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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TRALEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRALEE ON MONDAY 02nd MARCH
2020.**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH THRÁ LÍ A THIONÓLADH I
SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN LUAIN 2ú MÁRTA, 2020.**

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. D Ferris
Cllr. C. Foley
Cllr. S. Locke
Cllr. T O' Brien
Cllr. M. Sheehy
Cllr. J. Wall
Cllr. J. Finucane (Mayor)**

In attendance/i láthair

Mr. M. Scannell	Executive for the Municipal District of Tralee
Ms. J. Foley	Municipal District Officer of Tralee
Ms. J. McCarthy	S.E.O. Corporate Services
Mr. C. Nagle	Acting S.E.E. Tralee Municipal District
Mr. P. O' Connor	E.E. Municipal District of Tralee
Mr. J. Breen	D.O.S. Water, Environment, Fire & Library
Mr. G. O' Brien	Acting S.E.O. Environment
Mr. T. Hayes	Head of L.E.O Office
Mr. P. Neary	S.E. Water Services
Mr. G. Riordan	S.E. Environment
Ms. B. O' Riordan	A.O. Housing
Ms. B. Fitzgerald	Economic Development Officer
Mr. J. McEniry	E.E. Water Services
Ms. M. C. Sweeney	A.S.O. Corporate Support

The meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor J. Finucane took the Chair.

20.03.02.01 (a) – Mayoral Statement – Cllr. J. Finucane

Cllr. J. Finucane wished the following to be noted by the members.

Coverage of Tralee

As a Municipal District we are striving to do what we can on an ongoing basis to improve the negative coverage of Tralee. The average wage in retail is €25,000 and footfall to retail units in town is down due to online shopping. However, there are a lot of positives and ongoing investment for example the sourcing of a permanent home for the Rose of Tralee Festival will be a huge flagship project. This will be a 2,500 seat arena. Projects such as these will reinvigorate the town centre and have a knock on effect on the retail business. Issues in trading are due not only to footfall but to spend. Creation of new jobs will increase both of these.

I would ask for those who are being negative regarding developments in Tralee to support these efforts, come and be part of it by volunteering. Negativity is not a solution.

Cllr. Finucane then quoted the following.

“The question is whether to be a critic or a participant. The question is whether to bring a candle to the barricade or to curse the darkness” (Robert F. Kennedy 27th June 1964)

Cllr. T. O’ Brien stated that the Municipal District was here for the betterment of Tralee. There are huge positive recent developments around Tralee such as CH Chemists recent investment. There is a fantastic Town Centre and a wonderful Town Park. We do need buy in from those who are being negative.

Cllr. S. Locke concurred with the previous statements and added that business people should also be getting involved via the Chamber Alliance and all their suggestions will be listened to.

Cllr. M. Sheehy stated that indeed online shopping is taking footfall out of the town but this is also a country wide issue. We have to look at the positives and we have 3 major projects on our doorstep, Tralee to Fenit Greenway, The Island of Geese and hopefully the new Rose of Tralee Arena.

Cllr. D. Ferris stated that the current projects would re-energize the town.

Cllr. J. Wall stated that maybe people are not fully aware of the projects and suggested that the information might be given in the form of presentations.

Mr. M. Scannell stated that it is very important for the Local Authority to show what they are doing for the betterment of Tralee and advised the members of the following points.

- Smarter Travel Phase 1 - €3,000,000 investment
- Smarter Travel Phase 2 – further €3,000,000 investment
- Island of Geese development – this will provide direct links to the Mall from the Island of Geese and Hospital area.
- Progressing Skateboard Park in Complex
- Bicycle Pump Track – Site to be identified
- Blennerville Windmill HUB Development – Grant application under Rural Development Fund
- Currently preparing a submission under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund – to continue the further rejuvenation of the town centre

- These are challenging times and there have been meetings with the Tralee Chamber Alliance. There are to be 2 more meetings over the coming weeks.
- Meeting with Retail Excellence Ireland to attract key retailers to the town.
- Destination Towns Initiative Grant of €500,000 from Fáilte Ireland to boost the attractiveness and tourism appeal of Tralee town.

20.03.02.01 (b) - Confirmation of the Minutes of the following Meeting.

1. On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. T. O' Brien** SECONDED by **Cllr. S. Locke** it was agreed that the minutes of the Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Tralee held on 6th January 2020 be confirmed.

20.03.02.01 (c) Business Prescribed by Statute, Standing Orders or Resolutions of the Municipal District Members for transaction at such meeting.

- (a) Nomination of one Elected Member from Tralee Municipal District to the Kerry Recreation Sports Partnership

On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. T. O' Brien** SECONDED by **Cllr. C. Foley** it was agreed that **Cllr. D. Ferris** be nominated to Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership.

- (b) Nomination of two Elected Members from Tralee Municipal District to Tralee Regional Sports & Leisure Centre

On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. T. O' Brien** SECONDED by **Cllr. J. Finucane** it was agreed that **Cllr. S. Locke** be nominated Tralee Regional Sports & Leisure Centre.

On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. J. Wall** SECONDED by **Cllr. J. Finucane** it was agreed that **Cllr. M. Sheehy** be nominated Tralee Regional Sports & Leisure Centre.

20.03.02.02 Economic and Community Development Directorate.

(a) Job Creation – Mr. T. Hayes Local Enterprise Office

Ms. B. Fitzgerald read the following report into the record of the meeting.

Tralee Municipal District Meeting 02.03.20

Business Support Unit (LEO)

Budgets

Enterprise Ireland is currently finalising budgets and agreeing performance targets for 2020 with Kerry LEO as part of the Service Level Agreement. The office has six projects for consideration for the February Evaluation Meeting.

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. Two businesses have been approved supports.

Interest in the Trading Online Voucher Scheme remains strong with a seminar in Killarney in January attended by 38 attendees. **The office is scheduling another Trading Online Voucher Seminar for Tralee in March.**

Training

Kerry Local Enterprise Office week runs from 2nd to 6th March. The office will be rolling out a number of free seminars and workshops. Bookings are being taken on our website. Two “Start Your Own Business programmes” are presently running and a further course is available for booking.

Demand for Digital Marketing and Social Media training around the county continues to be strong. The office also has a Brand Development Workshop running over two full days in March with bookings being taken on the website.

Kerry Month of Enterprise

The annual Kerry Month of Enterprise is being held during the month of March. Now in its seventh year Kerry Month of Enterprise has gone from strength to strength with the objective of shining a spotlight on just some of the enterprise activities on offer all year round across Kerry. The month is a collaborative initiative between Kerry County Council, Kerry Local Enterprise Office, Enterprise Ireland, North, East & West Kerry Development; South Kerry Partnership Development, IDA Ireland, Údarás na Gaeltachta, IRD Duhallow and IT, Tralee. The Month gives established businesses and budding entrepreneurs an opportunity to network and discover the assistance available to them in growing and sustaining a business in Kerry.

The calendar of events for 2020 which can be viewed at www.kmoe.ie includes over 50 events across the month. The county-wide events cater for all stages of business across many sectors from start-ups to established and growing businesses. All businesses are advised to book well in advance.

Highlights of the calendar of events for Kerry Month of Enterprise include Kerry Local Enterprise Office County Enterprise Awards where some of Kerry’s most innovative small businesses will be acknowledged for their role in the development of a thriving business sector in Kerry. The Student Enterprise Awards will also be held during the month.

Kerry County Council Joining the Dots Economic Conference

Kerry County Council Joining the Dots Economic Conference will be held in Tralee on the 25th March. The conference focus on developing diaspora links to the county, as well as dealing with economic development, and forming alliances with businesses based in the UK in conjunction with the British Embassy.

Bridget Fitzgerald
Economic Development Officer
02.03.20

Ms. Fitzgerald stated that it is very important that Tralee be projected with a positive image and echoed the previous statements by the MD Manager Mr. M. Scannell and the members present.

Cllr. M. Sheehy welcomed the positive developments and stated that while “Job Creation” was normally a required metric for the LEO, job retention wasn’t measured.

In response Mr. T. Hayes clarified that while job retention was a huge part of work done it is not a measured metric.

Cllr. S. Locke suggested that the media should put this information out into the public domain.

Mr. Scannell stated that a grant of €200,000 had also been secured for the refurbishment of railings & steps at Day Place and Denny Street, Tralee through Heritage Council Grant Programme.

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

Economic and Community Development Report
TRALEE Municipal District
February 2020
Director of Service: Michael Scannell

Economic Development

Expressions of Interest for the Fels Point Lands

Expressions of interest have been advertised for two sites at Fels Point. Both sites offer significant opportunities for development in Tralee and when developed should contribute significantly to the tourism offering of the town and its overall economic development.

Island of Geese

The part V111 for the public realm aspects and the proposed office building on the Island of Geese are currently on public display. This is the first phase of the overall development of this site. The public realm development is an important strategic link between the west of the town and the town centre improving pedestrian permeability and provides a direct access to the Bon Secours hospital for both staff and visitors. The public realm offers a high-quality social space in the heart of the town which when completed can accommodate events and markets and related activities. The office development will provide significant employment opportunities in the town centre and this increased footfall will positively impact on the economic performance of the town centre.

Further phases of the overall site are currently being planned, including a residential development and community building.

RRDF & URDF Submissions

Applications under the RRDF and URDF are being prepared and significant submissions are being developed in relation to the Tralee MD under both schemes.

Retail Excellence Ireland

The Council is partnering with Retail Excellence Ireland in relation to showcasing Tralee as a location for additional retail offering and also in relation to supporting existing retail in the town centre. This engagement will be developed during the month of March.

Smarter Travel Phase 2 – Parking Concessions

A €3ml euro investment in Smarter Travel phase 2 and the associated public realm improvements is about to commence shortly. In association with this investment Kerry County Council have agreed to introduce Parking concessions from 4pm each to support town centre retail during this period. Tralee Chamber Alliance are also developing proposals in association with the Council to attract additional footfall to the town centre during the period of the works. The free parking from 4pm each day will commence from 17th March 2020.

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Tourism Development

HOLIDAY WORLD SHOW BELFAST 2020

A Kerry stand, organised by Kerry County Council in conjunction with the Destination Kerry Tourism Forum and tourism trade in the county, took part in the Holiday World Show in Belfast from the 17th to the 19th January. With several thousand attendees, the show was a great opportunity to showcase the county, including Tralee and the surrounding areas, as Ireland’s premier tourist destination.

HOLIDAY WORLD DUBLIN 2020

Kerry County Council in conjunction with the Destination Kerry Tourism Forum coordinated a large Kerry exhibition space at the Holiday World Show in Dublin’s RDS which took place from the 24th to the 26th January. With over 50,000 attendees the event, which is Ireland’s largest and best-attended

annual exhibition, was an ideal opportunity for the tourism trade in the county to promote and market Kerry. Tralee was well represented at the event and several tourism providers from the town provided special offers/promotions/prizes for visitors to the stand.

NEW MANCHESTER TO KERRY ROUTE - INDUSTRY WORKSHOP

Following the announcement of a new twice-weekly Manchester – Kerry route that will commence in March 2020, Kerry Airport in association with its tourism partners, Kerry County Council, Tourism Ireland, Fáilte Ireland and Ryanair hosted a series of Industry Workshops around the county recently. The Tralee workshop took place in Ballygarry House Hotel and was well attended by the tourism industry in the town. The workshops provided key information about the route, advice on how best to capitalise on the route and insightful information about the UK market.

Community Development

Community Support Fund 2020

The Community Support Fund, (CSF) is now in its 6th year. For 2020, the fund will target funding under five categories of support:

- Growing and Sustaining Communities
- Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects
- Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes
- Community Economic Innovation
- Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events

The CSF is facilitated through the Local Property Tax, through the decision of the Elected Council. The Fund provides flexible financial support to community groups and local organisations to undertake proposed projects in 2020 - grants cannot be awarded retrospectively.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications was Monday, 20 January 2020.

In total 348 no. applications have been received – 54 no. within the Tralee Municipal District and 19 no. Countywide applications. Special Municipal District Meetings have been scheduled for Friday February 28th to consider the applications received.

Community Awards 2020.

The objective of the Kerry Community Awards is to recognise work of the community and voluntary sector that has already been undertaken and/or continues to be undertaken to seek to improve the Social, Economic, Cultural and Environmental quality of life in our local communities, both urban and rural.

Application to the Kerry Community Awards is in recognition of good practice models of community projects already implemented. The 2020 Annual Recognition Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday 7th May 2020. The top ten entries (Gold Winners) and next ten (Silver Winners) will receive a monetary prize and plaque. The Overall Winner will receive an overall monetary prize and Trophy.

On the recommendation of the 2019 Adjudicating Panel, the Community Awards Committee expanded the criteria for eligibility for an award in 2020 so that eligible groups may not have been a Gold Winner

or Overall Winner in the previous 2 years. This is to allow for new groups to come through and progress.

The closing date for receipt of applications was 7th February 2020 and 53 no. applications have been received – 9 of which are within the Tralee Municipal District.

Update on Kerry PPN

Workshops were held in each MD during January/February. The workshops served as a consultative forum for the development of a Community Wellbeing Vision for County Kerry both at municipal District level and at County Level.

To date 749 community and voluntary groups have registered with the Kerry PPN – 1274 no. in the Tralee MD.

Healthy Ireland Update

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

An addendum to the Healthy Ireland grant agreement was issued by Pobal on behalf of the Department of Health and provides funding of €246,050 under Round 3 of the Fund to fund the following:

1. Building Healthy Communities,
2. Grass Roots Workplace Wellbeing Initiatives,
3. Review of Health and Wellbeing Policy Frameworks,
4. Physical Activity – Older People and
5. Listowel Urban and Rural Social Prescribing for Health and Wellbeing

Funding has also been made available to fund:

- Community Mental Health Action – Rural Men’s Outreach Project,
- a CMHF Small Grants Scheme, Community Engagement activity and
- a Healthy Ireland Coordinator

Building Healthy Communities

The Healthy Communities initiative will be developed by drawing on information gathered through the Kerry PPN Community Wellbeing Vision workshops. Kerry PPN will generate a Community Wellbeing Vision per MD and countywide.

Kerry’s Play and Leisure Policy Update

Targeted stakeholder consultation workshops were held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 to commence the development of Kerry’s Play and Leisure Policy.

Dr Carol Barron, Chairperson of Súgradh and national children’s play researcher at Dublin City University, facilitated these workshops and provided a summary document based on feedback received. Further consultations will be held in the coming months (March-May) with children and young people in a variety of settings (e.g. play schools, primary schools, secondary schools) to further develop Kerry’s Play and Leisure Policy.

Kerry Age Friendly Programme Update

Age Friendly Parking - Age Friendly Parking has been included as an element in the proposed Parking Strategy for the County. The consultation is at an early stage.

Older Peoples Council: As part of the development of the Older Peoples Council/Forum a Registration process was agreed at the Older People’s Council meeting. Subsequently, discussions took place with the PPN in relation to registration and possible linkages in work programmes. The Older People’s Council is due to meet again in March.

LEADER Programme

A meeting of the Kerry LCDC led Local Action Group (LAG) was held on the 11th February 2020. A total of 7 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 7 projects were approved for funding with a cumulative total of €91,870.79.

In total 310 projects in Kerry with a monetary value of €6,651,801.91 have been approved for funding under the LEADER 2014-2020 programme to date

Social Inclusion Community Activity Programme 2018 – 2022 (SICAP)

A meeting of the Kerry LCDC was also held on 11th February 2020 at which the Local Development Companies (who are the implementers of SICAP in Kerry, i.e. PIs) made a presentation to the LCDC in relation to their end of Year Reports for 2019 and Annual Plans for 2020.

SICAP End of Year Review:

The purpose of the End of Year Review is to capture and describe progress on the delivery of the programme in 2019. The following table gives a summary of the achievements in 2019.

Summary of SICAP Work Programme 2019:

Lot Name & Budget	Individuals Interventions KPI 1*	Community interventions KPI 2*
NEWKD Annual Budget: €1,058,725 Total administration Costs: €264,681 (25%) Total Action Costs: €794,044	691 (across 8 target groups)	62 (interventions across 6 support types)
SKDP Annual Budget: €514,807 Total Administration Costs: €128,701 (25%) Total Action Costs: €376,106	342 (across 8 target groups)	24 (interventions across 6 support types)
IRD Total Administration Costs: €14,017 (25%) Total Action costs: €42,050	56 (across 8 target groups)	9 (interventions across 6 support types)

KPI 1: Key Performance Indicator 1; KPI 2: Key Performance Indicator 2

The excellent progress that the PIs have made in 2019 in delivering SICAP is evidenced by the year end performance where the targets set against both KP1s were met in all cases and over-achieved in certain areas.

SICAP Annual Planning Process

The annual planning process was approved in principle by the LCDC at the February 2020 meeting.

The annual plan covers a 12- month period and details the actions to be delivered by the PIs under both SICAP goals, including targets for service delivery, outcomes and costs. The 2020 budget reflects a 3% increase on the 2019 budget and the targets set under each of the Key performance Indicators remain the same.

Built Infrastructure

Tralee Bay Wetlands Eco & Activity Park: In response to a request for expressions of interest to operate the Café at the Wetlands, Ballyroe Catering Services are the successful tenderer and began trading at the Café on Thursday February 20th 2020.

Blennerville Windmill: The procurement process to undertake repair and upgrade works to the sails on Blennerville Windmill has been implemented and the Contractor will be on site in the near future. These works are being funded under the Town & Village Renewal Programme 2018.

An expression of interest has been advertised to operate the Café in one of the craft units within the Windmill complex for the period from April to October 2020. The closing date for receipt of expressions of interest is Friday 13th March 2020

Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership (KRSP) Update

A Sports Development Officer (SDO), Patrice Diggins & a Sports Inclusion Development Officer (SIDO) Gearóid Doherty have recently taken up positions within the Community Department to strengthen the team engaged in the delivery of the Sports Partnership Work Programme. The work programmes currently being developed include the following:

Sports Development Officer:

- Pickleball is a new and growing sport popular amongst the older adult populations. KRSP, in partnership with Listowel Community Centre and Killarney Leisure centre, are hosting a six - week pickleball programme in both venues with the aim of a blitz between the 2 on the last week. This is beginning Thursday the 20th of February 2020.
- Target areas and groups have been identified and tailored programmes are currently being developed to be implemented in cooperation with the Local Development Companies.
- Has been made with the National Governing Bodies for Rowing and Badminton in relation to rolling out school programmes and introducing Orienteering.
- Operation Transformation –the Kerry National Operation Transformation Event was a big success with walks were held at 2 locations – Tralee and Listowel on Saturday the 18th of January 2020. Both walks were a big success with a total of 890 participants taking part.
- In Listowel, there is a follow-up of a six week fitness class every Wednesday night (8:00-8:45). All participants in the Listowel walk are eligible to avail of the classes.t. Numbers of between 50-70 have been attending each night – classes running in tandem with the TV show on Wednesday nights.
- Tutors are being recruited to rollout programmes countywide on behalf of KRSP.

Sports Inclusion Development Officer:

In the two weeks since Gearóid has commenced employment as the Sports Inclusion Development Officer, Gearóid has liaised with relevant stakeholders in the area of sports inclusion, i.e. Killarney Leisure Centre, Listowel Community Centre, Nano Nagle Special School, Kerry Intervention Disability Services (KIDS), Cara (Sport Inclusion Ireland), IT Tralee, Kerry Sports Academy, Irish Surfing, Cappanalea National Outdoor Education Centre, Kerry Orienteering, National Council for The Blind of Ireland (NCBI) etc.

The proposed programme of works to be initiated are summarised as follows:

- **Camp Abilities**

Date: 5-10th April (First week of Easter)

Venue: Cappanalea National Outdoor Education Centre, Killorglin

Description: Support the delivery of numerous elements for this residential sport and recreation camp for 40 kids who are blind or visually impaired. Kids and volunteers travel from all over Ireland and beyond to be part of this fantastic national initiative here in Kerry.

More info on this website: <https://caracentre.ie/event/camp-abilities-ireland/2020-04-06/>

- **Fit For All Week**

Date: 4th - 10th May 2020

Description: Support and promote activities and sessions available within Leisure centres, gyms and leisure/fitness providers in Kerry. This is a National initiative coordinated by Cara (Sport Inclusion Ireland). Each Centre that participates receives an equipment bag with specialised equipment for adapting exercises and maximising potential usage for existing equipment and resources. All the centres and activities available will be promoted and highlighted both locally and nationally.

More info on this website: <https://caracentre.ie/event/fit-for-all/>

- **Irish Surfing Training Pilot**

Date: September (exact date to be confirmed)

Venue: Inch Beach

Description: Irish surfing to run a pilot training programme for surf instructors to upskill them to be able to run and assist Surf programmes for people with disabilities in Kerry. KRSP to link in with local disability services to send participants to avail of the surfing opportunity. The benefit of having this piloted in Kerry is that local surf instructors will be invited on to the training, thus building capacity to deliver inclusive surf sessions in Kerry. Also, there will be an opportunity for participants for Disability Services and group to participate and get surf lessons on the day.

- **Kerry Sports Ability**

Date: To be confirmed - in Quarter 3

Venue: Kerry Sports Academy, IT Tralee (TBC)

Description: The coordination of an event that showcases inclusive sports and physical activity opportunities for people with disabilities in Kerry. There will be information stands for people to get further information on the activity as well as key note speakers and showcases of some of the sports and activities available. This will then become an annual event and grow year on year.

- **Kerry Sports Ability Forum**

Date: Quarter 3

Description: The bringing together and formation of Key stakeholders for disability sport in Kerry so that they can guide, input and support future programmes and events for Sport and physical activity opportunities People with disabilities in Kerry. It would be proposed that this group would meet 4 times a year.

- **Sports Ability Booklet**

Date: Quarter 3

Description: The compilation of a booklet with information on activities and sports currently available for people with disabilities to take part in in Kerry. Within this booklet there will be a description of the activity, membership info, details of where and when it takes place, who it would suit or be accessible for, as well as a direct contact for that activity.

(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Sheehy: What is the current update on a proposed finish date for the Tralee Fenit Greenway?

Reply: The project is proceeding according to the initial programme with the work to date outlined in the table below. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in mid-2021.

	Vegetation Removal (m)	Vegetation Removal (%)	Track Removed (m)	Track Removed (%)	Capping Layer (m)	Capping Layer (%)
31/01/20	1,740	16.3%			940	8.8%
26/02/20	3,190	30.0%	2,590	24.3%	1,840	17.3%

Cllr. M. Sheehy stated that he was delighted to see sections of railway have had a lot of work done already and queried in terms of interaction with landowners is it ongoing or resolved.

Mr. C. Nagle stated that engagement was ongoing as appropriate.

2. Cllr. M. Sheehy: Can this council commit to helping businesses in Tralee town centre considering the extreme pressure being experienced currently.

Reply: The Council is engaged in a number of initiatives in support of Tralee Town Centre Businesses as it continues to invest in the Town Centre Public Realm and will undertake a series of engagements with traders over the coming weeks prior to any works commencing. Details of delivery arrangements, pedestrian movements, traffic management will be discussed in detail.

The Council is also engaging with Retail Excellence Ireland over the coming weeks in association with the Chamber alliance to attract new business to the Town Centre and to support the existing traders.

The Council will initiate a free parking proposal for the Town from 4pm each day from the 17th March for the period of the works to encourage additional footfall and again to attract additional footfall to the Town Centre.

- 3. Cllr M. Sheehy:** That this Council undertake a programme to measure footfall in key retail areas of Tralee at differing times of the year as to help current businesses and also aid in the attraction of new businesses.

Reply: The Council will undertake footfall counts in key streets to support the Town Centre initiatives outlined above.

Cllr. J. Wall requested that Tralee Municipal District consider letting The Mall open from 4pm to 6pm daily.

In response Cllr. J. Finucane stated that this would have a lot of financial implications and that 2 hrs free parking is being implemented from 17th March. He informed Cllr. J. Wall that all Tralee Municipal District members had unanimously agreed to implement the traffic restrictions and it was working well.

Mr. M. Scannell stated that the town centre needs to become a destination for other attractions other than just retail. The retail aspect will follow when the number of visitor's increase.

20.03.02.03 Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Directorate.

- (a) It was agreed to note the following report from Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate which was circulated:

Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Report

Tralee Municipal District

DATE: March 2nd, 2020

Director of Service: John Breen

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Gerard O'Brien SEO

1) Tidy Towns Seminar and County Clean Up Day

The annual Tidy Towns seminar will take place in the Ballygarry House Hotel on 10th March and will be preceded by the launch of the 2020 County Clean Up Day.

The Kerry County Clean Up day will take place on Saturday, March 28th. Individuals and groups can register for the clean-up at www.kwd.ie. Now in its 9th year it continues to grow with over 6,000 volunteers taking part in last year's event. Local Community Groups, including Tidy Towns, Kerry

GAA, Kerry IFA, Kerry ICMSA, Diocese of Kerry, Church of Ireland and the Kerry Islamic Community will call on their members to join the clean-up and anti-litter initiative on the day as they did last year.

It is hoped that this year more businesses will get involved in promoting the day and encourage their staff and customers to get involved.

The organisation of Kerry County Clean Up is supported by a collaborative committee including KWD Recycling, Killarney Chambers of Commerce & Tourism and Kerry Co. Council.

Environmental Services Activity Report 2020

Civic Amenity Site Transactions

Period January 2020

Accumulative Waste Transactions for All Waste Stations

Year	Weighbridge Transactions	% of weigh bridge transactions as % of Total transactions	No. of bags transactions	% of bag tickets sold as % of total transaction	Total no. of Transactions
2020	1319	16%	6905	84%	8224

Recycling – Accumulative Sales for All Stations

2020 Eco sense bags sales = **2397**

Accumulative Waste and Recycling Tonnage for All Stations

Year	Weighbridge Waste Tonnage (Incl Tkt Weight)	Recycling Tonnage for Eco Sense Bags
2020	372.56	49.20

Dogs Statistics January 2020

Number of Dog Licences Issued	
Number of Dogs Fines issued	3
Number of dogs Rehomed	25

Environmental Enforcement

Period: January 2020	
Litter	2020
No. Litter Complaints	132
No. Fines Issued	11
No. Fines Paid To-date	3
No. Court Prosecutions	0
Total Amount Awarded	€0
Air - No. Complaints Investigated	1
Air - No. Court Prosecutions	0
Air - Total Amount Awarded	€0.00
Waste - No. Complaints Investigated	17
Waste - No. Court Prosecutions	1
Waste -Total Amount Awarded	€1650.00
Water - No. Complaints Investigated	12
Water - No. Court Prosecutions	0
Water - Total Amount Awarded	€0

Fire Services

Business Unit Manager: Vincent Hussey, A/Chief Fire Officer

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- There were **95** mobilisations in the month of January 2020 compared to **101** mobilisations for January 2019. This represents approximately 6% decrease in mobilisations.
- Gorse fires at 2 were down from 11 for the same period last year. This represents approximately 80% decrease.
- Chimney fires were at 10 which is down from 14 for the same period last year. This represents approximately 29% decrease.
- Road Traffic Collisions were at 17 which is up from 14 for the same period last year. This represents approximately 21% increase.

	2019	2020
	Jan	Jan
<i>FIRE OPERATIONS - DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fires Number</i>		
Chimney Fires	14	10
Gorse Fires	11	2
Other Fires	15	16
Total	40	28
<i>Special Services Number</i>		
Entrapment	2	1
Gas/Chemicals	0	0
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	0
Hazardous Substances non-Transit	0	1
Machinery	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	11
Other rescue	3	6
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	0	3
Road traffic accident	14	17
Water pumping/flooding	0	0

Total	31	39
False Alarms Number		
Malicious	2	0
Good Intent	12	15
Total	14	15
Total Number of Incident s	85	82
Total Number of Mobilisations	101	95

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers carried Inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and forwarded Fire Officers' recommendations to the relevant Courts during January 2020.
- Fire Officers continued with premises inspections in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of January 2020 was 43 **valid** Commencement Notices, (2 no. Invalid CN's also received)
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of January 2020 a total of 11 No. Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 15 Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received.

Building Control Statistics.

BUILDING CONTROL-	Jan 2019	Jan 2020
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	12	15
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	9	11
Commencement Notices Received	41	43

Library Services

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

• Libraries Open Day

Saturday, 29th February [the Leap Day 2020] has been designated an **Open Day** for libraries nationally, when members of the public will be invited into libraries to view the services that are on offer.

All Kerry Libraries are open from 10.00a.m. – 5.00p.m. each Saturday and staff will be on hand to meet and greet new or returning members on that day with some events [see separate list] 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 initiative is part of a libraries national promotion campaign which runs from January - March 2020 and which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The campaign, which is designed by the advertising and media agencies Ogilvy and GroupM, features radio advertising, cinemas, websites, social media, etc. The overall tagline is '**Take a closer look**'.

• Library Statistics 2019

The no. of items borrowed from Kerry libraries during **2019** was **501,488**. This was a **23%** increase on the 2018 figure. This figure relates to each individual loan. Nationally the methodology for counting the number of items borrowed has been changed, with book renewals no longer being counted.

The no. of individual **visits** to libraries increased by **8%** to **485,203**, while Kerry's libraries were **open** for a combined total of **20,403 hours** during 2019.

The growth of library e-services continues across libraries nationwide. The total no. of usages of the online sources by Kerry Library members during 2019 was **120,991**, a **22%** increase. All library members have access, either on library premises or remotely, to a wide range of e-books, e-magazines, e-audiobooks, e-newspapers, e-training courses and e-languages. All are available **free of charge** via the website www.kerrylibrary.ie Kerry Library also provides free access at libraries to the genealogical website www.findmypast.ie.

Across the Kerry library service, **52,099** free internet & WiFi sessions were availed of (a **7%** increase) during 2019.

• Historian in Residence

Historian in Residence, Tom Dillon, has taken up a 3-month contract position with Kerry County Council for the period 20 January until 10 April 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 is based at Kerry Library Headquarters, Tralee and is working under the direction of Kerry Library staff. As part of the Residency, the Historian will hold a number of engagement sessions with community and historical groups in each of the 5 Municipal Districts. The aim of these sessions will be to advise on the historical sources available to support the commemoration of events associated with the Decade of Centenaries throughout county Kerry:

Municipal District	Date	Venue	Time
Tralee	Friday, 20 March	Tralee Library	10.30am – 1.00p.m.
Killarney	Thursday, 26 March	Killarney Library	10.30am – 1.00p.m.
Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne	Friday, 27 March	Castleisland Library	10.30am – 1.00p.m.
	Thursday, 2 April	Leabharlann Dhaingean Uí Chúis	11.00am – 1.30p.m.
Kenmare	Friday, 3 April	Kenmare Library	11.00am – 1.30p.m.
Listowel	Monday, 6 April	Listowel Library	10.00am – 1.00p.m.


Advance booking can be made by contacting historian@kerrycoco.ie

- **Kerry Library events programme**

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



Kerry Library Open Day: Saturday, 29 February

Library	Events 	Time
Ballybunion	Guided Library Tours	11.00am & 3.00pm
Caherciveen	Parents & children Lego and arts activity	11-12.30pm
Castleisland	Guided Library Tours	11.00am & 3.00pm
	Guided Library Tours	11.00am & 3.00pm
An Daingean	Guided Library Tours	11.00am & 3.00pm
Kenmare	Children's Storytime sessions	11.00am & 3.00pm
Killarney	Guided Library Tour	12 noon
	Children's Storytime session	10.30am
	'Get Autism Active' workshop	10.00am - 4.00pm
Killorglin	Guided Library Tours	11.00am & 3.00pm
	Children's Storytime: 'Breakfast & stories about Birds' for 3 - 6 years	10.30am
	Craft Activity: 'Make a birds nest'	11.00pm
	Guided Library Tour	12 noon
Listowel	'Literature & Fine Art' - a talk on the mingling of these art forms with Alan Andrei	3.00 pm
	Storytime and crafts for young children Guided Library Tours	11.00am 11.00am & 3.00pm
Tralee	Guided Library Tours	11.00 am & 3.00 pm
	Storytime and crafts for children	11.30am - 12.30pm.
	Demonstration of online resources	3.30pm - 4.30pm

**TRALEE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL and IRISH WATER
UPDATE ON WATER SERVICES
Status Summary at 12th February 2020**

Funding Priorities for Major Capital Projects

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

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

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

IRISH WATER MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

The Schemes in the Tralee Municipal District which are listed in Irish Water's national, draft **Capital Investment Programme** (the CIP) **2020- 2024** are outlined in the following tables:

MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME WASTEWATER PROJECTS	
Project	Status
Fenit WWTP Upgrade	The necessary extra land contiguous to the site of the existing WWTP has been acquired and the Planning process has been satisfactorily completed. The €2.8M proposal is included in IW's national, <u>draft Capital Investment Programme 2020 – 2024</u> . The final CIP 2020 – 2024 is awaited.
Tralee Drainage Area Plan	Consulting Engineer Arup has been appointed for the preparation of this Drainage Area Plan , and the Killarney, Listowel and Ballylongford DAPs. The actual survey of the Tralee network is to be finished in February and the DAP is due for completion in late 2020.

IRISH WATER CAPITAL PROGRAMMES

This is a rolling programme of **Improvement Works** which can be added to as the need arises.

NETWORKS IMPROVEMENT AND MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMMES			
PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE	STATUS
Tralee Waste-Water Mulgrave's Bridge pump station	Major upgrade (by contract) to the pump station	€500,000	Completed

Central Regional Water Supply Scheme Listellick Cross to Lisloose Tralee	Replace 1400M of old and deficient 3" PVC water main	€212,000	Completed
CRWSS Tonevane	Work on the water mains to decommission 900M of old and deficient 15" cast iron main between Blennerville and Tonevane Cross	€50,000	17 th Feb – 13 th Mar 2020
CRWSS O'Rahilly's Villas Tralee	Replacement of 430M of 100MM cast iron main with uPVC pipe in conjunction with road upgrade works	€70,000	17 th Feb – 30 th Mar 2020
CRWSS Rae St Tralee	Replace 280M of 100MM cast iron main with uPVC pipe in conjunction with road upgrade works	€70,000	Summer 2020
CRWSS Listellick to Tubrid Reservoir	Lay 3Km of new 200MM water main, first part of 6Km project to enable connection of the Central Regional to Ardfert Water Supply Scheme thus allowing the decommissioning of the existing well source at Ardfert in 2021	€500,000	April - July 2020
	<u>APPROVED</u> Minor Works <u>ON HAND</u>	€690,000	

NEW RESERVOIRS PROGRAMME

The provision of ten new reservoirs on Water Supply Schemes, where current storage is less than 6 hours, throughout the county is planned by Irish Water. These will improve security of supply. **Camp** is included and it is intended that the Planning, site investigation and acquisition etc will be pursued in the coming months.

FIND and FIX PROGRAMME

The **Find and Fix Programme** is a specially funded, countywide, capital project which was set up to search for leaks in the public water pipes and repair them.

The project involves the deployment of **three new Kerry County Council van crews** comprising one 'Find' van crew and two 'Fix' van crews. There is also the deployment of one van crew from Coffey Northumbrian Limited, the Irish Water appointed contractor whose 'Find' van crew is helping in building a repository of potential leak locations for follow-on investigation and repair by the **Fix** van crews.

Tralee Town has been the initial focus area of the Programme in Kerry. Following extensive works since 2018 **the daily outflow from the Farmer's Bridge reservoir which serves the greater Tralee area has dropped by 5,792M³ (33%).**

Following works in Tralee, Dingle and Castleisland, the Council's WSS crews are currently involved in works, some at night, in Listowel town.

FIRST FIX PROGRAMME

Under this project, Irish Water, having electronically read the domestic meters, has written to each householder whose domestic meter is recording excessively high flow, to offer the free service of the appointed contractor, **Coffey Northumbrian Ltd**, to investigate the cause. The Contractor has also

been ‘knocking on doors’ of houses, the meters for which indicate possible leaks. This is a nation-wide project.

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 last October.

The **Alderwood Road proposed Group Sewerage Scheme** is provisionally included.

There is funding for the provision of a new / replacement reservoir for the **Tonevane GWSS** (30 houses), prior to its take-over by Irish Water.

Land at Fenit

Mr. P. Neary drew the members’ attention to page 1 of the **Water Services** report which stated that while the land in Fenit has been bought they are still awaiting information from Irish Water.

Cllr. J. Finucane queried if the site was in public ownership.

In response **Mr. P. Neary** stated that it was as far as he was aware.

Minor Improvement Work

Mr. P. Neary drew the members’ attention to page 2 of the **Water Services** report which referred to work to be done on new connections in Tonevane. He further advised that he was hopeful that **O’ Rahilly’s Villas** would be completed in the summer.

Cllr. S. Locke queried how long more will the residents have to buy bottled water.

Mr. McEniry stated that work had been started on **Rae Street**. There is funding for **O’ Rahilly’s Villas/Rae Street**. This funding will complete **Rae Street** pipes and most of **O’ Rahilly’s Villas**. **Strand Street** is different and we will get works done as quickly as possible.

Mr. G. O’ Brien advised the members’ of the following.

Tidy Towns Seminar and County Clean Up Day

The annual Tidy Towns seminar will take place in the Ballygarry House Hotel on 10th March and will be preceded by the launch of the 2020 County Clean Up Day.

The Kerry County Clean Up day will take place on Saturday March 28th. Individuals and groups can register for the clean-up at www.kwd.ie. Now in its 9th year it continues to grow with over 6,000 volunteers taking part in last year’s event. Local Community Groups, including Tidy Towns, Kerry GAA, Kerry IFA, Kerry ICMSA, Diocese of Kerry, Church of Ireland and the Kerry Islamic Community will call on their members to join the clean-up and anti-litter initiative on the day as they did last year.

It is hoped that this year more businesses will get involved in promoting the day and encourage their staff and customers to get involved.

The organisation of Kerry County Clean Up is supported by a collaborative committee including KWD Recycling, Killarney Chambers of Commerce & Tourism and Kerry Co. Council.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. M. Sheehy:** What is the long-term proposal to alleviate the ongoing issues with sewer pipes in Marian Park (Old).

Reply: There are difficulties with two blockages in mid-terrace on the main sewer lines which are laid under the back gardens of this 75 years old terraced housing estate. The Council has tried power-jetting each sewer from both ends without total success and is now working on gaining accesses to the relevant locations and do the repairs.

Cllr. M. Sheehy stated that residents are becoming increasingly frustrated and asked if it was a private company that do “Invest to Save”?

In response Mr. P. Neary replied that IW own the jetting machine. All that can be done presently is deal with the issues as they arise. The long term plan to put a permanent solution in place is subject to funding from Irish Water.

Cllr. S. Locke stated that he had recently seen an advertisement on UTV regarding what can/cannot be put down a drain and queried whether this might be useful information for householders.

In response Mr. P. Neary stated that IW did publicise these issues.

Cllr. J. Finucane stated that it was a huge issue and suggested that every household should be written to on a phased basis to give them this vital information.

In response Ms. J. Foley stated that “Think before you flush” launched in Tralee Bay Wetlands in conjunction with Tidy Towns and An Taisce.

Cllr. D. Ferris requested that the information sheet should be posted to each household.

In reply Mr. P. Neary stated that he would feedback to IW

2. **Cllr. M. Sheehy:** That this MD bans election posters or at the very least puts in place strict criteria for their use during elections.

Reply: Current legislation allows for the erection of election posters. The legislation specifies when posters can be erected and when they must be taken down along with where they may not be erected. Any agreement reached on the banning of election posters would have to be done on a voluntary basis by the candidates involved. Kerry County Council would have no powers to enforce such a ban. This matter was also raised at the inaugural meeting of the Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Planning SPC and it is likely to be discussed further over the lifetime of the SPC.

(c) Questions

1. **Cllr. T. O’Brien:** Can KCC pay particular attention to Kearney's Road area for illegal dumping?

Reply: Kerry County Council will arrange for additional patrols of this area to be carried out by the Litter Warden and the newly appointed Municipal District Enforcement Officer for the Tralee MD

20.03.02.04 Housing & Corporate Services Directorate

(a) It was agreed to note the following report from the Housing Directorate, which was circulated:

HOUSING DIRECTORATE REPORT

TRALEE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

10th FEBRUARY 2020

Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue

Housing Report – TRALEE

Municipal District

- **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	2204
Net Need for Tralee MD (excluding transfers)	1182
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	47
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	57

Breakdown by Bed No.

1-Bed	1080
2-Bed	576
3-Bed	432
4-Bed	110
5-Bed	6
Total	2204

- **Void Management**

Municipal District breakdown	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	3
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	1
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	3
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	2
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	7
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	16

- **Social Housing Options**

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	7	1412
RAS	2	456
Leasing	2	215
HAP	20	695
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	31	2778

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>
Cluain Láir Lohercannon, Tralee	61	8no. 1 bed 37no. 3 bed 12no. 4 bed 4no. 5 bed	March 2020	Oct 2021
Cruaghoint, (Croogorts) Tralee	30	4no. 1 bed 20no. 2 bed 5no. 3 bed 1no. 4 bed	Jun 2020	Oct 2021
Ballyrickard, Tralee	21	6no. 4 bed 15no. 3 bed	June 2020	July 2021
Rahoonane – New Site Tralee	8	4no. 3 bed 4no. 2 bed	Nov 2020	Nov 2021
AHB – Cluid Chamfer's Place Mitchel's Regeneration Area	18	10no.1 bed 8no. 2 bed	Jun 2020	Dec 2021

AHB – Kingdom Voluntary, Clogheraesta, Hawley Park	16	12no.1 bed 4no. 2 bed	June 2020	Dec 2021
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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>
Balloonagh, Tralee	28	4no. 1 bed 12no. 2 bed 12no. 3 bed	May 2019	Aug 2020
Farranwilliam, Ardfer	22	6no. 1 bed 6no. 2 bed 10no. 3 bed	Sep 2019	Nov 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>
Nil			

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2020, 282 requests for repairs have been received for the Tralee Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2020, 26 grants have been allocated in the Tralee Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

Since 1st January, 2020, no bedroom extensions have been allocated in the Tralee Municipal District.

Cllr. J. Finucane stated that the quality of the houses in Fortfield Drive, Forest Park and Redwood Park was of a very high end finish and queried if recipients had received their keys yet.

In response Ms. B. O' Riordan stated that Fortfield Drive, Forest Park and Redwood Park had all received their keys.

Cllr. S. Locke congratulated the Housing Department and Kerry County Council on the work done so far.

20.03.02.05 Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate

(a) It was agreed to note the following update report from the Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate which was circulated:

**Tralee Municipal District – 2nd March 2020
Update Report from the Director of Roads, Transportation & Marine**

ROADS / TRANSPORTATION

Design and Construction works on the following projects for December 2019/January 2020

National Roads

National Primary & Secondary Pavement and Minor Works

Maintenance works will remain ongoing as per items identified on the Nat Geo App.

Regional and Local Roads

Regional & Local Road Maintenance works remains ongoing – R878 Oakpark - Forge Cross Footpath - Final section of footpath replacement along the top of the Oakpark road- serving students/residents is ongoing.

Specific Improvement Grants

- Clash to Ballymullen Relief Road - It is anticipated that all works associated with the new boundary wall to the Lee Strand property, including gates and accommodation works will be completed by end of February.

Safety Improvement Grants

- R874 -Safety Improvement Works – Traffic light improvement works at The Basin Tralee. Elmore Group Ltd. – all civil works complete Work on water main in the vicinity of the junction to be completed prior to any overlay of this junction. Installation of this water main is projected to commence on 17th February. Surface overlay line-marking and commissioning of traffic lights to be completed in early March.

Restoration Improvement & Maintenance Programme 2020

- 2019 programmes are complete, except for some outstanding road lining works which will be completed once favourable weather conditions prevail.

The following Restoration Improvement Schemes are to be completed before commencement of Tralee Pavements Phase 2

- R551 – Pembroke Street - 2020 RI Prog – Road Reconstruction.
- L-6716 – O’Rahilly’s Villas – 2020 RI Prog. – Road Reconstruction.
- L-6716 – Rae Street – 2020 RI Prog. - Road Reconstruction.

Speed Limit Review Programme 2019

- Ongoing and subject to funding

Drainage Programme 2019 Local Roads

- Complete

Environmental Crew -Tree Maintenance in Tralee Town and Town Park.

Substantial emergency work was completed after Storm Ciara in the Tralee MD. Also, crews completing general tree maintenance and Rose Bed care in The Town Park and open areas. Rebuilding of small stone wall within the Town Park that collapsed after Storm Ciara.

Other Road and Public Area Works Programmes

- Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works (CCA) – Ongoing where applicable.
- Ballyseedy Wood Maintenance Works – works remain ongoing on a needs basis and subject to funding.
- Ballyseedy Wood Walk. – Clearing of felled trees within Ballyseedy wood walk.
- The Oaks, Manor Village, Highfields Grove, Leedale and Ard na Sidhe -general footpath repair in Housing Estate in Tralee M.D. is ongoing.
- Lee Strand Wall – Clash to Ballymullen Relief Road. Construction of new entrance at Lee Strand is virtually completed. Installation of ESB ducts on Clash to Ballymullen Relief Road has commenced.
- Currahane (Banna) Flood protection works – Subject to full assessment and cost estimate, restoration of the scuire gate shall be commenced immediately. These works may require specific funding if the structure requires full replacement.
- Rose Bed Maintenance in Town Park and Páirc An Phiarsaigh as well as general open spaces
- Housing Estate Tree Maintenance - Arborist Michael Garry has assessed several estates that have had no tree maintenance for a substantial time or where there is a report of dangerous trees within an estate. Report completed and tree maintenance works are currently being undertaken by Tree Surgeons in various estates and locations around Tralee

HOUSING MAINTENANCE

Large Maintenance Works	None
Voids Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 123 Ballooagh • 11 Hawley Park • 21 Connolly Park
Works to Acquisitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 Boherbee • 30 Boherbee
Inspections to be carried out to Acquisitions, Part V	None
Extensions	None
Single Rural/Site Suitability Assessments	None
Planned Maintenance Programme	Awaiting 2020 Programme

PUBLIC LIGHTING

No. of faults reported since last meeting	112
No. of faults repaired within 12 working days	58
No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days	13
Outstanding Repairs not completed within 12 working days	<i>See below the locations</i>

OUTSTANDING REPAIRS

Report generated on 13/2/2020 by Public Lighting Section

Job Ticket ID	Defect Description	Unit Number	Postal Street Name	Date Reported	Reason
13170	lamp out	13573	Milk Market Lane	16/01/2020	Access Issues

COASTAL PROTECTION

The Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Study for Tralee Bay (Ballyheigue to Brandon Pt.) is currently underway by Malachy Walsh and Partners and with Final Report expected Q4 2020.

CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE UNIT

Tralee Town Centre Phase 2

Malachy Walsh and Partners have been appointed as the consultant to prepare the technical design for Phase 2. Works on the detailed design stage is underway and it is expected that contract for Phase 2 will go to tender in March 2020.

Island of Geese / Tralee West Development

The Part 8 for the ISLAND OF GEESE OFFICE BLOCK WITH RETAIL/ RESTAURANT/ CAFÉ UNIT went on public display on Wednesday 19th February and submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with proper planning and sustainable development in which the development would be situated, may be made up until 5.00 pm on Friday 3rd of April 2020.

The Part 8 for the ISLAND OF GEESE - PUBLIC REALM went on public display on Wednesday 19th February and submissions and observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with proper planning and sustainable development in which the development would be situated, may be made up until 5.00 pm on Friday 3rd of April 2020.

Tralee to Fenit Line Greenway:

Construction works have commenced on the Tralee Fenit Greenway. The sod turn was carried out on the 29th November 2019. It is anticipated that it will take 18 months to complete works. Works are concentrated between the Oyster tavern and Fenit for the next 6 months. 16% of vegetation removal is complete and 8% of a crushed stone capping layer has been laid to date on the project.

Charlie O'Sullivan
Director of Roads, Transportation & Marine

Appendix A

Specific Improvement Grant

Description	Allocation	Status
R558 Tralee to Fenit Realignment Phase 1	€ 750,000	R558 Tralee to Fenit Phase 1 (Spa Hill) Works substantially complete.
Clash to Ballymullen	€200,000	Accommodation Works to Lee Strand Property approaching completion.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. T. O'Brien: That Kerry County Council would immediately assess the canal road on the side of the safety barrier as there are three to four places that are beginning to deteriorate.

Reply: The condition of the Canal Wall is being assessed and monitored as part of a TII Programme. This may require further investigation works to establish the cause of the current wall deflections to inform the design solution at these locations.

Cllr. T. O' Brien added that one particular area is very close to the road.

2. Cllr. T. O'Brien: That KCC would look at the layout and surface of the junction at Clogherbrien / The Kerries Tralee.

Reply: The Tralee MD has undertaken a visual assessment of the road surface at this location and when considering the age of the pavement, it would appear to be in reasonable condition regarding its physical characteristics. Additional testing will be undertaken to the pavement surface when weather conditions permit. Any future action will be considered on-foot of these results.

3. Cllr. T. O'Brien: That KCC would immediately address the issue of the drop in the road going into The Kerries.

Reply: This matter has been reported to Irish Water for resolution.

4. Cllr. T. O'Brien: That KCC would examine the lighting situation from Beenoskee to the junction at Spring Water Lane / Caherweesheen.

Reply: The Public Lighting section has assessed this location from the existing public lights at Caherweesheen to the staggered junction with Spring Water Lane and along the existing footpath to link up with the existing private lighting at Beenoskee. Requirements over an approximate length of 300m of existing footpath were assessed and the lighting of the junction of the L6516 & L2011 was considered.

This project requires the supply and installation of 14 No. LED lanterns mounted on new steel columns with associated pillars, wiring ducting and civil works and has been estimated at €65,719.25 (inc VAT).

KCC Public Lighting section do not have plans to undertake this project at present.

Cllr. T. O' Brien added that this is used as a loop walk by keep fit clubs.

5. Cllr. T. O'Brien: That KCC will immediately assess the footpath at the entrance to Kellihers Electrical in Ballymullen.

Reply: This section of footpath has been reviewed and improvement works can be considered as a part of funding for 2020.

6. Cllr. T. O'Brien: Can KCC rectify the issue at the back of Garvey's and outside the Christian Brothers School with these "phantom" pedestrian crossings. Correct signage necessary.

Reply: The locations highlighted refer to designated School Warden crossing point. The School Warden Crossing located along the Oak Park road adjacent to the CBS National School has been relocated to Brewery Road and our lining contractor has already been instructed to remove the line markings at this original location.

The School Warden Crossing along the Matt Talbot Road adjacent to Garvey's Supermarket is still in operation and is neither signed nor lined as being a controlled pedestrian crossing.

Cllr. T. O' Brien stated that people think this is a pedestrian crossing and just walk straight out, making it very dangerous.

In response Mr. C. Nagle stated that this is not lined as a pedestrian crossing and footpath is not set up as such. It is lined & signed as a School Warden crossing point but the location can be re-examined.

Mr. C. Nagle further advised that as part of the Island of Geese development there is a proposal for a pedestrian crossing at Gleasures.

(a) Questions:

1. Cllr. M. Sheehy: Can this MD please ensure that at no point are schools left without a traffic warden/lollypop person on site in cases of annual leave or sick leave by current staff.

Reply: The Tralee MD is in the process of arranging additional training for School Wardens with a view to having additional capacity to deal with arisings as outlined above.

2. Cllr. M. Sheehy: To ask this MD to ensure that adequate time is given to pedestrians, which includes young school children, at the traffic lights at the bottom of Caherslee.

Reply: The Tralee MD have completed an audit on the traffic light system referred and is satisfied that the timings are adequate to enable a safe crossing. In total, 18 seconds of crossing time is presently facilitated within the system. It should be noted that the pedestrian crossing lights consist of a green and red phase only. The green phase indicates that it is safe to commence crossing the road and this lasts for a period of 6 seconds. This is followed by a further 12 second phase when neither the green nor the red light is illuminated, this period allows for the safe completion of the crossing of the road. It is only after the red light is shown to pedestrian that vehicular traffic will be given priority.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

- 1. Cllr. M. Sheehy:** That this MD supports a call that in the future all national and local election counts take place in the county capital, Tralee, considering the fantastic facilities available to host such events.

Reply: The location for the Opening and Validation of Elections Ballot Boxes is primarily a matter for the County Register in his capacity as Returning Officer and the location for these tasks is determined by a whole range of factors given that the facility is required not only for the days of the actual Count (including potential days) but for a number of days leading up to and after the event. Normally this extends to a week long period of exclusive availability and the experience is that many private facilities are simply not available for such an extended period at relatively short notice. In recent years the Killarney Sports and Leisure Complex has been used for this purpose. The availability of the facility, and the ability to undertake any necessary physical works to a Council owned building are relevant factors in the use of this facility.

For Local Election Counts facilities in Tralee and Killarney are used for Count purposes.

Cllr. M. Sheehy stated that this was an important avenue to explore and asked for a letter to be written to County Registrar and the members agreed to this proposal.

Cllr. D. Ferris concurred with Cllr. M. Sheehy's request and stated that the parking aspect did not work in Killarney for the General Election. There was no room on the bypass and there was a shuttle bus service from town.

(b) Questions

- 1. Cllr. T. O'Brien:** Could our media support the callout for all the different tidy Tralee groups who at the moment are actively looking for volunteers as Spring and our weekly clean ups begin again?

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

Cllr. T. O'Brien suggested that the press could help to get the message out into the public domain.

(c) To approve the dates of the following meetings:

(a) To agree a date for a special meeting to consider and adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the Tralee Municipal District, in accordance with the provisions under Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and guidelines issued by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014). **(Suggested date: Monday, 30th March)**

(b) Tralee Municipal District Meeting - **27th April 2020**

Agreement given by the members for both dates.

(d) Matters arising from the Minutes as confirmed at 1 above

(e) Any Other Business

Civic Receptions

Agreed for 2 Civic Receptions to be held by Tralee Municipal District for Na Gaeil GAA on becoming Junior All Ireland Champions and Lee Strand on their 100th year anniversary.

Noxious Smells

In response to Cllr. C. Foleys query on an update of the previous issue of noxious smells, Mr. M. Scannell advised that this issue is ongoing but that he would seek an update from Environment and revert.

Private Renters/HAP Scheme

Cllr. D. Ferris stated that because private renters are HAP recipients, they have found that Estate Agents will not take them on when they are seeking accommodation. Renters feel that they do not have the same standing with agents as the Council would. People are waiting significant amount of time to get a house and Kerry County Council has a responsibility to them.

In response Mr. M. Scannell stated that while clients must source accommodation themselves they are given support.

Cllr. T. O' Brien stated that sometimes when HAP is mentioned the landlords will change their minds.

Cllr. J. Finucane stated that we will hit a roadblock shortly as landlord's are selling because they feel that it is not worth the hassle.

Welcome of new Councillors

Municipal District Manager, Mr. M. Scannell extended a welcome to both Cllr. D. Ferris and Cllr. J. Wall on their co-option.

The meeting concluded at 11.34a.m.

Ms. J. McCarthy
Meetings Administrator

**Mayor of the Municipal
District of Tralee**