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**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TRALEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER ÁRAS AN CHONTAE TRALEE ON MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015.**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH THRÁ LÍ A THIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN LUAN 5 EANAIR 2015.**

**PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**

***Councillors/Comhairleoirí***

**P. Daly**

**T. Ferris**

**P. McCarthy**

**N. Foley**

**T. O'Brien**

**G. Spring**

**T. McEllistrim**

**J. Finucane**

***Absent/as láthair***

**S. Locke**

***In attendance/i láthair***

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan** Delegated Executive for the MD of Tralee

**Mr. G. O'Brien** Meetings Administrator

**Mr. G. Riordan** SE

**Mr. F. Hartnett** SEE

**Mr. C. Mangan** SEE

**Mr. J. Fitzgerald** EE

**Mr. C. Lynch** EE

**Mr. A. Harty** AE

**Ms. H. Switzer** AO

**Ms. K. Curtin** AO

**Ms. J. O'Sullivan** CO

**Ms. M. Galvin** CO

The meeting commenced at 11.00am.

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**15.01.05.01 Confirmation of the Minutes of meeting of the Municipal District of Tralee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November 2014.**

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T. O'Brien SECONDED by Cllr. N. Foley it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, 2014 be confirmed.

## **Vote of Sympathy**

Cllr. P. McCarthy extended his sympathy to the family of the late Neilus Reidy who was a loyal worker for Kerry County Council. Cllr. N. Foley **SECONDED** the Proposal.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. J. Finucane, on behalf of all the members, wished to be associated with the expression of sympathy to the Reidy Family.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan wished to be associated with the sentiments expressed by the previous speakers.

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

(a) To consider the proposed naming of the road between the Oakpark Road and Killeen Road (across from Chestnut Drive) the Old Killeen Road/Sean Bhóthar Cillín.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Finucane **SECONDED** by Cllr. T. O'Brien it was agreed the naming of the road between the Oakpark Road and Killeen Road (across from Chestnut Drive) the Old Killeen Road/Sean Bhóthar Cillín be confirmed.

### **15.01.05.03 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development Directorate**

#### **(a) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. T Ferris:** That the Municipal District Councillors fully support the community effort to have the public rights of way at Akearagh, Banna recognised by our County Development Plan.

**Reply:** This matter will be discussed in the context of the Chief Executive's Report to the Members on the Draft CDP review in January.

**Cllr. T. Ferris acknowledged that this was dealt with at the planning briefing.**

**2. Cllr. N. Foley:** That Kerry County Council (Tralee Municipal District) put in place appropriate signage to promote The Farmers' Market. Perhaps the Mile Height, Listowel Road and other approach roads might be considered.

**Reply:** The provision of any signage in the County must comply with the provisions of the County Development Plan.

Whilst the Council is supportive of the development of Farmers' Markets, the provision of any signage needs to be considered in terms of its function, the message to be imparted and to whom it is targeted. It also needs to be balanced with the need to preserve and improve the aesthetic appearance of the town, the needs of other similar service providers in the context of competition, and whether there is a more effective way of supporting the promotion of the Market.

The views of the members would be welcomed in this regard.

**Cllr. N. Foley** said that The Farmers Market was lacking promotion at the entrance spots to Tralee. She said that this Market is a positive aspect of the Town and needs to be promoted and given the status it deserves. She asked if there was a possibility for the provision of signage.

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan** acknowledged this, but said that this signage could show bias towards the Farmers Market and might upset the rate payers in the town whose businesses were not being advertised by the Council. He suggested looking into the creation of an app or a website page for the Farmers Market instead of individual signs.

**Cllr. T. Ferris** said that the signage for the new Motor Tax office was unsightly and needed to be discarded as soon as possible. She also suggested the erection of one permanent sign at Princes Quay stating that the Farmers Market takes place there at appropriate times.

**Cllr. J. Finucane** said that he was in discussions with the Farmers Market before Christmas and suggested to them moving their market to Denny Street. He said that they were happy with their trading place in Princes Quay and also did not want to move. He suggested looking at the Denny Site as a permanent solution.

**Cllr. N. Foley** asked if a letter could be drafted to the Farmers Market Committee and ask if they would be happy to go ahead with the production of an app and also the idea of one sign placed in Princes Quay permanently. Cllr. Foley suggested upgrading the signage currently on display.

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan** noted that in other European countries, they use just one sign advertising the time and location of the markets. He said Tomás Hayes should be asked to contact the traders on this matter.

**15.01.05.04** To note update report from the Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate

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

**REPORT  
SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES /QUALITY OF LIFE  
DIRECTORATE  
Tralee MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING**

**December 2014**

**Library Service Report December 2014**

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

***Library service:***

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of *The Kerry Magazine* will be launched in the Local Studies section at **Library Headquarters in Tralee on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00p.m.** It will be launched by Ms Helen O'Carroll, Curator, Kerry Museum.

The Kerry Magazine is published by the Kerry Archaeological & Historical Society and its publication is facilitated by Kerry Library by means of secretarial and research support.

Kerry Library has recently subscribed to the Naxos music library resource. It is accessible to library members via a link on the Kerry library website [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie) and provides access to over 1 million music items covering multiple genres, including classical, contemporary jazz, folk, blues, pop and rock, instrumental, etc.

This resource has been put in place by Kerry Library to support the Kerry Music Education Partnership which aims to build up the access to music resources within the county. A range of additional books on music has also recently been added to Tralee Library stock recently.

**Community Services and Engagement Report for December 2014**

***Business Unit Manager – Mr Michael Scannell, Senior Executive Officer***

**Local Community Development Committee**

A meeting of the LCDC took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The meeting considered the Committees role in developing a Leader Strategy for the County and the preparation of the Local Economic & Community Plan in Conjunction with Kerry County Council. Cllr Norma Moriarty was elected chairperson of the LCDC.

The tenders in respect of the Social Inclusion & Community Activation Programme have issued and completed Tenders must be received by 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

### **Public Participation Network Update.**

The Public Participation Network will be organised at County level and at Municipal District level. This is outlined in the guidelines issued by the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government.

Over 300 people attended the first County Plenary Meeting of the PPN on November 12<sup>th</sup> last in Tralee. The large attendance gave another opportunity to present the Public Participation Structure to a wider audience. At this meeting seats were filled on the Strategic Policy Committee in order to have them ratified by Kerry County Council as per statutory requirement before year end. Linkage groups are being organised for each SPC.

Each of the Municipal Districts will have a Public Participation Network, made up of community/voluntary, social inclusion and environmental organisations.

Preliminary meetings have been organised in Listowel and in Tralee to establish the Municipal District PPNs. Invitations have been issued to all registered groups. The Listowel Meeting will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Listowel Family Resource Centre and the **Tralee meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> December in Manor West Hotel.**

### **Pride of Place/Community Awards/Tidy Town Awards**

The national adjudication of the Pride of Place took place in Ennis on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Kerry has four representatives, with the Mitchels Boherbee Community Regeneration Project from the Tralee Municipal District.

The Community Awards were held in Killarney in the past month and were a huge success showcasing the many voluntary groups in the county. Congratulations to all who took part.

The Tralee Tidy Towns Awards also took place recently and the achievements of the year were acknowledged and the various community and business awards presented

### **Emergency Services Report for December 2014**

### ***Business Unit Manager – Mr Michael Hession , Chief Fire Officer***

#### ***Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:***

- Operational volumes of work up to the end of November 2014 are down on the same period last year. There were 916 incidents so far this year compared to 1057 incidents for the same period in 2013.
- Gorse Fires: A demonstration of burning techniques took place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November with Teagasc and the Department of Agriculture to educate land owners on the techniques for controlled burning.

- The fire service took part in the AXA Road Safety Road Show on the 25<sup>th</sup> November in the Gleneagle Hotel, Killarney. This was delivered to 900 secondary school students to highlight to potential young drivers the consequences and effects of serious Road Traffic Accidents.
- CISM: Critical Incident Stress Management training took place for the Rostered Senior Fire Officers in November.
- The annual operational seminar run by the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management for Rostered Senior Fire Officers took place on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

#### **Fire Safety and Prevention:**

- As part of raising awareness of Road Safety, Tralee Fire Brigade provided a vehicle extrication demonstration in association with the Students Union of Tralee I.T. and the An Garda Síochána. This demonstration was held at the ITT campus and was made to be very realistic as student %actors+played the parts of casualties at a 2 car %oad traffic accident+.

#### **Building Control:**

- The number of Commencement Notices received this year to the end of November was 340, which is marginally up on the figure of 328 for the same period last year.
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications.

#### **Civil Defence:**

- Kerry CDO Tom Brosnan attended a comprehensive five-day specialist course in Flood Management at the CD College in Roscrea from 24<sup>th</sup> November to 28<sup>th</sup> November inclusive
- Kerry Civil Defence Facebook page is now up and running.

#### **Major Emergency Management:**

- Regional participation has been ongoing. The COMAH subgroup and the Regional Working Groups had their final quarterly meetings for 2014 in November.
- The Council's Major Emergency Development Committee met recently on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to discuss the Council's winter preparedness for severe weather events.

#### **Administrative Matters:**

- On the Building Control side, during the period from 1 Jan 2014 to 30 Nov 2014 Building Control admin received & processed:
  - 113 Fire Safety Certificate Applications

- 67 Disability Access Certificate Applications
- 337 Commencement Notices

## Housing/Social Services Report for December 2014

***Business Unit Manager – Mr Liam Quinlan , Senior Executive Officer***

### **Activity Report**

- The housing activity report for the period is attached

***John Breen  
Director of Services  
Sustainable Communities /Quality of Life  
November 2014***

## **Social Housing Activity Report at 25th November 2014 Tralee Municipal Area (T.M.A.)**

<b><u>Social Housing Applicants</u></b>	
Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area	50
New Tenancies Commenced	40
Accommodation refusals	8
<b><u>Social Houses</u></b>	
<b>Vacant properties within Municipal Area</b>	
Under/awaiting Repair (excl those subject to major refurbishment)	31
Awaiting Allocation	14
<b>Construction Programme</b>	
Single Rural Dwellings - Transfer Stage	1
Single Rural Dwellings - under construction	0
Extensions - applications on hands	0
Extensions - under construction	0
<b><u>Rental Accommodation Scheme</u></b>	
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span><b><u>County</u></b></span> <span><b><u>T.M.A.</u></b></span> </div>

Total Active Tenancies	806	396
New tenancies in 2014	115	43
Tenancies terminated in 2014	37	15

<b><u>Leasing</u></b>		
	<u>County</u>	<u>T.M.A.</u>
Leased Properties	62	7
Leases under negotiation	9	2

<b><u>Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)</u></b>		
	<u>No.</u>	<u>"</u>
Revised Allocation 2014		2.039m
New Grants Allocated 2014	386	2.165m
Total 2014 Commitment	439	2.504m
Grants Paid	265	1.507m

### **Report from the Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate**

The following are a list of environmental awareness activities taking place this month and planned for the next few months:

- Launch of Smarter Travel for Tralee town was carried out on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November last. Following from this, transport surveys are being carried out in 6 schools this week. Survey data will be analysed. After Christmas, cycle and road safety talks will be carried out in school in an effort to change behaviour.
- Last %Stop Food Waste+Demonstration for the year was carried out at Listowel Food Fair on 20<sup>th</sup> November. It is hoped to carry out similar demonstrations in Tralee next year.
- Repair Workshop was held in Tralee on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup>. As this was a great success more workshops will be organised in Tralee in 2015.
- Collection of White goods / WEEE waste took place in Tralee on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> November. According to the organisers E.R.P., Tralee is the leading town in the country for such collections.
- An Invasive species Seminar for community groups will take place in Feb/March 2015 in the Ballygarry Hotel Tralee. This will be in conjunction with Kerry County Council Biodiversity Officer.
- Sustainable Living / Community Resilience Workshops have been run for Listowel and Tarbert Tidy Towns. If there is enough interest they will be run in Tralee in the New Year. Transition Kerry had a public meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of



December last with accounts of its activities for the year and from Active Town Travel.

- Recycling Guide and Energy / Water Conservation tips for a green Christmas are currently promoted through the Environmental Awareness column in The Kerryman.

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

**1. Cllr. N. Foley:** That Kerry County Council provide "No Dumping" signs and install the roving cameras from time to time at Gurrane, Oakpark, Tralee as there is a considerable amount of illegal dumping taking place here much to the concern of residents.

**Reply:** "No Dumping" signs will be placed on the Gurrane and Bullock Hill areas. The area will be included on the list of areas for covert cameras to be installed from time to time. The Litter Warden will include this area as part of his regular patrol.

**Cllr. N. Foley acknowledged this reply and said that the residents were being vigilant and appreciated the signage that was erected and also the presence of the covert cameras.**

#### **15.01.05.05 (a) Water Services Directorate**

### **Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí**

### **Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme**

Achoimre Stádais ar an 28<sup>ú</sup> Samhain 2014  
Status Summary at 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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#### **Irish Water Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016**

Irish Water Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016 was launched in May. A total of 8 wastewater Schemes (total value of €10.7 million) and 7 Water schemes (total value of €24 million) in Kerry are included in the IW Capital Investment Programme. The schemes listed in the CIP which affect the Tralee Municipal District are outlined in the following tables:

**CIP TIONSCNAIMH SHOLÁTHAIR UISCE**  
**CIP WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS**

<b>Tionscnamh Project</b>	<b>Stádas Status</b>		
<b>Mains Rehabilitation Projects</b>	Description	Value	Status
	Tralee Estates Mains Replacement Contract Works	" 1,835,000	Contractors Wills Bros. have commenced work on the replacement of Lead Distribution mains at St. Brendan's Park, Connolly Park, Riverside, Kering Park, Lohercannon and Marian Park. The EPA has served a summons on Irish Water and KCC re non-compliance with a Direction on Lead mains in St. Brendan's Park. All cast iron / lead pipework in St. Brendan's Park is scheduled to be replaced by June 2015.
<b>Central Regional Water Supply Scheme</b>	Description	Value	Status
	Scart Reservoir, Farranfore	" 292,000	Construction completed and reservoir in operation.
	Lough Guitane Water Treatment Plant . Design, Build and Operate	" 2,250,000	Updating Tender documents to align with procurement requirements of Irish Water. Due diligence being carried out on all aspects of the design to-date; progress to Tender stage with a view to commencing construction by the end of the current CIP in 2016.

**CIP TIONSCNAIMH FUÍOLLUISCE**  
**CIP WASTEWATER PROJECTS**

<b>Tionscnamh Project</b>	<b>Stádas Status</b>
<b>Ardfert SS</b>	Scheme included in Irish Water's Capital Investment Programme 2014 - 2016. Tender Documents for the contract submitted to Irish Water for review and updating to meet specifications of Irish Water. Application made to Irish Water to proceed to Tender stage. Business Case application also made for the inclusion, as Advance Works, of a stormwater separation sewer.
<b>Fenit SS</b>	Scheme is included in Irish Water Capital Investment Programme 2014 - 2016. Contract Tender Documents have been submitted for review to Irish Water.

### **Funding Priorities for Capital Projects**

Irish Water has indicated that it will prioritise funding for capital projects on the basis of key issues to be addressed. In water, priority will be given to schemes on a Boil Water Notice (BWN), on the EPA Remedial Action List (RAL) and/or on a legal Direction from the EPA. In wastewater, priority will be given to any town (agglomerations) on which there is an ECJ Ruling, and also on meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licenses.

### **Irish Water Minor Capital Programme 2014-2016**

Irish Water has also launched a Minor Capital Works Programme 2014. 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 Tralee Area is outlined in the following table:

<b><u>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME</u></b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Castleisland SS - Church St Sewer</b>	Replace collapsed length of sewer	" 3,500	Completed
<b>Castleisland SS - Limerick Rd. Sewer</b>	Replace collapsed length of sewer	" 4,500	Substantially completed
<b>Fenit Sewerage Scheme</b>	Replace 50m of sewer damaged by storms	" 25,400	Completed
<b>Brosna Knocknagoshel WSS - Dooneen Res.</b>	Provide Security Fencing	" 8,000	Requested
<b>Dromultan Scartaglin Pumping Station</b>	Lay pipe to eliminate pumping station	" 35,000	Requested
<b>Brosna WSS - Meenleirim Pump House</b>	Provide Underground Storage Tank	" 12,000	Requested
<b>Lyreacrompane WTP - Sludge Treatment</b>	Complete Sludge Treatment Plant	" 50,000	Underway
<b>Lyreacrompane Water Supply</b>	Install new Scour Valves and provide sampling points on existing scour-outs	" 17,000	Requested
<b>Ballyheigue Water Supply</b>	Refurbish Water Softener	" 7,000	Requested
<b>Tralee Sewerage Scheme (Knockmoyle)</b>	Lay 100m of dedicated 225mm diameter Storm pipe and manholes	" 14,000	Partly approved
<b>Ardfert South Water Supply Scheme</b>	Installation of 3no. PRVs and 9no. Air Valves	" 24,500	Underway
<b>Tralee WWTP UV</b>	UV Disinfection System upgrade	" 2,791	Underway
<b>Castlemaine Road</b>	Pump replacement and Upgrade of Control Panel	" 15,422	Approved
<b>Castlemaine WW Tank</b>	Pump replacement and Upgrade of Control Panel	" 11,848	Approved
<b>Knockawaddra Pump House, CRWSS</b>	Installation of inline booster pumps	" 18,300	Approved
<b>Garryruth and Cloghers Sewage Pumping Stations</b>	Provision of mobile electricity generator	" 20,000	Requested
<b>Castleisland SS - Barrack Street Bridge</b>	Reconfiguration of Existing River Crossing	" 45,000	Refused
<b>Castleisland SS - Church Street Bridge</b>	Reconfiguration of Existing River Crossing	" 45,000	Refused
<b>Mulgrave Bridge Pumping Station</b>	Upgrade PLC	" 6,224	Requested
<b>Total</b>		<b>€365,485</b>	

## **THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME**

The administration and development of the Group Scheme sector continues to be a function of the Local Authorities under the guidance and supervision of the DoEC&LG and Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.

**A total Block Grant Allocation of €906,600 has been allocated to Kerry County Council for the various measures under the Rural Water Programme in 2014. This includes grants of €625,100 for Group Water Supply Schemes and €281,500 for Group Sewerage Schemes.**

### **Takeover of Group Schemes**

Since 1 January 2014, responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes has transferred to Irish Water.

Nationally, discussions are ongoing between the DoEC&LG, the County and City Managers' Association and Irish Water to develop a protocol to facilitate the Takeover of Group Schemes. Pending the publication of this protocol, all Takeover applications are 'on hold'.

### **Group Water Supply Schemes**

Almost all the €625,100 grant for GWSSs is allocated towards the completion of ongoing upgrade works on existing schemes in other parts of the county.

### **Group Sewerage Schemes**

#### **General Background**

The DOECLG Grant for any proposed Group Sewerage Schemes (GSSs) was increased to €6,500 per house or 75% of the cost of the scheme, whichever is the lesser, in December 2012. The members of a proposed group scheme must contribute the balance of the initial capital / construction costs. It is also necessary that each GSS and Irish Water agree, in advance of the Scheme's construction, that Irish Water will take over that scheme on its satisfactory completion. Kerry County Council has discussed this with Irish Water and does not anticipate any difficulty in obtaining the consent of IW.

#### **Alderwood Road Group Sewerage Scheme**

This Road is located north east of Oakpark in Tralee. There are approx 100 houses on the route and a sewer line of approx 3.1 km is necessary. The DoEC&LG allocated €10,000 towards a feasibility study on the proposed connection of this district to the existing public sewer. There is a difficulty in that the existing sewer system 'downstream' is unable to cope with any proposed increase in sewage. The feasibility study is to investigate and quantify the works necessary on the existing system to accommodate the proposed Alderwood Road Group Scheme. Invitations to tender have been issued to consultants for the feasibility study.

#### **Killeen Road Group Sewerage Scheme**

This proposed scheme is located off the Oakpark Road, Tralee and would involve the connection of seven existing houses. The design of the scheme is currently under review with the Group's engineer.

Cllr. J. Finucane asked if there was any update on the appointment of a consultant for Alderwood Road.

Mr. C. Mangan said that tenders for the Consultant were received up to 15<sup>th</sup> December. A consultant has now been selected and is in the process of being appointed.

Cllr. J. Finucane asked what is the timescale in connection with the work.

Mr. C. Mangan said that there was no timescale in place regarding the works at this time.

Mr. Mangan stated that there were two main issues at present namely, Ardfert Sewerage Scheme which he is optimistic of going to tender this year and the second scheme for Fenit which is further down the line but progress is being made and that the key here is land acquisition.

#### **15.01.05.06 Operations, Health & Safety Directorate**

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

### **Tralee Municipal District Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

#### **Report from the Director of Operations, Health & Safety**

##### **1. Reorganisation Project**

The following staff are based at the Kerry County Council Tralee Municipal District Operations Office at Prince's Quay (former Tralee Town Hall)

**Frank Hartnett** Senior Executive Engineer

**Siobhan Horgan** . Senior Administrator

##### **Area Engineers:**

- **John Fitzgerald** (Roads and Environmental)
- **Colm Lynch** (Roads and Environmental)
- **Aidan Harty** (Housing)

##### **2. Road Works Programme for January 2015**

Town	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Footpath renewal ongoing at Mitchels Road.</li><li>• Landscaping works ongoing at Strand Road</li></ul>

	<p>Roundabout and at Glenard, Monavalley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sewer works ongoing at Knockmoyle.</li> <li>• Works on footpath at Rath Graveyard to commence.</li> <li>• Tree Trimming ongoing.</li> <li>• Paving Slab replacement at The Mall</li> </ul>
<b>Tralee Municipal District East</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Footpath installation Brosna Burial Ground . for Water Services.</li> <li>• Maintenance / repair works to Local Road Bridges at Fahaduff and Meenganaire.</li> <li>• Local Road Maintenance Works . Drainage / Pothole Repairs etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Tralee Municipal District West</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tralee to Fenit Amenity Trail (Edward Street to Rock Street, Tralee)</li> <li>• County Councillor Allocation Works (CCA)</li> <li>• Development Levy Contribution Works</li> <li>• Regional &amp; Local Road Maintenance</li> </ul>

### 3. Housing

Maintenance work is ongoing

Work will be undertaken to the following vacant units in January 2015.

<b>Short-term voids</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 163 Connolly Park</li> <li>• 167 Connolly Park</li> <li>• 3 Gallowsfield</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 Fountain Court</li> <li>• 45 Shanakill</li> </ul>
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This concludes our Report for January 2015.

**Cllr. P. Daly enquired about the Tralee to Fenit Amenity Trail and asked if there were some negotiations were in train with landowners in connection with extending the trail further up the river.**

**Mr. G. Riordan informed him that Mr. Tom Sheehy will be dealing with this.**

**Cllr. P. Daly discussed the proposed cycleway from the ITT to Blennerville and asked if the money had been allocated for same.**

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan informed members that the funding has to be used by mid 2016. It is hoped to start works before the end of the year.**

**Cllr. P. Daly also stated that an extension of 100 yards to the cycleway from Na Gaeil to Casement's Avenue would be highly desirable.**

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan stated that the main problem in getting the cyclists down Oakpark Road is that it would be very tight. There is also a need for on street parking. It would be desirable to have this cycleway "off-road". He said that details would have to be forwarded to the NRA for grants for National Roads and then hopefully more funding would come available through the year. He stated they were awaiting non-National Roads funding which forms the bulk of our Roads. He will revert regarding the Municipal Service Delivery Plans for adoption by the Members by March.**

**Cllr. T. Ferris asked for clarification on what the Councillors' Allocations can be used for.**

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan stated that a Guidance Policy document for adoption by the Council is to be brought before the SPC and it is hoped to be finalised for the February Council meeting.**

**Cllr. N. Foley asked when the allocations would be available.**

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that allocations are already available to Councillors and these allocations cover a broader list of areas and not just roads.**

**Cllr. P. McCarthy asked if the new Area Engineers have been appointed to their new roles.**

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that draft proposals are in place and they must be presented to the Unions. Staffing still remains as it is at the present. Over the**

next number of weeks staff members will be informed of their new appointments. Mr. Frank Hartnett manages operations for Tralee Municipal District. No major changes are proposed for this area. In Castleisland there is an overlap but it is hoped to have it sorted in the coming weeks.

Cllr. N. Foley said that she welcomed the works that was carried out at Rath Cemetery. She said that Christmas Eve and Christmas day are the busiest days at the Cemetery and for elderly people it's a struggle to get in when the gates are locked. She said that some understanding needs to be shown on these dates to facilitate easier access.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said he appreciated this and that it is a large cemetery, but there were issues allowing traffic into the cemetery. He said that if on any occasion 7 or 8 cars are parked in there and if someone wanted to leave it would be very difficult and also that the cemetery was not suitable for 2 way traffic.

Cllr. N. Foley suggested that the gates be opened at certain times only or opening the gates at the rear of the Cemetery.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that he would look into this.

Cllr. T. Ferris requested that a report be available to the Members at the next Municipal District Meeting detailing how much it is costing to replace the paving in The Mall and what long term proposals are in place.

Cllr. T. O'Brien asked if the slabs could be removed.

Mr. F. Hartnett said that they were aware of the problem and that slabs were purchased in December but with the Christmas season it was not feasible to commence works. The long term works will fall under the Tralee Transportation Strategy and this incorporates the finishes to The Mall which will be going out as a Part 8 in January / February.

Cllr. Ferris asked how much was initially spent on the paving and how much has been spent since.

Mr. Hartnett agreed to have the report for Cllr. T. Ferris for the next Municipal District meeting.

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

**1. Cllr. J. Finucane:** That the Council agrees with the residents to rename what was locally termed the Killeen Road to be changed to Old Killeen Road - Sean Bóthar Cillín. At present this road has no official name and the houses are not numbered.

**Reply:** This is a matter for consideration by the Members, in accordance with current Council policy.

**Cllr. J. Finucane acknowledged that this was dealt with and approved.**



**2. Cllr. T Ferris:** That all Local Authority houses would be fitted with windows and doors and insulation. Not just those tenants who are in receipt of fuel allowance.

**Reply:** In 2014, two schemes were available to Kerry County Council for energy retrofits to tenanted properties.

The first scheme was an area based scheme with funding available from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland. Works included in this scheme were attic insulation, wall insulation, ventilation, window and external door replacement. Only houses whose tenants were in receipt of the fuel allowance qualified for this scheme.

The second scheme was the Fabric Upgrade Scheme funded by the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government. Works included in this scheme were attic insulation, cavity wall insulation and ventilation works only. All tenanted stock qualified for this scheme. However, this scheme did not provide for window and door replacement.

The Department has indicated that there will be funding for a similar scheme in 2015 and consideration may be given to the replacement of windows and doors in this programme, subject to satisfying certain criteria.

The Council also made provision of " 500,000 in the 2015 budget for a specific housing improvement programme. This programme will be developed by the Housing Social Services Unit in consultation with the SPC.

**Cllr. T. Ferris said that she reluctantly accepted this reply. She said she knew of tenants who are working, receiving the minimum wage and getting no support from the Government and they are finding it very frustrating to see neighbours getting new windows and doors fitted. Tenants are not being treated equally. She referred to a tenant that contacted her. The previous tenants left this house with some damage to the front door and this was not replaced. She said that she will forward the tenant's details to Mr. F. Hartnett. She said she hoped that the provision for €500,000 for a specific housing improvement scheme will make some difference to these tenants and make them a priority for upgrading of their houses. She asked if correspondence can be forwarded to tenants to explain to them why some houses are being upgraded and that there is a possibility in the future of inclusion for them to upgrade their windows and doors.**

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan acknowledged the tenants' frustration. He stated that he was confined with the constraints of previous schemes. There is an indication of a similar scheme in 2015. The €500,000 provided in the budget is for specific improvements. He will discuss same with Mr. John Breen and that it would have to be brought to SPC. He also said that energy efficiency is something that has to be looked at as well.**

**Mr. F. Hartnett said that these houses were only 12 - 13 years old so he would not expect that these would be high on the priority list for upgrading at this time.**

**Cllr. T. Ferris asked would that be still the case even though a large number of the older estates have been upgraded.**

**Mr. F. Hartnett said that he was not in favour of sending out communication to tenants.**

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that he too would be slow in issuing correspondence to tenants as it may raise their expectations. He said that an analysis of works should to be carried out first to see what needs to be done.**

**Cllr. Ferris asked that the Council issue correspondence to the tenants acknowledging their frustration and explaining the details of the scheme as it exists.**

**3. Cllr. T Ferris:** What measures are Kerry County Council planning to take to alleviate flooding in the village of Ardfert while we wait for funding to separate the storm water.

**Reply:** The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department has undertaken all measures possible in recent years to ensure that the existing storm drainage system, along the R551 in Ardfert Village from Farranwilliam Cross (Horgan's Filling Station) to The Glandore Gate, is working as effectively as possible.

The Tralee Municipal District is awaiting confirmation of funding (following the business case submission to Irish Water) for the laying of a new storm main along the above section of road.

**Cllr. T. Ferris appreciated this response. She referred to a resident who is still having trouble with water coming into the drain on her property and suggested that this drain could be extended. Cllr. Ferris referred to the sewerage scheme and stated it was not a separation of the storm water.**

**Mr. J. Fitzgerald said that they are waiting confirmation from Irish Water regarding funding for Main Street, Ardfert. Until funding is received, no further works will be carried out. The estimated cost for same is €343,000.**

**4. Cllr. T Ferris:** That the Area Engineer will meet with residents of Radharc na hEaglaise and work with them to ensure as many outstanding issues as possible can be resolved with the remaining Bond.

**Reply:** Substantial works have been carried out to the water services and roads infrastructure, with the bond monies claimed in respect of this development and there is a small surplus of funding available to complete any outstanding works. The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department is agreeable to meeting with the residents of Radharc na hEaglaise, Ardfert (Resident's spokesperson to contact Tralee Municipal District Offices to arrange meeting).

**Cllr. T. Ferris acknowledged this reply and noted that Mr. J. Fitzgerald would make contact with them shortly.**

**6. Cllr. N. Foley:** That the road from Raecaslagh Cross, Brosna to the Bridge at Glounthane be repaired as a matter of urgency as it has subsided.

**Reply:** The L-6539 (Local Secondary Road) from Raecaslagh Cross to Glounthane Bridge, Brosna was recently inspected. The majority of the road is in good condition. However, serious rutting is evident at a number of locations.

The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department proposes to undertake remedial works during the month of December.

**Mr. J. Fitzgerald stated that the works had been carried out in December.**

**Cllr. N. Foley acknowledged this reply.**

**7. Cllr. N. Foley:** Notwithstanding the proposals to upgrade The Mall, that emergency repairs be carried out on the footpaths in this area. I would specifically mention outside (Details with Directorate) as a number of people have fallen here.

**Reply:** Replacement slabs have been purchased and repairs will be undertaken at The Mall over the next few weeks.

**Cllr. N. Foley also asked if the Local Authority was looking at replacing the slabs in the square as when it rains its like a film covers the slabs and is very dangerous.**

**Mr. C. Lynch stated that a similar situation had occurred in Limerick. It has now been rectified and has been very successful.**

**8. Cllr. N. Foley:** That this Authority write to Bus Éireann requesting an immediate upgrade of the bus shelter outside the Brandon Carpark on Prince's Street. It is in an appalling condition and causing considerable hardship for users at the moment.

**Reply:** Two years ago, Tralee Town Council upgraded the area fronting the Brandon Car Park; as part of this upgrade, Adshell (who have responsibility for the bus stop) replaced the old bus shelter; the weather-proofing of the shelter has been referred to Adshell, who have said that they will address the issue.

**Cllr. N. Foley acknowledged this reply. She asked if this issue could revert back to the Members again.**

**Mr. C. Lynch agreed to this.**

**9. Cllr. N. Foley:** That an update be given on the fountain on the Roundabout at Kerry Group. It has been out of action for some time.

**Reply:** A new pump and control panel were damaged in flooding in February 2014; quotations have been sought for replacement equipment, but suitable parts are proving difficult to find. It is hoped that parts will have been sourced before the end of the year.

**Mr. F. Hartnett said that it was proving difficult to acquire parts for the fountain as they were originally US imperial sizes and it was proving difficult to trace similar sized parts. He said he was hoping to obtain them for the summer season.**

**10. Cllr. N. Foley:** That the road from Headley's Bridge through Loughfooder to Knockanchur Cross be examined as it has subsided. Could interim repair work be considered prior to 2016?

**Reply:** The L-2027 (Local Primary Road) from Loughfooder to Knockanchur Cross was recently inspected. There is evidence of surface deterioration and some rutting. However the road was recently patched and is in a reasonable condition.

This section of road is included in the Restoration Improvement Programme for 2016. The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department proposes to undertake further remedial works during the month of December.

**Cllr. N. Foley acknowledged this reply.**

**11. Cllr. T. McEllistrim:** To erect a public light outside Clogher Graveyard in Ballymacelligott.

**Reply:** Currently due to the constraints on maintaining the existing public lighting network, including increasing energy costs, the Council has not been in a position to fund the provision of additional lighting to the public network, except in exceptional circumstances. In recent years the taking in charge of housing estates has also increased our public lighting costs.

Under the provisions of EU Directive 2006/32/EC and S.I. No. 542/2009 - European Communities (Energy End-use Efficiency and Energy Services) Regulations 2009, Kerry County Council is also required to make very substantial reductions in energy consumption, including on public lighting. This will necessitate substantial investment in either retrofitting our existing public lighting network with more efficient lighting equipment and/or restricting the provision of new lights on the existing network.

This is an issue that needs to be further examined in the context of the limited funding available for the provision of all services, and the needs of the community. I recommend that a full evaluation of the financial and social implications be examined by the Operations Strategic Policy Committee, and a policy developed for consideration by Council.

In developing this policy, consideration could be given to locations where public lighting could be provided and this location may be considered in this context.

**Cllr T. McEllistrim acknowledged this and said that this issue was raised with him by a number of local people that when they call in the evening time to the graveyard it is very dark and that a light would be a great improvement and of benefit.**

**Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that he acknowledged this but they have to be mindful of energy costs and trying to reduce them. He said that he has put the issue of lighting on the Work Programme for the SPC to review.**

**Mr. P. McCarthy said that during the winter months when funerals take place, some may have a Guard of Honor and cars passing at this time can be very dangerous. He said it was a health and safety issue.**

**12. Cllr. T. McEllistrim:** To erect signs indicating the monument to Captain Robert Monteith near Toureen, Ballymacelligott.

**Reply:** The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department will erect a finger post sign indicating the Captain Robert Monteith monument on the L-6519 (Local Secondary Road) at Toureen, Ballymacelligott.

**Cllr. T. McEllistrim thanked and acknowledged this reply and asked if a sign could also be placed at Clogher Church or at Lyracrompanne road as well. The National Monuments Association contacted him in connection with these signs.**

**13. Cllr. T. McEllistrim:** To rectify the bumps on the Ballyseedy Castle Road.

**Reply:** Improvement works took place on the L-6547 (Local Secondary Road) adjacent to the Ballyseedy Castle Hotel in April 2014. An inspection was undertaken by the Tralee Municipal District Operations Department and the road is in a good condition (no bumps evident).

**Cllr. T. McEllistrim acknowledged the reply.**

**14. Cllr. T. McEllistrim:** To concrete or surface dress the road at Ballinorig South, Tralee near traffic calming measure beside (Details with Directorate) house.

**Reply:** Improvement works took place on the L-2020 (Local Primary Road) at Ballinorig earlier this year. It was agreed that the margin area adjacent to (details with Directorate) property would be sealed (surface dressed). This work was completed last week.

**Cllr. T. McEllistrim acknowledged this reply.**

**15. Cllr. T. McEllistrim:** To take the ditch and put down a pipe on the corner of the road leading down to (Details with Directorate) house.

**Reply:** The estimated cost of these works on the L-10731 and L-2027, in Knocknagoshel, is " 6,000.

In adopting the Budget for 2015, provision was made for a Councillor's Specific Municipal District Operation Fund, replacing the former County Councillor's Allocations fund. A revised scheme will be developed through the Operations SPC on the types of works that can be carried out with this funding, in early 2015.

It is envisaged that these works could be considered under Councillor's Specific Municipal District Operation Fund, subject to the approval of the scheme by Council.

**Cllr. T. McEllistrim acknowledged this reply.**

#### **15.01.05.07 Access to Barrow Beach**

Mr. F. Hartnett said a meeting has taken place with the Golf Course Committee on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2014 with the Mayor J. Finucane present. We produced a report saying it was difficult getting access to the beach. What has happened with the Golf Course was not an access issue but a maintenance issue. The Golf Club is going to take responsibility for same and have forwarded a written commitment in connection with this. He said Kerry County Council proposed pouring concrete ramps for access down to the beach but the Golf Course Committee felt that this would be inappropriate. The Committee have agreed to maintain access from the Golf Course to the beach as a public right-of-way exists. He also said that no public monies will have to be used in the maintenance of this access as the Golf Course is taking full responsibility for same.

Cllr. T. Ferris said that from the top, down to the access area is not in the Golf Course's ownership. We need permission to go through their lands to carry out work to our section. She asked if hand rails could be fitted in order to allow more easy access to the beach for elderly or disabled people. She said that this would show the public that a right-of-way exists and that the public are allowed to access the beach.

Mr. F. Hartnett said that he didn't think hand rails were necessary and that the access issue was resolved. He was satisfied with the outcome.

Cllr. J. Finucane said he was also present at the meeting. It was a very practical meeting. The Committee gave a commitment to maintain and provide the access. We will monitor same.

Cllr. T. Ferris asked what their objection to pouring concrete was.

Mr. F. Hartnett said that it was due to its appropriateness and how it would fit in to its surroundings.

Cllr. J. Finucane said that it was a practical agreement and to monitor it.

Cllr. T. Ferris again asked if handrails can be considered.

**15.01.05.08 To approve the reception of a deputation from the Residents of An Fearann, Ardfert regarding structural issues, at the next Tralee Municipal District Meeting – Requested by Cllr. T. Ferris**

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T. Ferris SECONDED by Cllr. P. Daly it was agreed to approve the reception of a deputation from the Residents of An Fearann, Ardfert regarding structural issues at the next Tralee Municipal District Meeting . Requested by Cllr. T. Ferris

**15.01.05.10 To agree a date for the holding of the next Municipal District Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee would be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2015.

**15.01.05.11 Any Other Business**

**Bridge Lane**

Cllr. N. Foley referred to the temporary job carried out at Bill Booley's Lane and stated that this needs to be looked at.

**Pedestrian crossing at Ballymullen**

Cllr P McCarthy referred to the previous request for a pedestrian crossing at Ballymullen. It has become impossible for pedestrians, most of whom are elderly, to cross the road. He said he was aware of an incident recently where by an elderly person had to be assisted across the road having waited for 15 minutes to try and cross same. He said it was a Health and Safety issue and that something needs to be done before a serious accident occurs. Some form of crossing needs to be provided here.

Mr. F. Hartnett said he would refer the matter to the Road Design Office and ask them to stand there and assess the situation. He pointed out that there are specific requirements for pedestrian crossings and in his opinion it may be hard to justify one in this area due to the small population. However, a weighting may be given to the demographic of pedestrians, i.e. elderly.

Cllr. T. Ferris stated that people have no option but to run across the road. This is not acceptable for elderly or disabled people.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan stated that this was a National Secondary Road and prior approval from the NRA would be needed for provision of a pedestrian crossing. He stated that justification needs to be given in order to provide pedestrian crossings.

**Canal Road**

Cllr. T. O'Brien said that on the Canal Road, when driving to Dingle on the right hand said, there is a safety barrier. One part of the barrier, where the old stone wall is, appears to be falling in.

Mr. F. Hartnett said that he will have a report for next meeting.

### **Loading Bay at Basin View**

Cllr. T. O'Brien stated there is potential for a loading bay near Kerry Group/Basin View as there is not one at present for businesses in that area.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said there was a need for a review of Parking Bye-Laws for Tralee Town which are subject to public consultation. This will be reviewed as part of the works to be carried out in the mall and the restrictions on Denny Street subject to public consultation.

Cllr. T. O'Brien said that if businesses are under pressure they will need an answer as soon as possible.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that Loading Bays cannot be enforced but an amendment of the Bye-Laws can be looked at.

### **Ash Memorial Hall**

Cllr. T. O'Brien asked if something can be done where a certain number of campervans are being parked up at night at the rear of the Ashe Memorial Hall. This group of people move around from place to place and are visitors not tourists.

Cllr. J. Finucane said that there was a lot of litter present and on Brewery Road also.

Cllr. P. Daly said that when he spoke to the Community Gardai he was informed they were actually looking for housing.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that he did not know the present housing status but will look into it.

### **R556 to Abbeydorney**

Cllr. G. Spring said that on the R556 road to Abbeydorney near TLI Company that there is reverse camber developing and also after this about 50 yards there is a subsidence which is very dangerous to traffic. He also mentioned that there was a large tree adjacent to the bend at this location.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald said that there was some work done on this road previously but will look at further repairs, subject to funding.



## **IT to Ballygarry Road**

Cllr. T. Ferris referred to the road from the IT to Ballygarry and stated that there was a blind spot on the roundabout to Ballygarry caused by sign on the right. She said that there have been a few near misses at this area.

## **Parking By-laws**

Cllr. T. Ferris asked for clarification as to how Traffic Wardens determine who is loading and unloading when parked in a loading bay. She mentioned that she knew of a number of people who got tickets as they were parking in the loading bay unloading but in a car rather than a van. The parking by laws for the town do not state if loading bays are for vans only. They just state "vehicle".

Mr. G. Riordan said that the Traffic Wardens monitor the loading bays.

Cllr. T. Ferris referred to one case where someone was dropping goods to a retail outlet and received a parking ticket after not more than 2 minutes. This person was complying with the bye-laws but still received the ticket.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that the bye-laws were a matter for the members to adopt. He stated that for genuine cases, an appeals system is in place. The purpose of loading bays is to support businesses.

## **Christmas 2014**

Cllr. T. O'Brien wished to acknowledge and commend those involved in relation to the lighting and upkeep of Tralee during the Christmas period.

## **Entente Florale**

Cllr. P. Daly commended and acknowledged the signage for Entente Florale referring to Tralee as the Capital of Kerry.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald stated that Tralee has applied to host the Entente Florale competition in 2016. This would be a significant boost for the town with delegates staying in the town for 2 - 3 days of the competition.

## **Future Meetings**

Cllr. P. Daly referred to the current holding of bi-monthly Municipal District Meetings. He stated that the former Tralee Town Council Meetings used to be held in the

evening. He suggested that future Tralee Municipal District meetings would be held at this time.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan stated that this was considered by Standing Orders at the CPG. There would be a difficulty for some staff attending evening meetings. The level of staff provided at day time meetings would not be matched in the evening.

Mr. G. O'Brien stated that the Municipal District Meetings were run very efficiently.

Cllr. N. Foley stated that it was important that the number of staff currently attending meetings are present.

### **Mr. Charlie Kerins**

Cllr P. Daly said that he attended a meeting at the Kerins O'Rahilly's Club in connection with Mr. Charlie Kerins. He Proposed that a letter be written to the Minister for Justice, asking him to review the file and consider if there had been enough evidence for his conviction, subject to the approval of his relatives.

Mr. G. O'Brien asked Cllr. Daly to forward the necessary details to him and to discuss with Mr. Kerins' family members before doing so.

Cllr. T. Ferris SECONDED the Proposal.

### **Housing Grants**

Cllr. T. Ferris referred to a housing grant case and asked if grant application if works can commence immediately.

Ms. H. Switzer asked Cllr. Ferris to forward the details of the applicant.

The meeting concluded at 12.15pm.

**Gerard O'Brien**  
**Meetings Administrator**

**Mayor of the Municipal District of Tralee**