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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
KENMARE HELD IN THE AREA SERVICE CENTRE, KILLORGLIN, FRIDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER 2019**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH NEIDÍN A THIONÓLADH I
LÁRIONAD SEIRBHÍSÍ CHILL ORGLAN, CHILL ORGLAN AR AN hAOINE 29Ú SAMHAIN
2019.**

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

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

IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR

Mr. C. O' Connor	Acting Area Manager
Mr. P. Teahan	Municipal District Engineer
Ms. S Griffin	Municipal District Office
Ms. T. Smyth	S.E.E. Kerry National Roads Regional Design Office
Mr. C. Mangan	S.E.E Water Services
Mr. M. Kelliher	EE Caherciveen
Mr. K. O' Halloran	EE Kenmare
Mr. B. Hickey	E.E. Killorglin
Mr. C. O' Leary	E.E. Water Services
Mr. T. Brosnan	A.O. Housing
Mr. G. O' Brien	A/S.E.O. Environ Services, Planning Enfor& HEU
Mr. P. Bradley	E.E. Operations, Health & Safety
Ms. C. Fitzgerald	S.O. Corporate Services
Ms. M. C. Sweeney	A.S.O Corporate Services

The meeting commenced at 10.02 a.m.

Cathaoirleach D. McCarthy took the chair.

Cathaoirleach D. McCarthy welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year and proposed that a vote of sympathy would be extended to Mr. Martin O' Donoghue, Municipal District Manager on the recent passing of the his mother. The sentiments were echoed by Cllr P Connor-Scarteen and supported by all Councillors present.

19.11.29.01 (a) Confirmation of Minutes of the following meeting:

1. On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. P. Connor Scarteen & SECONDED by Cllr. M. Cahill it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Kenmare Municipal District held on 20th September be confirmed.

(b) Reception of Deputations

1. Deputation from the residents of Killarney Road, Killorglin.
Re: Footpath & Realignment works and speed limit on road.
Requested by Cllr. M. Cahill

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. Fergus Foley introduced himself and proceeded to read the following into the record of the meeting.

“I would like to thank Cllr. Cahill for allowing us the time to speak today.”

ROAD SAFETY ISSUES ON THE N72 approach road to Killorglin town

- **Ring of Kerry N72** – This section of the N72 on the Ring of Kerry approach road to Killorglin town is one of the busiest National roads in the country especially during the tourist season from March to October when additional large volumes of tourist traffic are added to an already congested road, buses, car rentals, industrial commercial traffic, school traffic, cyclists, agricultural machinery, employees commuting to work, pedestrians and residents etc,.
- **History** – I have been a resident at the Grove Lodge Guesthouse for the last 68 years. There was a footpath from the town on the riverside of the N72 extending for approx. 1 mile known locally as the ‘Parsons Walk’. The footpath was removed in the mid-eighties by KCC to facilitate repaving and widening of the carriageway. There was considerable anger and protests from Killarney road residents with concerns for road safety and their own personal safety. The Killarney Road Residents was established to lobby for the restoration of the footpath and implementation of road safety measures.
- **Fatalities:** We witnessed four pedestrian fatalities in the subsequent years from road traffic accidents plus numerous serious road accidents.
- **KCC** introduced speed limit restrictions with 50KPH signage from the town to the Grove Lodge and 60 KPH to the bend on the road as you approach Wests Caravan Park and a continuous white line from the bridge to the end of the straight section of carriageway in front of the Grove lodge to prevent overtaking on the carriageway in the nineties. The Road Residents continue their protest/lobbying to have the footpath reinstated and road safety measures implemented.
- **Road Safety:** The carriageway was resurfaced in 2004 and the continuous white line removed. This has resulted in very serious safety concerns from overtaking vehicles including cars, transport lorries, buses travelling at high speeds – a great danger for pedestrians and cyclists, and local residents attempting to exit their private residences. The straight sections of road in front of the Grove Lodge Guesthouse/Holiday Homes and Wests Caravan Park are particularly dangerous as oncoming traffic perceive an opportunity to overtake, unaware of the impending dangers. The Grove Lodge Holiday Homes completed

in 2004 made a substantial financial planning contribution to KCC with an assurance that the public footpath and lighting would be extended to the property, this was never completed. The section of carriageway from the Grove Lodge to the town is extremely

dangerous with overhanging trees, poor visibility, stone walls on both sides of the carriageway and no safety area to protect pedestrians/cyclists from road traffic.

- **Speed Restrictions:** In June 2019 the 50/60KMP road restrictions were removed and replaced with an 80KPH speed limit. (we believe that this decision is reckless, is contrary to road safety norms and will encourage motorists to overtake on this very dangerous section of carriageway unawares of the impending dangers and must be reversed as a matter of extreme urgency.)
- **Residential Area:** There are currently 81 private residences plus Wests Caravan Park with over 600 occupants including families small children exiting onto and using the carriageway between the town and Dungeel Cross who are extremely concerned for their own safety, the safety of their children and others. The imminent opening of FEXCO's new industrial complex exiting onto the carriageway brings a new urgency to addressing road safety measures on this section of the carriageway.
- **Action:** The residents are insisting on the immediate restoration of the reduced speed limit restrictions, reinstatement of the continuous white line, safety **Danger** alert notices, **NO OVERTAKING SIGNAGE**, warning traffic that they are in a residential area with pedestrians and cyclists. And that other traffic calming measures be introduced as appropriate as a matter of EXTREME URGENCY. The residents want to be advised on the programme to upgrade this section of carriageway including the extension of the footpath and public lighting, and addressing the road safety measures

Mr. Foley introduced the second speaker Mr. Austin O' Reilly.

Mr. O' Reilly then proceeded to read the following into the record of the meeting.

“Firstly, I would like to thank you, the Council for affording us, The Killarney Road Residence Association, the opportunity to outline our concerns about the increased legal road speeds on the N72 for approximately 1½ miles from Killorglin’s Laune Bridge.”

Recent Speed Limit Changes and Their Location:

1. *Speed Limit Changes were made recently to our road of which the following is a brief outline:*
2. **The previously existing 50 km/h** was almost completely wiped out and was replaced mostly by a combination of **60 km/h & 80 km/h** speed zone.
3. **A portion** of previous **60 km/h** speed zone has been moved from the Grove Lodge to the town side of the first bend (approximately 400 metres).
4. **The full 80 km/h speed zone** now extends for approximately 1 mile bring into play further dangerous bends and the location before Wests of another car accident which resulted in another -fatality, In addition, at this point another accident occurred which resulted in an amputation to one of the occupants.

Recent Survey by the Road Safety Authority:

This survey by the RSA & Gardai showed that Rural roads account for 79% of road fatalities, but by far the highest number of people killed on Irish Rural roads are on those with an 80km/h zone, being 49 out of 70 fatalities. This shows what a serious threat the new high speeds pose for the Killarney Road Residents and to all using and populating the N72 from Killorglin's Laune Bridge to the new FEXCO Technology Centre.

Condition of this Stretch of the N72

- a) **PAVING**: *The paving surface on this section of the N72 is in very poor condition.*
- b) **Visibility**: *Can be very poor* especially in sunny weather, due to shadows*
- c) **ROAD DIP**: *There is a serious dip across the entire width of the road approximately 1/2 mile from Killorglin bridge. A large **OPEN SINK HOLE** suddenly appeared in the middle of the road at this spot some 10 years or more ago. The road has been sinking at this point for many years and continues to do so. It is now very bad and dangerous and causes unsuspecting cars, lorries, coaches, etc., to bounce recklessly. A serious tragedy will occur here if immediate action is not taken. It is not safe to drive over this hidden and unmarked hazard at 50km, not to mind the increased to 80 km/h There are no warning signs here and in the interest of safety **SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE HERE IMMEDIATELY.***
- d) **CONTRA TRAFFIC with no footpath**: *This section of the Killorglin/Killarney road necessitates footfall by pedestrians and I can assure you all that it is far from safe for pedestrians, there are no grass margins— **ONE CANNOT WALK THERE IN SAFETY - IT IS POSITIVELY DANGEROUS!!***
- e) **RESULTS OF RECENT ACCIDENT SURVEY**: *RTE's Programme, "Today with Sean O'Rourke", 26th November, 2019, reported that an **extremely high percentage of fatal accidents** occur **on Irish Rural 80km/h roads.***

HERITAGE FOOTPATH: "The Parson's Walk"

*There was in previous years a footpath extending **from Killorglin bridge to the new FEXCO Building at Anglont.** It was kerbed all the way with natural quarried lime stone, such beautiful stone would be impossible to acquire now. Unfortunately, this footpath was dug up by the County Council in the 1980's. It led to much concern and protest by the Killarney road residents at the time, all to no avail. Very many attempts, spearheaded by our recently deceased Chairman Mr Tom Moriarty, RIP, were made over the years to have this footpath restored, alas, all to no avail. At one stage the residents attempted to restore this beautiful footpath but were stopped. Some short time later it was dug up.*

INCREASED TRAFFIC AND POPULATION:

- a) **New Technology- Centre**: *There will shortly, be a large increase in road users on this section of road due to the opening of the new FEXCO Technology & Innovation Centre and its consequent workforce.*
- b) **Strong Economy**: *This has led to a dramatic increase in traffic.*
- c) **Cyclists**: *There are an enormous number of cyclists using the Killarney Road now and it is growing by the year— for charity purposes (usually well marshalled), racing purposes, fitness etc.*

RELATIVE POSITION:

While comparisons are odious, we, The Killarney Road Residence, cannot but help comparing our position with others. We are the only main road in/out of Killorglin without a proper footpath of reasonable distance. Fossa down the road some short distance away, has footpaths, cycle path, traffic calming, varying speed areas, proper signage and

constant speed monitoring, we, however, have none of these benefits. Far from it, we are exposed to increased speeds and excessive danger. We need protection and it is the duty of those involved to provide it.

Cnoc na Fola: “The Hill of the Blood”

On the little valley road beyond the New FEXCO Building a band of Vikings, who had sailed up the nearby Laune River and were on their way to attack the McCarthy stronghold at Pallas, Beaufort, were waylaid by the Irish. Four hundred of the Vikings were killed in the ensuing battle. Hence the names to this valley road, Bothar na Fola and to the nearby hill Cnoc na Fola.

With increased speed zones, no footpaths, no traffic calming, no cycle paths, poor signage, road subsidence and a history of road deaths, our section of the road is in grave danger of becoming another Bothar na Fola — The Road of Blood.

WE NEED ACTION AND IMMEDIATELY!!

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the deputation, thanked them for their presentation and stated that there is a real concern here which he had previously flagged. If this speed limit change is not reversed it will lead to more fatalities. He called on Kerry County Council to contact TII requesting them to reverse this decision.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and stated that it shows the seriousness of the situation when there are 13 people in attendance from the group. The County Council haven't the authority to set speed limits on National roads. He requested that safety measures would be introduced and in addition to reverse the speed limit.

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 there is a clear and obvious need to reverse the speed limit. The footpath should also be reinstated and safety signage put in place.

Cllr. P. Connor Scarteen welcomed the deputation and stated that it was great to see such support. He also advised them that a previous request to meet with the TII has now issued from Full Council.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn stated that what the TII need to realize is that the guidelines which suit Dublin may not be as suitable for rural Kerry. We will be looking for a meeting as soon as possible.

Cathaoirleach. D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and stated that they had his full support in this matter.

Mr. P. Teahan Municipal District Engineer welcomed the deputation to the meeting stating that he had worked with this group over a number of years and advised that some work was carried out in 2007. He confirmed that there was a 3 mile footpath and cycle lane design underway. With regard to the timeline on this, the ground survey was being done now. It would then go to An Bórd Pleanála in 2020 and hopefully consent will be granted in 2021 pending suitable funding. Ms. T. Smith will be Project Manager. We weren't in this positive position previously. Regarding the speed limit, in 2015 there were new guidelines and a full speed limit review with the aim of having consistent speed limits across the country. Permission from the TII would be required to change the speed limit. Mr. Teahan further stated that the white line can be reviewed, in accordance with National Guidelines.

He confirmed that since 2005 taking information from the RSA Website, there has been 1 fatality on that stretch of road.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that while he acknowledged the comments of Mr. P. Teahan, he expressed disappointment to the response and stated the problem is that a lot of accidents are never reported and asked that the speed limit would be reversed.

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

Re:Condition of the road

Requested by Cllr. M. Cahill

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 Spokespersons Mr. Anthony O' Connor & Ms. Margaret O' Shea introduced themselves.

The speakers raised the following concerns: -

- ***Road is in a deplorable state currently***
- ***Thought that it would be made good when IW completed works but that was not the case***
- ***There are no line markings***
- ***Poor Drainage***
- ***Unfair to people working or living in the area***
- ***High volume of hill walkers use this road***
- ***HGV's, Trucks and tractors are having great difficulty***
- ***There is a huge increase in traffic along this stretch of road as people going to Beaufort & Glencar use this road***
- ***School buses use this road***
- ***Many cyclists use this road and with the current condition of the road it is impossible to adhere to the rules of the road.***

The speakers requested the following: -

- ***Road needs to be redone from scratch again and brought back to a state that is fit and safe for cars/walkers and cyclists.***

Mr. O' Connor added that lack of funding is no longer an acceptable excuse and something needed to be done to remedy the situation.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the deputation and thanked them for outlining the issues, stating that the same issues had been raised many time by the Cllrs. of this Municipal District. This is the gateway to "The Black Valley, Cronin's Yard & Ireland's highest mountain Carrauntoohil". There is also a large volume of B&B's, guest houses and holiday accommodation in this area. I understand that there is money due to Kerry County Council from Irish Water. When this funding has been received he asked Kerry County Council to make a contribution towards the repair of this road.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that this issue has been raised many times. He asked if there was an agreement with Irish Water regarding who will pay for this road to reinstate it to an acceptable condition.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn stated that when the Councillors were canvassing in that area for the recent Local Election there was no other issue raised by residents and with the way the road is currently, it encourages people to drive in the centre of the road.

Cllr. P. Connor Scarteen stated that as outdoor pursuits and outdoor life are really taking off this road is vital as it leads to Carrauntoohil, the highest mountain in Ireland.

Cllr. N. Moriarty thanked the deputation and agreed with the previous speakers adding that Irish Water would need to reinstate the road to a satisfactory condition, fit for purpose.

Cathaoirleach. D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and stated that the members would try to get this issue resolved as soon as possible.

Mr. C. Mangan Senior Executive Engineer Water Services, introduced himself and Mr. C. O' Leary, Executive Engineer Water Services and stated the major programme of water mains replacement in the greater Beaufort area, carried out by Kerry County Council on Irish Water's behalf, over the last five years has resulted in a great improvement in this essential service both locally and over the greater Mid Kerry area.

In recent years, a total of 1.4Km of the 300MM diameter trunk water main has been replaced on the Board Of Works road from Kissane's shop towards the crossroads near the Gap of Dunloe. Of this 1.4Km, 500M has already been fully permanently restored as part of a Kerry County Council full-width road surfacing job. A further 900M has been temporarily restored, over the 1M width of the pipe-laying trench. Because the newly laid pipe and the old pipe are on opposite sides of the road and this is a relatively large watermain, then there is damage to both sides at the locations where 'bursts' have happened in recent years. Some temporary restoration was done in 2017, but further permanent works are very necessary.

In early 2020 Irish Water will fund the permanent restoration of the 1M trench width, where pipelaying has occurred, as well as the spot locations where 'bursts' have been temporarily repaired in recent years. The width of the trench and the spot locations of the 'bursts' will be cut out with a road saw and redone with 80MM of the regulatory 'blacktop' bitumen road surfacing material. Irish Water's responsibility to the road will end with this work.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that this pipe network has burst more than anywhere else in the County and called on the Manager of the Municipal District to source funding for a full resurface.

In response to queries from Cllrs. J. F. Flynn & J. Healy-Rae regarding the sourcing of funding Mr. P. Teahan stated that full strengthening of the road did take place but with burst pipes it had a negative effect. We are pushing for full road strengthening and currently looking at trench reinstatement with making good the surface.

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

1. Elected member to be nominated to Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. N. Moriarty SECONDED by Cathaoirleach. D. McCarthy it was agreed that **Cllr. J. F. Flynn** be nominated to Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership.

19.11.29.03 To note the report from Economic & Community Development

Economic & Community Development Report

KENMARE Municipal District

29th November 2019

Director of Service: Michael Scannell

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

Grants

Expressions of interest are presently being sought for core grant aid for the November 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. 7 trade fair grants have been approved.

Interest in the Trading Online Voucher Scheme remains strong with 48 applications approved this year.

Training

Training continues with 4 “Start Your Own Business programmes” running this autumn.

Demand for Digital Marketing and Social Media training around the county continues to be strong. The office currently has a Digital Marketing Programme running and another scheduled to commence shortly. Other social media business programmes scheduled include Beginners Instagram Marketing for Business, Beginners Facebook Marketing and How to Run Facebook Advertising Campaigns.

Customs Compliance Export & Import Procedures Workshop

An additional Customs Compliance Export & Import Procedures Workshop will be held in late October. 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.

Budget & Brexit Briefing 2020

The office held a *Budget 2020 and Brexit Breakfast Briefing* on the 10th of October with over 100 attendees.

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

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT (EDU)

Skellig Centre for Research and Innovation

Minister Brendan Griffin T.D. Minister for State for the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport launched The Skellig Centre for Research and Innovation (Skellig CRI) Outreach Educational Facility and UCC Certificate in Practice Support in Social Farming on the 1st November 2019.

TOURISM

International Dark Skies Award for Kenmare Students

Conor Casey and Hannah Coombs, two students at Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine, Kenmare, have been awarded the 'Rising Star' Award from the International Dark Sky Association in Tuscon, Arizona. They were accompanied to the awards ceremony in the US on November 8th by their science teacher and mentor, Ms Sarah Abbott. The Kenmare students were nominated by Prof Brian Espey, Trinity College Dublin, following their award-winning performance at the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition earlier in January. Their research involved light pollution measurements and analysis at twenty locations across Munster. The students also produced a smartphone app as part of the project. Hannah and Conor's work has raised the profile of the Kerry International Dark Sky Reserve and light pollution within Ireland and internationally. They are now working with the wider community to have the Kerry Dark Sky Reserve extended along the Kenmare Bay area. Their work was featured by Kerry County Council at the International Dark Skies Symposium in Mulranny, Co. Mayo earlier this month.

Three Heads Visitor Experience Development Plan

Failte Ireland are progressing the Three Heads VEDP which includes Kenmare town, Bonane and the surrounding Beara Peninsula, in consultation with Kerry and Cork County Councils. An Environmental Impact Assessment is currently being carried out. The Three Heads is the most south-westerly stretch of coast on the Wild Atlantic Way where the three peninsulas – Mizen Head, Sheeps Head and the Beara Peninsula offer the visitor a unique opportunity to experience a different world. The Plan is designed to encourage businesses to be proactive in creating unique experiences. Catalyst projects identified include the development of a concept of twilight series of weekend cultural and food events held in towns in the area, including Kenmare which will see the development of year-round, all-weather facilities; the development of the Bonane Heritage & Interpretation Centre, develop connectivity between the Beara Way and the Kerry Way and improve supporting services.

COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT

Applications submitted for Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019:

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.	Not successful
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.	€200,000
Killorglin	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.	Not successful
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, upgrading of amenity area and car park at Reenroe Beach to improve access.	€100,00
Kenmare	Renovation works to the courthouse building, to enhance this valuable community asset as a viable amenity in the town.	€56,000
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.	€60,000

Work will now commence in cooperation with each community to deliver these actions.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018:

Work is ongoing with the successful projects as follows:

Killorglin - Killorglin Town Centre Project.

There are three distinct elements to this project encompassing;

- A Study on the usage of vacant properties.
- A Social Space/Public Realm plan for the Town Centre.
- A planned Painting Scheme for one street.

This Painting scheme element is a pilot project involving one whole street, Upper Bridge St coming together to agree a colour scheme, allowing that some of the existing colour schemes will remain. Three paint companies have been involved in the tender process for the paint which reduces the cost to the individual businesses and the full Painting Contract for the street was tendered by the Chamber Alliance. The Business owners will be contributing financially to the project but obviously this will be at a reduced rate to what it would have cost them individually.

The Killorglin Chamber Alliance is managing the project.

The Public Realm Plan and Study are also underway under the auspices of Kerry Co Co.

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.

The conditions relating to the drawdown of funding have become very strict and communities are being facilitated to enable them meet the deadlines.

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:

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

ORIS (Outdoor Recreation) and CLAR drawdown 2018

Much work has gone into ensuring the drawdown of funding under these schemes in the Municipal District.

Rural Regeneration Scheme

Unfortunately, the Applications submitted under the Rural Regeneration Scheme were unsuccessful; however guidance is being sought from the Department based on the assessment process with a view to improving the applications. It is clear that much preliminary work is required to prepare a project to the required standard. The Carnegie Hub project will be reviewed, and a more detailed application prepared based on any advice received.

Socio Economic Plans

The project is being funded by LEADER with support from Kerry County Council. The final consultation was held in Kenmare on November 12th last and was attended by 60 people approx. An outcome of this meeting is that the community structure in Kenmare will be reviewed and a further meeting is planned for 3rd December 2019.

Outcomes from the process are that there are new Chamber Alliances in Cahersiveen and Killorglin and each is working to a defined work plan.

Community Support Fund 2019

Within the Kenmare MD, 44 projects were supported. 35 have received payment and 27 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. 13 groups have received payment and 2 have received full payment.

Meetings

Meetings have been held with Killorglin Tidy Towns, Cahersiveen Chamber Alliance, Kenmare public meeting, Killorglin Chamber Alliance, Milltown (handover meeting) and Cromane Seafest Committee in recent weeks. Ballyfinnane group was also met in the context of the CLAR drawdown.

SKDP Roadshow in Killorglin and Cahersiveen.

Enterprise Town Kenmare

Kenmare was nominated for this Bank of Ireland sponsored event and judging has taken place on 2nd October 2019. A very comprehensive presentation was given. The Awards are on the 5th December 2019.

Grant Information;

County Kerry Festivals & Participative Events Programme

This annual funding programme will be advertised in the next 8 weeks subject to Failte Ireland's notification to KCC of the allocation for 2020. Criteria includes expenditure of over €10,000.

FLAG Funding for Coastal communities - See

<http://www.bim.ie/schemes/fisheries.local.area.group.development.flag.2016.-.2023/>

Arts Act Grant needing at least 50% arts activities on the programme. The form and guidelines are available on www.kerrycoco.ie/arts and the deadline is 1pm on 16th December.

The Community Support Fund will also be launched during the next month.

SKDP LEADER has a call out for Youth Projects – closing date, 13th December. See SKDP website.

Kerry Age Friendly Programme Update

- ❖ Representatives from the WHO are attending to make a special presentation to the Irish Age Friendly Programme on 16th December. Ireland is the first country in the world to achieve WHO Age Friendly status. This means that Ireland as a country has been recognised as working towards an age friendly society. Kerry achieved World Health Organisation Age Friendly programme affiliation July 2018 as part of this process.
- ❖ Work is continuing at Cahersiveen Library in conjunction with Kerry Library Service regarding its designation as an Age Friendly Library. Funding has now been secured to roll out initiatives.
- ❖ Projects currently underway include working with Killarney re Accessible Tourism Project, progressing work with Tralee Chamber re Age Friendly Tralee and Walkability Audit and a Walkability Audit in Cahersiveen. The walkability audit in Cahersiveen will be carried out in collaboration with Skellig Cri.
- ❖ The Age Friendly Programme has engaged with the HSE and a steering group to progress the Dementia Friendly Tralee project.
- ❖ A project in Turreencahill was shortlisted as a finalist in the national Age Friendly Awards and was visited by judges on October 10th last. The group received its Certificate on November 14th at an event in Croke Park.
- ❖ 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. The prize giving is on the 23rd November in Kilkenny.
- ❖ Kerry's Older People's Council update: Meetings have been held with Kerry PPN Secretariat in relation to a county OPC Forum registration process. Work has commenced on this.

(b) Notice of Motion

1.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we assess the Old Factory Stack at Tooremore, Over the Water. There is a need to stabilise the base and repair a section that has come away. This is possibly a Heritage/ Architectural conservation project.

Reply: The Conservation Officer has contacted the owner to assess the structure on site. A recommendation will be prepared following this inspection and submitted to the owner to ensure the structure is not endangered.

Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that it is opportune because grant applications are now open.

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

It was agreed to note the following report.

Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Report

Kenmare

DATE: November 29th, 2019

Director of Service: John Breen

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Gerard O'Brien SEO

2019 Anti-Dumping Initiative “Not in our Nature”

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

Since our last meeting this fund has been used to carry out a “Backyard Burning” campaign”, 2 Bulky Waste days, numerous clean ups throughout the county and promotional advertising of Kerry County Council Civic Amenity sites

Backyard Burning Campaign

During September a video campaign was run on Facebook and Twitter on “Backyard Burning” to highlight the dangers to the Environment and to individual’s health when rubbish/waste is burned in open fires, ranges and other solid fuel appliances or in the open air. Back yard burning includes the uncontrolled burning of green waste and other wastes. This term also refers to the use of what are commonly described as rubbish burners or domestic waste incinerators. This online video campaign was very successful with over 20,000 views.

In conjunction with this campaign posters and leaflets were distributed from Local Authority Offices and Libraries. Kerry county Council website was updated to include the new material.

Promotion of Kerry County Council Civic Amenity Sites and Clean ups

ADI funding was also used to run promotional advertising of Kerry County Council Civic Amenity sites in local media during the summer and to carry out clean ups of illegally dumped waste throughout the county.

Bulky Waste Days

Two Bulky waste days were carried out in October. In Derrynane house car park on 22nd October and in Banna beach car park on 24th October. Individuals could dispose of up to 4 bulky waste items each free of charge.

Fire Service

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

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- There were **1,104** mobilisations up to end of October 2019 compared to 1,005 mobilisations for the same period in 2018 which represents a 9.85% increase.
- Gorse fires at 252 were up from 196 for the same period last year. This is a 28.57% increase.
- Chimney fires were at 63 which is down from 93 for the same period last year; 32.26% decrease
- Road Traffic Collisions were at 110 is almost identical to the 112 from the same period last year.

	2018	2019
	Jan-Oct	Jan-Oct
<i>FIRE OPERATIONS - DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fires Number</i>		
Chimney Fires	93	63
Gorse Fires	196	252
Other Fires	197	165
Total	486	480
<i>Special Services Number</i>		
Entrapment	22	21
Gas/Chemicals	1	6
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	2
Hazardous Substances non-Transit	0	1
Machinery	1	2
Miscellaneous	73	88
Other rescue	31	38
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	1	8
Road traffic accident	112	110
Water pumping/flooding	8	10
Total	249	286
<i>False Alarms Number</i>		
Malicious	4	12
Good Intent	111	130
Total	115	142
<i>Total Number of Incidents</i>	850	908

Total Number of Mobilisations	1,005	1,104
BUILDING CONTROL- DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK		
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	128	159
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	105	105
Commencement Notices Received	478	411

Fire Safety and Prevention:

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

Fire Safety Week

The annual National Fire Safety week 2019 occurred from 7th to the 14th October 2019. The aim of National Fire Safety Week was to highlight issues of fire safety and create awareness of the dangers of fire.

Kerry Fire Service ran a number of activities to promote fire safety during the week:

- Fire Safety Interview on Radio Kerry promoting fire safety and giving advice to the public regarding fire safety
- 3 No. fire safety ads on Radio Kerry, each ad aired 3 times daily for 5 days, Tuesday to Saturday of Fire Safety Week (45 ads in total) giving advice on Fire Safety.
- Half page fire Safety ads in local newspapers (Kerrys Eye and Kerryman)
- Fire Safety advice posted on Kerry Fire & Rescue Service facebook page during the week.
- Fire fighters on the ground in each station area meeting the public, distributing fire safety leaflets and giving fire safety advice to the public.

Fire safety demonstrations using the Community Fire Safety Demonstration Unit were carried out at suitable venues in Tralee and Killarney

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices / 7 Day Notices received to the end of October 2019 was 411 which is a:
 - 14.02% decrease on the figure of 478 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 October 2019 a total of 105 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 159 Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents:
 - No change in Disability Access Certificate applications, and
 - 24.22% increase in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2018.

Library Services

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

- On 17 October at the LGMA Offices in Dublin, Minister Jim Canney T.D., Minister of State, Department of Rural and Community Development, presented the Kerry Library service with a 2018 Right to Read Award.

This Award is a national initiative that recognises efforts by individual local authorities on an annual basis to support and promote literacy skills development and provide responsive literacy programmes throughout the authority.

The **Right to Read** literacy support programme has four pillars – Spring into Storytime [April], the Summer Stars Children's Reading initiative [June to August], Children's Book Festival [October] and the Family Reading initiative [November/December].

- On 1 October, Minister Michael Ring, T.D. Dept. of Rural and Community Development launched the National Age Friendly Libraries Recognition Programme which includes 48 participating libraries countrywide. Caherciveen Library has been designated the Kerry Age Friendly Library. This programme ties in with the ethos of the national strategy and builds on recent library service developments to focus on improving access and usage of public libraries in communities. The range of services at Caherciveen Library for older people includes a welcoming reading room, additional large print book stock, library induction tours, mental health & wellbeing events and reading groups.

Funding of €11,000 was granted in September from the Dept. of Community and Rural Development to put in place programming during 2019 and 2020 to maximise library usage among Older People in South Kerry – with active engagement sessions to include classes in digital literacy, local history lectures, advice and support for reading and open days for senior citizens. The library is liaising with a range of groups in the area to support this initiative, including the Men's Sheds, HSE, Kerry Older Peoples Council, South Kerry Development Partnership and the Rural Men's Initiative.

It is planned to designate all Kerry libraries as Age Friendly Libraries over the period of the national strategy.

- **Kerry Library events programme**

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

With the support of the funding recently made available from the Dormant Accounts Fund, a series of free lectures to support the Kerry Toys and Sensory Resources service are taking place at Tralee, Killarney and Castleisland libraries during November & December. Topics include autism awareness, wellbeing, challenging behaviour, Down's syndrome and supporting self-confidence and independence. Details are available at local libraries and on the library website www.kerrylibrary.ie

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme

Status Summary at 21st November 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 draft **Capital Investment Programme 2020-2024** are outlined in the following tables:

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

WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN THE KENMARE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT	
Project	Description and 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 is preparing the Planning Application and Environmental Impact Report, with a view to construction in late 2020 and completion in 2022. A Drainage Area Plan (assessment of existing sewage collection network) is almost complete.
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 Water Treatment Plant	Installation of larger Caustic Soda Storage tank.	€10,000	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
Approximate Total of <u>APPROVED</u> Works not yet done:		€40,000	

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

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

Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.

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

Takeover of Group Schemes

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 is allocated in the DoHP&LG's 2019-2021 programme for upgrade works prior to take-over by IW at the Group Water Schemes of **Kells** (€1.35M), **Bonane** (€110K), **Dawros** (€100,000), **Tuosist** (€60K), and **Rossdohan** (€5K).

Mr. C. Mangan stated that the Reservoir in Knightstown, Valentia will be in place for the start of the season. He further added that the Bonane Scheme will be closed down.

(b) Notices of Motion

1.Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That this council would break the rock and make more ground available in Kilgarvan for graves as we are running out very quickly.

Reply: Kerry County Council will arrange to have trial holes dug in Kilgarvan Burial Ground in early 2020 to ascertain if it is viable to bulk excavate the rock for the provision of burial spaces going forward.

***Cllr. J. Healy-Rae** stated that we don't want it coming down the full way. The landowner is open to discussion and asked that the matter would be expedited.*

In response Mr. G. O' Brien stated that Kerry County Council will arrange to have trial holes dug in early 2020.

***Cllr. P. Connor Scarteen** seconded the motion.*

2. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council will give a full update as to progress with the extension to Kenmare Sewerage plant as well as timelines for construction and completion.

Reply: The proposed **€10M upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant** is approved by Irish Water. A Consulting Engineer has been appointed. A Flow / Loading Survey was completed in 2018. Irish Water is currently preparing the **Planning** Application and Environmental Impact Report. with a view to construction in late 2020 and completion in 2022. A Drainage Area Plan (assessment of existing sewage collection network) is almost complete.

Cll. J. Healy-Rae acknowledged the reply and stated that as the Council will be aware the current situation at the Kenmare Sewerage Plant is impacting on planning decisions in this area. This is also a problem in the Glenbeigh and now Beaufort area. He asked Mr. C. Mangan to prioritize this scheme as it could take 3 or 4 years to resolve. There are zoned sites which cannot be built on without the proper support systems being in place.

3. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That adequate pathways be maintained and allowed for around and between plots at the main cemetery in Caherciveen on Valentia Road.

Reply: The pathways will be maintained and some additional footpaths will be constructed, in the context of our budget for 2020, in the area where the new burials have taken place.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the fact that there would be additional footpaths constructed.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council take into consideration the fact that the number of Burial Plots available are very quickly running out in Churchtown Burial Ground, the fact that Beaufort is a very large Parish with a large population and the fact that the residents are getting increasingly concerned that their loved ones may have to be buried outside the Parish, I propose that this Council prioritises the acquisition of lands in Beaufort.

Reply: Based on current burial rates there are approximately 5 years remaining in Churchtown Burial Ground, Beaufort. Kerry County Council have had discussions with a number of landowners with a view to both extending the existing Burial Ground and purchasing a site for a new Burial Ground in the area. We have been unsuccessful to date in these discussions. Our efforts to acquire land will continue and any assistance that members may be able to provide would be welcome.

Cllr. M. Cahill asked was there a provision for acquisition of a new graveyard and asked Kerry County Council to provide money and to acquire land.

2.Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: What is the update with resurfacing the board of works road where the last section of water main was laid this is in a shocking state.

Reply: Further to discussions with Irish Water, it is anticipated that reinstatement monies will be available in its 2020 Operations Budget to allow restoration works to be carried out on sections of this road.

The Irish Water 2020 Operational budget will be allocated in early 2020 and at that stage a plan to promptly repair lengths of this road will be developed in conjunction with the Council's Roads section.

3.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen: Please request that the Kenmare Waste Water Scheme is given the required upgrade as soon as possible.

Reply: The proposed **€10M upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant** is approved by Irish Water. A Consulting Engineer has been appointed. A Flow / Loading Survey was completed in 2018. Irish Water is currently preparing the **Planning** Application and Environmental Impact Report. with a view to construction in late 2020 and completion in 2022. A Drainage Area Plan (assessment of existing sewage collection network) is almost complete.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen stated that issues are cropping up and is impacting on development in the area. People want to know what they can do in 2022.

4.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we ensure as an MD that all of the Fire Stations in the MD allow for the correct training and drilling routines that lead to effective delivery of service, along with the best equipment that is most effective in the terrain being covered.

Reply: The relevant issue has been discussed with Cllr. N. Moriarty and is being attended to.

Cllr. N. Moriarty added that it is obvious that these facilities have to be at a standard where people can train.

A.O.B

Request for rain harvesting product

Cllr. M. Cahill requested that Mr. P. Bradley would please engage with Partnership to look at rain harvesting product to harvest water in graveyards.

Mr. G. O' Brien agreed to discuss the matter with S.K.D.P.

19.11.29.04 (a) To note update report from Housing Directorate

Mr. T. Brosnan briefed the members on the following report.

HOUSING DIRECTORATE REPORT

KENMARE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

18th NOVEMBER 2019

Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue

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	619
Net Need for Kenmare MD (excluding transfers)	430

No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	157
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	138

Breakdown by Bed No.

1-Bed	301
2-Bed	181
3-Bed	112
4-Bed	24
5-Bed	1
Total	619

- **Void Management**

Municipal District breakdown	No
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	0
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	0
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	6
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	7
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	4
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	17

- **Social Housing Options**

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	46	661
RAS	7	70
Leasing	7	54
HAP	26	88
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	86	873

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	Nov 2019	Aug 2020
Ballnakilly, Glenbeigh	1	Single Rural Dwelling	Nov 2019	Aug 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	Completed Sep 2019
Meanus, Killorglin	1	Single Rural Dwelling	Sep 2018	Completed Sep 2019
Owngarry, Killorglin	1	Single Rural Dwelling	Jan 2019	Nov 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	1	3 Bed	May
The purchase of a further 3 houses is being progressed.			

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2019, 729 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, 91 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.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae requested update on when the 14 houses in Kenmare were going to construction stage.

In response Mr. T. Brosnan replied that he was hopeful that it would be commence in December 2019 with completion at the end of 2020 and added that on the leasing issue it is a big commitment for landlords to commit their properties for a long time.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that standards seem to be very high for 10-year lease and requested clarification on whether Kerry County Council are responsible for 10-year lease and Landlord for 5-years or less.

Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that in relation to grants there is a backlog and asked that they would be expedited by year end.

Mr. T. Brosnan replied that the Disability Grants had increased but there was a cut in Local Authority housing. The Housing Department have been trying to get increased allocations.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that population wise there was as much pressure in Killorglin as in Killarney or Tralee and also asked for Glenbeigh to be reviewed.

A.O.B.

Cllr. M. Cahill suggested that Fr. Tom Lawlor should be properly acknowledged as he built 6 national schools and a church.

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

It was agreed to note the following report.

ROADS, TRANSPORTATION & MARINE DIRECTORATE REPORT

KENMARE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT 29th NOVEMBER 2019

DIRECTOR OF SERVICES:Mr. CHARLIE O' SULLIVAN

**Kenmare Municipal District Meeting – 29th November 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 complete. It is anticipated that the CPO/EIAR/NIS will be published in December 2019/ January 2020, subject to TII approval.

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

- Options have been identified and have been 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 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.
- Statutory Consent process for Planning and Land Acquisition will be undertaken in 2020

N70 Brackaharagh – 2019 Allocation -€100k

- Land acquisition (by agreement) - All Agreements in place.
- Ground Investigations and Archaeological Testing will be undertaken in the coming weeks
- Detailed Design and Tender Document preparation is underway with a view to going to Construction in 2020.

N70 Derreenafoyle

- At Preliminary Design Stage

N72 Minor Works Scheme between Killorglin Bridge and Anglont-

- A Topographical Survey has been carried out and issued to the Scheme Consultants.
- Ground Investigation Works are currently being undertaken to inform the Preliminary Design which is ongoing and will be complete in Q1 2020.
- Consultation with affected landowners is ongoing.

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works
Pavement overlay and associated works

Status of Projects at Construction Stage

<i>Road No.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>	<i>Current Allocation</i>	<i>Comment</i>
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 has been completed. The contract commenced in September, initially completing civil works. The pavement overlay will commence in late Q4 2019, commencing at Kenneigh.

<u>Status of Projects at Design Stage</u>				
<i>Road No.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>	<i>Current Allocation</i>	<i>Comment</i>
N71	Molls Gap to Kenmare	5,100	€50k	<p>Transport Infrastructure Ireland approved the following to proceed to tender:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ N71 Kenmare to Molls Gap Pavement scheme. ▪ N71 Kenmare Safety Scheme including the provision of a footpath to Ard Bhearna. <p>The Chief Executive's Report in relation to the Part VIII statutory planning process was approved at the September 2019 Kenmare MD meeting.</p> <p>It is anticipated that a contract will be awarded in Q1 2020 with works to be carried out in mid-2020.</p>

Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme Restoration Maintenance Programme

These programmes are now complete and the details of the works undertaken is outlined in Appendix A.

Other Road and Public Area Works Programmes

All Areas

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works.

Drainage maintenance, footpath maintenance, pothole and patch repairs.

2. Department of Rural and Community Development Grants Status of Projects being delivered directly by the Roads' Dept.

<i>Grant Scheme</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Status</i>
<i>Town & Village Renewal</i>	Caherdaniel - Enhancement to amenities in the Village	€60,000	Design Stage

2019	Upgrading of amenity area and car park at Reenroe Beach to improve access.	€75,000	Design Stage
	Waterville - Improvements at the promenade in Waterville including car parking provision and facilitation of a Dark Sky Reserve Solar Walk.	€200,000	Design Stage
CLÁR 2019 Measure 1	Kilgobnet NS - Flashing Amber Lights	€6,300	At procurement stage.
CLÁR 2018 Measure 1	Caherdaniel NS - Flashing Amber Safety Lights ,Upgrade road markings on approach roads to school, Purchase of child safety signs + digital speed safety signs	€45,000	Complete
	St. Finian's NS, Waterville - Flashing Amber Safety Lights, construction and upgrading of access footpaths next to school	€33,300	Complete

3. Capital Infrastructure

4.

South Kerry Greenway

The An Bord Pleanála oral hearing concluded on the 22nd November 2019.

5. 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: 46

No. of faults repaired within 12 working days (since last meeting – incl. routine maintenance): 30

No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 2

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

Restoration Improvement Programme 2019

Killorglin

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m2	Est Cost	Value of Footpath Works	Status
L4017	Ahane Cross to Oolagh East	1,093	4,372	€122,414		Complete
L4010	Glencuttane Upper to Lough Accose	1,200	5,400	€150,000		Complete
L4018	Quaybawn to Callinahiska	1,000	4,500	€126,000		Complete
L4010	Owngarry to Glencuttane	1,368	6,840	€136,800		Complete
L4037	Angloint to Lismacfinnane	1,300	3,900	€78,000		Complete
L7504	Laharn to Ranguie	1,600	8,000	€158,414		Complete
TOTAL		7,561		€771,628		Complete

Cahersiveen

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m2	Est Cost	Value of Footpath Works	Status
L-11577	Cloghanecaharn	1,350	4,860	€121,500		Complete
R-565	Ardcost	525	3,150	€110,250		Complete
L-11518	Allagheemore towards Tooreen	1,700	5,950	€148,750		Complete
L-7801	Old Market Street, Cahersiveen	85	612	€31,427	€10,000	Complete
L-11911	Kylemore Burial Ground Road	200	1,200	€36,000		Complete
L-11508	Bachelors walk to Glanleam cross	1,200	5,160	€129,000		Complete
L-11623	Killagurteen towards Dromkeare	1,000	3,800	€95,000		Complete
L-7529	Connanna towards Cloghanelinaghan	1,550	5,425	€135,625		Complete
L-4010	Killeenleigh Cross towards GAA Pitch	670	4,087	€102,175		Complete
L-11623	Dromkeare to Caherbarnagh	1,000	3,700	€92,500		Complete
TOTAL		9,280		€1,002,227	€10,000	

Kenmare

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m2	Est Cost	Value of Footpath Works	Status
R-569	Kilgarvan Village	210	1,470	€147,000	€20,000	Complete
R-573	Direen	900	4,950	€123,750		Complete
L-11676	Drumlusk	800	2,800	€70,000		Complete
L-11777	Dromagorteen	440	2,200	€55,000		Complete
L-4052	Kilmuray	460	2,760	€96,600	€10,000	Complete
L-11777	Dromagorteen	550	2,200	€55,000		Complete
L-11672-24	Coomlimna	1,000	3,500	€87,500		Complete
L-11682	Sneem Village	380	3,800	€133,000	€20,000	Complete
L-4043	Slieveadubh	900	3,150	€78,750		Complete
L-4053	Dromcahan	300	1,050	€26,250		Complete
L11218	Lord Brandons Cottage Rd	320	960	€34,103		Complete
R-571	Lauragh	1,000	6,000	€150,000		Complete
TOTAL		7,260		€1,056,953	€50,000	

Restoration Maintenance Programme 2019

Killorglin Area

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m2	Est Cost €	Status
L-4038	Tullig to Carhoobeg	2,111	11,193	€50,368	Complete
L-4047	Shronahiree More	1,800	5,400	€24,300	Complete
L-4041	Dunloe Upper	2,100	6,300	€28,350	Complete
L-4010	Gortmaloon East to Coornameana	2,600	10,400	€46,800	Complete
L12214	Killaclohane	700	2,100	€9,450	Complete
L-5017	Lissatagle to Boherboy	1,875	7,500	€33,750	Complete
L-4022	Dooks	1,200	6,000	€27,000	Complete
L-7517	Keelnabrack	1,500	6,000	€27,000	Complete
TOTALS		13,886		€247,018	

Caherciveen Area

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m2	Est Cost	Status
L-11568	River Road, Bahaghs towards Cappagh	1,200	5,040	€22,680	Complete
L-11558	Killelan East to Laharn North, Cahersiveen	1,450	5,220	€23,490	Complete
L-11518	Allagheemore to Tooreen	2,000	6,000	€27,000	Complete
L-11505	Gortgower to Dohilla, Valentia Island	1,700	6,800	€30,600	Complete
L-11561	Ballydarrig Cross to Dooneen, Cahersiveen	3,250	11,050	€49,725	Complete
L11608	Gowlanes, Castlecove	400	1,800	€8,100	Complete
L-7531/ L-11563	Killoe to Canburrin	3,475	13,600	€53,154	Complete
L-7520	Inchintrea Cross to Foilmore GAA Pitch	1,350	6,750	€30,548	Complete
R-567	Emlaghmore West to Emlaghamuck	1,700	9,860	€245,297	Complete
TOTALS		16,525		€275,845	

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Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m2	Est Cost €	Status
L-7060-10	Coologues	1,500	6,000	€27,000	Complete
R-571-259	Coolownig	2,200	14,300	€78,650	Complete
L-4047	Ballaghbeama	1,500	5,250	€23,625	Complete
R-574	Healy Pass	1,000	5,000	€27,500	Complete
L-4055-14	Gortalinny	1,500	7,500	€33,750	Complete
L-11766	Lisaclerig	1,170	4,105	€18,472	Complete
L-4064-20	Lohert	2,500	8,750	€39,375	Complete
R-573	Dereen	1,500	7,842	€43,133	Complete
TOTALS		12,870		€291,505	

APPENDIX B

Job Ticket ID	Defect Description	Unit Number	Postal Street Name	Date Reported	Reason
6779	Lamp out	4909	Valentia Bridge	06/02/2019	Cable fault
11371	Lamp out	15320	Castle Harbour Killorglin	03/10/2019	Specialist materials required

Mr. P. Teahan advised the Cllrs. that the Blackwater Bridge CPO and Impact statement will be published shortly.

Cll. J. Healy-Rae asked if it was west from Blackwater Bridge and was there any information on timelines?

In response to a query from Cllr, J. Healy Rae, Mr. P. Teahan pointed out the the project was west from Blackwater Bridge and the timeline was December 2020 subject to TII. Mr. Teahan further advised that he would organise maps for the Councillors.

(b) Notice of Motion

1.Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would provide a pedestrian crossing in Kilgarvan village to accommodate this busy centre for children who leave the National School to go there for after school classes.

REPLY: This proposal will be considered under the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan 2020. For the project to proceed, the funding of the proposal will require CSMDO allocations combined with other sources of finance for safety engineering measures. We will also commence the design process which will include a statutory consultation process under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 as amended.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that a lot of children attend the school in the evening and safe passage for the children coming out of school and traffic calming measures needed to be provided to which he was happy to allocate some of his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF) He asked if it is something that can be done in 12 months as works have previously been carried out there.

Cllr. N. Moriarty seconded the motion and stated that she would also allocate money.

2. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would erect signs at Ballinskelligs Cross, Waterville and safety measures at the junction.

REPLY: The current junction signage will be examined for compliance with the Traffic Signs Manual. The collision history at the junction will also be examined to establish if further signage may be required.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that he was not satisfied with the answer and that it was time to rectify this issue so that you can't come up and turn for Ballinskelligs side by cutting across the yard.

Cllr. N. Moriarty seconded this motion which was also supported by Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen.

3. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council give a detailed progress report in regards to the provision of a new Bridge in the vicinity of Glenbeigh NS on the Ring of Kerry road where a number of serious accidents/fatalities occurred. What is the total cost of the new Bridge and road realignment and when is the start date anticipated.

REPLY: Proposals to improve this section of the N70 in the vicinity of Glenbeigh NS have been submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland and comprise of two distinct sections:

- An online realignment of existing substandard bends c. 700m in length west of the existing Glanbehy Bridge.
- An offline new section of road c. 1.2km in length running north of the River Behy and crossing same at a new location c. 500m downstream of the existing bridge and tying into the existing N70 just east of the side road to Coolroe.

Structural Consultants were commissioned in 2019 to prepare a Technical Acceptance Report for the proposed new bridge which is estimated to cost c. €1.2m. It is estimated that the overall costs for the 1.9km improvement proposal would amount to c. €5.2m.

It is hoped to progress consultation with affected landowners in Q1, 2020 ahead of the Statutory Consent process which will be undertaken in late 2020.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that there have been numerous accidents here and €150,000 was allocated in 2019 for the design of the bridge. He welcomed the work done so far but stated that from an initial health & safety point of view there are 2 National Schools there.

4.Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council call on Transport Infrastructure Ireland to cut as a matter of extreme urgency the dangerous trees that are blocking the stunning views from the Ring of Kerry road between Mountain Stage and Kells before a serious incident occurs.

REPLY: The Council is currently procuring a long reach hedge cutter to cut the margin at Mountain Stage. We are also proposing, subject to the receipt of Supplementary Maintenance Funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland to cut the vegetation that is

growing from the top of the cliff face and this will require the necessary access equipment and the associated safety controls.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that the whole area is blocked and the signs are somewhat misleading, specifically at viewing points. Speed limits have been increased from 80km to 100km and asked whether it would be Kerry County Council or TII who would be responsible for payment.

In reply Mr. P. Teahan stated that TII are commencing work in the New Year.

5. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council arrange and confirm a date for a meeting of all stakeholders as a matter of priority in regards to the long overdue Cromane landing facility.

REPLY: The Council will seek to arrange a meeting of all stakeholders in relation to landing facilities for Cromane. Earlier this year the Council were in correspondence with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to this matter. As there are recent indications that the Department will now attend a meeting of stakeholders, we are proposing to write to the Department requesting the attendance of the Department at a meeting in the near future.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that this issue of flooding needs to be addressed as houses are being flooded and damaged on an ongoing basis. He requested that a letter be written to request an urgent meeting with The Office of Public Works, Department of Tourism, Department of Transport, Department of the Marine.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn seconded the motion and added that firshermen are working under hazardous conditions.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen suggested that all Councillors needed to be invited to this meeting and that it should take place in Cromane.

6. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council provide a Public Light at the Junction leading into the Church Grounds in Beaufort as a matter of extreme urgency. This area can be extremely dark in the evenings when Mass is being held and in particular when Funerals arrive at the Church and is a "Health and Safety" issue especially for pedestrians going to and from Church.

REPLY: The road to the church is private property and is not in charge of Kerry County Council. Accordingly, the extension of lighting in this area is a matter for the parish.

Cllr. M. Cahill would it be possible to get an estimate as it is very dark there.

In response Mr. P. Teahan said that the road leading to the Church is private and that it wasn't in accordance with the current lighting policy and agreed to forward it in writing to Cllr. Cahill

7. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council implement Traffic Management measures in Waterville prior to the 2020 Summer season and that Kerry County Council source

alternative lands for car and bus parking other than the Green area in the vicinity of the Promenade.

REPLY: A Grant Application under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2019, for the upgrading of the existing car park, public realm works to the promenade and the development of an extension to a car park, has been successful for Waterville. The application was submitted by Kerry County Council in consultation with IRD Waterville and the Department of Rural and Community Development has approved grant funding of €200,000.

The Council had preliminary engagement with local groups in Waterville prior to the submission being made to the Department and subsequent meetings in relation to the proposed project. The Council is aware that this proposed project has engaged people at local level and indeed a large number of people have contacted the Council to have views on any such project noted.

However, at this stage Kerry County Council has not published any plans for this development.

The development of any project of this nature involves a formal public planning process including a public consultation process where any party wishing to have their views considered is entitled to do so. The matter then comes before the Kenmare MD Members for formal consideration. In addition, as is normal, the finalisation of any plans will involve engagement and consultation with any individual or business directly affected along with local representative groups.

The Council has no other current plans for traffic management measures other than the project outlined above.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that he would like to see the funding spent in Waterville. There is concern over the green area. It is of critical importance to maintain the sea frontage, the Council have an obligation to conserve it especially as parking could go elsewhere.

CLLRS. P. CONNOR SCARTEEN (NOM 12) AGREED TO MOVE HIS MOTION AS FOLLOWS WHICH HAD THE SAME RESPONSE.

12.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: In relation to a proposal for a new car park in Waterville, KCC need to consult more with the Community so that a compromise can be found, the grant under the Town & Village Renewal should be used in a manner that all the community are happy with.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen welcomed the Waterville Group who attended the meeting and stated that from the reply he could see that there were procedures there. He welcomed the €200,000 funding. Further consultation is required.

CLLR. J. HEALY-RAE (NOM 22) AGREED TO MOVE HIS MOTION AS FOLLOWS WHICH HAD THE SAME RESPONSE.

22. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would carry out more consultation and listen to the people's views before any time or money is spent on part 8 process for a car park in Waterville. As well a traffic review should be carried out next summer at the peak time.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcome the group in attendance from Waterville and stated the seaview should be maintained.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn this is one of the consistently biggest issues and further consideration is required.

Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that she fully supported traffic management. All traffic on the Ring of Kerry road goes through Waterville. A survey needs to be carried out. Buses stopping, park on both sides causing health & safety blockages. There needs to be a separation of buses and cars, there needs to be proper traffic management. Every possible avenue should be explored in consultation with the residents of Waterville.

Cathaoirleach D. McCarthy stated that he would liaise with residents and Kerry County Council with a view to finding a solution and keeping the €200,000 in Waterville.

Mr. P. Teahan stated that the project originated from within the community in Waterville and that is why Kerry County Council took it on. There was consultation; a meeting was held with members of the community and in fact that meeting took place on the actual proposed site in Waterville. The publishing of plans was not authorised by Kerry County Council and the setting out of site boundaries was not carried out by the Council. Now that Kerry County Council have received €200,000 of Town and Village Renewal funding it must be spent to benefit Waterville. There will be consultation going forward as is normal practice.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae requested to know if Kerry County Council was intending to proceed with a Part VIII for this particular piece of land and can the €200,000 be moved from one project to another without having to apply for the funding again? I am proposing that you do not use this site.

In response **Mr. P. Teahan** replied that there is a competitive process on the scheme and it is Kerry County Councils job to get consensus and use this €200,000.

Mr. C. O' Connor stated that there is a procedure to follow and there will be a consultation process here and we will liaise with the community.

8.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen: That Kerry County Council request TII to put in place road safety measures in the vicinity of Dromore, Templeoe, and Kenmare.

REPLY: The N70 will be examined at these locations to establish if the collision history indicates that interventions are required.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen stated that a meeting with TII is required. Is there a timeframe on this meeting?

Mr. P. Teahan replied that he would check at Full Council level and revert back to Cllrs.

9.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That KCC please include the Gowlanes road, Castlecove in the next roads program.

REPLY: This Local Tertiary Road L-11608 in Gowlanes, Castlecove will be considered for inclusion in the next Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Programme. Maintenance work will be carried out on the road in the interim to the extent allowable by local roads upkeep funding.

10.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: What are KCC plans to clear drains and culverts throughout the Municipal District?

REPLY: The Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan includes a Drainage Programme which provides for skirting, opening inlets and shores and in some cases small culvert replacement on the local road network. This is targeted at roads where specific drainage issues have been identified. A sum of €285,833 has been provided to drain 90km of road in the Kenmare Municipal District as part of the plan.

Significant drainage works were also carried out this year as part of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance Programmes which accounts for a further 67 km of drainage. It is acknowledged also that CSMDO allocations provide significant support to deal with specific issues as they arise, particularly on the local road network.

However, there is 1,298 km of Regional and Local Road in the Municipal District and drainage maintenance on the remainder of the network is undertaken through the use of Regional and Local Road Upkeep funds which are finite. Nevertheless, drainage maintenance will be ongoing over the entire winter period in each engineering area within the funding envelope available.

In relation to the national road network, drainage is funded by ordinary maintenance grants which have been reduced in recent years. Where a specific local drainage issue occurs on the National Secondary network then it is possible to apply to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for supplementary maintenance funding to have works carried out.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen suggested that a program needed to be put in place for drains.

11.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please find a suitable site in Kenmare Town which would be designated for school buses only, for 5 days of the week.

REPLY: The Council is currently examining all the options that may be available to increase car and coach parking capacity in Kenmare. Any general car and coach parking that may be provided in the future will be for general public usage and is unlikely to be reserved for a specific transport sector.

12. PLEASE REFER TO NOM 7 ON PAGES 33 AND 34 WHERE THIS NOTICE OF MOTION WAS MOVED, HAVING THE SAME REPLY AS NOMS 7 AND 22

13. Cllr. D. McCarthy: What is the up to date on the provision of a light outside Blackvalley church.

REPLY: This light will be delivered to the Blackvalley church in the coming weeks.

14. Cllr. D. McCarthy: Would Kerry County Council consider putting a public light outside the Community Centre in Sneem.

REPLY: We have investigated this location and this laneway/property is private property and is not in charge of the Council. The responsibility for this area lies with the property owners.

15. Cllr. D McCarthy: To ask KCC to erect a sign at the Blackwater side of Ballaghisheen Pass outlining the direction of The Ring of Kerry road.

REPLY: The Council will arrange for a sign to be placed at this location.

16.Cllr. D. McCarthy: That Kerry County Council would consider erecting public toilets at the pier in Kenmare.

REPLY: The Council has no plans currently to place public conveniences at the Pier in Kenmare. The Council's priority at present which was reflected in a section of a significant application that was submitted by the Council under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, is to improve 7 existing public conveniences in the Kenmare MD. This included the current public conveniences at Railway Road in Kenmare. Unfortunately, this RRDF application was not successful in the recent funding announcement by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

17. Cllr. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council to write Cork County Council asking when will the High road from the Top of the Coom to Ballingarry re-open.

REPLY: Cork County Council has informed us that this road will re-open in Q1, 2020 following the completion of works.

Cathaoirleach D. McCarthy be welcomed the response.

18.Cllr. N. Moriarty: Can we have an update on the condition of the Coomastow road and reinstatement plans to be carried out in conjunction with An Coillte?

REPLY: This Local Tertiary Road L-11637 in Coomastow, Dromid is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport's Restoration Improvement Programme for 2019 to 2021 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the Local Road Network. However, this road would be suitable for funding through a Community Involvement Scheme. The Council advertise annually for applications under this scheme and subject to funding a further advert will be placed in 2020.

Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that the harvest is complete now. We have no information from Coillte regarding funding. There is a fear that emergency vehicles will be required and that they won't be able to access. Coillte has a responsibility to reinstate, it is dangerous in times of flooding as the areas to be avoided cannot be seen.

It was agreed to carry out an estimated costing on the road.

19.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we engage with the landowner opposite the stone forts at Cahergal in Caherciveen with a view to creating a layby to allow for safe passage and to de congest the area which is a regular occurrence due to visitor numbers.

REPLY: The Office of Public Works has responsibility for Cahergal Ring Fort. The OPW have written to the Council indicating they are not in a position to expand the parking area serving the fort. The Council will, however, contact the landowner to determine if some lands for a lay-by could be acquired by agreement. The funding of any improvements in the area could possibly be considered under the Rural Grant schemes administered by the Department of Community and Rural Development.

Cllr. N. Moriarty asked that all options be explored.

20.Cllr. N. Moriarty: Can we please progress a scheme that will allow on street residents the opportunity to install EV charge points outside these homes. This is an issue that is cropping up more and more and in light of the move to charge for the service the Local Authorities should be placing themselves in the space to be providers of a sought after service and a potential revenue raiser.

REPLY: This matter can only be considered in the context of national policy in this area which is principally led by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and the Environment. While policy is set by the Department, the rollout of electric car charging in publicly owned areas has to date been provided in Kerry by the ESB. However, the Council is targeting further investment in these facilities and 2 of the 3 Rural Regeneration and Development Fund schemes that the Council submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development in August had the provision of EV charging infrastructure as a significant element of both projects. The largest project submitted which was focused on infrastructure along the Wild Atlantic Way would have benefited this Municipal District. While these applications were unsuccessful under this funding call, the feedback from this application will be reviewed and it is now intended to examine and identify possible alternative funding schemes for these projects.

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, published this week (on 26th November) a Report of the Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) Taskforce.

The LEV Taskforce report refers to the four local authorities in the Dublin region presently working together on a pilot to provide accessible EV chargers. The technical specification for these chargers is currently being drafted and will take into account mobility and accessibility issues etc. When completed, the expansion of the roll out of charging infrastructure will be based on lessons learned during the pilot phase and all local authorities are recommended, based on the results of this pilot project, to consider roll out of EV infrastructure at appropriate locations.

There is no provision in either the present Taskforce report or in the SEAI grant scheme for residents to install private EV charge points on public property. Charging points on public property must be available to the general public and cannot be for the specific use of any individual.

Cllr. N. Moriarty advised that the person here is struggling to charge their vehicle.

Cllr. M. Cahill seconded the motion and added that it should be part of the planning process.

21. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would carry out repair work on the Mangerton road, Kilgarvan, some of it is in a bad state.

REPLY: The Mangerton road in Kilgarvan is not on the current Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport 2019 – 2021 Restoration Improvement Programme. However, the road can be considered for inclusion in the next restoration improvement programme and in the interim we will carry out essential maintenance including drainage and pothole repairs to the extent allowable by local road upkeep funding.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that Coillte carry out harvesting here. The road was in a bad state of repair prior to Coillte arriving here, but it has been further damaged by harvesting. The weight of the lorries cannot be supported. Can the 50 metre section be tarred and chipped?

Cllr. N. Moriarty asked if this could go through the CIS route and Coillte involvement?

Mr. P. Teahan stated that Coillte did have a previous scheme for road repair.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae requested that both roads be costed.

Mr. P. Teahan confirmed that this could be done.

22. PLEASE REFER TO NOM 7 ON PAGES 33 AND 34 WHERE THIS NOTICE OF MOTION WAS MOVED, HAVING THE SAME REPLY AS NOMS 7 AND 12

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council carry out a major programme of works that will involve the lining and signage of all County and Regional roads and junctions throughout South Kerry as a matter of priority.

REPLY: Lining works are carried out on the Regional and Local road network primarily when sections of road are included on the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) Restoration Improvement, Restoration Maintenance and Safety Improvement Programmes.

In relation to signage, new signage is generally only introduced on the non-national network when a safety improvement scheme is carried out, or if there is a specific funding programme, such as slow zone signage in residential estates or Wild Atlantic Way directional signage which Government Department's or State Agencies have funded in recent years.

Any necessary lining or signage maintenance is funded from regional and local road upkeep which is supported by the DTTAS Discretionary Grant. However, this funding is finite and is also utilised for pothole repair, drainage maintenance, footpath repair, maintenance of school flashing lights, response to severe weather events etc, on a network that has a length of 1,298 km in this Municipal District.

At the current levels of funding it is not feasible to carry out the major programme of lining and signing being requested. However, specific locations that may require maintenance can be raised with the Roads Department.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that at the junction there is a lot of wear and tear.

In response Mr. B. Hickey replied that if there were areas of concern to revert to him.

2. Cllr. M. Cahill: Will Kerry County Council extend the Footpath adjacent to the busiest county road in Kerry as a matter of extreme urgency, the Sunhill road, Killorglin. This is now in major "Health and Safety" issue as it is the most built up residential area in Killorglin.

REPLY: The extension of the footpath on Sunhill Road was submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for funding under the 2019 CLÁR scheme. Unfortunately, the application was unsuccessful on this occasion. The project will be kept under consideration for any future funding streams for which the work may be suitable, including re-submitting the application under the CLÁR Scheme or the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Land acquisition by agreement would be required to advance the footpath link, if funding was secured.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that there was a previous deputation from Sunhill and asked that every effort be made to secure funding to extend and maintain the footpath.

3. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council pipe the extremely dangerous drain and provide a layby at the top of the Ballagh road overlooking Rossbeigh Beach as a matter of priority.

REPLY: Piping of the drain and provision of a layby on the L7518, Ballagh Road is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund provided the adjacent landowner is in agreement with the proposal.

An estimate for both projects can be prepared upon request.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF) would not go far here as it is a large area and there is a deep drain which is very dangerous. He asked that it be prioritised in the future.

4. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: Has Kerry County Council made an application for funding to strengthen and realign the embankment at lower Cromane.

REPLY: A preliminary design was developed for a new 250m flood embankment at lower Cromane to protect 6 residences (inside the existing embankments for which funding had previously been refused by the OPW). This proposal was similar to works carried out at Incherea. This would have involved construction on private property. However local agreement with regards to this proposal was not achieved and could not be progressed to application to the OPW.

Notwithstanding the above, the proposed strengthening and realigning of the embankments in Cromane Lower, can only be considered as part of a larger Coastal Flood & Erosion Risk Management Study for the greater Castlemaine Harbour area.

This Coastal Flood & Erosion Risk Management Study was recently awarded to RPS Consulting Engineers following a public tender process. This Coastal Study, funded by the OPW, is required before any substantial works will be considered by them for funding in this wider Castlemaine Harbour area(including Cromane). This study will take approximately 12 months and is scheduled for completion in late 2020.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that there is a breach in the bank and he was disappointed with the reply, the residents have an alternative solution. There is a specific breach and €5,000 will fix it. There are 2 very concerned homeowners, 1 has been previously flooded. Surely there are some emergency works that can be done?

Mr. P. Teahan replied that he would contact the O.P.W. as funding has to come from the O.P.W. Minor Works.

Mr. B. Hickey stated that he was not aware of any patching work having been done but that he would liaise with Mr. J. Leary and Mr. G. Riordan.

5. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council demolish the Council owned compound in the Fair Field, Caherciveen and replace it with a designated parking area for buses as a matter of priority. The Council compound which is used for the storing of signs, poles,

cones, etc, can be relocated to another part of the town and this unsightly structure can be removed from what is a very popular and utilised area.

REPLY: This secure facility is used to store equipment and receive deliveries of certain materials necessary to complete the Council's Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan in the Caherciveen Area. This represents an investment locally of €2.9m in 2019. Roofing works were recently carried out on this building and the type of use is in keeping with other commercial activity in this area of the town. The Council does not have an alternative property available to relocate this facility nor do we have any plans at present to purchase an appropriately zoned site or commercial building to facilitate such a proposal.

In relation to bus parking, it is feasible for buses to park along the Fair Green at present.

6.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: What have Kerry County Council done to put in place measures such as bio diversity areas, paths, seating and better access to the Sea at their land at the Peninsula, Kenmare.

REPLY: Following the acquisition of this 13.7 acre site in Kenmare by Kerry County Council, an application was made to the Rural Regeneration Scheme in 2018 for the development of a Masterplan for the site. This Masterplan would facilitate the development of the site to include recreational trails, all weather sporting facilities and facilities to support water-based activities. This application was unsuccessful and following discussions locally it is proposed to submit an application to the LEADER Rural Development fund. Kerry County Council is assisting KMEG with this application.

The overall aim is to identify through consultation, the best usage for the area for amenity and recreational use and in addition to identify, promote and protect the biodiversity and habitats. The proposed plan will also need to recommend an ongoing management plan.

Cllr. P. Connor Scarteen thanked the Municipal District and Mr. M. O' Donoghue for the work done on this plan, and stated that better connectivity was needed. He welcomed the new application for LEADER funding.

7. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Can a mirror be installed at the Drohid Na Gower junction on the R569 Kilgarvan to Loo Bridge road? It would greatly improve safety for vehicles entering onto the main road this location.

REPLY: This matter was considered previously by the Roads SPC and it was decided that the Council would not place mirrors on its public road network.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen asked that this be looked at with a view to making improvements for health & safety.

8. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Please give an update in relation to what safety measures can be put in place at the entrance to Reenagross Park at the Bell Height, Kenmare.

REPLY: A staggered pedestrian barrier is currently being fabricated which will be installed at the access from Reenagross Park to the Bell Height. This will be combined with signage

warning pedestrians that they are exiting onto a road with live traffic. The Council has also had preliminary discussions with landowners to determine if further improvements would be possible at the access.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen welcomed the reply and thanked Landowners for their co-operation.

9.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: To ask Kerry County Council to address concerns of safety and congestion in the Caragh Lake road outside of Killorglin.

REPLY: The L4021 local primary road at Langford Street has been submitted to the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport, for funding under the Regional and Local Road Safety Improvement Scheme.

10. Cllr. D. McCarthy: What is the update on the safety lights at Killgobnet School, Beaufort.

REPLY: The Council has recently received funding to the value of €6,300 from the Department of Rural and Community Development under the 2019 CLÁR scheme to replace the flashing amber lights at Kilgobnet School. The replacement lights are currently being procured and will be installed as early as possible in Q1, 2020.

Cathaoirleach D. McCarthy welcomed the response.

11. Cllr. D. McCarthy: Is there any update on the safety measures on the Killowen road, Kenmare.

REPLY: Improved road markings at this location on the R569 Regional Road have been completed recently. The new electronic speed indicator sign has been ordered and will be installed in December.

Cathaoirleach D. McCarthy welcomed the response.

12.Cllr. N. Moriarty: Can an Eircom Pole at the Baghags Junction with the N70 near Carhan be removed as it is adversely affecting site lines on exiting.

REPLY: This matter has been examined and unless the pole is moved onto private property its relocation will not benefit right turning manoeuvres onto the minor road from the N70.

Mr. M. Kelliher advised Cllr. N. Moriarty that he would meet her there to review.

13.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That all signs placed on beaches and roads in Gaeltacht areas and indeed the Gaeltacht Services town in West Iveragh be bi-lingual as a matter of course.

REPLY: Any new signage that will be placed in the Uíbh Ráthach Gaeltacht will be bi-lingual.

14.Cllr. N. Moriarty: Can we please do all possible to provide adequate lighting along the laneway to the Sneem Community Centre near the Church. A much-walked route that is without proper lighting and is hazardous as a result.

REPLY: We have investigated this location and this laneway/property is private property and is not in charge of the Council. The responsibility for this area lies with the property owners.

Cllr. N. Moriarty requested that Mr. K. O' Halloran meet her there.

Mr. K. O' Halloran confirmed that he would.

15.Cllr.N. Moriarty: That the Waterworks Road, Portmagee be resurfaced and repaired as it is in a very poor state.

REPLY: This Local Tertiary Road L-11541 in Lateeve, Portmagee is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport's Restoration Improvement Programme for 2019 to 2021 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the Local Road Network. However, this road would be suitable for funding through a Community Involvement Scheme.

The Council will carry out repair works to defects and potholes on this road within the next two weeks.

16. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That a "No Parking" sign and yellow box would be installed across from the Brooklane where the footpath into the town is located.

REPLY: A no parking sign and yellow box will be installed at this location to allow for safe access to this walkway.

17. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would carry out a significant drainage programme in each engineering area.

REPLY: The Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan includes a Drainage Programme which provides for skirting, opening inlets and shores and in some cases small culvert replacement on the local road network. This is targeted at roads where specific drainage issues have been identified. A sum of €285,833 has been provided to drain 90km of road in the Kenmare Municipal District as part of the plan.

Significant drainage works were also carried out this year as part of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement and Restoration Maintenance Programmes which accounts for a further 67 km of drainage. It is acknowledged also that CSMDO allocations provide significant support to deal with specific issues as they arise, particularly on the local road network.

However, there is 1,298 km of Regional and Local Road in the Municipal District and drainage maintenance on the remainder of the network is undertaken through the use of Regional and Local Road Upkeep funds which are finite. Nevertheless, drainage maintenance will be ongoing over the entire winter period in each engineering area within the funding envelope available.

In relation to the national road network, drainage is funded by ordinary maintenance grants which have been reduced in recent years. Where a specific local drainage issue occurs on the National Secondary network then it is possible to apply to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for supplementary maintenance funding to have works carried out.

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

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

(b) Correspondence

1. Reply from TII dated 28 th august 2019 regarding a request to meet with TII regarding speed limit on the Ring of Kerry road.
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2. Response from The HSE dated 21 st November 2019 regarding the member's request for a deputation with the HSE regarding the recruitment of medical staff in South Kerry.

(c) To consider the reception of the following Deputations

It was agreed that the following deputations would attend at future Municipal District meetings

(a) On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cahill and seconded Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen it was agreed that a Deputation from the Killorglin Archives Committee would attend a future meeting of the Kenmare MD.

(b) On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cahill and seconded by Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen it was agreed that a Deputation from the residents / regular users of the Ring of Kerry Road would attend a future meeting of the Kenmare MD.

(c) On the proposal of Cllr. N. Moriarty and seconded by Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen it was agreed that a Deputation from Coiste Forbatha Baile An Sceilig would attend a future meeting of the Kenmare MD.

(d) On the proposal of Cllr. N. Moriarty and seconded by Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen it was agreed that a Deputation from Waterville Tidy Towns Committee would attend a future meeting of the Kenmare MD.

(e) On the proposal of Cllr. J. F. Flynn and seconded by Cllr P. Connor-Scarteen it was agreed that a Deputation from Residents of Tullig Cross would attend a future meeting of the Kenmare MD.

(d) To approve the following dates for meetings of the Kenmare Municipal District 2020

In agreement with all Councillors and on the proposal of Cllr. N. Moriarty, seconded by Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen it was agreed that the following meetings dates be approved for the Municipal District Meetings in 2020.

31st January 2020

27th March 2020

29th May 2020

31st July 2020

25th September 2020

27th November 2020

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 Municipal District of Kenmare would be held on Friday 31st January, 2020 in Caherciveen Library.

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

(f) Any Other Business

Cathaoirleach D. McCarthy wished Kenmare the best of luck in the National Enterprise Town Awards and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.

The meeting concluded at 13:12pm

Ciara Fitzgerald
Meetings Administrator

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