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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 6th MARCH, 2017

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH THRÁ LÍ A THIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN LUAIN 6 MARTA 2017

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

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

In attendance/i láthair

Mr. M Scannell	Delegated Executive for the MD of Tralee
Ms. J. Foley	Meetings Administrator
Mr. F Hartnett	SEE
Mr. J Kennelly	SE
Ms. N. O'Connor	Tralee MD Officer
Mr. G. O'Brien	SEO
Mr. E Scanlan	SEE
Ms. B Conway	AO
Mr. C. Lynch	EE
Mr. J. Fitzgerald	EE
Mr. A. Harty	AE
Ms. B Reidy	SSO

The meeting commenced at 11.10am.

Mayor T O'Brien took the Chair.

17.03.06.01 (a) Confirmation of the minutes of the following meetings:

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J Finucane SECONDED by Cllr. N Foley it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Tralee held on 9th January, 2017 be confirmed.

Cllr. S Locke referred to the recent flooding in Tralee and said that dredging of the River Lee must be considered as flooding in Tralee has to be addressed as soon as possible.

Mr. M Scannell said that substantial works to address flooding in the Tralee area are included in the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Study. No funding has been received for the dredging of the River Lee. Some dredging has been carried out in the Manor area to remove blockages.

Cllr. J Finucane supported Cllr. Locke regarding this matter and PROPOSED that a dedicated unit with responsibility for the clearing of water courses, all year round, be set up in Kerry County Council

(b) Business prescribed by statute Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting

(a) Litter Management Plan 2017 - 2019

Mr. G O'Brien said that the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017 - 2019 which had been circulated to the members in advance of the meeting, sets out the objectives and targets for litter management in the county for the next three years.

He briefed the members on the public consultation process and the submissions received as follows:

1.0 Legal Preamble

In accordance with Section 10 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, Kerry County Council proposes to make a new Litter Management Plan. The current plan expired in 2016 and a new draft plan has been prepared. In accordance with the legislation a period of public consultation was under taken and the following is a report on submissions received.

2.0 Public Consultation

In accordance with Section 12 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997, notice of the proposed Draft Litter Management Plan was published in the local papers on Thursday 3rd November 2016 inviting observations and submissions on the plan. Copies were available from the County Council offices at Maine St., Tralee; Aras an Chontae, Rathass, Tralee, and in Municipal District offices and Council libraries. Copies were circulated to all registered Tidy Towns groups, Green Schools in the County and to all Elected members. The draft Litter Management Plan was also available on the Councils website, www.kerrycoco.ie. Closing date for submissions was the 2nd December 2016.

Prior to public consultation, the elected members were advised at each MD meeting that a new plan was being prepared and of the process involved in the adoption of same.

In accordance with the Litter Pollution Act 1997, announcements in respect of the proposal were broadcasted on three successive days on Radio Kerry during the consultation period, 1st November to the 3rd of November 2016 inclusive.

Two submission were received, from, Comharchumann Forbartha an Leith Triúigh Teo. and Scéim Bhrúscair Uibh Ráthaigh.

1) Comharchumann Forbartha an Leith Triúigh Teo

Three areas of concern were raised in this submission:

i) Coffee Cups dumped on the road side

The group spoke with Kerry County Council Environmental Awareness Officer Mícheál O Coileáin, and the following ideas for a Coffee Cup Awareness Campaign were discussed;

- Petrol stations should be encouraging people to reuse cups
- Posters should be erected in the garage foyer of the stations encouraging people not to forget their reusable cup
- Work with petrol stations to give people discounts if they reuse their own cup
- Give free funky reusable coffee cups
- Have a competition in the local national and secondary schools to discover creative ways in which we can tackle the issue
- A social media campaign should be run in conjunction with the campaign
- Businesses should be encouraged to use bio degradable cups

Response: On page 19 of the Draft Litter Management Plan, action r) states: That Kerry County Council ~~will~~ collaborate regionally on prevention initiatives+The Southern Waste Management office has plans to tackle the issue raised. Kerry County Council will assist in the roll out of this campaign and will liaise further with this group on this matter.

ii) Community Refuse Service

The group have a problem with people disposing of their rubbish in the community refuse service. They feel they cannot bring prosecutions against this form of dumping as technically they are not illegal dumping, they are simply just abusing the community service.

They do not want to lock their bins as this is a community service and people in the area are not able to use the service at usual business hours. This is a particular issue during busy summer months. They take pride in their service and would like to work with Kerry County Council to identify solutions to this problem.

Response: While this is outside the remit of Kerry County Council to resolve we will discuss the matter with the group to see if we can assist in any way.

iii) Refuse Points for Tourists

The group raised the issue that arises for tourists unable to find areas in which they can dump their rubbish. People travelling in Campers vans have a very bad experience with trying to find ways in which they can dispose of their rubbish in a proper manner.

Response: Kerry County Council Tourism Strategy 2016-2022 has a medium term action identified which is to ~~provide~~ e-charging for electric vehicles, freshwater

supply and waste/ water disposal for campervans in suitable locations in towns and villages along the Wild Atlantic Way and major tourism centres+ The council will be taking the lead to deliver this action, working with its partners including Fáilte Ireland, the Local development companies and communities including those providing a Community Refuse service.

2) Scéim Bhrúscair Uíbh Ráthaigh.

There are five communities in the Iveragh Gaeltacht area and its immediate surrounds who are currently running a community waste management scheme on a partnership basis. Those community groups involved in running Scéim Bhrúscair Uíbh Ráthaigh respectfully request that the following be taken into consideration in the final version of the litter management plan:

- i) Scéim Bhrúscair Uíbh Ráthaigh be included in P10 as one of the approved collectors which will be promoted by the council, as a community initiative
- ii) Scéim Bhrúscair Uíbh Ráthaigh to be included in P12 under commitment to support community groups (mainly Tidy Towns at the moment in the plan)
- iii) Also on P12, to include community waste management systems under Recycling & Recovery as one of the ways being promoted for people to access recycling options was received during the consultation period.

Response: i) Details of all waste disposal facilities available in the county will be stated on the Council's Website including municipal, private and community facilities. Amendment has been made to page 23 of the draft litter management plan to reflect this change.

ii) The Scéim members can contact the council regarding fly-tipping etc and will receive the same support afforded to any other community group or member of the public as outlined in action c) page 22 of the draft plan.

iii) Details of all recycling facilities available in the county will be stated on the Council's Website including municipal, private and community facilities. Amendment has been made to page 23 of the draft litter management plan to reflect this change.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT SECTION:

The plan has been brought through the Public Consultation process and has recently been considered by the Quality of Life SPC who have recommended the formal adoption of the plan by municipal district members in accordance with Local Government Reform Act 2014, Schedule 3, Part 1, Section 131A, which amends Section 13 of Litter Pollution Act, 1997

Cllr. P Daly said that the Tralee Municipal District is disadvantaged due to not having a public waste disposal facility. The cost of waste collection is high, particularly for elderly householders. There has been an increase in fly tipping since the waste collection service was privatised.

Cllr. S Locke agreed with Cllr. Daly and said that a waiver scheme such as was available when the Local Authority operated the waste collection service, should be reintroduced.

Mr. G O'Brien said that the Tralee Municipal District is in a better position than the Listowel Municipal District with regard to location of waste disposal facilities. Listowel does not have a public or private facility while two private waste disposal services are operating in Tralee. He said that Kerry County Council will not be going back into the provision of a waste collection service.

Cllr. P McCarthy said that Kerry County Council should encourage people to use the waste recycling facilities as he had reduced the cost of waste collection for his household to one sixth of the previous cost by separating and recycling waste.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr J Finucane SECONDED by Cllr. P McCarthy it was unanimously agreed to adopt the Draft Litter Management Plan 2017-2019 in accordance with Local Government Reform Act 2014, Schedule 3, Part 1 Section 131A, which amends Section 13 of Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Welcome Transition Year Students

Mayor T O'Brien welcomed four Transition Year Students from Presentation Secondary School, Tralee, who were observing the meeting from the public gallery.

17.03.06.02 Economic and Community Development Directorate.

(a) 2017 Community Support Fund for the Tralee Municipal District

Ms. N O'Sullivan advised the members that 491 applications for funding from the Community Support Fund had been received county wide this year. 105 applications were from community groups in the Tralee Municipal District. She circulated the following report and briefed the members on the 73 successful projects.

Line No.	Applicant Group	Area	Category	Project Description	Recommendation €
1	Ardfert Community Council Company Limited by Guarantee	Ardfert	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Purchase a trailer and strimmer to maintain area of Fair Green and to provide DIY service for elderly in the area.	" 600.00
2	Ardfert Development Association	Ardfert	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Replace 3 flags, strim entrance to village, purchase spheres to complete Roger Casement structure, purchase commemorative plaque, further landscape field behind Cathedral.	" 600.00
		Ardfert Total			€1,200.00
3	Ballyfinnane Community Association	Ballyfinnane	Minor Enhancements to Community Facilities	Replace emergency exit door in the Ballyfinnane Community Hall.	" 500.00
		Ballyfinnane Total			€500.00
4	Ballymacelligott Community Alert Group	Ballymacelligott	Community Planning and Project Development	Support Warning Text System.	" 200.00
5	Ballymacelligott Ladies GAA Club	Ballymacelligott	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Set of jerseys for the first ladies senior team, footballs, training gear, equipment.	" 250.00
		Ballymacelligott Total			€450.00
6	Ballyroe/Clogherbrien Community Association	Ballyroe	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Relocate original school plaque (school demolished), site preparation, purchase of materials and all associated costs.	" 500.00
		Ballyroe Total			€500.00
7	Blennerville Senior Citizens Group (including Active Retirement Group)	Blennerville	Minor Enhancements to Community Facilities	Install new external access door where local community meetings are held.	" 200.00
8	Blennerville/Hare Street/Lohercannon Residents Association	Blennerville	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Plant new flowers and replace shrubs, purchase lawn mower.	" 400.00
9	Naomh Pádraig CLG, Blennerville	Blennerville	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Support for feasibility study to convert the Dingle Way Challenge annual fundraiser to a wider event/festival.	" 300.00
		Blennerville Total			€900.00

10	Brosna Couch to 5K	Brosna	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Promotion of the Brosna Couch to 5k event.	" 1,000.00
11	Brosna Hall Committee	Brosna	Minor Enhancements to Community Facilities	Purchase of a sound system, upgrade heating.	" 600.00
12	Brosna Le Chéile	Brosna	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Purchase of 30 mature trees to enhance the village square.	" 600.00
13	Con Curtin Music Festival	Brosna	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Support for festival to promote Sliabh Luachra style of music.	" 500.00
		Brosna Total			€2,700.00
14	Cork Kerry Link Bus	Countywide	Community Planning and Project Development	Transport to cancer services.	" 1,500.00
15	Jigsaw Kerry	Countywide	Community Planning and Project Development	To support the costs associated with the innovative pilot Outreach programme	" 500.00
16	Kerry Comhairle na nÓg	Countywide	Community Planning and Project Development	To organise a Mental Health First Aid Training Day for teachers. There are Comhairle representatives from 19 schools in the County so these schools would be targeted first to try and ensure that there is one teacher in each of these schools trained in mental health first aid. Funding to be used to pay for an accredited mental health first aid trainer and for a venue for training	" 1,000.00
17	Kerry Craft & Design Education Ltd t/as Original Kerry (Printing)	Countywide	Community Economic Innovation	Kerry Craft Trails requires further development to augment an already successful project in the form of trail maps, new brochure print run, updated content, auxiliary promotional material, etc.	" 1,500.00
18	Kerry Music Generation	Countywide	Community Seed Capital	Joint initiative with KETB to build community arts activity and promote and expand the delivery of high quality music education opportunities for children that do not have access to music education.	" 2,500.00
19	Kerry Sustainable Energy Co-operative Society Ltd	Countywide	Community Planning and Project Development	Allow energy and moisture meters to be available for rent from libraries across Kerry.	" 500.00
20	Kerry Women Writers Network	Countywide	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Funding to support reading fees and advertising to open literature to local communities across the four Municipal Districts.	" 100.00
21	Transition Kerry	Countywide	Community Planning and Project Development	To help run 'Building Community Resilience Educational Programme' in 8 communities in the county over a broad geographic area. This will be a six week course.	" 1,000.00
		Countywide Total			€8,600.00
22	Fenit Grotto Committee	Fenit	Minor Enhancements to Community Facilities	Enhance further development of grotto, ESB connection and lighting.	" 200.00

23	Fenit Rowing Club	Fenit	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Purchase life jackets for adult members to complete the project.	" 200.00
		Fenit Total			€400.00
24	Cill Dubh Brownies	Kielduff	Community Planning and Project Development	Funding for equipment to facilitate expanded group in rural area.	" 200.00
		Kielduff Total			€200.00
25	Knocknagoshel Environmental & Angling Association	Knocknagoshel	Minor Enhancements to Community Facilities	Repair walkways, protect wooden rails of community facility, purchase hedge trimming machine.	" 400.00
26	Knocknagoshel Halloween Group	Knocknagoshel	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Purchase generator for lighting, sound effects and music.	" 400.00
27	Knocknagoshel Over 55's Social Club & Womens Group Ltd	Knocknagoshel	Community Planning and Project Development	Facilitator for Reminiscence programme for 8 weeks for older people attending the social centre. The programme will facilitate discussions of traditions of bygone years. Many of the attendees over 85 and living alone.	" 400.00
28	Sliabh Luachra Writers Group	Knocknagoshel	Community Planning and Project Development	Seeking support for new books launched and purchase of tea and coffee making facilities for group. Age group 25-75 in rural community.	" 150.00
		Knocknagoshel Total			€1,350.00
29	Dan Paddy Andy Festival	Lyreacrompane	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Renovate and upgrade marquee site and parking area at the Dan Paddy Andy Memorial site where the Dan Paddy Andy Festival has been held for 20 years.	" 500.00
30	Lyreacrompane Community Development CLG (Heating)	Lyreacrompane	Minor Enhancements to Community Facilities	Zoning the heating in the Community Centre.	" 400.00
31	Lyreacrompane Community Development CLG (Insulation)	Lyreacrompane	Minor Enhancements to Community Facilities	Install cavity wall insulation to 2 external walls of the community hall and one internal wall to reduce heat loss and reduce heating bill.	" 600.00
32	Sliabh Luachra Active Retired Network	Lyreacrompane	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Transport for older rural people who wish to take part in a programme of social and fulfilling activities to combat social isolation and loneliness.	" 500.00
		Lyreacrompane Total			€2,000.00
33	Pearse Bros Churchill GAA Club	Spa	Minor Enhancements to Community Facilities	Repair and paint roof in centre which is used by a wide range of sporting and community groups.	" 250.00
		Spa Total			€250.00
34	1st Kerry Scout Group	Tralee	Community Planning and Project Development	Develop full potential of young scouts in 13-15 and 15-18 range, in personal skills self-development to the Bronze Gaisce and Chief Scout Award, lightweight tents, cooking utensils.	" 200.00

35	Ballinorig Estate/Close Residents Association	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Maintain area, replace flowers, and purchase a leaf blower.	" 200.00
36	Bridge.Ireland.com (Tralee International Bridge Congress)	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Promotion of competitions. Two congresses in Tralee attracting international players. 500 attendees at first congress. Second congress expects to attract more.	" 300.00
37	Castlemorris Residents Group	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Continue development of flowerbeds along the main road and in the Millenium Park, painting/gafitti control along the River Lee Walkway, dog dirt controll on walkway, paint vacant house, litter picking.	" 350.00
38	Clounalour One Residents Association & WW	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Maintain area, provide extra seating and fencing.	" 200.00
39	Connolly Park Residents Association	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Plant shrubs, paint, new project along the wall by the tracks which accesses the new Fenit walkway.	" 900.00
40	Cúil Fuine Residents Committee	Tralee	Minor Enhancements to Community Facilities	Install permanent hanging baskets around the estate that can be planted winter and summer.	" 200.00
41	Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí 2017	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Support for Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí programme of events.	" 2,000.00
42	Foodshare Kerry	Tralee	Community Planning and Project Development	Accounts and stock management system. Presentation given recently to full council meeting.	" 1,000.00
43	Fountain Court Residents Association	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Purchase materials and build wall where shrubs are at entrance to Fountain Court.	" 400.00
44	Irish Red Cross - Tralee Youth Section	Tralee	Community Seed Capital	Train 30 new Occupational First Aiders, 30 new Community First Responders and 30 people on a patient handling course.	" 400.00
45	Irish Wildlife Trust - Kerry Branch	Tralee	Community Planning and Project Development	A nest box project with Scoil Eoin, Balloonagh Primary School, for the amber listed bird of conservation concern the Common Swift, nest boxes, Swift attraction call system, hire of a lift and operator, spy camera system, information leaflets.	" 300.00
46	Kerry Branch of Arthritis Ireland	Tralee	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Aqua jogging and aqua aerobics programmes for people with arthritis.	" 250.00
47	Kerry Dancers Set Dancing Club & Sweets of May Festival	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Support for "Sweets of May Set Dancing Festival", three céilies.	" 200.00
48	Kerry Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre	Tralee	Minor Enhancements to Community Facilities	Purchase of a computer as currently only one computer shared between all counsellors.	" 300.00

49	Killeen Heights Residents Committee	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Purchase hedge trimmers and cutters to enhance the estate.	" 200.00
50	Manor Village	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Upgrade estate by erecting a wood carving.	" 300.00
51	Mercy Mounthawk Parents Council (Health Project)	Tralee	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Organise group exercise classes for parents to promote well-being & exercise with particular emphasis on bone health.	" 500.00
52	Name It Womens Group	Tralee	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Sport and physical exercise programme to promote health, exercise and well-being to educate our members and the community about diet, exercise and good mental health. Wish to establish a walking group in the area.	" 500.00
53	National Circus Festival of Ireland	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Support for National Circus Festival of Ireland.	" 1,000.00
54	Racecourse Lawn Residents Association	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Enhance green area, remove water logged soil, replace it with stone for drainage and fertile soil so that area inside the upper gate is the same standard as the existing shrubberies.	" 200.00
55	Rath Oraigh Community Childcare	Tralee	Minor Enhancements to Community Facilities	Purchase chairs and computers for the provision of a safe, comfortable environment for children attending the homework club and allow for potential adult learning courses in the morning when the centre is not used by the homework club.	" 800.00
56	Scotia Ensemble	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Support for "Feels like Home" Choral/Vocal Festival collaborating with Mercy Mounthawk Secondary School and "Magic of the Movies" Festival collaborating with local primary and secondary schools.	" 300.00
57	Shanakill Rahoone Community Organic Garden	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Provide educational workshops, grow plants from seeds, public event days and mindful consumption workshops in the community garden.	" 400.00
58	Spa Road Enhancement	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Contribution towards purchase of two lawnmowers.	" 900.00
59	St Brendans Park Residence Association	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Hire landscaper, purchase a watering system, in advance of St Brendans Parish Corpus Christi procession in May.	" 300.00
60	St Patricks Day Parade Committee	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Support for the St Patricks Day Parade in Tralee.	" 8,000.00
61	Sundays Well Residents Association	Tralee	Minor Enhancements to Community Facilities	Install permanent hanging baskets around the estate that can be planted winter and summer.	" 200.00

62	Team Bramble	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Plant variegated hebes and ground cover plants in boarder along the perimeter of Harriers ground on the Dan Spring Road, develop a rose bed at Ballymullen Barracks, continue Dog Dirt project.	" 1,750.00
63	Tidy Towns	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Support various projects from Tidy Towns Work Programme for year. Work programme agree with Tralee MD Engineer.	" 5,000.00
64	Tidy Tralee Together	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Contribution to prizes to acknowledge enhancement work completed in estates around Tralee.	" 4,000.00
65	Towards a Better Tralee	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Distribute vouchers for bedding plants to Residents Associations, develop and enhance flower beds in Ballinorig, Rath, Michael O'Regan place.	" 8,000.00
66	Tralee 800 Working Group	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Support for Féile na mBláth/Medieval Festival.	" 20,000.00
67	Tralee Chamber Alliance	Tralee	Community Economic Innovation	Develop and promote Tralee as a fantastic all weather destination by progressing projects subject to the agreement of the Elected Members of the Tralee Municipal District	" 55,000.00
68	Tralee Community Garden Project	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	Continue to develop the Tralee public community garden.	" 500.00
69	Tralee Harriers Athletic Club	Tralee	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Support to continue successful programme, coaching workshop for 100 Transition Year students to increase participation among primary school children with a particular emphasis on children with special needs.	" 400.00
70	Tralee International Resource Centre	Tralee	Community Planning and Project Development	Intercultural concert at Siamsa Tíre to create awareness and promote integration.	" 300.00
71	Tralee Junior Triathlon Club	Tralee	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Four pool events at Banna Pool & Leisure Centre, four triathlon events in Fenit, six sea swimming lesson in Fenit.	" 400.00
72	Tralee Lions Club	Tralee	Community Planning and Project Development	Day trip for individuals who have had a difficult year chosen by the Community Gardaí.	" 200.00
73	Tralee Parkrun and Tralee Junior Parkrun	Tralee	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Promote weekly events and encourage participation, reward and recognise volunteers and participants.	" 600.00
		Tralee Total			€116,950.00
		Grand Total			€136,000.00

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. S Locke SECONDED by Cllr. T Ferris it was agreed to approve the allocations from the 2017 Community Support Fund for the Municipal District of Tralee as outlined in the report circulated.

Cathaoirleach T O'Brien thanked Ms. N O'Sullivan and her team for their excellent work in accessing the applications and allocating the funding.

Cllr. P McCarthy said that the International Children's Games Committee in Tralee received funding from the former Tralee Town Council for many years. The committee is making a bid for the International Children's Games to be held in Ireland in 2020.

Mr. M Scannell said that attendance at international events is not considered appropriate for funding from the Community Support Fund.

Mayor T O'Brien said that the committee has the option of applying for funding from the CSF.

(b) It was agreed to note the following report from the Economic & Community Directorate:

Tourism & Economic Development Tralee Municipal District Report Feb 2017

Island Of Geese Funding

The Island of Geese, Tralee project is a part of a three year long Southern & Eastern Regional Operational Programme, co-funded by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, The European Regional Development Fund and Kerry County Council in partnership with the Southern Regional Assembly.

Re-cap

The Island of Geese is an example of a number of regeneration projects, within Tralee Town Centre which represent a dynamic exciting future for Tralee. Formerly known as the Denny Bacon Factory, the 2.3 acre industrial factory site was gifted to the people of Tralee by Kerry Group. Inspired by this sentiment Kerry County Council has been working with the people of Tralee to decide how best the site might be developed for the benefit of all. The Council received a huge response to it's public consultation initiative "Share my idea" in 2016, which is a measure of the enthusiasm, energy and belief of the people - including the various different business, community and various stakeholder groups - in the future of the town. The Economic Development Unit in KCC is continuing to work on how to build on that goodwill, for the benefit of the town centre.

Next stage - Demolition

Kerry County Council is in the process of preparing the request for tenders for contractors to demolish the Denny Bacon Factory. KCC has engaged Malachy Walsh & Partners Consultant Engineers to assist in that process. It is anticipated that, once the demolition contractor is appointed, work to demolish the factory site will commence in May 2017 and will hopefully be completed by December 2017.

Next stage - Masterplan

Meanwhile, Kerry County Council is also in the process of evaluating the tenders from specialist consultants for the creation of a masterplan for the Tralee Town Centre West area. It is anticipated that a consultant will be appointed shortly and that this work should begin in March 2017 with the expectation that the masterplan will also be completed by October / November 2017.

It will not be long before members of the public will start to see a lot more activity around the old bacon factory site. All of which will hopefully create a lot more interest and excitement in the regeneration of Tralee Town Centre.

Development Contribution Scheme.

Work continued on the Development Contribution Scheme. It is proposed to bring the draft DCS to SPC in March.

2 Year review of the County Development Plan.

Section 15(2) of the Planning Act requires that a report be prepared outlining the progress achieved in securing the objectives contained in the Plan. This review is presently underway.

Tralee Municipal Plan/Tralee Town Plan

Background research has commenced in respect of the review of both the Tralee MD plan and Tralee Town development plan. This work will continue throughout 2017. Public consultation on the pre-draft will get underway in April and formal work on the draft will commence following this.

LEO Training Events held in Tralee- Jan/Feb 2017

Start Your Own Business Day Course:

20 people participated in a four day Start Your Own Business Course run in the Rose Hotel on the 18th January, 25th January, 2nd February and 9th February

Business Growth Programme:

13 businesses are currently participating in the Business Growth Programme that commenced on the 3rd February in the Rose hotel and will run for 8 weeks

Digital Marketing Programme:

16 people are undertaking a 6 week digital marketing programme that commenced on the 24th January and is being run in Monavally, Tralee.

Advanced Facebook Advertising:

15 people attended a one day workshop on the 25th January in Monavally Tralee

Upcoming Events: Business Month March 2017

March 1st sees the launch of Enterprise Month, with many of the events focused on Tralee and its environs:

Highlights include:

Launch of the Kerry Food and Drink Experience in the Rose Hotel on the 8th March

Revolution E'- The Kerrybusiness Women's conference on the 10th March

County Enterprise Awards on the 10th March in Manor West Hotel

Employment Law Seminar on 7th March in Ballygarry Hotel

Launch of the Food Academy Programme on the 7th March in the Manor West Hotel

Kerry's Best Young Entrepreneur – Tralee based finalist

Derek Counihan of the business %Harpoon Connect+was successful in the Regional finals and is now contesting the National Finals in Google HQ in Dublin in March 5th. His business monetises online marketing and is a strong prospect.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme

A new allocation of 59 vouchers has been confirmed. An information seminar is being run on the 9th March.

Tourism

BLENNERVILLE WINDMILL & STEAM RAILWAY:

The upgrading of the Blennerville Windmill Visitor Centre and restoration of the Tralee-Blennerville Steam Railway is progressing. Both have been submitted to Failte Ireland for Grant Support under its *Grants Scheme for Large Tourism Projects, 2016-2020*. The project is currently being assessed and we expect a determination by the end of March.

<p>Tralee Municipal District Meeting Community Department Report for 6 March 2017</p>

Community Support Fund 2017

105 applications for funding were received from the Tralee MD area. These applications have been assessed and will be presented to members for their consideration at the Tralee MD Meeting on 6 March.

2017 Sports Capital Programme

An application has been submitted for the Upgrading of paths in Tralee Town Park to facilitate the Park Run & Junior Park Run which take place every weekend. " 60,000 is being sought to upgrade the full circuit of 1,600m. An application has also been submitted in association with Kerry ETB and Tralee Sports Complex for the upgrading of the hall floor and gym.

Groups who applied for funding for capital works for sports projects under the 2016 & 2017 Community Support Fund (and deemed ineligible) were advised of the new round of funding under the Sports Capital Programme and the closing date.

Strengthening Communities

St Patrick's Day Parade

The theme for the 2017 parade is %A Celebration of Tralee Sport+and Rick Leonard (basketball player) is the Grand Marshal.

The St Patrick's Day Organising Committee is inviting local community groups and organisations, clubs, schools and businesses to participate and application forms are

available from: www.Tralee.ie, KCC Offices in Princes Quay and Rathass, St Patrick's Day Facebook Page and Tralee Chamber Alliance Offices. The closing date for applications is Friday, 3 March. The parade will also mark the end of the year-long Tralee 800th celebrations.

Féile na mBláth 2017

Details for Féile na mBláth 2017 have yet to be finalised. The proposed dates are the weekend of 9-11 June or 16-18 June. The programme will be developed when funding has been approved. A CSF 2017 application for Féile na mBláth has been submitted by Tralee 800 Working Group (interim measure).

Town & Village Renewal Scheme – Fenit Village

Work is underway on the Village entrance improvement works including road widening works and the construction of a footpath to serve the houses along the village entrance. It is expected that this work will be completed by the end of March.

The second aspect of the project is to Develop a Public Realm Improvement Plan focusing on the design of a new central public space taking in the car park/promenade and provide an integrated and costed design ready for planning for this area.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. P. Daly: That this Council will appoint an engineer to prepare planning permissions for the amenity trails at the Big River, Ballyseedy to Tralee and Tralee to Fenit.

Reply: The Capital Infrastructure Unit within Kerry County Council is the section responsible for the design, planning and procurement of walkways throughout the County including the urban areas. The section is currently involved in progressing the South Kerry Greenway, Tralee Smarter Travel, The North Kerry Line from Listowel to the County Bounds and also Tralee to Fenit. Once these projects are completed through the design and planning stage other identified projects will be progressed.

Cllr. P Daly said that he had raised this matter previously on numerous occasions. All resources are being used to progress the development of the South Kerry greenway. He said that there is a huge amount to be gained from promoting walkways in the Tralee area.

Cllr. G Spring said that he too had submitted a notice of motion regarding the Tralee to Fenit walkway, for a previous meeting. He said that it is important that different funding options are examined and recommended that a working group be set up to take the project forward.

Mr. M Scannell said that progressing the development of the South Kerry Greenway will be a priority for Capital Infrastructure Unit over the next few months.

2. Cllr. T Ferris: That this Municipal District would endeavour to ensure a facility is provided for the skaters of the area within the next 12 months.

Reply: Kerry County Council has been actively engaged with a group loosely calling themselves Tralee Skate Group in respect of the scale and siting of a Skate park in Tralee. The Council has also been engaged with contractors and designers about the format and costing of a skate park suitable for Tralee. Previous user studies have indicated significant support for the project.

It is hoped that the Tralee Skate Group will formally ask for permission for the use of Council grounds for the project. The issue of funding for the project thereafter will remain a substantial hurdle.

Cllr. T Ferris said that this matter was already raised at a meeting of the Full Council and she commended Vincent Foley EE on his work with young people. While there is a bigger plan, what is realizable at the moment would cost between €30,000 and €40,000. She would be prepared to contribute a considerable amount from her Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF) and asked if management would consider contributing between €15,000 and €20,000 towards the project. As there are also skaters in Ballybunion and Killarney, Tralee would be just the first to provide this facility.

Mr. M Scannell said that Kerry County Council is actively engaged with the group referred to in the response. He undertook to revert to the members when the overall cost is identified.

Cllr. T Ferris asked that this issue remain on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting on 8th May.

Cllr. N Foley said that this is the single biggest project geared towards young people in our community therefore it is important that it is progressed. The members will not be found wanting with regard to the allocation of funding if management agrees to meet them half way.

3. Cllr. T Ferris: What progress has been made to develop a blue way from Tralee to Fenit and possibly Kerry Head?

Reply: Supporting the sustainable development of a network of Blueways, subject to environmental assessment, is included in the Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2016 . 2022. The Tourism Unit has liaised with our colleagues in Failte Ireland with regard to what has worked well in other counties and have also spoken with those involved in the West Cork Blueway to learn the do's and don't for the project. We will work with NEWKD on a feasibility study to ascertain the best location in relation to accessibility (access and egress required), special planning designation and to determine viable local and tourist markets.

Cllr. T Ferris said that very slow progress is being made with this project. She found it difficult to understand why a feasibility study is necessary when a private individual has already carried out a study. She asked that Kerry County Council would endeavour to progress this development.

Cllr. T Ferris asked if the Lock Gates were operational.

Mr. F Hartnett said that the gates would be operational later this month.

4. Cllr. T O'Brien: That this council give an up-to-date report on the Tralee- Fenit walkway and how far away is this project which could be a huge addition to the Kerry tourism package.

Reply: The documentation for the transfer of the land from CIE to Kerry County Council has been prepared and it is anticipated that the council seal will be affixed to the contracts in the coming week. Kerry County Council will proceed with the preparation of the documentation for a planning application once this has been completed. In relation to how far away is this project is dependent on funding for the project being available. At present there is no funding in place for the commencement of work on the project.

Cllr. T O'Brien said that he was very disappointed with the response as this matter has been ongoing for years. The development of the South Kerry greenway is now a priority but it must be acknowledged that the development of amenity trails from Tralee – Fenit and at the Big River would increase the tourism economy in Tralee. He asked that Kerry County Council would pursue all funding options for these projects.

Cllr. J Finucane agreed and said that discussions on this project have been going on for many years and no progress has been made. He also PROPOSED that a submission for funding for the development of the Tralee – Fenit walkway be made to the relevant Minister.

Cllr. P Daly said that the success of the development of the canal walk is apparent to everyone. He referred to the first line of the response and said that he understood that the transfer of the land had been completed.

Mr. M Scannell said that that the legal formalities were being finalised. This is a multi million euro project. A national source of funding must be identified to allow this project to go ahead and it is important that it is shovel ready when funding becomes available.

5. Cllr. T O'Brien: I am calling on this council to ensure that works on the walk way from Blennerville Bridge to the Lough Gates would proceed immediately.

Reply: A funding application was made to central government for amenity funding for this project. However this application was not successful. The cost estimate to surface the walkway from Blennerville Bridge to the Lock gates is " 45,000. At the January meeting members agreed to allocate " 3,300 each from the Councillors allocations to progress this work.

The repair of the gates themselves has been funded and works are underway on them.

Cllr. T O'Brien said that the walkway from Blennerville Bridge to the Lough Gates is hugely popular. At the January meeting members agreed to part fund the works from CSMDOF. He asked if a timeframe for the completion of the works was available.

Cllr. N Foley asked if this work could be carried out before the summer holidays as it could be part of “Sli na Sláinte” for primary schools.

(b) Question

1. Cllr. T Ferris: What progress has been made to achieve purple flag status for Tralee?

Reply: Tralee has applied for Purple Flag status and the process to obtain accreditation has commenced. This is a joint application between Tralee Chamber Alliance and Kerry County Council with TCA as Project Co-ordinator. The Tralee Purple Flag Working Group is in place and work is continuing on the preparation of the information required for the application. The deadline for submission of application is 30 June 2017 and the formal assessment and visit by the Purple Flag assessors is expected to take place in Aug/Sept but this has yet to be confirmed.

Certain criteria have to be met before being awarded the Purple Flag. It is a very detailed application and covers the following areas:

- Active areas for 5am . 5pm agreed and map showing Purple Flag area
- Snapshot document (covering the areas of Wellbeing, Movement, Appeal, Place, Policy Envelope . including gathering data/stats & writing up)
- Choose 4 key performance indicators and gather data/stats for these . Tralee has chosen composition, crime stats, perception & patronage
- Route and venues for the overnight self-assessment (complete with itinerary) and completion of the self-assessment conclusions chart
- Formal assessment

Applications will be assessed on:

- Cleanliness of the town centre open spaces/public realm
- Ease of getting into and out of the town centre for all
- Diverse appeal of entertainment, leisure, arts & culture
- How welcoming and vibrant the town feels
- How safe the town is to visit
- The strength of the partnership between agencies and businesses that operate in the evening & night-time economy within the Purple Flag zone

To pursue Purple Flag status and be successful, collaboration and partnership between stakeholder groups is key; particularly buy in from private interests, Tralee Chamber Alliance, the Gardai and local authority. Tralee must demonstrate that its town centre is welcoming, safe, appealing, well-managed and offers a positive experience to consumers with diverse amenities and that all the necessary stakeholders are informed and collaborating.

Achieving Purple Flag status for Tralee would be a huge benefit in ensuring the positive promotion of the town and helping increase visitor numbers and business which help sustain jobs and increase vibrancy in Tralee.

Cllr. T Ferris said that this matter has been discussed on a number of occasions over the past two years and no progress has been made. She asked if a timeframe from the submission of an application to the receipt of accreditation is

available. She appealed to the businesses, the Gardaí, Tralee Chamber Alliance and Kerry County Council to do everything possible to progress this matter as purple flag status would increase visitor numbers and vibrancy in the town.

Mr. M Scannell accepted that there has been a delay in progressing the application for Purple Flag status in Tralee. A dedicated team is currently working on the preparation of the application and it is hoped to meet with the businesses in the coming weeks.

It is a lengthy process and a campaign for free parking on Fridays will start this week

17.03.06.03 Quality of Life – Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Directorate.

(a) 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

Status Summary at 23rd February 2017

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

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 early 2017.

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

MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME WASTEWATER PROJECTS	
<i>Tionscnamh Project</i>	<i>Stádas Status</i>
Central Regional Water Supply Scheme	The " 30M. contract for construction of a full water treatment plant at Lough Guitane, Killarney is being carried out by Glan Agua Ltd and the completion date for this Design And Build project is April 2018 .

Ardfert SS	The " 3.5M. contract for this Design And Build project was signed Glan Agua Ltd on 30 th November 2016. The commencement date for the Contract is the 1 st February 2017 and this is an 18-month project.
Fenit SS	The Scheme is included in Irish Water's national 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.

MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS			
<i>Tionscnamh Project</i>	Description	Value	<i>Stádas Status</i>
MAINS REHABILITATION PROJECT	Tralee Estates St Brendan's Pk., Connolly Pk., Riverside, Kering's Pk., Lohercannon and Marian Pk. Cast Iron Mains Replacement Works	" 1.835M	Completed
MAINS REHABILITATION PROJECT	Removal of Long Lead Connections in Tralee at O'Rahilly's Villas, James Street/Green View Terrace, St. John's Park, Brewery Road, Boherbue and Oakpark Demesne.	" 0.196M	Approved; Tender Documents to be completed by 28 th February 2017
MAINS REHABILITATION PROJECT	Replacement of Cast Iron mains and Lead connections in Tralee at Boherbue, Brewery Road, Cahill's Park, Canal New Road, Castle Street, Cloondara, James Street/Greenview Terrace, Mitchell's Area, O'Rahilly's Villas, Oakpark Demesne, Racecourse Road, St. John's Park, Strand Street/High Street, Lisbeg, Cloonalour, Brogue/Market Place, Church Place, Tansley Court, Ashe Memorial Hall, Moyderwell School, Cloonbeg Terrace.	" 4.15M	Approved. Tender Docs. for initial works of value " 1M at Brewery Road, Cahill's Park, Cloondara, Mitchell's Area, O'Rahilly's Villas, and Lisbeg , currently being prepared to go to Tender in early 2017.
CENTRAL REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME	Lough Guitane Water Treatment Plant . Design, Build and Operate	" 22M	Construction work on a full water treatment plant is ongoing by Contractor Glan Agua Ltd. . the completion date is April 2018.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Irish Water has also launched a Minor Capital Works Programme. This is a rolling programme of **Minor Improvement Works** which can be added to as the need

arises. The list of 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
Fenit Waste Water Scheme	Replace 50M of storm damage (Febd 14) sewer.	" 25,000	Complete
Fenit WWTP	Repair storm damage Feb. 2014	" 13,000	Complete
Fenit WWTP	Upgrade Outfall Pipe	" 23,000	Complete
Fenit WW Tawlaght and Tralee Rd	Upgrade pump stations	" 65,000	Complete
Ardfert South WSS	Install 3No. PRVs and 9No. Air Valves	" 25,000	Complete
Brosna Knocknag. RWSS	Dooneen reservoir . security fencing	" 8,000	Complete
Lyreacrompane RWSS	Provide Sludge Treatment Plant	" 50,000	Complete
Tralee WW (Knockmoyle)	Lay 100M of 225MM storm pipe	" 14,000	Complete
Tralee WWTP - UV	Ultra Violet disinfection system	" 32,000	Complete
Tralee WW Mulgrave's Bridge	Upgrade PLC Pumpstation	" 6,000	Complete
CRWSS Dromultan Scartaglin	Lay 400M of 100MM new uPVC main to eliminate existing pump station	" 35,000	Complete
CRWSS - Knockawaddra	Install inline booster pumps	" 18,000	Complete
CRWSS Kilflynn	SCADA/Telemetry Cloonafineela Rsvr.	" 6,000	Complete
CRWSS Tralee	Replace C. I. mains Castle Demesne	" 30,000	Complete
CRWSS Tralee	Decommission C.I. main Pembroke St	" 6,000	Complete
CRWSS Tralee Prince's St	Replace 30M of 100MM C.I. main	" 6,000	Complete
CRWSS Tralee The Kerries	Replace 200M of 100MM C.I. mains	" 31,000	Complete
CRWSS Ard Na Lí Tralee	Replace 610M of 100MM C.I. mains	" 88,000	Complete
CRWSS Kielduff	Upgrade pump station	" 15,000	Complete
CRWSS The Mall Tralee	Replace 200M of 250MM C.I. mains	" 60,000	Complete
CRWSS Ballintobeenig	Replace Valves, Meters etc	€17,000	Underway
CRWSS Castlecountess Tralee	Decommission Lead connections and cast iron main . circa 35 houses	" 103,000	Approved
CLÁR OIBREACHA BEAGA CAIPITIL - MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Brosna Knocknagoshel	Replace 10 Sl. Valves and 3 Mag	" 15,000	Approved

RWSS	Meters		
Brosna Knockosheal RWSS	Storage Tank for Meenleirim Pump	" 12,000	Approved
Tralee WW Castlemaine Rd.	Upgrade waste water pump station	" 15,000	Approved
Fenit Water Supply Tawlaght	Replace 300M of 2+main; cul-de-sac	" 12,000	Approved
CRWSS Reservoirs Refurbishment	Cloonafineela, Tubrid and Barrow	" 19,000	Approved
CRWSS Ballintobeenig	Replace 2 Pumps	" 12,000	Approved
Tralee SS; Mulgrave's Br	Sewage Pump Replacement	" 25,000	Approved
Camp WSS	Replace 800M of 90MM watermain	" 50,000	Approved
Tralee Sewerage Scheme	Drainage Area Plan - assessment of the existing networks and treatment plant; Tender Docs. to appoint Consultants prepared / sent by KCC to Irish Water on 5.12.16.	" 500,000	Approved
Tralee SS: Garryruth and Cloghers Pumping Stations	Mobile electricity generator	" 20,000	Requested
Fenit Water Supply Blackpool Cross to Churchill Reservoir	3.9Km of 160MM C.I. mains replacement	" 668,000	Requested
	Total Minor Capital Works APPROVED	€836,000	

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The administration and development of the Group Scheme sector continues to be a function of the Local Authorities under the guidance and supervision of the Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government. **Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.**

The funding for **2016 - 2018** was announced on the 29th August 2016.

Takeover of Group Schemes

Since 1 January 2014, responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes has transferred to Irish Water, and KCC is no longer in a position take over Group schemes.

Nationally, discussions are ongoing between the **DoHP&LG**, the **County and City Managers' Association** and **Irish Water** to develop a protocol to facilitate the Takeover of Group Schemes.

A draft protocol has been prepared and this is currently being ~~tested~~ tested on three pilot project schemes in Mayo, Galway and Clare.

Alderwood Road proposed Group Sewerage Scheme

This Road is located north east of Oakpark in Tralee. There are approximately 90 houses on the route and a sewer line of approximately 3.1Km is necessary. There is an added difficulty in that sections of the existing sewer system ~~downstream~~ downstream on the main Oakpark Road etc are unable to cope with flooding, and this would be a factor in the design of the proposed Group Sewerage Scheme.

Following a public **Tender process** organised by the Council, 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.

The Alderwood Road proposed G.S.S. was allocated " 650,000 in late August 2016 by the Dept. Of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in its annual Grants for Group Water and Sewerage Schemes. This money is to be spent over a three-year period.

Following a public **Tender process** organised by the Council in 2016, the Group is currently engaged in hiring a Consulting Engineer to manage the project.

The Group is currently being formalised, and is also due to collect the local financial contribution.

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Ger O'Brien SEO

Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021 – Annual report 2016

The Annual Report for 2016 was recently launched by the Southern Region Waste Management office. The Southern Region Waste Management Plan 2015 . 2021 is focused on the safe and sustainable prevention and management of waste.

Among the key performance indicators in the report which includes a number of telling comparisons in the waste management practices across the region between 2012 and 2014, is that the disposal rate of waste to landfill from households has dropped from 37% to 25% in that period.

Other positive results include that the recycling and recovery rate has improved from 63% in 2012 to 75% in 2014. The report reveals that the annual amount of household waste produced per person has increased from 295 kgs to 299 kgs from 2012 to 2014. The average amount of waste produced per household in 2014 was 807kgs.

Other key findings in the report include:

- Household waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) recovery in the region is now at almost twice the minimum EU target of 4kgs per inhabitant.
- 67% of households have now signed up for a waste collection service.
- 45% of households availing of a collection service have on organic bin

A Copy of the report has been circulated to Members

County Clean Up Day

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

This will be the sixth year of collaboration on the County clean Up Day between KWD and Kerry County Council. Further details will be made available in the next few weeks.

Fire/Building Regulation

Business Unit Manager: Michael Hession CFO

Fire Operations . Details of Operational Work

	January 2016	January 2017
Fires	33	47
Special Services	28	17
False Alarms	15	7
Total incidents:	76	71
Total mobilizations:	88	81

1. Building Control

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of January 2017 was 42 which is a 68% increase on the figure of 25 for the same period last year.
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. A total of 7 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 13 Fire Safety Certificate applications were received. While the no. of Disability Access Certificate received remained consistent with the same period in 2016, the no. of Fire Safety Certificate applications was up from 3 to 13.

	January 2016	January 2017
Fire Safety Certificate Applications	3	13
Disability Access Certificate Applications	7	7
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices	25	42

Library Services

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

“ The level of usage of the county's public libraries continues to be quite positive.

During 2016, the no. of **items borrowed** across all Kerry's libraries was **644,376**. In fact overall borrowings show a 57% increase over the no. of items borrowed 10 years ago, back in 2006.

Tralee continues to be the busiest library with 153,483 items borrowed in 2016.

The no. of individual **visits** county wide was **478,560**, an **increase of 3%** on 2015. Most visits, 117,718, were to Tralee library with Killarney second busiest at 74,139.

“Forthcoming events [details of events county wide are available at www.kerrylibrary.ie]

3 Feb. . 28 Feb.	Tralee Library	Case Studies of the 1916 Rising: The exhibition highlights the major events of that week with the case studies on some of the individuals involved in various aspects of the events before, during and after the Rising. The case studies give a little biography of people involved on many levels, from senior IRB members and Volunteer Officers, to nurses serving under artillery fire, and teenage members of the Irish Citizen Army.
Wed., 22 Feb., 10.00a.m. . 4.00p.m.	Tralee Library	H2M0G Exhibition [part of the Eco- Unesco Young Environmentalist Exhibition]
Tuesday, 28 Feb., 7.30p.m.	Tralee Library	"Seán Keating and the fine art of nation building" by Dr. Eimear O'Connor, art historian, author, T.C.D.[Kerry Archaeological & Historical Society lecture]

Cllr. N Foley referred to the report from Water Services and asked if any progress has been made on the taking in charge of Group Water Schemes by Irish Water.

Mr. J Kennelly said that a draft protocol has been prepared by the DoHP&LG, the County and City Managers' Association and Irish Water to facilitate the Takeover of Group Schemes. Some pilot project schemes have been taken over in Mayo, Galway and Clare. The situation in Kerry is more complicated in that there are some very large group schemes which are actually served by the public water supply.

Cllr. N Foley PROPOSED that Irish Water be requested to expedite this matter.

Cllr. J Finucane asked if any progress has been made with the Group Sewerage Scheme for Alderwood road.

Mr. J Kennelly referred to the report and said that the Group is currently being formalised, and is also due to collect the local financial contribution.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. T. Ferris: That we consider a similar initiative in some areas of the Municipal District that was adopted by the former Tralee Town Council where clean-

up days were organised and skips provided to enhance the appearance of estates and other areas.

Reply: Such an initiative could be facilitated during the Spring Clean period whereby Tidy Towns Groups, Community Groups, Residents Associations and Individuals can register to clean up their areas. We will not be in a position to provide skips. People can register to take part in Spring Clean directly with Kerry County Council (environ@kerrycoco.ie) or with An Taisce (nationalspringclean.org). Kerry County Council will run the 6th Annual County Clean Up Day on 8th April 2017 in conjunction with K.W.D. Bags, litter pickers and gloves are provided to those who register. Arrangements are then put in place to have the collected material brought to waste facilities for recycling and disposal. People can register for County Clean Up Day by contacting K.W.D. (kwd.ie). There is also a proposal in our new Litter Management Plan to look at the feasibility of providing a bulky goods household waste collection on an annual or bi-annual basis.

Cllr. T Ferris asked if the removal of bulky items from houses is included.

Mr. G O'Brien referred to the reply and said that people can register for County Clean up Day and material can be collected at centralised collection areas.

Cllr. T Ferris asked if consideration could be given to the provision of a skip in housing estates to facilitate the residents with the recycling of electrical goods.

Mr. G O'Brien said that this would be considered and added that WEEE Ireland organises and promotes public waste electrical collection events at the Mart in Tralee on a regular basis.

Cllr. P McCarthy said that he was aware that there are people who acquire large amounts of green refuse sacks for litter picking on County Clean up Day but use them for private refuse disposal. How can Kerry County Council ensure that the bags distributed are used for litter picking in public areas.

Mr. G O'Brien said that County Clean up Day is hugely successful and he was not aware of large scale abuse.

2. Cllr. T Ferris: Can we have an update on the case being pursued against Ireland before the European Court of Justice, particularly detailing the impact it has on the Tralee Municipal District.

Reply: The European Commission has announced that it may take a case against Ireland in the European Court of Justice over waste water treatment failures in 38 large urban areas, including Tralee, around the country.

There is no difficulty with the Tralee Waste Water Treatment Plant, which fully complies with the EU Urban Wastewater Directive.

The issue actually relates to storm overflow manholes on the sewer pipe network. In accordance with the conventional / traditional engineering design, at times of prolonged and intensive rainfall, the excess surface water overflows from these manholes to local watercourses / culverts / rivers / the canal which are in spate on such occasions. There is a combined sewerage scheme in Tralee, ie both the rainfall run-off and the foul sewage are collected in the same pipes, and this is the system

developed, mainly for economic reasons, in virtually all such sewerage schemes in Ireland.

Tralee Bay is a Designated Shellfish Area under the Shellfish Waters Regulations. It is desirable that separate networks of piping for foul water and storm water be developed where possible.

Funding of " 500,000 to carry out a Drainage Area Plan for Tralee has been allocated by Irish Water and Tender Documents to appoint Consultants were prepared by Kerry County Council and submitted to Irish Water in December 2016, for its Approval.

Irish Water's business plans show that it intends to address all of the waste water failures at the 38 locations around the country by 2021, subject to available funding.

Cllr. T Ferris welcomed the reply.

3. Cllr. N Foley: That the "No Dumping" sign at the public drinking water facility in Carrigcannon, Lyreacrompane be replaced as a matter of urgency.

Reply: Arrangements will be made to have this sign replaced.

Cllr. N Foley welcomed this reply.

Illegal dumping at Ogham Rian Ballinorig

Mayor T O'Brien asked that illegal dumping at Ogham Rian, Ballinorig, Tralee be monitored and that CCTV be erected.

Former Magdalene Laundry in Tralee

Cllr. T Ferris said that while she was not suggesting that anything untoward happened at the Tralee Magdalene Laundry, the women who worked there are buried behind high walls in a hidden location, and she PROPOSED that the bodies should be moved to a public burial ground.

17.03.06.04 Housing Directorate

Housing Applications

	<u>No</u>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	2184
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	61
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	55

Void Management

Municipal District breakdown	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	9
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	5
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	5
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	4
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	12
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	35

Social Housing Options

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	15	1388
RAS	17	435
Leasing	1	76
HAP	13	49
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	46	1948

Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

Schemes/S.R. dwellings at planning/design stage in Municipal District

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Bill Kinnerk Road, Tralee	4 No.	2 No. Three Bedroomed units & 2 No. Four bedroomed Units.	May 2017	May 2018
Killeen, Tralee	21 No.	1 No. Special Needs Three Bedroomed Unit, 12 No. One Bedroomed Units & 8 No. Two Bedroomed Units.	Dec 2017	Dec 2018

Schemes/ S.R. dwellings under construction in Municipal District

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
N/A				

House Acquisitions since the start of the year

<u>General Location in MD</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
1 purchased . sale closed. 9 others are currently at various stages of progression from contracts signing to offers agreed.	1	3 bed	January

Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2017, 237 No. requests for repairs have been received for the Tralee Municipal District.

Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2017, 12 No. grants have been allocated in the Tralee Municipal District.

Extensions to Local Authority dwellings

Since 1st January, 2017, there are no extensions allocated in the Tralee Municipal District.

Summary Rent Review

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

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

Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2017

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

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

Assessment Regulations), they are then deemed to be qualified, i.e. they are entered on the record of qualified households for social housing support for that housing authority.

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

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

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

1. A rigorous tracing of existing applicants will be carried out.
2. An advertisement will be placed in the Local newspapers and on Radio Kerry.
3. An initial letter will issue from the L.A. to the client.
4. In the event of no reply, a second letter will be sent informing the client that they will be removed from the waiting list if they do not respond.
5. Where an existing applicant fails to respond to two letters from the housing authority, all other available means of communication will be utilised including phone calls and email where this data is available.
6. The Council will then examine each client's application on a case by case basis to determine if the applicant household is no longer in housing need or has left the area of the authority. If it is determined that there is no longer a need or if they have left Kerry, they will then be removed from the list and the application will be closed.
7. Should contact be re-established with the applicant, and where a household subsequently comes back with information, within a reasonable time, then the authority will on a case by case basis determine if that application will be reactivated without affecting the original date of qualification.

Tenant Purchase

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

Turnkeys

Housing Department advertised in Sept/Oct 2016 for Expressions of Interests for Turnkey Developments for Kerry County Council. We received 17 applications. We are in discussions with 10 of the applicants with regard to their proposals. The other 7 proposals were not deemed suitable due to a number of factors such as the housing need in the area, cost, location and design of development.

Stock Survey Overview

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

17.03.06.05 Operations, Health & Safety Directorate

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

1.1 Works Programme for March/April 2017

Urban Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paving repairs ongoing at The Mall/Square/Castle Street/Ashe Street Areas• Civil Works in connection with Public Lighting Repairs• Tree trimming and tree replacement• Cleansing and Sewer works• CSMDOF Works
Tralee Municipal District East	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CSMDOF Works (County Councillor Allocations)• Clár Funding (National Schools)• Local Road Maintenance (Drainage Works)• Local Road Maintenance (Patching Operations)• National Road Maintenance• Road Opening Licence Works• Development Contribution Works
Tralee Municipal District West	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Town & Village Renewal Scheme . Fenit Village (Improvement Works to Village Entrance)• R558 Fenit Road Improvement Works (Liebher Cranes)• CSMDOF Works (County Councillor Allocations)• Regional & Local Road Maintenance (Drainage Works)• Development Contribution Works• Housing Estate Bonds

1.2 Housing

Maintenance work is ongoing

Voids Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18 Gallowsfield, Tralee• 109 Ballonagh Estate, Tralee• 111 Ballonagh Estate, Tralee
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 42 Stack's Villas, Tralee • 46 Ogham Rian, Tralee • 1 An Cnoicín, Knocknagoshel • 10 Casement's View, Ardfert • 12 St. Anne's Bungalows, Tralee
Works to Acquisitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48 Lios Carraig Drive, Tralee • 65 Lios Carraig Drive, Tralee • 34 Lee Drive, Tralee • 110 Lee Drive, Tralee • 27 Forge Park, Tralee • 38 Woodview Park, Tralee • 41 Woodview Park, Tralee • 48 Sunday's Well, Tralee • 129 Fairway Heights, Tralee • 13 Caheranne Village, Tralee

1.3 Capital Infrastructure Unit (CIU)

In relation to the Tralee MD area, the following is an update report on the relevant CIU infrastructure projects.

Active Travel Town Project

The Denny St 2-way enablement works have been completed with minimal disruption to town centre activities. Positive feedback was received from town centre traders organisation on the works completed.

The Town centre works tender was awarded to John Craddock Ltd for a VAT inclusive total of " 1.7m representing a substantial investment in Tralee by both KCC and DTTaS. Works have commenced with the initial phase of the works to be concentrated on Denny St to enable the two . way traffic implementation. It is hoped to be in a position to commence the works on the Mall shared space in April.

In relation to the completed Canal walkway we installed counters on the trail to assess the extent of the usage of the completed works. Average daily trips over a one month period have been in excess of 400 with almost a thousand trips on 4 dates between mid January and mid February. The trail is proving to be very popular and getting a very high level of usage.

Dennys Site / Tralee West Development

Malachy Walsh & Partners were successful in the tender for the consultants to prepare the Demolition tender package. The tender for the demolition works will issue shortly.

The tender process for the consultant to prepare the Masterplan for the Denny's site has been completed and a consultant is expected to be appointed shortly.

Tralee to Fenit Line Greenway:

The legal agreement in relation to the transfer of the ownership of the line from CIE to KCC is with CIE for their signature. The CIU section has practically completed the detailed submission that will be lodged on the property with the Property Registration Authority (PRAI) to register the ownership of the line in Kerry County Council's name.

The next phase of works to be undertaken on the project would be the completion of the design for planning application purposes, the assessment of the environmental impacts and the lodging of the appropriate planning application. Funding for the development of the line as a Greenway has not yet been secured.

Mitchel's/ Boherbee Community Regeneration Project:

Services Upgrades and Environmental Enhancement scheme for Mitchel's Avenue / Court commenced on site in July 2016, programmed to be completed by April 2017. Bungalow on Dingle Road site - Approval to appoint contractor received from DHPC&LG in December 2016. Construction commenced 14/02/2017 and is expected to be complete in Q4 2017.

Construction of 15 units : Crescent of 11 Units at Croílár Na Mistéalach: 4 Traveller units on Mitchel's Road: Approval to go to tender received by DHPC&LG in December 2016. Tender closing date was 20/02/2017. Tenders are being assessed currently and construction is expected to commence in May 2017.

Housing Construction

The construction of 4 units on Bill Kinnerk Road, Tralee went to tender 8/12/2016 with the closing date in early January 2017. Tenders are currently being assessed to be sent to the Dept for approval. Construction is expected to commence in April 2017

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Maintenance work is ongoing

Work will be undertaken to the following vacant units in January/February 2017

Urban	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 37 Cois Coille• 20 Clogher Li• 1 Reidy's Terrace• 44 Rath Oraigh• 46 Ogham Rian• 42 Stack's Villas
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This concludes our Report for January/February 2017

Flooding Report

UoM: Tralee Bay – Feale Draft Flood Risk Management Plan

Following Kerry County Councils written request, the OPW agreed to review the CFRAM predictive flood extent maps and options to mitigate flooding in Tralee. Kerry County Staff have been engaging with Jacobs consulting engineers regarding this review. Revised predictive flood extent maps and a revised option to mitigate

flooding in Tralee are due to be received by KCC for consideration and comment in mid January.

Following this review, the Plan for Tralee will be revised and submitted for approval to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, and subsequently, if approved, the Final Flood Management Plans will likely come before the Council for consideration in Q1 2017.

MD Works carried out in 2016

Works to remove vegetation and sediment at select location including bridges along the route of the Big River diversion channel from Ballinorig through to Manor West are complete. This scheme also involved the removal of vegetation and overgrowth along the route of the Balloonagh river diversion channel at Ragoonane. A new interceptor grate and hard stand to facilitate maintenance at the entrance to this diversionary culvert (Shanakill / Ragoonane) off the Bracker-O'Regan road has also been completed.

Drainage works are carried out annually at Akeragh Lough (Akeragh Drainage Scheme), by Tralee MD through the ongoing dredging at the mouth of Akeragh River, and the canals in the Banna area.

National Road /Tralee By-Pass

The TII (formerly NRDO) has commissioned studies on some of the major flooding locations on the National Roads Network.

Tobin Consulting Engineers have been appointed for to study the N70 at Skahanagh on the Castlemaine Rd, and this is currently being assessed (in conjunction with the Tralee CFRAMS)

Specific works were also carried out by BAM on the Tralee By-Pass (between the Rose roundabout+and Ballygarry roundabout), namely construction of storm water retention ponds and swales in order to alleviate the flooding experienced on the dual carriageway at this location.

Gerry Riordan
Senior Engineer
Flooding & Coastal Protection Unit

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. P. Daly: That this Council will take steps to improve the Mountcollins junction at Brosna in order to decrease speed.

Reply: The R576 Mountcollins X . O'Neills X is included in the Restoration Improvement Works Programme for 2017. The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department will replenish the road markings and install additional signage at this junction as part of these works.

2. Cllr. P. Daly: That this Council will support the construction of an all weather slip in Fenit.

Reply: There is already an existing public slip way in Fenit that is maintained by Kerry County Council on a regular basis and we are not aware of any issues having regard to the usage of the slip being weather dependent. There are currently no plans to construct another slip in Fenit.

3. Cllr. P. Daly: In advance of the construction of the social housing at Killeen, that this Council will construct an adequate pedestrian crossing at the Oakpark Road/Killeen Road junction.

Reply: This junction was examined as part of the Tralee Transportation Strategy which was agreed and adopted by the Elected Members in 2012. The proposed improvements include the following:

- Upgrade to a full MOVA signalised junction
- Pedestrian crossing facilities to be incorporated to all junction improvements
- Pedestrian pavement to be improved and integrated with new pedestrian crossing at the junction
- Improved road markings and route definition to be added to the junction

The estimated cost is " 131,000. Currently there is no funding available for this upgrade.

Cllr. P Daly said that if housing is to be constructed at this location a pedestrian crossing will be necessary.

4. Cllr. P. Daly: That this Council will complete two ramps on the Old Killeen Road.

Reply: A speed survey was undertaken at the Old Killeen Road recently and the results indicated that excessive speed was not an issue and therefore in accordance with Kerry County Council Traffic Calming Policy, no further action is deemed necessary.

Cllr. P Daly said that the residents want ramps to be constructed to slow down the traffic as speeding traffic makes this road very dangerous. Also, the road funnels in at a bridge and there is no footpath.

5. Cllr. P. McCarthy: That Kerry County Council would consider installing a roundabout at the railway junction on John Joe Sheehy road instead of the traffic lights which are causing a lot of traffic delays and if agreed, to seek funding to do so.

Reply: This junction was examined as part of the Tralee Transportation Strategy which was agreed and adopted by the Elected Members in 2012. The proposed improvements include the following:

- Upgrade to a full MOVA signalised junction
- Improved road markings and route definition to be added to the junction

The estimated cost is " 169,000. Currently there is no funding available for this upgrade.

Cllr. P McCarthy said that in his opinion the €169,000 would be better spent on the provision of a roundabout. A roundabout would work well at this location and it would eliminate the need to maintain traffic lights.

Mr. F Hartnett said that Tralee Transportation study took the focus away from vehicular traffic and focused on vulnerable road users and recommended that all roundabouts be removed.

6. Cllr. T. Ferris: That the appearance of the green area outside of Churchill football pitch be improved by way of planting or setting of wild grass.

Reply: The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department recently completed surface remedial works and drainage / skirting works on the L-2006 (Local Primary Road) near Churchill GAA field and Burial Ground. Additional road signage was installed as part of these works. The Green Area adjacent to the GAA field is currently covered in Wild Grass (the Tralee Municipal District Operations Department can hedge-cut the area if required).

Cllr. T Ferris asked that wild grass flowers and shrubs be planted in the green area.

7. Cllr. T. Ferris: That this Council will resolve the ongoing issue with water flowing from forestry land at Lyreacrompane onto the road which is making it impossible to maintain a safe road surface.

Reply: The matter of surface water run-off onto the L-1025 (Local Primary Road) at Lyreacrompane was addressed by the Tralee Municipal District Operations Department recently (drainage & skirting works were completed). This roadway may be considered for inclusion in the Restoration Maintenance Programme for 2017.

8. Cllr. T. Ferris: That the trees at Meadowlands Estate would be cut as a matter of urgency.

Reply: The trees at Meadowlands will be attended to in early March 2017.

9. Cllr. P. Daly: That this Council will improve the section of roadway leading from Mám na hÁltora (Maum) westward along the Dingle Way to the forest area (on the road leading into the South & West MD)

Reply: The L-12167 (Local Tertiary Road) running from Maum to Glanmore is in a poor condition. Road Strengthening & Surface Dressing works are required. This road can be considered at the drafting of the next Restoration Improvement Programme. Alternatively, some remedial works may be undertaken through CSMDOF (County Councillor Allocation) if desired.

Cllr. P Daly asked if this section of road could be added to the next road Restoration Improvement Programme.

Mr. J Fitzgerald said that this road can be considered when drafting the next Restoration Improvement Programme. Remedial works could be carried out with funding from CSMDOF.

10. Cllr. S. Locke: That we investigate the problem of Japanese Knotweed growing at the back of homes in the Ballymullen area. It would be beneficial if a Council official could meet with the residents and offer them advice on how to deal with the issue.

Reply: A meeting will be arranged between the Residents and the Council's Biodiversity Officer in March 2017.

11. Cllr. N Foley: That the pedestrian crossing outside St. Brendan's Church be examined as it appears that the road is at a higher level than the exit from the Church and requires alignment.

Reply: The footpath has been examined and differential surface levels will be attended to by Kerry County Council.

Cllr. N Foley welcomed this response.

12. Cllr. N Foley: That the road from Maloney's Cross to O'Sullivan's Bridge, Cappagh, Kilflynn be upgraded as a matter of urgency.

Reply: The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department recently completed surface remedial works and drainage works on the L-10544 (Local Tertiary Road) from Maloney's Cross to O'Sullivan's Bridge at Cappagh in Kilflynn. This Local Tertiary Road is generally in a good condition. The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department will monitor this roadway for any surface deterioration.

Cllr. N Foley welcomed the works which have been carried out on this road and asked that the surface be monitored.

13. Cllr. N Foley: That the hedges be cut on the road leading from Tonevane Cross to the mountain which is part of the Dingle Way. Hedges are presently causing difficulty for buses, walkers etc. Could the water issues on the same road also be addressed.

Reply: The Tralee Municipal District Operations Department recently completed drainage / skirting works on the L-10619 (Local Tertiary Road) at Tonevane Upper leading to the Dingle Way. There are no issues with hedge overgrowth along this route but some hedgecutting will be undertaken at its junction with L-6515 (Local Secondary Road) near Tonevane Cross.

Cllr. N Foley welcomed the excellent work which has been carried out at Tonevane.

Mr. J Fitzgerald said that the required hedge cutting will be carried out.

14. Cllr. N Foley: That the three public lights from Staughton's Row to the Social Welfare Office be examined as they have not been working for some time.

Reply: Civils works have commenced by Kerry County Council at a number of locations where cable faults have been identified (Rathass, Shanakill, Cumann Iosaef); ducting work from Staughton's Row to Fabrik will be undertaken in March 2017.

Cllr. N Foley asked if the public lights referred to will be rectified in the next few weeks.

Mr. J Fitzgerald said that this work would be carried out in March.

15. Cllr. N Foley: What timeline is envisaged for putting in place the new parking bays at Rath graveyard as agreed per previous motion. What progress has been made in terms of the opening hours of the graveyard?

Reply: It is envisaged that works on the new parking bays will commence in Quarter 2 2017. Extended opening hours on Sundays and Bank Holidays will commence from 1st April 2017.

Cllr. N Foley welcomed the extended opening hours from 1st April and said that she appreciated the progress being made.

16. Cllr. N Foley: That the footpath from the pedestrian crossing in Rock Street leading towards Dish restaurant and the Arcade be repaired as it is currently broken and seriously damaged.

Reply: Kerry County Council are currently examining a number of locations where footpaths can be improved within Tralee Town and will be presented as part of the 2017 Roads and Footpaths programme for consideration by the Elected Members.

Cllr. N Foley welcomed this response.

Cllr. T Ferris welcomed the refurbishment of the town centre. She said that sometimes pedestrians press the button to change the lights and then cross the road immediately and when the traffic stops there is nobody crossing which causes an unnecessary build up of traffic.

Cllr. P Daly said that pedestrians crossing the road from the AIB to Paddy Mac's bar in the town centre results in traffic congestion.

Mr. E Scanlon said that town centre is currently in a transition period.

Works on Denny St will enable the two – way traffic implementation and it is hoped to be in a position to commence the works on the Mall shared space in April.

17. Cllr. T Ferris: That four public lights would be provided between Sir Rogers and Banna Beach hotel.

Reply: Kerry County Council have investigated this request for public lighting, unfortunately, this location does not comply with the current Kerry County Council Public Lighting Policy. These requested public lights are deemed to be an isolated installation and to be in compliance with the policy they shall be 'an uninterrupted clear extension of the Public Lights on a road/pedestrian network and shall be installed in conjunction with associated safety measures such as footpaths'.

Cllr. T Ferris said that she found it difficult to understand why this location does not comply with the current public lighting policy. This is a settlement and people are walking in darkness. She asked why there is an issue with the provision of public lighting if the businesses are prepared to meet the cost.

Mr. F Hartnett said that this response issued from the Council's public lighting department.

Cllr. N Foley said that this is an area frequented by tourists.

Mr. M Scanlan said that there is an overall challenge in extending public lighting. Locations that comply with the public lighting policy must be prioritised. He undertook to review the reply and revert to Cllr. Ferris.

18. Cllr. T O'Brien: That this council will review the amount of fine that we currently impose on people who park illegally on disabled parking bays and increase same.

Reply: A system of fixed charge offences for illegal parking and non-payment of parking fees is determined by Central Government under the Road Traffic Acts. Currently the fine for illegal parking in disabled bays is €80, which is double the standard fine.

Cllr. T O'Brien PROPOSED that the €80 fine be doubled.

Cllr. S Locke SECONDED the proposal.

Cllr. N Foley supported the proposal and suggested that there is a need for a strong PR campaign in tandem with increasing the fine. She said that she saw an item in a newspaper about taking action against those who park illegally in disabled parking bays and in France there is signage on display which states “*Take my parking space – take my disability*”. She suggested that similar signage be considered in this country.

Cllr. P Daly said that there is more abuse of this system by people who use disabled parking permits/cards illegally.

Mayor T O'Brien said that this is a national issue which is difficult for traffic wardens to police.

Cllr. P McCarthy said that there is an ongoing problem with the Enable Ireland bus parking in the disabled parking space adjacent to the Enable Ireland Training Centre opposite the Post Office on Edward Street, Tralee.

Mr. F Hartnett said that the disabled parking space was provided at this location to facilitate Enable Ireland.

Cllr. P McCarthy said that other disabled drivers may be under the impression that this is a standard disabled parking space.

Mr. F Hartnett said that if the space is empty any disabled driver may park there.

Mayor T O'Brien said that a bus displaying a disabled parking symbol may park in this space. This can be clarified by Enable Ireland.

19. Cllr. T O'Brien: That this council address the issue on the Bracker OqRegan road where the surface is continually subsiding.

Reply: Kerry County Council will examine the issue of localised subsidence on this road.

Mayor. T O'Brien said that the condition of the road surface at this location has been an issue for a considerable length of time and asked that it be addressed as soon as possible.

Roundabout at Ballymullen

Mayor. T O'Brien said that Tidy Tralee had contacted him with a view to placing a large stone plaque on the roundabout at Ballymullen. This would have no cost implication for the Council.

It was unanimously agreed that this work should proceed.

Cllr. N Foley asked if a height restriction applies.

Mayor T O'Brien said that Tidy Tralee would liaise with Mr. F Hartnett regarding this matter.

Set down area on Castle Street

Cllr. P Daly asked if consideration could be given to the provision of a set down area on Castle Street adjacent to Jess McCarthys bar.

Mr. E Scanlan said that he was not sure if there is capacity for a set down area in Castle Street but undertook to examine the location.

Fenit Harbour

Cllr. T Ferris asked that Kerry County Council would meet with the local community and the fishermen with regard to the provision of a crane at Fenit Harbour.

Mr. E Scanlan said that this request would be forwarded to Mr. D O'Herlihy EE.

17.03.06.06 Any Other Business

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. P. Daly: In order to encourage new businesses to establish in the Town Centre, that this Council will introduce a discounted rates scheme along the lines of the former Tralee Town Council scheme of 25% payable in the first year of trading, 50% in the second and 75% in the third.

Reply: The previous scheme operated by Tralee Town Council did not generate the requisite response in relation to encouraging business to occupy vacant premises in accordance with the terms of the scheme, which required a corresponding reduction in rent by landlords for the same periods. A number of options have been examined in relation to schemes operated in other towns throughout the country and the results of these incentives have universally generated a poor level of activity and have not had the desired result. It is proposed as part of the Tralee Retail health check which has examined ground floor uses and vacancy rates in the town centre area and a further examination of upper floor uses, coupled with an analysis in conjunction with property owners of reasons for vacancies to roll out a pilot scheme of incentives over the coming months for targeted streets within the town. This package will look at planning contributions, rates incentives, planning guidance, grants schemes that are emerging at national level for the reuse of property and a public realm plan to

improve the overall appearance of the streets in question. This is considered to be a more effective and targeted scheme than what was previously in place

Cllr. P Daly said that there is no specific incentive that can be referred to, to encourage businesses to occupy vacant premises.

Cllr. S Locke agreed that there was very little uptake of the previous scheme. He said that the cost of renting is coming down. There are a considerable number of vacant premises in Tralee and businesses must be encouraged to occupy them.

Cllr. T Ferris said that she did not think that the cost of renting a business premises is coming down. She had recently been informed by an auctioneer that there were approximately 74 vacant premises between Rock Street and Castle Street. There must be an incentive to encourage owners to rent their properties. Property rates must be imposed as is the case with other Local Authorities.

2. Cllr. N Foley: That a defibrillator be provided in a public place/street in Tralee town as is currently the practice in other large towns. As the capital of the county with a significant population living, working and visiting on an ongoing basis this is very much a health and safety issue.

Reply: The funding and maintenance of defibrillators is usually undertaken by Community First Responder groups. If a defibrillator is to be provided in a public place with 24 hr access in Tralee Town, a suitable location would need to be identified and the local Community First Responder group would need to source funding. Kerry County Council will support the group in identifying a suitable location in the town centre. Currently, there is no comprehensive register of the locations of defibrillators in the county or in Tralee.

Cllr. N Foley said that Tralee is the capital of the county with a significant population living, working and visiting the town. If a cardiac incident occurred it would be difficult to identify the location of a defibrillator. While she appreciated that there was a cost involved she said that it is more than appropriate that a defibrillator be provided in a public place in Tralee town. She asked that management of the Tralee Municipal District would liaise with the local Community First Responder group and update the members at the next meeting.

Mr. M Scannell said that a survey would be carried out to identify the location of defibrillators in Tralee. The Garda Station would be the most appropriate location in Tralee as it is important that it would be located in an area where there are people who are trained to use a defibrillator.

Cllr. N Foley said that in other towns a defibrillator is readily accessible in the centre of the town.

Mr. M Scannell said that the device may be interfered with. A safe location would also be important.

3. Cllr. S Locke: That the Elected Members of Tralee Municipal District would support Tralee Tidy Towns Initiative by making a contribution from their Councillors Allocations towards it, to maintain our Gold Medal status for 2017.

Reply: Tralee retained its gold medal in the 2016 National Tidy Towns Competition for the fifth year in a row. Considerable work is carried out by many voluntary groups under the auspices of the Tralee Tidy Towns Committee. There are many areas within the town that need improving in order to retain the gold medal in 2017, however funding sources are very limited to carry out these works and CSMDOF funding would be welcome.

Cllr. S Locke said that there are a lot of projects which need to be addressed and a contribution from Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF) from all the members would be appreciated.

Cllr. G Spring said that while he acknowledged the excellent work carried out by Tidy Towns Committees he did not think the Notice of Motion was appropriate as it is up to each member to decide how his/her CSMDOF is spent.

Cllr. S Locke clarified that if a particular project has been identified that the members would consider contributing funding from CSMDOF.

Pearse Park Tralee

Mayor T O'Brien said that he was liaising with Mr. F Hartnett in connection with the provision of a memorial in Pearse Park, Tralee to commemorate all who were incarcerated following the 1916 rising. This work may be suitable for funding from Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF).

(b) Reception of Deputation

Mayor T O'Brien PROPOSED that a deputation from Tidy Tralee be received at the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee.

Cllr. T Ferris SECONDED the proposal.

It was unanimously agreed that this deputation would be received by the members.

(c) To agree dates for the following meetings:

(a) It was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee would be held on 8th May, 2017.

(b) Special Meeting of Tralee Municipal District to consider and adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the Tralee Municipal District in accordance with the provision under Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 and guidelines issued by the Department of Environment Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014) . suggested date 24th March, 2017.

As all the members were not available on 24th March it was agreed that Ms. J Foley would revert to them to agree a date for this meeting (suggested alternative date 20th March, 2017).

11. Correspondence

List of correspondence circulated at the meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee 6th March, 2017

1.	Letter dated 17 th November, 2016 from the Minister of State for Regional Economic Development concerning the sustainability of the Post Office network.
2.	Letter dated 1 st February, 2017 from Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs in relation to the making of the Lock Gates on the canal in Tralee operational again.

Cllr. P Daly PROPOSED that a letter issue to the Minister for Justice to request a meeting with her to discuss the retention of the Courthouse on Ashe St Tralee.
It was unanimously agreed that a letter on behalf of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee would issue to the Minister for Justice.

The meeting concluded at 12.45pm

Ms. Jean Foley
Meetings Administrator

**Mayor of the Municipal
District of Tralee**