifying another site.

3. Cllr S Fitzgerald: Would Management in Kerry County Council be favourable to the idea of developing an all weather pitch on a part of the Dingle Town Park?

Reply: The Council is supportive of ensuring the greatest use possible of the current Town Park following the completion of the New Playground.

The Council will advance the examination of this proposal with other relevant agencies and local groups.

Cllr S Fitzgerald referred to the opening of the new playground in Dingle. He stated that the playground was primarily funded through the CLÁR scheme with the balance funded through Kerry County Council and the local committee. He took the opportunity to thank Mr. Vincent Foley of Kerry County Council for the work he inputted into the project. Cllr S Fitzgerald raised concerns that the old playground would run into disrepair and become a gathering point for anti-social behavior. He stated that the local community is requesting that the council would assist in the construction of an astro-turf pitch at this location.

Mr. M O' Donoghue congratulated the local committee on the opening of the playground. He also wished to thank Mr. V Foley and Mr. C Nagle for their involvement in the completion of the project.

The Cathaoirleach J F Flynn also wished to extend good wishes to the local committee on behalf of the members.

4. Cllr S Fitzgerald: Any update on the progress of the Blasket Island Signatory point?

Reply: The Office of Public Works are preparing a detailed proposal for the Blasket Signature Discovery Point which is proposed for the cliff face immediately west of Ionad an Bhlascaod, Dún Chaoin. They expect to be in a position to lodge a planning application to Kerry County Council in May 2017.

Cllr S Fitzgerald said he would be hopeful that the OPW will progress this proposal, as it will help further enhance the Wild Atlantic Way course.

5. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would appoint someone to map where all defibrillators are located in the county and put it up on their website.

Reply: As advised to Members at the recent Meeting on the Community Support Fund Allocations, the Council has identified the need to review the current approach to the provision of such facilities to ensure a co-ordinated approach across all relevant bodies and groups. This would include the identification of the locations and a simple means of having this information routinely available to the public.

The Council will liaise with other agencies . and specifically the HSE who would have a primary input here . to advance this proposal under the auspices of the LCDC.

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

(a) 31.03.17.03 To note update report from Quality of Life – Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report.

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Ger O'Brien SEO

2017 Anti-Dumping Initiative

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Review of Ireland's Nitrates Action Programme – Public Consultation

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

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

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

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

Further Scope of accreditation for Kerry County Council laboratory

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

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

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

County Clean Up Day

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

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

Fire/Building Regulation

Business Unit Manager: Michael Hession CFO

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers carried Inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and forwarded Fire Officers recommendations to the relevant Courts during February 2017.
- Fire Officers continued with premises inspections in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of February 2017 was 71 which is a 22% increase on the figure of 58 for the same period last year.
- Up to the end of February 2017 a total of 18 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 27 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents increases of:
 - 28.57% in Disability Access Certificate applications and
 - 12.5% in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2016.

Building Control	Jan/Feb 2016	Jan/Feb 2017
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	24	27
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	14	18
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices Received	58	71

Fire Brigade Operations:

Operational Statistics	Jan/Feb 2016	Jan/Feb 2017
Fires Number	76	79
Special Services Number	48	34
False Alarms Number	30	13
Total Number of Incidents	154	126
Total Number of Mobilisations	176	142

Fire Safety and Prevention:

Fire Officers continued with inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.

Library Services

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

Library service:

“ An exhibition to commemorate the Kerry patriot, Tomás Ághas, will take place at Dingle Library from Saturday, 1 July to Saturday, 30 September 2017. It will comprise of (i) a series of information panels detailing his life (ii) display cases housing the Tomás Ághas artefact & textile collection which the library holds and (iii) a PowerPoint presentation on a laptop showing a digitised display of Ághas related memorabilia.

“ Conversational English classes take place each Thursday, 6.00p.m. . 7.00p.m. at Caherciveen Library during March & April. [in association with the South West Family Resource Centre]

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 20ú Máirt 2017 Status Summary at 20th March 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.

Water Services

Business Unit Manager – John Breen

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. Ultra Violet disinfection is in operation.		

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
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 watermain at Abbeylands to eliminate old C.I. pipe	" 25,000	Complete
Mountain Stage WSS	Lay 570M of 300MM and 100MM diam. mains at Mountain Stage	" 127,000	Complete
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
Portmagee WSS	Replace 820M of 160MM watermain Portmagee village	" 80,000	Complete
Mín Aird WSS - Cinn Aird	Replace 2110M of 75MM mains with 90MM pipe	" 140,000	Complete
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
Mid Kerry RWSS Meanus to Annadale	Decommission old 3+main/ connect houses to existing 200 MM main	" 49,000	Complete
Málainn WSS	Aughatubrid Rsvr to Laharan Rsvr Replace 1350M of 4+watermain with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 122,000	Underway
Breanlee WSS	Replace 7.5Km of 160MM main Glencuttane to Ardmoniel	" 900,000	Underway
An Daingean WSS	Replace 1600M of 150MM main Milltown Br to Green Street	" 220,000	Underway
Lauragh WSS	Replace 1050M of 2+and 3+ watermain with 100MM uPVC pipe	" 182,000	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 in 2017
Mid Kerry RWSS Cappagh North Kilgobnet	Replace 1.75Km of 100MM Killorglin	" 228,000	Approved; by Contract in 2017
Mountain Stage WSS	Replace 750M of 110MM water main north of shop, Mountain Stage	" 98,000	Approved; by Contract in 2017
Mid Kerry RWSS Ballykissane	Replace 1.1Km of 100MM	" 143,000	Approved; by Contract in 2017
Sneem WSS Sneem South	Replace 700 of 100MM	" 91,000	Approved; by Contract in 2017
Waterville WSS	Provide new reservoir at Sosa	" 150,000	At Tender
Dún Chaoin WSS	Replace 850M of 110MM water main near the school (560M done)	" 95,000	Approved

	in 2016)		
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
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-April 2017
Kenmare WSS Templenoe	Thread 60MM pipe through 2250M of existing 125MM watermain	€30,000	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> to-date	€8,506,000	

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	Upgrade Works	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
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	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	Completed

This is a substantial programme which includes 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).

Mr. C Mangan briefed the members on the Water Services Directorate Report and proceeded to highlight the following projects.

Kenmare Treatment Plant

He stated that works have commenced in Kenmare to construct a new water treatment plant where Ultra Violet disinfection will be in operation. The expected completion date will be December 2017.

Reservoirs

Mr. C Mangan advised the meeting that new reservoirs will be constructed at Knightstown Valentia and Sossa, Waterville.

Pipe Laying & Replacement Works

Mr. Mangan highlighted the following pipe replacement works

Breanlee . Pipe replacement of 7.5km from Glencuttane to Ardmoniel underway.

Valentia- Pipe replacement work will take place from the Shore road to a site adjacent to the graveyard.

Mountain Stage- Pipe replacement works of 2,200 m has been completed.

Ballykissane- Replacement works of 1.1km of 100mm has been approved.

Mountain Stage- Replace 750 mm of 110mm water main north of the shop has been approved.

Cllr M Cahill welcomed the report and in particular the pipe replacement works in Breanlee. He referred to the recent breaks in the Mid Kerry water supply scheme which he stated has caused great frustration amongst the local and in particular the farmers and businesses in the area. He acknowledged that works have been carried out to the scheme but said he believed that the whole scheme needs to be replaced.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn supported Cllr M Cahill's comments and stated that when the breaks are repaired the water appears to be discoloured. He asked that this matter could be investigated further.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr M Cahill: That Kerry County Council give a detailed up to date progress report in respect of the various stages of where all Group Sewerage Schemes are at in the South and West Kerry Municipal District and will the Council confirm what additional funding if any, has been provided by Irish Water for these schemes in view of the in excess of 50% failure rate of all septic tank inspections carried out to date.

Reply: The administration and development of the Group Sewerage (and Water) 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 and **Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.**

The Dingle High Road is the only Group Sewerage Scheme in the South and West Kerry Municipal District. It is planned that this small scheme will be completed in the coming weeks.

In the Government's national **Rural Water 2016-2018 Programme**, ONLY TWO newly proposed Group Sewerage Schemes were allocated specific funding in the whole country.

Since most septic tanks are attached to rural housing, the proposed development of group sewerage schemes to replace these appliances is neither practical nor economically feasible, mainly because of the low density / dispersed nature of rural settlement.

Cllr. M Cahill said that he was very concerned regarding the current situation for Group Schemes. Many septic tanks have failed the required inspections.

Mr. C Mangan wished to clarify that Irish Water has no involvement with Group Schemes. He acknowledged that this is an issue in smaller villages where there is no Sewerage Scheme Plant, in place such as Caherdaniel. Irish Water is only legally obliged to maintain and update current schemes.

Cllr M Cahill expressed disappointment that both Caherdaniel and Cromane don't have a Sewerage Scheme Plant in their village and stated that he has previously raised this issue on a number of occasions. Both villages have a very active community and are very committed to having a sewerage scheme plant installed.

2. Cllr P Connor-Scarteen: What plans are in place to upgrade the Kenmare and Kilgarvan Waste Water treatment plants?

Reply: Irish Water has appointed a Consulting Engineer firm which is currently preparing a Design Review Report to examine the current and future needs of the **Kenmare** Sewerage Scheme, including the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

A new waste water treatment unit was installed at the **Kilgarvan** Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2015. Further improvements to the plant are currently being designed and it is intended that these will be implemented later this year.

3. Cllr M O' Shea: To request that Irish Water would carry out the necessary repairs that were promised to the (Details with Directorate) in relation to the earlier works carried out by Kerry County Council water services.

Reply: The Council's Water Services department is not aware of any such promise. The Council has again investigated this situation and is satisfied that it has no involvement here.

Cllr M O' Shea stated that work was done to this property two to three years but was never completed.

Mr. C Mangan replied that the matter will be resolved.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council request Irish Water as a matter of priority to extend the Public Sewer from Caithir Lakes out the Caragh Lake road as far as (Details with Directorate) Rangu, Killorglin.

Reply: Irish Water wrote to Kerry County Council in 2016, outlining that it currently has no funding stream to provide (or extend) services to properties with private sewerage facilities, **except at the expense of the property owners and/or on foot of Connection Agreements.**

Irish Water's policy on the development of infrastructure for dealing with waste water is to give priority to existing Sewerage Schemes in towns to which ECJ Rulings apply, and on meeting the requirements of the EPA's Discharge Licenses for existing waste water schemes.

Kerry County Council's business to-date with Irish Water suggests that the funding of extensions of the sewer networks at locations such as Rangu in Killorglin, while desirable, is not currently among the priorities of the utility.

Cllr M Cahill stated that there appears to be an issue with funding. The town has expanded out to the Caragh Lake road and said that the public sewer needs to be extended.

2. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: Please give an update on the Removal of the old pump house, High Street, Caherciveen.?

Reply: This 0.015-acre site, which then included a small townhouse, was acquired by Kerry County Council in 1992 for use as a pumphouse to serve the elevated Garranebane area.

The house / site became redundant when the pump was relocated in 2007 to the Fair Green as part of the newly constructed Cahersiveen Water Supply Scheme.

The building had become derelict and the site was cleared and made safe by the Council in 2009. The property had been advertised for sale since 2008, and provisional Agreement to sell was reached with a potential purchaser in 2011 but the sale was not closed.

The site has again been placed on the open market through a local auctioneering firm.

The Council has recently inspected the site and the remaining piece of wall is stable.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen said that the issue is ongoing for a considerable time.

Cllr C Mangan advised the meeting that he has spoken to the concerned party.

3. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: When does Irish Water intend to install a new Sewerage plant at Castlegregory and at Baile an Fheirtéaraigh?

Reply: A budget of " 214,000 has been allocated by Irish Water for the upgrade of the waste water treatment plant at **Baile an Fheirtéaraigh**. Tender documents are currently being prepared by the Council's Water Services staff for submission to Irish Water this Summer.

In a recent submission to Irish Water, the Council has asked that the approved funding of " 300,000 be increased to " 1M for the provision of a new waste water treatment plant at **Castlegregory**.

Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the reply and thanked Irish Water for the allocation towards the Waste Water Treatment plant at Baile an Fheirtéaraigh and the progress made towards the new Waste Water Treatment Plant in Castlegregory.

Mr. C Mangan explained that this is an example where Irish Water has a legal requirement towards existing schemes.

4. Cllr. M O' Shea: To ask Kerry County Council to erect Litter warning signs on all national and regional roads.

Reply: Kerry County Council currently erects anti-litter / no dumping signage at known dumping spots around the county. While deemed necessary, the erection of this signage in itself detracts from the appearance of an area. For this reason we would not be in favour of placing anti litter/ no dumping signage on all National and Regional Roads. If members are aware of any particular locations that require signage to be placed we will look at them on a case by case basis.

Cllr M O' Shea acknowledged the reply and stated while this is a positive reply he asked that signage indicating "Keep Kerry Clean" could be erected on national and regional roads.

5. Cllr. M O' Shea: To ask Irish Water what procedures are in place for flushing of lines after a breakage?

Reply: The Water Services repair crew and the local caretaker will always flush / scour the water main immediately after a broken pipe is replaced, in order to clear any dirty water in the line after the works. Such water is soiled by the ingress of mud / earth at the location of the break and may also result from the loosening of residual deposits attached to the wall of the pipe.

Flushing through a local scour. out / release pipe to a nearby watercourse is usually continued until the water runs clear

Cllr M O' Shea stated that the issue was raised at a recent community meeting. He asked are the lines been flushed after a breakage occurs or what system is in place. The residents in Beaufort are complaining that after a recent breakage the water was discoloured.

Mr. C Mangan explained that difficulties have arisen in Mid Kerry and said that it may have to do with a solution which is added to the walls of the pipe which becomes problematic when the pipes burst. He confirmed that the situation will be investigated further. The problem doesn't appear to be apparent in any other scheme. He confirmed that there are no health issue with coloured water.

Cllr N Moriarty said that it can be very troublesome to appliances.

Mr. C Mangan undertook to investigate this matter further.

6. Cllr. D McCarthy: What is the update regarding the manhole covers in Kenmare town?

Reply: A total of 13 covers to Water and Waste Water fittings on streets in Kenmare were replaced in March 2017.

Cllr D McCarthy welcomed the reply and asked that the traffic lights in Kenmare town would be repaired.

7. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would make an application to Irish Water to renew the water main at Carnahone, Beaufort, as this is constantly breaking.

Reply: The Council's Water Services department will make an application to Irish Water for funding for the replacement of approximately 800M of 80mm water mains at this location.

Cllr J Healy-Rae welcomed the reply and said he hoped that Irish Water would look favourably on the application.

31.03.17.04 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 – South & West Municipal District.

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	877
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	38
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	40

Void Management

Municipal District breakdown	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	8
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	1
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	5
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	13
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	9
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	<u>36</u>

Social Housing Options

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	14	979
RAS	4	153
Leasing	1	58
HAP	9	9
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>1199</u>

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 bedroomed units (two storey)	Feb. 2018	Dec. 2018
Ardmoniel, Killorglin	14	Two bedroomed units (two storey)	Feb. 2018	Feb. 2019
Rathmore/Barraduff	20	12 No. three	April 2018	April 2019

		bedroomed & 8 No. two bedroomed units (two storey)		
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>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
Glenbeigh	1	2	February
2 properties are working through the legal process.			
2 further properties have been agreed for purchase.	.		

Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2017, 236 No. requests for repairs have been received for the South & West Municipal District.

Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2017, 30 No. grants have been allocated in the South & West Municipal District.

Bedroom Extensions

Since 1st January, 2017, 1 Bedroom Extension has been allocated in the South & West Municipal District.

Summary Rent Review

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

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

10. Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2017

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

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

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

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

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

1. A rigorous tracing of existing applicants will be carried out.
2. An advertisement will be placed in the Local newspapers and on Radio Kerry.
3. An initial letter will issue from the L.A. to the client.
4. In the event of no reply, a second letter will be sent informing the client that they will be removed from the waiting list if they do not respond.
5. Where an existing applicant fails to respond to two letters from the housing authority, all other available means of communication will be utilised including phone calls and email where this data is available.
6. The Council will then examine each client's application on a case by case basis to determine if the applicant household is no longer in housing need or has left the area of the authority. If

it is determined that there is no longer a need or if they have left Kerry, they will then be removed from the list and the application will be closed.

7. Should contact be re-established with the applicant, and where a household subsequently comes back with information, within a reasonable time, then the authority will on a case by case basis determine if that application will be reactivated without affecting the original date of qualification.

11. Tenant Purchase

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

12. Turnkeys

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

Stock Survey Overview

As a Pilot Project the Housing Department arranged for the survey of 87 properties in older estates in Killorglin and Glenbeigh on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2017. We utilised the services of 14 of our own technical staff and gained access to 65 of the properties on the day. We are currently assessing the findings of this survey and this will help us make an informed decision with regard to completing a stock survey for our remaining housing stock. In the interim staff will be completing a Stock Survey form on all vacant houses being relet which is approximately 125 per annum.

Construction of Local Authority Dwellings

Mr. M O'Donoghue stated that the Council plan to construct 14 housing units in Ardmoneel, Killorglin is on the housing Capital Programme and will advance in the near future. He advised the members of the plans for a proposed Housing Development of 30 houses in Ballybeg, Dingle. The project is still at a very early stage and the council will be submitting it to the Department for Stage 1 approval. He stated that the general maintenance of the council's housing units is dealt with under the Housing Directorate report.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council apply to the Minister for Housing for a specific extra allocation of funds as a matter of extreme urgency to address the massive list of Local Authority House repairs in the South and West Municipal District.

Reply: There is a total number of 979 tenanted dwellings in this MD. As at the 24/03/2017 there was a total of 92 repairs requests from tenants to be inspected and dealt with in the South & West MD.

The maintenance of our housing stock is funded from the revenue budget and the amount allocated for this work must be provided from the Council's own resources.

The Housing maintenance budget for the South & West MD for 2017 is " 221,500, of which approximately 18% was expended at the 06/03/2017. It would, therefore appear that the existing budget is sufficient to meet the expected needs of our response maintenance section.

Cllr M Cahill referred to the complaints submitted to him from the tenants of An Bhainseach Housing estate and said that a substantial number of the residents have expressed concerns regarding housing maintenance.

Mr. O' Donoghue stated that members of the council's technical staff recently carried out a stock survey in older estates in Killorglin. The Housing Department is currently assessing the results of the survey

2. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: When will the tenants at Árd na Sí, Lispole get their Garden Sheds? These were promised last year.

Reply: The 4 sheds are on order and will be placed in the next number of weeks.

Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the reply.

3. Cllr M O' Shea: To ask what is the up to date position with the purchase of property for social housing within the South and West Municipal electoral area?

Reply: Kerry County Council has agreed to purchase 4 so far in 2017 in the South & West Municipal area, one of which has closed.

Cllr M O' Shea welcomed the reply.

4. Cllr J Healy-Rae: When will Kerry County Council start building Single Rural Cottages?

Reply: Kerry County Council committed to the delivery of 12 single rural cottages as part of its Housing Construction Program. Currently we are progressing the commencement in the construction of 2 Single Rural Dwellings in 2017. In addition, we have committed to a further 10 which are currently going through the assessment process with a view to commencing these in 2018. (These units will be submitted to Department of Housing Planning, Community and local Government for Pre-Planning Approval.)

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that there is a lot of pressure on the council to construct Single rural Dwellings and acquire properties for housing applicants. He asked that all efforts are made to commence a building programme urgently.

Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that the fundamental issue is resources. The construction of one single rural dwelling involves the same process as that of a 20 group scheme housing development. The SRC Programme will be advanced through 2017.

5. Cllr: J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would change their policy of not allowing a grant for replacing teak windows for elderly people.

Reply: The Housing Aid for Older People grant scheme is administered by Kerry County Council on behalf of the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. The Council cannot amend or alter the guidelines attached to the scheme.

The purpose of this grant scheme is to assist older people i.e. those aged 66 years and above, living in poor housing conditions to have necessary repairs or improvements carried out. Kerry County Council administers the grant scheme in a sympathetic manner to ensure that those applicants most in need of assistance are prioritised having due regard its budget allocation for these types of works.

In cases where it is found that the doors and windows are sound and in reasonably good condition regardless of the type of window frame the Council will not consider same for a grant allocation.

Cllr J Healy-Rae acknowledged the reply.

6. Cllr. N Moriarty: In light of a looming Housing Crisis issue in the greater Caherciveen Area that we can further increase our efforts to fast track housing provision through the voluntary organisations eg. Cluid and the prospect of the repair and lease schemes.

Reply: Repair & Leasing

Minister Coveney announced the national roll out and launch of the Repair and Lease Scheme in late February 2017.

This is a new national scheme titled ~~Repair and Leasing Scheme~~ and it is currently in pilot in Waterford and Carlow County Councils. The Scheme potentially allows for the repair of vacant properties and their return to use as Social Housing leased to the Council.

The relevant circular has been received in the last few days and is currently being assessed.

Further information will be provided to members shortly.

Voluntary Organisations

In recent times no new proposals for suitable housing projects in the Caherciveen Area have arisen from the voluntary sector. The Housing Dept. will continue to work closely with all voluntary bodies to fast track any suitable housing projects identified in areas of high need.

Cllr N Moriarty said that there is significant pressure on people in the greater Caherciveen area to acquire housing. People are looking to purchase properties, while qualified housing applicants have simply no where to go. She asked that the Repair and Lease scheme would

be urgently introduced in areas where it is required. Currently four people from the Killorglin area are in homeless accommodation in Tralee. She welcomed the proposed Turnkey project in Lispolse and said that a similar scheme is required in South Kerry.

31.03.17.05 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 – 31st March 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 Q2 2017 subject to TII approval.
- The preparation of the Construction Contract Documents is being advanced.

N70 Sneem to Blackwater Bridge (Ankail to Doon) Road Project -2017 Allocation- " 0k:-

- The Preliminary Design is being advanced.
- Public Consultation will take place on the proposals in Q2 2017.
- It is anticipated that the EIS will be published in Q3 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 Q2 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 is being advanced.
- Environmental Screening is ongoing.

Kerry Cork and Clare Bridge Rehabilitation- 2017 Allocation " 2.0M

N70 Ballynamona Bridge Widening

- The Part 8 was published in The Kerryman newspaper on December 7th 2016. The Plans and Particulars for the development were on display from December 7th 2016 to January 20th 2017 (both dates inclusive), with submissions invited before 5pm, Friday 3rd February 2017. A total of 4 submissions were received by the closing date. A Managers Report is being prepared.
- .Archaeological assessment will be required at Ballynamona Bridge prior to construction.
- No funding was made available for Ballynamona bridge this year.

Rehabilitation Contract A

- Seven Tenders have been received. The rehabilitation works include 12 bridges in Kerry. 5 are in the S&W area at N70 Inny, N70 Dereenafuyle, 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:-

- Contract 1: Construction is ongoing. Site Clearance and fencing are well advanced. Earthworks has commenced. The Contractor intends to commence on-line works west of Camp village in the coming weeks. 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.

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

<i>Road No.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Comment</i>
N70	Carhan to Deelis Bridge	3,200	" 2,022,977	Contract awarded to Roadstone Ltd. Now scheduled to start in quarter 2.
N70	Dereenamacken (Tahilla)	2,000	" 788,528	Contract awarded to Roadstone Ltd. Works have commenced.

N70	Killorglin Junctions - Market Street /Mill Road	-	" 150,000	These works are ongoing at present.
N70	Loher Pavement Strengthening	5,480	" 1,912,952	Approximately 90% of the works are completed. The final section is scheduled for completion by mid quarter 2.

National Secondary Safety Schemes

- N71 Killarney Road, Kenmare . This section of road has now been identified for further examination under Transport Infrastructure Ireland's HD15 Network Safety Ranking process. A Feasibility Report has been requested and will be prepared by the Road Design Office.

Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme **Restoration Maintenance Programme**

The details of these grants are included in the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan 2017 which is an item on the Agenda and has been circulated.

Other Road and Public Area Works / Clar Programme etc

Rural Recreation Projects funded and description		Grant aid received	Expected date of completion of project in 2017	Notes
Caherdaniel	Viewing & Seating at Coom A Ciste Caherdaniel	" 23,000	Q2	
Inch Beach	Improve accessibility and pedestrian facilities.	" 25,000	Q2	The Dept' of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs have this month confirmed funding for these works.
Ballinskelligs	Access enhancement at Ballinskelligs Beach	" 49,000	Q2	
Killorglin	Killorglin Loop Walk Development	" 120,000	Q3	

CLÁR Measure 1 (CLÁR Safety package for Schools/Community Facilities)		Grant Aid received	Expected date of completion of project in 2017	Notes
Road Markings /Warning Signs	Cahir National School	€10,000	Q2	Tender process ongoing
Road Markings/Warning signs/Speed safety signs	Nagle Rice NS	€18,000	Q2	Location specific signage being designed
Warnings signs and Flashing Lights	Colaiste Na Sceilge, Cahersiveen	€8,000	Q2	Tender process ongoing
Road Markers/ Warning Signs/Flashing lights and Speed safety signs	Castledrum NS	€24,000	Q2	Location specific signage being designed
Road Markings /Warning Signs	Scoil Naomh Micheal (Sneem)	€30,000	Q2	Tender process ongoing
Road Markings/safety signs/other safety works	Curraheen NS	€29,500	Q2	Location specific signage being designed
Road Markings/Flashing lights/other safety works	Scoil Saidhbhin, Cahersiveen	€30,000	Q2	Tender process ongoing.
Road Markings/ speed safety signs	Smerick NS	€16,000	Q2	Location specific signage being designed.
CLÁR Measure 3 (Local Access Roads)		Grant Aid received	Expected date of completion of project in 2017	Notes
Road leading to Mount Brandon Car Park.	" 45,864		Q2	Project has commenced.

Kilbonane Burial Ground Road.	" 20,000	Q2	
Annascaul Sports Centre Road.	" 20,000	Works complete	
Killorglin AFC Access Road.	" 24,000	Q2	Agreement reached with club that they are to co-ordinate the works with a contractor having regard to their own specific requirements.

Town and Village Renewal

Project	Allocation	Status
Development of a car parking area in Portmagee.	" 46,455	These works are ongoing at present.

All Areas

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works.

Drainage maintenance, pothole and patch repairs.

2. Capital Infrastructure

South Kerry Greenway:

Work is practically completed on the final alignment and design of the proposed trail. The ecological assessment of the route is ongoing and is expected to be completed within the next 6 to 8 weeks. In January 2017 Kerry County Council submitted a request to An Bord Pleanála seeking a direction on whether an Environmental Impact Statement is warranted in respect of this scheme in accordance with Section 50(1)(c) of the Roads Act 1993, as amended. This request forms part of the statutory process. An Bord Pleanála replied on 10th March directing that an EIS be prepared for the project.

Progress on the project has been steady with very good progress being made in finalising the relevant details. We will be announcing a final series of public consultation meetings in Cahersiveen to outline the final alignment for the trail in the very near future.

We continue to engage with landowners at a number of locations along the trail to try and ensure that the requirements of landowners along the proposed 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

Piers and Harbours **Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2017**

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) has sought additional details on the following projects to assist in the final determination of funding for 2017.

Location	Project Description	Project Cost (Total)	Status March 2017
Ballinskelligs Pier	Phase 2 of pier stabilisation works and structural repairs.	" 150,000	Awaiting final determination by DAFM on funding application.
Renard Pier	Completion of pier rehabilitation works including installation of fendering and ladders.	" 90,000	Awaiting final determination by DAFM on funding application.

Charlie O'Sullivan
Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety

5(b) Notice of Motions

1. Cllr. M Cahill: In order to facilitate people gathering in Library Place for local events, I propose Kerry County Council carry a number of safety improvements as a matter of extreme urgency including (a) access to power points to allow for P A (b) temporary staging and (c) improved lighting.

REPLY: Kerry County Council are currently not aware of any safety concerns associated with people gathering on the plaza at Library Place. Each event which is proposed to take place on the Plaza is assessed based on the safety statement provided by the group hosting the event. In response to the request:

- (a) Kerry County Council will examine the option of placing an external power point on the front wall of the Library. However, it will remain under the control of Kerry County Council and access will only be given to the group hosting the event when they outline their use for such a power source.
- (b) The erection of any temporary staging will be the responsibility of the group hosting the event.

(c) Regarding the lighting at Library Place, we will assess the current layout and determine if an improvement is possible by utilising the current infrastructure.

Cllr M Cahill said that the matter was raised at a recent meeting of the Chamber Alliance. He welcomed the proposal to examine the option of placing an external power point.

2. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council confirm if funding is provided in Budget 2017 for the purchase of additional lands for a new Burial Ground in Beaufort and will the Council make every effort to finalise this important matter for the people of Beaufort.

REPLY: Kerry County Council are currently carrying out an audit of all burial grounds in the county taking into account available capacity and future demands. This audit will create a prioritised list of burial grounds requiring development or extension.

A funding source will be examined on completion of the audit. The Churchtown Burial Ground will be examined as part of this process.

However, a recent survey of the burial ground at Churchtown has indicated there is a space available for in excess of 5 years of burials.

Cllr M Cahill said that additional spaces are required in particular for the eastern part of the burial ground. The acquisition of land would give reassurance to the people of the parish.

Mr. P Teahan stated that a survey is currently been carried out on all Burial Grounds. The results of this survey will form a prioritised list of burial grounds that require development or extension. Currently there is no funding available to provide additional spaces at this burial ground.

3. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council provide lay byes/widen the Lisliebane road, Beaufort leading to Carrauntoohill and the new Council Carpark, on 'Health and Safety' grounds as this road has got significantly busier and more dangerous in recent years.

REPLY: The provision of lay-bys on the L11756, Local Tertiary Road at Lisleibane is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund provided suitable locations can be identified along the road. An estimate shall be prepared upon request.

Cllr M Cahill asked that Kerry County Council would carry out road works to the Lisleibane road considering this road is leading to one of the major tourist attractions in the county.

Mr. P Teahan stated that this was a private road that the council took in charge. The council has put significant investment into the road and carried out substantial works. The provision of a lay-by on this road is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund.

Cllr M Cahill asked would the road qualify for funding under a CLÁR programme.

Mr. P Teahan replied that there are specific requirements for CLÁR funding.

Mr. B Hickey said that a suitable location has been identified and efforts are being made to contact the landowner who is currently out of the country.

4. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council/OPW carry out emergency repairs to the seawall, Caherciveen between the Pier and the bridge, in the vicinity of the Council Yard and that the railing at the Pier be immediately replaced as this is now a major "Health and Safety" issue.

REPLY: The repair of this seawall will be considered for any suitable funding stream that may come available such as the OPW Coastal Erosion Minor Works Scheme. In the interim, the seawall has been examined and does not represent any immediate risk.

The damaged handrails and guardrails at Caherciveen Pier were replaced in 2016.

Cllr M Cahill acknowledged the reply and said that one hand rail in particular is in a very dangerous condition and asked that the council would investigate the matter further.

5. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please continue the lighting and footpath to Ard Bhearna estate, Kenmare, please give an update in relation to same.

REPLY: As outlined in the Directorate Report, the N71 Killarney Road, Kenmare has now been identified for further examination under Transport Infrastructure Ireland's HD15 Network Safety Ranking process. A Feasibility Report has been requested and will be prepared by the Road Design Office. It is hoped that the submission of the Feasibility Report will bring about the development (strictly subject to TII approval and funding) of a Safety Measures / Traffic Calming Scheme that would provide footpath linkage to Ard Bhearna estate.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the reply and said that it is unfortunate that the lighting and footpath weren't constructed when the estate was being built. He said that it is important that the works would commence very soon even if it was done on a phased basis.

Cllr J Healy-Rae seconded the notice of motion and said that he has previously raised this matter on a number of occasions. This was a council built estate and welcomed the council's plans to build additional housing units at this location. Cllr J Healy-Rae asked that the relevant lighting and footpaths would be constructed in conjunction with the new development.

6. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: When will work start on road improvements on the remaining section of road in the vicinity of the new golf Course, Waterville.

REPLY: Design of this section of proposed roadway is currently ongoing. Subject to TII approval and the availability of the necessary funding the Part 8 Planning Process will be completed in 2017 following which the necessary land will be acquired to enable construction to be completed in 2018.

7. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please upgrade the road along the New Line, Murreigh, Waterville (Details with Directorate) .

REPLY: This section of N70 National Secondary Road was formally submitted last year to Transport Infrastructure Ireland as a priority for the consideration of pavement improvement

funding. This matter will be raised with Transport Infrastructure Ireland at a meeting that is scheduled for next week.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen said that the road is in a shocking state and asked that the matter would be highlighted to T.I.I.

Mr. P Teahan confirmed that any specific matter raised at today's meeting will be brought before the meeting that is scheduled with T.I.I. for next week.

8. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please improve the appearance of the Public Toilets in Kenmare.

REPLY: The public toilets in Kenmare have a stone frontage onto Railway Road with the remainder of the building being painted plasterwork. The appearance of the building is considered quite adequate.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen stated that this matter was raised by the Tidy Towns Committee. They requested that the appearance of the toilets would be improved. Cllr P Connor-Scarteen said he would be willing to allocate towards the works through his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund if permitted.

9. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: Please provide an update on regulating casual trading in Kenmare.

REPLY: The Council has received a total of 59 submissions in relation to the proposed County of Kerry (Casual Trading) Bye-Laws 2016 (Kenmare, Co. Kerry). Three parties have sought to appeal the bye-laws to the District Court in accordance with Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act, 1995 and the case has been put in for mention on the 7th April to fix a date for filing legal submissions and a hearing date, possibly in May.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the reply and said he was satisfied that the matter was progressing.

10. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: Following on from Kerry County Council's deputation to TII in January, please request that we are given an update on progress relating to the Macroom bye pass.

REPLY: Advance Works, including Environmental Works, Fencing, Site Investigation, Archaeological Works, and a significant ESB Diversion are currently getting underway on the N22 Baile Bhuirne to Macroom Project and will be ongoing during 2017 and early 2018. In anticipation of future funding for the Main Works it is hoped that all Advance Works on the project will be completed by Q1 2018.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen said that a deputation from Kerry County Council met with the T.I.I. in January. The project seems to be more advanced than other projects country wide.

11. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please liaise with the owners of the adjoining land at Old Kenmare Graveyard and request that the branches of the overhanging trees are cut.

REPLY: The Council will take this matter up with the adjoining landowner.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen said that there are a number of overhanging branches which are quite dangerous and asked that they would be removed.

12. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please arrange for the iconic Suspension Bridge in Kenmare to be floodlit with low cost environmentally friendly LED lights.

REPLY: This matter will be raised with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to determine if the authority would consider incorporating this proposal into a bridge improvement programme.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen stated that he raised this matter six years ago and hoped that the T.I.I. would advance this project. The ducting is already in place and the LED lighting is energy efficient.

13. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please resurface the road from the Priest's Cross pass Killmurry Cross and install a footpath .

REPLY: The estimated cost of resurfacing and installing a footpath along this section of road is estimated at " 250,000. This cost is comprised of land acquisition , ducting, public lighting, footpath construction, accommodation works and bituminous surfacing of the carriageway. To meet this level of cost the Council would have to utilise a number of Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport grants including Specific Improvement (for the 2nd phase of the Kenmare Relief Road), Safety Improvement and Restoration Improvement. This project will be considered for inclusion in the next round of funding and is likely to have to be addressed on a phased basis over a number of years.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the reply.

14. Cllr S Fitzgerald: Caithean a ndeinfear tithe an Chomhairle Chontae i mBaile an Fheirtéaraigh a pheinteáil fé mar a ghealladh an bhliain seo caite?

14. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: When will the County Council houses in Baile an Fheirtéaraigh be painted, as was promised last year?

FREAGRA: Tá meastacháin faighte chun péinteáil agus oibreacha feabhsúcháin a dhéanamh ar an dtaobh amuigh de thithe na Comhairle Contae i mBaile an Fheirtéaraigh. Tá maoiniú na scéime ag an gComhairle a mheas faoi láthair ag tógaint san áireamh na hacmhainní atá ar fáil.

REPLY: Quotations have been received to carry out painting and improvements to the exterior of the local Authority Houses in Ballyferriter. The Council's financing of the project is currently being considered having regards to the resources available.

Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the reply.

15. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council repair the flashing lights at Glens School, Dingle?

REPLY: Kerry County Council will carry out the repairs following delivery of the replacement parts which have been ordered.

Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the reply.

16. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council repair the section of road which is eroded outside *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* at Cahirbuilig, Ceann Trá?

REPLY: This issue is a private matter and is not a matter for Kerry County Council to address.

Cllr S Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply.

17. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council look at doing a pilot scheme by way of traffic lights or a temporary one way system at Sleah Head for a number of hours each day during the peak tourism traffic flow?

REPLY: Having consulted with An Garda Síochána, Kerry County Council has given extensive consideration to these two proposals and believes that neither is appropriate given the parameters of the issue at hand.

The implementation of a temporary one-way system would need to be extensive in its operation and would require significant advance signage to inform motorists of the traffic restrictions ahead. Commonly implemented in an urban environment, enforcement is totally impractical in a rural context and there is a significant chance that the system would be abused in its operation.

With regard to the use of traffic lights, at a minimum, these would have to be located approximately 800m apart due to the geometry of the R559 at this location. Providing traffic lights over this length will require a Cycle Time of 177 seconds at an absolute minimum. This conflicts with best practice and the advice of the Traffic Management Guidelines (published by The Department of Transport) which clearly states %Cycle times in excess of 120 seconds are not recommended as drivers and pedestrians can get frustrated with delays and can be tempted to take risks+. The maximum length over which traffic lights should operate is limited to 500m for this reason.

Beyond this, there are likely to be fundamental operational issues with traffic lights at this location relating to the lack of ESB Network power supply to ensure continuity of operation, a lack of mobile communications on this section of the road and the requirement to restrict set-down opportunities between both sets of traffic lights.

Cllr S Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply and understood the reasons behind the reply. He stated that the two way traffic is an issue in Sleah Head. He asked that signage would be erected at Milltown and outside Paudi Shea's in Ventry. If a camper van is driving in the opposite direction at Dunquin Beach, it can cause traffic chaos.

Mr. P Teahan said that the signage will be enforced.

18. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council repair the road from the forge down to Cararigaha beach in Castlegregory?

REPLY: The road referred is the L-12159 and measures 600m. This road does not form a part of the Restoration Improvement Works programme 2016-2018 as adopted and submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. The estimated cost of restoring this road is " 44,100 and it would be suitable for consideration as a Community Involvement Scheme.

Cllr S Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply.

19. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council do an inspection on the Esk on the Faha side of Mount Brandon? This section of path to Mount Brandon has become seriously eroded recently.

REPLY: The Dingle Way is one of two National Way marked Trails in the Municipal District, the other being the Kerry Way. The Council supports these trails by providing insurance for the trails and by making a " 3,000 annual financial contribution to each committee that oversee the upkeep of the trails.

In this particular case, it is a matter for the Dingle Way Committee to determine what sections of the Dingle Way need to be prioritised for attention.

Cllr S Fitzgerald stated that this section of Mount Brandon has become extremely dangerous and asked that the council would highlight the matter to the relevant authorities.

20. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: An ndéanfaidh an Comhairle Contae an bóthar lasmuigh de thigh (Details with Directorate) ar an gCeathrú i nDún Chaoin a dheisiú?

20. Cllr S Fitzgerald: Will the County Council fix the road outside of the house of (Details with Directorate) in Ceathrú Dhún Chaoin?

FREAGRA: Deineadh an obair seo i rith na seachtaine.

REPLY: This matter has been addressed within the past week.

Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the reply.

21. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council put in some additional pipes and lay-byes on the section of road from Tobar to Kinard Upper in Lispole?

REPLY: This matter has recently been reviewed and a cost estimate is being prepared for consideration as a CSMDO allocation.

Cllr S Fitzgerald said he was satisfied with the reply.

22. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: When does Kerry County Council plan to upgrade the back road and complete the footpaths at Annascaul?

REPLY: The Council submitted a 350m section of this road for Restoration Improvement Grant funding by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for 2018. In the interim, footpath works are continuing subject to funding and are primarily being funded via CSMDO allocations.

Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the reply and asked that the council would continue to progress these works.

23. Cllr M O' Shea: To ask that the drainage problem on the Lyre road, Milltown be addressed as when heavy rain occurs, flood water submerges on to the Lyre road, resulting in properties getting unnecessarily flooded.

REPLY: This work is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund. An estimate shall be prepared upon request.

24. Cllr M O' Shea: To ask Kerry County Council to carry out **immediate repairs** to footpath coming from Corpus Christie Terrace, Milltown and leading to the new Nagle Rice Primary School as this a serious health and safety issue for the children walking to and from school.

REPLY: The footpath on the R563, Regional road from Milltown village towards the Nagle Rice primary school has recently been examined. The section of the footpath that is in poor repair is a private footpath on private property and where it seems recent work has been carried at the entrance of a private dwelling.

25. Cllr M O' Shea: To ask that the place names of the following bridges and rivers be corrected and bridge plaques be changed in accordance with their proper place names as follows;
Dunloe Bridge states River Loe
Beaufort Bridge states River Laune
Cullina Bridge states River Spidoge

REPLY: These signs were erected by the Council as part of a local initiative by the Beaufort Tidy Towns group. The aim of the initiative was to name the rivers in the Beaufort area and not the bridges. The supply and the erection of the signs were fully funded by Councillors Allocations in 2015. The signs were erected independent of the bridge structure and it is not proposed to replace them.

Cllr M O' Shea acknowledged the reply.

26. Cllr M O' Shea: To ask Kerry County Council to repair the footpath opposite the convent in Milltown, outside the property of (Details with Directorate) as this footpath has dropped and is very uneven and in need of immediate repair.

REPLY: The R563, Regional Road footpath in Milltown is included in the footpath programme of the 2017 Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan which was considered under Item 1 d of the agenda. The location identified will be repaired through that programme

Cllr M O' Shea welcomed the reply.

27. Cllr M O' Shea: To ask that Kerry County Council carry out immediate repairs in Castlemaine village at Days corner as the pavement is unravelling

REPLY: This location on the N70 National Secondary Road, in Castlemaine village has been logged and funding for maintenance sought through the Transport Infrastructure Ireland's map portal. No funding has been received to date and essential maintenance will be carried out until pavement repair funding is received.

Cllr M O' Shea said that the surface of the footpath is in disrepair and asked that it would be reconstructed.

Mr. B Hickey replied that the corner is under a lot of stress and requires a complete dig out.

28. Cllr M O' Shea: To ask Kerry County Council to carry repairs to the lag on the N70 at Knockavota, Milltown, opposite Milltown Graveyard.

REPLY: This location on the N70 National Secondary Route has been examined; the defect identified is at a location where temporary road reinstatement was undertaken following work carried out on behalf of Irish Water. The issue has been discussed with the Water Services Department and the permanent reinstatement work will be carried out in the coming weeks.

Cllr M O' Shea welcomed the reply.

29. Cllr M O' Shea: To ask Kerry County Council to erect two lights on the N70 between (Details with Directorate) and Milltown Graveyard.

REPLY: Currently there is existing underground ducting in place, unfortunately, this has been damaged. We will be carrying out works to establish what works are required to facilitate the provision of public lighting at this location. Currently Kerry County Council does not have adequate funding to install the requested lighting, this request would be suitable for funding under Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund. An estimate will be prepared in due course.

30. Cllr M O' Shea: To ask Kerry County Council to review the traffic issue at Seaview Terrace, Waterville.

REPLY: The Council has reviewed the database of recorded road traffic accidents that is based on CT68 reports from the Gardai. There have been no recorded accidents on this road that would indicate that there is an issue with road safety on this road. The road has a speed limit of 50 km/h. The road geometry of the road particularly its relatively narrow cross section does not promote speeds that would be higher than the speed limit on the road. Considering these factors this road is not considered to require safety improvements and would not meet any of the Department of Transport's criteria for a Safety Improvement Scheme.

Cllr M O' Shea acknowledged the reply.

Cllr N Moriarty moved notice of motion no 42. She asked that relining works would be carried out and that adequate signage would be erected.

31. Cllr D McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council to put a 50 kph speed limit at Lauragh church and also at Lauragh National School.

REPLY: This request will be considered as part of the ongoing speed limit review. It is proposed to brief the Members at the next Municipal District Meeting.

Cllr D McCarthy explained that both the school and church are located on the main road. The traffic is travelling very fast and he asked that signage would be erected.

32. Cllr D McCarthy: That an extra street light be put in place on the back road of Dawros Church.

REPLY: There is currently Public lighting at both access points to Dawros Church, any further lighting would be the responsibility of the Church.

Cllr D McCarthy said he would raise the matter with the Church committee.

33. Cllr. D McCarthy: That Kerry County Council proceed with the footpath from Cill Mhuire to the Priest Cross in Kenmare.

REPLY: The estimated cost installing a footpath along this section of road is estimated at " 150,000. This cost is comprised of land acquisition, ducting, public lighting, footpath construction and accommodation works. To meet this level of cost the Council would have to utilise a number of Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport grants including Specific Improvement (for the 2nd phase of the Kenmare Relief Road) and Safety Improvement. This project will be considered for inclusion in the next round of funding and is likely to have to be addressed on a phased basis over a number of years.

34. Cllr. D McCarthy: That some form of safety measures be put in place on the Bonane road at Carrignahillan.

REPLY: This location is along the N71 National Secondary Bonane Road close to a weir on the River Sheen. Individuals are standing on the wall boundary to take photographs at a location where there is no lay-by for set-down of vehicles or viewing. Transport Infrastructure Ireland does not have any programme that would fund viewing areas in isolation from other works.

Cllr D McCarthy stated that there is no parking at this location and it is very dangerous. He expressed concern that someone could fall into river especially when there is flooding present.

35. Cllr D McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council to put aside a separate fund for medical hardship grants for upgrading of roads.

REPLY: The Council's approach for 2017 in relation to the Medical Hardship and Emergency Scheme will be outlined during the presentation of the Service Delivery Plan of the Operations Directorate which will be considered at the Council Meeting on Monday next, 3rd April 2017.

Cllr D McCarthy stated that a considerable amount of CSMDO allocations is been allocated to the Medical Hardship and Emergency Scheme and asked that another source of funding would be introduced for this scheme.

36. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would erect safety measures at Killfountain, Dingle in the line of signage, bollards, etc.

REPLY: Minor safety enhancements have been completed at this location within the past week consisting of the erection of junction definition posts and the addition of a continuous white centreline on either approach to the junction.

Cllr J Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.

37. Cllr J Healy-Rae: In light of the new lighting policy, would Kerry County Council erect a light at Lispole Community Centre.

REPLY: We are currently dealing with ESB Networks on the possibility of providing lighting at this location. Unfortunately, there is overhead high voltage power lines running the entire length of the requested location. A safe solution will have to be determined before any commitment is given.

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that there is an existing pole in Lispole village that could be used for the light. He asked that the Operations Directorate would review the matter and revert to Cllr J Healy-Rae.

38. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would repair the Rossacoosane/Pollacappal Road, as this is heavily congested with traffic since the Molls Gap Road is closed and it is now in an awful state.

REPLY: The L-4046 Road is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Restoration Improvement Programme 2016 - 2018 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the local road network. General maintenance works will be carried out on this road to the extent allowable under Local Roads Upkeep funding.

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that this road is very heavily trafficked since the Molls Gap road closed. This is a local territory road and buses and delivery vehicles are now using the road. He said he believed it was unfair given the funding that was allocated to the road through the Emergency Hardship Fund and said that lay-bys should have been constructed. The road is in a very bad condition and he asked that repairs would be carried out immediately.

Mr. P Teahan stated that currently there is no funding available for territory roads but undertook to raise the matter at next weeks scheduled meeting with T.I.I.

39. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would extend the car park at Valentia Graveyard.

REPLY: It is not currently proposed to prioritise the extension of car parking at this location in the context of any future development of burial grounds in the Municipal District.

40. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would repair the lag at Coad Cross.

REPLY: This location on the N70 National Secondary Road, at Coad Cross has been logged and funding for maintenance sought through the Transport Infrastructure Ireland's map portal. No funding has been received to date and the matter will again be highlighted to the relevant division of Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Cllr. J Healy-Rae said that recently a motorist broke the sump of their car while travelling this road and asked that the sump would be repaired.

41. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would provide a dust bin and sign at White Strand, Castlecove.

REPLY: The council will not provide a bin at this location as the Council is currently only in a position to provide bins at Blue Flag Beaches.

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that this is a very heavily trafficked beach and asked that the council would reconsider providing a litter bin on the strand.

42. Cllr N Moriarty: To install at Sea View Terraces Waterville for traffic calming purposes a low flat top profile surface, with parallel road markings.

REPLY: The Council has reviewed the database of recorded road traffic accidents that is based on CT68 reports from the Gardai. There have been no recorded accidents on this road that would indicate that there is an issue with road safety on this road. The road has a speed limit of 50 km/h. The road geometry of the road particularly its relatively narrow cross section does not promote speeds that would be higher than the speed limit on the road. Considering these factors this road is not considered to require safety improvements and would not meet any of the Department of Transport's criteria for a Safety Improvement Scheme.

Refer to notice of motion no 30.

43. Cllr. N Moriarty: To make provision for more car parking at Incharoo Graveyard in Glencar.

REPLY: It is not currently proposed to prioritise the extension of car parking at this location in the context of any future development of burial grounds in the Municipal District.

44. Cllr. N Moriarty: To install electric speed indicator warning lights in Beaufort from the Dunloe and Laune sides.

REPLY: This request will be considered for any appropriate scheme of funding that may be announced during the year such as the Clar programme funded by The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.

Cllr N Moriarty expressed disappointment with the reply and asked will the works be funded under a CLÁR scheme.

45. Cllr N Moriarty: To install electric speed indicator warning lights at the entry and exit points for Keel.

REPLY: The Council sought and received funding for the provision of Driver Feedback Signs in the vicinity of Castledrum National School (R561) through a Clár submission at the end of 2016. The final detail of this proposal is currently being prepared with a view to placing an order for the signs. These signs will also serve Boolteens Village.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the reply.

46. Cllr. N Moriarty: To increase parking provision at Reenroe Beach, Ballinskelligs.

REPLY: Any future investment in improved infrastructure at the beaches in this Municipal District will be focused on the Blue Flag Beaches. Accordingly, as Reenroe Beach is not a Blue Flag beach it is not likely to receive funding for parking provision in the short to medium term.

47. Cllr. N Moriarty: To have the following road L4048 at Rossdoochan skirted, cleaned and drained.

REPLY: General maintenance works will be carried out on the L-4048 road to the extent allowable under Local Roads Upkeep funding. This work will be carried out in the second quarter of this year.

Cllr N Moriarty requested that drainage works would be carried out.

Mr. M Kelliher confirmed that there is a drainage problem.

48. Cllr. N Moriarty: To replace a faulty shower with an electric shower at (Details with Directorate)

REPLY: Kerry County Council will check the condition of the existing shower to ascertain if replacement is required.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the reply.

49. Cllr. N Moriarty: To install as many traffic calming measures as possible leading from the National school heading down the newly resurfaced Spunkane Road, Waterville.

REPLY: The Council will provide slow road markings on this section of the L-4072 Local Primary Road within the next three weeks.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the reply.

50. Cllr. N Moriarty: Is it possible to ensure extended Opening Times of the Public Toilets in Ballinskelligs.

REPLY: The public toilets in Ballinskelligs are opened from 23rd May until 25th September and also opened on St. Patrick's weekend, Easter weekend and the May and October bank holiday weekends. These opening times are considered adequate.

Cllr N Moriarty said the matter arose at a public meeting she attended. She asked that the council would liaise with the local committee regarding the opening times.

Notice of motion no 51 to 57 was moved by Cathaoirleach J F Flynn on behalf of Cllr D Quigg.

51. Cllr D Quigg: That this Council commits to completing works at the Bridge in Doora Portmagee before the end of April 2017, and please give a breakdown of the costs associated to same.

REPLY: The process of designing a replacement bridge structure at Doory, Portmagee is ongoing at present. The Council have appointed the structural engineers Malachy Walsh and Partners to undertake the design work. They have completed the initial design phase and are proceeding to apply for the necessary statutory consents, In this regard, an application has been submitted to receive 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 and a decision is awaited.

The working cost estimate is " 100,000 and that sum has been provided for in the 2017 Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan which was considered under Item 1(d) of the Agenda. Design costs are " 13,500 and the balance of " 86,500 is for construction.

The works are currently scheduled to be fully complete early in quarter 3.

52. Cllr. D Quigg: That this council address the poor condition of the safety wall and railing at the car park and green area at Clogher Strand, two miles west of Ballyferriter, some of the rock armour has also been swept away which helps to protect this area.

REPLY: There is no funding available at present to undertake improvement works at this location. The cost of repairing the damaged stonework can be estimated with a view to receiving a CSMDO allocation upon request.

53. Cllr. D Quigg: That this Council agree to take in Charge a small pier near Portmagee, details with planning dept.

REPLY: Kerry County Council has a limited budget to maintain 58 Piers/Slipways throughout the County and is currently not in a position to take an additional pier in charge without appropriate funding to maintain the facility.

54. Cllr D Quigg: That this Council apply for immediate funding for the N70 route from Banshagh Killorglin to St James Church, it requires an immediate overlay.

REPLY: This section of N70 National Secondary Road was formally submitted last year to Transport Infrastructure Ireland as the top priority in the County for the consideration of pavement

improvement funding. This matter will be raised with Transport Infrastructure Ireland at a meeting that is scheduled for next week.

55. Cllr D Quigg: That this Council write to TII requesting funding to introduce traffic calming measures at upper Langford street Killorglin adjacent to Fexco, Scamps and Scholars, Killorglin Sports Complex and Killorglin Community College.

REPLY: Lining and signing measures have been introduced at this location and were funded through CSMDO funding. However, in view of the level of activity at this location it will be considered for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the Safety Improvements scheme with a view to introducing a raised table or other appropriate safety feature for an urban environment.

56. Cllr D Quigg: That this council carry out works at Tullig Cross Killorglin as this now has become an accident Black spot.

REPLY: 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 Tullig Junction 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.

57. Cllr D Quigg: That this Council carry out works at Tulligmore Killorglin where two Minor Roads meet the main N70 Road, there has been a number of accidents at this location and near misses in the past few years and locals are very concerned that it is only a matter of time before a fatality occurs, the sight line must be improved and a continuous double white line provided, this is the second time raising this issue and referring to the road traffic manual from TII won't fix the problem, so please come back with solutions or a plan to address this.

REPLY: 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.

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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 Tulligmore Junction 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.

In relation to the lining, this matter has again been reviewed and the lining that was undertaken following the overlay works in 2014 was carried out in accordance with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Traffic Signs Manual. The Council is legally bound to comply with this document and does not have any discretion in the matter.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council reduce the speed limit to 50km an hour at Curraheen, Glenbeigh on the Ring of Kerry Road in the vicinity of the old Presbytery and extend out the 50km speed limit from Glenbeigh village out past Falvey's Caravan Park and the private Housing Estates on 'Health & Safety' grounds as a matter of extreme urgency".

REPLY: Transport Infrastructure Ireland are the authority reviewing speed limits on National Routes and this location has been brought to the attention of TII.

Cllr M Cahill said that these two issues are urgently required and asked that the council would make all efforts to ensure that the speed limit of 50km is extended out to Falveys caravan park, as this section of the road is a death trap.

2. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council resurface the road from Ivy Rock to Droumbrain, Glencar as a matter of extreme urgency as this road is in a very dangerous condition.

REPLY: The L11667, Local Tertiary cul de Sac road from Ivy Rock to Droumbrain has not been included in the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for 2017. However, it is suitable for funding through a Community Involvement scheme.

Cllr. M Cahill asked that an estimate would be prepared.

3. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council immediately address major "Health & Safety" issues at the entrance to Glenbeigh Village on the Ring of Kerry by extending the Footpath and Public Lighting out past Reenalagane Cross on the Killorglin road.

REPLY: 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.

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The section of the N70 from Glenbeigh to Reenalagane Cross 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 are no accidents recorded over the past 10 years that would warrant a submission to TII.

Cllr M Cahill expressed disappointed with the reply. He stated that there have been two fatalities on this road. It is a very dangerous section of road and he asked that Kerry County Council would extend the footpath and public lighting beyond Reenalagane Cross on the Killorglin road.

4. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council address unregulated casual trading in strategic locations throughout the county by issuing licenses to established casual traders who can produce the obvious proof.

REPLY: At present casual trading licences are only issued where Casual Trading Bye-Laws are in place which in the South and West Kerry Municipal District is Killorglin and Sneem. Casual Trading Licences can't be issued unless bye-laws are in place and at present the Council's resources in this area are focussed on the introduction of bye-laws for Kenmare.

Cllr M Cahill stated that unregulated casual trading must be regulated. He asked that the council would concentrate on the area from the Red Fox Inn to Caragh Bridge, Mountain stage.

5. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council/ Transport Infrastructure Ireland give a detailed progress report in regards to the dangerous S-Shaped Behy Bridge on the Ring of Kerry Road in the vicinity of Glenbeigh NS where numerous accidents have occurred and where lives have been lost. When will work commence on the construction of a new bridge, how long will this work take and what is the estimated cost?

REPLY: Kerry County Council's National Road Design Office (Kerry NRDO) has developed a number of route options in the vicinity of Glanbehy Bridge aimed primarily at removing a series of low radius bends associated with a perpendicular crossing of the River Behy as well as improving the alignment on both approaches to this crossing.

All proposals for the N70 Glanbehy Bridge Road Project, which involve the construction of a new bridge and comprise a combination of both off-line/on-line realignments, are presently being appraised. The options under consideration vary between 900m and 1850m in length and overall costs range from c. " 3m to 4.5m.

It is anticipated that the Route Selection Report will be finalised and formally submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland in Q2.2017. Environmental Screenings & Assessment have been completed

and there is no requirement for an EIS. Approval from TII will be sought to proceed with the Part 8 Planning process later this year. Construction work, which would be likely to last for c. 12 months, could commence the following year subject to the necessary approvals and the availability of funding from TII.

Cllr. M Cahill welcomed the proposal and said that Glenbehy National School must be taken into consideration as part of the proposed works. He added that every second day the council are repairing the bridge.

Mr. P Teahan stated that Mr. D Walsh NRDO will give a briefing at a later date regarding the proposed works to the bridge.

6. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council set up and spearhead a committed working group in conjunction with all associated agencies so as to ensure that the people of Cromane get their long awaited Pier

REPLY: The provision of a pier at Cromane was previously progressed by the Department of the Marine with the assistance of Kerry County Council and was originally estimated to cost between " 6.5m and " 8m. The Department of the Marine was leading the project and it was always clear that the Department would have to fund the development.

Kerry County Council has no funding stream for capital works in Piers & Harbours except for "The Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme" operated by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine(DAFM) which is subject to certain terms and conditions, one being that the total project cost shall not exceed " 150,000.

Any proposals for a new pier in Cromane is substantially outside the remit of the Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme.

It is an objective of the Kerry Local Economic & Community Plan 2016 - 2022 to 'Re-examine the feasibility of the development of Cromane Pier and associated infrastructure' (LECP Objective 1.11.5.5). This feasibility study will be carried out by Kerry County Council and following its completion Kerry County Council will seek to progress this development in conjunction with the associated agencies.

Cllr M Cahill stated that it is unacceptable that in this day and age there is no pier in Cromane. It can be frustrating for the fishermen and said that the council should be supporting this infrastructure. Any response received from the Department appears to shift the onus on Kerry County Council. This campaign is running with over 40 years and the locals have requested that a committee would be set up to spear head the construction of a Pier in Cromane. He asked when the feasibility of Cromane Pier will be re-examined.

Mr. M O' Donoghue replied that he understood the feasibility study is scheduled for 2021, but will confirm this and revert to Cllr M Cahill.

7. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council remove all large rocks in Ballinakilla Burial Ground as a matter of extreme urgency as they are causing great distress for bereaved family members and the grave diggers, as family graves are now been split and loved one are being buried apart.

REPLY: The Council will remove any large boulders visible on the surface of the burial ground.

Cllr M Cahill said that he has been contacted by a number of families regarding this matter. He acknowledged the reply but said that the problem seems to have arisen underneath the surface when the graves are been dug. He asked that a test would be carried out to determine if large boulders are present underneath the surface.

Mr. P Teahan stated that he didn't foresee any test been carried out.

8. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: I again raise the issue of the Council improving the road at Gortamullen Kenmare which I have been told is public, it is also know as Rookery road, was the old road to Sneem, adjoining land owners have got hedge cutting notices, there are signs put up by the Council saying Kenmare bay hotel and the Kerry way. It is only about 100 meters long.

REPLY: This road/pathway is private and is not in the charge of the Council.

Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen stated that he raised this matter previously on a number of occasions. It is a small section of road and the adjoining landowners have stated that they don't own this particular section of land. It is part of the Kerry Way and in the past farmers used this road to bring their cattle to Fairs and Marts. He added that the adjoining land owners have received hedge cutting notices.

Mr. P Teahan confirmed that this is a private road and it isn't in the charge of Kerry County Council.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen asked that confirmation of same would be forwarded to him as there are mix replies on the ownership of the road.

Cllr P Teahan confirmed that confirmation would be forwarded to Cllr P Connor-Scarteen.

9. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: When will Kerry County Council be repairing the road from Lislibane to Coolroe, Beaufort.

REPLY:The L11756, Local Tertiary Road at Lisleibane has been repaired this week.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the reply.

10. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: When and how many extra outdoor staff will Kerry County Council be taking on in the South & West Municipal District?.

REPLY:Five General Operatives are currently employed on temporary contracts in the Operations Department (two in the Dingle Area, two in the Killorglin Area and one in the Kenmare Area). It is proposed that the Caherciveen Area will employ one General Operative on a temporary contract in May.

11. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: Please provide traffic calming measures on the road at Sea View Terrace, Waterville.

REPLY: The Council has reviewed the database of recorded road traffic accidents that is based on CT68 reports from the Gardai. There have been no recorded accidents on this road that would indicate that there is an issue with road safety on this road. The road has a speed limit of 50 km/h.

The road geometry of the road particularly its relatively narrow cross section does not promote speeds that would be higher than the speed limit on the road. Considering these factors this road is not considered to require safety improvements and would not meet any of the Department of Transport's criteria for a Safety Improvement Scheme.

Cllr P Connor-Scarreen stated that this road is heavily trafficked, it services the estate and the GAA field and asked that an adequate speed limit would be implemented on this road.

Mr. P Teahan said that the council is currently marking the road and signage is also been erected.

12. Cllr. P Connor-Scarreen: That Kerry County Council put a small extension and slipway onto the pier at Tahilla, Sneem.

REPLY: While the development of a small extension and slipway at Tahilla, Sneem would be welcome it would likely require planning permission, appropriate environmental assessment and a foreshore lease. A site survey and project design would also need to be carried out to determine the scope of these works and feasibility of same prior to any application for funding. Kerry County Council is progressing a number of such projects through feasibility and design stage and Tahilla will be prioritised accordingly.

Cllr P Connor-Scarreen welcomed the reply.

13. Cllr. P Connor-Scarreen: Please give an update with the bridges at Doory, Portmagee and Killoe, Cahersiveen will be fixed.

REPLY: A sum of " 200,000 has been provided in the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan to replace these bridge structures at Doory, Portmagee and Killoe, Caherciveen.

The process of designing replacement bridge structures is ongoing at present. The Council have appointed the structural engineers Malachy Walsh and Partners to carry out the design work. They have completed the initial design phase and are proceeding to apply for the necessary statutory consents. In this regard, an application has been submitted to receive 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 and a decision is awaited.

The works will be completed in Quarter 3 of 2017.

Cllr P Connor-Scarreen welcomed the reply.

14. Cllr S Fitzgerald: Any update on the progress of putting in footpaths and public lighting at Ceann Trá?

REPLY: The Council has, within the past two weeks, reached agreement with landowners for the acquisition of land which will, subject to funding, provide pedestrian connectivity between Ceann

Trá village and Ceann Trá Blue Flag Beach. The project will progress to construction when a suitable source of external funding has been received.

Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the positive reply and said this is fantastic progress after many years. He asked that the council would consider the project through CLÁR funding.

Mr. P Teahan stated that many avenues of funding will be considered.

15. Cllr S Fitzgerald: Aon tuairisc chun dáta ar feabhas a chur ar Casadh na Gráige?

15. Cllr S Fitzgerald: What's the latest report on improvements at Casadh na Gráige?

FREAGRA: Tá an Comhairle ag críochnú mapa, chun talamh a fháil le haghaidh carr agus bus chlós, ciallaíonn sé sin gur féidir dul i dteagmháil leis na h-úinéirí.

REPLY: The Council is currently completing land acquisition mapping for an extensive car and coach park. This will enable negotiations with landowners to be advanced.

Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the reply.

16. Cllr S Fitzgerald: When does Kerry County Council envisage commencing the process of the speed limit review for the County?

REPLY: It is proposed to present the Draft Speed Limit Bye-Laws to Members at the next Municipal District Meeting.

Mr. P Teahan stated that the Draft Speed Limit Bye-Laws will be presented at the next Municipal District meeting.

Cllr M Cahill asked did a formal consultation with the relevant statutory agencies take place.

Mr. P Teahan replied that there will be consultation with statutory agencies.

17. Cllr S Fitzgerald: Has Kerry County Council investigated the need for additional burial spaces at or near Killiney Cementry in Castlegregory?

REPLY: Kerry County Council are currently carrying out an audit of all burial grounds in the county taking into account available capacity and future demands. This audit will create a prioritised list of burial grounds requiring development or extension.

A funding source will be examined on completion of the audit. The Killiney Burial Ground will be examined as part of this process.

However, a recent survey of the burial ground at Killiney has indicated there is a space available for in excess of 5 years of burials.

Cllr S Fitzgerald stated that the situation at Killiney Cementry is urgent.

18. Cllr S Fitzgerald: Will Kerry county council investigate the flooding issue adjacent to (Details with Directorate). The pipe / gullet which runs underground is not able to take high level of rain in times of flooding.

REPLY: The Council shall investigate this matter as a part of the Restoration Improvement Works being undertaken along this road later this year and will undertake any necessary works at that time.

Cllr S Fitzgerald welcomed the reply.

19. Cllr. M O' Shea: To ask what is the up to date position with the request made by the (Details with Directorate), whom reside on the N72, for a cattle underpass at their address?

REPLY: A Planning Application was submitted for the development of an underpass on the N72 National Secondary Road at Coolroe South, Killorglin, Planning File Ref 14-588. The then National Roads Authority (now Transport Infrastructure Ireland) made a detailed submission which in summary was requesting that Technical Acceptance of the structure was required from the NRA and this was detailed in a request for further information issued to the applicant's agent from the Planning Department. The six month period for submission of the further information elapsed without details of Technical Acceptance being received. It is a matter for the applicants to receive the Technical Acceptance and reapply for planning permission, if they wish to proceed with the development.

Cllr S Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply.

20. Cllr. M O' Shea: To ask Kerry County Council is there any update on the funding to reconstruct the road from Astellas to Killorglin church?

REPLY: This section of N70 National Secondary Road was formally submitted last year to Transport Infrastructure Ireland as the top priority in the County for the consideration of pavement improvement funding. This matter will be raised with Transport Infrastructure Ireland at a meeting that is scheduled for next week.

Cllr M O' Shea stated that the public have approached him regarding the condition of the road. He acknowledged that the council will be meeting with T.I.I in the forthcoming week and asked that if a favourable response isn't received from T.I.I., that the members would request a deputation with them.

21. Cllr. M O' Shea: To ask what is the up to date position with the proposed footpath on the N72 from Killorglin to the old Liebig factory, ie would it be a roadside footpath or a boardwalk?

REPLY: A Draft Feasibility Report has been prepared which examines the constructability of a footpath adjacent to the existing N72 between Killorglin and the old Liebig factory as well as an alternative Riverwalk option. The report will be finalised shortly and submitted to the TII for funding approval.

Cllr M O' Shea acknowledged that a response will be forthcoming.

22. Cllr. M O' Shea: To ask Kerry County Council what is the up to date position with the provision of a light for Scoil Naomh Eoin Baiste, Lispole?

REPLY: We are currently dealing with ESB Networks on the possibility of providing lighting at this location. Unfortunately, there is overhead high voltage power lines running the entire length of the requested location. A safe solution will have to be determined before any commitment is given.

Cllr M O' Shea acknowledged the reply.

23. Cllr. M O' Shea: To ask Kerry County Council what is the ongoing position with Beaufort graveyard and with the takeover of the old Church of Ireland graveyard at Knockaine, Beaufort (Churchtown)?

REPLY: Kerry County Council are currently carrying out an audit of all burial grounds in the county taking into account available capacity and future demands. This audit will create a prioritised list of burial grounds requiring development or extension.

A funding source will be examined on completion of the audit. The Churchtown Burial Ground will be examined as part of this process.

However, a recent survey of the burial ground at Churchtown has indicated there is a space available for in excess of 5 years of burials.

The Council is currently examining the takeover of the graveyard at Knockaine.

Cllr M O' Shea welcomed the reply.

24. Cllr. M O' Shea: To ask will Kerry County Council to provide flashing lights and school warning signs at Ballyferriter Primary School.

REPLY: A submission for funding for the provision of a School Flashing Light at this location was made as part of the application for Clár funding in late 2016. The submission was unsuccessful on that occasion. Should a similar request for proposals be received from the The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs then, a further submission shall be made.

25. Cllr M O' Shea: To ask that the public footpath on the left hand side going out the Lyre road and running parallel to the An Tuirin Linn estate be immediately repaired.

REPLY: There is currently no funding programme available for local road footpaths. However, this work is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund. An estimate shall be prepared upon request.

Cllr M O' Shea said that he believed that the footpath is beyond CSMDO fund. There is holes in the footpath and requires immediate works. He asked that repair works would be carried out immediately.

26. Cllr D McCarthy: What is the estimated cost of the repair works taking place in the Molls Gap road and when will this be completed?

REPLY: The estimated cost of the repairs works to the retaining wall on the N71 near Molls gap is " 720,000. This includes design costs, construction works, site supervision and temporary traffic management arrangements. These works are being fully funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland and overall project management is being undertaken by the TII's Structures Unit.

The works will be substantially complete and opened to traffic by the 28 th April 2017. Minor work may continue until the 12th May 2017.

Cllr D McCarthy stated that works to the Sneem road are commencing next week and said he believed that the works shouldn't be ongoing at the same time.

Mr. P Teahan stated that there will be a Stop and Go system in place at Tahilla. It has been debated at previous Municipal Districts meetings the urgency to have these works completed.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said that this strengthens his case for works to Poulgorm road.

Mr. P Teahan stated that he accepted the locals are taken the impact of the traffic delays.

27. Cllr D McCarthy: What is the progress on the footpath from Brooklane Hotel the main road?

REPLY: A design has been completed and we will approach the landowner in the coming weeks.

Cllr D McCarthy said he was satisfied with this reply.

28. Cllr D McCarthy: Have repairs been undertaken on the Libes road in Ballinskelligs?

REPLY: This repair has been carried out recently.

Cllr D McCarthy welcomed the reply.

29. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would provide a street light in Castlecove Village where there was always one.

REPLY: The location referred to is the Lub na hAbhainn unfinished estate. This is currently a private housing estate. Kerry County Council have claimed the bond but it is not paid up. The Housing Estates Unit met with the bondsman agent seeking to agree a site resolution plan but this has not been agreed. The provision of lighting can only resolved in the context of resolution of issues regarding the estate.

Cllr D McCarthy insisted that historically there was a light present here and is willing to provide proof of same. The village is in darkness.

Mr. P Teahan stated that the matter can only be addressed by resolution through the Housing Estates Unit. He undertook to raise the matter again with the Housing Estates Unit.

30. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: Has Kerry County Council made any progress with extra parking for Kenmare and Dingle for the summer?

REPLY: In relation to Dingle, the Council is continuing to negotiate with one landowner regarding provision of a new car park in the town centre. If an agreement could be concluded shortly then the car park would be completed for the peak tourist season.

In relation to Kenmare, it is anticipated that the car park at the Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine will again kindly be made available and we remain open to examining other suitable locations for car parking that may be for sale or long term lease at general property market rates.

Cllr J Healy- Rae asked did negotiations take place with the landowner in Kenmare.

Mr. P Teahan stated that the land exceeded the market rate.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said that if some form of parking could be acquired for the summer time.

Mr. M O' Donoghue said that every avenue had been exhausted to acquire parking, it is an extremely slow progress.

31. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would look at renting land offered to them in Portmagee for a Car Park, as parking is impossible there in the summer.

REPLY: The Council is currently constructing a new parking area beyond the church in Portmagee. This project is being funded from the The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs Town and Village Renewal Grant and has received an allocation of " 46,455. It not viable to rent land in the village for short term car parking due to the capital cost involved in bringing the lands up to a suitable standard for public car parking.

Cllr J Healy-Rae welcomed the reply and the funding.

32. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would erect a name plate at Laune View Estate in Killorglin.

REPLY: There is an existing name plate on a wall at the entrance to the estate. However, a replacement name plate would be suitable for funding through a CSMDO and an estimate will be prepared upon request.

33. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would install traffic calming measures at Kilmurry Estate, Kenmare.

REPLY: In view of the long straight access road into this estate, the provision of traffic calming measures in this estate will be considered for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for funding under the Safety Improvement Grant.

34. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would provide a public toilet in the Mart car park, Dingle.

REPLY: The Mart car park in Dingle is owned by Marglann an Daingin Teo and operated under lease by Kerry County Council. It is not therefore intended to provide public toilets at this location.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said that the public toilet is a considerable distance from the Mart in Dingle.

35. Cllr. N Moriarty: Has progress been made in securing the second phase of Minor Works Funding to carry out the remedial work required at Ballinskelligs pier. This work is necessary to ensure the pier is operational for the forthcoming season?

REPLY: Kerry County Council has applied to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) for 75% funding of the estimated project costs of " 150,000 for Phase 2 of the pier stabilisation works and structural repairs at Ballinskelligs Pier under the 2017 Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme.

Kerry County Council recently submitted additional details in relation to our application for funding of these works and is awaiting a final determination by DAFM on the funding application.

36. Cllr. N Moriarty: To pursue funding from TII to carry out restoration and strengthening of Inchinaleega West on the entrance to Sneem for approx 600 meters.

REPLY: This section of the N70 National Secondary Road was formally submitted last year to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for the consideration of the provision of pavement improvement funding. This matter will be raised with Transport Infrastructure Ireland at a meeting that is scheduled for next week.

Cllr N Moriarty asked that an update would be provided on foot of the meeting with T.I.I.

Mr. P Teahan undertook to revert to Cllr N Moriarty on the matter.

37. Cllr. N Moriarty: That the Cast Iron Signs erected at Beaufort be added to, currently they only have the name of the river as gaeilge but not Abhann indicating that they refer to rivers.

REPLY: These signs were erected by the Council in 2015 as part of a local initiative by the Beaufort Tidy Towns group. The aim of the initiative was to name the rivers in the Beaufort area. The supply and erection of the signs was fully funded by Councillors Allocations.

There is a symbol on the signs indicating that they are rivers. Adding the term River before river names in Irish will affect the spelling of the river name, and this may well result in a different spelling, for example, An Leamhain would become Abhainn na Leamhna. This would then entail changing the complete sign and it is not currently proposed to replace these relatively recently erected signs.

Cllr N Moriarty acknowledged the reply.

38. Cllr. N Moriarty: To work on FLAG applications for Rossdoochan with a view to improving the landing and embarkation of pier users. In particular to examine the installation of a floating pontoon.

REPLY: Kerry County Council will liaise with the FLAG South West and the users of Rossdoochan Pier in order to avail of any FLAG funding options to improve the landing and embarkation for pier users.

Mr. P Teahan stated that the council will meet with the FLAG South West in the next couple of weeks to access this funding.

39. Cllr N Moriarty: To work with the local community in Portmagee to progress a future FLAG application for Kilkeavaragh Pier and possible heritage project.

REPLY: Kerry County Council will work with the local community in Portmagee to help progress a future FLAG application for Kilkeavaragh Pier.

Cllr N Moriarty welcomed the reply.

40. Cllr N Moriarty: Toorsaleen Road- Can we carry out remedial works along this road as soon as possible and list it for consideration in the next Roads programme.

REPLY: The L-7524 Local Secondary Road in Toorsaleen is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Restoration Improvement Programme 2017 - 2018 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the local road network. This road will be considered for inclusion in next Restoration Improvement Programme. General maintenance works will be carried out on this road to the extent allowable under Local Roads Upkeep funding.

Mr. M Kelliher stated that drainage works and patching works will be carried out to this road.

41. Cllr. N Moriarty: Dromeragh Road- To ensure that the remaining section of Dromeragh Road is listed for the next Roads Programme and in the interim is repaired as much as possible.

REPLY: This section of the L-11638 Local Tertiary Road in Dromeragh is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Restoration Improvement Programme 2017 - 2018 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the local road network. This section of the L-11638 will be considered for inclusion in next Restoration Improvement Programme. General maintenance works will be carried out on this road to the extent allowable under Local Roads Upkeep funding.

42. Cllr. N Moriarty: That the junction at Dooneen and the main road at Foilmore be improved to ensure safe Sight Lines.

REPLY: 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 Dooneen Junction 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 has only been one single vehicle accident recorded over the past 10 years in the vicinity of the junction. This would not warrant a submission to TII.

Cllr N Moriarty asked that the area would be re-investigated.

43. Cllr. N Moriarty: That we work closely with Valentia Island Development Group and support their efforts to make the island as energy efficient as possible. Specifically looking at means by which we can support pilot projects in terms of wind and hydro power generation.

REPLY: The Energy Section can meet with the Valentia Island Development Group, if they so wish, or, if it is more appropriate subject to further details, can facilitate a meeting with the relevant department, (i.e. Planning, Environment etc) to discuss any pilot wind or hydro power generation projects they may have.

Cllr N Moriarty stated that the Valentia Island Development Group is very committed to making the Island as energy efficient as possible.

Mr. P Teahan replied that Mr. Gerry Riordan will liaise with the development Group.

Medical Hardship and Emergency Scheme

Mr. P Teahan referred to the circulated document which detailed the current applications on hand.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn asked if funding from the Local Improvement Scheme could be reallocated to the Medical Hardship and Emergency Scheme.

Mr. P Teahan replied that the reallocation of funding is not possible. The sum of " 10,000 has been set aside to support applications on a county wide basis.

Cllr M OqShea said he was disappointed with the " 10,000 allocation and said that the sum of " 10,000 should be made available to each Municipal District.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that a letter would issue to the members seeking agreement regarding the provision of CSMDO allocations towards this scheme over the next 3 years.

(d) Questions

(6) 31.03.17.06 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 Bus Eireann to provide a Bus Shelter in Milltown as a matter of extreme urgency and take into consideration the significant increase in population in recent years, the two new schools and the fact that Milltown is now the main commuter town in Kerry.

Reply: The provision of bus shelters falls within the remit of the National Transport Authority. The Council has previously written to the NTA in relation to the provision of bus shelters in rural areas. The following is an extract from their

There are approximately 10,000 bus stops across the State. Because of the limited funding that is available for bus shelters, it is simply impossible to provide bus shelters in all of the locations that the National Transport Authority (NTA) would wish to.

In the light of those funding constraints the NTA has developed a prioritisation policy to determine the installation of shelters. The objective of this policy is to prioritise the installation of shelters in both metropolitan areas and in towns/rural areas on the following basis:-

- A. One bus shelter in each direction at the busiest stop in all towns that have a population size exceeding 1,000 people;
- B. Bus shelter at the two busiest bus stops in each direction in towns that have a population size exceeding 3,000 people;
- C. Bus shelter at the three busiest bus stops in each direction in towns that have a population size exceeding 10,000 people; and
- D. In locations other than A, B and C where such stops are served by 10 or more Public Service Obligation (PSO) services per day.
- E. In addition, the provision of bus shelters may also be considered at locations that are major trip attractors and generators such as major employment hubs, educational facilities, hospitals, major retail and leisure centres and transport interchanges.

Unfortunately, neither Milltown nor Castlemaine meets the policy criteria.

Given current funding constraints, it will take a number of years to complete the delivery of bus shelters at the locations encompassed under the policy, and it is not possible to indicate at this stage when the policy will be expanded to address other locations outside the policy such as Milltown and Castlemaine.

Cllr M Cahill stated that he recently attended a meeting in Milltown where the current and future requirements for the town were discussed. The provision of a bus shelter was noted and as the population of the village has increased significantly over the last number of years, the provision of a bus shelter in the town is paramount and is a basic need in this day and age. He said he believed that the bus shelter is a requirement under health and safety. He proposed that a letter would issue to the National Transport Authority requesting the provision of a bus shelter in Milltown.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn seconded the proposal.

2. Cllr M Cahill: That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton TD to introduce a specific programme for Secondary School Children, on the value of money.

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

Cllr M Cahill requested that a programme would be introduced in secondary schools educating young people on the value of money. He stated that he is aware that some secondary schools already have a similar programme introduced. It is important that students are educated in the value of money and that an emphasis is put on the waste of money that alcohol and drugs are.

3. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris TD.to immediately address the huge waiting lists for Ear,Nose and Throat Services in Kerry University Hospital and Cork University Hospital by dramatically increasing funding and resources as a matter of extreme urgency

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

Cllr M Cahill said he has received numerous complaints from the public regarding the volume of people on the waiting list for Ear, Nose and Throat services in Kerry University Hospital and Cork University Hospital. He proposed that a letter would issue to the Minister for Health Mr. Simon Harris outlining this problem.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn seconded the proposal.

4. Cllr. M Cahill: That Kerry County Council fully support an application for funding to Inland Fisheries by Laune Rangers towards the construction of 3 Disabled Stands, the upgrading of Car Park with Disabled Spaces and the provision of Disabled Toilets in Killorglin.

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

Cllr M Cahill said that is very important that the council would support this application.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn seconded the notice of motion.

It was agreed that a letter supporting the application would issue to Laune Rangers Football Club.

5. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That we the members of the South & West Kerry Municipal District call upon the Minister for Education to allocate funding for a New National School in Waterville.

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

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen said that he recently attended a meeting in Waterville where the requirement for a new school and play area was discussed. He stated that the current drop off location outside the school is very dangerous. He proposed that a letter would issue to the Department of Education to call upon the Minister to allocate funding for a new National School in Waterville.

Cllr N Moriarty seconded the proposal and said that the road outside the school is very dangerous and with an increase in population in the Waterville area, the requirement for a new school is vital.

6. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That we call upon the relevant state Dept to provide grants to business to make their premises more wheelchair accessible.

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

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen stated that almost all recently constructed buildings are wheelchair accessible, however for older building it can be an issue. He asked that a letter would issue to the relevant Government Department requesting that grants would be provided to businesses to make their premises more wheelchair accessible.

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn seconded the proposal.

7. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please get information about pair trawling in South & West Kerry, what areas is it permitted in? what time of the year? and what type of fish are permitted to be caught?

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

Cathaoirleach J F Flynn seconded the proposal.

8. Cllr. M O' Shea: Has there been any response from Failte Ireland regarding the designs of the Wild Atlantic Way signs?

Reply: Fáilte Ireland carried out extensive research on both the branding and technical aspects of the Wild Atlantic Way 'photo point' signage, prior to finalising the design. The signs are made of corten steel which is appropriate for the Wild Atlantic Way and Failte Ireland have advised that their appearance will become less dramatic and dissolve into the landscape in time. These photo opportunity signs serve to promote locations all around our county, where visitors can photograph

themselves and upload to social media - a platform which is increasingly becoming the most successful way of marketing our tourism product.

Cllr M O' Shea stated that the signs are very unsightly and hideous and suggested that the enforcement officer would arrange to have them removed. He said he believed that they play no part in selling the Wild Atlantic Way. He proposed that a letter would issue to Fáilte Ireland asking that the signs would be removed or alternatively painted green or blue.

Cllr M Cahill wished to support the notice of motion and seconded the proposal. He said that he has raised this matter previously and referred in particular to the signage in Rossbeigh where the base hasn't yet been completed. He requested that this council would ask Fáilte Ireland how much the poles and signage cost to construct, as he has been advised that it was very costly.

9. Cllr. D McCarthy: To find out from An Post what is the update regarding the sorting the post in the Kenmare area.

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

Cllr D McCarthy said that a resolution had previously been forwarded from this Municipal District to An Post and the Kenmare post office has still received no confirmation if the sorting office is to remain in the town. He added that a premise has been offered to An Post in the Kenmare area.

On the proposal of Cllr D McCarthy and seconded by Cllr P connor-Scarteen it was agreed that the resolution would be forwarded to An Post.

10. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would write to the OPW to monitor Valentia Harbour.

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

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that a split has occurred in the Harbour and the local fishermen believe that the OPW aren't aware of this. He requested that a letter would be forwarded to the OPW requesting them to investigate this matter further.

Mr. M O' Donoghue asked that Cllr J Healy-Rae would submit the relevant maps and documentation to the council where the matter can be reviewed further.

11. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would write to the OPW requesting that the landing season would be extended for landing on Skellig Michael.

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

Cllr J Healy-Rae said that the season is very short and can be extremely disappointing for local boatmen and tourists. He asked that a letter would issue to the OPW requesting that the landing season would be extended by one month either side of the year. He said he

believed that it would ease the demand during the peak season and would increase the livelihoods of the locals.

Cllr N Moriarty supported the notice of motion. She stated that this is in the remit of the OPW and works must be carried out to the Island for health and safety reasons and asked that the works could be done in a shorter timeframe.

Cllr M Cahill said that while the Island is closed, it is costing the area a substantial amount of money. The OPW must be made aware that this is a deprived area and the B&B and restaurants need the business.

On the proposal of Cllr J Healy-Rae and seconded by Cllr N Moriarty it was agreed to forward the resolution to the OPW.

Cllr P Connor-Scarteen also wished to support the proposal.

12. Cllr J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would introduce a policy where all customers entitled to a refund would be reimbursed within 3 months.

Reply: The Council's policy with all payments, including refunds, is to arrange payment at the earliest opportunity, once all necessary supporting documentation is in place.

Cllr J Healy-Rae said that he was aware of an instance where an individual paid Kerry County Council to carry out works. Subsequently the works weren't required to be carried out by the council and the individual is waiting to be refunded. He asked that all customers entitled to a refund would be reimbursed within a three month period from receipt of an application or relevant documentation.

Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that this was an exceptional case and normally all refunds would be reimbursed under a three month period.

13. Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would seek a deputation with the RSA with regard to elderly people having to travel to Tralee for a driving licence.

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

Cllr J Healy-Rae stated that a Driving Licence facility should be located in either the council's area offices or the local Post Office. Alternatively he requested that a NDLS centre would be opened in South Kerry. He stated that it was unreasonable in this present day to expect elderly people to travel from South Kerry to Tralee to renew their driving licences. He said it may be that the RSA don't realise the geography of the area and the distance involved for these people.

Cllr D McCarthy said he fully supported the notice of motion and suggested that the service would be available in the post offices.

On the proposal of Cllr J Healy-Rae and seconded by Cllr N Moriarty it was agreed that the notice of motion would be forwarded to the RSA.

14. Cllr. N Moriarty: That we ascertain from the Dept of Health why we continue to put Fluoride into our public drinking water when it is claimed that to do so is out of step with over 90% of our European neighbours.

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

Cllr N Moriarty requested that the council would issue a letter to the Department of Health asking why the government continues to put fluoride in public drinking water when it is believed that 90% of other European countries don't appear to do so.

Cllr M Cahill seconded the proposal.

Notice of Motion no 15 & 17 were moved by Cathaoirleach J F Flynn on behalf of Cllr D Quigg.

15. Cllr D Quigg: That this Council write to the Dept of Justice requesting that we maintain our Court Services in the town of Killorglin and relocate to offices at Library Square Killorglin, as was the original plan.

Reply: Kerry County Council has written to the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice has consulted with the Court Service who advised that
The Courts Service intends to consult with local court users as to the medium/long term plan for Killorglin Courthouse and its business and in this context consideration can be given as to the availability of any available alternative venue. It is expected that these consultations will commence in the near future.

16. Cllr D Quigg: That this Council write to Bus Eireann requesting that a bus stop sign be erected in Castlemaine village.

Reply: The provision of bus shelters falls within the remit of the National Transport Authority. The Council has previously written to the NTA in relation to the provision of bus shelters in rural areas. The following is an extract from their reply:

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(c) Correspondence

Mr. J Foley briefed the members on the following correspondence forwarded to the Corporate Support Department.

1	Letter from National Transport Authority dated 01 st February 2017 regarding the request to erect a bus shelter in Castlemaine and Milltown village.
2	Letter from Min Richard Bruton Minister for Education and skills dated 08 th February, 2017 regarding Autism services in county Kerry.
3.	Letter from HSE dated 19 th January, 2017 regarding the request to combat the rising number of suicide cases in Kerry.
4.	Letter from National Transport Authority dated 16 th March regarding the request for a bus shelter in all rural areas.
5.	Letter form Department of Arts, Heritage and Rural Affairs dated 16 th March, 2017 regarding extending the burning season by one month.
6.	Email from the Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality Ms. Frances Fitzgerald, dated 27 th March, 2017, regarding the Courthouse in Killorglin.

Mr. M O'Donoghue referred to the correspondence from the Tánaiste's office regarding the courthouse in Killorglin and confirmed that discussions have taken place with the County Registrar and the matter has been forwarded to the Court Services.

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

(f) Any Other Business

31.03.17.06(b) Approval for the Reception of Deputations

A discussion took place and it was agreed that the following deputation would attend the next meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

Residents of Sneem
Re: Derelict estate in the Village.
Requested by Cllr J Healy-Rae

(b) Beaufort Community Council
Re: Road and Signage Issues
Requested by Cllr M Cahill

31.03.17.06(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 19th May, 2017 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 3.00 p.m.