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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
KENMARE HELD IN THE BROOKLANE HOTEL, KENMARE, FRIDAY 20TH
SEPTEMBER 2019**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH NEIDÍN A
THIONÓLADH I BROOKLANE HOTEL, NEIDÍN AR AN hAOINE 20Ú MEAN
FOMHAIR 2019.**

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen
Cllr. J. Healy-Rae
Cllr. D. McCarthy
Cllr. N. Moriarty
Cllr. M. Cahill**

IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR

Mr. M O' Donoghue	Delegated Executive
Mr. P. Teahan	Municipal District Engineer
Ms. B. Conway	Meetings Administrator
Ms. S Griffin	Municipal District Officer
Mr. M Kelliher	EE Caherciveen
Mr. K O' Halloran	EE Kenmare
Mr. B. Hickey	E.E. Killorglin
Mr. C Mangan	S.E.E Water Services
Mr. G. O' Brien	A/S.E.O. Environ Services, Planning Enfor& HEU
Ms. C. Fitzgerald	S.O. Corporate Affairs

The meeting commenced at 10.13a.m.

Cathaoirleach D. McCarthy took the chair.

Cathaoirleach D. McCarthy gave apologies on behalf of Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen and it was agreed that Cllr. N. Moriarty would move his Notice of Motions and Questions.

20.07.19.01(a) Confirmation of Minutes

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Cahill & SECONDED by Cllr. J. Healy-Rae it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Kenmare Municipal District held on 24th July be confirmed.

(b) Reception of Deputations

(a) Deputation from the Residents of Killowen Road, Kenmare
Re: Lighting and Footpath

Requested by Cllr. J. Healy -Rae

The Cathaoirleach D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and briefed them on the Standing Orders for reception of deputations at the meeting of the Municipal District of Kenmare.

The first spokesperson Mr. D. Dwyer introduced himself and proceeded to read the following into the record of the meeting.

“Firstly, I would like to thank councillor Johnny Healy-Rae for organising and allowing me the time to speak here. I am a native of Kenmare and recently resident in Killowen area

*Speed speed, speed. we have all seen the ads on TV and unfortunately many lives and families have been devastated due to it
Killowen is a residential area which a high volume of traffic some of which are travelling at excessive speeds – my own front wall is a testament of this. But every resident will tell you exiting their houses by car is a lotto. You have to pick your moment and accelerate hard any hesitation or indecision could be detrimental*

What we are looking for

- 1. Extension of the footpath and lighting beyond the Kenmare rock**
- 2. Painted road markings – rumble lines, SLOW,**
- 3. A digital speed sign situated at the Kenmare rock.**
- 4. Signage saying concealed entrances - slow down or anything of that nature.**
- 5. A central island with additional traffic calming measures.**

The spokesperson referred to an email that he had received from the Area Engineer, outlining the following.

1. The 50 km speed limit is being moved further out the road under the new speed limit by-laws this will hopefully make a big difference as it currently 50km is from the golf club in. The new 50km will be going in before the Killowen bungalows.

2. He will look at putting in some road markings to slow motorists down this will be done later in the summer when I have the road marking crew in the area.

3. The street lighting throughout Kerry is to be changed to LED but it must be contracted and this may not be done until 2020/2021.

I don't believe any of this was achieved and I do appreciate your sentiments, but I must stress this certainly is not enough. Any traffic calming measures need to start out past the Kenmare rock.

I work from home and every day I see first-hand a multiple of people both tourists and locals: walkers, jogging, cycling, running, pushing prams, kids walking to school over an

uneven grass verge outside my house and with cars, large lorries and busses hurtling by this is just not safe and yes it's an accident waiting to happen.

So will be problem be fixed by

- 1. Only doing the lighting*
- 2. Only extending the footpath*
- 3. Only erecting a digital speed sign*
- 4. Only Road markings*
- 5. Only putting a Central island*

*NO But all of the above need to be done and what is **absolutely crucial** is that all these chances start on or before the Kenmare rock*

Many thanks for your time and thanks again to the Killowen residents who attended."

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and referred to the large number of people from Killowen who have attended today's meeting which outlined the seriousness of the matter. He stated that he has previously raised this matter on a number of occasions. It appears that nobody is adhering to the speed limit and it is unbelievable that there has been no fatality here. He asked that driver feedback signs would be erected similar to those at Caher School and that the council would consider erecting an Island which would slow down the traffic.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the deputation and stated that it seems that speed is a huge issue at this location. It would appear that more and more communities are now requesting speed signage, however he stressed that the Gardai have a role to play and there is nothing more effective than the presence of the Gardaí. The public need to be educated about the dangers of speeding.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the deputation and complimented them on their presentation. She wished to concur with the comments of the previous speakers and stated that the driver feedback signs can be very effective.

Cathaoirleach. D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and stated that the Killowen road is a particularly busy road. He stated that he has previously allocated towards this road through his CSMDOF and undertook to allocate towards the Driver Feedback signs in the New year.

Mr. P. Teahan introduced himself and on behalf of the executive welcomed the deputation to the meeting. Firstly, he advised the deputation that as part of the Speed Limit Bye-Laws recently adopted for the county, a 50km speed limit has been introduced in this area up to Killowen Cottages. He stated that the introduction of the driver feedback signs is an excellent idea and is confident that funding would be made available for the provision of this signage before the end of the year. In regard to the deputation's request to extend the footpath, Mr. P. Teahan confirmed that the council has received very limited funding for footpath works and can be very challenging to secure a source of funding for these works. However, a sum of €15,000 has been made available in the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for maintenance work on the existing footpath on the Killowen Road, which is outside the town Boundary. In relation to

a provision of an Island at this location, he confirmed that the Killowen road doesn't have the characteristics to facilitate an Island.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae expressed disappointment that funding can't be provided on this regional road to facilitate an Island. He stated that everyone is aware that accidents have occurred on this road irrespective of them been recorded on the database. He referred to the drafting of the upcoming Local Area Plan for the Kenmare area and stated that this LAP should incorporate that a footpath scheme would be included in this area and suggested to the deputation that they would make a submission to the LAP for the scheme to be included.

(b) Deputation from Residents of Caherdaniel Village
Re: Entrance & Crossing to the Playground and the provision of a Sewerage scheme.

The Cathaoirleach D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and briefed them on the Standing Orders for reception of deputations at the meeting of the Municipal District of Kenmare.

The Spokesperson Mr. Michael O' Connor proceeded to read the following into the record of the minutes.

This problem has been going on for up on 30 years & the historical situation is that originally Caherdaniel was in the No1 position for the provision of a sewage system but it was not delivered and subsequently we went to position No 26 on the list & in recent times particularly during the recession & with creation of Irish Water we went completely off the radar.

The main problem with the lack of provision of a sewage system for Caherdaniel is that it has given rise to the fact that there is a serious pollution problem in the village due to raw sewage being discharged from a number of PRIVATE PIPES into the stream flowing through the village which subsequently flows into Derrynane Bay which is designated a Blue Flag Beach area.

The lack of sewage & the pollution of our village stream & Derrynane Bay has been a primary concern of Coiste Pobail Cathair Dónall (Caherdaniel Community Council) over the years & a proposal at one of our meetings a few years ago was to extend the polluting pipes downstream to connect to a holding tank in the field (playground field & owned by Kerry Co. Co.) at the back of the Church which bounds the stream. This tank could then be desludged from time to time.

When we sought specifications for the tank from Irish Water & Kerry Co.Co.Water Engineers there were none available & we could not proceed.

Our next step was to call in John Breen head of services Kerry. Co. Co. who met members of our committee in Caherdaniel.

The outcome of this meeting was:-

1) That there was a KCC plan (which was a no of years old) to provide sewage to the whole of Caherdaniel at a cost of €1.4 M approx, this would now be in the order of €2 M.

2) There was no resources to carry out this plan.

3) There was no government legislation to cover Villages such as Caherdaniel that had only PRIVATE sewer pipes & no Local Government pipes.

It was suggested by John Breen that we make attempts to hire private engineers to draw up a plan to address the sewage requirements in the centre of the village & which would consequently solve the pollution problem.

We invited a private environmental Engineering Company (Vessie Envirno Cork) & John Breen to visit the village with a view to securing a quotation for a plan to be drawn up to resolve the problem.

Following this we secured 2 other quotations & applied to South Kerry Partnership for funding (approx €12K) through the Leader funding programme under the Biodiversity category to draw up a plan to EXTEND THE POLLUTING PIPES DOWNSTREAM & CONNECT THEM TO A HOLDING TANK WHICH WOULD CONNECT TO AN INTEGRATED CONSTRUCTED WETLAND AS WELL AS CREATING A HABITAT FOR THE EDUCATION OF OUR PRIMARY & SECONDARY STUDENTS.

This application has been approved by SKDP with funding of 90% being applicable.

The remaining funding of 10% will be provided by application to The Community Support Fund of KCC for 5% & we will be providing 5% from our own resources.

The next step when we have all the funds for the plan will be to hire the Environmental Engineering Company to actually draw up the plan.

Our next step will be to carry out the work of the plan which will cost in the region of €70 to €100K & this can only be done when the necessary resources are available. We are open to suggestions as to how we are going to secure these resources & how soon they will become available for this URGENT & LONG OVERDUE PROBLEM WHICH IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE IN THAT IT EXISTS IN A POPULATED AREA CLOSE TO A CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND.

One source of funding may be through SKDP/Leader funding/ Biodiversity Category. There has been an amount of representations made by public reps over the years to address this problem.

We have also raised a question in the Dail asking " When will the necessary legislation & resources be provided for villages with PRIVATE SEWER PIPES ONLY" but the answer has been unsatisfactory & has been passed on to John Breen.

This question will have to be asked again in order that we can get a correct answer.

It is also important to point out that this will not solve all the sewage problems of Caherdaniel but that account of this project be taken as a first phase of a bigger plan to provide sewage facilities for the remainder of Caherdaniel village & its outskirts.

An economic factor in this should also be considered that the provision of an ICW is approximately HALF that of the conventional system so therefore legislation should be passed to CPO appropriate land for ICW's to provide the full sewage system.

We are optimistic that this meeting will come up with concrete proposals that will deliver the long overdue facilities to Caherdaniel in the very near future & that it will be treated as A PRIORITY.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank John Breen, Rory Harrington (ICW inventor & expert) Aila Carty of Vesi Environmental Engineering Cork, Noel Spillane & his SKDP team & other KCC officials, Public Reps & our own local Voluntary Committee of Coiste Pobail Cathair Dónall. for all their work in this project to date & we hope that all the necessary actions & resources will be provided in the near future to secure what is a constructional & public health right of our indigenous & tourist population.

Mr. C. Mangan introduced himself and on behalf of the executive welcomed the deputation to the meeting. Firstly, he acknowledged the concerns of the deputation. Kerry County Council is very aware of the situation in Caherdaniel and the need for a sewerage scheme in the village as well as in many other 'unserved' villages in the county such as Castlecove, Cromane, Asdee, Scartaglin and Beaufort. Mr Mangan emphasised that Irish Water owns and is responsible for the provision, upkeep and maintenance of all public water and sewerage schemes in the country. Kerry County Council has a service level agreement with Irish Water and merely acts as an agent on its behalf. In the 'noughties', Caherdaniel was on a Dept. Of Environment list of 28 villages in Kerry for which new/upgraded waste water schemes were being planned and prepared but the recession of 2008 brought an abrupt end to that programme. Irish Water is fully informed of the needs for waste water schemes in these 'unsewered' villages. Irish Water's policy is to give priority to upgrading existing substandard sewerage schemes, and to meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences for existing SSs, prior to considering investment in new schemes in 'unsewered' villages. The imminent upgrading of Kenmare sewerage scheme is a case in point. Ironically, IW has no legal responsibility for 'unsewered' villages. Mr Mangan referred to Irish Water's national Capital Infrastructure Programme which is currently been drafted and confirmed that Caherdaniel is not on this programme. At the moment, the provision of a sewerage scheme in Caherdaniel will have to be 'developer-driven' – any investment by IW is very unlikely in the foreseeable future.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and stated that unfortunately he was aware that there was going to be a negative outcome. During the summer months the village is swelled to capacity with tourists and the provision of a sewerage scheme is urgently required here and believed that it is neglectful of Irish Water to not provide such a facility. He explained to the deputation that currently Irish Water are only legal obliged to upgrade the existing sewerage schemes and stated that this legislation must be changed.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the deputation and stated that it is very unsatisfactory from a health and safety point of view and compared the situation to pagan like infrastructure. Kerry is the premier county for tourism and believed that Irish Water and the Government should be doing more to advance the process. He referred to the funding

application submitted to SKDP (South Kerry Development Partnership) and offered the deputation his full assistance with the application.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the deputation and explained that the offer letter for the feasibility system has been issued and that the system is suitable for Caherdaniel. She referred to the surge in population of tourists in the village during the summer months and stated that the provision of public toilets is also required to facilitate the number of visitors to the village.

The second spokesperson acknowledged the member's comments and stated that the committee has put a lot of work into this project and it is disappointing that there appears to be no joined up thinking between the Irish Water, the Government and Fáilte Ireland.

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

(a) To consider Chief Executive Report in accordance with Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) to construct a new single rural dwelling and associated site works at Cullenagh Upper, Beaufort, Co. Kerry'

Mr. M. O' Donoghue went through the report which was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHIARRAI
KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**



Tuairisc an Phríomh-Fheidhmeannaigh a ullmhaíodh de bhun Alt 179(3) Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 (leasaithe) maidir le forbairt a leanas/

Chief Executive Report and Recommendations in accordance with Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) for the following development: -

Construct a 3 bedroom single rural dwelling, septic tank and soil polishing filter system and associated site works

AT

CULLENAGH UPPER, BEAUFORT, CO. KERRY

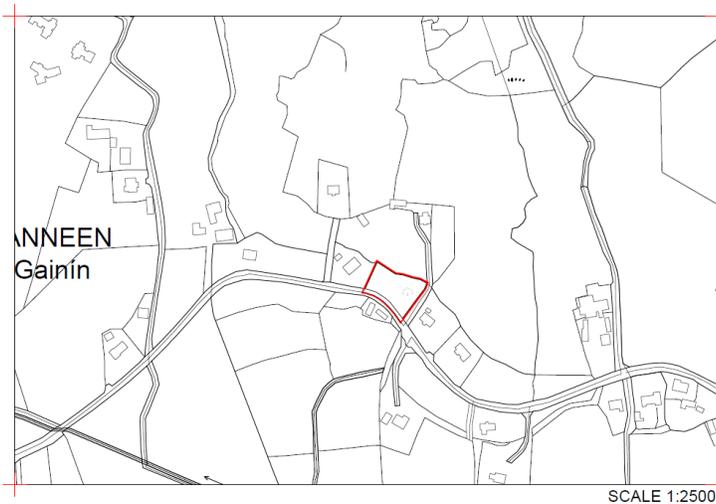
Dáta/Date: 15th August 2019

1. NATURE & EXTENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

It is proposed to construct a single rural dwelling with septic tank, soil polishing filter system, vehicular access and parking and ancillary site works at Cullenagh Upper, Beaufort, Co. Kerry.

The dwelling will accommodate 3no. bedrooms (5 persons) and be served by the public water supply. The wastewater treatment will be provided by wastewater treatment system and soil polishing filter, in accordance with EPA(2009), *Code of Practice: Waste Water Treatment System for Single Houses*.

The site is situated c.5km South West of Beaufort village in the townland of Cullenagh Upper. The site is accessed via a local road L-4039-96. The lands slope from South to North away from the local road to the rear of the site. An existing access road runs along the eastern boundary and a mature stone ditch lines this boundary. Existing immature woodland is planted throughout the site.



Map 1: Location map of the proposed site at Cullenagh Upper, Beaufort, Co. Kerry.



Figure 1: Aerial photograph of the proposed site

Public Consultation

In accordance with A.81(1)b of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2019 a Public Notice was advertised in the Kerry's Eye newspaper on Thursday 27th June 2019. A Site Notice was erected on site on Wednesday 26th June 2019.

The Plans and Particulars for the single rural dwelling were on display from Thursday 27th June 2019 until Friday 26th July 2019 at the following locations:

- Kerry County Council, Killarney Municipal District Operations Department, Town Hall, Killarney, Co. Kerry
- Kerry County Council Website www.kerrycoco.ie

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with proper planning and sustainable development of the area were invited on or before 5.00 p.m. on Friday 09th August 2019.

2. PERSONS OR BODIES WHO MADE SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD

Kerry County Council received two (2) submissions and observations within the statutory time period:

1. Brendan Dunne, HSE, Edward Court, Edward St, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
2. Mr Sean Laffey, Irish Water, Dublin 1, Ireland.

3. ISSUES RAISED, WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA, BY PERSONS OR BODIES WHO MADE SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS AND MANAGERS RESPONSE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Brendan Dunne, HSE, Edward Court, Edward St, Tralee, Co. Kerry

Observation / Submission

- The HSE have no objection to this proposed development provided they are carried out in accordance with best practice standards. As noted in the screening report the treatment systems will be designed to current EPA standards.

Chief Executives Response

- The observations are noted. The proposed development will be constructed in accordance with best practice standards.
- The waste water treatment systems will be installed as per the *EPA (2010), Code of Practice: Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e. ≤ 10)*.

Chief Executives Recommendation

No further action recommended.

2. Mr Sean Laffey, Irish water, Dublin 1, Ireland.

Observation / Submission

- Where the applicant proposed to connect to the public water/wastewater network operated by IW, an agreement adhering to the standards and conditions must be entered into.
- Irish water infrastructure capacity requirements and proposed connections to IW and WW infrastructure will be subject to the constraints of IW capital Investment Programme.
- All development must be carried out in compliance with Irish Water standards codes and practices.

Chief Executives Response

- Submission noted.

Chief Executives Recommendation

No further action recommended.

3. EVALUATE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPER PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA

The site is situated in area identified as *Rural Area Under Strong Urban Influence* in the Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021. These are areas which exhibit characteristics such as proximity to the immediate environs or close commuting catchment of the Hub Towns and larger towns, rapidly rising population, evidence of considerable pressure for development of housing due to proximity to such urban areas, or to major transport corridors.

It is the policy of the local authority to ensure that favourable consideration is given to individual one – off house developments for immediate family members (sons, daughters or favoured niece/nephew) on family farms and land holdings; subject to compliance with normal planning criteria and environmental protection considerations. The applicants meet the requirement set out in Objective RS-7 of the Kerry CDP 2015-2021.

A site suitability assessment was conducted on site by a suitably qualified person, in accordance with the *EPA (2010), Code of Practice: Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Serving Single Houses (p.e. ≤ 10)* to assess the suitability of the proposed site to accommodate onsite domestic Wastewater Treatment and Disposal System. The site was considered to be suitable to treat effluent on site. The assessment recommended the use of a packaged wastewater treatment system and polishing filter.

The layout and design will ensure the proposal will integrate into the rural landscape and will not be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Existing hedgerows should be retained to help integrate the structure into the surrounding area. Landscaping with native species is required.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening report and determination was prepared for development. The Local Authority determined that the works, individually and in combination with other plans and projects, are not likely to have significant effects on the European site (Natura 2000 site), and as such, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment / Natura Impact Assessment is not required.

An Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Report was carried out on the proposed projects. The Local Authority determined that the works, individually or/and in combination with other plans and projects, are not likely to have significant effect on the environment and as such a full EIA is not required.

The proposed development relates to the construction of a local authority social house and as such is exempt from the application of Kerry County Councils Development Contribution Scheme 2017.

Pursuit to Article 120(3)(ca) of the Planning and Development regulations 2018 no written confirmation was issued by An Bord Pleanála on the local authority regarding a request for screening determination.

The proposed development is considered consistent with the development management requirements set out in the Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

Having considered the proposed development pursuant to section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2018, the proposal is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Consequently, it is recommended to proceed with the development that went on public display.

SIGNED: _____
Martin O' Donoghue
Kenmare Municipal District Manager

APPENDIX A

Planning Conditions

FIRST SCHEDULE

Having regard to the nature, extent and location of the proposed development, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out in the Second Schedule, the proposed development would not be visually obtrusive, would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or be otherwise contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

SECOND SCHEDULE

1. The development shall be carried out entirely in accordance with the plans and particulars dated 26-06-2019 except for any alterations or modifications specified in this decision.

Reason: To regulate and control the layout of the development.

2. The use of the proposed dwelling unit shall be as a primary permanent all year-round private residences.
(b) The proposed dwelling unit shall not be used as a holiday home or second home.

Reason: In the interest of the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3. The finished floor level shall be in accordance with details dated 26-06-2019.

Reason: To integrate the structure into the surrounding area.

4. Notwithstanding the exempted development provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, and any statutory provision replacing or amending them, no development falling within Class 1 of Schedule 2, Part 1 of those Regulations shall take place within the curtilage of each house, without a prior grant of planning permission.

Reason: In the interest of the amenities of the area.

5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, and any statutory provision replacing or amending them, no part of any dwelling unit on site shall be used for the purpose of provision of overnight commercial guest accommodation without a prior grant of permission for such development.

Reason: To ensure the preservation of a good standard of amenity.

6. The development shall be connected to the public water supply to the satisfaction of Irish Water. No development shall commence until such time as the developer has obtained and signed a Connection Agreement with Irish Water for the provision of water and sewerage services necessary to enable the proposed development.

(b) The developer shall adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.

(c) No surface water shall enter new foul Infrastructure. Surface water to be attenuated to greenfield run off rates, prior to entering existing combined system.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

7. All excavations and building works shall be carried out between the hours of 0800 and 1800 Monday to Friday inclusive, and between the hours of 0800 and 1300 on Saturdays only. No work shall be carried out on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

8. Good site management practices shall be employed by the developer during the site construction and development to prevent discharge of contaminated waters. Silt traps and/or inceptors shall be maintained at regular intervals during the course of construction work.

Reason: In order to protect the existing environment.

9. Prior to the occupation of the dwelling unit, all site development works shall be substantially completed in accordance with the conditions attached to this decision in order to ensure an adequate means of access and the provision of all services to facilitate the development.

Reason: In the interests of orderly development.

10. The proposed development shall be provided with a waste water treatment system and polishing filter percolation area, in accordance with detail dated 14/08/2017 and the Environmental Protection Agency Wastewater Treatment Manual 'Treatment Systems for Single Houses', which shall be designed, located, constructed, operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions

Reason: In order to provide treatment of the effluent to the satisfaction of the Local Authority.

11. Prior to the occupation of the dwelling the appointed contractor shall submit a certificate from an approved person, the holder of professional indemnity insurance, stating that the treatment system and percolation area have been installed in accordance with the terms of the manufacturers instructions.

Reason: To safeguard public health and to ensure a proper standard of development.

12. The site shall be landscaped with suitable indigenous trees, shrubs and hedges to the satisfaction of the Local authority, except for the following modification:

(a) The use of concrete fencing is not permitted. Sod and stone boundaries can be considered.

(b) Existing boundary screening shall be retained in full with the exception of the location of the splayed entrance.

(c) All landscaping and screening shall be carried out within the first growing season following completion of the dwelling house.

(d) The construction of masonry block boundary walls is not permitted.

(e) Any trees or shrubs, which die or become diseased, shall be replaced with similar native species.

- Native Evergreens (Holly, Yew, Scots Pine).

- Native Deciduous (Oak, Elm, Ash, Birch, Hazel, Alder, Willow, Whitethorn, Blackthorn, Irish Whitebeam, Rowan).

Exotic species such as Cypress, Escallonia, Griselinia, Leylandii, Rhododendron and Laurel, shall not be used.

Reason: In order to integrate the development into its setting and in the interests of biodiversity and the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

13. The proposed development relates to the construction of Social Housing and as such is exempt from application of the Kerry County Council Development Contribution Scheme 2017.

Reason: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development.

APPENDIX B

Environmental Impact Assessment Screening determination & Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination Statement.

**Planning Authority Habitats Directive Assessment
Screening Determination Statement
For
A single rural house and ancillary site works development project at
Cullenagh, Beaufort, Co Kerry**

Stage I Appropriate Assessment Screening Statement

Kerry County Council as Competent Authority determines that the proposed works, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, are not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (Natura 2000 Site), and as such, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment / Natura Impact Statement is not required.

It is considered that the AA Screening Report prepared by the Environmental Assessment Unit contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the development on European sites. That assessment is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council.

Reasons for Determination

- It is noted that the Appropriate Assessment Screening report has been carried out giving full consideration to the plans and particulars of the proposed development to European sites located in the vicinity and to all of the matters referred to in S177 (U) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.
- This is a small-scale residential development distant from Natura 2000 sites which provides for wastewater treatment infrastructure and would be serviced with water from the public mains.
- There would be no loss or degradation of Natura 2000 habitat or functionally linked habitat.

Signed:


Michael Scannell

**Director of Services / Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí, Economic & Community
Development / Forbairt Eacnamaíochta & Pobail**

Date:

1/3/2019

**Planning Authority Environmental Impact Assessment
Preliminary Screening Conclusion Statement
For
A single rural house and ancillary site works development project at
Cullenagh, Beaufort, Co Kerry**

Environmental Impact Assessment Preliminary Screening Conclusion Statement

Kerry County Council as Competent Authority concludes that the proposed project, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects, is not one which requires an EIA and is not likely to have a significant effect on the Environment. Therefore, it is determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is not required in this instance.

It is considered that the EIA Preliminary Screening Report prepared by the Environmental Assessment Unit dated October 2018 contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the development on the Environment. That assessment is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council.

Reasons for Conclusion

- It is noted that the Environmental Impact Assessment Preliminary Screening exercise prepared by the Environmental Assessment Unit has been carried out giving full consideration to the plans and particulars of the proposed development as well as to the EIA Directive (85/337/EEC) codified by Directive 2011/92/EU and amended by way of Directive 2014/52/EU and to the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended which set out requirements for mandatory and sub-threshold EIA and EIA Screening and Preliminary Screening requirements.
- The proposal is a small-scale development project and is substantially below the (mandatory) thresholds for EIA,
- There is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development.

Signed:



Michael Scannell

**Director of Services / Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí, Economic & Community
Development / Forbairt Eacnamaíochta & Pobail**

Date:

1/3/2019.

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cahill and seconded by Cllr. D. McCarthy it was agreed to consider Chief Executive Report in accordance with Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) to construct a new single rural dwelling and associated site works at Cullenagh Upper, Beaufort, Co. Kerry'

(b) To consider the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations on the proposed N70/N71 Gortamullin Safety Improvement Scheme, in accordance with Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 -2018 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 -2019.

Mr. M. O' Donoghue went through the report which was circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHIARRAI



**N70/N71 Scéim Feabhsúcháin Sábháilteachta Gort an Mhuilinn
N70/N71 Gortamullin Safety Improvement Scheme**

Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations in accordance with Section 179 (3) of the
Planning and Development Act 2000 – 2018 and
Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2019.

Dáta/Date: 9th September 2019

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHIARRAI/KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

AN TACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT 2000 (LEASAITHE) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000(AS AMENDED)

Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations in accordance with Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 – 2018 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2019.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 LOCATION, NATURE & EXTENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:-

LOCATION:- N70/N71 National Secondary Roads, Gortamullin, Kenmare, Co. Kerry
Townlands: - Gortamullin

The proposed works consist of the following:

- New pedestrian footpaths (both sides of carriageway), 2m wide and approximately 1.3km in total length, with associated kerbing.
- Provision of new public lighting.
- Provision for a Controlled Puffin type pedestrian crossing.
- All associated ancillary and accommodation works, including the demolition and reconstruction of a section of stone wall along the N70, max height 1m, subject to landowner agreement, in order to facilitate the installation of the new footpath.

1.2 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A Public Notice was advertised in the Kerryman newspaper on Wednesday, 19th June 2019 and in the Kenmare news magazine.

Site Notices were erected along the proposed route. These were inspected regularly.

The Plans and Particulars for the development were on display at the following locations:

- Kerry County Council, Kenmare Area Office, The Library, Kenmare, Co. Kerry
- Kerry County Council, Roads, Transportation and Marine, Room 115, County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee, Co. Kerry
- Kerry County Council Website www.kerrycoco.ie

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with proper planning and sustainable development of the area were invited before 5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 31st July 2019.

1.3 RELEVANT DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES / OBJECTIVES / STRATEGIES

Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021:

7.2 - Land Use Integration and Sustainable Transport

It is the policy of the plan to promote the sustainable development of a transport system that provides a range of transport options for the County, including a safe road network, range of bus services and rail services, adequate facilities for walking and cycling.

The Plan has the following objectives:

RD-2 Facilitate the improvement of the quality of life of all citizens of the County by providing good quality environment, energy, communication and transportation infrastructure.

RD-5 Facilitate the sustainable provision of the necessary infrastructure at appropriate locations, required to promote the sustainable economic and social development of the County.

RD-6 Ensure that all objectives and any development will not have significant adverse effects on the built natural or cultural heritage, residential or visual amenity.

RD-7 Support and promote an integrated approach to land-use, planning and transportation through the implementation of the Local Area Plans.

RD-9 Improve access for all vulnerable road users and people with disabilities to all modes of transport thereby increasing and improving transport facilities for all users.

RD-28 Promote the sustainable development of walking, cycling, public transport and other sustainable forms of transport, as an alternative to the private car, by facilitating and promoting the sustainable development of necessary infrastructure at appropriate locations and by promoting initiatives contained within “Smarter Travel, A Sustainable Transport Future 2009-2020”.

RD-29 Promote the sustainable development of the public footpath network, the walking and cycling routes and associated infrastructure in the County, including where possible the retrofitting of cycle and pedestrian routes into the existing urban road network and in the design of new roads.

Smarter Travel, A Sustainable Transport Future 2009-2020:

Of all travel modes, cycling and walking have the lowest environmental impact. If we are to successfully promote cycling and walking as realistic alternatives to the private car, we need to ensure that they are, as far as possible, a safe and pleasant experience. Pedestrian and cycle facilities will be most successful where they form a coherent network, place an emphasis on safety, directly serve the main areas where people wish to travel, provide priority over vehicular traffic at junctions, are free from obstructions and have adequate public lighting.

Kenmare Functional Area Local Area Plan has the following objectives:

OO-4 Strengthen the town and villages throughout the area, improve the infrastructure provided, develop the critical mass necessary to sustainably maintain and expand the service provision within them, and make them more attractive places in which to live.

OO-29 Ensure that all infrastructure projects identified undertake a Habitats Directive Assessment in accordance with best practice and guidance of their impact on Natura 2000 sites as part of the planning and decision making process and in considering the most suitable locations or scale for provision of the project ensure avoidance of negative impact.

2. SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE WITH REGARD TO PERSONS OR BODIES WHO MADE SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD

No submissions or observations received.

3. EVALUATE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPER PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA

1. Determination Statements (Attached in Appendix A) have been made by the Planning and Sustainable Development Section of the Council. It concludes that the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment. It also concludes that a screening report was prepared which confirms that this project will not have any significant effects on a Natura 2000 Site and as such, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment /Natura Impact Statement is not required.
2. It is considered that the proposed development is substantially below the (mandatory) thresholds for EIA and is in accordance with the provisions of the Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021 and is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the County.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS/AMENDMENTS

Having considered the proposed development regarding Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2018, the proposal is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the County. Consequently, it is recommended that the proposed development should proceed without amendment.

It is considered that the proposed development is in accordance with the provisions of the Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021 and is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

The Local Authority has concluded that an EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) is not required.

The Local Authority has concluded that an AA (Appropriate Assessment) is not required.

It is recommended to proceed with the proposed development without modifications.

Martin O'Donoghue
Municipal District Manager, Kenmare MD

On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cahill and seconded by Cllr. D. McCarthy it was agreed to consider the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations on the proposed N70/N71 Gortamullin Safety Improvement Scheme, in accordance with Section 179 (3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 -2018 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 -2019.

20.09.19.03 To note the report from Economic & Community Development

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

Grants

Expressions of interest are presently being sought for core grant aid for the September 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. 3 trade fair grants have been approved.

Interest in the Trading Online Voucher Scheme remains strong with 42 applications approved this year. The next Trading Online Voucher Seminar is available for booking on our website.

Training

Training continues with 4 “Start Your Own Business programmes” running in the autumn now available for booking on our website.

Demand for Digital Marketing and Social Media training around the county continues. The office currently has a Digital Marketing Programme running which is finishing at the end of August. The next course is starting in September and is currently available for booking on the website. Other social media business programmes include Beginners Instagram Marketing for Business, Beginners Facebook Marketing and How to Run Facebook Advertising Campaigns.

Customs Compliance Export & Import Procedures Workshop

The Customs Compliance Export & Import Procedures Workshop is currently available for booking on our website. This Workshop will cover how export and import customs will impact trade with the UK as a ‘Third Country’, how tariffs work and the need to correctly classify your goods.

Mentoring

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

Microfinance Loans

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT (EDU)

Diaspora Public Consultation

Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development, Ciarán Cannon T.D., held an open public consultation to inform the new policy Global Ireland: Ireland’s Global Footprint to 2025 which commits to the introduction of a new Diaspora Policy in 2020 on the 1st July in The Brandon Hotel, Tralee.

This new policy will guide Ireland’s engagement and relationship with our diaspora: our emigrants, our citizens abroad, people of Irish heritage and those who feel an affinity with Ireland around the world.

Enterprise Ireland Regional Enterprise Development Fund

Following the success of the initial scheme the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise & Innovation has launched a new scheme with funding of a further €45m to support the achievement of objectives

outlined in the Regional Enterprise Plans; Future Jobs Ireland and Enterprise Ireland's "Powering the Regions" initiatives.

The Scheme has three streams:

- **Stream One** to support **Strategic Change Projects** with major regional, multi-regional or national sectoral initiative grants from €500k up to €5m per project in funding towards capital and current costs, at a maximum grant rate of 80% of actual costs. These initiatives should be focussed on achieving defined enterprise development outputs and impacts.
- **Stream Two** for **Regional Strengthening Projects**, grants from €100k up to €500k per project in funding towards capital and current costs, at a maximum grant rate of 80% of actual costs. These projects should be focussed at local, county or regional initiatives that have defined metrics for enterprise development in the area.
- **Stream Three** to support significant **Enterprise Clustering Initiatives** with grants of €50k up to €350k per project in funding towards current costs, at a maximum grant rate of 80% of actual costs. These projects should support industry-led groups to maximise the benefits of collaborative opportunities where the results of the activity will have identifiable and measurable impacts on their business.

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Call close dates:

- The **call closes for Call 3 for Streams 1,2, and 3 on Wednesday 25th September 2019, at 15:00pm GMT.**
- The last date for applications for **Feasibility Funding** is the 2nd September 2019.

<https://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/funding-supports/REDF/>

TOURISM

PARKS, GARDENS & WOODLANDS OF KERRY BROCHURE:

Minister Brendan Griffin recently launched a *Parks, Gardens & Woodlands of Kerry* brochure. Described by Paul Maher, Curator, National Botanic Gardens of Ireland as a '*knowledgeable companion*', the brochure was researched, designed and produced by Kerry County Council's Tourism Unit, with the support of the Department of Rural & Community Development's 'Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme'.

Several actions contained in the County Kerry Tourism Strategy & Action Plan 2016-2022 emphasise the importance of continued promotion and marketing of niche tourism products, such as gardening, which have the potential to attract high spending visitors and addresses the challenges of seasonality and regionality. Targeted domestic and overseas promotions for the Kerry product which appeals to the 'culturally curious' and the 'great escapers' is included in the Action Plan. With the growth in the German and French markets and a corresponding appreciation and desire to experience outdoor activities and serene landscapes, it is vital that our parks, gardens and woodlands are promoted.

The brochure features Verart Sculpture Garden in Bonane, Gleninchaquin Park in Tuosist and Bonane Heritage Park. Each park, garden and woodland featured in the brochure has a unique experience to offer the visitor. Parks, Gardens and Woodlands are year-round attractions and this brochure will help to promote Kerry as a place to visit in any season.

FESTIVALS & PARTICIPATIVE EVENTS PROGRAMME FOR COUNTY KERRY 2019:

The Festival & Participative Events Programme supports festivals and participative events that will drive domestic tourism and help to improve the visitor experience in Kerry. The Tourism Unit of Kerry County Council administers this programme on behalf of Fáilte Ireland and under the 2019 programme, awarded funding of €4,000 to the Kenmare Halloween Howl which takes place from the 25th October to the 2nd November 2019. Festivals are an integral part of Kerry's tourism offering and afford the opportunity for local people to attract increased visitors and revenue into their community. Events such as Halloween Howl help to prolong the tourist season and attract both domestic and overseas visitors to the area during the winter months. This is a week-long event and visitor numbers have increased over the years.

COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT

CLAR 2019

The measures funded under the 2019 CLÁR programme were:

Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety measures

Measure 2: Play Areas (including Multi-Use Games Areas)

Measure 3: Community Wellbeing Supports (new in 2019), comprising:

- First Response Support
- Mobility and Cancer Care Transport
- Sensory Gardens

CLAR 2019 Announcement for Measure 1 & 2 in Kenmare MD :

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1	Kilgobnet National School	replacement of amber flashing lights	€6,300.00
2	Killorglin Playground/Kerry County Council	extension of existing playground	€31,466.00

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018;

Work is ongoing with the 2018 projects as follows:

Killorglin - Killorglin Town Centre Project. There are three elements to this project and work is ongoing to progress all three. **Kenmare** - The enhancement of the vicinity where trading is now taking place including the refurbishment of the railings around the Square. KMEG has commenced work on the Route Planner.

Skellig CRI - This project is ongoing.

A total of 12 applications were submitted under the 2019 Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Kenmare MD Applications submitted for Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019 are as follows;

Skellig CRI	Skellig CRI is an outreach campus for higher education, research and entrepreneurship which promotes local level collaboration with national and international research communities.
Dingle, St James Graveyard	This project involves the conservation of the historic St. James's Graveyard, and its presentation as a cultural heritage attraction to locals and visitors. This project is located off Main St in the centre of Dingle and is the location of 'Other Voices' and the finishing point for the Kerry Camino Pilgrim Walk.
Waterville	Improvements at the promenade in Waterville involving an extension of the existing car park and improvements to the existing parking area to provide for off-street coach parking. Provide way-finding low-level lighting on the Promenade to facilitate a Dark Sky Reserve Solar Walk. Provide underground power supply infrastructure and commence installing ground level controllable LED marker lighting.
Killorglin Adventure Gateway	To develop the Killorglin Adventure Gateway II project in the Reeks District of Kerry, which will generate a long term positive economic and social impact on the town and region.
Ceantar Gaeltachta Uibh Rathaigh agus an Ceantar Magúird	Development of marketing plan to attract people to live in the Iveragh Peninsula, a Gaeltacht area in Kerry; audit of enterprise space and housing stock, as well as upgrading of amenity area and car park at Reenroe Beach to improve access.
Kenmare	Renovation works to the courthouse building, to enhance this valuable community asset as a viable amenity in the town.
Caherdaniel	Enhancement to amenities in Caherdaniel Village to stimulate tourism growth and maximise opportunities as a Dark Sky Reserve. This area has become a prime destination for astro tourism.

Please note the final decision in relation to these projects is with the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Socio Economic Plans

This project is being funded by LEADER with support from Kerry Co Co.

Three plans are now complete with a public consultation to be carried out in Kenmare to finalise the process. This will happen before the end of September.

Community Support Fund 2019

Within the Kenmare MD, 44 projects were supported. 26 have received payment and 11 have received full payment. Tony Taggart is supporting this work programme.

Community Enhancement Programme 2019

CEP 2019 for Kenmare MD supported 15 Groups with an allocation of €31,150.

Meetings

Meetings have been held with Waterville, Cahersiveen, Kenmare, Killorglin, Milltown (TVR2017) and Cromane in recent weeks.

Enterprise Town Kenmare

Kenmare is nominated for this Bank of Ireland sponsored event and judging will take place on October 2nd 2019.

Kerry Age Friendly Programme Update

September 2019.

Kerry achieved World Health Organisation Age Friendly programme affiliation in July 2018 and the following work is ongoing and co-ordinator by Kerry County Council's Age Friendly Coordinator:

- Funding under the Community Enhancement Programme 2019 was targeted at age friendly projects across the County.
- Meetings have been held with Kerry Library Service regarding the designation of Age Friendly Libraries. Cahersiveen Library has since been designated as Age Friendly. Links were made between the Library staff and Seanchairde at the OPC meeting in April and the AGM of Seanchairde was subsequently held in the Library. Funding has now been secured to roll out initiatives in Cahersiveen Library during October.
- Projects currently underway include working with Killarney re Accessible Tourism Project, Meeting with Tralee Chamber re Age Friendly Tralee and Walkability Audit and a Walkability Audit in Cahersiveen.
- A recent piece of work involved the completion of a survey on Housing and how the needs relate to older people in Kerry. This was requested by the national Age Friendly office and the information was compiled by the KCC Housing Dept in liaison with the Coordinator.
- A project in Turreencahill has been shortlisted as a finalist in the national Age Friendly Awards and will be visited by judges during the next month.
- Pride of Place 2019 had a category for Age Friendly and Knockalougha Rambling House was selected. This group made a big effort involving a lot of work in preparing for adjudication.
- Discussions have been held with the Local Enterprise Office to roll out an Age Friendly Business training and booklet which provides a guide to business owners. This will be complete within the next two months.
- It has been agreed by the OPC that a further awareness campaign take place in relation to the importance of Post Codes and it is proposed to make fridge magnets available.
- Kerry's Older People's Council update:

The OPC has recommended that the lack of Defibrillators on trains be highlighted.

It has been agreed to progress the Cultural Companion initiative.

A county OPC Forum registration process is due to commence in cooperation with Kerry PPN.

Agreement reached to progress Tralee Age Friendly Town.

- The Coordinator is currently planning a meeting re funding– eg SICAP, KRSP, Healthy Ireland, Arts Dept, and Housing etc to identify the projects/activities that are being undertaken for older people. This report will be considered by the Steering Group and presented to the LCDC.

PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

West Iveragh Local Area Plan.

The material alterations to the West Iveragh Local Area Plan were considered and adopted by the Kenmare MD on the 24th of July. This process is now complete and the new planning policy framework for the West Iveragh Area including the associated settlements is available on the Councils website at www.kerrycoco.ie.

(b) Update on The Úibh Ráthaigh Taskforce Report and Action Plan 2019-2022

Mr. B. Fitzgerald briefed the members on the following report which was circulated at the meeting.

Update to Members: The Úibh Ráthaigh Taskforce Report and Action Plan 2019-2022

Úibh Ráthach Taskforce

The Interagency Taskforce for the Úibh Ráthach Gaeltacht was established and held it's first meeting in September 2017. The Taskforce is comprised of government departments, state agencies, local government, local development bodies, the private sector and community organisations. The Taskforce has been included as a deliverable action in the Action Plan for Rural Development and in various other National and State Agency strategies.

The Taskforce was challenged with the responsibility of developing an integrated, cross-sectoral plan for the Úibh Ráthach area in order to:

- *Revitalise the area to attract enterprise and investment*
- *Address the significant decline in the population of the area*
- *Address both the social and economic needs of the community in accordance with the five pillars and objectives of the Action Plan for Rural Development*
- *Be aligned to the 20-year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030, Údarás na Gaeltachta's Strategic Plan 2018-2020, the County Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2022 and with relevant Southern Regional Assembly plans.*

Úibh Ráthaigh Taskforce Report and Action Plan 2019-2022

The Úibh Ráthaigh Taskforce Report and Action Plan 2019-2022 was launched in July 2019 by Seán Kyne, TD, Government Chief Whip and the Minister of State for the Irish Language, the Gaeltacht and the Islands.

The five pillars for the Action Plan are aligned with the Action Plan for Rural Development. The pillars are as follows:

- *Pillar 1- Supporting Sustainable Communities*
- *Pillar 2 – Supporting Enterprise and Employment*
- *Pillar 3 – Maximising our Rural Tourism and Recreation Potential*
- *Pillar 4- Fostering culture and creativity in Rural Communities; and*
- *Pillar 5- Improving rural infrastructure and connectivity*

The Action Plan sets out the following overarching strategic goals:

- *Stabilise and then increase the population in the area;*
- *Improve the population structure in the area;*
- *Increase the employment opportunities in the area;*
- *Improve structure of employment in the area;*
- *Retain and re-instate the key quality of life services that a sustainable community requires;*
- *Retain and develop the unique cultural and linguistic assets of the area;*

In addition to these overarching goals a series of five operational goals were identified:

- *Create the environment which will help to attract and retain enterprise in the area;*

- Provide the facilities and services required to attract people to come to live or stay living in the area;
- Create the environment in which the Irish language will be used as the language of community engagement;
- Provide the facilities, services and activities which will attract people to visit the area with a significant over-night component in the visitor profile;
- Prove a platform through which the area can be actively promoted as a place to live, work and visit and to add to existing strategies such as the Skellig Coast Marketing Plan.

Implementation Steering Group

An Implementation Steering Group (ISG) has been established in September 2019 as an overall umbrella group representative of key organisations and the community and will be a linkage forum for the various parts of the Action Plan. The ISG will act on behalf of the Taskforce when such is required and will also develop Annual Action Plans and set priorities.

The Department of Rural and Community Development has approved support for a Project Manager under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for a 3-year period.

Town & Village Renewal 2019

Kerry County Council has submitted an application for funding under Town & Village Renewal 2019. Kerry County Council is awaiting a decision on this funding application.

Kerry County Council will continue to develop actions in the plan in collaboration with the various government departments, state agencies, local development companies and the local community.

*Bridget Fitzgerald
Economic Development Officer*

Mr. B. Fitzgerald thanked the member for their continued support for projects in the South Kerry Area and in particular to their match funding contribution from these projects. She stated that it is very important to see that these projects are delivered and will continue to work with the local development agencies.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the report and said that it is very important that this Municipal District does everything possible to increase the population and employment of this area. He added that he believed that there is an excellent opening for Irish Language courses in the area and that the construction of the South Kerry Greenway will play a significant role to boost the area.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the report and wished to acknowledge the work Ms. B Fitzgerald has done for this area. She stated that Caherciveen is one of the Gaeltacht areas for the Taskforce Service Plan and would encourage everybody regardless of the level of Irish they have, to speak the language to develop the plan.

Cathaoirleach D. McCarthy welcomed the report and wished to concur with the comments expressed by the previous speakers.

24.07.19.03 To note update report from Quality of Life – Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report.

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Gerard O'Brien SEO

2019 Anti-Dumping Initiative “Not in our Nature”

As reported at the last meeting Kerry County Council has been allocated a grant of €79,000 under the 2019 Anti-Dumping Initiative “Not in our nature”.

Since then a mattress amnesty event has taken place in North Kerry Landfill and clean up of the River Lee in Tralee has been carried out.

Mattress amnesty intake event

This event took place on the 10th August at North Kerry Landfill site. Between 9.00am and 15.00 over 350 vehicles passed through the site with over 1000 mattresses deposited there. These mattresses will be collected by a registered recycling company. The event was a great success and hopefully will result in a reduction in the number of illegally dumped mattress in our county

Clean up of marine sourced waste in Tralee

During August the environment section arranged for the collection of marine type waste from the River Lee along the edge of the old Tralee landfill. Details of the waste tonnage collected will be reported when available.

Rural Regeneration Fund - Blue Flag Beaches

An application was made under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund for enhancement of amenities at the Blue flag beaches. The improvements are in the area of Technology, signage and environment. The improvements include, Wayfinding and signage upgrades, Water Bottle Refill stations, Accessible Outdoor Furniture, Outdoor Showers, Bike Stands, Accessibility Mats, Beach wheelchairs and Waste Management and Litter Control measures.

Fire Service

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

- There were **871** mobilisations up to end of June 2019 compared to 735 mobilisations for the same period in 2018.
- Gorse fires at 231 were up 52 for the same period last year. This is a 29.05% increase, but indicates a levelling off of these incidents from the 133% increase recorded for the May period.
- Chimney fires were at 51 which is down from the 71 for the same period last year
- Road Traffic Collisions were at 81 which is down 6 from the same period last year.

	2018	2019
	Jan-Jul	Jan-Jul
<i>FIRE OPERATIONS - DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fires Number</i>		
Chimney Fires	71	51
Gorse Fires	179	231
Other Fires	123	126
Total	373	408

Special Services Number		
Entrapment	16	13
Gas/Chemicals	0	6
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	2
Hazardous Substances non Transit	0	1
Machinery	0	1
Miscellaneous	52	63
Other rescue	18	28
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	1	5
Road traffic accident	75	81
Water pumping/flooding	7	8
Total	169	208
False Alarms Number		
Malicious	2	8
Good Intent	69	94
Total	71	102
Total Number of Incidents	613	718
Total Number of Mobilisations	735	871
BUILDING CONTROL- DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK		
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	83	109
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	69	83
Commencement Notices Received	322	286

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers carried out Inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and forwarded Fire Officers' recommendations to the relevant Courts during July 2019.
- Fire Officers continued with premises inspections in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of July 2019 was 286 which is a:
 - 11.18% decrease on the figure of 322 for the same period last year.
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of July 2019 a total of 83 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 109 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents a:
 - 20.29% increase Disability Access Certificate applications and
 - 31.32 increase in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2018.

Library Services

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

• Dormant Accounts Funding – Kerry Library

Following a recent call for proposals from the Dept. of Community and Rural Development in respect of funding to provide Library Supports for Marginalised, Socially Excluded and Disadvantaged Communities, Kerry has been approved funding of €32,000 for 2 projects..

Nationally, €650,000 has been approved, funded under the Dormant Accounts fund. The Dept. will provide grant assistance of 75% with Kerry Co. Council providing the balance. This funding will support measures set out under the Our Public Libraries 2022 national strategy.

The full announcement can be viewed on the Department's website at this address:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/news/afd801-dormant-accounts-action-plan-2019-provides-650000-to-library-support>

The approved Kerry projects are:

1. Promotion of the Library Toy and Sensory service for children with learning difficulties, disabilities or complex needs through a combination of open days and lectures by relevant therapists/specialists and the provision of a library resources catalogue. This will further develop the Toys and Sensory Resources service currently in place at **Castleisland Library**. Funding approved: €21,000.
2. Maximising Library usage for Older People in South Kerry – with active engagement sessions to include classes in digital literacy, local history lectures, reading groups, advice and support for reading and library visits and open days for senior citizens. Funding approved: €11,000.

• Summer Reading programme

The Children's Reading programme 2019 - **Summer Stars** – took place at all Kerry Libraries again this summer – from Saturday, 15 June – Saturday, 31 August. Summer Stars is a free programme, open to all children, to encourage them to keep reading over the school holiday period.

Kerry library sought to significantly increase its participation rates for 2019, aiming to involve over 1,500 children and will exceed this target.

At the end of the programme all children who completed the challenge are invited to attend an Awards event at their local library where a certificate and a library gift pack is presented to each. Parents/guardians are also invited. These Awards will be presented at each library during September and will be presented, depending on availability, by either the Cathaoirleach, Kerry Co. Council or the Cathaoirleach of the relevant Municipal District. Details will be available on the website www.kerrylibrary.ie

- **Kerry Library events programme**

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

Main forthcoming events:

Date	Venue	Event
Friday, 20 September Culture Night	Killarney Library	'The Wran in Kerry' - speaker: Patricia O'Hare, Research & Education Officer, Muckross House, 7.30p.m.
Friday, 20 September Culture Night	Tralee Library	Open Mic Live Poetry - facilitated by the Night Writers Writing Group, 6.00p.m.
Friday, 27 th & Saturday, 28 th September	Tralee Library	Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) 2018 Awards Exhibition

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme

Status Summary at 13th September 2019

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

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

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

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

IRISH WATER'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

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

WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN THE KENMARE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
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Project	Description and Status
Mountain Stage WSS	Construction by contractor Veolia Ltd of the new €2M Water Treatment Plant at Letter West is underway - the works are to be completed in October 2019.
Lauragh Water Treatment Plant	The water quality of the newly drilled well source is very good. Treatment Upgrade Works of value €350,000 now completed.
Kilgarvan Water Treatment Plant	A further €500,000 upgrade to the treatment process was completed in December 2018. Civil works, fencing etc to be finished

WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN THE KENMARE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT	
Project	Status
Kenmare Waste Water	The proposed €10M upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant was approved by Irish Water; a Consulting Engineer has been appointed. A Flow / Loading Survey was completed in 2018. Irish Water intends to lodge a Planning Application and Environmental Impact Report in 2019, with a view to construction in late 2020 and completion in 2022.
Kilgarvan Waste Water	A proprietary package WWTP, commissioned in 2015, is operating satisfactorily. Some necessary additional improvement works have been identified; a Design Report and an application for funding of €400,000 were submitted to IW in 2017.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

This is a rolling programme of **Minor Improvement Works**. The list of **current** projects, for which Kerry County Council has received funding in this district, is outlined below.

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME for KENMARE AND SOUTH KERRY AREA			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Emlaghpeasta WSS Aghagadda	Lay 1800M of 160MM uPVC water main	€216,000	Complete
Portmagee WSS Knightstown	Provision of Reservoir, 1830M rising Main and 650M distribution mains	€275,000	Pipes laid , site acquired and Planning process complete – reservoir installation underway
Portmagee Water Treatment Plant	Installation of larger Caustic Soda Storage tank.	€10,000	Underway
MKRWSS	Replace 1.5Km of old main	€180,000	Approved

Callinafersy	with 110MM uPVC pipe		
MKRWSS Cooleanig Kilgobnet	Replace 2.1Km of old main with 110MM uPVC pipe	€315,000	Approved
Approximate Total of <u>APPROVED</u> Works not yet done:		€580,000	

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The administration and development of the Group Scheme sector continues to be a function of the Local Authorities under the guidance and supervision of the **Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government**.

Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.

Requested submissions for funding under the national **Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021** were made to the DoHP&LG in March and it is expected that the 3-year Programme will be published in the coming weeks.

Takeover of Group Schemes

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

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

Funding was allocated in the DoHP&LG's 2016-2018 programme for upgrade works prior to take-over by IW at the Group Water Schemes of Dawros (€100,000), Bonane (€70K), Kells (€50K) and Tuosist (€25K), and it is expected that provision for the take-over by Irish Water of these Schemes will again be made in the imminent national **Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021**.

Takeover of Group Schemes

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

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

Four relatively large GWSSs – **Bonane, Rosdohan, Tuosist and Dawros** - are currently being prepared by KCC for recommendation to IW to take over these schemes.

(b) Notices of Motion

1.Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council examine as a matter of priority, a very generous offer of a gift of land from (Details with Directorate) for the purpose of extending the Cummer Burial Ground, Glencar and providing additional car parking. When developed, this most generous gesture will be most welcomed by the residents of the Parish.

Reply: The Burial Grounds Engineer is currently assessing this matter. The offer made will be considered in the context of the existing availability and demand for grave spaces and within the context of available resources and funding to carry out the works referred to.

Mr. G. O' Brien confirmed that the council is currently assessing the matter.

2. Cllr. M. Cahill: Further to previous requests, I again propose that Kerry County Council provide some form of water supply, tap, trough, rain harvesting at all Burial Grounds throughout the county as a matter of priority.

Reply: The Council will endeavour over time to provide a water supply to the graveyards which do not have one already subject to available resources and funding.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that it is not suitable to be carrying water long distances and the facility should be available.

Cllr. N. Moriarty seconded the notice of motion.

Mr. G.O' Brien stated that water is made available at Burial Grounds where there is no connection.

3. Cllr. N. Moriarty: Can we please have a detailed update on the progress being made and steps remaining to secure safe access to Abbey Island Graveyard at Derrynane.

Reply: Kerry County Council will be tendering for consultants in the near future to advise in relation to improving access to this burial ground. Once a solution is found to this complex issue, a cost estimate will be prepared, and funding options will then have to be examined.

Cllr. N. Moriarty said that she understood that the process was more advanced.

In response Mr. G. O' Brien stated the situation is complex and currently the council is advertising for consultants again.

Nom no 4 was moved by Cllr. N. Moriarty.

4. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That KCC please liaise with Irish Water to ensure that there are no further interruptions to the water supply in Lauragh, Kenmare.

Reply: A recent blockage, now removed, on the tee piece to a flushing pipe on the distribution network affected the supply / pressure to some customers in recent weeks. There was also a burst on the water main near the church earlier this month.

Substantial upgrade works, including the provision of a new drilled well source, treatment plant, in-line pump, the replacement of 1.1Km of watermains, and the replacement of virtually all of the air and sluice valves, all carried out over the past two years, should ensure a better water quality and more reliable service to customers on Lauragh WSS.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we look to extend the mains water supply an estimated 5 miles along the Sneem to Castlecove route which would then ensure that all households in the area have access to mains water.

Reply: This proposal would involve the installation of circa 12Km of water mains, provision of a number of pumping stations, and the upsizing of the water treatment plant at Sneem, at a provisional cost estimate of €3M.

Irish Water's policy is to give priority to upgrading existing water supply schemes, to meeting the requirements of the EU Water Regulations and to replace existing deficient pipelines, prior to considering investment in new schemes or in extensions to existing schemes.

Irish Water's current position is that it has no funding stream to extend services to unserved properties, except at the expense of the property owners and on foot of proposed Connection Agreements.

The possible development of a 'Group Scheme' extension to the existing public network, which would involve significant local organizational and financial input, and would qualify for grant aid under the Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government's national Rural Water Programme, may be considered.

In a response to a query from Cllr. N. Moriarty, Mr. C Mangan explained that the works would involve a connection to an existing mains.

2.Cllr. N. Moriarty: In light of recent incidents can we please arrange with the OPW to have a complete safety audit carried out along the beach and dunes in Derrynane and that those areas where signage and perhaps way markers are required are installed by the responsible body.

Reply: There is currently significant warning signage in place at this location. We will review the requirement for the carrying out of an additional safety audit with Irish Water Safety.

Cllr. N. Moriarty noted the response and requested that a member of staff along with a member of the OPW would walk through the area to assess same.

In response Mr. G. O' Brien referred to the response and stated that the situation will be reviewed, however he added that personal responsibility is also an issue here.

20.09.19.04(a) To note update report from Housing Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report.

Housing Report – KENMARE

Municipal District

- Housing Applications**

	<u>No</u>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	636
Net Need for Kenmare MD (excluding transfers)	455
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	124
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	105

Breakdown by Bed No.

1-Bed	307
2-Bed	194
3-Bed	111
4-Bed	22
5-Bed	2
Total	636

- Void Management**

Municipal District breakdown	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	3
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	0
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	6
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	2
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	4
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	15

- Social Housing Options**

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	42	663
RAS	7	71
Leasing	7	54
HAP	34	89
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	90	877

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>
Ardbhearna, Gortamullin, Kenmare. Phase 4	14	3 bed	Dec 2019	Nov 2020
Drom West, Glenbeigh	1	Single Rural Dwelling	Oct 2019	Jul 2020
Ballnakilly, Glenbeigh	1	Single Rural Dwelling	Oct 2019	Jul 2020
Cullenagh Upper, Beaufort	1	Single Rural Dwelling	Jan 2020	Nov 2020
Glannagilliagh, Caragh Lake, Killorglin	1	Single Rural Dwelling	Feb 2020	Dec 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>
Cois Galláin, Ardmoniel, Killorglin	14	2 bed	Jan 2019	Dec 2019
Tullig Beg, Cromane	1	Single Rural Dwelling	Aug 2018	Sep 2019
Meanus, Killorglin	1	Single Rural Dwelling	Sep 2018	Sep 2019
Owngarry, Killorglin	1	Single Rural Dwelling	Jan 2019	Oct 2019

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>
Cromane	1No	3 Bed	May
The purchase of 3 No. houses is currently ongoing			
1 turnkey property has been acquired at Killorglin	1No	3 Bed	May

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2019, 549 No. requests for repairs have been received for the Kenmare Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2019, 50 No. grants have been allocated in the Kenmare Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

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

(a) Notice of Motion

1.Cllr. M. Cahill: That this council give a detailed report in regard to all extension requests and decisions for tenants throughout the Kenmare MD, for private dwellings and Local Authority Tenants, which includes the availability of funding for these schemes and how long do applicants have to wait for a decision. How many extension applications proceeded during each of the past 5 years.

Reply: There are two schemes managed by Kerry County Council in respect of providing funding for extensions to houses.

One is in respect of privately owned properties and these are funded under the Housing Adaptations for People with a Disability Scheme. The 2019 grant allocation for private house grants is €2,396,443 which includes a KCC contribution (20%) of €479,289. This scheme provides a maximum contribution of €30,000 and is to assist in carrying out of works which are reasonably necessary for the purposes of rendering a house more suitable for the accommodation needs of a person with a disability who is a member of the household. A disability in relation to a person means that the person is substantially restricted in their capacity to carry on a profession, business or occupation in the State or to participate in social, or cultural life in the State by reason of an enduring physical, sensory, mental health or intellectual impairment.

All applications for grants under the above scheme with a value of over €15,000 are initially assessed and prioritised, as per the guidelines, by a Housing Investigations Officer. Following receipt of their report the file is then passed to our Technical team to carry out a technical assessment and recommendation as to the scope of works and amount of monies to be allocated. In some cases, where there is a less expensive option such as fitting a stairlift and adapting the existing bathroom then this option is recommended rather than granting funding towards an extension. Kerry County Council makes every effort to ensure that all grant applications are processed and letter of allocation issued to the applicant within a 8-10 week period. Kerry County Council has allocated 50 no. grants to the value of €290,000 approximately in the Kenmare MD area to date in 2019.

Since 2015 Kerry County Council allocated funding for eight bedroom/bathroom extensions in the Kenmare MD area.

The second scheme provides funding towards the cost of adaptations and extensions to existing social housing stock and is funded by an annual allocation from the Dept. This allocation is also used to fund minor adaptations such as bathroom adaptations, ramps, stairlifts etc. Earlier this year we were notified of a Grant Allocation of €300,000 (with an additional 10% local contribution). However, Kerry County Council has to date this year expended in excess of €430,000 on carrying out adaptations to 38 no. properties and completing 4 no. extensions. We are continuing our engagement with the Department for additional funding. The financial viability of constructing an extension is considered against the option of transferring to an alternative property which meets the needs of the household. The council has to prioritise applications for adaptations works and extensions to obtain maximum

use of the funding available and to benefit the greatest number of tenants in need. It is not possible to put a time frame on the waiting time for the council to carry out an extension as this is entirely dependent on the funding available annually.

Kerry County Council has completed 4 extensions to its own houses since 2015 in the Kenmare MD area.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the comprehensive response and stated that at the moment there appears to be a delay to works and requests for extensions to Local Authority and private dwellings. He requested that a letter would issue to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government requesting that funding would be increased to local authorities for these schemes in particular where there is an urgent need for housing extensions on medical grounds.

Cllr. N. Moriarty seconded the proposal.

24.07.19.05 To note update from the Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report.

Kenmare Municipal District Meeting – 20th September 2019 Update Report from the Director of Roads, Transportation & Marine

1. Roads / Transportation

Design and Construction works on the following projects over the next two months

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works – Road Widening and Realignment - Design

N70 Sneem to Blackwater Bridge (Ankail to Doon) Road Project -2019 Allocation- €250k:-

- Design and Preparation of CPO, EIAR, and NIS is ongoing. It is anticipated that the CPO/EIAR/NIS will be published in November 2019, subject to TII approval.

N70 Glanbehy Bridge Improvement Scheme - 2019 Allocation €150k:-

- Options have been identified and are being appraised.
- A Bridge Consultant has been appointed to prepare the necessary Bridge Technical Acceptance Report ahead of the Statutory Planning Process which will be undertaken in early 2020.

N70 Creamery Cross

- Options have been identified and are being appraised.
- Consultation with the landowners is ongoing in relation to the Options.
- Bridge Consultant has been appointed to prepare the necessary Bridge Technical Acceptance Report ahead of the Statutory Planning Process.

N70 Waterville to Ballybrack – 2019 Allocation -€100k

- Options for western and eastern pedestrian/ cycling facility including footbridge have been appraised.
- Option Assessment Report nearing completion.
- Statutory Consent process for Planning and Land Acquisition will be undertaken in early 2020

N70 Brackaharagh – 2019 Allocation -€100k

- Land acquisition (by agreement) - All Agreements in place.
- Procurement of Ground Investigation and Archaeological Testing ongoing.
- Detailed Design ongoing.

N70 Derreenafoyle

- At Preliminary Design Stage

N72 Minor Works Scheme between Killorglin Bridge and Anglont-

- Engineering/Structural consultants have been appointed to identify suitable retaining wall structures and to develop the Preliminary Design.
- A Topographical Survey has been carried out and Ground Investigation Works will be

commencing shortly to inform the Preliminary Design.

- Consultation with affected landowners is ongoing.

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works
Pavement overlay and associated works

Status of Projects at Construction Stage

Road No.	Location	Length (m)	Current Allocation	Comment
N70	N70 Killorglin Town and N70 Tinnahally to Stealroe	1,300 and 1,400	€3.5m	These works are substantially complete.
N70	Dromquinna	900	€1.1m	These works are substantially complete.
N70	Waterville to River Inny Bridge	6,000	€3.5m	This contract has been awarded to Roadstone Ltd. Preparatory works involving surveying and locating services have been completed in recent weeks. The main contractor will commence on site this month, initially completing civil works with the pavement overlay to commence in Kenneigh in October.

Status of Projects at Design Stage

Road No.	Location	Length (m)	Current Allocation	Comment
N71	Molls Gap to Kenmare	5,100	€50k	<p>Transport Infrastructure Ireland approved the following to proceed to detailed design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N71 Kilkeana to Kenmare pavement scheme. • N71 Kenmare Safety Scheme including the provision of a footpath to Ard Bhearna and pedestrian facilities at the junction of the N70 and N71. <p>The Chief Executive's Report in relation to the Part VIII statutory planning process is being considered at this Municipal District meeting (20th September 2019).</p> <p>TII approval will be sought to advertise the main construction contract in late September.</p> <p>A Compulsory Purchase Order may be required in due course for all elements of the design at the N70/N71 Junction and this matter will be kept under review in consultation with TII.</p>

Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme Restoration Maintenance Programme

These programmes are detailed in the adopted 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan and the works are currently ongoing.

Other Road and Public Area Works Programmes

All Areas

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works.

Drainage maintenance, footpath maintenance, pothole and patch repairs.

2. Capital Infrastructure

South Kerry Greenway

The Planning Application and CPO documentation was lodged with An Bord Pleanála (ABP). The closing date for submissions to ABP was October 19th, 2018. A copy of the planning application and CPO were available for inspection on the KCC website www.kerrycoco.ie. An Bord Pleanála issued a request for further information in relation to the application in November. The date for return of this information was 8th April 2019. On 25th April Kerry County Council received notification from An Bord Pleanála stating that the information submitted was considered to be significant further information and asking that it be put on public display for a period of not less than 30 days. This information was put on public display and the closing date for submissions was 24th June. ABP have set a date of 8th October for the oral hearing. This will be held in the Manor West Hotel, Tralee.

Anyone affected by the proposed greenway can contact the CIU section for further information on any matter.

3. Other Operational Matters

Piers and Harbours Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2019

The Council has applied for funding to repair the steps in the Glen Pier in Ballinskelligs. However, no funding has been received to date.

Public Lighting Report regarding Maintenance

No. of faults reported since last meeting: 32

No. of faults repaired within 12 working days (since last meeting – incl. routine maintenance): 24

No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 0

Outstanding Repairs not completed within 12 working days – Spreadsheet giving details attached in Appendix A.

Charlie O'Sullivan
Director of Roads, Transportation & Marine

APPENDIX A

Job Ticket ID	Defect Description	Unit Number	Postal Street Name	Date Reported	Reason
6779	Lamp out	4909	Valentia Bridge	06/02/2019	Cable fault
10051	Lamp out	5179	Southview Terrace Waterville	30/07/2019	ESB works required
10100	Lamp out	4305	Killorglin Bridge	09/08/2019	Access issues

(b) Notice of Motion

1.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we put in place immediate measures to calm the traffic along the Shore Road at Knightstown Valentia. In particular can we examine the possibility of installing speed bumps/ cushions or Driver Feedback signs.

REPLY: The Shore Road in Knightstown is a local primary road that has a 50 km/h speed limit. There are currently two. “children crossing” warning signs and “slow” markings on the road warning motorists to slow down.

In May 2016, Kerry County Council adopted a Traffic Calming Policy for Residential Estates and Local Roads. This section of road does not meet the basic minimum criteria for traffic calming outlined in the policy which is a minimum length of straight road of 300m.

In a response to a query from Cllr. N. Moriarty, Mr. P. Teahan replied that the area isn't suitable for Driver Feedback signs, it is a matter for enforcement.

2.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we ensure that a mature and over grown tree at O’Connell Street Caherciveen be examined by a Tree surgeon to prune it properly to make it safe, residents in the vicinity are worried about possible damage or injury in stormy conditions.

REPLY: The Council will arrange to have this tree on O’Connell Street examined by a tree surgeon and any recommendations will be acted upon.

3.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That the road from Cill Rialaigh to Boolikeel be skirted, cleared and drained as soon as possible.

REPLY: This drainage work will be carried out within the next few weeks under the drainage programme that forms part of the 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan.

4. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council address as a matter of extreme urgency the chronic speed that vehicles are traveling at going through Glenbeigh village by implementing a major traffic management scheme that will include speed indicator signs, pedestrian crossings, new overlays, etc.

REPLY: Glenbeigh Village is being examined by the Kerry National Road Design Office in consultation with the TII to establish if the speeds, collision history or road safety inspections on the N70 through the village indicate that traffic calming intervention is warranted.

Cllr. M. Cahill thanked the Area Engineer and the NRDO for the investigation works to date but stressed that the speed through the village is unacceptable and compared it to a death trap. There is no pedestrian crossing and expressed concerns that somebody maybe seriously injured there.

Nom no 5-7 moved by Cllr. N. Moriarty

5. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Please installed a Disabled parking space near Brosnan's Pharmacy, Henry Street, Kenmare.

REPLY: There is currently a disabled parking bay on Henry Street, the requirement for an additional disabled parking bay on the street will be examined by the Roads' Department.

6.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Will KCC please install traffic calming on Shore Road, Knightstown, Valentia.

REPLY: The Shore Road in Knightstown is a local primary road that has a 50 km/h speed limit. There are currently two. "children crossing" warning signs and "slow" markings on the road warning motorists to slow down.

In May 2016, Kerry County Council adopted a Traffic Calming Policy for Residential Estates and Local Roads. This section of road does not meet the basic minimum criteria for traffic calming outlined in the policy which is a minimum length of straight road of 300m.

7. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Has there been a response from T.I.I. following the recent correspondence forwarded to them regarding a request from the members to meet with TII to discuss the need to change the speed limits in the interest of safety of the road users.

REPLY: A letter seeking a meeting has been sent on behalf of the Kenmare Municipal District and a response from TII is awaited.

(C) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council give a detailed up to date progress report in respect of the very serious, ongoing flooding problem at Valentia Road, Caherciveen and will Kerry County Council please give a date as to when this major flooding matter on the Ring of Kerry Road will be resolved for once and for all.

REPLY: A report was prepared by Malachy Walsh and Partners for Kerry County Council under the OPW Minor Works Scheme to investigate if a solution could be found to the flooding of properties and the road at this location. A solution was identified which involved replacing the screen on the adjacent stream and relaying approximately 100m of pipework in adjoining private property.

An application for funding is being prepared for this proposal at present, but it is proving difficult to develop an application that meets the strict cost benefit requirements of this OPW scheme. The benefits are calculated on the basis of the number of properties affected which is limited at this location.

Cllr. M. Cahill noted the response and stated that houses have been flooded and people need to have peace of mind.

In response, Mr. P. Teahan reiterated that an application had been submitted but cautioned that it mayn't meet the criteria.

2. Cllr. M. Cahill: Will Kerry County Council for once and for all address the Anti Social Behaviour issues in Killorglin Playground by introducing an electronic opening and closing gate system similar to the one that has successfully been introduced in Rathmore.

REPLY: Kerry County Council is in receipt of a CLÁR grant for the upgrade of Killorglin Playground. The upgrade is to be carried out in consultation with local community, disability and philanthropic groups. The issue of access to the playground will be one of the areas for consideration.

Cllr. M. Cahill noted the response and stated that the facility has deteriorated and due to the ongoing issues here parents are no longer taking their children to the facility.

In response Mr. M. O' Donoghue stated that it isn't the role of Kerry County Council to deal with Anti-Social behaviour, it is a matter for An Garda Siochana.

3. Cllr. M Cahill :Will Kerry County Council address as a matter of priority the shortage of on street and off street parking in Killorglin Town by acquiring suitable sites that are now on the market in the Town centre and in regards to Free Car parking in Killorglin town, and that KCC would clarify the position in respect of residents and businesses and their entitlement to same.

REPLY: The Council has secured a site of 1.7 acres at Annadale Road which will facilitate an extension of the existing car park. The Council intends to commence a Part VIII statutory planning process before year end. The Council will be seeking to utilise the grants that are available from the Department of Rural and Community Development to fund the development of this car park.

In relation to residents parking permits, these permits are granted by the Council when a number of requirements are met; with the principal requirement being that the applicant

can provide sufficient documentary evidence that confirms that the person is permanently resident in the property on the particular street.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that there is a town centre site on the Iveragh road and asked that the council would follow up on the matter with the church. In relation to on street parking, he stated that the residents have advised him that they have received parking tickets.

4. Cllr. M. Cahill: In view of the fact that yet again another serious accident has occurred at the dangerous Junction at Tullig Cross Lower, Killorglin on the very busy Cromane to Killorglin road, will Kerry County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland now as a matter of extreme urgency carry out a major Sight Improvement Scheme at this Death Trap Junction before a life is lost or someone is seriously injured.

REPLY: This location will be considered for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the Safety Improvement Scheme. The accident statistics mapped by the Road Safety Authority on their Online Map of Collisions in Ireland which is available for public viewing, indicate that over the period from 2005 to 2016 two road traffic accidents took place in the vicinity of this junction, with both accidents occurring in 2005.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that there are at least two accidents at this location per week which aren't reported to An Garda Siochana.

5.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That a gullet at Cliff Road Waterville be re-instated having collapsed, as it is causing significant flooding to adjacent property along the road.

REPLY: The Council will repair this culvert within the next few weeks.

6.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That the breaches in the walls at Coomaciste be repaired as a matter of urgency.

REPLY: The Council is preparing an application to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for Supplementary Maintenance Funding to have these damaged walls on the N70 National Secondary Road at Coomaciste repaired.

7.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we examine what improvements or protections can be put in place at the road either side of Anagar Bridge, Portmagee to reduce speed and help prevent car accidents.

REPLY: There are currently 2 no. warning signs and chevrons in place on the R-565 on both approaches to the bridge. The Council will also arrange to provide slow road markings on both approaches to the bridge.

Cllr. N. Moriarty asked that the two bad bends beyond the junction would be also investigated.

8. Cllr M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council address as a matter of urgency the extremely dangerous and important junction at Caragh Bridge at the point where the Dooks road meets the Ballycleave road before someone is killed or seriously injured.

REPLY: This location is being examined by the Kerry National Road Design Office in consultation with the TII to establish if the speeds, collision history, sight distance or road safety inspections at this junction indicate that safety measures are warranted.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that this particular location is a blind spot where a number of minor accidents have taken place.

Question 9 & 10 moved by Cllr N Moriarty.

9.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That KCC please arrange for lights and a footpath to be extended at Killowen Kenmare, traffic calming measures are also needed at this location.

REPLY: There is currently a public footpath and lighting in place on the Killowen Road to the Town Boundary as identified in the Kenmare Local Area Plan. There is limited funding available to the Council for footpath works generally and it is proving very challenging to secure any funding for footpath extensions or to connect sections of footpath in towns and villages in the Municipal District and indeed the County. Considering the factors above, it is not currently feasible to undertake a footpath extension at Killowen. However, a sum of €15,000 has been made available in the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for maintenance work on the existing footpath on the Killowen Road. These works will be carried over the next number of months.

In relation to safety and traffic calming, following the introduction of new bye-laws the speed limit of 50 km/h at Killowen has been extended to a position immediately east of Killowen Cottages. An examination of the accident statistics mapped by the Road Safety Authority on their Online Map of Collisions in Ireland which is available for public viewing indicates that over the period from 2005 to 2016 there were no recorded traffic accidents on Killowen Road that would support the requirement for an extensive traffic calming and safety measures scheme. However, the provision of driver feedback signs would be suitable for a CSMDO allocation.

10. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: How many applications for local improvements schemes are there in the county and the Kenmare Municipal District, when will the list be finalized and how many will be done in 2019.

REPLY: Kerry County Council has provided elected members with a list of Local Improvement Schemes that have been approved for funding under the 2019 LIS allocation announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development in February 2019. The funding of €669,371, received this year, allows for the construction of 27 schemes in total in the County, with 10 of those in the Kenmare Municipal District.

Having regard to the level of funding available this year, a 2-year programme is being developed with approximately 60 qualifying applicants. Details of this programme which is being assessed on a countywide basis will be issued to the members by the end of October.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council request the Minister with responsibility for the Office of Public Works (OPW) Kevin Boxer Moran to change the qualifying criteria' so as to allow all home owners, land owners and property owners apply for funding to alleviate flooding and for coastal protection works. Family homes and private property should at the very least be given the same priority as public infrastructure.

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

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that many residents in this Municipal District have had their homes flooded by the Atlantic Ocean and while some people have installed rock armour to protect their properties, not everybody can afford such works. He requested that the resolution would issue to the Minister for OPW Mr. Kevin Moran.

It was unanimously agreed that the resolution would issue to the OPW.

2. Cllr. N. Moriarty: In light of on going issues with proper provision of medical services in the greater South Kerry area that we seek a full deputation of MD representatives with Senior management of HSE to get movement on the obstacles to recruitment and service roll out.

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

Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that there is an element of good news following the announcement, that a primarily healthcare facility will open at the end of 2020. She requested that the resolution would issue to the HSE.

Cllr. M. Cahill seconded the proposal.

Nom No. 3 moved by Cllr N. Moriarty

3. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen: What steps are in place to make L.A. Corporate Buildings more energy efficient?

Reply: Kerry County Council have an energy management system in place accredited to ISO50001 standard. As part of this system Kerry County Council continually monitor energy consumption and identify projects to increase the energy performance of our Corporate Buildings. Any upgrade works to Corporate Buildings includes energy efficient measures to increase the performance of our Corporate Buildings to current standards and beyond.

(b) Date for next Municipal District Meeting

On the proposal of Cllr. J Healy-Rae and seconded by Cllr. N. Moriarty it was agreed that the next meeting of the members of the MD of Kenmare would be held on Friday 29th November 2019 in Killorglin.

Following a discussion regarding the proposed time for the Kenmare MD Budget meeting, the Cathaoirleach requested that the time of the meeting would be rescheduled to the morning from the proposed time of 3.45 p.m.

Mr. B. Conway undertook to investigate the matter and revert to the Cathaoirleach.

(c) Deputations

It was agreed that the following deputations would attend the November Municipal District meeting

(a) Deputation from the residents of Killarney Road, Killorglin

Re: Footpath & Realignment works and speed limit on road.

Requested by Cllr. M. Cahill

(b) Deputation from the residents of the Board of Works Road

Re: Condition of the road

Requested by Cllr. M. Cahill

(c) A.O.B.

Hedge Cutting

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae requested that all hedges would be cut at the junctions within this Municipal District, in particular the hedging on the Rossacoosane road.

In response Mr. K O' Halloran confirmed that the hedging will be cut at this location once the hedge cutting has been completed on the Coad road. Following a request from Cllr. D McCarthy he also confirmed that hedge cutting will commence on the Kenmare to Castletownbere road in the coming weeks.

Creamery Car Park- Kenmare

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae requested that a member of the Roads Department would liaise with the Creamery Car Park to discuss the parking of buses at this location.

N71 - Kilkeana Cross, Kenmare

Following a request from Cllr. D. McCarthy on the update to the works to the N71 scheme from Kenmare to Kilkeane, Mr. P. Teahan replied that the council is currently seeking approval from T.I.I. to go to tender and it is anticipated to commence the works from 01st February 2020.

Entrance at Reenagross park

In a response to a query from Cllr. D. McCarthy regarding an update on the entrance to the park, Mr. P. Teahan confirmed that the matter is currently been investigated.

Mr. K O' Halloran confirmed that a barrier will be put in place before the end of the year.

The meeting concluded at 12.56

Brenda Conway
Meetings Administrator

Cllr. D. McCarthy
Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District
of Kenmare