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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TRALEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRALEE ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2015.**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH THRÁ LÍ A THIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN LUAN 2 MARTA 2015.**

**PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**

***Councillors/Comhairleoirí***

**P. Daly  
T. Ferris  
G. Spring**

**N. Foley  
S. Locke  
P. McCarthy**

**T. McEllistrim  
T. O'Brien**

**ABSENT/AS LÁTHAIR**

***Councillors/Comhairleoirí***

**J. Finucane**

***In attendance/i láthair***

<b>Mr. C. O'Sullivan</b>	<b>Delegated Executive for the MD of Tralee</b>
<b>Ms. B. Reidy</b>	<b>A/Meetings Administrator</b>
<b>Mr. C. Lynch</b>	<b>E.E.</b>
<b>Mr. J. Fitzgerald</b>	<b>E.E.</b>
<b>Mr. A. Harty</b>	<b>A.E.</b>
<b>Ms. J. Brosnan</b>	<b>A.O.</b>
<b>Mr. E. Scanlan</b>	<b>S.E.E.</b>
<b>Ms. T. Smith</b>	<b>E.E.</b>
<b>Ms. K. Curtin</b>	<b>A.O.</b>
<b>Mr. T. Hayes</b>	<b>Head of Local Enterprise Office</b>
<b>Mr. C. Mangan</b>	<b>S.E.E.</b>
<b>Ms. J. O'Sullivan</b>	<b>C.O.</b>

The meeting commenced at 10:45 a.m.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan informed members that Mayor J. Finucane extended his apology as he could not attend the meeting.

Deputy Mayor, Cllr. T. O'Brien took the Chair.

### **15.03.03.01 Confirmation of Minutes**

- (a) 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 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 be confirmed.
- (b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. P. McCarthy, SECONDED by Cllr. P. Daly, it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee held on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 be confirmed.

### **15.03 .03.02 Business prescribed, by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution**

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T. McEllistrim SECONDED by Cllr. P. McCarthy it was agreed to proceed with the Extinguishment of the Public Rights-of-Way over a section of Local Road L10941 in the Townland of Manor East, as part of the N22/N69 Tralee Bypass Road Improvement Scheme in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993.

#### **(b) Election of a Chairperson for "Towards a Better Tralee"**

Cllr. T. Ferris asked if the chairperson must be an elected member.

Ms. K. Curtin said that Mr. Johnny Wall was stepping down and he felt that it should be a councillor.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. P. McCarthy SECONDED by Cllr. T. Ferris it was agreed to nominate Cllr. S. Locke to the position of chairperson of "Towards a Better Tralee".

Cllr. S. Locke said that he wished to resign from "Kerry Life Skills" as the meetings are held in Fossa, Killarney and he finds it difficult to get to this location. He asked if another councillor could be appointed to replace him.

Ms. B. Reidy advised Cllr. Locke to notify "Kerry Life Skills" that he wished to resign and they will then contact Kerry County Council requesting a nominee.

### **15.03.03.03 Presentation to John Mitchels U14 Team**

Cllr. T. O'Brien welcomed the representatives from the John Mitchels Club and U14s Team to the meeting and said the Club is excelling. He congratulated them on their success and also acknowledged Cllr. P. Daly who proposed the presentation. Cllr. T. O'Brien then made a presentation to Mr. Ted Fitzgerald on behalf of the U14 Team.

### **15.03.03.04 Update from the Water Services Directorate**

**Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí**  
Achoimre Stádais ar an 17<sup>ú</sup> Feabhra 2015

**Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme**  
Status Summary at the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2015

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

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 " 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:

<b>CIP TIONSCNAIMH SHOLÁTHAIR UISCE CIP WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS</b>			
<b>Tionscnamh Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Stádas Status</b>
<b>Mains Rehabilitation Project</b>	Tralee Estates Mains Replacement Contract Works	" 1,835,000	Contractor Wills Bros. has 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>	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.

<b>CIP TIONSCNAIMH FUÍOLLUISCE CIP WASTEWATER PROJECTS</b>	
<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 have been submitted to Irish Water for

	review and updating to meet specifications of Irish Water. An Application has been 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 (agglomeration) on which there is an ECJ Ruling, and also to 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 2014-2016. This is a rolling programme of **minor improvement works** which can be added to as the need arises. The list of works in the Tralee Municipal District for which Kerry County Council has applied under the Minor Capital Works Programme is outlined in the following table:

<b>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME</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	Approved
<b>Brosna WSS - Meenleirim Pump House</b>	Provide Underground Storage Tank	" 12,000	Approved
<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>Tralee Sewerage Scheme (Knockmoyle)</b>	Lay 100m of dedicated 225mm diameter Storm pipe and	" 14,000	Partly approved

	manholes		
<b>Tralee SS - WWTP UV</b>	UV Disinfection System upgrade	" 2,791	Underway
<b>Tralee SS - Castlemaine Road Pumpstation</b>	Pump replacement and Upgrade of Control Panel	" 15,422	Approved
<b>CRWSS - Knockawaddra Pumpstation</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>Tralee SS - Mulgrave Bridge Pumpstation</b>	Upgrade PLC	" 6,224	Requested
<b>Ardfert South Water Supply Scheme</b>	Installation of 3no. PRVs and 9no. Air Valves	" 24,500	Underway
<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>Total approved to-date</b>	<b>€ 198,413</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.

**Kerry County Council has made a submission to the Department for funding for various projects in 2015. These Grants are usually dispensed in February or March.**

A total Block Grant Allocation of " 906,600 was allocated to Kerry County Council for the various measures under the **Rural Water Programme** in 2014.

#### 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.

#### 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. In 2014, 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. A Consulting Engineer has been selected by public Tender for the feasibility study. The Council has reapplied for the " 10,000 funding to the DoEC&LG, and details of the Rural Water Grant for 2015 are now awaited.

#### **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. The Council has reapplied for the funding to the DoEC&LG, and details of the Rural Water Grant for 2015 are now awaited.

Mr. C. Mangan said that the pipe replacement works in St. Brendans Park should be completed by the end of the week and that the total contract should be finished in June. Work in Kerins Park is 40 to 50% complete. It is hoped that tenders for the Lough Guitane water treatment plant will be advertised in early May.

Mr. C. Mangan said that the Ardferf Sewerage Scheme will hopefully go to tender this summer and that the new pipe line will be included in this contract.

In connection with Fenit Sewerage Scheme Mr. Mangan said that there was some difficulty with the acquisition of land.

In connection with the Rural Water Programme, Mr. Mangan said notification of grants is received in February/March each year and " 900,000 was received last year. He was hopeful a similar figure would be allocated this year.

Cllr. P. Daly asked what the problem with Killeen Road Group Sewerage Scheme was.

Mr. C. Mangan said that they were in talks with a local group and the design is currently under review to establish what the best option is i.e. either the use of gravity to the west or the use of a pump to the east.

Cllr. P. Daly asked if there was any difficulty with the landowners

Mr. C. Mangan said the consent of all property owners is required to allow the Scheme to progress.

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

##### **(a) Presentation on the Local Enterprise Office – Tomas Hayes, Head of Local Enterprise.**

Mr. Tomás Hayes, Head of the Local Enterprise Office circulated copies of his presentation and briefed the members on Kerry Local Enterprise Office (LEO) as follows:

Formerly known as the County Enterprise Board, the Kerry Local Enterprise Office (LEO) as part of Kerry County Council since April, 2014 supports and provides assistance to existing and potential small business promoters located in the Kerry

Region. It operates on a Service Level Agreement between Enterprise Ireland and the Local Authority.

The LEO is a local enterprise advisory and support organisation and is the primary resource for those thinking of starting a business and a source of enterprise advice and support for existing small firms. Its primary focus is small businesses which employ up to ten people.

One of the key roles of the LEO is to provide small start up businesses and small businesses looking to expand with exciting networking opportunities. Local companies can attend various local national and international networking events each year with the objective of raising their profile and making important business contacts.

Its focus is on businesses involved in manufacturing, internationally traded services and innovative local services where no displacement occurs (retail sector is excluded, primary production is excluded). Resources are increasingly focused on training and soft supports.

### **Types of Support**

- Business Information and Advisory Service
- Enterprise support services (financial supports, training, mentoring, microfinance)
- Entrepreneurship support services (education, seniors, awards)
- Local Enterprise Development Services . Economic Unit.

### **Financial Support**

Kerry Local Enterprise Office provides a range of financial supports to qualifying small businesses based in Kerry employing less than 10 employees. The annual Supports Budget is approximately "450,000 and a Repayable Grants Fund of "220,000 is also available.

### **Grants Available for Eligible Businesses**

#### ***Feasibility Studies***

- Maximum 50% of the investment or "20,000 whichever is the lesser.

#### ***Priming Grants***

- Maximum 50% of the investment or "150,000 whichever is the lesser. Priming grants are available to micro enterprises within the first 18 months of start up.

#### ***Business Expansion Grants***

- Maximum 50% of the investment or "150,000 whichever is the lesser. This grant is designed to assist a business in its growth phase after the initial start up period.

#### ***Microfinance Ireland***

- Unsecured loans from "2,000 to "25,000 are available from 3 to 5 years for businesses that have been refused credit by a lending institution.

### **Training Supports**

To assist the small business community in meeting the challenges of the business world, Kerry LEO provides a wide range of high quality training supports which are tailored to meet specific business requirements. A confidential advisory service is open to everyone exploring self employment as an option or for those who are currently operating a business.

### **Mentoring Supports**

Mentoring supports are open to both new and existing businesses within the Kerry LEO region. Mr. Hayes said that the Training and Mentoring Supports are currently in very high demand.

### **Business Advice Clinics**

The LEO operates Business Advice Clinics which give people the opportunity to discuss a specific business idea on a one to one basis with a business mentor. One hour appointments are available every month at different locations around the county.

### **Online Trading Vouchers**

Kerry is a pilot area for the introduction of Online Trading Vouchers which are targeted at businesses that have a limited online trading presence, less than ten employees and a turnover less than " 2m.

Applicants must be registered and trading for a minimum of 12 months and the business must be located in one of the pilot areas under this phase of the scheme. Mr. Hayes said that 41 vouchers have been approved to date.

### **Student Enterprise Programme**

Kerry Local Enterprise Office runs Ireland's largest student enterprise programme and a competition called "The Student Enterprise Awards".

The programme aims to foster an entrepreneurial environment whereby more young people will consider self employment in the future. The Student Enterprise Awards gives students the opportunity to take a business from idea stage through to generating a profit. The LEO provides educational materials free of charge to secondary schools participating in the programme. Mr. Hayes said that there is a huge interest in the programme and over 200 students are now participating.

### **Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur**

Any young person aged 30 and under who has a business idea can enter the IBYE Competition. There is a " 50,000 investment fund available from the LEO and an investment fund of " 100,000 nationally for Ireland's best young entrepreneurs.

### **Engagement with Local Councillor's**

Mr. Hayes said that the LEO operates an open door policy and welcomes engagement with local councillors and their constituents and both he and Mr. V Sheahan and staff of the LEO are available to discuss any queries.

Cllr. P. McCarthy thanked Mr. Hayes for his presentation. He said that the LEO was providing a fantastic service and also a good starting point for any person starting a new business venture. He said that when starting out in business finance is very important but not the most important aspect as getting the correct advice is vital for any business.

Cllr. S. Locke welcomed Mr. Hayes's presentation and said that the information given by the LEO was immeasurable and crucial



Cllr. T. Ferris said that all councilors have dealt with the County Enterprise Board and that their reputation is exceptional. She also asked why primary products were excluded for grant consideration.

Mr. T. Hayes said Primary production is not an eligible activity e.g. agricultural production as there are supports available from the Department of Agriculture. Retail, wholesale, consultancy services are also excluded. He said that in the case of other activities, the Local Enterprise Office must ensure that grant aid does not displace existing businesses i.e. put an existing business at a disadvantage by grant aiding another business in a similar space/sector

Cllr. T. Ferris asked what criteria the Local Enterprise Office look for from an applicant.

Mr. T. Hayes said that they look for innovation and innovative ideas. They get a lot of enquiries from local services but there is strong competition in, for example, bakers and other traditional businesses. In these types of businesses the LEO are looking for diversity and innovative products. He said it was difficult to give financial support to a business that may not be sustainable.

Dealing with businesses on a one to one is crucial and a rational approach has to be taken when giving advice.

Cllr. N. Foley welcomed the presentation and acknowledged the tremendous work that was being done by the LEO. She is aware of the important advice given to businesses and said it is immeasurable. She also wanted to acknowledge the work that LEO is doing through schools on the mentoring programme. Cllr. N. Foley requested clarification on the Online Trading Vouchers and how successful it was.

Mr. T. Hayes said that the Online Trading Vouchers are targeted at businesses that have a limited online trading presence. Online trading is critical for small businesses as they are competing with the larger companies. He also said that the business must be located in one of the pilot areas. The vouchers can be used to build an app or a website, to advertise online and it offers small businesses the opportunity to develop their website or digital marketing strategy by availing of vouchers of up to " 2,500 or 50% of eligible expenditure.

Cllr. T. O'Brien welcomed the report and said that the LEO was a valuable service and he acknowledged the work done by Mr. Hayes and all the staff of the LEO. He said that the LEO was not all about financial support but about giving vital advice.

Mr. T. Hayes said that further details of the Local Enterprise office are available on the website [www.localenterprise.ie/kerry](http://www.localenterprise.ie/kerry)

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

1. **Cllr. T McEllistrim:** To dredge the harbor at Fenit port as it has not been done in five years.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has recently gone to tender for the dredging of Fenit Harbour and the closing date for receipt of tenders is Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Prior to dredging operations commencing, approval from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environment, Community and Local

Government must be obtained for Dumping at Sea Licence and a Foreshore Licence respectively. It is envisaged that the Foreshore Licence will be in place by May or June but we do not have a date for when the Environmental Protection Agency will make its final decision.

Cllr. T. McEllistrim acknowledged this reply.

2. **Cllr. N. Foley:** That the Tralee Municipal District seeks to introduce flood defence measures at Carrihane, Ardfert

**Reply:** The Carrahane area is one of the Areas of Further Assessment (AFA) under the Catchment Flood Risk Area Management Study (CFRAM) currently undertaken by the OPW.

Kerry County Council have a consultancy role in relation to this study.

The *draft* flood maps both Coastal and Fluvial (river) for the Banna area are on display on 24 / 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015. (venue to be confirmed)

Submissions/observations will be invited at this stage of the process to ascertain the accuracy of the draft maps and to liaise with local interested individuals and groups.

The final stage of the CFRAM process involves considering various options to mitigate the flood risk in each of AFA and the preparation of a plan to implement same.

Cllr. N. Foley asked will the venue be publicly advertised

Mr. E. Scanlan said that all previous notifications would have been advertised to the public.

**15.03.03.06 Update from the Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate**

**SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES / QUALITY OF LIFE DIRECTORATE  
REPORT**

**FEBRUARY 2015**

**Emergency Services Report for February 2015**

**Business Unit Manager: Michael Hession CFO**

**Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:**

There were 81 incidents in January 2015 compared to 86 incidents for the same period in 2014.

- 2 No. 4 x 4 Ford Ranger Jeeps were delivered as part of our programme to provide all stations with 4 x 4 capabilities.

**Major Emergency Management**

- Regional participation has been ongoing. The Regional Steering Group had their final quarterly meeting for 2014 in December.

## **Civil Defence**

Duties: Munster Tae Kwon Do Competitions at Complex in Tralee.

Defibrillator Training was provided for Athea Community Responders and Austin Stacks GAA Club.

Weather Red Alert; Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Civil Defence put on Alert; AFS Team of drivers accommodated at Civil Defence HQ with 4WD Jeeps if required.

## **Fire Safety and Prevention:**

Annual Licencing Inspections: In all 251 licence applications were received in 2014 with 285 inspections carried out in connection with these applications.

## **Building Control:**

Twenty four (24) Commencement Notices/7 day Notices were received in January and 24 Commencement Notices were submitted while 6 Disability Access Certificate applications were received. Six (6) Fire Safety Certificate applications were received.

Fire Officers continued assess the applications received, with 9 Fire Certificate Applications being granted in January and 3 Disability Access Certificates granted to date in January.

## **Construction Products – Market Surveillance**

This section is in the early stages of rolling out its functions under this legislation, due to staff shortages and technical qualifications.

# **Community Services Report for February 2015**

## **Business Unit Manager: Mr Michael Scannell SEO**

### **Operation / Progress on the LCDC**

The Local Community Development Committees (LCDC) convened for its third meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

The agenda for that meeting included the SICAP Tender Evaluation Process, update on the Local Economic & Community Plan, and update on the Role of LCDC in developing a Leader strategy for the county.

The SICAP programme is for a period of 5 years and the allocated budget for Kerry for the period April (commencement of programme) to the end of 2015 is "1,222,199. The LCDC endorsed the recommendations of the tender evaluation team and the results of the SICAP tender process will be issued on 18<sup>th</sup> February, which is the agreed date nationally.

It was also agreed that the Local Development Companies would enter discussions with the Chief Executive & Chief Officer in order to progress the development of a county wide Leader Strategy. It was agreed that a united application from the LCDC,

as Local Action Group, with the Local development companies as implementing partners would benefit the county.

### **Public Participation Network**

The municipal district PPNs are being convened in the four municipal district areas in February. The Tralee meeting took place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. The Municipal district PPNs will elect the final representatives for the secretariat of the PPN at county level. The formal PPN will be fully established at that point and work will continue on developing the linkage groups from the SPCs (from the PPN elected representatives) back to the interest groups they represent.

### **Local Economic & Community Plan**

A detailed presentation on the Content and the preparation process of the LECP was given to members at the January meeting, and since then the work schedule has been rolled out to both the Economic & Enterprise SPC, and the Local Community Development Committee.

### **Community Support fund**

The application forms and guidelines for the fund are available from 2nd March, having been advertised in the local media in the past week. The forms and guidelines are available to download on the front page of the Kerry County Council website, and also from the Community Section, Kerry County Council, Tralee. The fund for Tralee covers areas previously funded by Tralee Town Council and offers opportunities for community groups throughout the municipal district.

## **Environment Services Report for February 2015**

### **Business Unit Manager: Mr Liam Quinlan SEO**

The following are some of the more significant environmental awareness activities being organized in the Tralee Municipal District over the coming month:-

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Presentation at the Kerry One World Centre on European Year of Sustainable Development. Tralee IT
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Green Schools Water Forum. Tralee Wetlands
- Sat 28<sup>th</sup> February Seminar on Invasive Species, in particular Japanese Knotweed. Ballygarry House Hotel 10.30am . 1.00pm.
- Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> Transition Kerry Sustainable Living Workshop. Tralee IT
- Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> Kerry Tidy Town Seminar. Ballygarry House Hotel

- There are currently 10 schools in the Tralee Area renewing their Green Flag for environmental projects on issues such as energy, water, transport, biodiversity and global citizenship.

### **Environmental Awareness Programme for 2015**

A programme has been recently developed for the coming year and the Members will be updated on progress being achieved in respect of the Listowel Municipal District

### **Consultation on the Timetable and Work Programme for the for the Development of the Second Cycle River Basin Management Plans**

As advised at the January Council Meeting, the Department of the Environment, Community & Local Government (DoECLG) has published a Consultation Document in relation to the Timetable and Work Programme for the Development of the Second Cycle River Basin Management Plans to which we have responded as per the report presented to Council. The Municipal District Members will be kept advised on progress being achieved in the development of this plan.

## **Library Service Report February 2015**

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

### **Record usage for library service during 2014**

For the 8<sup>th</sup> year in succession, the no. of items borrowed from Kerry's Libraries has increased. A record number of **647,533** items were **borrowed** during 2014, an increase of **5%** on the 2013 figure and it is a **59%** increase on the 2007 figure.

The no. of verified **visits** to Kerry's Libraries in 2014 was **435,010** while **53,221 internet sessions** were provided. **WiFi** usage accounted for **11,051** of this figure.

### **Library website launch**

A revised Kerry Library website [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie) will be launched on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at Library Headquarters in Tralee at 11.00a.m. by Cllr. John Brassil, Cathaoirleach, Kerry County Council.

The website was developed in house by Library staff and the I.T. Dept. of Kerry County Council. Its main features include 24 hour access to the library catalogue, a facility for members of the public to request and renew books online, access for library members to a range of online sources including national and international newspapers, languages and music online, World Book and Encyclopaedia Britannica. Library events information and the library social media information are also accessible from the website home page.

During 2014, there were **66,245** usages of the library **online** resources.

## Social Housing Activity Report at 17th February 2015

### Tralee Municipal Area (T.M.A.)

<u>Social Housing Applicants</u>	2015
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Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area	8
New Tenancies Commenced	7
Accommodation refusals	1

<u>Social Houses</u>
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**Vacant properties within Municipal Area**

Under/awaiting Repair (excl those subject to major refurbishment)	30
Awaiting Allocation	21

**Construction Programme**

Single Rural Dwellings - Transfer Stage	1
Single Rural Dwellings - under construction	
Extensions - applications on hands	
Extensions - under construction	

<u>Rental Accommodation Scheme</u>
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	<u>County</u>	<u>T.M.A.</u>
Total Active Tenancies	801	397
New tenancies in 2014	146	57
Tenancies terminated in 2014	74	26

<u>Leasing</u>
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	<u>County</u>	<u>T.M.A.</u>
Leased Properties	63	11
Leases under negotiation	9	1

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

**Allocation 2015** Not

		Available
New Grants Allocated 2015	30	0.114m
Total 2015 commitment	136	0.642m
Grants Paid 2015		0.068m

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

- 1. Cllr. P. Daly:** That this council will install a wheelchair swing to the playground in The Green.

**REPLY:** The playground in Tralee Town Park was installed in or around 2006. It contains a number of pieces of equipment which are designed/installed to accommodate persons with special needs. The Council has costed a dedicated wheelchair swing at " 16,000 incl. VAT and including all ground works. Specific funding is not available at present but the Council will liaise with voluntary/statutory bodies in an effort to attract co-funding for such a project. The Council is unable to fund a project of this nature by itself at present

Cllr. P.Daly said he was contacted by a member of the public requesting that a wheelchair swing would be provided. The cost appears quite high and he asked if a voluntary body was likely to get funding that could be topped up by the Community Support Fund.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that Mr. Vincent Foley costed the installation of a wheelchair swing and there is no funding available for it. If a voluntary group such as the Wheelchair Association would like to meet with Mr. Foley to discuss all options he would be available to meet with them.

Cllr. P.Daly asked if the wheelchair swing could be funded through the income from parking fines issued for illegal parking in Wheelchair spaces. This may encourage people to purchase a parking ticket.

Mr. C O'Sullivan said that there is no break down of revenue within parking enforcement to show what revenue was accumulated for each type of fine that was issued.

Mr. G. Riordan said that a wheelchair swing was installed in the initial layout of the playground but the design and structure was poor and it had to be removed as it was not safe.

- 2. Cllr. N. Foley:** As part of the 1916 celebrations that the Tralee Municipal District consider dedicating a rose bed to the 7 signatories including a suitable dedication stone similar in size and style to the rose Kennedy Memorial already in the park

**Reply:** This notice of motion will be considered by the 2016 Working Group and the Tourism, Arts and Culture Strategic Policy Committee, taking account of budgets and resources for the commemorations program (once this is confirmed).

We anticipate a high level of submissions across the county and will accommodate and facilitate as much as possible within our resources

Cllr. N. Foley said that she believed the cost would be prohibitive and she suggested that All Ireland Medals in Tralee could be exhibited in the County Museum during the 1916 Commemorations.

3. **Cllr. T. Ferris:** Why are there long delays in processing RAS and long term leasing applications.

**Reply:** The following factors may contribute to a delay in processing RAS and leasing contracts:

- Delays in receiving Garda checks on prospective tenants
- Reduction in the number of suitable available properties, particularly for smaller family units
- The upturn in the private rented market generally. The RAS and Leasing schemes requires a negotiation of the monthly rent to 92% of the market rent.
- The co-operation of the landlords in terms of returning contracts together with the required supporting documentation in compliance with the terms of the scheme. The Council makes every effort to process all applications received without any undue delay.

Cllr. T. Ferris acknowledged the reply and said she hoped applications would be dealt with faster in future.

4. **Cllr. T. Ferris:** That the sleepers on the passageway at the old entrance to Banna adjacent to the sea rescue boat house be placed on the inside. That a pole be placed at the slipway to prevent cars parking in front of the emergency access to the beach.

**Reply:** A bollard will be placed at the slipway to prevent cars parking in front of the emergency access to the beach.

An estimate of the costs involved in the proposal in relation to the sleepers is being prepared. As soon as these costs are received a decision on this proposal will be made.

Cllr. T. Ferris asked if the bollards can be moved.

Mr. G. Riordan said that the Banna Inshore Rescue uses their main access gate with overhead barrier in order to access the beach (via the main carpark).

The narrow entrance running east-west, has railway sleepers retaining the sand on both sides (with the ground level on both sides of the sleepers several feet higher than the path level).



It would not be feasible to remove the vertical sleepers and place them on the dune side of the path as they are needed on the path side to retain back the horizontal sleepers. Any works here would involve digging into the sand dunes

Cllr. T. Ferris asked if the safety officer would meet with a representative of Banna Sea Rescue

Mr. G. Riordan said a meeting can be arranged with representatives of the Banna Inshore Rescue in order to discuss options etc.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that the dunes can be looked at to see if there are any alternatives.

5. **Cllr. P. Daly:** That Kerry County Council will cease facilitating the removal of sand from Banna Beach

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council has statutory responsibility for the maintenance of the local Akeragh drainage network incorporating the Kilmoley and Ardfert land drainage networks. The network discharges into the sea at the Black Rock. The mouth of the ~~river~~ drainage network has always been susceptible to blockage and for many decades now Kerry County Council has had to ~~dredge~~ and clear the mouth to ensure the ongoing drainage of the lands. These works are undertaken by Kerry County Council with the statutory powers afforded us under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945, and have been the modus operandi at this location for decades.

Historically the excavated sands were stockpiled on the beach local to the mouth of the network and eventually were distributed through the local dunes. However a number of years ago the NPWS raised their concerns with this method of dealing with the arisings and we were requested to seek an alternative for the disposal of the sand.

Following recent notification from the Department of the Marine, all dredging/removal works have ceased and a Foreshore Licence is now required from the Department.

As part of this licence application, a Natura Impact Statement is also required, given the location is within both Akeragh/Banna and Barrow Harbour SAC, and Tralee Bay Complex SPA. This Impact Statement, to be carried out in conjunction with the NPWS, will address all relevant environmental issues including the issue of sand dredging, stockpiling removal etc.

Cllr. P. Daly said that people use Banna Beach on a regular basis and to see the dunes vanishing while sand is being dumped was frustrating. He said that the removal of sand should stop and that it should be spread out over the beach.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that this was happening up until recently when the NPWS stopped it. They raised concerns about the use of dredged material in an SAC.

Cllr. T. Ferris expressed concern at the implications arising from the cessation of the dredging works. She queried why the prohibition on the removal of the sand from the beach could have such consequences. It is unfortunate that it has reached this point and asked who would meet the cost of reinstating the roads following the transport of sand to Barrow. It is incredible that the tax payers are expected to pick up the bill, as these works fall under EU Regulations and she asked for clarification on it.

Mr. E. Scanlan said that the Council had been contacted by both the NPWS and the Dept of Environment in relation to the works at the Black Rock. The NPWS concern relates to the removal of the sand from the area while the Dept of Environment was in contact in relation to the foreshore and the dredging of the river to facilitate the drainage of Akeragh Lough. As a result work on dredging the river at the Blackrock could not continue as the Department have indicated that a foreshore licence is required for this work. This had come as a surprise to the Council as these works had been ongoing for decades without such a requirement. A letter issued to the Department outlining the statutory obligation on the Council under the Drainage Act and the concerns that the restriction on the dredging operations could have on lands and property in the area.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that in the meantime the drainage of the channel will be maintained as necessary to avoid flooding in the area.

#### **15.03.03.07(a) Update from the Operations, Health & Safety Directorate**

### **Tralee Municipal District Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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 March/April**

<b>Town</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roads Programme . Overlay Contracts and footpath renewal works complete.</li><li>• Footpath Works - Ongoing at Mitchels Road.</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscaping works ongoing at Glenard, Monavalley + new Footpath in Town Park.</li> <li>Works on footpath at Rath Graveyard to commence.</li> <li>Tree Trimming / Pruning ongoing + Grass Cutting to commence in April.</li> </ul>
<b>Tralee Municipal District East</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Road Maintenance . Drainage &amp; Skirting Works.( ie Cordal, Knocknagoshel etc)</li> <li>Regional &amp; Local Road Maintenance . Patching Operations.</li> </ul> <p>Regional &amp; Local Road Maintenance . Signage Works (ie straightening, cleaning, replacing etc)</p>
<b>Tralee Municipal District West</b>	<p><b>Works at the following locations within the Tralee Municipal District from 1<sup>st</sup> March to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tralee to Fenit Amenity Trail (Edward Street to Rock Street, Tralee)</li> <li>Councillor Specific Municipal District Operation Fund Works (CCA)</li> <li>Development Levy Contribution Works . R878 Forge Cross . Laharn</li> <li>Regional &amp; Local Road Maintenance . Skirting &amp; Drainage Works (ie R551 Ardfert, R556 Abbeydorney, Kielduff Rd,etc)</li> <li>National Secondary Road Maintenance . Skirting &amp; Drainage Works (ie N70 Castlmaine Rd,)</li> </ul>

### 3. Housing

Maintenance work is ongoing

Work will be undertaken to the following vacant units in March/April.

<b>Short-term voids</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Killeen Court</li> <li>1 St. Brendan's Park Close</li> <li>74 Mitchels Avenue</li> </ul>
<b>Long-term</b>	

#### 4. Report for Members on Old stone wall on southern side of Canal Road

The condition of this wall was raised at the last Municipal District meeting.

This sea wall was inspected(see photos) along the N86 Canal Road, and we are satisfied that there has been no serious deterioration of the sea wall since the new footpath was constructed and the new road pavement approx. 8 years ago.

However some of the capping stones are loose and need repair work, and it is proposed to reconstruct some capping stones where loose and carry out repairs along the start of the exposed sections.



This concludes our Report for March 2015.

#### (b) Notices of Motion.

1. **Cllr. J Finucane:** That the common areas in Pembroke Square be taken in charge by Kerry County Council.

**Reply:** The estate known as Pembroke Square, Ballonagh was taken in charge in May 2005 by Tralee Town Council. This includes the common areas.

Cllr. T. O'Brien moved this motion on behalf of Cllr. Finucane.

2. **Cllr. T. McEllistrim:** To cut the trees in Woodlands Estate, Oakpark Tralee in the interest of safety.

**Reply:** The trees at Woodlands will be examined and will be trimmed back where necessary

Cllr. T. McEllistrim acknowledged this reply.

Cllr. P. Daly said that there was a dangerous tree in front of the Woodlands Estate at the junction and he asked that it would be addressed.

3. **Cllr. T. McEllistrim:** To surface dress the road from Churchill to The Lighthouse Junction in Fenit village.

**Reply:** The L-2007 (Local Primary Road) from Churchill Cross to Fenit Village has been improved/surfaced in recent years and is in reasonably good condition. However, the L-2007 from the Lighthouse Junction in Fenit Village to Tawlaught has deteriorated and requires improvement works. This section of roadway is included in the Roads Programme for 2015 under the Restoration Improvement Programme

Cllr. T. McEllistrim acknowledged the reply and said the section from Chawkes to the Lighthouse is the most urgent.

4. **Cllr. T. McEllistrim:** To erect a public light outside The Rambling House in Brosna.

**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 increased our public lighting costs and there will be additional costs with the proposed taking in charge of other estates in the coming years.

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 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. Any request to provide additional public lighting outside Brosna village, will need to be assessed as part of a Public Lighting policy, which will be developed through the

Operations SPC, given the existing demands on the Council to maintain existing public lighting infrastructure throughout the county.

Cllr. T. McEllistrim acknowledged the reply and said that The Rambling House is used as a place to gather on a regular basis both by young and old. He accepted that energy costs must be taken into account but in the interest of safety the provision of a light at this location could be considered a priority.

5. **Cllr. J. Finucane:** That the council upgrade the street lighting in St Brendan's Park to prevent future black outs due to the age of the electrical components.

**Reply:** The public lighting system in St. Brendans Park was installed by the ESB in excess of 40 years ago, the method and layout used during this installation was common practice and was the accepted layout at the time. Fortunately, this method is not common practice today; however the public lighting in St. Brendans Park is fully operational despite the occasional fault.

Kerry County Council has examined the costs of rectifying and upgrading the lighting system so that a complete blackout does not happen again. This would involve the provision of an independent power supply and switching mechanism for each light. The estimated cost is " 15,800 inclusive of VAT.

Unfortunately due to the constraints on the existing public lighting network, including increasing energy costs, the Council has not been in a position to fund the upgrade and rewiring of the existing public lighting network. This issue will need to be considered as part of the review of our public lighting policy, which we intend to undertake in 2015 through the Operations SPC

However, given that this is in an urban area, serving a large community, it would be reasonable to consider the funding of these works through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund

Cllr. T. O'Brien acknowledged the reply and asked if the councillors would divide the estimated cost of " 15,800 between them. This would be a cost of " 1,750 per member.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan asked if all councillors were in agreement to which all councillors agreed to provide funding. Mr. C. O'Sullivan also said that costings to upgrade street lighting in St Brendan's park would be forwarded to all Tralee MD members.

6. **Cllr. T. Ferris:** That the council would explain the removal of sand from Akeragh and outline who will cover the cost of the damage caused to road network following the transportation of hundreds of tons of the sand.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has statutory responsibility for the maintenance of the local Akeragh drainage network incorporating the Kilmoyley and Ardfert land drainage networks. The network discharges into the sea at the Black Rock. The mouth of the river drainage network has always been susceptible to blockage and for many decades now Kerry County Council has had to dredge and clear the mouth to ensure the ongoing drainage of the lands. These works are undertaken by Kerry County Council with the statutory powers afforded us under the Arterial

Drainage Act, 1945, and have been the modus operandi at this location for decades.

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Kerry County Council was aware that at one stage in the past the local Golf club had taken the sand so we approached them to see if they were interested in the use of the sand subject to the approval of the NPWS. The Golf Club indicated an interest so the matter was discussed further with the NPWS. NPWS agreed to the proposal and a notifiable action form was raised by Kerry County Council and issued to NPWS.

In the absence of the Golf Club as an alternative for the disposal of the sand and in view of the NPWS sanction on reusing the sand locally, the costs of removing the sand to location unknown to the Council would have been considerable

Cllr. T. Ferris moved the motion and said this matter was discussed earlier in the meeting.

7. **Cllr. T. Ferris:** What are Kerry County Council's proposals to address the ongoing issue with public lighting in St Brendans Park Tralee.

**Reply:** The public lighting system in St. Brendans Park was installed by the ESB in excess of 40 years ago, the method and layout used during this installation was common practice and was the accepted layout at the time. Fortunately, this method is not common practice today; however the public lighting in St. Brendans Park is fully operational despite the occasional fault.

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Cllr. T. Ferris moved this motion.

8. **Cllr. T. Ferris:** That repair work would be carried out by Kate Brownes in the village Ardfert.

**Reply:** The R551 (Regional Road) in Ardfert Village adjacent to Kate Brownes Restaurant is in a good condition. However, the hard shoulder fronting Kate Brownes and the vehicular entrance to the side serving Kate Brownes are in a poor condition and require re-surfacing / improvement works. An estimate for these bituminous surfacing works is " 4,530. These works are suitable for Councillor's Allocation).

9. **Cllr. T. Ferris:** Can the area engineer provide a progress report received in relation to complaints following work carried out by way of Councillor's allocations at Ardahan Ardfert.

**Reply:** The Listowel Engineering Area undertook CCA Works outside a property on the L-1034 (Local primary Road) at Ardahan, Ardfert. The works consisted of a surface water drainage channel to take the roadside water past a cottage that was below road level. The surface water was drained to a roadside soakway some 30m to the north of the cottage's front gate. The Listowel Area Office has not received any complaints following the completion of the works. The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department has inspected this section of roadway and proposes to undertake some skirting / drainage works along the road which may further relieve the problem.

Cllr. T. Ferris acknowledged this reply.

10. **Cllr. T. Ferris:** That signage would be placed on the by pass similar to that at Quills Cross.

**Reply:** The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department will erect signage on the N22 adjacent to the Farmer's Bridge Junction Turn-Off indicating Farmer's Bridge + Ballyfinnane (in addition a warning sign stating that this road is unsuitable for Heavy Good Vehicles will be erected) in addition to the existing Farmer's Bridge signage.

Cllr. T. Ferris acknowledged this reply

11. **Cllr. N. Foley:** That the Tralee Municipal District would seek to improve safety at the railway tracks on Carneys road to the Blennerville road. Although there is signage advising of the tracks many cyclists seem to miss it and it has given rise to a number of cyclist accidents.

**Reply:** The road surface adjacent to the Railway Crossing Tracks (Tralee-Blennerville Railway Line) on the L-6513 (Local Secondary Road) Kearney's Road will be re-surfaced to allay concerns for cyclists (notwithstanding the existence of Signage clearly warning cyclists of the Railway Crossing Tracks . advising cyclists to dismount).

Cllr. N. Foley acknowledged the reply and said she appreciated that the road will be re-surfaced.



- 12. Cllr. N. Foley:** Could we have an up to date progress report on the Tralee northern relief road.

**Reply:** The proposed Tralee Northern Relief Road will link the recently constructed Tralee Bypass to the regional road, R556, Tralee to Abbeydorney road. This link forms part of the overall Bypass of the town.

The opening of the Tralee Bypass in August 2013 has led to increased traffic movements into the new roundabout at Forge Cross and the existing local road is coming under severe pressure from this traffic.

The Road Design Office has progressed the detailed design and the Part 8 Planning Process was completed and approved at the full Council Meeting in February 2014. During this process, we engaged with all the landowners involved and indicated that we would attempt to purchase the lands required by agreement initially as opposed to the CPO option.

Negotiations are still ongoing with landowners and it is hoped that these will be concluded shortly

Cllr. N. Foley said that this is a vital piece of infrastructure and many of the local residents find it very difficult to commute with the large volume of traffic. She asked when the works would commence.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald said that progress is being made and funding is being sought for the road.

- 13. Cllr. N. Foley:** That the parking lines be upgraded in Day Place, Tralee and the tree surrounds which have been damaged be replaced or removed.

**Reply:** Lining will be renewed within a month; the tree surrounds will be examined and the necessary work carried out.

Cllr. N. Foley said that cars are hitting off the tree surrounds and she asked if it was worthwhile replacing them. She acknowledged the great work the Tralee Tidy Towns are doing.

- 14. Cllr. N. Foley:** That the wall on the Kearneys road to Blennerville be rebuilt as it is currently in a state of disrepair and that the road surface also be repaired

**Reply:** The section of stonewall damaged on the L-6513 Kearneys Road, adjacent to the Tralee-Blennerville Railway Line, is currently been re-constructed by the Tralee Municipal District Operations Department.

Cllr. N. Foley asked will the surfacing works be carried out at the same time as the reconstruction.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald said that some patching has been done to date and he would keep this area under observation.

- 15. Cllr. N. Foley:** What is the up to date position regarding the provision of a pedestrian crossing at Killerisk, Tralee as per previous motions.

**Reply:** The detailed design of this crossing on the L-2061 (Local Primary Road) Killerisk Road, is included in the work programme for the road design office in 2015. The scheme once designed will need to go through a public consultation process in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.

Unfortunately, I cannot give a firm commitment on when the design will be complete as our current priority is to complete designs for the roads programme, for which funding has been allocated. Once we have finalized the roads programme, I will revert to the members on a timeframe for the completion of this project.

Cllr. N. Foley said that this is an important piece of infrastructure in a highly populated area. She asked when the works would be carried out.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that it was a difficult time of the year with the Roads Programme designs having to take priority. He said that he will come back with a timeframe for completing the design of the pedestrian crossing and funding stream at the next Tralee Municipal Meeting.

#### **15.03.03.08 Presentation by Tralee Caring and Sharing Ltd.**

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T. O'Brien, SECONDED by Cllr. T. Ferris it was agreed to approve the making of a presentation to a meeting of the Tralee Municipal District by Mr. Kevin O'Connor, Chairperson, and Mr. James Hussey, Manager of Tralee Caring and Sharing Ltd. as requested by Mayor J Finucane.

#### **15.03.03.09 Dates for meetings**

- (a) It was agreed that the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee would be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2015 at 3.30pm.
- (b) It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting to consider the adoption of the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan incorporating the Roads 11.30am.

#### **15.03.03.11 Any Other Business**

##### **Radharc na h-Eaglaise, North Commons, Ardfert**

Cllr. T. Ferris said some of the Bond for Radharc na h-Eaglaise estate in Ardfert remained and she asked if a member of the Operations Dept could meet with the residents.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald said that he would arrange a meeting with the residents in the coming week.

##### **The Mall, Tralee**

Cllr. N. Foley asked if the lags in the Mall will be replaced and was there a timeframe for this work.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald said that that this issue was ongoing

Mr. G. Riordan said these lags were being replaced as issues arose and there was no timeframe for the completion of this work.

### **Akeragh – Right of Way**

Cllr. T. Ferris asked if an official from the Legal Department could meet with the resident of Akeragh prior to the Court Case which is scheduled for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. She sent correspondence but did not receive a reply.

Cllr. N. Foley supported Cllr. T. Ferris on this matter.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that the Court Case is listed for hearing on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> March but as there was a high profile case ongoing it was likely the Akeragh Right-of-Way case would be deferred to a later date.

### **CCTV**

Cllr. S. Locke said that the CCTV system covering Shanakill, Ragoonane, Balloonagh and Spa Road areas were fitted to reduce anti-social behaviour which had a costing of approximately " 100,000. He said that some of the cameras if not all were not working satisfactorily and were not being maintained. He asked that the cameras would be brought up to standard and be maintained thereafter.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that he will bring a report on the current condition and any existing maintenance contracts in place and costs for rectifying these cameras to the next Tralee Municipal District meeting.

### **Sign at R556 Tralee/Abbeydorney**

Cllr. G. Spring said that the welcome sign on the R556 Tralee/Abbeydorney road has been vandalised and needs to be cleaned or replaced.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald said that a number of signs were vandalised and when replaced it happens again. He also said whatever type of paint is used it is very difficult to remove it.

### **Denny Site Tralee**

Cllr. P. Daly requested an update on the Denny Site and also on the Tralee Management Plan.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that they were engaged with consultants to go through the demolition process, as given its previous usage all aspects have to be taken into account. He hoped the report would be finalised in the next fortnight and he would bring the report to the next Municipal District Meeting.

Cllr. P. Daly asked about the allocation of funding.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said consideration will be given to the best way to develop the Denny site and what is best for the town.

The meeting concluded at 12.30 pm.

**Beth Reidy**  
**A/Meetings Administrator**

**Mayor of the Municipal District of Tralee**