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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, KILLARNEY ON WEDNESDAY, 04 MARCH 2020

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I HALLA AN BAILE CHILL ÁIRNE AR AN CHÉADAOIN, 04 MÁRTA 2020

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. B. Cronin
Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson
Cllr. D. Grady
Cllr. M. Healy-Rae**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher
Cllr. M. Moloney
Cllr. N. O'Callaghan**

In attendance/i láthair

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| Mr. J. Breen | Director of Service / Deputy Killarney MD Manager |
| Mr. J. Ahern | SEE Killarney MD |
| Ms. J. McCarthy | Meetings Administrator |
| Ms. E. O'Donoghue | MD Officer |
| Mr. O. O'Shea | Press & Communications Officer |
| Ms. M. Ní Cheallaigh | AO Tourism Development & Built Infrastructure |
| Mr. D. Murphy | SEE Housing Estates Unit |
| Mr. N. Horgan | CO Housing Estates Unit |
| Mr. C. Mangan | SEE Water Services |
| Mr. C. O'Leary | EE Water Services |
| Mr. T. Brosnan | AO Housing |
| Ms. M. Galvin | A/ASO Corporate Support |

On the Proposal of Cllr. D. Grady, Seconded by Cllr. N. Kelleher it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders.

The meeting commenced at 10.10am.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson took the Chair.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson Proposed a Vote of Sympathy to Mr. Stephen Sheehan, EE, Killarney MD on the recent passing of his father, Mr Jeremiah Sheehan.

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

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson Proposed a Vote of Sympathy to the family of Mr. Timmy Sheehan, former employee of Kerry County Council. The Cathaoirleach stated that Mr. Sheehan was well known for his sports

commentary on Radio Kerry. He was an excellent hurler and footballer with Austin Stack's Club and served this Club superbly well.

**All Members wished to be associated with the Expression of Sympathy.
20.03.04.01 (a) Cathaoirleach's Address**

The Cathaoirleach updated the Members on the following matters:

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| Loo Bridge - | Works completed and road opened last week |
| St Patrick's Day - | Announcement last week - €25,000 from Fáilte Ireland towards the 2021 Festival, following €15,000 prior to Christmas for 2020 |
| Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme - | Successful in application to enhance access to Torc Mountain, Old Kenmare Road |
| Tidy Towns - | Part of a LEADER grant - snowdrops to be planted on Mission Road next Saturday – looking for volunteers Further trees to be planted again to promote biodiversity in the coming month |

(b) Confirmation of the Minutes

On the Proposal of Cllr. B. Cronin, Seconded by Cllr. N. Kelleher, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 8th January 2020 be confirmed.

20.03.04.02 (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

March 2020

Director of Service: Michael Scannell

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

Budgets

Enterprise Ireland is currently finalising budgets and agreed 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.

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 – 59 no. within the Killarney 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.

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 – 82. no. in the Killarney 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.

Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership (KRSP) Update

A Sports Development Officer (SDO), Patrice Diggins & a Sports Inclusion Development Officer (SIDO) Gearoid 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. 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 Gearoid has commenced employment as the Sports Inclusion Development Officer, Gearoid 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.

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 Killarney, 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. Killarney 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 Killarney workshop was well attended by the tourism industry in the town and it provided key information about the route, advice on how best to capitalise on the route and insightful information

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted that the application for the Flesk Cycleway under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund was unsuccessful.

Mr. J. Breen replied that a further call for proposals had been announced by the Department and it is the intention of Kerry County Council to re-submit this project by the end of March.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can the Council clean up the vacant site they have in Ballydribeen?

Reply: The currently vacant site at Ballydribeen will be attended to and cleaned up as required.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the reply.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Motion.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: How many Taking in Charge applications in the Killarney Municipal District are currently held up awaiting approval from Irish Water regarding sewers, water, wayleaves etc.

Reply: Kerry County Council have 7 taking in charge applications on hands from the Killarney Municipal District at present. The list of Estates are as follows:

- Oakfield, Park Road
- Dromin, Fossa
- Glean Na Gréine, Shinnagh, Rathmore
- Faha Glen, Kilcogherane, Faha
- Ballycasheen Heights
- Rushbrook, Ballahacommane, Killarney
- Birch Hill, Groin, Aghadoe

The position with Irish Water regarding each estate is as follows:

Oakfield, Park Road - This estate has recently been rejected by Irish Water due to legacy issues with the sewerage network and recent works carried out on adjoining development.

Dromin, Fossa - Kerry County Council are pursuing payment of an AIB Bond for this historic development. Not submitted to Irish Water.

Gleann Na Gréine, Shinnagh, Rathmore - Not submitted to Irish Water. Detailed survey to be completed and will be submitted to Irish Water by Mid-2020.

Faha, Glen - This has been approved by Irish Water for taking in charge and will be advertised with next batch of estates within the next few weeks.

Ballycasheen Heights - Not submitted to Irish Water. Detailed survey to be completed and will be submitted to Irish Water by End of 2020.

Rushbrook - Not submitted to Irish Water. Detailed survey to be completed and will be submitted to Irish Water by Mid-2020.

Birch Hill, Aghadoe - This development has Developer Provided Infrastructure and will not be approved for taking in charge by Irish Water under the terms of

the current Memorandum of Understanding. A separate funding application has been submitted to the Department under a Pilot DPI Initiative with a view to having this estate connected to the public network. If approved this would resolve the issue.

Cllr. B. Cronin complimented the Housing Estates Unit for all their work to date and asked for clarity on the responses given regarding Oakfield, Dromin and Birch Hill (Memorandum of Understanding).

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson expressed his disappointment in relation to the Oakfield response.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and stated that he had an issue with Irish Water rejecting legacy issues.

Cllr. M. Moloney asked why was Mountain View left off the list.

Mr. J. Breen read the following Memorandum of Understanding to the Members:

"MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

in connection with the development of a process

for the taking in charge of residential estates connected to the Irish Water owned or controlled water and wastewater network and excluding Developer Provided Infrastructure

("MoU")

1.0 Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the parties covers the process for Taking in Charge of water services assets of residential estates to the point of transfer of the water service assets to Irish Water. This MoU and associated protocol should be implemented in conjunction with existing Local Authority Taking in Charge policies.

The MoU relates to the Taking in Charge of water services assets within the attendant grounds of the development provided by Developers that connects directly to public water/wastewater infrastructure and excludes stand alone developer provided water services infrastructure.

In the preparation of the MoU it is accepted that the parties are dealing with a range of legacy issues that exist on housing developments nationally that are either unfinished, inadequately completed and/or not taken in charge and progress has been further complicated by liquidations, receiverships, negotiations with surety providers and other matters.

The parties to this MoU recognise and agree that the taking in charge of residential estates connected to the public network will result in infrastructure at varying levels of compliance with standards or conditions attached to grants of planning permission being taken in charge. The parties note and agree the respective responsibilities as outlined in DECLG circular PL 5/2014, dated 5th November 2014, under which this MoU has been prepared. The MoU has been prepared to comply with current legislation. Where there is any conflict the legislation shall prevail."

"8.0 Exclusions

The following developments are excluded from this MoU

- Residential estates that are serviced by stand alone infrastructure such as wells, water treatment plants and wastewater treatment plants and associated pumping stations that were provided by developers as part of housing developments and where such infrastructure cannot be connected to the water and wastewater networks for which Irish Water is responsible*
- Holiday developments, gated developments multi-used (mixed use) developments of other such developments or other such developments precluded by the LA's Taking in Charge policies or Development Plans"*

In response to a request from Cllr. M. Moloney, Mr. J. Breen agreed to circulate this to the Members.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated that it was very difficult to deal with Irish Water. Taking in Charge of estates was a Council function but that has been moved to Irish Water.

Cllr. D. Grady agreed with Cllr. O'Callaghan's comments and stated that the public deserve a good service.

Cathaoirleach Gleeson stated that the Oireachtas established Irish Water and they are the only ones who can reverse this decision.

Mr. N. Horgan confirmed that in relation to Oakfield, an inspection had been carried out by a Water Services engineer. All documentation submitted to Irish Water recommended taking in charge Oakfield. An engineer from Irish Water subsequently inspected this estate and said there were issues with the sewer. A new connection is going into that sewer from a new housing development and efforts are ongoing to find a solution to this problem. This is outside of Kerry County Council's control.

Mr. D. Murphy referred to Dromin and advised that there was a small bond but it had not been paid up to date. He advised that he had been in contact with AIB and they will revert in the next week or so.

Cllr. Grady asked if a bond is in place and the Council leaves it run out, are the Council legally obligated to carry out the work.

Mr. J. Breen replied that under the Planning Acts, the resident occupiers of an estate can ask for the estate to be taken in charge.

3. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District get an update on the land that we own north of the By-Pass Road. Access onto the By-Pass is vital to allow for a portion of this land to be used for housing purposes.

Reply: As Members are aware from Land Bank report presented to full Council, the Council owns lands north of the By-pass where St Michael's Site is located. Further access onto the By-Pass to facilitate residential development of this lands is currently not available.

The future use of these lands in being kept under review.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that this land is lying idle as it is land-locked. He asked that consideration be given to providing access to this when a design is being prepared for the proposed new roundabout on the By-pass as it would be suitable land for housing.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Motion.

4. Cllr. D. Grady: That an update be provided in relation to the provision of a skate park in Killarney.

Reply: This project has made significant progress and it is anticipated that a proposal will be made to Members in Quarter 2 2020.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the reply.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

5. Cllr. N. Kelleher: To ensure safety and security in our town, can we get an up-to-date on CCTV and when we expect delivery.

Reply: An application for funding for three community CCTV schemes for Killarney has been submitted to the Department of Justice and Equality.

The applications are currently being considered by the Department. Additional information was requested in relation to each of the schemes in relation to costing proposals and this information has recently been submitted.

Members will be aware that the Data Protection Commission is currently carrying out a national study of the use of CCTV and other technologies by local authorities and An Garda Síochána for security and crime prevention. Any recommendations arising for the local government sector as a result of this study will have to be taken on board as part of the roll out of any Community CCTV schemes.

The date for the delivery of the schemes in question is dependent on confirmation of funding from the Department. Following receipt of confirmation of funding, an assessment can be made of the time scale for the

procurement of the CCTV systems in accordance with normal procurement regulations and the completion of any associated statutory requirements associated with delivery of the schemes.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted that there have been incidents of assaults in the town (as in other towns in Ireland) and it is imperative that the CCTV systems be deployed as soon as possible.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and said CCTV was critically important for safety and would provide assistance to the Gardaí to bring assailants to justice.

20.03.04.03 (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: March 4th 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 Kerry County Council, Killarney Chambers of Commerce & Tourism and KWD Recycling.

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

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

| Environmental Enforcement | |
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| 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 |
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| Water - No. Complaints Investigated | 12 |
| Water - No. Court Prosecutions | 0 |
| Water - Total Amount Awarded | €0 |

Fire Service

Business Unit Manager: Mr. Andrew Macilwraith, 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 |

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| Total | 31 | 39 |
| <i>False Alarms Number</i> | | |
| Malicious | 2 | 0 |
| Good Intent | 12 | 15 |
| Total | 14 | 15 |
| <i>Total Number of Incidents</i> | 85 | 82 |
| <i>Total Number of Mobilisations</i> | 101 | 95 |

Fire Safety and Prevention:

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

Building Control:

- 1 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)
- 2 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.

| <i>BUILDING CONTROL-</i> | <i>Jan 2019</i> | <i>Jan 2020</i> |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| 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, 29 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 |
| 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 |
| | <i>Children's Storytime: 'Breakfast & stories about Birds' for 3 - 6 years</i> | 10.30am |
| | Craft Activity: <i>'Make a birds nest'</i> | 11.00pm |
| | Guided Library Tour | 12 noon |
| Listowel | <i>'Literature & Fine Art'</i> - a talk on the mingling of these art forms with Alan Andrei | 3.00 pm |
| | Storytime and crafts for young children | 11.00am |
| Tralee | Guided Library Tours | 11.00am & 3.00pm |
| | Storytime and crafts for children | 11.00 am & 3.00 pm |
| | Demonstration of online resources | 11.30am - 12.30pm. 3.30pm - 4.30pm |

KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme Status Summary at 13th February 2020

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 PROJECTS, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</u> | |
|--|--|
| Project | Status |
| Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme - proposed | The latest information from Irish Water is as follows; Negotiations are ongoing, CPO to be published imminently; Tender to be advertised in March 2020; Value circa €2.7M. |
| 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, 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.

| MINOR CAPITAL WORKS, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Project | Description | Estimate | Status |
| 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 |
| Shrone WSS Shrone Cross to Reservoir | Lay 1050M of 160MM mains in to allow closure of Shrone source and WTP | €210,000 | Complete |
| Barraduff WSS Shrone Reservoir to Barraduff Reservoir | Lay 4800M of 150MM main to allow closure of Barraduff source and WTP | €800,000 | Complete |
| MKRWSS Crohane to Barleymount | Replace 1.6Km of 225MM AC mains with uPVC 200MM pipe | €290,000 | Underway |
| | | | |

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 which

The contractor **Cóir Infrastructure Ltd** is due to commence in late February 2020 on the **€1.1M project to connect the existing Inch-Foildaun Group Water Scheme to the Central Regional WSS at Glenflesk**, by the extension of the watermain from that village, and the replacement of the 'internal' mains network of the GWSS.

This Group Scheme is currently served by its own upland stream source and the only treatment applied is disinfection by chlorination. It is planned to pursue the **Take-Over by Irish Water** of the Group Scheme when the works are complete.

It is intended to replace the existing water main and connect the existing **Dromadeesirt Group Scheme** (Kilcummin) to the public network, and discontinue the use of the private well source, in the coming weeks, with a view to pursuing the **Take-Over by Irish Water** in 2020. The 50 years old Scheme, which has been served by a private well source and includes 1.2Km of 50M water main, supplies drinking water to eight households.

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 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 3,900M³ (22%).**

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.

Cllr. N. Kelleher wished to thank the Water Service crews involved in the Shrone / Barraduff reservoir works and acknowledged the considerable investment in same. He wished to express his disappointment that the funding that Irish Water had given for permanent reinstatement of the channel was not put to better use. This road surface could have been improved with some of the Council's maintenance money and Department funding. As a result, this road now needs to go on a Roads Programme. He asked that this would never happen again.

(b) Update on Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme

Mr. J. Breen distributed the following report from Irish Water to the Members which had been received the previous day. This was received following the Council's request to provide an update to the Members at today's meeting:

"Irish Water has reviewed the portfolio of projects and programmes in our Investment Plan to ensure we can deliver these in the most efficient and cost-effective way. As part of this review process we prioritise projects and programmes based on new and better information, updated timelines as projects progress and new and emerging needs in our water network to best serve our customers, support growth and meet the objectives under our Business Plan.

*Following this review, the delivery timelines for the **Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme** have been amended. The revised delivery timeline for the Kilcummin SS is for Construction to commence at the beginning of 2022. Land acquisition (through CPO or otherwise) will continue in 2020 and the current plan is for the procurement process, to appoint a Contractor, to begin in 2021.*

The building, repair and upgrading of Irish Water's water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, water and sewer network will require a multi-billion euro investment programme over many years. Irish Water is committed to providing a safe and reliable water supply, protecting the environment and supporting the growth of homes and businesses. We continuously review and update our portfolio of projects and assess based on the available funding. We will provide further information on this project when it becomes available."

Cllr. M. Moloney stated that the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme has been delayed for years and said this was not acceptable. She noted that it had previously been agreed to delay surfacing the road until after the works were completed but this was not an option now and she called for the road to be resurfaced immediately. She voiced her disappointment that Irish Water had refused an invitation to meet with the Members.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan agreed with Cllr. Moloney's comments and said he could not accept this report. He said he had attended a meeting where 5 people from Irish Water had given a date of September 2020 for commencing this sewerage scheme. He stated that the Council is a contractor of Irish Water and this is not the fault of Kerry County Council. He asked that a meeting with Irish Water be requested immediately. Cllr. O'Callaghan agreed that the road must be resurfaced immediately.

Cllr. N. Kelleher registered his disappointment and also agreed that the road must be resurfaced now. He noted that businesses in Kilcummin will be hugely affected by this decision. Cllr. Kelleher Proposed a Vote of No Confidence in Irish Water as a result of their decision and how it will affect the people of Kilcummin.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Proposal.

Cllr. B. Cronin said this was shocking. He stated that the Elected Members had relayed news of the plans for the sewerage scheme to the public in good

faith. He stated that Irish Water were not publicly accountable. He agreed that the road should now be resurfaced and that Irish Water should now carry the cost to reinstate the road when the sewerage scheme eventually goes ahead.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that all the Members had made representations to get the scheme to the point of construction. At this stage, the people in Kilcummin need their road resurfaced as their cars are destroyed. The road is their priority now.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he was disappointed but not surprised at what had been relayed. He agreed that the road needed to be resurfaced immediately.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson stated that he too, like his colleagues, was shocked at today's news. He stated that the people of Kilcummin were being totally disrespected and Irish Water were not worthy of respect. The Cathaoirleach agreed with his colleagues that the road must be resurfaced.

Mr. J. Breen referred to Colm Mangan's Investment Programme report referring to Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme wherein it stated that "*Negotiations are ongoing, CPO to be published imminently; Tender to be advertised in March 2020; Value circa €2.7M.*" He outlined that this was the information available from Irish Water at end of last week. Kerry County Council received notification of the delay to the scheme only the previous day. Mr. Breen confirmed he telephoned Mr. Michael Tinsley, National Investment Portfolio Manager with Irish Water and expressed his extreme disappointment that this scheme would be delayed. Mr. Breen stated that he would not have the Council's Water Services staff in any way compromised regarding the presentation of information to the members in a public forum. Following a request from Mr. Breen that Irish Water attend today's meeting, they confirmed that they "did not attend Municipal District meetings". Mr. Breen advised the Members that the Council will proceed with the road resurfacing. It was prudent and financially responsible to hold back on this road previously but that cannot now be countenanced in light of Irish Water's report. He confirmed that any additional costs would be borne by Irish Water when reinstating the road for the sewerage scheme when it eventually proceeds.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated it was important that the public realise that the scheme is delayed because of Irish Water and not as a result of a decision by Kerry County Council.

Mr. J. Ahern advised that this road is on the current 2020 Roads Programme. The drainage works will take place first, followed by resurfacing of Inchycullane with the other sections to follow later. He advised that he would commence the process of procuring a contractor.

(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask for the details of the number of complaints of illegal dumping in the Killarney Municipal District in the last 12 month period. What actions were taken and has enforcement been intensified including using more CCTV.

Reply: 103 complaints were received during 2019 from the Killarney Municipal District in respect of illegal dumping. Evidence was found amongst the dumped rubbish in 19 incidences and the appropriate fines were issued.

Our Litter Wardens Investigate all complaints of illegal dumping received in accordance with the stringent legal processes and evidence proofs that are required under the Litter Pollution Act. 8 litter prosecution convictions were secured across the County in 2019. Activity in this area will be stepped up during 2020 and the newly applied Municipal District Enforcement Officer will have a role to play in this regard. As in previous years we will be seeking funding under the Anti-Dumping Initiative to carry out further CCTV surveillance. All CCTV surveillance undertaken must be in compliance with GDPR.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the detailed breakdown in the reply and asked that it be provided in the Directorate Report for all future meetings. Cllr. Cronin stated that he had witnessed a big increase in bags of rubbish being dumped in fields resulting in the landowner being legally responsible for the waste and having to bear the cost of disposing of it. He stated that offenders' names should be published.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

Mr. J. Breen stated that a "Litter Hotline 1800 326228" is in operation and all complaints received will be investigated. In relation to publishing offenders' names, Mr. Breen stated that the press are present at all hearings and the information relating to the offenders is on the public record.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: What is the update on the provision of three more bays which are to be added to the Killarney Fire Station (for the storage of fire tenders), as they are urgently required.

Reply: The tender process has been concluded for the construction of the 3 additional bays at Killarney Fire Station and we expect construction to commence within the next month.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the reply.

20.03.04.04 (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

14th FEBRUARY 2020

Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue

Housing Report – KILLARNEY

Municipal District.

1 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 | 1320 |
| Net Need for Killarney MD (excluding transfers) | 809 |
| No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice | 44 |
| No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice | 26 |

Breakdown by Bed No.

| | |
|--------------|-------------|
| 1-Bed | 597 |
| 2-Bed | 368 |
| 3-Bed | 307 |
| 4-Bed | 45 |
| 5-Bed | 3 |
| Total | 1320 |

2 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 | 3 |
| Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation | 0 |
| Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation | 0 |
| <u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u> | 4 |

3 Social Housing Options

| Social Housing Options in MD | New tenancies since the start of the year | Current No of tenancies |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| LA Housing | 2 | 519 |
| RAS | 3 | 157 |
| Leasing | 1 | 133 |
| HAP | 11 | 239 |
| <u>Total no of Tenancies</u> | 17 | 1048 |

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 | Reached Practical Completion |
| AHB- Rathmore Social Action Group, Rathmore | 4 | 4no. 2Bed | Jan 2019 | Mar 2020 |
| 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> |
|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Nil | | | |

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2020, 145 requests for repairs have been received for the Killarney Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2020, 11 grants have been allocated in the Killarney Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

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

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae referred to the Housing Directorate Report and the 145 requests for repairs and enquired how many have been resolved. Cllr. Healy-Rae asked about houses that have been acquired and asked what level of maintenance goes into these houses?

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that he would like to see comparisons included in all future Directorate Reports. For example, how many people have been housed compared to the figures supplied since the previous report and have more people been added to the waiting list?

Cllr. Kelleher referred to instances where a housing body offers a tenancy to one of the people on the Council's housing list. He said that Members would like to receive notification of these allocations if they had made representations.

Cllr. Kelleher also referred to an issue relating to TV Licence Inspectors knocking on doors in Oakwood and being told that if they do not get a licence, they will be prosecuted. Cllr. Kelleher said this was unfair as the new tenants had not moved location or if they had, they were not yet in a position to comply with the TV licence requirements.

Cllr. M. Moloney welcomed the introduction of the new application form for grants. She stated that there is now no need for people to submit a quotation when applying for a grant but she noted that the new application form requests it.

Cllr. Grady stated that the form was asking the applicant if they had house insurance which was not on the previous form and he said this was not fair. Cllr. Grady referred to a previous policy that the Council would not to build 1 bedroomed houses and he stated that this policy should be re-introduced. 2B accommodation should automatically be provided to single people as they may require the extra bedroom for a carer or visitor. 1B housing is not readily available and it is not fair to people on the 1B list to have to wait for such a unit to become available. Cllr. Grady complimented the Council on the completion of the 6 units in Pinewood and welcomed that Armagh House would be proceeding.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan noted that half of the housing waiting list comprises of people seeking 1 bedroomed accommodation. He referred to Councillors making representations and said he would not make representations for someone if it meant skipping someone on the list who had been there longer.

Mr. T. Brosnan referred to the comments and stated that the Council has a clearly defined allocation scheme, i.e. the Scheme of Letting Priorities approved by Members in 2011. Housing need takes priority and the Housing Investigating Officers have a good knowledge of the applicants. In response to Cllr. Healy-Rae's query, Mr. Brosnan stated that there are two categories when acquiring houses (1) vacant possession where houses come up for sale and the level of investment depends on the condition of the house. The costs involved are submitted to the Department for approval and (2) leasing or rental accommodation where the house comes up for sale with a family currently living in it and sometimes the work is carried out while the family reside in the

house and this is dealt with on a case by case basis. Mr. Brosnan then referred to the 59 houses in Oakwood and confirmed that first round offers had been posted and acceptances were being received. There were some refusals for genuine reasons and as a result, second round offers are now underway. In relation to the TV Licence Inspectors, Mr. Brosnan confirmed that Kerry County Council have no role in same.

In response to a query from Cllr. N. Kelleher, Mr. T. Brosnan confirmed that he would review the matter of informing Public Representatives when Approved Housing Bodies allocate houses.

Mr. Brosnan referred to the grant application form and said that this was a National form and is the amalgamation of 3 different schemes. He confirmed that there was no requirement for an applicant to submit a quotation for the works involved. He agreed to feed back the issues raised to the Department. Mr. Brosnan agreed to forward the application forms to the Members and also advised that they were available on the website.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would indicate an approximate date for the completion of the revamping of Council owned house (details with Housing Department) in Pinewood Estate.

Reply: The house in Pinewood Estate, Killarney requires substantial works in order to make it suitable for letting. The Council is currently procuring a contractor to complete the works. The completion of the work is scheduled for September 2020.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply.

2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to outline the total number of Council owned houses in the Killarney Municipal District and the amount of maintenance money available for 2020?

Reply: The total number of houses owned by Kerry County Council in the Killarney Municipal District currently stands at 518. The Schedule of Municipal District Works for the Killarney MD, will shortly be presented to Members having regard to the budget which was adopted in late 2019 for the 2020 financial year.

In response to a query from Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, Mr. T. Brosnan confirmed that the budget needs to be divided fairly and that all the money set aside in the budget for maintenance works will be spent.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. B. Cronin noted that there are some vacant properties in need of repair and people are waiting to move into them.

3. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask the Housing Section of Kerry County Council what detailed plans they have to address the extensive waiting list for 1 and/or 2 bed

houses in the Killarney Municipal District - whether by purchase, lease, transfers or new build?

Reply: The current SSHA indicated that for the Killarney MD area qualified applicants have indicated their need as follows - 597 households on the one-bed waiting list and 368 households on the two-bed waiting list.

The current capital programme does include provision of 1 and 2 Bed units.

In recent times the programme has included the Oakwood project in the Killarney MD. This is a development by the Approved Housing Body Clúid in conjunction with Kerry County Council. At 59 one-bed and two-bed social housing units, it is the largest project of its type in the County. In addition, in relation to new builds, Kerry County Council Housing Capital section recently completed 6 units at Pinewood Estate which included 4 one bed units and 2 two bed units. In Rathmore, 20 units are currently under construction and are due for substantial completion at the end of 2020. These include 8 two-bedroom units. Further plans are in place to develop 10 units at Rock Road, Killarney which will include 6 two bed units and 4 one bed units.

In addition, our leasing programme includes the provision of 1 and 2 Bed units.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae noted that 965 applicants are in the 1 and 2 bedroomed category and these are the people waiting the longest for accommodation. These people are wide-ranging in age. Cllr. Healy-Rae noted that the Department has set down 12 stages for all Local Authority builds which are all very stringent and strict and this is slowing down the process of house building.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and noted that the Council do not build 1 bedroomed houses and Clúid are the only organisation that has done so. He asked that the 1B and 2B lists be merged. He stated that some people require a carer or a guest and a 2B is the preferable option. He asked that Housing develop a method of fairness in relation to the length of time a person waits on the 1B list. Waiting for 14 – 15 years is not viable.

Cllr. M. Moloney supported the comments of the Members.

Mr. T. Brosnan stated the issue relates to supply and he confirmed that the Council does assist people on the 1B list to lease a 2B. He further added that the Council does allocate 2 bedroomed units, where there is a medical need, to some applicants on the 1-bed list.

20.03.04.05 (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: 4th March 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">• Funding of €500k allocated by TII to progress this scheme in 2020• Following a recent Tender competition Technical Consultants are due to be appointed in late February 2020/ early March 2020 to resume the Planning and Design of this scheme.• It is hoped that the Consultants will have fully assessed and appraised the scheme over the next three years and that the Statutory Consent can be obtained by 2024 |
| Minor Schemes Pavement Overlay | N72 Stagmount | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land Agreements conveyancing is ongoing.• Archaeological testing contract has been carried out and 5 Resolution Areas will be further examined in the coming weeks to accurately record the findings.• Subject to TII approval, the Tender for this Main Contract will be published in April 2020. |
| | N72 Barraduff West Pavement Overlay | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project complete. |

| | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| | N72 Forge Cross to Rathmore Pavement Strengthening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1: Project Complete. • Phase 2: Design substantially complete and draft contract documents prepared. • Review of design and contract documents is ongoing. Contract to be advertised in Q2 2020 |
| Junction Improvements | N22 Lewis Road | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Judicial Review of the Part 8 process for this scheme is currently underway and will run through 2020. • A Stay on the implementation of the scheme has been granted by High Court. • Alternative Underpass locations are being examined in the interim. |
| | N22 Ballycasheen and Coolcaslough | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Topographical Survey along this section of the N22 and in green field locations adjacent to the N22 was carried out. • Kerry NRO are preparing proposals which will address the capacity issues at these junctions. Consultation with MD and adjoining landowners will take place before submitting them to TII for approval. • 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 being developed • Funding of €250k allocated by TII in 2020 |
| | N72 Golden Nugget to Gap Cross Cycle way | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility Report has been submitted to TII for approval |
| | N22 Rusheen and N22 Brennan's Glen | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor appointed for County Kerry Call Off-2 Safety Barrier Contract; this contract comprises several locations across the county. • Contractor commencing Q1 2020 and this location will be scheduled in the works programme. |
| | N22 Poulgorm Bridge | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works to improve visibility at this junction will be carried out in March/ April 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 Q2 2020 |
| | N72 Gortroe/ Ballydowney to Fossa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility Report submitted to TII. Environmental surveys and bat surveys to be undertaken in Q2 2020 to inform the screening process. |

Town and Village Renewal

| Project | Allocation € | Status |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Kilcummin Village | €1250,000 | Preliminary Design Phase |
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Outdoor Recreation Infrastructural Scheme

| Project | Allocation € | Status |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Kenmare Road (Parking Areas\Lay By's) | €160,000 | Works to Commence in March 2020 |
| Old Kenmare Road into Torc Carpark – Enhancement Project | €200,000 | |

Ongoing Works

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

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 |

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| 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 Road and Muckcross Road / Woodlawn Road were assessed. | Medium | Complete |
| Muckcross Road | The existing alignment of Muckcross Road, and the signal-controlled junctions at Muckcross Road / Ross | Medium | Complete |

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| | Road and Muckcross Road / Woodlawn Road were assessed. | | |
| Muckcross Road | Review, in conjunction with the TII. The existing layout of the N71 Muckcross 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 Muckcross 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: **124***

*No. of faults repaired within 12 working days: **95***

*No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: **0***

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

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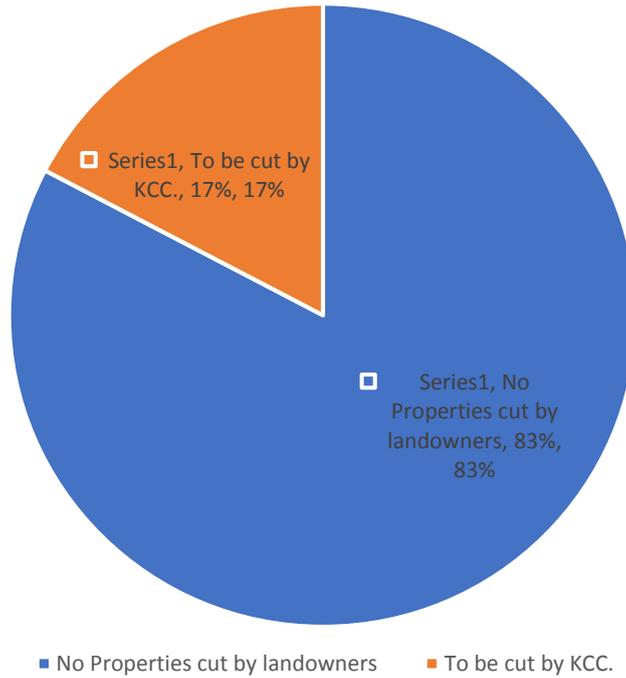
Outstanding Repairs not completed within 12 working days - list these locations and comment if there is a particular reason. **Report underneath**

| Job Ticket ID | Defect Description | Unit Number | Postal Street Name | Date Reported | Reason |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 11638 | Lamp out | 2996 | Bowers Lane Killarney | 12/11/2019 | Access issues/ ESB required |

3.2 Hedgecutting

| Killarney MD Hedge Cutting Summary. | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| | No of Observations by Months | | No. of Observations Investigated | Additional Inspections by Roads Officer | No. of Landowners contacted in person by Roads Officer. | No of Properties with Issues | No. of Hedge Cutting Advisory Notice Issued | No. of Hedges cut following Advisory notice | No. of Hedges not cut following Advisory notice |
| | Rep s | Publ ic | | | | | | | |
| | | | | KCC | | | | | |
| September | 8 | 7 | 15 | 34 | 20 | 47 | 47 | 43 | |
| October | 3 | 8 | 11 | | 14 | 21 | 7 | 4 | |
| November | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 7 | 15 | 6 |
| December | 2 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 23 | 31 | 15 | 8 |
| January | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| February | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 5 | | |
| Totals | 16 | 23 | 37 | 51 | 55 | 104 | 104 | 86 | 18 |

Hedgecutting Compliance



4. Capital Infrastructure

Lough Leane Project

- Fossa Way/Golden Nugget to Gap Cross – KCC completing the revised design for Safety Scheme incorporating 2-way cycleway. Following TII approval KCC to proceed to Part 8 for the works in quarter 1 2020.
- The first section of this project is completion of the statutory planing process for section from the proposed Tomies Carpark to Dinish Island. Kerry County Council are currently finalising the consultants brief for the route selection and preparation of planning documentation for this section.
- 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

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Outline the entire process up to approval of grant funding for the Killarney / Farranfore road. What is the current position?

Reply: The process to develop a National Road Scheme is outlined in the TII Project Management Guidelines which breaks the development of a scheme down into phases. Phases 1 to 4 (1 - Concept & Feasibility, 2 - Options Selection, 3 - Design & Environmental Evaluation and 4 - Statutory Processes (including EIAR, CPO & Oral Hearing)). These phases develop the scheme sufficiently to apply for Statutory Consent.

The appraisal of the scheme throughout each phase is governed by the Public Spending Code which was introduced by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER) in 2012. Its purpose is to provide an appraisal framework to regulate capital expenditure and to ensure value for money is achieved and that the design solution chosen best meets the scheme objectives.

As per PSC requirements, all large projects like the N22 Farranfore to Killarney that were previously suspended, are to be re-appraised from first principles to re-examine potential solutions including public transport options which can best meet the scheme objectives.

Kerry County Council are currently appointing an Engineering Consultancy firm to progress the scheme through Phases 1 to 4 over the next 4 - 5 years. The appointment is anticipated to be in March 2020. Their brief is to progress the scheme over the next four to five years through Phases 1 - 4 so as to obtain the necessary Statutory Consent (CPO, EIAR and NIS).

If a scheme of this size is successful at obtaining Statutory Consent, subject to Government approval, it can advance to Phase 5 to 7 (Land acquisition, Tender Preparation, Construction and Project Closeout).

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the reply and appreciated that this scheme has to be re-appraised but he stated that the public are becoming increasingly frustrated and need to see this road come to fruition. He said this needs to be kept on the agenda.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Motion and agreed that this road must be prioritised. People living on the proposed route need clarity as this matter has been ongoing since 2004. Some people cannot sell their houses because of this delay.

2. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can we have an update on the meeting which took place between Kerry County Council and the new owners of the Pinewood Retail Park?

Reply: Kerry County Council are currently in discussions with the owners with the view of improving the traffic management at the entrance to this private property from the public road.

Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to a deputation that was received from the residents of Pinewood who outlined their concerns in relation to safety issues with

regard to traffic flow entering and exiting their estate. He welcomed that the new owners were agreeable to meet with the Council staff and thanked Mr. Ahern for his assistance in this matter. He further stated that there was a requirement for additional lighting in the area.

Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Motion and asked that an update on the matter be brought to the next MD meeting. She stated that she had previously requested that a bollard would be placed to prevent people parking on the footpath.

Mr. J. Ahern agreed to update the Members at the next meeting and will review the matter of providing a bollard.

3. Cllr. N. Kelleher: When will the raised table pedestrian crossing be completed in Kilcummin Village?

Reply: Kerry County Council has received a grant for €40,000 for Kilcummin Village under the Safety Improvement Works Scheme for 2020. Kerry County Council are currently preparing design for the proposed Safety Improvement Works along with other improvement works, these will be subject to a statutory process. It is expected to bring these proposals to the members for their consideration at the July Meeting. Subject to receiving approval, Kerry County Council would expect to begin the works before September.

Cllr. N. Kelleher acknowledged the reply and noted that the Council had met with local community groups to develop a holistic plan for Kilcummin which he welcomed.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. D. Grady referred to the next motion on the agenda and declared that in accordance with Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001, that he has family members employed as jarveys and would leave the meeting while this item was being discussed.

4. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What steps have been taken by Kerry County Council to ensure that our streets are kept horse dung free?

Reply: As part of the Bye-Laws Regulating the Operation of Horse Drawn Hackney Carriages in the Town of Killarney, it is an offence "to operate a Hackney carriage without a suitable dung catcher being installed. The dung catchers shall only be emptied in the bins provided for this purpose". Killarney Municipal District, as part of its licence renewal process currently underway, reminds hackney operators of their responsibilities in the Bye-laws in relation to dung catchers and their operation. Killarney MD have contacted hackney operators on separate occasions in 2019 in relation to dung on the streets. The Veterinary Department of Kerry County Council inspected dung catchers in July 2019 and again in conjunction with the National Parks & Wildlife Services in August 2019.

Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to the response and asked what was the outcome as a result of the veterinary inspection and was everyone compliant? **Cllr. Kelleher**

welcomed the response in relation to the NPWS but said he would like a more detailed reply as it was not evident if issues arose and if those issues would re-occur.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson confirmed that the Members would be sent a more detailed response.

Cllr. D. Grady returned to the meeting.

5. Cllr. N. Kelleher: There are numerous reports of excessive speeding on St. Margaret's Road, a heavily residential area. What steps will the local authority take to deal with this issue?

Reply: Kerry County Council are not aware of speeding at this location and referred the matter to An Garda Síochána.

In response to a query from Cllr. N. Kelleher, Mr. J. Ahern agreed that a speed survey would be undertaken and the results of same would be forwarded to An Garda Síochána.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council concluded negotiations with the landowners at the Woodlawn / Ballycasheen and Upper Lissivigeen / Coolcoslough junctions with the N.22 to allow for progress to be made with the overall design of the urgently needed safety measures at both junctions?

Reply: Traffic Surveys, Speed Surveys, Collision History Analysis and a Topographical Survey have been carried out along this section of the N22. Consultation has taken place with affected landowners.

Proposals are currently being developed in conjunction with the TII. Further consultation with adjoining landowners and interested parties will take place in Q2 2020 before finalising the design proposals following which the Statutory Consent process will be initiated.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson said that this was vitally important and would allow motorists trying to access the N22 to do so in safety.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Motion.

7. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would examine if the installation of traffic calming measures is warranted on the entrance road to Bellview Wood Estate, Ballydowney?

Reply: Kerry County Council has submitted to the TII a Feasibility Report for a proposed Safety Scheme on the N72 at Ballydowney. As part of this proposed scheme, Kerry County Council will examine the requirement for traffic calming measures at the entrance road to Bellview Wood Estate. As per previously stated, environmental surveys and bat surveys to be undertaken in Q2 2020 to inform the screening process.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson noted the reply.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. N. O’Callaghan noted that a deputation had recently been received from Ballydowney. He stated that this road was very dangerous and referred to a photograph recently posted on social media which showed deer walking on and around Ballydowney Roundabout.

Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that additional “deer” signage had been erected in the area the previous day.

8. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council solved the problem of the severe ponding [flooding] on the old main road at Gortahuish, Glenflesk, now the L.7067-25?

Reply: Kerry County Council has investigated the location to determine the most appropriate solution for the flooding along this section of relatively flat road which is located at the edge of a flood plain. A detailed survey will now need to be carried out in order to design a drainage system. We will revert back to the Member with a design and estimate cost of the project.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson asked that a solution be found as he said it was the worst road he knew of.

Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.

9. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would seek to precisely delineate casual trading bays at the Market Cross, Killarney and thereafter ensure adherence.

Reply: The casual trading bays currently in place at the Market Cross are delineated by studs on the ground. As part of the renewal of licences, licence holders will be made aware of the requirements to stay within the bays provided. The Traffic Wardens will monitor this for the coming season.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson stated that this area is cluttered with people involved in all types of jamborees with some of them presenting an unacceptable image of what the town should be. People are allocated a precise site and he asked the Council to ensure people stay within it and only approved pursuits would take place there. Business people are not happy with the current situation.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion and stated that complaints are made to An Garda Síochána every year.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that there is no penalty for blatant disregard of the permit and something needs to be done. The guidelines are not working.

Cllr. B. Cronin agreed that there is a need to properly monitor the bays.

Cllr. N. O’Callaghan agreed with the comments of the Councillors and stated that most of the issues in this area occur after 6.00pm.

Mr. J. Breen confirmed that the SPC will review the guidelines that are in place.

10. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would seek to ensure that trees overhanging roadways are trimmed in order to ensure safety for all.

Reply: Kerry County Council will continue to address overhanging trees along the public road with the relevant landowner.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson welcomed the reply and asked the Council to ensure that branches around public lights be cut back and referred specifically to such a tree on Park Road.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to a public light outside Two Mile School where tree branches were blocking same.

11. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask the Roads Department to undertake junction safety works on all approaches to Finnegan's Cross which was the scene of a recent fatal accident. The dangers at this junction were previously highlighted at area meetings.

Reply: Kerry County Council has previously provided additional warning road markings on the approaches to this junction. This junction was also submitted for funding for Safety Improvement Work. A survey has been carried out at this location and a preliminary design has been completed. Kerry County Council has also approached a landowner with the view of re-aligning the junction.

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to the two people who recently died at this junction and wished to extend his sympathy to their families. He said the dangers of this junction have been highlighted on numerous occasions. One landowner has had 5 or 6 vehicles end up in his lawn. Cllr. Cronin welcomed the fact that additional work has been undertaken and discussions have taken place with one landowner. He said he would be willing to fund any such works from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Allocation Fund together with a contribution from the Local Authority.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved Notice of Motion No. 16 at this stage.

16. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to erect four stop signs on each approaching road at a crossroad junction where equal visibility isn't available i.e. Finnegan's Cross, Kilcummin. This would improve safety.

Reply: There is no provision for 4-Way Stop under the Road Traffic Acts. Under *"Section 6 of S.I. No 171 of Roads Traffic (Signs) Regulations 1962, A STOP Sign is a Regulatory Sign to indicate - (a) that a road ahead is a major road, the traffic on which has a right of way over the traffic approaching from the road on which the sign is provided and (b) that traffic so approaching the road ahead must halt before entering it"*. Therefore the provision of stop signs on each of the approaching roads to Finnegan's Cross is not a viable option as this proposal does not fulfil legal criteria as well as the design specifications of the TII. Kerry County Council has submitted this junction for funding for Safety Improvement Work. Currently a survey has been carried out at this location and a preliminary design has been completed. Kerry County Council has also approached a landowner with the view of re-aligning the junction, which would be a more appropriate design solution.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae offered her condolences to the family of the recently deceased. She welcomed that a design will be submitted to the Department.

Cllr. M. Moloney noted that this was a treacherous location and suggested that a ditch could be removed to improve sight distance for traffic coming from the Lawlor's Cross side.

Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that he had spoken with one landowner who is amenable to the Council's proposal of providing a staggered junction. He confirmed that he will approach the other landowner. He said the Council would review all aspects of the junction to increase visibility on all approaches.

12. Cllr. B. Cronin: I am again requesting the Killarney Municipal District Roads Engineer to respect the wishes of the elected Council and replace the blue disabled parking at the Cultural Centre.

Reply: As previously discussed, Kerry County Council would provide an accessible parking space between the entrance to the Train Station and Cinema to replace the existing space, if it could find a suitable location. This location would have to fulfil the Design Criteria for "On Street Designated Accessible Parking Space" as detailed in "Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach" as published by the Centre of Excellence in Universal Design - National Disability Authority." On inspecting the street, a suitable location has been identified and with some alterations to the footpath, this space can be provided. It is expected that works would commence shortly.

In response to a query from Cllr. B. Cronin, Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that a suitable location had been identified between the Cultural Centre and the entrance to the Railway Station and he confirmed that works would commence that day.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

13. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that roadside skirting be undertaken at Lahern North, Rockfield and on Rockfield Upper where Eircom poles were recently erected.

Reply: Kerry County Council have inspected the L-11009 Laharn North Cross to Laharn Cross and the L8003 Laharn Cross to Flynn's Forge North Cross. Roadside drainage works will be undertaken at the locations where Eircom poles have recently been erected along these roads. The skirting of these roads will be considered as part of the Killarney MD Drainage Programme 2020 which forms part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan and is expected to be before the members for their consideration by the end of March.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that Eir recently carried out works at this location but in doing so, blocked the small culvert which has resulted in water coming out onto the road. He said that Eir need to get a machine to clean up the area.

Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that photographs of the location in its current state will be forwarded to Eir.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

14. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request a report on the condition of the road paving surface along Main Street to the Market Cross and can the surface be replaced on the short section from the exit of Glebe Carpark to top of Plunkett Street. This is critically important town centre infrastructure.

Reply: The paved roadway section of the Shared Space along Main Street up to Market Cross requires restoration. Kerry County Council are currently investigating the most appropriate manner of reinstating this surface and its associated cost. We are also in the process of identifying a funding stream. The required works would more than likely require a full closure of the street for 6 - 8 weeks. The section of road from the exit of Glebe Carpark to the top of Plunkett Street also requires restoration and has been previously included in the 3 Year Multi-Annual Roads Restoration Programme of Works for 2021. Kerry County Council will be presenting the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for Killarney MD to members by the end of March. These sections of important infrastructure will be considered as part of the Municipal District Works Plan.

Cllr. B. Cronin said that the road in its current state does not leave a good impression and needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Motion.

Mr. J. Breen stated that the critical issue here is that this work requires a 6 – 8 week closure to allow the substructure of the road to cure.

Mr. J. Ahern agreed that the paving stones had deteriorated. He stated that the bricks sit on grit / sand but the bond that seals them needs 28 days to strengthen and if the road is put under stress before the 28 days, then it will fail. In total, it will take 2 weeks to take out the old bricks and put drainage in place and 2 – 3 weeks for the physical work and 4 weeks traffic-free.

15. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask that the very bad section of the Ballytrasna Road be urgently resurfaced.

Reply: The length of the Ballytrasna Road (L11016) is 1.6km of which approximately 0.3km is in a poor condition. This road has been previously included in the 3 Year Multi Annual Road Restoration Improvement Programme and is scheduled for funding in 2021 to the value of €54,250. Kerry County Council will continue to maintain this road within the constraints of our Local Road Upkeep budget.

Cllr. B. Cronin noted that the Roads crew have tried their best to keep the road maintained but water is lodging there.

16. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 11.

17. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to examine the possibility of extending the footpath from Bridgefield Estate to the existing footpath on Upper Lewis Road.

Reply: Kerry County Council will examine the possibility of providing a footpath at this location.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae noted the reply.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

18. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to erect a safety barrier west of the Two Mile School, to prevent vehicles from going off road and down a drop off.

Reply: A section of the L-2019 west of Two Mile School has failed. Kerry County Council will be carrying out works to repair and support the side of the road.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked if the works referred to in the reply included a safety barrier. She stated that the speed indicator signs were not effective and were not provided at a safe location. People were not taking note of the reduced speed limit.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that he did not believe the road had failed. He stated that when the lags were improved the Council brought up the road and narrowed it in and at that time Cllr. Cronin had asked if the road could be backed up inside to make it safe but instead of doing this, 4 traffic cones were placed at the location. This bank needs to be supported. Cllr. Cronin said that he did not agree with Cllr. Healy-Rae's comments about the speed indicator signs. He said that the Gardaí visited the location with their speed cameras and the signs did make a difference. It is the duty of drivers to respect the lives of children and parents. There is a need for enforcement.

19. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council will the road from Park Cross up to Kilcummin Village be completed this year?

Reply: The road in question was included in the 2019 Restoration Improvement programme for Killarney MD but was deferred pending confirmation by Irish Water that the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme was proceeding to construction.

The road is again included in the 2020 Restoration Improvement programme. The inclusion of this road in the 2020 Roads Programme will be dependent on progress being made by Irish Water on the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae noted that this matter had been discussed previously and welcomed that the road was now proceeding due to Irish Water's decision to postpone the construction dates for the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

20. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: What is the update regarding the safety scheme for Glenflesk Village?

Reply: Traffic Surveys, Speed Surveys and Collision History Analysis have been carried out. Traffic Calming Proposals are currently being developed in conjunction

with the TII. Consultation will take place in Q2 2020 before finalising the proposals following which the Statutory Consent process will be initiated.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.

21. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District be provided with an update in relation to electronic car park signs on the approach roads to the town which will provide live car park capacity and the number of spaces left in each of the car parks. This will help to eliminate traffic congestion within the town for the upcoming tourist season.

Reply: Kerry County Council has advertised on eTenders for the Provision of the Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Maintenance of Electronic Parking Guidance System for Killarney Town.

In response to a query from Cllr. D. Grady, Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that 30th March was the closing date for receipt of tenders and it is hoped that the signs will be installed in July (dependent on the contractor).

22. Cllr. D. Grady: That a commencement date be provided in relation to the widening of footpath at the start of Rock Road as this work was previously agreed.

Reply: Part of the overall project which is proposed for the Rock Road Safety Scheme is the undergrounding of the existing overhead ESB Network into the existing footpath. However, there are currently a lot of existing services within this footpath, some of which needs to be repositioned in order to provide enough space for the ESB ducts. Kerry County Council are currently awaiting a proposal and a start date from this service provider, this will determine Kerry County Council's start date.

Cllr. D. Grady noted the reply.

23. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District would immediately upgrade the road at Foiladown due to heavy traffic and rain and give an update on the road that collapsed at Loo Bridge.

Reply: After the re-opening of the R569, Kerry County Council sent in a crew to carry out repair works to the sections of the Foiladuane Road, damaged due to the increase in traffic as a result of the recent closure of the R569.

Cllr. D. Grady complimented the Council crews involved in restoring the road at Loo Bridge. He said it was important that Foiladown be resurfaced as soon as possible.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

24. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District request the appropriate authorities to set back 3 poles into the existing wall at St. Mary's Terrace as they are at present causing a hindrance to traffic and especially Emergency Services traffic.

Reply: As previously discussed, these poles are ESB Network poles and are therefore in the charge of the ESB. Kerry County Council has previously consulted

with the ESB and they advised that there are currently no plans to underground the wires and move the poles at St. Mary's Terrace. Kerry County Council Roads Department, on foot of this motion, has been in consultation with Kerry County Council's Fire Department in regards to the potential hindrance to Emergency Vehicles and they are in agreement. Kerry County Council will therefore now inform the ESB Networks about the concerns of the Fire Department and request that the poles be removed.

Cllr. D. Grady said that one of the poles is a mains electricity supply pole and if someone hit it, they could be killed. This pole needs to be moved against the wall or be undergrounded.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

25. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District need extra General Operative staff for Killarney. Interviews were held almost a year ago. How many full time outdoor employees are now in the Killarney Town area?

Reply: Kerry County Council recruits staff on the basis of meeting service requirements across our various works areas and subject to the necessary budgetary provision being in place. In the case of outdoor staff, recruitment is carried out by the Council's Human Resources Department following consultation with the relevant Business Units in order to determine staffing needs and resources required to meet this need. A competition for General Operatives was completed in early 2019 following public advertisement and panels are currently in place for all of the Council's engineering areas. These panels are being used to fill vacancies, either permanent or temporary, as they arise. There are currently 27 full-time Outdoor Employees located within Killarney Town by Kerry County Council.

Cllr. D. Grady said there was a need for extra General Operative staff in Killarney. He acknowledged the excellent work of the current staff but additional staff were needed.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would, while the trees are relatively small, undertake the cut back of the re-growth that has occurred on the foundation of the old Flesk Bridge since the previous cut back some years ago in the River Flesk immediately downriver of the present Flesk Bridge, Muckross Road.

Reply: Kerry County Council are not the responsible body for the maintenance of the Flesk River and therefore are not in a position to undertake the cut back of re-growth. Kerry County Council did previously carry out work at this location that was funded out of the monies provided for the storm damage in 2016. Trees etc were cleared from the surface of the islands. The use of track machinery was very problematic given the disturbance they may cause to the aquatic life of the river,

particularly at this sensitive location. There is also currently no identified source of funding for further works at this time.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson said that wonderful work was carried out on the Old Flesk Bridge 3 years ago. He asked that the work be undertaken again to give piece of mind to the residents who feel this growth impedes the free flow of water and increases the risk of flooding to their homes. He asked that the branches of the trees be cut before they grow stronger.

Mr. J. Ahern stated that the Council was not responsible for the maintenance of the River but understood the concerns of the Cathaoirleach. He acknowledged that the Council previously undertook works there as part of a flood scheme but the Council were not now in a position to enter the river with a machine and have no funding mechanism to carry out this work. Mr. Ahern suggested that the residents should approach the landowner as this is private property.

Cllr. D. Grady said that Members would be willing to contribute funding to this work.

Mr. J. Breen said the matter will be referred to the Local Authority's Waters and Community Officer who is based in the Environment Section of Kerry County Council.

Cllr. B. Cronin said that statutory bodies were prevented entering rivers due to the presence of aquatic life but no such policy seemed to apply for the proposed scheme to pipe water from the Shannon to Dublin. He said the situation was ludicrous.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would liaise with the Management of Killarney National Park with a view to maximising its potential as a location for small to medium sized orienteering outings.

Reply: The Municipal District will liaise with the National Parks & Wildlife Service.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the Education Centre with the NPWS are reviewing a programme in this regard and are discussing topics such as educational walks.

Ms. E. O'Donoghue informed the Members that she would be meeting the Education Centre in the afternoon and will discuss the Motion with them.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson stated that matter should be handled with care and a limit be placed on numbers.

3. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can Kerry County Council ask the Killarney Tourist Office to clarify if the entrance to the Tourist Office is wheelchair / moped friendly and accessible.

Reply: Fáilte Ireland has confirmed works are to be undertaken in the coming month to the doors to the Killarney Tourist Office which will improve access for all.

Ms. E. O'Donoghue stated she had been in contact with Fáilte Ireland and there was an issue with access through the main door. Works are due to take place in the coming weeks and Ms O'Donoghue confirmed she will liaise with Killarney Access Group once the proposed works are undertaken.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked the Council to advise where the nearest disabled parking bay to the Tourist Office is located as one should be provided near this office.

4. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what is the update with erecting public awareness signage relating to Lyme's Disease on all entrances to the National Park?

Reply: Further to this matter having been raised previously at Full Council meeting, correspondence was received from Mr Seamus Hassett, Regional Manager of the National Park wherein he advised as follows :-

"Further to your letterplease be advised that the Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht do not intend to erect signage in Killarney National Park with a view to "reminding visitor to check themselves for ticks in order to prevent Lymes disease"

Ticks and the presence of ticks, which are the main vector for the transmission of Lyme disease and similar infections, is an issue throughout the countryside and is not confined to National Parks, Nature Reserves or designated lands. The Department is not aware of any scientific proof of an increase in the numbers of ticks but there is a higher public awareness of ticks and Lyme's disease in general, which may reflect a perception of an increase in tick numbers. It also should be noted that deer are not the sole host animal for ticks - ticks can be found on a variety of animals including dogs, mice, voles, hedgehogs, sheep, deer and horses. While, as above, this issue is not confined to the Park, information on ticks for members of the public intending to visit the Park is contained in the health and safety section of the dedicated website: <http://www.killarneynationalpark.ie/visit/health-safety>.

Information on Lyme disease is available from the HSE and their booklet <http://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/vectorborne/lymedisease/informationforthepublic/Lyme%20DL%20April2017%20-%20D2.pdf> contains useful information in this regard." And is readily available on their website."

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the reply did not answer her question. She stated she was referring to the commitment received that Kerry County Council would review the matter of erecting information signage on Council property at all entrances to the National Park. She said that this issue relates to public awareness and the Elected Members had a responsibility in this regard. She stated that people from Kerry may be aware of the presence of ticks but visitors are not.

Cllr. B. Cronin concurred with Cllr. Healy-Rae's comments. He stated the response from the NPWS was disgraceful. He stated that the Members did ask the Council to request the appropriate wording from the HSE to use on the signage. Kerry County Council is the body in control of public owned land outside of the entrances to the National Park. He asked that one sign be erected at each entrance with appropriately worded information.

Cllr. D. Grady noted that people in Kerry are suffering from Lyme's Disease but the NPWS is hiding from it.

Mr. J. Breen agreed to follow up on this matter.

(b) Correspondence

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| 1. | Letter dated 15 th January 2020 received from Professor John R. Higgins, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Cork University Maternity Hospital regarding request that antenatal classes be held in Killarney area for women who choose to attend Cork University Maternity Hospital for their antenatal care |
| 2. | Letter dated 29 th January 2020 received from Ms Helen Francis, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in relation to deer management in the Ballydowney and Fossa areas of Killarney |
| 3. | Letter dated 10 th February 2020 from Mr Mark Byrne, Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding the provision of a separate road for jaunting cars on Mission Road, Killarney |

The Members referred to letter No. 2 received from Ms Helen Francis, Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Cllr. N. Kelleher said he was appalled at the response received to the Members' request to receive a deputation with the Minister and their request to provide a fence from Ballydowney to Fossa. He stated that the Members have offered a solution to the Department about deer running onto the road.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae concurred with Cllr. Kelleher's comments. She said that people have died as a result of the deer exiting the National Park onto the roadway. She said that the Members had requested fencing a stretch of road from Ballydowney to Fossa and not the entire National Park as alluded to in the letter.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the letter highlighted what the Local Authority were confronted with in dealing with this issue. He stated that no person had asked for 10,000 acres to be fenced. He said that the Department had no concept of what was happening in Killarney and they should meet with the families who had lost loved ones as a result of collisions with deer. He said that the public must be protected from the deer and the Members would not give up on this issue.

In response to a query from Cllr. B. Cronin, Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that deer warning signage had been erected in the Ballydowney area.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked that a further letter issue to the Department reiterating the Members' request for a meeting with the Minister.

Cathaoirleach M. Gleeson said that the Department does not want to know about this matter.

(c) Agree dates for 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 Killarney 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: Wednesday, 25th March)

It was agreed to hold this Special Meeting on Wednesday, 25th March 2020. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked if it could be held at 3.00pm on 25th March and this was agreed.

- (b)** It was agreed that the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 6th May 2020

(d) Any Other Business

Civic Reception for East Kerry GAA Club

On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, Seconded by Cllr. B. Cronin it was agreed that Killarney Municipal District would hold a Civic Reception for East Kerry Senior GAA Team having won the County Championships in 2019, East Kerry Minor Team who won four in a row and East Kerry Under 21 Team who won two in a row in the County Championship.

Durapatcher

In response to a query from Cllr. N. Kelleher, Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that the two Durapatchers were in working order. One operated in Killarney in December for 15 working days and for 9 days in January. He confirmed that the Durapatcher had not been in use in February due to the wet weather conditions but stated that it would be out on the road next week.

On attending her last Killarney Municipal District Meeting, the Members wished Ms. J. McCarthy a very happy retirement from Kerry County Council.

Ms. J. McCarthy thanked the Members. She stated that Killarney was the capital of tourism in the country and noted the great respect that people had for the environment that the County is so lucky to have. She wished the Members and the Municipal District Office the best in maintaining it.

The Meeting concluded at 1.00pm.

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