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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 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016.**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH THRÁ LÍ A THIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN LUAN 9 BEALTAINE 2016.**

**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. M Scannell	Delegated Executive for the MD of Tralee
Ms. J Foley	Meetings Administrator
Mr. T Sheehy	SE
Mr. J Kennelly	SEE
Ms. A Murphy	A/Planner
Mr. C. Lynch	EE
Mr. J. Fitzgerald	EE
Ms. N O'Connor	MD Officer
Mr. T. O'Connor	SO
Ms. S Broderick	SO

The meeting commenced at 11.40am.

As Mayor T McEllistrim was absent from the meeting at this stage, Leas -Cathaoirleach, Cllr. G Spring took the Chair.

**Darkness Into Light**

Cllr. T Ferris congratulated Mr. Colin Ahern and his team and all who took part in the Darkness Into Light walk which was held in Tralee on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016. All the members wished to be associated with Cllr. Ferris's remarks.

**1916 Garden of Remembrance in Springfield Massachusetts.**

Cllr. T Ferris PROPOSED that a letter on behalf of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee be sent to Congressman Richard Neal of Springfield, Massachusetts to congratulate him on opening a Garden of Remembrance in Springfield to mark the centenary of the Easter Rising. It was unanimously agreed that a letter of congratulations would issue to Congressman Neal.

## **16.05.09.01**

### **(A) Confirmation of the following Minutes:**

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T O'Brien SECONDED by Cllr. J Finucane it was agreed that the Minutes of the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee held on the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 be confirmed.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T O'Brien SECONDED by Cllr. N Foley, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee held on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 be confirmed.

### **(B) Business prescribed by Statute**

#### **(a) Nominee to Tralee International Resource Centre.**

It was agreed that this matter would be deferred until the next meeting.

#### **(b) Section 38 Traffic calming in Mitchels, Boherbee, Regeneration Area.**

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T O'Brien SECONDED by Cllr. G Spring it was agreed to provide Traffic Calming measures in Mitchels, Boherbee, Tralee, Regeneration Area, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 and the Road Traffic (Bollards and Ramps) Regulations 1988.

#### **(c) Kilmoyley Burial Ground**

Mr. M Scannell advised the members that Mr. D Doyle was in the process of preparing a report on Kilmoyley burial ground which will be presented to the members at the next Municipal District meeting.

Cllr. N Foley said that this is a hugely emotional issue for the people concerned.

Cllr. J Finucane said that this matter has been going on for a considerable length of time and he would like Mr. Doyle to come back with a resolution to the drainage problems in the burial ground.

Cllr. T Ferris asked if she could propose that the members be allowed to allocate funding from Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF), for the works proposed by the community to be carried out.

Cllr. T O'Brien concurred with Cllr. Ferris and said that the works should be carried out as soon as possible.

Cllr. P Daly declared that deceased members of his wife's family are interred in Kilmoyley burial ground. He said that works to resolve the issues are required as soon as possible.

Mr. M Scannell said that a meeting has been held with representatives of the community and a funding proposal is being developed. A report is being prepared by Mr. D Doyle and the members will be updated at the Special Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

## 16.05.09.02 Water Services

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

**TRALEE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING  
KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL and IRISH WATER  
UPDATE ON WATER SERVICES  
*Achoimre Stádais ar an 28<sup>ú</sup> Aibreáin 2016*  
Status Summary at 28th April 2016**

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

Irish Water has indicated that it will prioritize funding, based on the key issues to be addressed, for capital projects.

In Water, priority will be given to any Scheme to which a Boil Water Notice (BWN) applies, and any Scheme on the EPA Remedial Action List (RAL) and/or on a legal Direction from the EPA.

In Wastewater, priority will be given to towns (agglomerations) to which ECJ Ruling apply, and on meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licenses.

### **IRISH WATER MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016**

The Irish Water Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016 was launched in May 2014. A total of 8 wastewater Schemes (total value of " 10.7 million) and 7 Water schemes (total value of " 24 million) in Kerry are included in the CIP.

**It is expected that IW's new national CIP 2017 – 2021 will be published in the coming weeks.**

The schemes listed in the current CIP which affect the Tralee Municipal District are outlined in the following tables:

<b>CLÁR INFHEISTÍOCHTA CAIPITIL MÓRA - TIONSCNAIMH SHOLÁTHAIR UISCE MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME - WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS</b>			
<b><i>Tionscnamh Project</i></b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b><i>Stádas Status</i></b>
<b>MAINS REHABILITATION PROJECT</b>	Tralee Estates St Brendan's Pk., Connolly Pk., Riverside, Kerins Pk., Lohercannon and Marian Pk. Mains Replacement Works	" 1,835,000	Completed

<b>CENTRAL REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME</b>	Lough Guitane Water Treatment Plant . Design, Build and Operate	" 22,000,000	The appointed Contractor has been on site and the Contract Commencement Date is the 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2016. This is an 18 month contract.
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<b>CLÁR INFHEISTÍOCHTA CAIPITIL MÓRA - TIONSCNAIMH FUÍOLLUISCE MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME - WASTEWATER PROJECTS</b>	
<b>Tionscnamh Project</b>	<b>Stádas Status</b>
<b>Ardfert SS</b>	The Contract has been put out to Tender and the deadline for the receipt of submissions is 27/04/16. It is anticipated that the Tender assessment process will be conducted over the coming months and that the job will go to construction later this year.
<b>Fenit SS</b>	The Scheme is included in Irish Water's Capital Investment Programme 2014 - 2016. Contract Documents have been submitted for review to Irish Water. Agreement has been reached with the landowner for the purchase of the site, the budget for which was approved in 2015 by Irish Water.

### **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>CLÁR OIBREACHA BEAGA CAIPITIL - MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME</b>			
<b>Tionscnamh / Project</b>	<b>Cuir Síos / Description</b>	<b>Meastachán Estimate</b>	<b>Stádas Status</b>
Castleisland Sewer. Sch.	Replace collapsed sewer Limerick Road and Church Street	" 8,000	Complete
Fenit Sewerage Scheme	Replace 50M of sewer . storm damage 2014	" 25,400	Complete
Fenit Sewerage Scheme	Repair Treatment Plant . storm damage 2014	" 12,800	Complete
Fenit SS	Upgrade Outfall Pipe	" 23,000	Complete
Tralee SS (Knockmoyle)	Lay 100M of dedicated 225MM storm pipe	" 14,000	Complete
Tralee SS: WWTP UV	UV Disinfection System upgrade	" 32,000	Complete
Tralee SS	Upgrade PLC Mulgrave's Bridge Pumpstation	" 6,000	Complete
CRWSS -	Install inline booster pumps	" 18,300	Complete

Knockawaddra			
CRWSS Tralee	Replace C.I. mains Castle Demesne	" 30,000	Complete
CRWSS Tralee	Decommission cast iron main Pembroke St	" 5,900	Complete
CRWSS Tralee	Replace 30M of 100MM cast iron Princeps St	" 6,400	Complete
CRWSS Kilflynn	SCADA/Telemetry Cloonafineela Reservoir	" 6,400	Complete
Ardfert South WSS	Installation of 3No. PRVs and 9No. Air Valves	" 24,500	Complete
Brosna Knock. RWSS	Dooneen reservoir . security fencing	" 8,000	Complete
<b>CLÁR OIBREACHA BEAGA CAIPITIL - MINOR CAPITAL WORKS</b> <b>PROGRAMME cont'd</b>			
<b>Cuir Síos / Description</b>	<b>Cuir Síos / Description</b>	<b>Cuir Síos / Description</b>	<b>Cuir Síos / Description</b>
Lyreacrompane RWSS	Sludge Treatment Plant	" 50,000	In Operation
CRWSS Ard Na Lí Tralee	Replace 610M of 100MM cast iron watermains	" 88,000	Underway
Fenit Sewerage Scheme	Upgrade pump stations Tawlaght +Tralee Rd.	" 65,000	Approved
CRWSS Cloondara Tralee	Replace 200M of 100MM cast iron watermains	" 31,000	Approved
Brosna Knockshel RWSS	Provide Storage Tank Meenleirim Pump	" 12,000	Approved
Brosna Knockshel RWSS	Replace 10 Sl. Valves and 3 Mag Flow Meters	" 15,000	Approved
Tralee SS Castlemaine Road Pumpstation	Pump replacement and Upgrade of Control Panel	" 15,000	Approved
Fenit Water Supply	Tawlaght cul. de-sac replace 2+main - 300M	" 12,000	Approved
CRWSS Abbeydorney	Laccamore replace 1440M old 160MM main	" 158,000	Approved
CRWSS Dromultan Scartaglin	Lay 300M pipe to eliminate pumping station	" 35,000	Approved
CRWSS Reservoirs Refurbishment	Cloonafineela, Tubrid, Barrow	" 19,000	Approved
CRWSS Ballintobeenig	Replace Valves, Meters etc	" 16,500	Underway
CRWSS Ballintobeenig	Replace 2 Pumps	" 12,000	Approved
CRWSS Castlemaine	Repair watermain on bridge crossing	" 3,500	Approved
Castlemaine SS	Pumpstation overflow repairs	" 2,500	Approved
Castleisland SS	Replace Non return Valves and build chamber in Industrial Estate	" 5,000	Approved
Tralee SS; Mulgrave Br	Sewage Pump Replacement	" 25,000	Approved
Tralee SS: Garryruth and Cloghers	Provide mobile electricity generator	" 20,000	Requested

Pumping Stations			
CRWSS Tralee Mains	Replace cast iron mains and Lead connections; 22 locations; 6.5Km of 100MM / 300MM pipe and 5.2Km of 25MM HDPE pipe	" 4.143M	Requested
CRWSS Tralee Mains	Replace long Lead connections 7No. districts	" 300,000	Requested
	<b>Total Minor Capital Works APPROVED</b>	<b>€785,200</b>	

## THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

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

A total Block Grant Allocation of " 780,100 was allocated to Kerry County Council for the various measures under the Rural Water Programme for last year. The funding for 2016 is expected in the coming weeks.

### **Takeover of Group Schemes**

Since 1 January 2014, Irish Water has responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes. 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. There is a difficulty in that sections of the existing sewer system downstream are unable to cope with any proposed increase in sewage volume. A **Feasibility Study** for the proposed connection of this district to the existing public sewer has been completed by a local Consulting Engineer in October 2015. An Application for funding has been submitted to the D. of E. Discussions and Meetings between members of the proposed Group and KCC officials have recently taken place.

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

The scheme, which involved the connection of seven existing houses that were previously served by private septic tanks, on the Killeen Road, which is located off the Oakpark Road, Tralee has been completed.

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

#### **(a) Notices of Motion 1-3**

**1. Cllr. P Daly:** That this Council provide an update on the new walkway along the Big River from Muing to Oakview.

**Reply:** Good progress has been made on the development of this amenity trail. Kerry County Council is in the final stages of discussion with the relevant landowners on the route and we are confident of securing the required agreements in the near future. The design of the trail from Oakview to the Killeen Road is substantially complete. Sections of the walkway from the Killeen road up to Muing are still the subject of ongoing design works and further discussions with land owners will be required. The plan for the trail is to proceed to Part VIII planning approval this year with a view to securing the required funding to undertake the works in late 2016/2017.

**Cllr. P Daly acknowledged this response. He said that the route of the amenity trail should go along by the Big River from Muing to Oakview and negotiations with landowners should take place.**

**2. Cllr. T. O'Brien:** That the Council would inform members as to any future plans to upgrade the activities offered at the Wetlands Centre.

**Reply:** The Wetlands Centre has many activities and improvements introduced since the official opening in 2012, i.e., Zorbing Arena, Nature Board Walk, Outdoor Classroom, and in 2015 the Climbing Wall and Bouldering Area were introduced. For 2016, the centre will launch the audio hand held guides (available in English, French and German). The hand held guides will allow customers to the wetlands/nature area to experience the tour in their chosen language and to walk the grounds with more information relating to the tower, the boardwalk and the bird hides.

Within available resources, the company working with the Council, are committed to a continuous expansion of facilities at the centre with a view to retaining existing custom and attracting new customers. There is a particular focus in the current year on attracting Transition Year Students within the environmental module of the transition year course.

An audit is currently being carried out on the centre in relation to health & safety and visual improvements and these works will be carried out in the short term.

**Cllr. T O'Brien said that the Wetlands is a fabulous facility and asked that further development be considered in particular activities which appeal to school children such as ziplining, with a view to attracting school tours.**

**Cllr. P Daly** said that a skate park could be considered as there is a considerable amount of land available on the site.

**Cllr. J Finucane** **SECONDED** the notice of motion and said that he would like to see an overall strategy being prepared to promote the facilities that are available in the town.

**Mr. M Scannell** said that the popularity of Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre is based on the provision of camps for children. He accepted that there are a limited number of singular activities and said that it is planned to develop an additional project at the facility this year. Also, an application has been made to Fáilte Ireland for funding to upgrade the existing facilities in the town.

**Cllr. N Foley** said that one of Kerry's greatest regrets is the demolition of the village constructed in Dún Chaoin for the filming of Ryans Daughter in the early 1970's. She referred to the recent filming of Star Wars on Ceann Sibéal on the Dingle Peninsula and said that the beehive huts used on the set had huge potential from a tourism perspective and she asked if these could be harvested in some way to be used in Tralee or elsewhere in the county. She asked that a pro-active approach be taken in exploring options in relation to this matter.

**3. Cllr. T. O'Brien:** That the Council would give an update on the Denny Site and where we are in relation to same

**Reply:** The council are currently preparing tender documentation for the demolition of the site which is planned to commence in the autumn of this year. A major element of the project will also involve the preparation of a development brief for the site. This will subject to public engagement which is aimed to commence in July with a launch of the project. It is important that the general public and relevant stakeholders are fully engaged in the process.

The site has played an important role in the economy of Tralee and at its peak provided employment for 400 people. It is critical that the site going forward with adjoining lands will also provide an economic impetus to Tralee Town Centre and be a catalyst for development of adjoining areas including the traditional streets that are currently in decline. The linkages of the site to the town centre is also an important aspect of the brief.

Other issues that require consideration include in the preparation of a brief for the area;

- social inclusion
- employment generation
- increased economic diversity
- issues of possible displacement
- amenity value/public realm

**Cllr. T O'Brien welcomed this reply.**



#### 16.03.09.04 Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life Directorate

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

#### Emergency Services Report April 2016

**Business Unit Manager:** *Michael Hession CFO*

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

- Operational volumes of work are now up to the end of March 2016 following a dry latter half to March with an exceptional volume of wild-land fires (over 85 such incidents in March . an exceptionally high monthly total. Statistical chart below refers
- There is a continuing reduction in chimney fires from 63 to 49 for the same quarter last year
- There is a continuing reduction in Road Traffic Accidents attended from 39 to 22 (reduction this year running at 44%).
- The elected council were updated and briefed on the work and success of the Kerry Interagency Wildfire Group and the 2016 wild fires reduction strategy.

#### **Building Control:**

There is further evidence in early 2016 of a modest increase in construction activity:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of March 2016 up from 81 to 85 (5%) from the same period last year
- Disability Access Certificate applications were up from 21 to 31 (46%) from the same period last year
- Fire Safety Certificate applications were up from 30 to 43 (43%) from the same period last year

#### **March (Quarter 1) Statistics:**

Set out hereunder are the Statistical details in respect of the Fire Service and Building Control for the period 1 Jan 2016 to 31 March 2016 along with the details of 2015 for reference purposes:

		1 Jan 2015 to 31 Mar 2015	1 Jan 2016 to 31 Mar 2016
<b>Fire Service Operations</b>	Total Incidents	306	303
	Total Mobilisations	330	353
	Number of Fires	178	197
	Of which: Chimney Fires	63	49
	Gorse	54	93

	Number of Special Service Incidents	81	60
	Of which: Road Traffic Accidents	39	22
<b>Building Control</b>	Fire Safety Cert Applications Received	30	43
	Disability Access Cert Applications Received	21	31
	Commencement/7-Day Notices Received	81	85

### Environmental Protection Services Report 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Business Unit Manager – Mr. Gerard O'Brien, A/Senior Executive Officer**

#### **County Clean Up Day 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

- The County Clean Up day, which was facilitated by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council, was a great success. Approximately 3,200 volunteers participated which was on par with last years numbers. Practically every community in the county was involved in the biggest clean up to date. 55 tonnes of waste was collected during the clean up.  
Kerry County Council Operations staff from all municipal district offices was involved in picking litter from roadsides prior to the clean up thereby leading by example. Electronic signs were used to advise motorists that the clean up was in progress.  
This was the fifth year of collaboration on the County clean Up Day between KWD and Kerry County Council.

#### **Spring Clean**

- 120 groups have registered to date with the Council to take part in the annual litter Spring Clean around the county. This number will increase as we continue to register groups and accept litter under the Spring Clean Programme until mid May depending on demand. Many schools carry out their clean up in May so we extend the date for this purpose.

#### **Green Flag Awards**

- The Green Flag Awards for Kerry Schools will take place in Cork in May. Kerry will have 8 new schools awarded their first flag and a further 56 schools will renew their flags for various environmental modules such as energy, water, sustainable travel, biodiversity and global citizenship.

#### **Litter Management Plan 2016-2019**

4. As advised at the March Council Meeting, Kerry County Council's Litter Management plan will be reviewed during the next few months and a new draft plan will be prepared. The draft plan will be subject to a public consultation process and any submissions received following consultation will be considered for inclusion in the final litter plan which will be brought before each Municipal district for adoption.

## Library Service Report May 2016

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

### **Library service:**

“ The Bealtaine Festival [ [www.bealtaine.com](http://www.bealtaine.com) ], celebrating creativity with age, is held nationally each year from 1 . 31 May. Age & Opportunity invites local authorities, libraries, community groups, active retirement groups, etc. to run events for older people.

Kerry Library has run a varied programme for many years and this year there are a number of events taking place at libraries throughout the county. Full details are available on the library website [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie)

Tralee Library will hold the following events :

16 . 31 May	An Fáilte Probus Group, Tralee	Bealtaine Art Exhibition.
Saturday, 21 May & Saturday, 28 May, 11a.m. . 12.30p.m.	Painting workshops	2 workshops for active retired people.

“ Due to popular demand, the exhibition ~~Kerry~~ 1916 from the archives ~~at~~ Tralee Library has been extended until Saturday, 14 May.

A lecture ~~A~~ Austin Stack: Portrait of a separatist ~~by~~ Rev. J.A. Gaughan will take place at Tralee Library on Tuesday, 31 May, 7.00p.m.

## Housing Services Report

**Business Unit Manager: Christina Farrell SEO**

### **2016 Allocation for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability**

The Council has received notification from DOECLG of the 2016 Allocation for Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability Grant Scheme of " 2,013,778 of which " 402,756 is to be provided from our own resources. This Allocation reflects an increase of " 180,000 on Exchequer funding from the 2015 Initial Allocation and is most welcome at this early stage of the year. The Council is continuing to allocate grants in accordance with our Priority Scheme.

### **Tenant Purchase Scheme**

The Council is currently writing to all tenants advising them in relation to the introduction of the new Tenant Purchase Scheme. Notice will also be placed in local

media in the coming weeks and we have begun to accept applications and process forms thereafter. Booklets outlining the terms of the Scheme and qualification criteria are being printed by the Housing Dept and will be available at all Council Offices and on the Website, Citizens Information Centres, Community Centres and MABS Offices.

### **Energy Efficiency Insulation**

An Interim Allocation has been received for 2016 under the above programme to allow continuation of installation of energy efficiency insulation works to local authority houses up to a maximum of 50% of our 2015 Allocation i.e. " 253,687. The Council is currently carrying out an assessment of proposed activity and required funding for 2016 and this is being returned to the DOECLG in order to secure additional funding for this very worthwhile programme.

### **Returning Vacant Housing Properties to Productive Use**

The Housing Department awaits an allocation from DOECLG in relation to this Programme for 2016.

## **Community Department Report April 2016**

**Business Unit Manager: Ms. Niamh O'Sullivan SEO**

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

The Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan has been ratified by Kerry Co Co at the meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016. This followed the approval of the community elements of the Plan approval at the LCDC on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 and the economic elements approval at the Economic Development and Enterprise SPC on 6<sup>th</sup> April. The South and West Regional Authority has also reviewed the Plan and indicated its satisfaction with content and layout.

The next steps involve the drawing up of Service Level Agreements with all of the agencies that will be involved in implementation and the development of an annual implementation plan.

In accordance with the recent staffing changes in Kerry Co Co, Niamh O Sullivan will be taking over as Chief Officer of the LCDC from May.

### **SICAP**

For the delivery of the programme in Kerry the county is divided into 3 Lots with a programme implementers (3 LDCs in Kerry's case) appointed to deliver services in each of the three lots. Each Programme Implementer developed an Action Plan for 2015 for the delivery of services within their Lot area and this plan was approved by Kerry LCDC. The LCDC as the contracting authority is required to monitor and review the performance of Programme Implementers and the meeting of specific targets against the Action Plan. The Mid-Term Review has been complete and the End of Year Review has now taken place. The Preparation of Action Plans for 2016 commenced in November and are now finalised.

### **LEADER 2014-2020**

Kerry LCDC is the Local Action Group (LAG) under the LEADER Programme with the 3 Local Development Companies implementing the programme on the ground.

The LDC, KCC and the LCDC each have a role in the development and implementation of the strategy

As previously reported, the Local Development Strategy (LDS) has been submitted and a decision is awaited. Kerry Co Co has coordinated a number of responses to queries raised by Pobal but no further information is forthcoming.

### **Community Support Fund**

The 2016 Community Support Fund Scheme is now closed to applications. Following a review a number of changes were made to this scheme.

The funding scheme is broadly classified under the following areas:-

1. Building Sustainable Community / Quality of Life
2. Community Based Economic Development and Job Creation.

An initial eligibility assessment was carried out and a full day Advisory Group meeting was held where all applications were considered by a team comprising of staff of Community Department, Municipal District Officers, Municipal District Engineers, KRLSP staff and the Arts Officer. As part of this consultation a discussion was held regarding existing funding mechanisms, the scope of this scheme and agreements were made regarding eligibility criteria. An important aspect of the day was the information available from Operations and where this section may be in a position to support particular areas of work. A report on the applications will be considered by KCC Senior Management Team before the recommendations are presented to the special meetings of the Municipal Districts.

The overall number of applications for the County was 464 and 119 of these were from the Tralee M D area.

Many of the groups utilised the online submission system and while this worked well there are ways in which this could be further improved.

The closing date was 14<sup>th</sup> April but on the recommendation of CPG this was extended to 18<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Comhairle na nÓg**

Kerry Comhairle na nÓg Workplan for 2016 has been approved by the Department. The change for 2016 involves the expansion of the work programme into all 4 Municipal Districts. The aim of this is to encourage county wide participation and to increase the influence of Comhairle na nÓg at a Municipal District level.

As part of the 2016 commemoration Programme, Kerry Comhairle na nÓg hosted a fashion show, *Reeling in the Years 1916 to 2016+* in Tralee on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

The Kerry Comhairle na nÓg will be attending the European Youth Event in Strasbourg in May.

### **Kerry PPN**

The PPN is the main link through which the Council connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors. Work is ongoing on the website which we hope to have up and running by mid May. This communication strategy has been the main work of the Secretariat during the second half of 2015 and early 2016 as

the scope of the work programme is extensive. The work programme includes the Register of

Community & Voluntary Groups, representation on the various committees of the Local Authority, responding to policy development.

In addition to this the Secretariat has been heavily involved in the development of the LECP.

**Arts Office:**

The Arts Act Grants and Bursaries have been awarded.

Tralee Municipal District Arts Act Grants awards include:

National Circus Festival of Ireland	" 2000
Con Curtin	" 700
Fleadh Chiarraí	" 700
Tralee Art Group	" 1000
Kiflynn Fairy Festival	" 500

Artists Bursaries . a total of " 2,500 to Tralee based artists, including " 1000 to St Ita's and St Joseph's in Tralee for artist in school scheme.

Upcoming Tralee MD Arts Events:

- Sweets of May Dancing and Traditional Music Festival, Tralee . 6-8 May
- Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí, Tralee . 18-22 May
- Féile Cheoil, Lixnaw . 18 -19 June
- Con Curtin Music Festival, Brosna . 24 -26 June

Recent Kerry 2016 events in Tralee Municipal District .

- State Ceremonial Event at Banna
- Comhairle na nÓg . Reeling in the Years 1916 Fashion Show
- Kerry Choral Union 1916 concert
- Monteith Commemorative Event at Glanageenty

Upcoming Kerry 2016 events in Tralee MD

- Casement in Kerry: A Revolutionary Journey has opened at Kerry County Museum and runs until
- Media Rising . interactive exhibition on stories from the Rising at the County Museum . opening 19<sup>th</sup> May

The recent presidential visit in conjunction with the 1916 commemorative events was most successful and we thank all involved for their assistance in making these events the unique and dignified remembrances that they were .

**John Breen,**  
**Director of Services**  
**April, 2016**

### **1. Tenant Purchase Scheme**

Cllr. T Ferris referred to the update on the Tenant Purchase Scheme and said that tenants who have submitted their application forms for the scheme have been waiting a considerable length of time and no decision has issued.

### **2. Vacant Properties**

Cllr. Ferris referred to the re-allocation of vacant properties and said that a much quicker turnaround is required.

### **3. Tralee 800**

Cllr. P Daly referred to the update from the Arts Office and said that events in connection with Tralee 800 are not included in the report.

## **(b) Notices of Motion 1-4**

**1. Cllr. P Daly:** That this council will commit to purchasing single unit accommodation as a matter of urgency.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council is acutely aware of the high number of single units needed in the Tralee Municipal District and are actively working within the options available to the Council to secure suitable units in order to meet the relevant housing need

**Cllr. P Daly said that there are a number of buildings close to the town centre which could be considered with a view to the provision of single unit accommodation.**

**Cllr. T Ferris supported the notice of motion and said that single males aged between 30 and 50 are the group most in need of suitable accommodation in Tralee. While she acknowledged the work of the staff of the Housing Department, she said that an adequate number of properties are not available to them.**

**Cllr. S Locke agreed that there is a need for single bed accommodation in Tralee.**

**Cllr. T Ferris expressed concern about people who recently visited the Sinn Féin Office for assistance due to being in a situation where they were without housing accommodation.**

**Mr. M Scannell said that people who find themselves in the situation where they do not have any accommodation are encouraged to contact the Housing Department and arrangements will be made to provide emergency accommodation for them**

**2. Cllr. P Daly:** I propose that " 20,000 is allocated from Community Support Fund to Tralee 800?

This Notice of Motion has been withdrawn by Cllr. P Daly.

**3. Cllr. S. Locke:** That Kerry County Council would fast track the Community Support Fund for communities by holding a special meeting on the issue.

**Reply:** The members will note that there is an item on the agenda for the Tralee May, 2016 Municipal District Meeting to agree a date for a special meeting to consider the allocation of funding from the 2016 Community Support Fund. The proposed date for this special meeting is the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016. The members will have an opportunity to consider the recommendations for the allocation of funding under the Community Support Fund 2016 at this special meeting.

**Cllr. S Locke said that some funding should be available for the planting of flowers and scrubs.**

**Cllr. T O'Brien supported the notice of motion.**

**4. Cllr. N. Foley:** That the issue of dumping at the Viewing Park, Short Mountain again be re-examined.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council litter wardens have reported a reduction in dumping at this site over the last few months. There is a prosecution pending for non payment of a fine as a result of evidence found amongst illegally dumped rubbish in the car park at the site in 2015. This may have caused the decrease in dumping in recent times. A CCTV camera was in place at the upper car park from the 5<sup>th</sup> of March last until the 15<sup>th</sup> of April, but no dumping was recorded during that period.

Environmental services will continue to monitor the two viewing points at the short mountain and take every action possible to prevent illegal dumping in this scenic area.

**Cllr. N Foley acknowledged the response and said that zero tolerance in relation to illegal dumping is required.**

**Cllr. P Daly SECONDED the notice of motion and said that illegal dumping is a regular occurrence at various locations in Tralee.**

**Cllr. S Locke said that this is an issue all over the county and encouraged people to report illegal dumping with a view to apprehending the offenders.**

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

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

##### **OPERATIONS:-**

##### ***1. Road Works Programme for May/June 2016***

<b>Urban Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paving repairs ongoing at The Mall/Square/Castle Street/Ashe Street Areas</li><li>• Rath Graveyard footpath works</li><li>• CSMDOF Works</li><li>• Minor footpath repairs (maintenance)</li><li>• Drainage works ahead of Roads Programme - Kearney's Road and Gurrane</li><li>• Development Levy Works at Blennerville School</li><li>• Grass cutting and maintenance of roundabouts and open spaces</li></ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleansing and Sewer works</li> <li>• Some staff seconded to C.I.U. for works associated with the Tralee Transportation Strategy implementation</li> </ul>
<b>Tralee Municipal District East</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restoration Improvement Works Programme</li> <li>• Restoration Maintenance Works Programme</li> <li>• Severe Weather Works Programme</li> <li>• Development Contribution Works</li> <li>• Local, Regional &amp; National Road Maintenance Works</li> </ul>
<b>Tralee Municipal District West</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restoration Improvement Works Programme</li> <li>• Restoration Maintenance Works Programme</li> <li>• Severe Weather Works Programme</li> <li>• Local, Regional &amp; National Road Maintenance Works</li> <li>• CSMDOF Works (County Councillor Allocations)</li> <li>• Development Contribution Works</li> </ul>

## **2. Housing**

Maintenance work is ongoing. Work will be undertaken to the following vacant units in May/June 2016.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 Monalee</li> <li>• 3 Pine Court, Ashleigh Downs</li> <li>• 18 Ogham Riain</li> <li>• 5 An Fearann, Ardfert</li> <li>• 24 Cnoc Gorm</li> <li>• 12 Sean Feirme</li> <li>• 58 Balloonagh</li> <li>• 85 Ragoonane</li> </ul>
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### **(KNRDO) Kerry National Road Design Office:**

#### **Upcoming Works in the next period**

The tender documents have been published for the first phase of the N86 Dingle to Annascaul & Gortbreagogue to Camp scheme which is between Ballynasare Lower and Lispole (S&W MD) and between Ballygarret and Camp (Tralee MD) with a view to commencing construction in mid 2016.

Tender documents are currently being prepared for Safety Improvements works to be carried out in mid 2016 on the N86 at Tonevane Bend. The works include resurfacing, signage improvements and verge definition improvements and will be tendered in May 2016.

### **CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE UNIT:-**

#### **1.0 Fenit Dredging**

Dredging Works are now complete.

## **2.0 Active Travel - Tralee**

There are a number of elements to the Tralee Active Travel Programme, with priority being given to the redevelopment of The Mall, Denny Street and the construction of the cycleway from the Blennerville Bridge and the Basin.

### **Canal Bank Update – Blennerville Bridge to The Basin**

- o Part 8 in place
- o Land ownership issues resolved
- o Works on site underway
- o Project duration . circa 4 months

### **The Basin – The Ashe Memorial, Denny St**

- o Part 8 in place except for revised route from Ashe Memorial Hall to N86
- o Design being completed on the 3 no pedestrian crossings
- o Section 38 to be sought once the design is completed.

### **Denny St 2 way**

- o Design complete
- o Section 38 advertised . closing date May 31st
- o Works due to commence on site shortly
- o Tralee Chamber Alliance and affected businesses being consulted.

### **Shared Space – The Mall, Bridge St, Russell St**

- o Design virtually complete . finalising PL design
- o Part 8 to be advertised very shortly
- o Targeting start to works post The Rose of Tralee
- o Tralee Chamber Alliance being briefed on the proposals and impact on local businesses.

### **Oakpark Rd – Tralee IT**

- o Ongoing discussions with relevant landowners
- o Preliminary design completed on Big River section
- o Design of works on Oakpark road substantially completed
- o Part 8 Process . internal consultation under way
- o Part 8 will be applied for once the design has been completed
- o Section 38 application will be made upon completion of the design

## **3.0 Mitchell's Regeneration project**

Following meeting with DEC&LG in March, at which the Masterplan implementation was discussed, the following items to progress the project were agreed:

- Commencement of Part 8 planning process for 11 housing units in Croilár Na Mistéalach facing the eastern side of Áras an Phobail - complete June 16
- Commencement of Part 8 planning process for 4 housing units in Mitchel's Road - complete June 16.
- Commencement of Part 8 planning process for the demolition of 5 housing units in Mitchel's Crescent and Mitchel's Road - complete June 16.

- Section 73 of the 1993 Roads Act: Extinguishment of Public Right of Way in Mitchel's Crescent and St. Martins Park - complete June 16.
- Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 and the Road Traffic Bollards and Ramps) Regulations 1988,
- Kerry County Council is proposing to provide Traffic Calming for road safety purposes throughout the core Mitchel's Boherboy Regeneration Area. These measures will enhance the sense of place and are an effective way of improving pedestrian mobility and calming traffic - complete June 16.

These measures include the provision of:

- ☐ 21 locations with widened footpaths thus providing safe crossing areas for Pedestrians.
  - ☐ 10 locations with speed cushions at strategic junctions.
  - ☐ 9 locations with ramps.
  - ☐ One way traffic system in Hawley Park from Mitchel's Road Junction.
  - ☐ One way traffic system in Davy Lane from Moyderwell Junction.
- Approval for Cluid Voluntary Housing Association to develop plans with Kerry County Council, for the development of 19 residential housing units in Mitchel's Road and Croílár Na Mistéalach,
  - Approval for the Energy Upgrades and Environmental Improvements Phase 1A covering the Mitchel's Avenue and Mitchel's Court,
  - Approval for a number of small projects as follows:

§ To replace the front wall of Moyderwell Convent with railing,

§ To develop linear park on the lands opposite the Library which is currently badly laid out and unattractive,

§ Junction improvements at a number of locations in the regeneration area,

§ Upgrading of public lighting with LED lights in the Kevin Barry Villas and Hawley Park,

§ Extending and upgrading the CCTV system throughout the core regeneration area,

§ Refurbishment of 10 Marian Park, 22 Kevin Barry Villas and refurbishment and extension to 90 Kevin Barry Villas.

### **3.1 Inner Relief Road**

A decision made by the Kerry County Council to develop an inner relief road from Clash Cross to Dan Spring Road to facilitate development. The road will traverse from the R875 at Clash Cross to the N86 Dan Spring Road at Ballymullen, through the townlands of Cloon More and Cloonbeg.

The purpose of the road is to open up lands in Cloon More for development, part of which is the proposed site for the new Second Level Gaelcholáiste Chiarrai for 600

students. The proposed road will also facilitate ambulance only entrance to the Kerry General Hospital, provide an improved access to the Hawley Park Family Resource Centre and open up the private lands at the back of Boherboy for residential development.

This development requires a variation of the Tralee Town Development Plan. To facilitate this process an SEA and AA screening processes have to be completed as part of the environmental assessment process required for the proposed variation. Traffic and Noise impact assessments are presently underway as part of the process, which have to be completed prior to the commencement of the Part 8 Planning Process.

### **3.2 Other proposed projects at appraisal stage.**

#### **Proposed Hawley Park Environmental Enhancement works,**

The main aspects of the environmental enhancement works for Hawley Park which was constructed in the early 1970's, are the provision of new surfaces to road and widened footpath, traffic calming measures which include raised cushions, ramps, safe crossing areas for pedestrians, the introduction of one way traffic system within Hawley Park and provide safer parking areas for residents cars and address the issues raised in relation to the FRC.

The works included areas of hard landscaping, new street furniture together with the provision of trees and shrubs.

#### **Proposed Boxing Club, Community facilities and Enterprise units**

This proposed project brings the goals and vision of the regeneration plan together with the provision of a centre to house the Boxing Club, along with a permanent home for the Mitchel's Youth Project, Disability Resource Center, Tralee International Resource Center and incubator enterprise units to support local enterprise initiatives to create employment.

#### **Kingdom Voluntary Housing.**

To develop plans with Kerry County Council, for a residential housing units in the former St Martins Park adjacent to their existing development at Clogheresta Hawley Park.

### **4.0 SHIP**

#### **4 houses at the Bill Kinnerk Road**

Awaiting department approval to go to tender.

#### **21 Houses at Killeen**

Part 8 currently on display. Closing date early June.

### **5.0 Tralee Fenit Line**

Negotiating with CIE and Irish Rail on the land transfer of the North Kerry line ownership to KCC is on-going. One satisfactorily complete, the next phase in the project will be to complete all legal formalities.

### **Carrahane Banna**

Cllr. T Ferris asked that an update on flooding at Carrahane, Banna be included in future Operations, Health and Safety Directorate Reports.

### **(b) Notices of Motion 1-19**

**1. Cllr. P Daly:** That this Council will construct a pedestrian crossing at the Killeen Road, Na Gaeil Road near the Junction with the Listowel/Oakpark Road.

**Reply:** In the Tralee Transportation Strategy Report, the Killeen Road/Oakpark Road intersection was highlighted as requiring Medium Term Junction Improvements. It was proposed in the Report that this junction be upgraded to a full MOVA signalised junction, incorporating pedestrian crossing facilities. The cost estimate is " 108,000. This location was not included in the Active Travel funding allocation 2013-2016 but will be resubmitted if a further funding call is requested by The Department of Transport Tourism and Sport.

**Cllr. P Daly said that he was disappointed with the reply as this is a very dangerous junction and a pedestrian crossing is urgently required.**

**Mr. F Hartnett said that while he agreed that a pedestrian crossing is required at this location unfortunately no funding is available for the project.**

**Mr. M Scannell said that the Tralee Municipal District will continue to seek funding for this project.**

**2. Cllr. P Daly:** That this Council will replace retiring staff from the Council Yard in Tralee.

**Reply:** A review of the outdoor staffing levels is being carried out. However the level of resources required is very much contingent on the funding available for our work programmes. In similar motions moved at Council previously, I have highlighted our concerns with the level of funding being made available from State agencies, particularly for the roadworks programme and its impact on staffing levels. Some additional staff have been employed on a temporary basis as funding and work programmes allow for 2016.

**While he acknowledged that the availability of funding is an issue, Cllr. P Daly said that the replacement of outdoor staff who have retired and staff who will retire in the near future has not been addressed and there is a considerable amount of work to be carried out in the run up to the summer season. At the May meeting of the Full Council the Chief Executive gave a commitment that the outdoor staffing levels would be reviewed.**

**3. Cllr. P Daly:** That this Council explain the source of the effluent flowing from three pipes into the Big River at the Old Killeen Road Bridge.

**Reply:** There are three pipes which discharge to the river near the bridge at the Old Killeen Road, Tralee.

One is a stormwater overflow from the combined (foul and stormwater) main sewer which flows down the Oakpark Road. At times of prolonged and intensive rainfall the

excess surface water overflows from the main sewer to the nearby river which is in spate on such occasions. This is the conventional / traditional engineering design, mainly for economic reasons, on most waste water schemes. Irish Water has made " 500,000 available for the investigation of the Tralee sewer network, including the Oakpark road sewer, vis a vis its condition and capacity to deal with existing and future loading.

The second pipe is an overflow from the communal septic tank system which is located in the green area of the six-house Killeen Court public housing cul de sac on the Old Killeen Road. There was no public sewer at this location when these houses were developed by Tralee Town Council. The septic tank is monitored and emptied on an ongoing basis by Council staff. It is now planned, following completion of the Taking In Charge of the adjacent Killeen Wood housing estate and services, to connect this small housing development to the nearby public sewer, thereby eliminating the need for the septic tank and its overflow pipe to the river.

The third pipe acts as an overflow to a soakaway area to which surface water run-off flows from a part of the Killeen Wood housing estate. Again, the overflow comes into operation when the soakaway proves inadequate at times of prolonged and intensive rainfall.

**Cllr. P Daly referred to the second pipe which the reply states in paragraph two above is an overflow from a communal septic tank system and asked for how long will this effluent be going into the Big River.**

**Mr. J Kennelly undertook to revert to Cllr. Kennelly regarding this matter.**

**4. Cllr. T Ferris:** That an oil boom be provided at Fenit Pier to minimise any potential damage in the event of an oil spill.

**Reply:** The Council is a member of the Shannon Estuary Anti-Pollution Team (SEAPT), which provides a co-ordinated response to any potential risk of pollution in the South West Region. This team has an emergency plan to respond to such emergencies, with access to specialist equipment deemed appropriate having regard to the level of risk and shipping activity.

The level of risk is reviewed regularly, particularly having regard to shipping activity in the port. The need for any additional oil pollution equipment will be reviewed in this context and available funding.

**Cllr. T Ferris asked that this matter be examined and a report prepared for the next meeting of the members of the Tralee Municipal District.**

**5. Cllr. T. Ferris:** Would Kerry County Council please replace the sign indicating Casement's Memorial on the pole indicated in the photo submitted. This matter has been subject to a number of representations both at Municipal District meetings and directly to the Area Engineer for more than two years. (Details with Directorate)

**Reply:** The sign was replaced week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 along with other signage improvements carried out as part of the recent road improvements in the area.

**6. Cllr. T. Ferris:** That the tagging on walls at John's Park, Tralee would be removed.

**Reply:** The graffiti under the arches in St. John's Park has been painted over with anti-graffiti paint - any future graffiti will be removed with a power washer.

**7. Cllr. T. Ferris:** How many times have the patching machines been used in the Tralee Municipal District over the last 12 months and how many times has premix tar been used. What is the difference in cost?

**Reply:** The Durapatcher (Velocity Patcher) was used on 39 occasions (days) within the Tralee Municipal District over the past 12 months, and the cost of the equipment, staff and materials is approximately " 2,000 per day.

The Tralee Municipal District Operations Dept. used Delayed Set-Macadam or a specialised pavement repair product on 57 days over the past 12 months, primarily to treat isolated potholes, where the cost of deploying the Durapatcher is not cost effective. The operational cost of deploying a crew for one day on these repairs is " 650.

It is not economically viable for the Durapatcher to be used for one-off potholes at various locations (economies of scale applied) but it is the preferred method of patching in terms of quality & durability.

**Cllr. T Ferris said that she was happy that the Durapatcher is the preferred method of patching in terms of quality & durability and that it will be used more frequently in the future. She added that the roads in the Listowel Municipal District are in much poorer condition than the roads in Tralee Municipal District.**

**8. Cllr. T. Ferris:** That the Council would start the process to seek whatever permission is required to use rubble from the proposed demolition of the Denny site to support the bank leading to Fenit Island.

**Reply:** The materials from the proposed demolition of the Denny site, would not be suitable for coastal protection measures.

**Cllr. T Ferris asked why the rubble from the demolition would not be suitable to support the bank leading to Fenit Island.**

**Mr. T Sheehy said that the rubble may not be robust enough for coastal protection measures but if it is found to be suitable the rubble will be stockpiled.**

**9. Cllr. T. Ferris:** That a list would be provided of empty premises in Tralee town and a plan of action developed to ensure the buildings are maintained in a way that promotes a positive image of the town.

**Reply:** The council has significant powers under the Derelict Sites Act, and have maintained a register of properties and pursue the upgrading of same on a regular basis. Unfortunately the derelict sites act is not sufficient to provide the vitality in streetscapes that is necessary for the positive image of the town to be reinforced. The Council will continue to work with Tralee Chamber Alliance and individual property owners to bring properties back into effective use and to reinforce the upgrading of the public infrastructure in these areas to attract business into vacant

units. The upgrading of the Mall, Denny Street and the development of the Denny site are positive statements for the centre of Tralee.

**Cllr. T Ferris asked that a list of vacant premises be prepared for the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee.**

**Mr. M Scannell agreed to prepare a report but outlined that it may not be finalised for the next meeting.**

**10. Cllr. T. Ferris:** That the pond of water on the road to the Church at Fenit would be dealt with.

**Reply:** The Tralee Municipal District Operations Dept. will be undertaking works on the L-10572 (Local Tertiary Road) Fenit Island Road in the near future and will address the pond referred to at that juncture.

**11. Cllr. T. Ferris:** That the flooding issue at Ballyplymouth, Cordal would be addressed. (Details with Directorate)

**Reply:** The Tralee Municipal District Operations Dept. has inspected and met residents on the L-6532 (Local Secondary Road) in relation to flooding. The Houses along this road are adjacent to a river / stream which runs parallel to the said roadway.

The river / stream meanders at a number of locations, which impacts flow on flood occasions, and there are two ninety degree bends immediately adjacent to one property. These bends should be removed and the river straightened at this location (located on private property). Kerry County Council will approach the landowner and discuss possible proposals.

In the interim, the Tralee Municipal District Operations Dept. will undertake drainage improvement works upstream to assist flow and to prevent surface water run-off onto the road. Please note that this section of road is on the Restoration Maintenance Programme for 2016.

**12. Cllr. N. Foley:** That the Tawlaght Bohereen on the Tralee/Fenit Road be examined with a view to improving safety access onto the main road.

**Reply:** The roadway / bohereen referred to is a private road located within Fenit Village. It has a junction with the R558 (main Tralee-Fenit Road) and the L-2007 (Tawlaught Road) all within a 50km.p.h speed zone. Tralee Municipal District Operations Dept. previously approached landowners adjacent to the R558 junction in 2015, regarding the possibility of acquiring some lands to improve safety at the junction, but were unsuccessful.

**13. Cllr. N. Foley:** That the issue of water flow onto the Forge Cross, Abbeydorney Road (Killeen side) be examined and remedial action be taken to prevent same.

**Reply:** The Gurrane Road has been included in the 2016 Roads Restoration Programme, and has also received funding under the Severe Weather Allocation (Storm Damage) - drainage works are planned to commence week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 on the Gurrane Road.



**14. Cllr. N. Foley:** That the broken footpath on Bridge Street be examined and repaired.

**Reply:** Footpath repairs in the Bridge Street/Mall/Ashe Street area are being addressed on an ongoing basis ahead of planned works to be carried out in this area as part of the Tralee Transportation Strategy.

**15. Cllr. N. Foley:** What progress has been made on the issues raised by way of deputation regarding Carrahane and the subsequent reply from the OPW that suggests responsibility lies with Kerry County Council for same.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council Operations Department has completed significant road improvement works to the L-10483 & L-10481 (Local Tertiary Roads) at Banna-Carrahane during the month of April (and in advance of the 1916 State Commemoration Event which took place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April) following the recent flood events of December 2015 & January / February 2016. Substantial Drainage works were also carried out.

In relation to the request for coastal erosion measures, given the scale of the works identified by the local community, a detailed Coastal Impact Assessment and possibly an Environmental Impact Statement would be required by the OPW, in advance of seeking any grant aid.

There is a significant body of work involved and the Council will be carrying out a preliminary assessment of the entire coastline in the county, particularly identifying those areas in the county at significant risk of flooding and potential damage to homes. Once complete, we will then have to engage consultants to carry out the above assessments, which will be contingent on grant aid from the OPW.

**Cllr. N Foley asked that this matter be dealt with urgently and that a report be prepared for the next meeting.**

**Mr. F Hartnett said that he has a map of the area dating back to 1905 and tidal flooding of this road has been occurring for over 100 years.**

**The road was taken in charge and upgraded by Kerry County Council.**

**Cllr. N Foley said that the fact that this flooding has been occurring for over 100 years does not make it acceptable for the residents. They want to work with Kerry County Council in resolving this matter and have asked that the Council would keep them informed with regard to any proposals for the area.**

**16. Cllr N Foley:** That the footpath outside Fitzgeralds car sales Rathass, be repaired as it is currently damaged and disjointed causing difficulty for pedestrians and buggies.

**Reply:** Sections of footpaths damaged by tree roots in this area have been identified and will be repaired week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

**17. Cllr. P. Daly:** That this Council will complete the pedestrian crossing on the walkway at Upper Rock Street.

**Reply:** A section 38 public consultation process will be initiated and thereafter a funding source must be identified before the pedestrian crossing on the walkway at Upper Rock St can be completed.

**18. Cllr. T. O'Brien:** That this Council would look at the current parking situation on Basin Road in relation to parking bays for the businesses that operate there.

**Reply:** The area at the rear of Kerry Group on Basin Road is in public ownership and part of it would be suitable for the provision of a Loading Bay. This proposal can be included in the forthcoming review of Parking Bye Laws.

**Mr. F Hartnett said that an estimate of the cost of the request in the notice of motion was prepared and the works required would cost approximately €5,500.**

**19. Cllr. T. O'Brien:** That this Council would give an update in relation to the problem with the lights on the Canal Road.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have installed an energy management system pilot scheme on the lights along the N86 Canal Road. Specialist parts have had to be ordered which will be installed within the next two weeks.

### **(c) Questions 1-3**

**1. Cllr. T. Ferris:** How much would the provision of public toilets at the village green Ardfert cost?

**Reply:** The estimated cost of providing new toilets in the Village green would be dependent on the specification and given its location there may be planning/archaeological issues. A budget estimate would be in the region of " 200,000.

**Mr. M Scannel said that currently no funding is available for this project.**

**2. Cllr. T. Ferris:** What is the current situation with the road at Sandy Lane Banna? Have the issues been resolved to enable improvement works to proceed. Are the Council in a position to at least improve the section leading to the beach.

**Reply:** The L-10476 (Local Tertiary Road) at Sandy Lane, Banna (adjacent to the Roger Casement Caravan Park) was patched on Tuesday 4th May 2016 following the completion of road repairs beforehand. The remedial works completed included repairs on the access road into the Beach Car-Park.

**Cllr. T Ferris confirmed that the road referred to in the notice of motion is the road from Roger Casement Caravan Park to Sandy Lane and asked if an update is available with regard to a Local Improvement Scheme being carried out on this road as the failure of a previous application to go ahead was beyond the control of the residents.**

**3. Cllr P Daly:** That this Council review signage on some of our rivers in particular the Abha Beag in Knocknagoshel

**Reply:** It is not part of our current signage policy to erect signage identifying rivers due to budgetary constraints. However if there are particular locations where there is merit in the provision of signage to support angling tourism etc., such works could be suitable for Councillors' allocation.

**Mr. F Hartnett undertook to examine this particular location.**

#### **16.05.09.06 Any Other Business**

##### **(a) Notices of Motion 1-3**

**1. Cllr. P Daly:** That this Council will look at a scheme to grant aid refurbishment of old properties in the town and villages of the Municipal District.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are not in a position to grant aid the refurbishment of private properties. A review of the development contributions scheme is currently being considered and will be brought to members in July. In the scheme proposals are being developed to ensure that such contributions are not a barrier to development in these areas, while retaining an income base for capital projects. The town and village grant scheme announced before Christmas has yet to be launched and we await the details of this scheme to see if it can provide the necessary impetus for such developments.

**2. Cllr P Daly:** That this Council will write once again to the Minister for Justice seeking a review of the evidence in the Charlie Kering case.

**Reply:** This is a matter for consideration by the members.

**Cllr. P Daly referred to the correspondence from the Minister for Justice and acknowledged that this matter was under review. He asked that the Notice of Motion be deferred to the next meeting.**

**3. Cllr. N. Foley:** Following the adoption by Kerry County Council of the Charter for Independent Living that the Tralee Municipal District would liaise with Cumann Iosef in the drawing up of a database for the Municipal District.

**Reply:** The Council has engaged with Mr James Hussey of Cumann Iosef in relation to this and it is proposed to arrange a meeting with the HSE and other necessary support agencies to facilitate the flow of information that will be of assistance in ensuring that vulnerable people are supported in their homes. While the primary responsibility lies with the Community Welfare section of the HSE, the Council will examine what element of support it can provide particularly in the suitability of our own accommodation for people returning from hospital.

**Cllr. N Foley asked that an update on this matter be provided at the next meeting.**

**Mayor T McEllistrim joined the meeting at this stage and took the Chair from Leas – Cathaoirleach Cllr. G Spring.**

**(b) Dates for meetings.**

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T O'Brien SECONDED by Cllr. T McEllistrim it was agreed that the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee would be held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at 10.00am.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T O'Brien SECONDED by Cllr. J Finucane it was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of Tralee would be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at 9.45am.

(c) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. N Foley SECONDED by Cllr. J Finucane it was agreed that a Special Meeting to consider and approve allocations from the 2016 Community Support Fund would be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016.

(d) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. S Locke SECONDED by Cllr. J Finucane it was agreed that a Special Meeting to consider Part VIII for the proposed development in the Mitchels Regeneration Area would be held on Thursday 9 June, 2016 at 9.30am

**(c) Correspondence**

1.	Letter dated 16 <sup>th</sup> March from University Hospital Kerry regarding a meeting with the members concerning parking in the adjoining housing estates.
2.	Email of 30 <sup>th</sup> March, 2016 from the Minister for the Environment Community & Local Government in response to request for city status for the town of Tralee.
3.	Letter dated 11 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016 from the OPW in response to issues raised by the deputation from Carrahane, Banna and invitation to attend meeting of the members of Tralee MD.
4.	Letter dated 11 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016 from the Minister for Justice & Equality in response to letter on behalf of the members regarding the case of Charlie Kerins.

**(d) Any Other Business**

**1. Permission to Overnight in Pearse Park**

Cllr. T O'Brien said that the group *Under the Elements* that works with homeless people had approached him with a request for permission to overnight for one night in Pearse Park, Tralee.

Mr. F Hartnett said that Municipal District Officer, N O'Connor and himself would meet with representatives of the group to discuss this matter.

**2. Caretakers house in Town Park**

Cllr. J Finucane asked if the caretakers house in the Town Park is unoccupied.

**3. Pedestrian Crossing at Junction of Rock Street and Main Street**

Cllr. G Spring said that there are no pedestrian crossing facilities at the junction of Rock Street and Main Street.

Mr. F Hartnett said that no funding is currently available for the provision of a pedestrian crossing at this location.

#### 4. Staff Changes

Cllr. N Foley welcomed Mr. M Scannell recently appointed Delegated Executive for the Municipal District of Tralee and Ms. N O'Connor recently appointed Tralee Municipal District Officer and said that she looked forward to working with them. All the members wished to be associated with the sentiments expressed by Cllr. Foley.

**The meeting concluded at 13.00pm.**

**Ms. Jean Foley**  
**Meetings Administrator**

**Mayor of the Municipal District of Tralee**