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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 11th May 2015.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH THRÁ LÍ A THIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN LUAN 11 BEALTAINÉ 2015.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

P. Daly	N. Foley	T. McEllistrim
T. Ferris	S. Locke	T. O'Brien
G. Spring	P. McCarthy	J. Finucane

In attendance/i láthair

Mr. C. O'Sullivan	Delegated Executive for the MD of Tralee
Mr. G. O'Brien	Meetings Administrator
Mr. C. Lynch	E.E.
Mr. J. Fitzgerald	E.E.
Ms. J. O'Sullivan	C.O.
Ms. B. Conway	A.O.
Mr. J. Kennelly	S.E.
Ms. A. M. Costello	Assistant Planner
Ms. C. Carraig	Sports Co-ordinator
Ms. H. Switzer	A.O.
Ms. L. O'Donnell	A.O.
Mr. F. Hartnett	S.E.E.
Mr. G. O'Riordan	S.E.
Mr. T. Sheehy	S.E.

The meeting commenced at 3.40p.m.

15.05.11.01 Confirmation of Minutes

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T. O'Brien SECONDED by Cllr. T. Ferris, it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee held on the 2nd March 2015 be confirmed.
- (b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. N. Foley, SECONDED by Cllr. T. O'Brien, it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee held on the 19th March 2015 be confirmed.

Cllr. J. Finucane extended his sympathy on behalf of the Tralee Municipal District members to Cllr. G. Spring and the Spring family, following the death of Dr. Arthur Spring.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan, on behalf of the management and staff of the Council wished to be associated with the sentiments expressed by Cllr. J. Finucane.

All members said they wished to be associated with this expression of sympathy

Cllr. J. Finucane wanted to take the opportunity to pay tribute to Dick and Eileen Henggeler on their purchase of the Fels Point Hotel. He said he was conscious of the bond between the Henggeler family and the Rose of Tralee festival where their late daughter Dot was the Washington Rose in 2011. He said that this was a significant investment for the Henggeler family and had saved 70 jobs in the hotel. They will take over ownership on the 7th June. Cllr. Finucane proposed, on behalf of the people in the town, that the walkway presently being constructed from the Dan Spring road to the Town Park would be dedicated in their daughter's memory, as recognition of their generosity towards the town.

The walkway, which will be in place from the Town Park to the Dan Spring Road, is expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

Cllr. S. Locke seconded this proposal.

All councillors concurred with this proposal

Cllr. J. Finucane welcomed the reopening of The Ashe Hotel and Benners Hotel which he described as a great boost to the town.

Presentation from Tralee Sharing and Caring

Cllr. J. Finucane welcomed *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* from Tralee Sharing and Caring+ and introduced *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* to speak.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) thanked the members for the opportunity for addressing them today and introduced himself as the chairman of Cuman losaef, which is an umbrella company including Tralee Sharing and Caring and Kingdom Voluntary Housing. He then introduced *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* who is the General Manager and was a founding member of Cuman losaef, delivering meals on wheels for almost 30 years.

Who are we?

- 1) This is not a profit organization
- 2) Our staff are Community Employment Scheme Workers, and because this service interacts with large numbers of older people, where the bond of trust is essential, we endeavor to recruit older workers for this type of work.
- c) Our purpose here today is to request an initial grant of " 10,000 this will enable us to buy a second hand pick up vehicle and trailer, to have available, equipment for

cleaning and fumigating, to provide essential protective gear for staff, materials for cleaning/painting etc. This will then allow us to reach out to more people.

We also request that financial assistance would be part of your annual estimates; any submissions we would make would be based on actual running costs and fully audited.

Why, and how are we involved with the old and vulnerable;

- 3) Our meals on wheels deliveries, provides our staff with first hand contact with people and they report on what they observe, and where necessary, we advise relatives and where appropriate HSE staff, on matters that require their attention;
- 4) We respond to requests by medical staff/district nurses where there is a need for the type of intervention we can provide, this unfortunately is a growing regular occurrence.
- 5) We receive requests from social workers;
- 6) We are on occasion contacted by members of the Gardai;
- 7) In conjunction with Council Engineers, we respond to their requests
- 8) We do not operate an ancillary refuse collection service, but we do clear rubbish from a dwelling where there is a risk of health of the occupant, and where a skip can be provided by the organization concerned, which is not always possible.
We have carried out these services outside of Tralee however, our mobility is severely restricted in the movement of staff and equipment.

Population profile;

d) Kerry has an older age profile and has a higher dependency of older people at 22.1%

The South West is at 18.8%

And the state average is 17.4%

As is now relatively well understood, Ireland is facing what has been referred to as an age quake, a significant increase in the numbers of people over age 65 years. This has major implications for public policy and service provision.

e) **There are questions that should be asked and answered?**

The **first** question is; **Is there a need;**

That can best be answered by looking at the sample photographs showing the deplorable conditions some people endure or by speaking to your own Engineers and staff, to district Nurses and Social Workers. The issues involved in this type of service are very personal and the persons dignity must be respected, therefore, this is not a service you would broadcast or seek publicity about, but we cannot continue on a wind and a prayer.

The **Second** question is; **Why Our Organisation;**

Quite simply there is no one else: Except for Private contractors; But who will pay for their services?

The **Third** Question is; **Should something be done to alleviate this suffering;**

The answer to that question is best answered by the question;

DO WE AS A SOCIETY CARE??

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) again thanked the members for this opportunity to address them

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) thanked the members for the opportunity to speak and asked if the members have any questions.

Cllr. S. Locke said he has seen the great work that they have carried out and would help out with an allocation for funding.

Cllr. P. Daly said he has seen the good work that they have been carried out and has observed the meals and wheels in Rock Street.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) gave an example of a house in Castleisland that wasn't habitable. Some of the houses they see don't have running water and they are only informed of these conditions by the District Nurse that would visit them its only then they can help out with meals etc.

Cllr. T. Ferris said the question is do we really care? She said she is well aware of the great work that they carry out and the help they also provide to some of the Local Authority tenants as some of the works that they carry out would not fall under the council remit. She asked what level of funding is required.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) said that he doesn't like mentioning any particular area but in the Castleisland circumstance the hire of a skip for this particular home was " 700 which the Council paid for as they don't have the funding. He said that they rely on people's goodwill. He said that protective clothing and proper equipment are needed as they need to be able to respond to these people's needs. In many circumstances the District Nurse is unable to enter these homes and also home help cannot call for safety reasons.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) said that when working with the Tralee Town Council before the amalgamation, these houses would be vacated and the owners put in short term housing provided by the Town Council where then the Sharing and Caring team were able to enter these houses and do them up. He said it was shocking that some people were living in these deplorable circumstances.

Cllr. J. Finucane asked if their submission was for " 10,000.

Cllr. N. Foley said that the work that they carry out is phenomenal and that they carry out all their work discreetly and confidently to protect people's dignity. She said that no one else was doing this type of work and is fully supportive of any financial help that they need and also said that this support should be carried out on an on going basis and would raise it at the SPC.

Cllr. P. McCarthy said that he too was fully supportive of their work. He said that their track record was outstanding and that it was a very noble cause.

Cllr. T. O'Brien welcomed both Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Hussey. He said that he was very supportive and knew of the great work that they do.

Cllr. G. Spring said he concurred with his colleagues and has seen the great work that they carry out and said that he fully supports them.

Cllr. J. Finucane said that some people can fall between the cracks in society maybe from loneliness or no close family members. He said it was very important to have people like Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Hussey and their volunteers that can help these people when they need it.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan thanked both (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) for their presentation and said that he was aware of the great work that they carry out. He said that funding, for such initiatives, is determined by the members under the Community Support Fund and said that in connection to the Tralee Town Council he cannot confirm that the same level of funding will be provided. He said that he would speak to Mr. John Breen in connection with this and will return to them with a contact liaison.

15.05 .11.02 Business prescribed, by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolution

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. P. McCarthy SECONDED by Cllr. S. Locke it was agreed to consider the proposed development and the Chief Executives Report thereon in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 -2013and Articles 17 to 19 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2006 in respect of the proposed Construction of 4 No Two Story ,semi detached dwellings and all associated site works at Muing West,Bill Kinnerk Road,Tralee,Co Kerry
- (b) Cllr. J. Finucane acknowledged the Tralee Bay Wetlands silver award for %Best in a Marine or Environmental+category at the Irish Responsible Tourism Awards.
- (c) On the proposal of Cllr. J. Finucane and Seconded by Cllr. T. Ferris Cllr. P. Daly was agreed as nominee to the Board of %Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership+
- (d) On the proposal of Cllr. S. Locke and seconded by Cllr. P. McCarthy, Cllr. T. McEllistrim was agreed as nominee to Kerry Life Skills Ltd.

15.05.11.03 Update from the Water Services Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report which was circulated:

Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí
Achoimre Stádais ar an 6ú Bealtaine 2015

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme

Status Summary at the 6th April 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:

CIP TIONSCNAIMH SHOLÁTHAIR UISCE CIP WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS			
Tionscnamh Project	Description	Value	Stádas Status
Mains Rehabilitation Project	Tralee Estates Mains Replacement Contract Works	" 1,835,000	Contractor Wills Bros. work ongoing on the replacement of Lead Distribution mains at 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 has now been replaced; others to be completed June 2015.
Central Regional Water Supply Scheme	Scart Reservoir, Farranfore	" 292,000	Construction completed and reservoir in operation.
	Lough Guitane Water Treatment Plant . Design, Build and Operate	" 22,250,000	WTP DBO Tenders return date is in late May 15

CIP TIONSCNAIMH FUIOLLUISCE CIP WASTEWATER PROJECTS

Tionscnamh Project	Stádas Status
Ardfert SS	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.
Fenit SS	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:

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Castleisland Church St. Sewer	Replace collapsed length of sewer	" 3,500	Completed
Castleisland Limerick Rd. Sewer	Replace collapsed length of sewer	" 4,500	Substantially completed
Fenit Sewerage Scheme	Replace 50m of sewer damaged by storms	" 25,400	Completed
Fenit Sewerage Scheme	Repair storm damage to Plant	" 12,800	Completed
Tawlaght Fenit WMs Replacement	Replace 300M old 2+watermain	" 12,000	Approved
Brosna Knocknagoshel WSS - Dooneen Res.	Provide Security Fencing	" 8,000	Requested
Dromultan Scartaglin Pumping Station	Lay pipe to eliminate pumping station	" 35,000	Approved
Meenleirim Brosna WS Pump	Provide Storage Tank	" 12,000	Approved

Lyreacrompane WTP - Sludge Treatment	Complete Sludge Treatment Plant	" 50,000	Underway
Lyreacrompane Water Supply	Install new Scour Valves and provide sampling points on existing scour-outs	" 17,000	Requested
Tralee Sewerage Scheme (Knockmoyle)	Lay 100m of dedicated 225mm diameter Storm pipe and manholes	" 14,000	Partly approved
Tralee SS - WWTP UV	UV Disinfection System upgrade	" 32,139	Underway
Tralee SS - Castlemaine Road Pumpstation	Pump replacement and Upgrade of Control Panel	" 15,422	Approved
Tralee SS – Mulgrave’s Bridge Pumpstation	Upgrade PLC system	" 6, 224	Complete
CRWSS - Knockawaddra Pumpstation	Installation of inline booster pumps	" 18,300	Underway
Garryruth and Cloghers Sewage Pumping Stations	Provision of mobile electricity generator	" 20,000	Requested
Pembroke St Tralee Water	Decommission cast iron main	" 5,900	Complete
Prince’s St Tralee	Replace 30M of 100MM cast iron main	" 6,400	Approved
Ardfert South Water Supply Scheme	Installation of 3no. PRVs and 9no. Air Valves	" 24,500	Underway
Cloonafileenena Kilflynn WS	Upgrade SCADA/Telemetry	" 6,400	Complete
Total approved to-date		€ 277,485	

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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 March or April.

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.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. N. Foley: That the Municipal District of Tralee seek from Irish Water an update on the replacement of lead pipes at Kevin Barry's Villas Tralee as water quality is an issue of serious concern for some residents in the area.

REPLY: The water supply network to Kevin Barry's Villas consists mainly of old cast iron watermains. The half-inch service / connection pipes to the individual houses are of lead.

In 2014 Kerry County Council submitted an Inventory Report of all cast iron watermains (with ancillary lead service connection pipes), which includes the circ 1.5Km of cast iron piping in the Mitchell's area, to Irish Water.

In April 2015 Irish Water invited requests for funding to replace cast iron water pipes the ancillary Lead connection pipes.

Kerry County Council is now preparing to make this submission in May 2015, and it is intended that funding to replace the approximately 1.5 Km of Mitchell's cast iron pipes will be sought.

Cllr. N. Foley said that some residents were still concerned with their water quality as some have tested above the legal limits for lead in their water supply and asked when was it likely works will commence.

Mr. J. Kennelly said that it was difficult to say at this stage. He said that Irish water have asked for submissions to be put forward for funding and that this was to be looked at positively and that Kerry County council are preparing to make this submission for funding

Cllr. N. Foley asked what residents were to do if still concerned about their quality of water.

Mr. J. Kennelly informed the members that residents if concerned about the water quality should contact the Irish Water centre and then this would filter down to Kerry County Council to carry out sampling of the water.

Cllr. T. Ferris raised the issue about St Brendans Park, where the residents were of the understanding that the whole road should have been redone and not just patched up where the water repairs were completed.

Cllr. P. Daly asked if testing can be carried out on behalf of the residents

Mr. J. Kennelly said that some testing was carried out for some householders in Kevin Barry Villas and if further testing was needed by other householders that they should contact Irish Water.

Cllr. T. O'Brien asked about the contracts in connection to the road reinstatement in Lohercannon

Mr. A. Harty said that he would have to check the contracts in connection to this.

15.05.11.04 Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development Directorate

(b) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. N Foley: (a) That Tralee Municipal District again reaffirm its support for the defence of all public rights of way in the Ardkeragh area.

(b) That the Management of Kerry County Council confirm its commitment to defending these rights of way and that an update be provided outlining the progress made to date in mounting a vigorous defence of said rights of way.

REPLY:

(a) This is a matter for consideration by the Members.

(b) In accordance with the direction of the Elected Members, at the County Development Plan meeting on the 12th January 2015, Kerry County Council has engaged a Barrister, to review the issues pertaining to the proposed Rights of Way (which have been referred to the Circuit Court) and give direction in relation to our defence of the legal challenge. There are 6 no. Rights of Way in this situation.

To date, there have been a number of meetings with the Barrister and preparation of the documentation associated with the defence is ongoing. Further legal advice from a Senior Counsel may also be sought.

The issue is to be reviewed in the Circuit Court on the 12th May and a date for a future hearing may be determined on that date.

It is considered that we are at a relatively early stage of a protracted legal process which may be complex and may require significant local input from residents of the areas concerned.

2. Cllr. T. Ferris: That this council will defend the decision of the elected council to include all rights of way listed on our County Development Plan and update councillors of progress of same.

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Cllr. N. Foley acknowledged the replies and said that at the council meeting on 12th January this Right of Way was unanimously supported by the members. She said that this case was imminent and called again on the Tralee MD to reaffirm its support.

Cllr. T. Ferris said that there was a democratic decision taken at the meeting on the 12th January where all members voted to include a number of Rights of Way in the development plan and yet this was not confirmed by Kerry County Council. She asked will the council defend these challenges. She said that there was 6 challenges and Kerry Council cannot confirm if they will defend. She asked why the offer of a meeting with a Kerry County Council legal representative has not been taken up. She said people in the 80\$/90\$ have always used this Right Of Way without any problems and said she was at a loss why management were hesitant to rigorously support this. She also asked if it was correct that if any Right Of Way was not on the Development Plan by 2021 that it would be extinguished. She asked if Management could arrange for a legal representative of Kerry County Council to meet with the chairperson of the action group and discuss this case and any information that they may have.

Cllr. P. Daly said that Banna was like a National Park for the North Kerry area and was very important to the community and locality.

Cllr. S. Locke concurred with Cllr. Daly, Cllr. Ferris and Cllr. Foley. He said that there was over 50 statements received from people in the Akeragh area and said that the Council would have to be seen to support and follow up on it.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that there was a decision taken by the Council and the process is ongoing. He said that a junior council has been appointed. In connection with the question of Right of Way extinguished after 2021 he said that he did not think that this was the situation but will seek clarification on the matter.

Cllr. N. Foley said that she is taking that a defense is being mounted and proposed this, Cllr. J. Finucane seconded this proposal.

Cllr. T. Ferris asked if Kerry County Council was going to defend all six challenges and asked for clarification.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said Junior Counsel has been appointed and that all decisions will be made after advice is sought. He said that it was prudent that the Chief Executive gets this advice before making any decisions. Senior Counsel may also be engaged and their expert opinion sought. If further information was required this will be looked for. He said that a substantial amount of documentation was submitted by third parties including the residents and this information was forwarded to our counsel for consideration, as part of the process.

Cllr. P. Daly said that this case would probably not proceed before September and in the meantime asked if someone from the Council legal team could arrange to meet with a number of members and the chairperson of the committee.

15.05.11.05 (a) Update from the Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report which was circulated:

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

11TH May, 2015.

Library Service Report April 2015

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

Library service:

~ Cllr. John Brassil, Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council will launch the new Kerry Library Toy & Sensory Resources collection at Castleisland Library on Wednesday, 6 May at 11.00 a.m. The collection includes games, learning and sensory resources and is designed to offer support to children with learning difficulties, disabilities or more significant needs.

An illustrated catalogue of the specialised collection of toys and sensory resources has been printed and this is available at libraries throughout the county and is also viewable online at www.kerrylibrary.ie

The Toys and Sensory Resources Collection is designed to compliment quality of life services for children and adults, and offer support for the use of the toys and sensory resources through professional partnerships between Kerry Library and Health Care Professionals.

Further details are available from Castleisland Library (066-7163403), each local library or at www.kerrylibrary.ie

~ A range of old Kerry newspapers have recently been digitised recently & are available, with a search facility, to library members via the website www.kerrylibrary.ie **at each library**

[*The Kerryman* 1904 . to date; *Kerry Star* 1861 . 1863; *Kerry Independent* 1880 . 1884; *Kerry Weekly Reporter & Commercial Advertiser* 1883-1920, *Chute's Western Herald*, 1828-1835; *The Kerry Sentinel*, 1878-1918; *The Kerry Examiner & Munster General Observer*, 1840-1856; *Raymond's Kerry Herald*, 1856; *The Tralee Mercury*, 1829-1839; *The Tralee Chronicle & Killarney Echo*, 1843-1881; *The Kerry Independent*, 1880-1884; *The Killarney Echo & South Kerry Chronicle*, 1899-1920].

~ Work is underway on the new Library Development Plan which will cover the years 2015 . 2019. Further details will be issued to all Councillors shortly.

~ There is a range of events scheduled throughout Kerry Libraries for the ~~B~~ealtaine Festival . celebrating creativity in older age~~to~~ to take place between 1 . 31 May. Events at Tralee & Castleisland Libraries are as follows:-

- Castleisland . Friday, 22 May ~~F~~elt making~~q~~with Martyn Bell, 11.00a.m. . 12.30p.m.
- Tralee . Wednesdays, 20th & 27th May ~~A~~rt Workshop~~q~~with Tina Reed, 2.00p.m. . 3.30p.m.
- Tralee . Monday, 11th . Saturday, 23rd May, ~~T~~ralee Probus Group Art Exhibition~~q~~ Launch on Tuesday, 12th at 7.00p.m. by Cllr. Jim Finucane, Mayor of Tralee
- Tralee . Thursday, 7th May [National Poetry Day] ~~P~~oetry reading session~~q~~ with An Ríocht Probus group & Máire Holmes, Writer in Residence, Kerry Co. Council~~A~~rt Workshop~~q~~ 11.00a.m. . 12.30p.m.

Full details of all Bealtaine events on the Library website www.kerrylibrary.ie

Community Services and Engagement Report for April 2015

Business Unit Manager – Mr Michael Scannell, Senior Executive Officer

Kerry Public Participation Network.

The Public Participation Network has been established at County level and representatives have been elected to the various SPCs and JPC at the initial County Plenary session. At this point the Municipal PPN has also been established in the four Municipal Areas. The county secretariat has met on

three occasions and has agreed its constitution and its operating procedures. The PPN will have an important role in the various public consultations regarding the tourism strategy, Local economic and community Plan and the 2016 programme.

Community Support Fund.

The community support applications and recommendations are before the members at today's meeting for consideration. There was a significant response from the community with applications for funding far exceeding the available funds.

Local Economic & Community Plan

The preparation of the LECP is advancing with the completion of economic profile for the county. The Municipal Districts will play an important role in the development of these plans and in particular in identifying issues that relate specifically to their areas. It is proposed to consult with the Municipal Districts following in the next series of meetings. The Council hosted a joint Kerry Economic forum event with the IDA and Enterprise Ireland on 25th March as an initial brainstorming session for the economic aspects of the plan. The chairs of the municipal districts were included in this event. The high profile goals for the LECP will be published shortly and there will be a public consultation to discuss same.

Emergency Services Report for April 2015

Business Unit Manager – Mr. Vincent Hussey, Acting Chief Fire Officer

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- There were 515 incidents in Q1 of 2015 compared to 410 incidents for the same period in 2014.
- The number of chimney fires was 71 up to the end of April 2015, compared with 62 for the same period last year.
- The number of Road traffic collisions in the county was 49 up to the end of April 2015, compared with 50 for the same period last year. Unfortunately there was one fatality on our roads in April.

- **Wildland Fires**

The number of wildland fires up to the end of April was 195 compared to 58 in the same period last year. This 236% increase placed a great strain on fire services resources throughout the county particularly in the first three weeks of April. The fire service would like to emphasise that burning is prohibited under the Wildlife Acts from 1st March to 31st August and would ask that all persons would respect the law in this regard. Senior Fire Service personnel have engaged with local media to highlight issues of uncontrolled wildland fires and have appealed for the public to be vigilant and report fires. Also, the Fire Service continues to assist An Garda Síochána with their enquiries into illegal burning.

- Training for recruit fire fighters has been arranged to commence in May. This is to fill positions in Tralee, Killarney, Killorglin and Castleisland.
- The quarterly meeting with the 10 station officers took place on the 01st April.

Major Emergency Management

- Regional participation has been ongoing. The Regional Steering Group had their first meeting for 2015 on 2nd April.
- An exercise to test the External Emergency Plan of NORA (National Oil Reserves Agency) Oil Terminal in Tarbert took place on the 23rd April.

Civil Defence

- Duties; Easter Week Charity walks in Tralee, Rossbeigh and on Mount Brandon, Ballyfinnane N.S. Cycle, St. Johns Church Confirmation Days. 4 x Volunteers attended duty in Dublin for three days with the Homeless.
- Training; for Manual Handling Patient Moving Course for Volunteers, Community First Responders in Tralee for volunteers. EMT Exercise on Bere Island for 3 x students, EMT CPC Day exercise at Mallow Civil Defence HQ 3 x students,
- On-going training for Emergency First Responders (Exams on 28th. April in Roscrea all passed)
- Civil Defence Officer; Attended NORA Exercise, Pollution Exercise at Fenit
- Meetings; Meeting with DOS at Civil Defence Hq. Warehouse, review of Stores/ Transport to redevelop & structure, including staffing support.
- Issues; Welfare Mobile kitchen needs to be replaced; Funding required to achieve this needs to be fully sourced.

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers continued to provide the Courts with recommendations in respect of any licencing applications notified to the Fire Service.
- Fire Officers continued with premises inspections as required.

Building Control:

- 102 Commencement Notices were received up to the end of April 2015.
- The number of Disability Access Certificate applications received was 27 for the same period.
- A total of 41 Fire Safety Certificate applications were received.

Environmental Protection Services Report for April 2015

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

Spring Clean

- The Spring Clean in Kerry has had 128 groups registered and 14 tonnes of litter has been collected to date by the Council. This will increase as we continue to register groups and accept litter under the Spring Clean Programme until mid . late May depending on demand. Many schools do their clean up in May so we extend the date for this purpose.

County Clean Day 18th April

- The County Clean Up day, which is facilitated by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council was a great success. There was 160 groups registered for this particular event and approximately 3,400 volunteers participated. Practically every community in the county was involved in the biggest clean up to date. The main positive to come from the day is that more people participated and the quantity of litter collected was down on other years . in fact we estimate that the final figure for bags collected will be 5,000.
- The role of Kerry County Council Operations staff for County Clean Up Day was greatly expanded this year. Council Staff from all municipal district offices were involved in picking litter from roadsides on the Thursday and Friday prior to the clean up thereby leading by example. Electronic signs were used to warn motorists that the clean up was in progress. Based on figures available to date we expect the total collected on the day to be close to 50 tonne. This was the fourth year of collaboration on the County clean Up Day between KWD and Kerry County Council. KWD have committed to being involved again next year.

Green Flag Awards

- The Green Flag Awards for Kerry Schools will take place in Cork on Tuesday 26th May. Kerry will have 7 new schools awarded their first flag and a further 50 schools will renew their flags for various environmental modules such as energy, water, sustainable travel, biodiversity and global citizenship.
- Kerry also has a number of schools involved in the national award schemes from both SEAI and UNESCO. These are to be announced during May. Kerry schools are particularly active at present.

Tidy Towns Competition

- We continue to work with Tidy Town groups at this time of year as they prepare to submit their applications.

Other Environmental Initiatives

- We are also working with Transition Kerry and the Tralee Food Festival to organise an Environmental Harvest Festival in September in Tralee. This will form part of the Food Festival Programme. Planning for this event has just begun.
- We will coordinate a full programme of Educational Events and Activities at our Blue Flag Beaches during July & August.

Business Unit Manager – Ms. Kathleen Moriarty, Senior Executive Officer

Social Housing Strategy 2015 – 2017

The Council has received notification from the DOECLG of the Targets for Delivery under the Social Housing Strategy 2015 . 2017. Current and Capital Targets for the period have been set at 1,058 housing units at an estimated cost of delivery of " 62 mn. These will be delivered using a combination of the Rental Accommodation Scheme, Social Leasing, Voids Programme, House Purchases and House Construction. The Housing Section is working towards delivery of these targets using all available delivery mechanisms.

Voluntary Housing

A Call for Proposals under the Capital Assistance Scheme has issued from the DOECLG for projects to meet specific needs for homeless persons, older people, projects for people with a mental health/physical or sensory disability. The Council placed notice in local media and circulated relevant Approved Housing Bodies and held a seminar for such bodies in an effort to increase the level of appropriate projects in the County so as to advance delivery of the Social Housing Strategy. The Council submitted 6 projects to DOECLG for funding and we await response in relation to these proposals.

***John Breen
Director of Services
Sustainable Communities /Quality of Life
May 2015***

**Social Housing Activity Report at 5th May 2015
Tralee Municipal Area (T.M.A.)**

<u>Social Housing Applicants</u>	2015
Accommodation offers made for property located within Municipal Area	22
New Tenancies Commenced	19
Accommodation refusals	3

Social Houses**Vacant properties within Municipal Area**

Under/awaiting Repair (excl those subject to major refurbishment)	30
Awaiting Allocation	25

Construction Programme

Single Rural Dwellings - Transfer Stage	1
Single Rural Dwellings - under construction	0
Extensions - applications on hands	0
Extensions - under construction	0

Rental Accommodation Scheme

	<u>County</u>	<u>T.M.A.</u>
Total Active Tenancies	836	398
New tenancies in 2015	51	25
Tenancies terminated in 2015	15	9

Leasing

	<u>County</u>	<u>T.M.A.</u>
Leased Properties	81	13
Leases under negotiation	5	1

Housing Adaptation Grants (County Wide)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>"</u>
Revised Allocation 2015		—
New Grants Allocated 2015	91	0.566m
Total 2015 Commitment	145	0.863m
Grants Paid	70	0.288m

(b) Presentation by Cora Carrigg Sports Co-ordinator on the Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership

Ms. C Carrigg Sports Co-ordinator thanked the members for their time and attention and said that the purpose of this presentation was to seek a nominee from the members of the Municipal District of Tralee to represent the Municipal District on the Board of Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership.

The Irish Sports Council is a network developed to create a national structure to co-ordinate and promote the development of sport at local level.

The National Network of Local Sports Partnerships is made up of 30 Partnerships nationally, 20 of which are situated within the Local Authority sector

A Local Sports Partnership is a strategic collaboration among parties from various sectors with a view to combining resources and competencies, sharing responsibilities, benefits and risks in working towards the increased participation in sport and physical activity in the Local Authority area/County.

The Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership was established in 2001. It is a sub committee under the auspices of Kerry County Development Board/LCDC and is funded by the Irish Sports Council and partner agencies.

Local . All of Kerry
Sports . All forms/levels of physical activity & recreation.
Partnership - Consultation & shared delivery

The three main objectives of the KRSP Strategic Plan are PARTICIPATION, PARTNERSHIP & PROFILE.

PARTICIPATION: facilitate increased opportunities for participation in sport and participation in our county as per our target groups . e.g. Swim for all and parkrun.

PARTNERSHIP: build on and create new and strong partnerships. e.g. Scoil Ghníomhach.

PROFILE: raise the profile of sport and participation in the county and workings of the Partnership. e.g. education and training, participation events - lets get Kerry Walking

Strength & Growth

- Board/Agency Expansion
 - Target Group Representation
 - Programme Roll Out Assistance
- Meet Frequency
 - Board 1 per Q = 4(max 6 total)
 - Executive 1 per Q = 4
- Councillor Representation
 - Municipal Districts
 - Community Needs
 - Skills & Knowledge & Action v Voice
 - Acknowledge Council Support.

Exercise is the best preventative drug we have . and everybody ought to consider taking that medicine

The presentation included a short video reflective of sports related activities facilitated by Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership.

Cllr. J. Finucane thanked Cora for her presentation.

(c) Notices of Motion.

1. Cllr. J. Finucane: That this Council look at the provision of burial walls in our cemeteries . this would allow family of friends of people who have been cremated a place where they can be remembered

REPLY: Kerry County Council will consider the provision of burial walls in our cemeteries and report on this for the next Municipal District meeting

Cllr. J. Finucane acknowledged this reply

Cllr. S. Locke said he supported this

2. Cllr. P. Daly: That Kerry County Council will facilitate the restoration of the monument to Reidy and Leen at Ballydwyer Cross

REPLY: The monument to Leen and Reidy was accidentally damaged over 2 years ago.

It was removed from site for safe keeping and repairs have been carried out.

It is proposed to erect the newly refurbished monument within the next 2 weeks

Cllr. P. Daly said he was happy with the reply.

3. Cllr. S. Locke: To support the Towards a Better Tralee Group who are tasked with improving our ranking in the IBAL survey to achieve Irelands cleanest town status as well as maintaining the Gold Medal standard in the Tidy Town competition. I propose that a sum of money be set aside from the Councillor Municipal District Operations Fund, to fund a number of projects which will enhance the town year on year.

REPLY: Kerry County Council Tralee MD Operations Department produced a Schedule of works in the town for 2015 which indicated the works to be carried out by the various organisations within The Towards a Better Tralee Group. The schedule highlighted a number of areas/small projects which would enhance the town but needed additional funding in order to complete them. It is a matter for the elected members if they wish to contribute an amount from their CMDOF which would be used towards such projects.

Cllr. S. Locke said the goal is to achieve a gold medal status. He asked for the members to support this with an allocation.

Cllr. T. O'Brien acknowledged this group and said that as PRO of Tralee Tidy Towns said that there is a great benefit to have such groups in a community.

Cllr. J. Finucane said that he supported this also.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that under the Community Support Fund he was aware that Tralee Tidy Towns have made an application for funding.

4. Cllr. N. Foley: That the Municipal District of Tralee would examine ways of dealing with the increase in dumping that is taking place throughout the District. That consideration would also be given to prevent indiscriminate dumping on private property also.

REPLY: Kerry County Council takes measures to prevent and cease unauthorised waste activities including illegal dumping by way of investigation, notifications, remediation requests or legal actions as appropriate within the resources available to us. Since the start of the year 138 complaints have been received relating to litter and illegal dumping within the Tralee Municipal District.

We will work with the Regional Waste Management office in the implementation of the Southern Region Waste Management plan 2015 to 2021 which includes specific policy actions and targets in relation to unauthorised waste activities.

Cllr. T. Ferris said that she was concerned that people cannot afford to pay the raised prices for refuse disposal and that she saw illegal dumping at the Muing roundabout, at Sunday's Well.

Ms. L. O'Donnell said that she would not consider that illegal dumping was caused by the price increase for private disposal/collection. She said that the emphasis was on prevention and raising awareness of illegal dumping and that when a complaint is received it is dealt with within 3 days.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that recently there was a spring clean throughout the County where a huge volume of volunteers took part. He said the welcoming news was that there were more volunteers this year and less waste collected. He did point out that there was some illegal dumping in specific areas which were being followed up by enforcement.

Cllr. T. O'Brien said that he welcomed the prosecutions and that more were needed. He said that it was difficult however to prosecute as getting the proof of illegal dumping would prove difficult. He also said he has sympathy for those who cannot afford the increased cost of private dumping but that was not an excuse for illegally dumping waste.

Cllr. N. Foley said that there was an increase in littering and a severe case in various places in public places, areas that are concealed and also in private property. She said that 2 fines out of 54 cases were disheartening and appears that there is no punishment to fit the crime as there is no reprimand. She suggested the use of covert cameras as they are very successful in other areas and that it would be a deterrent. She said the litter wardens are doing a great job but can only do so much.

5. Cllr. G. Spring: That the public bins in Fenit are covered under the same scheme as the bins in Tralee which allows the public to inform the local authority that a bin is full by texting to 50050

REPLY: We have been advised that the texting scheme introduced in Tralee on a pilot basis did not prove successful. There is a regular frequency of street cleaning and emptying of bins in Tralee, and the only littering issues which arose on occasion were due to specific events, with larger numbers being attracted into the town, such as for festivals.

We also have a regular programme for emptying the bins in Fenit and we are not aware of any particular issues with littering in the village. It is acknowledged that during exceptionally good weather, there may be a need for a higher frequency of emptying and this is being monitored by the Operations Directorate.

Cllr. G. Spring said that when there is good weather you can compare the crowds in Fenit to that of a festival in Tralee. He said that some of the stickers on the bins in Tralee were quite old. He said that the bins in Fenit would need to be emptied more often during fine weather as the bins fill quite quickly and if not emptied the rubbish is strewn on the ground and in the playground.

6. Cllr. T. Ferris: That this council would consider purchasing back some former local authority properties in the interest of good estate management.

REPLY: All expressions of interest in relation to properties available for sale should be submitted to the Housing Department. An application form is available and is drafted to provide certain minimum information together with photographs of the available property. All applications received will be evaluated having regard to the standard of the property, demand in the area, value for money and the relevant circumstances of the proposed vendor.

Cllr. T. Ferris said she appreciated this reply. She wanted to acknowledge that some of the houses in estates would have changed hands 2 to 3 times and asked if more focus can be given on such houses to give a better living environment.

7. Cllr. T. Ferris: That the council will enforce tenancy agreements

REPLY: The Council employs 2 no tenant liaison officers and 2 no. tenant enforcement officers to support the enforcement of tenancy agreements. All complaints received are responded to and monitored carefully. The tenant liaison officers also operate proactively in the management of estates. If a Councillor wishes to submit details regarding a specific case that s/he may have been made aware of, the matter will be fully investigated.

Cllr. T. Ferris acknowledged this reply

15.05.11.06(a) Update from the Operations, Health & Safety Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report which was circulated:

Tralee Municipal District Meeting – 11th May 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 - Municipal District 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 May/June 2015

Tralee Metropolitan Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath renewal at Casement Avenue, Spa Road Estate, Denny Street, St. Brendan's Park • Overlay of road at eastern side of Ashe Hall. • Grass cutting ongoing. • Upgrading footpaths through Town Park
Tralee Municipal District East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration Improvement & Maintenance Preparatory Works • Restoration Improvement & Maintenance Strengthening Works • Restoration Improvement & Maintenance Surface Dressing Works • Restoration Improvement & Maintenance Bituminous Surfacing Works • National Primary Maintenance Works
Tralee Municipal District West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration Improvement & Maintenance Preparatory Works • Restoration Improvement & Maintenance Strengthening Works

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restoration Improvement & Maintenance Surface Dressing Works • Restoration Improvement & Maintenance Bituminous Surfacing Works • National Primary & Secondary Maintenance Works • Street Cleaning / Beach Cleaning Operations • County Specific Municipal District Operation Fund Works
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3. Housing

Maintenance work is ongoing

Work will be undertaken to the following vacant units in May/June.

Short-term voids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 153 Connolly Park • 4 Marian Park Apartments
Long-term voids (Grant Funded)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 151 Shanakill • 166 Shanakill • 40 Balloonagh Estate • 84 St. Josephs Estate • 20 St. Johns Park • 118 St. Brendans Park

This concludes our Report for May/June 2015.

(b) Notices of Motion.

1. Cllr. T. McEllistrim: To ask Kerry County Council to investigate the Ballymacelligott church of Ireland Road which is falling into bad repair and needs to be surfaced and to fill the potholes in the intermediate

REPLY: The L-6544 (Local Secondary Road) Church of Ireland Road is included in the Restoration Maintenance Programme for 2015. Drainage and Skirting Preparatory Works have recently been completed. The Surfacing of the road will be undertaken within the next two months. In the interim, potholes will be patched if required

Cllr. T. McEllistrim acknowledged this reply

2. Cllr. T. McEllistrim: To fill the potholes in the Ashe Road Ballymacelligott.

REPLY: The L-6549 (Local Secondary Road) at Ashill will be patched. The Tralee Municipal District is currently undertaking drainage and skirting works in the locality.

Cllr. T. McEllistrim acknowledged this reply

3. Cllr. T. McEllistrim: To Call on Kerry County Council to take in charge Killeen woods estate in Tralee Town.

REPLY: Kerry County Council referred the water and wastewater infrastructure in Killeen Woods to Irish Water (IW) for their assessment re taking in charge in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the City and County Managers Association and Irish Water on 4th March 2015. Irish Water sought further information from Water Services before they would make an assessment/determination on same. We understand that for an estate of this size (130 Units), IW may require additional supporting documentation (e.g. cctv surveys etc.) and that Water Services may need to agree how such documentation can be prepared and funded, given that it was not a requirement of the original planning permission. Water Services is awaiting the requirements of Irish Water, including the funding of same, in relation to the taking in charge of Killeen Woods estate.

Cllr. T. McEllistrim acknowledged this reply

4. Cllr. T. McEllistrim: To call on Kerry County Council to replace pipes by installing a larger pipe at Ballygarret Bridge, Camp, Tralee.

REPLY: The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department has inspected the various bridges at Ballygarret. No drainage nor flooding issues were encountered. The Tralee Municipal District has not received any complaints with regard to the matter. However, the Operations Dept. will monitor the location and undertake drainage improvement works if / where required (opening of inlets and clearing adjacent drains).

Cllr. T. McEllistrim said that there was water flowing beneath the floor of the bridge. There was a channel cut under the pipe and now the pipe is broken and a possibility that the bridge may collapse. He said that the pipes needs replacing and suggested that the water be cut off at the bridge for a day and cement poured on the floor of the bridge.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald said that they inspected the bridges in this area but could not determine which bridge that Cllr. T. McEllistrim was referring to and asked if Cllr. T. McEllistrim could forward him the details so as to inspect further.

5. Cllr. P. Daly: That Kerry County council install a pedestrian crossing near the school at the Spa.

REPLY: Kerry County Council Tralee Municipal District Operations Department will carry out an initial assessment at this location to determine if a pedestrian crossing or other measures are warranted.

Cllr. P. Daly said he was happy with this reply and asked when will works be carried out.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that the Municipal District Engineer will revert back to him on the assessment when it is complete

6. Cllr. P. Daly: That this Council will create a pedestrian crossing at Boherbee near Moyderwell School.

REPLY: There is an existing school warden on duty at Moyderwell School Monday to Friday morning and afternoon at school opening/closing times. Tralee Municipal District Operations Dept. will carry out an assessment at this location to determine if a pedestrian crossing or other measures are warranted.

Cllr. P. Daly said that it was not the school crossing he was referring to but a pedestrian crossing for the elderly and residents in this area.

Mr. F. Hartnett said like the previous NOM an assessment needed to be carried out and that a report would be brought back to the next Municipal District Meeting.

7. Cllr. J. Finucane: That this Council look at the provision of extra street lights at the bungalows in Connolly Park, Tralee.

REPLY: The Tralee MD Operations Department will examine the public lighting standards adjacent to the bungalows in Connolly Park. A lux level survey can be undertaken to determine the current lighting levels.

Cllr. J. Finucane acknowledged this reply.

8. Cllr. P. Daly: That the loading bay opposite Connolly's on bridge street be changed to Monday to Friday

REPLY: There is considerable loading/unloading activity in the Town Centre on Saturdays, so the Council would be reluctant to reduce the provision of Loading facilities on Saturday. Any alterations to the current arrangements can be considered in the next review of the parking bye-laws for the town, which will be done in conjunction with the re-development of The Mall and Denny Street.

Cllr. P. Daly said that some of the businesses considered Saturday morning not to be busy and not much unloading takes place and asked if this area could be used as regular parking.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan said that this falls under the parking by laws which are to be looked at when works to Denny Street will be carried out.

9. Cllr. P. Daly: That Kerry County Council will erect two more ramps on the road through O'Rahillys Villas, Tralee

REPLY: The road from Strand Road to Basin View road had 2 ramps installed a number of years ago following a request by the elected members to the Tralee Town Council and these were installed in accordance with their policy at the time. The average spacing between the ramps is 100m and having regard to existing national guidelines; the provision of additional ramps is not recommended. A draft Traffic Calming policy is currently being considered by the Operations SPC and when adopted, this location can be re examined.

Cllr. P. Daly acknowledged this and asked if one more ramp was a possibility.

10. Cllr. N. Foley: That the issue of ponding in Tralee Town Park be examined in particular the area near the Garden of the Senses. During high rain fall areas like this are seriously compromised which is causing an issue for the Park.

REPLY: Kerry County Council Tralee MD Operations Department is aware of the issues relating to minor ponding in this area and is currently examining an appropriate solution.

Cllr. N. Foley acknowledged this reply

11. Cllr. N. Foley: That the Municipal District of Tralee make an application under the Minor Works Scheme to put in place flood defence measures at Carrahane.

REPLY: Kerry County Council Tralee MD Operations Department has examined the problems at this location. A one kilometre section of road is indeed vulnerable to high tides and would require a substantial capital investment that would far exceed the threshold of any minor works scheme.

Cllr. N. Foley asked where funding can be sought as flooding in this area was an on-going issue.

Mr. F. Hartnett said that this was to be made through an application through Minor Works. But said that this was a large job and the costing could reach " 100,000 at the minimum and also that the OPW would also have to be contacted. He said that there was one section of this road that is vulnerable to the high tide and the only solution was the build up this stretch of road.

Cllr. N. Foley asked what can be done for residents in this area

Cllr. J. Finucane asked Mr. F. Hartnett to revert to the members on this.

12. Cllr. N. Foley: The road subsidence at Currovough be repaired as a matter of urgency.

REPLY: The Tralee Municipal District has inspected the L-6507 (Local Secondary Road) at Currovough and the Operations Dept. will contact the adjacent landowner to discuss the extent of the matter.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald said that he will make contact with the landowner, carry out a review and revert to the members.

13. Cllr. T. Ferris: That this council will resolve the ongoing roads issue with (Details with Directorate) Farmers Bridge.

REPLY: The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department has inspected the drainage problem on the L-2018 (Local Secondary Road) at Lissardboola and has met with the landowner on numerous occasions. The matter has been referred to the Environmental Protection Section and to the Roads Enforcement Officer for their attention as water is seeping out from private property onto the public road.

Cllr. T. Ferris said that at Wallace's bend in Ardfert, that there are stones falling out of the wall onto the road which is very dangerous.

15.05.11.07 Motions/Questions relevant to other Directorates or issues not relevant to Kerry County Council business.

1. **Cllr. P. Daly:** That Tralee Municipal District writes to the Management of Kerry General Hospital in order to express our concern regarding the downgrading of services to public maternity patients

REPLY: This is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. P. Daly said that women on the public maternity waiting list are now only receiving one ultrasound during pregnancy, he said what he believed what the best practice was, is for women to receive 2 or 3 ultrasounds, however if a patient is paying a consultant they will receive 2 to 3 ultrasounds.

15.05.11.08 Dates for meetings

- (a) It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting to consider the allocation of The Community Support Fund on the 25th May 2015 at 12.00pm.
- (b) It was agreed that the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee would be held on Monday 6th July 2015 at 10.30 am

Meeting concluded at 5.15pm

15.05.11.11 Reception for Austin Stacks Football Club

Gerard O'Brien
Meetings Administrator

Mayor of the Municipal District of Tralee