

These Minutes are edited for Data Protection purposes because in effect putting them on the Internet is publishing them. An unedited paper copy is available on request.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, KILLARNEY ON WEDNESDAY, 08 JANUARY 2020

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I HALLA AN BAILE CHILL ÁIRNE AR AN CHÉADA OIN, 08 Eanáir 2020

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. B. Cronin
Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson
Cllr. D. Grady**

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae
Cllr. M. Moloney
Cllr. N. O'Callaghan**

Apologies

Cllr. N. Kelleher

In attendance/i láthair

Ms. A. McAllen	Killarney MD Manager
Mr. J. Ahern	SEE Killarney MD
Ms. J. McCarthy	SEO Corporate Services
Ms. E. O'Donoghue	MD Officer
Mr. S. Sheehan	EE Killarney MD
Mr. G. O'Brien	A/SEO Environmental Services, Planning Enforcement and Housing Estates Unit
Mr. T. Brosnan	AO Housing
Mr. M. O'Donoghue	EE Capital Infrastructure Unit
Mr. C. Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. C. O'Leary	EE Water Services
Ms. M. Galvin	CO Corporate Support

The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson took the Chair.

Cathaoirleach Gleeson wished to express his deepest sympathy to Cllr. N. O'Callaghan on the recent passing of his uncle, Mr. Seán O'Callaghan.

All Members present wished to be associated with the Expression of Sympathy.

The Cathaoirleach advised that Cllr. N. Kelleher has sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting.

Cathaoirleach Gleeson noted that Killarney Town had come 2nd in the recent IBAL cleanest town listings and he wished to congratulate the Council's outdoor staff of the Municipal District for their commitment and dedication to keeping the town at such a high standard. He also acknowledged the work of the volunteers who litter pick at weekends. He asked if the large green bags used by litter pickers could be reduced in size as this would make their task easier. He asked that the Council liaise with schools in relation to chewing gum and cigarette butts on pavements. The Cathaoirleach congratulated Kilkenny Town on coming 1st in the IBAL Report.

20.01.08.01 (a) Confirmation of the Minutes:

- (a) On the Proposal of Cllr. B. Cronin, Seconded by Cllr. N. O'Callaghan, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney to consider and adopt a Draft Budgetary Plan for the Municipal District of Killarney for 2020 held on 25th October 2019 be confirmed.
- (b) On the Proposal of Cllr. D. Grady, Seconded by Cllr. B. Cronin, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 6th November 2019 be confirmed.

1. (b) Business prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting:

(a) Nomination of one Elected Member to the Killarney Sports and Leisure Campus Ltd

On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, Seconded by Cllr. N. O'Callaghan it was agreed that Cllr. D. Grady would be appointed to Killarney Sports and Leisure Campus Ltd

(b) Nomination of two Elected Members to Killarney Technology Innovation Centre Ltd

On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, Seconded by Cllr. B. Cronin it was agreed that Cllr. M. Moloney would be appointed to Killarney Technology Innovation Centre Ltd

On the Proposal of Cllr. N. O'Callaghan, Seconded by Cllr. B. Cronin it was agreed that Cllr. N. O'Callaghan would be appointed to Killarney Technology Innovation Centre Ltd

20.01.08.02 (a) To note report from Economic and Community Development Directorate

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. M. Scannell, Director Economic and Community Development Directorate which was circulated:

Economic & Community Development Report

KILLARNEY Municipal District

January 2020

Director of Service: Michael Scannell

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

Grants

Expressions of interest are presently being sought for core grant aid for the February 2020 Evaluation meeting. Grant aid of €407,023 was approved for new feasibility studies, priming grants and expansion grants in 2019.

The TAME (Technical Assistance for Micro-Exporters) is a grant of up to €2,500 available to businesses who wish to exhibit at overseas trade fairs. 11 trade fair grants have been approved with exhibitions in Japan, Dubai, UK, USA and Northern Ireland.

Interest in the Trading Online Voucher Scheme remains strong with 57 applications approved this year. The office has scheduled another Trading Online Voucher Seminar on 21st January with bookings being taken through our website.

Training

The last of the four autumn/winter “Start Your Own Business programmes” has just finished. All courses were fully booked.

Demand for Digital Marketing and Social Media training around the county continues to be strong and procurement is ongoing for these programmes for 2020. The office currently has a Digital Marketing Programme nearing completion. Other social media business programmes scheduled include Beginners Instagram Marketing for Business, Beginners Facebook Marketing and How to Run Facebook Advertising Campaigns.

Mentoring

Mentoring demand remains strong across the county. Brexit Clinics continue every Wednesday with bookings being taken through our website as well as direct contact through the office.

Microfinance Loans

9 client businesses were assisted in making loan applications to Microfinance Ireland.

Community Development

LEADER Programme

A meeting of the Kerry LCDC led Local Action Group (LAG) was held on the 2nd December 2019.

A total of 5 no. projects supported by North East & West Kerry Development CLG (NEWKD) were presented for approval at the meeting. Following a detailed consideration of the information received, all 5 projects were approved for funding with a cumulative total of €84,694.50.

In total 300 projects in Kerry with a monetary value of €6,398,558.53 have been approved for funding under the LEADER 2014-2020 programme to date.

Healthy Ireland update 02/12/19

The Healthy Kerry Plan is being developed. It is intended that the plan will be presented to the LCDC at the January 2020 meeting.

Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3 (1st July 2019 – 30th June 2021)

Kerry's LCDC HIF Round 3 application was submitted to Pobal on 19th September. The application identifies 5 actions as well as Community Engagement, Community Mental Health Fund Action and Small Grants Scheme and is seeking €246,050 in funding.

Kerry's Play Policy Review

Targeted stakeholder consultation workshops took place on Tuesday 3rd December to commence consultation on Kerry's Play Policy which was published in 2005.

Dr Carol Barron, Chairperson of Súgradh and national children's play researcher at Dublin City University, facilitated these workshops.

Further consultation will be held in early 2020 on the draft policy with presentation to the full Council for adoption in due course.

Kerry Age Friendly Programme Update

Representatives from the World Health Organisation will make a special presentation to the Irish Age Friendly Programme on 16th December in Slane, Co. Meath. Ireland is the first country in the world to achieve WHO Age Friendly status. This means that Ireland as a country has been recognised as working towards an age friendly society. Kerry achieved World Health Organisation Age Friendly programme affiliation in July 2018 as part of this process.

Kerry PPN Secretariat

The Kerry PPN have undertaken their elections with regards to the Secretariat. The PPN Secretariat is the elected group of members who act as the administrative body of the PPN. It comprises of one representative from each Municipal District area and two representatives from each of the Electoral Colleges of Community / Voluntary, Social Inclusion and Environment. Gillian Wharton Slattery election to the Secretariat from the Tralee Municipal District has been ratified.

The PPN is represented on the Councils five '**Strategic Planning Committees**' (SPCs); Joint Policing Committee JPC; and the Local Community Development Committee LCDC. These committees have members from a variety of backgrounds some are councillors, some from community groups, some are council staff, and some people are from business agricultural or trade union backgrounds. In total, there are 9 seats available to the PPN within these committee structures. Elections to the committees took place during the week of 2nd to 9th December. Membership was ratified at the council meeting of December 16th.

The PPN representatives nominated to the Kerry LCDC were ratified at the December LCDC meeting and are as follows:

Community and Voluntary Pillar: Gillian Wharton Slattery; Marilyn Counihan

Social Inclusion Pillar: Maura Fitzgerald; John Spillane

Environmental Pillar: Bill Morrell

Pride of Place 2019

The Kerry Camino Walk and the migrant support service offered by the Welcome Group Kenmare were honoured at the all-Ireland 2019 Pride of Place Awards held in Kilkenny on Saturday 30 November.

The Kerry Camino took stop spot in the Community Tourism category, while the Welcome Group received a special award for their work in the promotion of good community relations.

The judges said of the Camino that they were "treated to a story of a community, deciding to get up and do something for themselves, which involved little state funding, multiple agencies and great local support, resulting in a fantastic sustainable tourism product."

900 representatives from counties across Ireland gathered in the Lyrath Estate Hotel for the awards, hosted by Kilkenny County Council.

The Pride of Place competition is sponsored by IPB Insurance and was initiated 18 years ago through a Co-operation Ireland programme to acknowledge the invaluable work undertaken by volunteers and those involved in local community development. It has grown into the largest competition recognising community development achievements on the island of Ireland.

The awards are about recognising and celebrating the extraordinary, inspirational tireless work being done by communities all over the Island of Ireland as they strive to make their place a better place in which to live.

All in attendance on the night were invited to participate in the annual guided walk of the Camino on the May Bank Holiday event starting on Friday 1st May 2020.

Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership (KRSP)

Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership (KRSP), through the support of Sport Ireland's increased investment into the national local sports partnership network, is focussing on increasing the staff compliment to four full-time staff, inclusive of the Community Sports Development and Social Inclusion Disability Officers.

January 18th 2020 is designated as National Operation Transformation Walk Day.

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

SICAP Annual Plan

Local Development Companies (LDCs) are required to submit a SICAP annual plan to the LCDC, setting out their proposed SICAP plan for the coming year. The annual planning process provides LDCs with an opportunity to reflect on their work and identify emerging trends to be addressed in the Lot area. The annual plan outlines the proposed actions for the following year and the targets and outcomes that will be achieved as a result and includes costings. The three horizontal themes of the programme (Equality, Community Development and Collaboration), must be incorporated into the planning process. The role of the LCDC is to review and approve the annual plan and assess it to ensure it is in line with local priorities and with the SICAP Programme Requirements. The timeline for uploading the Annual Plan was 22nd November 2019.

SICAP Budget potential increase for 2020

The Department has sought a 3% overall increase to the SICAP funding allocation for 2020 to be confirmed in December in line with the national budgetary process. The Annual Plan must highlight how the additional budget will be spent.

Strategic Sites

Áras Phádraig

Kerry County Council has appointed Reddy A+U architects to prepare a Development Control Plan for the Áras Phádraig site and adjoining car park. It is anticipated that proposals will be presented to the members by the end of Q1 2020.

Sara Lee

This process is underway. At this stage, Kerry County Council have engaged the services of a Commercial & Property services company to facilitate the process to select a preferred proposal for the site based on the Expression of interests received.

This stage of the process will be complete during Q1 2020

Tourism Development

KILLARNEY GATEWAY TOWN:

Fáilte Ireland is working closely with key stakeholders and businesses including the Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, Kerry County Council, the NPWS, the IHF and local businesses to develop Killarney as a Gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way.

Killarney was chosen as one of two pilot towns/cities to test the Wild Atlantic Way Gateway concept alongside Limerick City, over a three-year period and the 'Killarney Wild Atlantic Way Gateway Strategy Steering Group' was established.

The Killarney Wild Atlantic Way Gateway Strategy will contain recommendations and actions for local industry from 2020 – 2022. The Strategy aims to ensure that the potential of the Wild Atlantic Way is harnessed to its full potential. Killarney was identified by Fáilte Ireland as a Wild Atlantic Way Gateway as it offers visitors a broad range of accommodation, a wide variety of day-time visitor attractions and activities, plenty of restaurants and evening entertainment and it is a main transport hub for the area. A funding programme will support initiatives.

KILLARNEY ST. PATRICKS DAY FESTIVAL:

Fáilte Ireland recently approved a financial contribution of €15,000 to help grow international participants and attendees at the Killarney St. Patrick's Day Festival. This is part of a funding announcement made recently by Minister Brendan Griffin of up to €65,000 to support and develop St. Patrick's Day events in Killarney, Cork and Limerick over the next three years and spread the benefits of tourism to communities throughout Ireland.

Festivals are a key component for tourism growth and St. Patrick's Day events provide a significant opportunity to grow tourism and extend the season outside of the traditional peak periods. This funding opportunity will help ensure the Killarney festival delivers an excellent visitor experience and is an opportunity to attract further overseas visitors.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Are the residents and the Council satisfied that all possible remedial / improvement works have been completed in Mountain View Estate, Kilcummin?

Reply: Kerry County Council completed works to the road, footpaths, fencing and public lighting in this estate some time ago. These works were funded from the Bond for the housing estate. Additional works, which will include the replacement of the existing on-site waste water treatment plant with a new holding tank, pumping station and rising main remain to be completed, but cannot be done until the new Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme is in place.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson noted the reply.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: That we write to the appropriate Minister regarding people objecting to planning who are not from the area. They should be 10km from the proposed development. Shame on Bord Pleanála for allowing this monstrosity of a cinema to be built on the Park Road.

Reply: This is a matter for resolution by members.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that people are objecting to the new cinema. He stated that people should not be allowed to object to a planning application unless they live in the area. Cllr. Grady asked that a letter issue to Minister Eoghan Murphy on the matter.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and stated that people should provide ID such as their PPS Number if they wished to object to a planning application to verify their identity. She noted that Kerry County Council had refused planning permission for the new cinema, however, An Bord Pleanála granted permission.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the only place where the Planning laws can be changed is in Dáil Éireann. He criticised the "faceless people" who lives miles away from the applications they are objecting to.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan referred to a previous planning application for that area that had been refused during his time in the Town Council as it was deemed that it would negatively impact traffic flow. He stated that An Bord Pleanála have created this problem.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson supported the concerns of the Members and referred to the existing business that will be impacted because of the new development.

Cllr. D. Grady asked that his Motion be forwarded to every Local Authority in the country.

20.01.08.03 (a) To note update report from the Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. J. Breen, Director of Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life which was circulated:

**Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services
Report**

Killarney Municipal District

DATE: January 8th, 2020

Director of Service: John Breen

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Gerard O'Brien SEO

National Waste Enforcement Priorities 2020

We have recently been notified by the Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment of the National Waste Enforcement Priorities for 2020. The following enforcement priorities have been agreed:

Tackling significant illegal waste activity

Enforcement actions to prevent, detect and prosecute those involved in dumping activities with an emphasis on unauthorised operators including skip hire companies and man in the van activities. Enforcement of bye-laws which require householders to demonstrate how their waste is being managed and identification of unauthorised waste collectors advertising on-line should continue to be prioritised. Synergies with the 2020 national Anti-dumping initiative should be developed to support local authorities in pursuance of this priority.

Construction and Demolition Activity

The unauthorised disposal of construction and demolition waste by C&D operators including skip hire companies with the focus on the management and movement of this material and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place at source.

End-of Life Vehicles (ELV) Directive

A targeted inspection programme of inspections of Authorised ELV sites and ELV operators and coordinated actions against unauthorised ELV sites and ELV operators will be undertaken. In addition, local authorities should undertake appropriate inspections to ensure compliance by waste facility operators with the enhanced traceability requirements introduced through S.I. No. 320/2014 - Waste Management (Facility Permit and Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2014.

Waste Collection- Household & Commercial

Ensure compliance with waste collection permits, including the continued roll-out of the Brown Bin in designated areas and compliance by the commercial sector with the segregation requirements of S.I. No. 508 of 2009- Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009.

Multi-Agency Sites of Interest

Sites which may contain waste that has been deposited without authorisation and where there are reasonable grounds to believe that there is ongoing illegal activity should be identified by local authorities and the relevant WERLA office informed in order that multi-agency responses can be initiated in a timely manner.

Fire Service

Business Unit Manager: Mr. Andrew Macilwraith, Chief Fire Officer

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- There were **1,199 mobilisations** up to end of November 2019 compared to **1,109** mobilisations for the same period in 2018 which represents an 8% increase.
- Gorse fires at 253 were up from 197 for the same period last year. This is a 28% increase. This is on par with last month's percentage increase and indicates a levelling off of gorse fire mobilisations in the county.
- Chimney fires were at 74 which is down from 110 for the same period last year; a 32.7% decrease
- Road Traffic Collisions were at 122 is marginally up on the 117 figures from the same period last year.

	2018	2019
	Jan-Nov	Jan-Nov
<i>FIRE OPERATIONS - DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fires Number</i>		
Chimney Fires	110	74
Gorse Fires	197	253
Other Fires	228	188
Total	535	515
<i>Special Services Number</i>		
Entrapment	26	22
Gas/Chemicals	1	6
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	2
Hazardous Substances non-Transit	0	4
Machinery	1	2
Miscellaneous	84	92
Other rescue	33	44
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	2	8
Road traffic accident	117	122
Water pumping/flooding	9	11
Total	273	313
<i>False Alarms Number</i>		
Malicious	5	13
Good Intent	127	151
Total	132	164
<i>Total Number of Incidents</i>	940	992
<i>Total Number of Mobilisations</i>	1,109	1,199

BUILDING CONTROL- DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK		
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	141	175
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	114	117
Commencement Notices Received	516	454

Fire Safety and Prevention:

1. There were further Annual Licensing Court sittings in November with notifications received by the Fire Authority of licensing applications before the Courts. Fire Officers carried out Inspections of premises on foot of notifications received and forwarded recommendations to the relevant Courts during November 2019.
2. Fire Officers continued with inspections of premises in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.

Building Control:

- 1 The number of Commencement Notices / 7 Day Notices received to the end of November 2019 was **454** which is a:
 - o 12% **decrease** on the figure of **516** for the same period last year.
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of November 2019 a total of **117** Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of **175** Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents:
 - o 2.6% increase in Disability Access Certificate applications, and
 - o 24.1% increase in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2019.

Library Services

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

Library service:

• Library Promotion campaign 2020

The Local Government Management Agency [LGMA] is co-ordinating a libraries promotion campaign nationally in early 2020, funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

The campaign, which is being designed following a tender process by advertising and media agencies Ogilvy and GroupM, will feature radio advertising, cinemas, online TV or TV on Demand, websites, social media, etc. A national launch event will take place mid-Feb followed by the roll-out of the campaign. The overall tagline for the campaign is '**Take a closer look**'.

It is proposed that Saturday, 29 February [the Leap Day 2020] will be an Open Day for libraries nationally, when members of the public will be invited in to libraries to view the services that are on offer. All Kerry Libraries are open each Saturday and staff will be on hand to meet and greet new or returning members on that day with some events and induction tours taking place at each library. The main message is to welcome the public to come in, look and discover the wide range of services libraries offer. This theme will play through all marketing, advertising and PR activity.

- **Historian in Residence**

A Historian in Residence will take up a 3-month contract position with Kerry County Council in early January 2020. This contract position is funded under the Historian in Residence Grant Scheme 2019 as part of the Kerry County Council Decade of Centenaries programme.

The Historian will be based at Kerry Library Headquarters, Tralee and will work under the direction of Kerry Library staff to identify themes, events and notable figures; co-ordinate research work and timelines; meet community groups and to promote interest and engagement in history among a non-academic audience. Initial work will focus on the identification of Kerry material for the period 1912 - 1922 held at Kerry Library and at national institutions such as the National Library and the National Archives.

- **Kerry Library events programme**

Details of events at all libraries available at www.kerrylibrary.ie

KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme Status Summary at 13th December 2019

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

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

In Water, priority is 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 is given to towns (agglomerations) to which ECJ Rulings apply, and to meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licenses.

IRISH WATER CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

The following information has been provided by Irish Water.

The proposed Schemes in the Killarney Municipal District which are listed in Irish Water's national draft **Capital Investment Programme** (the CIP) are outlined in the following tables:

<u>CIP WASTE WATER PROJECT, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</u>	
Project	Status
Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme - proposed	Due to go to Tender; Wayleave issues – all four landowners have appointed Reps.; negotiations are ongoing, and CPO will also be published; Value circa €2.7M ; IW currently revising CPO Docs. for publication prior to putting the job out to Tender in January; Contractor appointment May 2020.
Killarney Drainage Area Plan	Consulting Engineer Ove Arup Ltd has been appointed for the preparation of this Drainage Area Plan , and the Tralee, Listowel and Ballylongford DAPs. The preparation of the Killarney DAP, underway since early 2019, is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2020.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL WORKS

This is a rolling programme of water mains' **Network Improvements** and **Rationalisation** of existing water treatment plants. **Works of value €3M have been completed since 2014** in the Killarney Municipal District and the list of current projects is outlined in the following table:

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
CRWSS Green Lane Killarney	Replace 55M of 100MM AC with 110MM uPVC pipe	€20,000	Complete
CRWSS Gullaun to Shrone Cross	Lay 4,780M of 250MM main to facilitate the connection of the CRWSS to Shrone and Barraduff WSSs.	€1,000,000	Complete
CRWSS Shrone Cross to Shrone School	Lay 100M of 160MM main and of 3500M of 200MM/160MM in two-pipe trench and provide in-line pump station to facilitate the connection of the CRWSS to Shrone and Barraduff WSSs.	€1,400,000	Complete
Barraduff WSS Shrone Reservoir to Barraduff Reservoir	Lay 4800M of 150MM main to allow closure of Barraduff source and WTP	€800,000	Underway
MKRWSS Crohane to Barleymount	Replace 1.8Km of 225MM AC mains with uPVC pipe	€290,000	Underway
Shrone WSS Shrone Cross to Reservoir	Lay 1050M of 160MM mains in to allow closure of Shrone source and WTP	€210,000	Nov 19
Approximate Total of APPROVED works on hand		€500,000	

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 national **Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021** was published by the DoHP&LG in October.

Takeover of Group Schemes

Responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes has transferred to Irish Water since its inception, **and KCC is no longer able to take over Group schemes.**

Irish Water has developed a protocol to govern the Takeover of Group Schemes.

The Contract for the **connection of the Inch-Foildaun group water scheme to the Central Regional Water Supply Scheme at Glenflesk**, by the extension of the watermain from that village, and the replacement of the 'internal' mains network of the GWSS, has been signed – the four-month work programme of contractor **Cóir Infrastructure Ltd** is due to commence in late January / early February 2020.

This Group Scheme is currently served by its own upland stream source and the only treatment applied is disinfection by chlorination.

The Cathaoirleach addressed Mr. C. O'Leary and wished to express his sympathy to the people of Gneeveguilla on the recent tragic death of Mr. Michael John Moynihan.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: To detail the planned water main replacement programme for the Killarney MD in 2020.

Reply: There are currently no planned mains replacement works for the Killarney Municipal District for 2020. It is expected that the situation will be reviewed by Irish Water in June.

In response to a request from Cllr. B. Cronin, Mr. C. Mangan agreed to request Irish Water to include Ballymallis Cross to Eadies Mills on the planned water main replacement programme and confirmed it had already been included in a previous submission.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask has Irish Water put Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme out to tender as promised at our last MD meeting.

Reply: The most recent information available to Kerry County Council from Irish Water is that they are currently revising the Compulsory Purchase Order documents for their publication, prior to putting the job out to Tender in January with a view to appointing a Contractor in May 2020.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated there was an urgency to this project from an environmental point of view and for the people of Kilcummin and the road network.

Notice of Motions No's 3 and 6 moved at this stage.

3. Cllr. M. Moloney: If Kerry County Council would give an update on the tendering process for the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. This was to have gone out for tender several months ago.

Reply as above

Cllr. M. Moloney stated that everything was at a standstill in Kilcummin because of this delay.

6. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae To ask Kerry County Council what is the latest update regarding the sewerage scheme for Kilcummin?

Reply as above

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that it was difficult to have negotiations with a landowner if there is a possibility their lands will be acquired with a CPO.

Mr. C. Mangan replied that every indication that Kerry County Council has received from Irish Water is that they are proceeding with the scheme and are fully committed to same. There were initially 4 Wayleave issues but 2 of those have been resolved and a third is almost agreed. It is a local wayleave issue that is holding this scheme up and not Irish Water.

Notice of Motion No. 5 (Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate) moved at this stage.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: As the deplorable roadway from Coolcorcoran to Kilcummin awaits the development of the long awaited public sewer, that the Council would ensure that the hazardous ponding is eliminated.

Reply: The Killarney MD Office will carry out a survey in order to determine the volume of drainage works required to eliminate ponding at this location. Based on this survey, we will prepare an estimate and explore the most appropriate means of funding this project.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson stated that the ponding was meeting in the middle of the road and the road had a bad surface. He asked if some water tables could be opened.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Motion and requested the Council to clear the drains before bad weather arrives.

Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that the road will be resurfaced soon and agreed that an outlet and long-term solution must be found to eliminate the ponding.

4. Cllr. D. Grady: Cllr. D. Grady requested that this Motion be deferred.

5. Cllr. D. Grady: That the Killarney MD would immediately take action with the business people of Well Lane South with a view to upgrading it. Bins are being left out on the lane leading to this area being in a deplorable condition.

Reply: As part of the Killarney MD programme to improve the surface of laneways in Killarney Town, the South Well Lane is scheduled to be allocated a grant of €40,000 via the Multi-Annual Road Improvement Grant. The overall appearance of this particular laneway requires upgrading and will require buy-in from all the various stakeholders.

The County of Kerry (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye Laws 2019 were adopted by the members of Kerry County Council in early 2019. There is provision in the Bye-Laws to deal with waste container storage and container removal on collection day. Kerry County Council are aware of the ongoing issues with bin storage in Killarney and in this regard a cross-Departmental group has been set up to address the issue.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that this laneway was in a bad state. The end of the lane has become a gathering point for rubbish. He welcomed the reply.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

Mr. J. Ahern stated that addressing the issues on this laneway must be a joint effort involving the Council, the Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, Tidy Towns, business people and owners of the properties.

6. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No's 2 & 3.

Mr. C. Mangan referred to the Directorate Report and advised that the Central Regional Water Supply Scheme is now serving the Shrone and Barraduff areas. The use of the Shrone and Barraduff water sources and treatment plants has now been discontinued since late December 2019.

NoM 14 (Roads, Transportation and Marine Directorate) moved at this stage.

14. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would follow up on the restoration works from Curtin's Cross towards Ballyspillane as this stretch of road has not been restored properly and footpaths are also in a bad condition from machinery parking on them.

Reply: As result of a watermain burst along the L3010 Road from Curtin's Cross (Park Road Roundabout) - Ballyspillane Roundabout, sections of this road have been damaged in 2019. The Killarney MD have carried out temporary repairs on these sections and are awaiting Irish Water to carry out permanent restoration.

The road from Curtin's Cross (Park Road Roundabout) - Ballyspillane Roundabout is currently not on the current Multi-Annual Roads Programme 2019 - 2022. It will be considered the next Multi-Annual Roads Programme. However the watermain along this particular section of road seems to be in poor condition and would need to be replaced by Irish Water prior to a complete overlay of the road. The footpaths at this location will be surveyed and considered when developing the 2020 Footpath Programme of Works.

Cllr. M. Moloney advised that some of the footpaths have become cracked due to machinery parking on them.

Mr. C. Mangan agreed that the permanent road restoration of the trench in which the pipe was laid would be carried out.

20.01.08.04 (a) To note update report from the Housing Directorate

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Director of Housing & Corporate Services which was circulated:

HOUSING DIRECTORATE REPORT

KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

16TH DECEMBER 2019

Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue

**Housing Report – KILLARNEY
Municipal District.**

2 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	1326
Net Need for Killarney MD (excluding transfers)	829
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	290
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	245

Breakdown by Bed No.

1-Bed	579
2-Bed	385
3-Bed	316
4-Bed	44
5-Bed	2
Total	1326

3 Void Management

Municipal District breakdown	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	1
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	0
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	2
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	0
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	1
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	4

4 Social Housing Options

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	23	519
RAS	3	155
Leasing	66	137
HAP	73	212
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	165	1023

4 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>
Rock Rd, Killarney	10	4no. 1Bed Apt. 6no. 2Bed Apt	Jun 2020	Jul 2021
AHB- Cluid, Armagh House, Killarney	6	6no. 1Bed Apt	Oct 2019	Oct 2020

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>
Pinewood Estate, Killarney	6	4no. 1Bed Apt 2no. 2Bed	Mar 2019	Dec 2019
AHB- Rathmore Social Action Group, Rathmore	4	4no. 2Bed	Jan 2019	Dec 2019
AHB-Cluid Dereen, Killarney	61	39no. 3Bed 22no. 2Bed	Dec 2018	June 2020
Áit Manach Rathmore	20	8no. 2Bed 12no. 3Bed	Dec 2019	Dec 2020

House Acquisitions since the start of the year

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
Killarney	2	4 bed	February
Killarney	2	4 bed	April
Killarney	1	3 bed	May
Killarney	1	3 bed	August
Killarney	1	4 bed	August
Killarney	1	3 bed	September
Killarney	1	2 bed	November
Rathmore	2	3 bed	November
The purchase of a further 10 houses is currently being progressed.			

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2019, 958 requests for repairs have been received for the Killarney Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2019, 84 grants have been allocated in the Killarney Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

Since 1st January, 2019, no bedroom extensions have been allocated in the Killarney Municipal District.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Municipal Authority would invite property owners in Killarney Town, Rathmore Town, Barraduff and Kilcummin villages to indicate if the upstairs of their properties are available for letting to individuals/families on the Housing waiting list. If this proposal found acceptance with the owners and the Council, it would provide much needed accommodation and help to revitalise those locations.

Reply: The Council will shortly undertake a public advertising campaign on the various letting / leasing schemes the Council operates to encourage property owners to consider making any vacant property available to Kerry County Council as part of the Social Housing Programme.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson stated that properties could be adapted to facilitate individuals / families through rent or HAP and would bring vibrancy and life to parts of towns.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

Mr. T. Brosnan stated that there are many schemes that bring these type of properties back into circulation such as the Repair & Leasing Scheme. However, owners of such houses need to engage with the Council.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask for an update on the construction and allocation date of the 61 houses in Dereen, Ballydribeen.

Reply: This development is being constructed by Clúid Housing Association and it is due to be completed in June 2020. We will liaise closely with Clúid over the coming months with regard to the progress on-site and as soon as we receive confirmation from Clúid that the houses are complete and keys have been handed over, we will then be in a position to propose a list of nominations to Clúid. Kerry

County Council has the nomination rights to the development and will be proposing the allocation of the units in accordance with the Social Housing Allocation Scheme.

In response to a query from Cllr. B. Cronin, Mr. T. Brosnan confirmed that Clúid hope to complete the construction in June 2020. The Council does not allocate houses until receiving a definitive closing date for the project but will, however be preparing a preliminary allocation list in the interim. He confirmed that all the allocations would be from the Kerry County Council Housing waiting list.

3. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council as landlords would carry out repair works to the chimney of one of their houses (details with Directorate). This tenant has reported the problem to Kerry County Council on numerous occasions and no works have been carried out.

Reply: The chimney was inspected in early December 2019 by Kerry County Council personnel and a programme of works was agreed with the tenant. Substantial improvement works have already been carried out with the remaining item which relates to the chimney flue liner planned for mid-January 2020. The tenant has already been notified of this.

Cllr. M. Moloney welcomed the reply.

4. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council when will the HAP cap be increased for the County of Kerry, particularly in the Killarney area where rents are continuously increasing.

Reply: The Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Scheme is a National social housing support payment scheme. The HAP rates of payment are determined by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that there were 212 tenancies availing of HAP which equates to 20% of the Council's tenants. It is a very unstable position for these tenants to be in as their contract could be terminated at any time. She stated she was disappointed that the HAP cap has not been increased.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and requested that the Members be provided with a breakdown of arrears, by area, that are owed to the Council by their tenants for the March MD Meeting.

Ms. A. McAllen replied that the collection rates in the Annual Financial Statement for the 2018 accounts were at 93% and the majority of that debt was a young debt and is recoverable and may be only 1 or 2 months old. She advised that this information is presented to Full Council meetings every quarter.

Mr. T. Brosnan confirmed that the majority of the Council's housing tenants were rent paying and compliant.

20.01.08.05 (a) To note update report from the Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Operations, Health & Safety which was circulated as follows:

Roads, Transportation & Marine
Directorate Report

Killarney Municipal District

DATE: 8th January 2020

Director of Service: Charlie O'Sullivan

1. Road / Transportation

National Primary/ National Secondary

Measures	Project	Update
Major Schemes	N22 Farranfore to Killarney	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of the Project Appraisal Plan was received from DTTAS on 14/10/2019.• Tenders to procure Consultants to take scheme through to the Statutory Process were received in mid-December 2019 and are been assessed with a view to appointing a successful Consultant in February 2020 subject to TII approval.• Funding of €500k allocated by TII to progress this scheme in 2020
Minor Schemes Pavement Overlay	N72 Stagmount	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Agreements conveyancing is ongoing.• Archaeological testing contract will be carried out in November 2019. Resolution Areas will be further examined in early 2020.• Tender Documents are being prepared for the Main Contract• Funding of €2m allocated by TII for the construction of this scheme in 2020
	N72 Barraduff West Pavement Overlay	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project and 300m project extension is complete.

	N72 Forge Cross to Rathmore Pavement Strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1: • Pavement improvement and resurfacing works are complete. • Accommodation works and civil works are ongoing and will be complete in the coming weeks. • Phase 2: • Feasibility Report on Safety Measures approved by TII. • Part 8 Public Consultation Completed and Approved at Killarney MD Meeting. • Preparation of Contract Documents ongoing. Contract to be advertised shortly
Junction Improvements	N22 Lewis Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design was adapted to maximise the widths available for non-motorised users in the vicinity of the junction. TII have reviewed this design and continue to have particular concerns with regard to the safety of an uncontrolled at-grade crossing at this location. Alternatives being examined. • Detailed Topographical surveys and Pavement investigations are being procured and will be undertaken in Q1 2020. • Stay on the implementation of the scheme approved by Council by High Court.
	N22 Ballycasheen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic and Speed surveys have been carried out in 2019. A Topographical Survey along this section of the N22 and in green field locations adjacent to the N22 was carried out in December 2019. These surveys will inform the junction improvement options at both locations. • In Q1 2020, Kerry NRO will bring detailed proposals before the MD which will address the capacity issues at these junctions before submitting them to TII for approval. • A pavement upgrade of the N22 through both junctions is scheduled for late 2020.
	N22 Coolcaslough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pavement on this section of the N22 is targeted to be improved in 2020. • Junction Improvement Report is currently being prepared and options design underway. • Traffic surveys and speed Surveys completed. A detailed Topographical Survey to be undertaken as part of pavement improvement survey in Q1 2020. • Study Area sent to TII Archaeology for review. • A pavement upgrade of the N22 through both junctions is scheduled for late 2020.

HD 15 Schemes	N22 Madam's Hill to Cleeny (Aghadoe Junction)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junction Options including Roundabouts have been developed. Approach Gradients are making Technical Standards Compliance difficult for some options. Meetings ongoing with TII to resolve. Funding of €250k allocated by TII for this scheme in 2020
	N22 Brennan's Glen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary Design Stage – Feasible proposals are being prepared.
	N72 Golden Nugget to Gap Cross Cycle way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Feasibility Report submitted to TII for comment. Additional design options are being investigated for incorporating facilities through the village into an updated report.
	N22 Rusheen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Included in Call off 2nd Safety Barrier Contract. The tender process for Call off 2 has commenced.
	N22 Poulgorm Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tenders received in November 2019. Works to improve visibility at this junction will be carried out in early 2020.
	N71 Muckross Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Feasibility Report finalised. Consultant scope extended to include schematic options for Kenmare Place. Part 8 to be published in Q4 2019 /Q1 2020
	N72 Gortroe/ Ballydowney to Fossa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility Report submitted to TII. KCC EAU recommend environmental surveys and bat surveys to be undertaken in Q2 2020.

Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme – Killarney East

<i>Project</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Status</i>
R-577 Knocknaboul - Ballydesmond.	€168,800	Works complete.
L-2029 College Road	€103,950	Works complete.
L-3032 Cordal - Cordal East	€171,000	Works complete.
L-3007 Dromultan - Ballybeg	€47,500	Works complete.
L-3013 Knocknageeha - Tooreencahill	€85,500	Works complete.
L-3014 Shrone X - Doocarrig	€66,500	Works complete.
L-7018 Toornanaunagh – Knockreagh	€132,269	Works complete.
L-3020 Lisheen – Quarry X	€120,000	Works complete.

Restoration Improvement Programme – Killarney West

<i>Project</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Status</i>
R-876, Fair Hill	€18,400.00	Works Complete
R-876, Rock Rd	€150,813.00	Deferred to 2020 Roadwork's Programme
L-3016 Mangerton Road	€112,500	Works Complete
L-2033 Castleisland Cross to Rossaneen	€38,000	Works Complete

L-3907, Woodlawn	€38,640.00	Works complete
L-3019, Knocknahoe	€71,500.00	Works Complete
L-3002, Currow Rd	€139,672.00	Works Complete
L-11020, Ballydunlea	€90,000.00	Works Complete
L11270, Lacabane Village	€32,200.00	Works Complete
L-???, St Anthonys Place	€49,300.00	Works Complete
L-3015, Loughquitane	€112,500.00	Works Complete
L-7059, Foiladaune	€86,900.00	Works Complete
R-563, Fossa To Milltown Rd	€220,150.00	Works Complete
R-877, New Street Lower	€107,640.00	Works Complete

Restoration Maintenance Programme – Killarney East

<i>Project</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Status</i>
R-577 Scartaglin - Gortglass	€53,625	Works complete.
L- 2029 Crag - Knockauntee	€24,300	Works complete.
L- 3005 Inchicummer - Kilsarkan West	€15,750	Works complete.
L-3007 Ballybeg - Coolnageragh	€36,720	Works complete.
L-3007 Ranalough - Ballybeg	€36,720	Works complete.
L-3009 Gallaun East - Scrahanagullaun	€21,600	Works complete.
L-7057 Shinnagh - Hollymount	€13,038	Works complete.
L-5017 Currans - Crag	€20,520	Works complete.
L-3009 Coopers X - Toornanaunagh	€27,000	Works complete.
L-7013 Gullaun West - Meenagishagh	€32,128	Works complete.

Restoration Maintenance Programme – Killarney West

Project	Allocation	Status
R-563, Lissavane to Faha School	37,785.00	Works Complete
L-7051, Knockanes	40,500.00	Works Complete
L-11020, Ballydunlea	26,851.00	Works Complete
L-3019, Knockeraugh	13,387.00	Works Complete
L-7049, Artegalvin	47,250.00	Works Complete
KY West L-7039, Kileen X to BarleymountX	46,750.00	Works Complete

Drainage Programme – Killarney East

<i>Project</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Status</i>
L-2032 Knockananlig – Cordal	€12,383	Works complete.
L-2033 Lisheenbawn – Currow	€5,200	Works complete.
L-7008/12 Curracitty – Ranaleen	€10,400	Works complete.
L-7022 Adraval – Newmarket X	€13,000	Works complete.
L-7023 Adraval – Coral East	€10,400	Works complete.
L-7028 Scrahanagullaun – Lissyconnor	€6,500	Works complete.
L-7045 Banard – Scrahanagullaun	€7,800	Works complete.
L-7052 Kilquane – Lisnagrave	€5,200	Works complete.
L-10675 Kilcow	€5,200	Works complete.
L-10744/5/6 Kilfalliga – Farrandoctor	€10,400	Works complete.
L-10740 Springmount	€5,200	Works complete.
L-11103 Carker North – Carker	€5,070	Works complete.
L-11105 Scartaglen - Gortacappul	€3,900	Works complete.
L-11148 Knockysheehan	€5,200	Works complete.

Drainage Programme – Killarney West

Project	Allocation	Status
L-11008 – Flynns Forge to Rockfield	€3,500	Works Complete
L-11060 – Ballytrasna Road	€3,500	Works Complete
L-7041 – Laharn X to Glen X	€3,500	Works Complete
L-7039 – Kileen X to Barleymount X	€3,500	Works complete.
L-11024 – Kileen X to Aghadoe X	€2,000	Works Complete.
L-7016 – Dooneen Kilcummin	€3,000	Works Complete.
L-7010 - Rossaneen	€3,500	Works Complete.
R-569 – Poulgorm Bridge to Loo Bridge	€3,500	Works complete.
R-570 -Glenflesk to Headford	€5,000	Works Complete.
R-561 -Farranfore	€6,000	Works Complete.
R-563 – Fossa to Lissavane	€9,400	Works Complete.
L-2012 - Liostaggle	€3,000	Works Complete.
L-3017 – Loretto Road	€7,000	Works Complete.
L-7051 - Knockanes	€8,600	Works Complete.
L-4042 – Gap Road	€4,800	Works Complete.
L-7049 - Artegalvin	€6,000	Works complete.
L-7002 Coolick	€5,936	Works Complete.

Community Involvement Schemes

Project	Allocation	Status
L-11129 Ballynahulla, Ballydesmond	€34,000	Works complete.
L-11147 Lisbabe, Headford	€9,240	Works complete.
L-11015, Barleymount	€80,000.00	Works complete.
L-7058, Clydagh Valley	€100,000.00	Works complete.
L-11002, Lissavane West	€42,000.00	Works complete.
L-11039, Lisheen Boulia	€29,400.00	Works complete.
L-????, Shronaboy, Glenflesk	€49,000.00	Works Complete.
L-11085 Knockinane West	€28,050	Works Complete.
L-11222 - Stagmount	€50,575	Works Complete.

Local Improvement Schemes

Project	Status
LIS Scarteen (applicants' details with Directorate)	Works Complete
LIS Rusheen Firies (applicants' details with Directorate)	Works complete.
LIS Faha West (applicants' details with Directorate)	Works complete.
LIS Coolavorheen Faha (applicants' details with Directorate)	Works complete.
LIS Artigallivan (applicants' details with Directorate)	Works complete.
LIS Ards, Fossa (applicants' details with Directorate)	Works complete.
LIS Lisheenacanna (applicants' details with Directorate)	Works complete.
LIS Knockaderry Hill (applicants' details with Directorate)	Works complete.
LIS Cooldara, Coolcaslagh (applicants' details with Directorate)	Works complete.
LIS Faughcuillia, Muckross (applicants' details with Directorate)	Works complete.
LIS Aglish, Ballyhar (applicants' details with Directorate)	Works complete.
LIS Rathcommane (applicants' details with Directorate)	Deferred to 2020
LIS Tonbwee, Castleisland (applicants' details with Directorate)	Works complete.

Killarney Town - Other Road and Public Area Works

Project	Status
Rock Road Bus / Car Park	Complete
Installation of new Parking Machines	Complete
Dedication of Roundabout to Paudie O'Connor	Complete
Killarney Arts Centre – Footpath Enhancement	Complete
Lissyviggeen Roundabout Enhancement	Complete

Clár

Project	Allocation €	Comment
Rathmore (Community Council)	49,500	Closed
Barradubh Village	24,750	Closed
Rathmore N. S.	49,500	Works Complete
Firies Parish Council	30,000	Works Complete

Town and Village Renewal

Project	Allocation €	Status
Gneeveguilla Village Enhancement – Undergrounding	€50,000	Works Substantially complete
Rathmore Village	€100,000	Closed - Provision Undergrounding of Services – Subject to agreement with Landowners Works to be Completed by Appointed Contractor.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructural Scheme

Project	Allocation €	Status
Killarney Town Cycling (Stands) Projects	€16,000	Covered stand has now been installed on Bohereenaol Glebe. Project now complete.
Kenmare Road (Parking Areas\Lay By's)	€160,000	Works to Commence in January 2020

Note: The Rural Recreation Grant change name to the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructural Scheme

- A water refill point has been installed at the Courthouse amenity area.

Ongoing Works

- Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund Works
- Local Road Maintenance (Drainage, Maintenance and Pothole Repairs)
- Landscaping

- Street Cleaning
- Application with the Department of Rural & Communities for the upgrading of the Old Kenmare Road into Carpark servicing Torc Mountain
- Application with the Department of Rural & Communities for the Flesk Walkway

2. Works Update – Traffic Management Killarney Town

Table 1: Short Term

Location	Measure	Term	Status
Main Street	Restrict the setting down to the south of the loading bay at the west of the side of Main Street	Short	Closed
Plunkett Street	Plunkett Street's two-lane approach should be reduced to provide a single lane approach in the short term. Complementary measures should be provided to restrict set-down to the south of the loading bay to the west side of Main Street. This could be in the form of a kerbed 'build-out'. These measures should be provided in the short term with a medium-term objective to pedestrianise Plunkett Street.	Short	Complete
Plunkett Street	That the option of removing the bollards from the proposed scheme should be considered. The proposed bollards would reduce the capacity of the footways along Plunkett Street, and could result in pedestrians stepping on the carriageway particularly during peak times putting them at risk of vehicular impact.	Short	Closed
High Street	Kerry County Council proposes to upgrade High Street's existing alignment. It is recommended that the proposed works at High Street should be progressed subject to detailed design in the short term. The provision of an enhanced crossing facility for disabled and visually impaired users should be considered.	Short	Forming Part of a Public Realm Plan
High Street junction	The proposed High Street, St Ann's Road, Rock Road Improvement Scheme, recommended that the scheme would be carried out in the short term,	Short	Complete
Signage	Direction signage located at the intersection of Main Street/ High Street and New Street that is potentially misleading to drivers should be amended in the short term. It currently directs people southbound toward Main Street, contrary to the one way northbound traffic flow. This is presented to drivers approaching the junction from New Street.	Short	Complete
Traffic Management Schemes	New Road One-Way Eastbound	Short	Complete

Table 2: Medium Term

Location	Measure	Term	Status
Plunkett Street	Introduction of pedestrianisation in tandem with carriageway reductions and footway enhancements.	Medium	Complete
Main Street	Investigate feasibility of further traffic restrictions along Main Street, with possible extensions to the pedestrianisation periods. These would need to be assessed in terms of traffic impact in conjunction with other town centre improvements, such as the completion of the Bohereen na Gowan Inner Relief Road and traffic improvements around the Hahah/Mission Road intersection as part of upgrades to Muckcross Road.	Medium	To be considered as part of the Public Realm Plan
High Street junction	It recommended that High Street would be the minor approach in the medium term, should the Inner Relief Road be implemented.	Medium	To be reviewed as part of Bohereen na Goun development
Hahah	Review the existing layout of the Hahah, as part of the wider scheme to upgrade pedestrian/cycle access along the Muckcross Road. The review should take account of all users of this public space and should have regard for wider traffic implications along Main Street, Mission Road, Kenmare Place, East Avenue and Muckcross Road.	Medium	Part of the Muckcross Road Safety Scheme
Port Road/New Road Junction	The existing pedestrian crossing facility across New Road at this junction is wide, with a narrow waiting area. This waiting area is of limited width to facilitate a person pushing a pram, or a wheelchair. It is recommended that the width should be enhanced to a minimum width of 2.0 metres, with reduced corner radii provided.	Medium	Complete
Cathedral Place /Port Road Junction	Delays and queuing would be likely to be reduced, locally, as a result of implementing a two-lane approach to the junction. The existing Cathedral Place approach is wide. However, the flare length is short and consequently does not provide for two-lane queuing. It is likely to be geometrically feasible to amend the approach to provide enhanced queuing lanes.	Medium	Closed
Bohereen Na Goun/New Street Junction	There are no existing pedestrian facilities along the west side of Bohereen Na Goun, and the crossing facility across New Street at this junction is substandard. It is recommended that facilities in this junction and area should be upgraded. A complete junction upgrade would be required, should the proposed Inner Relief Road be constructed. It is recommended that a signal-controlled junction with pedestrian crossing facilities should be provided to facilitate the increased demand.	Medium	Being considered as part of the Design
Muckcross Road	The existing alignment of Muckcross Road, and the signal-controlled junctions at Muckcross Road / Ross	Medium	Complete

	Road and Muckross Road / Woodlawn Road were assessed.		
Muckross Road	The existing alignment of Muckross Road, and the signal-controlled junctions at Muckross Road / Ross Road and Muckross Road / Woodlawn Road were assessed.	Medium	Complete
Muckross Road	Review, in conjunction with the TII. The existing layout of the N71 Muckross Road, as a primary access route to the town centre and its National Park. Develop proposals for enhanced pedestrian and cycle lane facilities to link up with existing cycle tracks and potentially form a link of the wider Lough Leane Loop. Existing junction layouts and available road width along critical “pinch points” of the Muckross Road will also need to be considered as part of any design proposal. The design should also have regard to wider town centre traffic flows through the Hahah and intersecting routes, potential for improvements in public transport, bike parking facilities and the wider interaction between vehicular traffic and non-motorised users of the road.	Medium	Design Substantially Completed, Awaiting Approval from TII
N72 Killorglin Road	Review, in conjunction with the TII, the existing layout of the N72 Killorglin Road as a key leg of the Ring of Kerry route and primary access to the Gap of Dunloe. Develop proposals for enhanced pedestrian and cycle lane facilities to link with existing cycle tracks and potentially form a link of the wider Lough Leane Loop. Maximise the potential from existing facilities, such as the public car park adjacent to golf course, existing offline cycle track through the National Park.	Medium	In the Design Process.
Signage	It is recommended that non-essential signage within the road reservation, including footways, should be removed. This would improve road safety and access, both for drivers and vulnerable users	Medium	Regulations under Section 254 of the Planning & Development Act to be reviewed in 2020
Signage	It is recommended that signage, directing visitors to the town centre should be provided. Advance information signage information for drivers should provide guidance to parking areas which would reduce distance, without travelling through the town centre.	Medium	To be procured in 2020
Inner Link Road	Boreen Na Goun - The proposed Inner Relief Road (IRR) linking High Street and New Street via Boreen Na Goun would significantly reduce peak hour traffic flows on High Street and New Road. This is recommended, subject to satisfactory junction’s design including High Street, St. Ann’s Road and Bohereen Na Goun.	Medium	Tender Documents were published in December 2019
Traffic Management Schemes	Main Street Pedestrianisation	Medium	To be considered as Part of the Public Realm Plan
Traffic Management Schemes	Plunkett Street Pedestrianisation	Medium	Complete

Traffic Management Schemes	N22 Killarney Bypass/Upper Lewis Road Banned Right Turn	Medium	Received Part 8 planning approval
----------------------------	---	--------	-----------------------------------

Table 3: Long Term – All long-term projects are subject to funding

Location	Measure	Term	Status
Main Street	Improved pedestrian facilities would improve access to the town from the nearby parking areas. The recommended layout would include the provision of bus set-down area and bus shelter, bicycle parking and motorbike parking.	Long	To be considered as part of a Public Realm Plan
High Street/ Monsignor O'Flaherty Road Junction	Recommended the access from St. Ann's Road would be removed.	Long	To be considered as part of the Bohereen Na Goun Project
High Street/ Monsignor O'Flaherty Road Junction	Recommended that High Street would be the minor approach in the medium term, should the Inner Relief Road be implemented.	Long	To be considered as part of the Bohereen Na Goun Project
East Avenue/ Park Road Roundabout Junction	Located in the town centre, is not pedestrian friendly, with limited facilities for vulnerable users. It is recommended that the junction should be upgraded, with enhanced pedestrian facilities, to improve the provision for vulnerable users. Uncontrolled crossings should be provided at the recommended upgraded roundabout.	Long	Junction to be reviewed.
Lewis Road/ College Street Roundabout Junction	Located in the town centre, is not pedestrian friendly, with limited facilities for vulnerable users. There are wide crossings, and the splitter island on the east side was observed to be used as a delivery setdown for large vehicles. It is recommended that the junction should be upgraded, with enhanced pedestrian facilities, to improve the provision for vulnerable users. Uncontrolled crossings	Long	Junction to be reviewed.
Muckross Road	A mode shift from car-based transport to walking, cycling or public transport could reduce traffic volumes, queuing and delays for inbound and outbound traffic at Muckross Road.	Long	A safety scheme is being developed at this location
Inner Link Road	Gaelscoil Road - The proposed Gaelscoil Road (Deerpark/N22 Killarney Bypass Link) would reduce peak hour traffic flows locally on Park Road and the Killarney Bypass Road, in the vicinity of Park Road Roundabout. This is recommended.	Long	To be considered after the construction of the Lewis Road Junction

3. Other Operational Matters

3.1 Public Lighting

No. of faults reported since last meeting: 122

No. of faults repaired within 12 working days: 78

No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 12

Outstanding Repairs not completed within 12 working days - list these locations and comment if there is a particular reason.

This report was run on 13/12/2019

Outstanding Repairs not completed within 12 working days - list these locations and comment if there is a particular reason. Report underneath

Job Ticket ID	Defect Description	Unit Number	Postal Street Name	Date Reported	Reason
11638	Lamp out	2996	High Street Killarney	12/11/2019	Access issues
12803	Lamp out	2540	Oakfield Killarney	13/11/2019	Specialist materials required

4. Capital Infrastructure

Housing Construction 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>
Rathmore/ Barraduff	20	8no. 2Bed 12no. 3Bed	Nov 2019	Nov 2020
Rock Rd, Killarney	10	4no. 1Bed Apt. 6no. 2Bed Apt	Apr 2020	Apr 2021
AHB- Cluid, Armagh House, Killarney	6	6no. 1Bed Apt	Oct 2019	Oct 2020

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>
Pinewood Estate, Killarney	6	4no. 1Bed Apt 2no. 2Bed	Mar '19	Dec '19
AHB- Rathmore Social Action Group, Rathmore	4	4no. 2Bed	Jan '19	Dec '19
AHB-Cluid Dereen, Killarney	61	TBC	Dec '18	June '20

Lough Leane Project

- Fossa Way/Golden Nugget to Gap Cross – KCC completing the revised design for Safety Scheme incorporating 2-way cycleway. Following TII aproval KCC to proceed to Part 8 for the works in quarter 1 2020.
- Tomies Cross to Tomies Wood – Route options under review
- Entrance to Tomies wood - NPWS are expecting that construction of the new access road and car park will begin in Q1 2020 and completion by Q3 2020

Charlie O'Sullivan

Director of Services

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae referred to the N22 Farranfore to Killarney project and asked if the link was inclusive of Lissivigeen.

Mr. J. Ahern said he did not have that information.

In response to a query from Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, Mr. J. Ahern advised that the archaeological testing on the N72 Stagmount has been carried out.

Cllr. Healy-Rae referred to the Barraduff West Pavement Overlay and complimented the Council on the works undertaken.

In response to a query from Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, Mr. J. Ahern advised that alternatives were being examined in relation to the safety of the uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on the N22 Lewis Road. He advised that the TII would be reviewing same due to the removal of the underpass from the original submission.

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to the Judicial Review proceedings in relation to the Scheme, together with an Order of the High Court placing a stay on the

implementation of the scheme. He enquired if any aspect of the project could be progressed in the interim and asked the Council to revert to the Members on this matter for the next meeting.

Cllr. D. Grady enquired if the left turn only exiting Lewis Road onto the N22 could be implemented in the interim.

Mr. J. Ahern agreed to revert to the Members on the matters raised.

Cllr. Cronin referred to the N22 Madam's Hill to Cleeny Scheme and said that the provision of a roundabout here was the only viable option. In addition, **Cllr. Cronin** complimented the Council, the landowner and **Mr. J. Ahern** on the works undertaken at the German Flats and stated that the finished project was excellent.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That Kerry County Council would give an update on the proposals for solving the lengthy traffic delays that daily occur on the exits onto the N.22 from [a] the Woodlawn/Ballycasheen Road and [b] the Coolcoslough/Upper Lissivigeen Road.

Reply: Traffic and speed surveys have been carried out in 2019. A Topographical Survey along this section of the N22 and in green field locations adjacent to the N22 was carried out in December 2019. These surveys will inform the junction improvement options at both locations. In Q1 2020, Kerry NRDO will bring detailed proposals before the MD, which will address the capacity issues at these junctions before submitting them to TII for approval. A pavement upgrade of the N22 through both junctions is scheduled for late 2020.

Mr. J. Ahern agreed to discuss the matter further with **Cllr. Gleeson** and stated that some work has been undertaken at these junctions. He stated that the Coolcoslough junction requires a roundabout but land would need to be acquired from two property owners who need to be approached. He further stated that a roundabout is needed at Ballycasheen and this would be progressed as soon as possible but informed the Members that this work would not be done in time for the Summer.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and asked if detailed proposals would be presented to the Members at the next MD meeting.

Cllr. D. Grady supported Cathaoirleach's Motion.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan wished to be associated with the comments made.

Mr. Ahern confirmed that he would ask the National Road Design Office to present their designs for this project at the March MD meeting. **Mr. Ahern** concluded by confirming that the project is moving ahead and confirmed that agreement in principle had been given that funding would be available for these works.

Cllr. B. Cronin supported the Cathaoirleach's Motion and noted that there was a history of accidents at Coolcashlagh. He asked the Council and the TII to bring this project to fruition.

Cllr. M. Moloney supported Cathaoirleach's Motion.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would give an update on any progress made towards the development of a footpath cum cycleway from Páirc Chuimín to Kilcummin Village. It is an urgently needed facility.

Reply: Kerry County Council have begun surveying the village with the view to carrying out proposed improvement works in the village. Part of this survey will determine the optimum solution for the development of a footpath at this location.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson stated that the provision of a footpath cum cycleway would be a great enhancement to the area and would encourage children to walk / cycle to school in a safe manner.

Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: As many pedestrians regularly walk the Deenagh side footpath on the Port Road, that the Council would seek to provide adequate public lighting along that walkway in order that users can walk safely and free from fear.

Reply: Kerry County Council has carried out an assessment at this location and has identified the need to reinstate a public light along Port Road. The work will be carried out in Q1 2020.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson acknowledged the reply but stated that it would require more than one light.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Motion.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would inform when it is intended to provide a controlled pedestrian crossing on Mission Road to facilitate the many who wish to access the beautiful Killarney House and Gardens. The present situation is a danger to peoples' well-being and is disrespectful to visitors.

Reply: Kerry County Council have previously carried out a traffic count at this location and has determined a need for a pedestrian crossing. This proposed project is located on the N71, a National Secondary Road, which therefore falls under the remit of the TII. Following consultation with the TII, the pedestrian crossing on the Mission Road near the junction with Beech Road is on hold pending the construction of the Muckross Road/Hahah Safety Scheme. Subject to the approval of the TII, it is expected that the Part 8 process for this Muckross Road Safety Scheme will commence in Q1 2020.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson stated that a controlled pedestrian crossing is a priority for Mission Road.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion. He asked that a letter issue to the TII requesting them to provide a pedestrian crossing.

Cllr. M. Moloney supported the comments of the Members and asked the Officials to pursue this with the TII.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that there are 2 major car parks in the area with no facility to cross over to Killarney House. In referring to the response given to the Motion, Cllr. Cronin stated that the Muckross Road/Hahah Safety Scheme had no relevance to this as it would not change the alignment there.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan supported the views of the Members.

Mr. J. Ahern acknowledged the frustration of the Members. He confirmed that the TII are agreeable in principle for a crossing but have stated that the overall area must be taken into account. Mr. Ahern confirmed that preliminary designs have commenced for provision of same but the TII are waiting for the construction of the Muckross Road/Hahah Safety Scheme before committing to same.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Notice of Motion No. 5 moved in conjunction with Motion No's 2, 3 & 6 (Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate).

6. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that Ross Road, which is a vital tourist and residential route, be urgently resurfaced with tarmacadam as it is in a deplorable state.

Reply: The Killarney MD Office has recently carried out repair works to sections of this road. However given the nature of the traffic using this road, these repair works are only a short-term solution. Kerry County Council are exploring alternative options to permanently restore the trench along this road and are in the process of making a special application to DTTAS for specific funding.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that this road services a residential area, it is the main access to Ross Castle, the Racecourse and various walking routes and is in a deplorable state. He asked if a hard-wearing substance could be used that would not wear away.

Notice of Motion No. 16 moved at this stage.

16. Cllr. D. Grady: We Killarney Municipal District would urgently repair Lower Ross Road as it is in a dangerous state. We should look for immediate funding.

Reply: Unfortunately this road is not on the current 3 year Multi-Annual Road Programme 2019 - 2021. The Killarney MD Office have recently carried out repair works to sections of this road. However given the nature of the traffic using this road, these repair works are only a short-term solution. Kerry County Council are

exploring alternative options to permanently restore the trench along this road and are in the process of making a special application to DTTAS for specific funding.

Cllr. D. Grady agreed with the comments made and welcomed that the Council were seeking funding for same.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson stated that the trench posed a huge danger to pedestrians crossing the road.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated that the horses travelling the road now have to travel outside the indentation which is a traffic hazard.

Mr. J. Ahern stated that a high gradient material was used on the road in 2017 but had disintegrated by 2019. The horses hooves are causing the indentation but Mr. Ahern acknowledged that jaunting cars are a vital part of the town's industry. He also advised that a high grade chip was also used on Mission Road and that too is breaking down. Mr. Ahern advised that the Council will apply to DTTAS for funding to trial and monitor different options along that section of road in an effort to ascertain the most appropriate material that will provide the best lifespan and value for money.

7. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask that the road servicing Scrahan Mews Estate be completely resurfaced as nothing has been done for residents in over 33 years.

Reply: The L7212 - 0, which is approximately 250m in length is unfortunately not on the current Multi-Annual Roads Restoration Programme, however it will be considered for the next Multi-Annual Roads Programme. In the meanwhile it will be maintained.

Cllr. B. Cronin advised that this road has not been resurfaced in 33 years. He asked that it be included in the Restoration Maintenance Grant.

8. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that an extra 3 parking spaces be constructed opposite houses (details with Directorate) in Ballyspillane Estate.

Reply: Subject to the agreement of the Ballyspillane Residents' Association, these works are suitable for funding via the CSMDOF. The estimated cost of these works is €4,000.

Cllr. B. Cronin noted the reply.

9. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request an update report on when the Roads Department will construct the much needed Countess Road pedestrian crossing. It is now a year since I sought the estimate and allocated €6,000 towards the project.

Reply: Kerry County Council have completed the design for the pedestrian crossing. This will be going out on public display in mid-January as part of the Section 38 process. It is expected that the Section 38 Report would be presented to the members for their consideration at March MD Meeting.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the reply.

Mr. J. Ahern stated that the Council have acquired 2 pieces of property which will facilitate the provision of a footpath and pedestrian crossing which includes a ramp. He agreed to bring the Section 38 before the Members at the March MD meeting. It is hoped that construction will commence in Q2 2020.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion and he enquired how much money was collected from the Members from their CSMDOF.

Mr. Ahern agreed to forward the Members a list of who contributed to this project and how much each provided.

10. Cllr. B. Cronin: What progress has been made on the urgent need for car parking and safety measures requested by Tiernaboul NS.

Reply: Kerry County Council will arrange a meeting with the School Principal and Chairperson of the Board of Management of the Tiernaboul National School to discuss their concerns about any possible road safety issues at this location. The provision of carparking to serve the school does not fall within the remit of Kerry County Council, however where possible Killarney MD will provide assistance.

Mr. S. Sheehan advised that he had tried to make contact with the School Principal the previous day in an effort to arrange a meeting.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and referred to the provision of the new speed limit sign and noted that it had made a huge difference.

11. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would provide members with a list of the junctions in the Killarney Municipal District that they have prioritised for hedge cutting.

Reply: With the start of the new calendar year, the Killarney Engineering Area will now realign with the Killarney Municipal District. As a result, we are now in the process of preparing new Tender documents for 2020 Hedgecutting. This will have a revised list of junctions for Killarney MD.

Cllr. M. Moloney noted the reply and complimented the Council on the work undertaken at Scart Cross which has now been made safer.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Motion and asked if the new Enforcement Officer has been employed.

Mr. J. Ahern advised that the interview process was well underway and that all 5 Enforcement Officers would be appointed at the same time.

12. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry Council would give members an update on the acquisition of a strip of land to provide a footpath at the entrance to Bruach na hAbann and to all the Local Authority housing estates using this entrance. This is a health and safety issue that has been ongoing for a number of years.

Reply: There are two parcels of land on the southern side of the entrance road into Bruach na hAbann Estate from the N22. It is expected that both of these parcels will be developed in the future and as with any development associated with this type of land, the provision of a footpath will be a condition of planning.

Mr. J. Ahern advised that the existing planning permission on one of the parcels was reaching its expiration date so there may be some movement on this file in the near future.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

13. Cllr. M. Moloney: If Kerry County Council would advise when replacing the old lights in Ballyspillane will be finalised. The work started but has not been finished.

Reply: Killarney Town Council previously replaced approximately 11 70W SONs with LED within the Estate. Kerry County Council has approved the raising of a loan to upgrade all public lights in the County to LED as part of a regional contract. It is anticipated that this contract will be advertised for tender in the first quarter of 2020. This will be the appropriate mechanism to changeover the lighting to LED as it offers best value for money for the Council.

Cllr. M. Moloney welcomed the reply.

14. Cllr. M. Moloney: NoM 14 moved in conjunction with discussion on Water Services Directorate Report.

15. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry Council would give an update on an application for funding for safety works at Kilcummin Village.

Reply: Kerry County Council has made an application for Kilcummin Village under the Safety Improvement Works Scheme for 2020. This is currently being considered by the Department of Transportation.

Cllr. M. Moloney noted the reply.

Mr. J. Ahern advised that a decision on the grants should be announced in a couple of weeks.

16. Cllr. D. Grady: Moved in conjunction with Motion No. 6.

17. Cllr. D. Grady: That we urgently overlay the bad patch of road in Hazelwood Drive.

Reply: This section of the L7200 is unfortunately not on the current Multi-Annual Roads Restoration Programme, however it will be considered for the next Multi-Annual Roads Programme. In the meanwhile, an estimate for this proposed overlay will be obtained.

Cllr. D. Grady agreed to allocate funds towards this work from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

18. Cllr. D. Grady: That we put public lighting in Ballydribeen from Legion football field to (details with Directorate) house.

Reply: Public lighting should only be provided at this location in conjunction with a public footpath. A large capital investment would be required to provide this infrastructure as land acquisition would be required. Kerry County Council at this time have no funding available to meet the cost of this capital investment.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that this area needed to be lit.

19. Cllr. D. Grady: That an update be provided on progress which has been made on the Outer Relief Road from Killarney to Farranfore.

Reply: Following the approval of the Project Appraisal Plan for the N22 Farranfore to Killarney Road Improvement Scheme by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in October 2019, Kerry County Council initiated the procurement of Technical Consultancy Services to advance this project from Concept and Feasibility Stage through to the Statutory Processes Stage. Tenders were received in December 2019 and are currently being assessed with a view to appointing a successful Consultant in February 2020 subject to TII approval. This commission will run for 4 - 5 years by which time it is hoped that Statutory Consent will have been obtained for the scheme thereby enabling the land to be acquired and the detailed design to be progressed.

Cllr. D. Grady asked the Council to continue to progress this project.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

20. Cllr. D. Grady: That we write to the appropriate authorities requesting a separate road for the jaunting cars on Mission Road in order to improve the flow of traffic on Mission Road, especially at school hours.

Reply: This is a matter for resolution by the Members.

Cllr. D. Grady said this was a necessity.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Motion and suggested the provision of a tunnel.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae wished to be associated with the comments and stated that a flashing light should be provided where the jaunting cars exit onto Mission Road.

21. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Following previous motions and numerous representations, has the speed survey been carried out at Ballycasheen and will ramps finally be put in place there as per residents' requests.

Reply: Kerry County Council carried out a traffic count / speed survey on the Ballycasheen Road at a location mid-way between the Mill Road and Rookery Road Junctions. The surveys were carried out between 27th February to 4th March 2019. This survey indicated that a high percentage of traffic was exceeding the speed limit at this location. As result of the survey, Kerry County Council provided a speed indicator sign. There are currently no proposals to provided ramps at this location, however, Kerry County Council will undertake a further speed survey at this location to determine if any sufficient change has occurred.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that speeding is still taking place at this location. She asked that the speed survey be undertaken at the earliest opportunity and asked that ramps be provided adjacent to the estate.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

22. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council following a deputation to the previous Council, will the pedestrian access from Muckcross View Estate be reopened? Residents can't understand what is taking so long.

Reply: The pedestrian laneway / access which leads from Muckcross View Estate onto the Muckcross Road is divided into two sections. The western section of this (nearest to Muckcross Road) laneway / access, is in private ownership and forms part of a housing development which recently received planning approval from Kerry County Council. As part of the Conditions of Planning, the developer is to maintain and upgrade this access. In relation to the eastern section (nearest to Muckcross View Estate), this was closed due to concerns relating to the boundary wall. Kerry County Council is currently investigating the feasibility of re-opening this section of the laneway.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that she was disappointed with progress to date and asked that the concerns of the deputation be taken seriously.

Mr. J. Ahern stated that there are two sections involved. The first is in private ownership over which the Council has no control. This forms part of a housing development which recently received planning approval and one of the Conditions of planning was for the developer to maintain and upgrade this access. The second section was closed 10 years ago due to concerns relating to the structure of the wall and Mr. Ahern confirmed that the Council have been working on this since the deputation was received. This is a narrow laneway and there are 2 private landowners there who need to be approached. A structural survey of the wall needs to be undertaken which will require some level of engineering work.

Ms. A. McAllen advised that the Council must establish the legal position. She confirmed that an update would be provided at the March MD meeting.

23. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to apply to the TII for funding to rectify the depression on the road surface at Shrone Junction accessing the National Secondary Road.

Reply: The junction of the N72 / L7046 (known locally as Mounthorgan Cross) has been examined and although there is a minor depression on the L7046 at the junction, this does not adversely affect the sightlines at the junction with the current sightlines being well in excess of the TII desirable sight distances of 215m for 100km/hr national roads.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae noted the reply.

24. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what is the update regarding addressing traffic gridlock on New Road. Has the Council explored the possibility of having a drop-off point in Rock Road Carpark with a path for students to walk to school? Has there been communication between Kerry County Council and the schools with the intention of formulating a plan to address these concerns?

Reply: As per a response similar to a Motion at the MD Meeting held in November, the Municipal District will arrange a meeting with all of the stakeholders in the coming weeks, with the intention of developing proposals around sustainable transport initiatives to and from the schools, such as Designated Drop-off Points, Walk/Cycle to School Schemes.

A Section 38 proposal for changes to New Road will be going out on public display in Q1 2020. This will reduce the number of cars going against traffic on New Road while the one-way system is in operation.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae noted the reply.

Mr. J. Ahern stated there was no immediate solution to this problem as the vast majority of students arrive to school via cars. Mr. Ahern said that he has agreed to meet all relevant stakeholders and he confirmed that he had spoken to relevant staff in St. Brendan's and Presentation Schools in December. The matter has also been raised with An Garda Síochána but no meeting has been set to date.

Cllr. Cronin asked that a report on progress to date be presented to the Members at the next MD meeting.

Cllr. D. Grady asked if it would be possible to provide a School Warden at the top of St. Mary's Terrace.

Mr. Ahern replied that as part of the Section 38 process, the Council have put in controlled measures to prevent motorists turning left. He hoped that the proposal would go out on public display in a couple of weeks.

25. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what is the update regarding the picnic area for Barraduff Village?

Reply: Killarney Municipal District Office is currently preparing an Engineers Report identifying any possible infrastructure constraints, solutions to these constraints and cost implications of proceeding with these works. Killarney MD Office expect to have this report completed by the end of March 2020.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked what were the constraints referred to in the reply.

Mr. J. Ahern replied that access to the area had to be reviewed as there was no footpath on the left hand side. Parking and set-down arrangements must also be reviewed along with the line of sight.

Ms. A. McAllen advised that this land was still in the ownership of Irish Water.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: As the island in the River Deenagh, immediately up river of the Kingsbridge, grows ever larger and seriously impedes the free flow of the river water, that the Council would give an update on any plans to resolve the frequently highlighted problem for which no Public Body seems to accept responsibility.

Reply: The Kingsbridge and the River Deenagh at this location are in the charge of the NPWS and therefore, they are responsible for its maintenance and upkeep. While Kerry County Council does not have any direct responsibility for the River, in order to progress this matter, Kerry County Council have carried out the following:

- (a) The Council has met with the IFI and a proposal was outlined to remove the said bank of sediment / material and it was established that the IFI had no objection in principle to removing the majority of the bank
- (b) The Deenagh River forms part of the Killarney National Park, MacGillycuddy Reeks and Caragh River Catchment SAC. The Environmental Assessment Unit of Kerry County Council is of the view that the works outlined are likely to require a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson stated that the time has come for someone to assume responsibility and take action on this.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion

2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what is the update regarding my previous request for a deputation to the Minister regarding the formulation of a Deer Management Plan for Kerry?

Reply: Following on from the last meeting, a letter has issued to Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht requesting a deputation.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated there are 2 huge issues in Kerry, i.e. the spread of Lyme Disease and road safety as a result of deer being present on the roads. Cllr. Healy-Rae noted that the Councillors had requested a meeting with the

Minister in relation to a Deer Management Plan and asked that a second request for a meeting be issued to the Minister.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the bodies involved do not appear to have any concept in relation to the concerns of the Members. He stated that he did not wish for the whole National Park to be fenced - the area he was referring to is from Cleeny Roundabout to the Golden Nugget. Cllr. Cronin also referred to the request to provide signage informing the public about Lyme Disease at all entrances to the National Park. He asked that a further letter issue to the NPWS and OPW asking at what locations this signage will be provided. It is not sufficient to state that this information is on a website as most visitors would not check this before entering the Park.

3. Cllr. N. O'Callaghan: That Killarney Municipal District actively promote a smokeless fuel policy for Killarney Municipal Area.

Reply: The Minister for Environment & Climate Action announced on 17th December that a ban on smoky coal in Killarney Town and its environs is to come into effect in September 2020. Prior to that date, Kerry County Council Environmental Services will run a promotion campaign relating to this ban.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated that enforcement is the issue. He said that smog is still evident in the town and hoped that this ban would be enforced by the Enforcement Officer. He said that this will assist people who suffer from asthma. He welcomed the introduction of the ban by the Department.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and welcomed the progress being made.

Cllr. D. Grady supported the Motion but did not think that it would be enforceable.

(b) Any Other Business

Hedgecutting Report

Mr. J. Ahern distributed the report to the Members.

An Garda Síochána

Both Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson and Cllr. D. Grady wished to offer their continued support to the Killarney Gardaí.

Annual Awards Night

This event will be held in the Great Southern Hotel, Killarney on Friday, 21st February. This was Proposed by Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson and Seconded by Cllr. B. Cronin. Cllr. N. O'Callaghan advised that he would not be available to attend this event.

Áras Pádraig

Cllr. B. Cronin said there was an urgent need to bring forward the proposals for this facility for the betterment of Killarney.

Ms. A. McAllen advised that the ownership has been transferred to Kerry County Council and she agreed to bring the proposals to the Members in the first Quarter of 2020.

AMAM - Killarney Cultural Centre

In response to queries in relation to the Centre, Ms. E. O'Donoghue confirmed that all booking enquires should be directed to the Killarney MD Office and she stated that a Usage Policy has been developed for same which she agreed to distribute.

Glenflesk Safety Scheme

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that agreement had been given at the December Full Council Meeting that this report would be provided to Members at the January MD Meeting.

Mr. J. Ahern stated that he was not aware of this but agreed to revert to the Members.

Standing Orders - Notices of Motion

For clarification purposes, Ms. J. McCarthy read the following from the Standing Orders in relation to repeat Motions:

"Any motion submitted by a member of the Municipal District of Killarney shall not be re-submitted within 6 months."

The Meeting concluded at 12.25pm.

J. McCarthy

**J. McCarthy
SEO Corporate Services**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson
Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD**