

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CASTLEISLAND-CORCA DHUIBHNE HELD IN POBALSCOIL CORCA DHUIBHNE ON WEDNESDAY 15th JULY 2020.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE SPEISÍALTA DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH OILEÁN CIARRAÍ-CORCA DHUIBHNE A POBALSCOIL CORCA DHUIBHNE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ AR AN CÉADA OIN, 15ú IÚIL, 2020.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. M. O' Shea
Cllr. B. Fitzgerald
Cllr. J. Healy Rae
Cllr. C. Farrelly
Cllr. B. O' Connell
Cllr. F. Fitzgerald
Cathaoirleach Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald**

In attendance/i láthair

Mr. J. Breen	Municipal District Manager
Ms. A.M. Lynch	Municipal District Officer
Mr. P. Corkery	Meetings Administrator
Ms. B. Mulryan	MD Engineer Castleisland-Corca Dhuibhne
Ms. T. O'Carroll	Executive Engineer
Mr. G. O'Brien	AO Environment
Mr. T. Brosnan	AO Housing
Mr. J. Downes	CO Corporate Services

The Meeting began at 10.00pm.

Cathaoirleach S. Cosáí Fitzgerald took the chair.

Mr. P. Corkery, Meetings Administrator advised all present on the Protocol for Municipal District Meetings during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

1. (a) Confirmation of the following Minutes:

- 1. On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. C. Farrelly SECONDED by Cllr. M. O'Shea it was agreed that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne held on 25th June 2020 be confirmed.**
- 2. On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. Fitzgerald SECONDED by Cllr. J. Healy-Rae it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne held on 10th June 2020 be confirmed.**
- 3. On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. F. Fitzgerald SECONDED by Cllr. J. Healy-Rae it was agreed that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne held on 11th March 2020 be confirmed.**

4. On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. C. Farrelly** SECONDED by **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald** it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne to consider and adopt the Community Support Fund Allocations for the Municipal District of Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne for 2020 held on 28th February 2020 be confirmed.

2. Economic & Community Development Directorate

- (a) **To note update report from Economic & Community Development Directorate.**

MD Manager Mr. J. Breen updated the Members on the report as follows:

Economic and Community Development Report

CASTLEISLAND & CORCA DHUIBHNE Municipal District

Date: 15th July 2020

Director of Service: Michael Scannell

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

There was exceptional demand for support from the Local Enterprise Office during the lockdown and now during the re-opening phase.

Covid Response Actions

Restart Grant

The Restart Grant opened for application on Friday, 22nd May. This grant is available to businesses with a turnover of less than €5 million and employing 50 people or less, which were closed or impacted by at least a 25% reduction in turnover out to 30 June 2020. It is a contribution towards the cost of reopening or keeping a business operational and re-connecting with employees and customers.

The grants will be equivalent to the rates bill of the business in 2019, with a minimum payment of €2,000 and a maximum payment of €10,000.

A Restart Grant team has been established to process the scheme. A total of 1,575 applications have been received with a value of €5.6M.

No. of Applications Received	1575
No. of Applications Processed	845
No. of Applications Approved	714

No. of Applications Paid

466

The value of the applications paid is €2,066,690.

Business Continuity Voucher Scheme

In May, a Business Continuity Voucher scheme was announced by the Government. This allowed businesses with up to 50 employees to access consultancy supports worth up to €2500 to assist with their recovery from the pandemic. The scheme was open for applications until May 2020 and the LEO received almost 300 applications. Support sought was typically in the area of financial planning and cashflow management, remote working advice, supply chain and HR advice.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme

The lockdown emphasised the importance of having an online presence for smaller firms. The Government responded by altering the terms of the existing Trading Online Voucher scheme to allow for 90% funding (previously it was 50%) up to a max of €2500 for e-commerce enabled websites. This led to unprecedented demand for the scheme and to meet this demand the LEO organised 8 informational webinars between March to June with 624 participants. Kerry LEO has received an updated allocation of 300 vouchers (original allocation was 44 for the year) and this allocation is under review. There are 180 completed applications received and c.30 new applications are submitted each week.

Microfinance Ireland Loan Scheme

A new reduced interest rate of 4.5% was introduced by Microfinance Ireland and the maximum loan amount was increased to €50,000 as part of the initiatives to ensure that businesses had access to sufficient cashflow during lockdown. The new interest rate is much more competitive than previous offerings. 32 applications have been processed through the LEO in the year to date compared with 9 for all of 2019 and there is a very strong pipeline of applications.

Mentoring

There is very strong demand for mentoring services particularly in the areas of health and safety, financial planning and online marketing. Current volumes are at 134 individual mentoring applications (145 for the entire year 2019). Mentoring is now delivered online or via phone calls.

Training

The pandemic necessitated the move to an online model for all training courses. All course fees have been suspended for the duration of the pandemic. 24 different webinars workshops were held between March and June.

Some of the events held include:

Event	Date	Participants
Recovery Advice for the Retail and Hospitality Sectors	13/05/2020	75
Are you ready to reopen your business	10/06/2020	67
Trading Online Voucher Webinars	Various (8 dates)	624

Grant Aid - Business Expansion, Business Start Up Grants

There was a slowdown in enquiries for expansion and start up grants during the lockdown. There are tentative signs of a recovery in the past few weeks. Drawdown of existing grants was also impacted with the amount paid to date running at €55,000.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Kerry has been deeply impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and Kerry County Council has and continues to work closely with tourism industry partners, state agencies and tourism providers throughout the county, during this challenging time for the sector. In early April, Kerry County Council in association with the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation commissioned a survey for tourism providers, to establish the full impact of COVID-19 on the tourism industry.

Three independent economic studies were commissioned, and all have indicated that Kerry will be one of the counties hardest hit by the pandemic, due to its dependency on tourism. Kerry was found to have the highest exposure to the negative economic impact of the restrictions, with more than half our businesses operating in the worst affected sectors.

An assessment by Economist, James Dorgan commissioned by Kerry County Council, quantifies the loss to the county's tourism industry this year at €400 million – the equivalent of a 10% drop in the income of every family in the county. In June, as the County's tourism and hospitality sectors prepared to reopen, Kerry County Council, Kerry Education & Training Board, the Kerry branch of The Irish Hotels Federation and Kerry Tourism Industry Federation launched the **Safe Destination Kerry** programme. The programme has involved training of thousands of staff in the hospitality and retail industry in best practice cleaning protocols and will offer assurance to our visitors. The specialised training was devised by Kerry ETB and includes modules on cleanliness, hygiene and customer interaction and is to the highest international standards. Once staff complete the training, premises can display a Safe Destination Badge. To date, over 3,000 staff have participated in the training which will be ongoing over the coming weeks. It will help position Kerry as a safe and attractive destination for both visitors and locals. Businesses interested in participating can register on Kerry County Council's freephone Business Support Line **1800 807 102** or business.support@kerrycoco.ie.

COMMUNITY

Covid 19 Emergency Funding – 2nd targeted call

The COVID-19 Emergency Fund is a grant programme to provide funding to groups that are involved in the Community Call response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by the Local Authority in each area. The grant is available to those groups and organisations actively involved with the Kerry Community Support Helpline, who have incurred costs on the direct delivery of frontline services to people impacted by this crisis. These services include delivery of meals and groceries, medicine, fuel and other similar activities. Kerry County Council has been allocated **€79,468** under the Fund. Under the first round of funding €57,812 was allocated, with 57 no. groups being approved for funding. There was a second targeted call made for the remaining grant allocation of **€21,656**. Funding priority under the second targeted call was given to groups who did not apply in the first instance, also to groups that have incurred additional costs and particularly, to groups providing meals on wheels service. The closing date for receipt of applications under the second targeted call was 22nd June 2020 and 20. no. applications were received. These are currently being assessed.

Grants – closing dates

Grant	Closing date for submission of EOI/Application form to KCC for assessment	Max. no. of applications that can be submitted to DRCD for funding	Application deadline for submission to DRCD
Town & Village – accelerated Measure (in response to Covid-19) – Round 1	25 th June 2020 (public call not made – EOI's submitted by Municipal Districts)	5 no.	3 rd July 2020
Town & Village – accelerated Measure (in response to Covid-19) – Round 2	To be decided	5 no.	14 th August 2020
Town & Village – ordinary Scheme	10 th July 2020 (public call for EOI's)	6 no.	28 th August 2020
CLÁR (Measure 1 & Measure 2)	17 th July 2020	10 no. (in total between both measures)	28 th August 2020
Community Enhancement Programme	To be decided – launched on 22 nd June 2020. To be discussed with LCDDC members on Monday 29 th June 2020, prior to public call for funding being made	N/a (funding of €62,534 awarded)	To be decided – DRCD not setting a national closing date, but will allow each LCDDC to set its own, to best suit its area. The DRCD will require that all closing dates are no later than 30 th September 2020

2020 Town and Village Renewal Scheme - Accelerated Measure in Response to COVID-19

The Accelerated Measure is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered through the Local Authorities.

The objective of the Accelerated Measure is to assist the expedited delivery of projects that address the short-term challenges of increasing footfall in rural villages and towns and assisting local businesses/communities to adapt to public health requirements, particularly social distancing.

There are 2 rounds of funding to be made available under this scheme and a maximum of 5 applications per local authority area can be submitted under each round of funding. The closing date for receipt of applications under round 1 was 3rd July 2020 and 2 projects have been submitted for the Castleisland – Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District as follows:

Dingle	To extend Green Street Carpark in Dingle to provide an additional 40 no. car spaces. The proposed spaces at this location will replace the kerbside parking that has been removed from the adjacent streets as part of the Dingle Town Centre Mobility Plan implemented by Kerry County Council as part of the 'Safe Streets' initiative.
Castleisland	Provision of outdoor seating, planted displays, bicycle stands and bins, in various communal locations throughout the town, to help increase footfall and assist local businesses and communities adapt to public health requirements, particularly social distancing.

Further applications will be submitted under Round 2 and the closing date under round 2 is 14/08/2020.

Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership

1. Get Kerry Cycling – July 3rd – August 16th

As part of the #InThisTogether National campaign, this 6-week programme comprising of six fun themed activities. The weekly activities will include **week 1** cycling solo or with a friend to the shop or perhaps meet for an outdoor cuppa, **week 2** a family cycle, **week 3** a cycle to a historical monument, **week 4** a cycle wearing ones' favourite club or county colours, **week 5** a cycle to the water's edge and let's wrap up **the 6 weeks** by cycling a marathon (42.1km) over 7 days during our final week! One will have lots of fun completing these manageable challenges and activities and possibly meet and greet other cyclists and neighbours along the journey throughout ones' locality. We envisage individuals and family members will exercise personal responsibility over the 6-week timeframe, bearing in mind the themed cycles are to be completed within the current HSE and recommended travel guidelines.

2. Kerry's Wellbeing Walks – starting the week beginning July 13th

A six-week low level trail walk suitable to all fitness levels lead by a number of Hillwalking Clubs.

3. Men's Health Week – June 15th – 21st

for the duration of this week, KRSP promoted a wide range of information and statistics across all social media platforms. KRSP also offered free two online fitness and health taster sessions for men and were able to capture some expressions of interest for potential participants for our 'Men on The Move' programme later in the year.

4. National BeActive Day – Sunday June 28th

Sport Ireland's network of Local Sports Partnerships have come together to create this national initiative to support people to keep active and together, where we challenge families to take part in National BeActive Day on Sunday June 28th. Challenges have been shared across social media as well as booklets with the games and challenges printed out to be distributed countywide by SKDP and NEWKD.

5. Camp Abilities – Wednesday July 1st

This is a residential sport and recreation camp for children who are blind or visually impaired. For the past 10 years this has taken place in Kerry, but due to COVID it will now take place via an online platform. KRSP, together with National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI), Vision Sport Ireland, IT Tralee, Cara (Sport Inclusion Ireland) and Cappanalea National Outdoor Education Centre (Killorglin). The campers and their families will be brought together online for a quiz, with activity challenges in between and some VIP guest speakers including Paralympic Champion, Jason Smyth and professional Rugby player, Ian McKinley. Healthy Kerry and KRSP have teamed up to further support this camp, offering 'Play Packs' as part of the National Pay Day on Saturday 4th of July 2020.

PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Conservation

The following structure in the Municipal District has been allocated grant funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme:

Séipéal Naomh Gobnait, Dún Chaoin	€6,472
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(b) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. B. O'Connell:** That Kerry County Council introduce times where playgrounds will be reserved for use by children with additional needs and disabilities at designated times.

REPLY: Kerry County Council has developed its playgrounds in an inclusive manner to ensure that there is universal access for all. Additional resources and equipment have been installed in many playgrounds in recent times to give effect to this policy. Accordingly, it is always felt best to develop this ethos to ensure use by all.

MD Manager Mr. J. Breen stated that Kerry County Council will examine the practicalities of the proposal; An Autism Friendly Hours proposal has been rolled out well in certain shopping outlets, making for a better experience for families. Cllr. B. O'Connell welcomed this response for inclusion in the Playgrounds Programme.

- 2. Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** I am calling on Kerry County Council to review the standards by which it awards grants through The Community Support Fund. Many organisations have had events cancelled or postponed but nevertheless can redirect funds within their organisation and put same to very good use.

REPLY: The Community Support Fund applications were brought before members in the first quarter of 2020 for consideration. In the intervening period because of COVID 19 restrictions and the related financial impact on Kerry County Council, the landscape for considering such funding applications has altered considerably. The Council has indicated that it will assess projects that had incurred expenditure between the time of the decision at the various Municipal District meetings and the commencement of the Lockdown with a view to reimbursing same where possible. Projects that have not been undertaken or events that will not go ahead will not now be financed. Projects that remain of benefit and can be completed within the current restrictions will also be considered for payment. Groups who have carried out projects should submit detail in respect of same. Revised projects in the place of events will not be considered at this time.

Cllr. F. Fitzgerald welcomed the response and update from Kerry County Council.

- 3. Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald:** When will the Draft Local Area plan for West Kerry be published?

REPLY: The Draft Local Area Plan for West Kerry will be published within the next month.

Cathaoirleach S. Cosáí Fitzgerald welcomed the response. The Executive agreed to circulate the current Local Area Plan to the Members.

- 4. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** The Government announced a 3 months rates waiver for businesses affected by Covid-19, what measure is being put in place to reimburse businesses who have already paid their rates for 2020.

REPLY: Clarification is currently awaited from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to implementation to this scheme.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae noted the response and looks forward to the update.

- 5. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That our Broadband Officer would seek an update from the National Broadband team in relation to the implementation of the National Broadband Plan in this Municipal District and County Kerry.

REPLY: Kerry County Council will request the Broadband Officer to seek an update from the National Broadband team as requested.

In response to the Notice of Motion, Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the sight of NBI Engineers around the roads of the County examining cables, and through the surveys in the larger town. The Councillor hoped that rural areas would be included in such surveys and hoped that there could be a solution to the long-standing broadband issue within the county as soon as time allows.

6. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** With the importance of promoting tourism and staycations due to travel restrictions that Kerry County Council Tourism Office develop a series of 2 to 3-day staycation walk loops incorporating the villages along and close to the Dingle Way in the Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne MD.

REPLY: The Dingle Way is currently undergoing a major upgrade under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme. Kerry County Council Tourism Unit will engage with the Dingle Way Committee, its Community Support groups, NEWKD and Udarás na Gaeltachta to promote its use by visitors as the various sections are upgraded.

Response noted by Cllr. B. Fitzgerald.

7. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** Due to the Covid-19 restrictions and reduced indoor seating capabilities any business that wants to put seating instead of parking directly outside their premises be allowed to for the months of July and August.

REPLY: Currently, licence applications have been distributed to business premises to apply for the use of street space during the Summer months. Once these applications are received the relevant requests in accordance with the available street space will be decided upon. It is our intention to facilitate where possible businesses to have increased capacity externally given the current public health social distancing requirements. All furniture and equipment on the street must be licenced and the relevant insurances that is provided from the licence application made available to the Council.

Welcoming the reply, Cllr. B. Fitzgerald hoped that individuals would show a degree of self-responsibility, control, and respect towards others during the Pandemic. Furthermore, the Councillor stated that the rumours circulating relating to the cordoning off the Fungi statue in Dingle Harbour for fears of spreading the virus are ludicrous. MD Manager Mr. J. Breen explained to the Members that the Fungi statue is not positioned on Kerry County Council owned lands so he could not make any comment on any proposed closing off of this statue.

8. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council to carry out a study of the inadequate broadband services within Milltown village in view of sourcing funding for an upgrade.

REPLY: A study of broadband services was carried out number of years ago within the County. The Council will undertake to review this study to which the PPN contributed greatly and will liaise also with the broadband service providers regarding coverage in the Milltown area.

Noting the reply, Cllr. M. O'Shea stated that it is imperative that the speed and service of broadband providers is improved. More and more people are working from home owing to the Covid-19 pandemic and a study of the services provided in Kerry needs to be provided. In addition, the situation in Milltown village during the lockdown period was poor in certain areas, owing to the copper wiring leading into certain estates in comparison to fibre in other areas of the village.

In response to the query from Cllr. M. O'Shea, MD Manager Mr. J. Breen stated that the use of 3-4 desks in Milltown Community Centre as a small hub for individuals could certainly be investigated.

9. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council that Milltown village be included on the scheduled town list or adhered to town criteria going forward in the next County Development plan 2022-2028.

REPLY: It is intended that Milltown will be included on the scheduled town list in the next County Development Plan 2022-2028.

Response noted by Cllr. M. O'Shea.

(c) Questions

1. **Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald:** Have any plans been submitted to the relevant Government Departments for funding to improve access to the Great Blaskets?

REPLY: No plans have been recently submitted to the relevant government departments for funding to improve access to the Great Blasket Islands.

Noting the reply, **Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald** hoped that there could be progress made on the issue.

2. **Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald:** Can Kerry County Council give a detailed breakdown on all planning applications from the West Kerry Gaeltacht which were lodged to Kerry County Council in 2019?

a) How many planning applications were submitted as: - new dwellings, extensions, retentions, commercial and agriculture?

b) How many of these were granted during 2019 and or up until 1st July 2020? Please indicate the breakdown as above?

c) How many of these were refused or withdrawn?

REPLY: *Planning statistics from 1st Jan 2019 up to 1st July 2020 broken down into new dwellings / extensions / retentions / commercial are not readily available. However, data relating to the total number of planning applications and decisions in the West Kerry Gaeltacht from the 1st January 2019 to the 7th of July 2020 are readily available.*

A total of 215 planning applications were lodged between the 1st January 2019 and the 7th of July 2020. Of these 119 were granted planning permission, 27 were refused, 2 applications were withdrawn, and 21 applications were deemed incomplete and were consequently returned to the applicants.

Further information was requested in relation to 20 applications in which the information requested remains outstanding. Further information was also requested in relation to a further 3 applications which require publication of revised newspaper notices, however the required notices have not, to date, been published by the applicant. Further information has been received in relation to a further 23 applications and the decision in relation to these applications will be made in the coming weeks.

2 applications are, at present, under appeal to An Bórd Pleanála.

See detailed table below.

	2019	2020	Total	
CONDITIONAL	102	17	119	
REFUSED	19	8	27	
WITHDRAWN	2	0	2	
FURTHER INFORMATION PUBLICATION REQUIRED	10	10	20	
	0	3	3	
NEW APPLICATION	1	22	23	(DECISION PENDING)
INCOMPLETED APPLICATION	16	5	21	
TOTAL			215	
<i>APPEALED</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>	(not included in Total)

Cathaoirleach S. Cosáí Fitzgerald welcomed the comprehensive response from the Planning Department.

- Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** Has the management of this Municipal District identified a funding stream in which they will apply for the redevelopment of the Glounsharoon Viewing Area?

REPLY: Funding was applied for to upgrade this location under the town and Village Renewal grant scheme in 2019, however the application was unsuccessful. As previously outlined, there is a need to ensure that in any future application for funding that the traffic safety requirements along this stretch of road which have been highlighted by the members are an integral part of any upgrade.

Accordingly, a number of potential funding sources are presently being examined to determine the most suitable manner of bringing about the desired aesthetic upgrade at this location allied to meeting the safety concerns at this location also.

MD Manager Mr. J. Breen confirmed there would be an application made for funding for the Glounsharoon Viewing Area later in 2020, which was welcomed by Cllr. J. Healy-Rae.

4. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** When will Kerry County Council pay out the money from the Community Support Fund that was allocated to groups?

REPLY: The Community Support Fund applications were brought before members in the first quarter of 2020 for consideration. In the intervening period because of COVID 19 restrictions and the related financial impact on Kerry County Council, the landscape for considering such funding applications has altered considerably. The Council has indicated that it will assess projects that had incurred expenditure between the time of the decision at the various MD meetings and the commencement of the Lockdown with a view to reimbursing same where possible. Projects that have not been undertaken or events that will not go ahead will not now be financed. Projects that remain of benefit and can be completed within the current restrictions will also be considered for payment. Groups who have carried out projects should submit detail in respect of same. Revised projects in the place of events will not be considered at this time.

Response noted by **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae.**

5. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** With the restrictions on Tidy Town Groups and Council activities these last few months could a Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne MD day or days be created where Voluntary Groups and Council could co-ordinate a town and village clean while observing social distancing in the MD?

REPLY: An Taisce has commenced the National Spring Clean Campaign from the 8th June 2020. Groups can take part in this and carry out clean ups provided that they comply with the public health advise pertaining to such events. In light of the current public health advise available, any such events should be very small scale in nature and deferred for this year where at all possible.

MD Manager Mr. J. Breen stated that the feasibility of organising a County Clean Up day was investigated by the Council however the current public health guidelines made it impossible to consider any such proposal.

6. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** Have all the Groups that were allocated Community Support Fund grants received their funding and if not when is it envisaged that the grants will be allocated?

REPLY: The Community Support Fund applications were brought before members in the first quarter of 2020 for consideration. In the intervening period because of COVID 19 restrictions and the related financial impact on Kerry County Council, the landscape for considering such funding applications has altered considerably. The Council has indicated that it will assess projects that had incurred expenditure between the time of the decision at the various MD meetings and the commencement of the Lockdown with a view to reimbursing same where possible. Projects that have not been undertaken or events that will not go ahead will not now be financed. Projects that remain of benefit and can be completed within the current restrictions will also be considered for payment. Groups who have carried out projects should submit detail in respect of same. Revised projects in the place of events will not be considered at this time.

Response welcomed by Cllr. B. Fitzgerald in relation to the Community Support Fund, and the clarification.

7. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** How many businesses in the Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne MD have applied for the Business Restart Grant and can we write to those businesses that have yet to apply informing them of the grant and the closing date for which to make an application?

REPLY: Please see the following table for your attention: -

DATE:	10th July 2020	
LOCAL AUTHORITY:	Kerry	
RESTART GRANT SCHEME STATISTICS		
	NUMBER	VALUE
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BUT NOT APPROVED	270	€943,284
APPLICATIONS APPROVED BUT NOT PAID	266	€1,014,337
APPLICATIONS PAID	987	€4,052,635
APPLICATIONS REJECTED	265	N/A
GRAND TOTAL	1788	€6,010,256

Welcoming the reply, Cllr. B. Fitzgerald welcomed the dedicated support that is available for SME's during these challenging times.

Noting the reply, Cllr. J. Healy-Rae felt that it is very unfair that a Public House or the Bar of a GAA/Sports Club would have to pay their rates and cannot qualify for the grant.

MD Manager Mr. J. Breen stated that any enterprises that didn't qualify for the Support Grants would have been rejected for that reason only.

Cllr. C. Farrelly and Cllr. F. Fitzgerald welcomed the grant structure and funding and commended the work of the Local Enterprise Office in accommodating SME's in providing grant funding.

Commending the Council on their efforts in assisting vulnerable businesses, Cllr. M. O'Shea stated that Businesses do not want to take out loans or overdrafts and would rather avail of grant funding. The Councillor further stated his hope that Local Authorities would have the role of administering the grant finance and not the banking authorities; as they are problematic to deal with.

Cllr. B. Fitzgerald queried whether there could be a restart grant arranged for the Self-Employed. The Councillor also suggested that the Municipal District Area be accommodated with a Grant Assistance Webinar similar to which was provided for another Local Authority Municipal District. Municipal District Meetings Administrator Mr. P. Corkery notified the Members that this Webinar was organised by the Killarney Chamber and not through the Local Authority.

3. Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate

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

MD Manager Mr. J. Breen updated the Members on the report as follows:

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

Castleisland/Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District

Date: July 15th, 2020

Director of Service: John Breen

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Gerard O'Brien SEO

Environmental Services Activity Report 2020

Civic Amenity Site Transactions

Period; January - May 2020

Accumulative Waste Transactions for All Waste Stations

Year	Weighbridge Transactions	% of weigh bridge transactions as % of Total transactions	No. of bags transactions	% of bag tickets sold as % of total transaction	Total no. of Transactions
2020	5057	13%	33570	87%	38627

Recycling – Accumulative Sales for All Stations

2020 Eco sense bags sales = **12,006**

Accumulative Waste and Recycling Tonnage for All Stations

Year	Weighbridge Waste Tonnage (Incl Tkt Weight)	Recycling Tonnage for Eco Sense Bags
2020	1669.88	197.84

Dogs Statistics January-May 2020

Number of Dog Licences Issued	6,822
Number of Dogs Fines issued	26
Number of dogs Rehomed	44

Environmental Enforcement	
Period: January -May 2020	
Litter	2020

No. Litter Complaints	487
No. Fines Issued	46
No. Fines Paid To-date	17
No. Court Prosecutions	0
Total Amount Awarded	€0
Air - No. Complaints Investigated	34
Air - No. Court Prosecutions	0
Air - Total Amount Awarded	€0.00
Waste - No. Complaints Investigated	144
Waste - No. Court Prosecutions	1
Waste -Total Amount Awarded	€875
Water - No. Complaints Investigated	65
Water - No. Court Prosecutions	0
Water - Total Amount Awarded	€0

Fire Service

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

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- There were 534 mobilisations up to the end of May 2020 compared to 629 mobilisations for the same period in 2019. This represents a 15.1% decrease in mobilisations.
- Gorse fires at 151 were *down* from 189 for the same period last year. This represents a 20.1% decrease.
- Chimney fires were at 42 which is down from 47 for the same period last year. This represents a 10.6% decrease.

- Road Traffic Collisions were at 36 which is down from 54 for the same period last year. This represents approximately 33.3% decrease.

	2019	2020
	Jan-May	Jan-May
<i>FIRE OPERATIONS - DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fires Number</i>		
Chimney Fires	47	42
Gorse Fires	189	151
Other Fires	86	77
Total	322	270
<i>Special Services Number</i>		
Entrapment	7	3
Gas/Chemicals	6	0
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	1	0
Hazardous Substances non-Transit	1	6
Machinery	1	1
Miscellaneous	43	52
Other rescue	18	35
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	4	9
Road traffic accident	54	36
Water pumping/flooding	0	0
Total	135	142
<i>False Alarms Number</i>		
Malicious	4	1
Good Intent	64	62
Total	68	63
<i>Total Number of Incidents</i>	525	475

Total Number of Mobilisations**629****534****Fire Safety and Prevention:**

- Due to restrictions caused by the COVID -19 emergency, inspections by Fire Officers were limited to those considered to be absolutely essential. An inspection protocol has been put in place and Fire Officers were provided with additional suitable PPE to enable essential inspections of premises to be carried out as safely as possible.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of May 2020 was 163 valid Commencement Notices, which is a 19.7% decrease on 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 May 2020 a total of 40 No. Disability Access Certificate applications had been received representing a 23% decrease on the same period last year. A total of 58 Fire Safety Certificate applications were received, which is a 12% decrease on the same period last year.

Building Control Statistics:

BUILDING CONTROL-	May 2019	May 2020
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	66	58
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	52	40
Commencement Notices Received	203	163

Library Services**Business Unit Manager – Tommy O'Connor, Co. Librarian****• Re-opening of Library Services**

As outlined in the Government's Roadmap for re-opening society, public Libraries across the country continue to restore services to the public in a step-by-step manner in line with public health guidance. All Kerry branch libraries now offer some level of service, ranging from a 'Contact & collect' model to a 'Browse & lending' model. The Mobile Libraries and the Local History service are not due to return for the present. During the restrictions over the past few months there was a major uptake of the free library online resources that are available via the library website www.kerrylibrary.ie These include online newspapers and magazines, e-learning courses, e-books and e-

audio. Online comics for the teenage audience were added in early March. There were 216,820 usages of the online services during the period 13 March – 20 June. In addition, 1,758 new members joined Kerry Library to use the online services during the same period, a 43% increase on 2020.

- **Summer Stars programme 2020**

In a break with normal practice, the 2020 Summer Stars reading programme for children will be delivered online for 2020. The Kerry programme will run from 1 July – 31 August. While traditional book lending will be available as usual, this year the library will offer readers the option to include free downloadable e-books and e-audio books to add to the Summer Stars reading experience as well as online quizzes, a national short story competition, summer reading tips and recommended books for children. Details available at www.kerrylibrary.ie or at www.summerstars.ie

Summer Stars is part of the national Right to Read programme.

CASTLEISLAND AND CORCA DHUIBHNE
Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí
 Achoimre Stádais ar an 27ú Feabhair 2020
 Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme
 Status Summary at 1st July 2020

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

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

In Water, priority 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 Castleisland and Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District which are included in Irish Water's national draft **Capital Investment Programme 2020 - 2024** are outlined in this table.

TIONSCNAIMH FUÍOLLUISCE CEANTAR OILEÁN CHIARRAÍ agus CHORCA DHUIBHNE	
WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN THE CASTLEISLAND AND CORCA DHUIBHNE AREA	
Project	Status
Castlemaine Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed major upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and minor sewer pipelaying works ; Contractor Glan Agua has commenced the final / commissioning phase of the works. Completion scheduled for late July 2020.

Annascaul Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed Integrated Construction Wetland : Preferred site identified; Site Inspection completed; Feasibility Study submitted to Irish Water and response awaited; Valuer to be appointed by IW for the Land Acquisition process; One of 22 wastewater treatment plants in Kerry assessed under IW's National Certificate Of Authorisation Programme (NCAP).
Ceann Trá Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed Integrated Construction Wetland : Preferred site identified; Site Inspection completed; Feasibility Study submitted to Irish Water and response awaited; Valuer to be appointed by IW for the Land Acquisition process; One of 22 wastewater treatment plants in Kerry assessed under IW's National Certificate Of Authorisation Programme (NCAP).
Baile An Fheirtéaraigh Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed wastewater treatment plant upgrade ; One of 22 wastewater treatment plants in Kerry assessed under IW's National Certificate Of Authorisation Programme (NCAP). The Consultant's Reports are with Irish Water.
Knocknagoshel Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed Integrated Construction Wetland : Preferred site identified; Site Inspection completed; Feasibility Study submitted to Irish Water and response awaited; Valuer to be appointed by IW for the Land Acquisition process; One of 22 wastewater treatment plants in Kerry assessed under IW's National Certificate Of Authorisation Programme (NCAP).
Castlegregory Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed WWTP Upgrade; KCC has made a submission to IW, requesting funding of €1.2M; New site, contiguous to existing WWTP, has been acquired; The publication of Irish Water's final Capital Investment Programme 2020 – 2024 awaited.
Castleisland Waste Water Treatment Plant	A review of the performance of Castleisland WWTP (not including the sewer network) has recently been completed by Mott McDonald Consulting Engineers and this Report is now being considered by Irish Water.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

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

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME for the CASTLEISLAND and CORCA DHUIBHNE AREAS			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
An Mhuiríoch Baile Breac WSS Cill Chúile	Replace 1500M of 110MM watermains	€160,000	Complete except for Road Restoration
Central Regional WSS	Works to decommission old/defective 300MM cast iron watermain between Blennerville and Tonevane Cross	€50,000	Complete
Inch RWSS	Water Treatment Plant - Upgrade Sand Filters	€50,000	Underway

Approximate Total of APPROVED Works not yet done:	€60,000	
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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 2019.

Substantial funding has been allocated for Upgrade-Prior-To-Takeover Works (mains' replacement etc) at **Brosna, Lyreacrompane, Fahaduff-Laccamore and Shanahill Middle** Group Water Supply Schemes.

Takeover of Group Schemes

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

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

FIND and FIX PROGRAMME

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

The project was commenced in January 2018 and involves the deployment of **three new Kerry County Council van crews** comprising one 'Find' van crew and two 'Fix' van crews. There is also the current deployment of three van crews from Coffey Northumbrian Limited, this Irish Water-appointed contractor's 'Find' van crews are helping in building a repository of potential leak locations for follow-on investigation and repair by the **Fix** van crews.

Tralee Town was the initial focus area of the Find and Fix Programme in Kerry. Work, some at night, on this county-wide project has also been undertaken in Dingle, Listowel, Castleisland and the greater Knockaninane Killarney area. Work is due to commence in Killorglin in the coming weeks.

NEW RESERVOIRS PROGRAMME

The provision of ten new reservoirs throughout the county, to improve security of water supply, is planned. **Castlegregory** and **Baile An Fheirtéaraigh** are included and it is intended that Planning applications for new reservoirs beside the water treatment plants in Stradbally and Baile An Fheirtéaraigh will be lodged in early 2020. The provision of these reservoirs will ensure 24-hour storages for these WSSs.

Noting the report, Cllr. M. O'Shea stated for 5 months the country has virtually been closed; and there have been water shortages. Cllr. B.

Fitzgerald stated that Irish Water need to come in and address the Councillors in a Municipal District Meeting Setting and answer questions.

MD Manager Mr. J. Breen stated that the Executive would look to ask Irish Water to come before the Members and address any questions.

Cllr. C. Farrelly stated that the lockdown period has seen a huge rise in dumping. The Councillor also asked is there any way CCTV could be used in littering hotspots. In response to the query, Municipal District Manager Mr. J. Breen stated the position of the Local Authority in relation to CCTV. Kerry County Council have had an audit from the DPI in relation to CCTV Cameras; the Council have taken the decision to appeal as this decision prevents Kerry County Council from doing any monitoring. The appeal will be heard in October or November 2020.

The MD Manager stated that there is funding available for a clean-up of the County, but there is the need afterward for surveillance and follow up. The Local Authority are appealing the decision and the matter is being referred through Due Process.

Cllr. B. Fitzgerald commended Kerry County Council on its assisting the reduction of gorse fires by 20% compared to 2019.

MD Manager Mr. J. Breen stated that the Social Media Campaign has paid dividends in raising awareness in relation to this matter.

(b) Notices of Motion

None

(c) Questions

- 1. Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** Can the quality of water being delivered to the Rathanny area be investigated and improved? There are a large number of residents in the area raising the issue of 'brown' and 'undrinkable' water in the pipes on a more and more frequent basis.

REPLY: These intermittent local water quality issues are caused by the occurrences of bursts and leaks in the pipes. Mud can get into the line when a break occurs or during any such repair work. The water staff do flush the mains where possible after such events, and customers are also respectfully asked to please 'run' the taps for a short period until the water 'clears'. There have been numerous incidents of burst and leak repairs in the wider Rathanny area in recent months.

All this greater Tralee area is served by the Central Regional Water Supply Scheme.

Noting the reply, Cllr. F. Fitzgerald stated that he knows of 20 Eircode addresses that are affected by the burst water pipes. The issues are similar to what had impacted the Farranfore area in 2019. The water breaks regularly, and the Councillor would like the areas to be investigated.

- 2. Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** Can Kerry County Council work to reopen the Public Waste Amenity Site at Muingnaminnane on the L-2015. This facility closed a number of years ago despite it giving a fantastic affordable service for people disposing of household equipment, metal, plastics, paints, for example.

REPLY: The EPA Licence for the operation of this site has ceased. Kerry County Council has no plans to reopen this facility. There are currently two privately operated civic amenity facilities in Tralee Town. The Council have been looking at options to provide such a facility in the North Kerry Area but there is currently no source of funding available to develop such facilities.

Noting the reply, Cllr. F. Fitzgerald stated it was a pity the amenity was approved but accepted the issue. Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that until such time that an audit of how households dispose of their rubbish is completed, the issue of illegal dumping shall continue.

- 3. Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** Can the issue with sewerage be fixed where the footbridge is by the Caher Road by Aughacashla along the Dingle Way, the river was blocked for several weeks during May and June.

REPLY: This matter will be investigated and the relevant actions on foot of investigation.

Reply noted by Cllr. B. Fitzgerald.

- 4. Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** Many of our Cemeteries in the Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District need immediate maintenance and attention due to lockdown restrictions on maintenance works, can this work be prioritised?

REPLY: Kerry County Council's Burial Ground Caretakers were stood down during the Lockdown period based on the public health advice available. At this stage the majority of Caretakers, with the exception of those in vulnerable categories, have returned to work and have recommenced work in their Burial Grounds. The condition of many of our Burial Grounds has improved and this position will continue, and it is being treated as a priority by the Council.

Reply was welcomed by Cllr. B. Fitzgerald.

- 5. Cllr. C. Farrelly:** What is the update on the effluent flowing in the open drain in Bawnaglanna, Currow and has the underground pipe been cleared at the same location?

REPLY: The issue has been inspected by the Environment Department on a number of occasions in the past few weeks. Based on the most-recent

inspections the open drain appears to be clean. We will liaise with the Municipal District Office with regard to the underground pipe.

Cllr. C. Farrelly welcomed the reply.

6. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council that the Environment section enforce strict rules and regulations on all business beneficiaries who provide with education or sporting facilities on our beaches.

REPLY: Kerry County Council regulates activities such as these by way of the beach permit system. The permits issued in these situations include a range of terms and conditions, with which permit holders must comply. Permitted activities are monitored for compliance and, in this regard, the appointment of the new MD Enforcement Officers has provided an additional resource at local level.

Noting the reply, Cllr. M. O'Shea stated that there are two companies at Inch Beach, and have they adhered to the new regulations?

AO Environment Mr. G. O'Brien stated that these companies have been issued with new permits as of this year. Both companies are closely monitored and regulated. Cllr. M. O'Shea stated that they are parked on the axis along the road. There was recently an accident behind one of the vans there at Inch Beach. Personal responsibility must be adhered to. MD Manager Mr J. Breen added that the Municipal District Office are aware of the issues. New Permits have been issued. Engagement has taken place with the Surf Schools at the location.

Cllr. M.O'Shea requested that Inch Graveyard could be tidied up. The MD Manager Mr. J. Breen stated that the Graveyard would receive the due attention in the coming days.

4. Housing

- (a) **To note update report from Housing Directorate.**

MD Manager Mr. J. Breen updated the Members on the report as follows:

HOUSING DIRECTORATE REPORT

CASTLEISLAND / CORCA DHUIBHNE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Date: 6th JULY 2020

Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue

Housing Report – CASTLEISLAND / CORCA DHUIBHNE

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	884
Net Need for Castleisland/Corca Dhuibhne MD (excluding transfers)	526
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	74
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	65

Breakdown by Bed No.

1-Bed	443
2-Bed	236
3-Bed	164
4-Bed	39
5-Bed	2
Total	884

- **Void Management**

Municipal District breakdown	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	0
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	1
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	9
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	0
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	3
Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District	13

- **Social Housing Options**

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	15	640
RAS	0	93
Leasing	4	54
HAP	34	152
Total no of Tenancies	53	939

4 Housing Construction Programme

Schemes/S.R. dwellings at planning/design stage in Municipal District

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Carrigcannon, Lyreacrumpane	1	Single Rural Dwelling	Jan 2021	Jan 2022

Since 1st January, 2019, 372 requests for repairs have been received for the Castleisland / Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January 2019, 46 grants have been allocated in the Castleisland / Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

Since 1st January 2019, no bedroom extensions have been allocated in the Castleisland / Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District.

After the report was presented to the Members, Cllr. M.O'Shea stated that in his opinion, Local Authorities should be looking at creating multi apartment blocks. A potential site was in Lispole, the perfect location for one- and two-bedroom apartments. Lispole could be a hub for larger towns like Dingle. Ballydavid could also be considered as a location for such apartments.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae expressed his support for the Motion. 70% of the housing demand is for one- and two-bedroom properties. Many of this demographic are usually of an older persuasion. The Councillor expressed his support for Clúid Community Settings which could accommodate a much older demographic in their wish for this type of property.

(b) Notices of Motion

- Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald:** Will the Housing Department in Kerry County Council liaise constructively with the residents of the Emlagh Estate in Dingle who have a number of issues which are ongoing with a few years and that they want dealt with immediately?

REPLY: Our Tenancy Management team are working closely with the Residents Association in Emlagh Estate on a number of issues. A financial support payment to the Residents Association from Kerry County Council was delayed due to a number of issues but these issues have now been resolved

and the payment will be completed in July. It will enable the Residents Association to engage in activities in the estate to enhance the environment.

A sign for the estate is due to be put in place by the Roads Department and will be completed shortly.

Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald noted the response and hoped any issues can be soon resolved.

2. **Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald:** Can the Housing Department investigate an issue by a senior resident in the Cluain Coille Estate whose stove is broken for a number of months?

REPLY: During the lockdown period, house visits to tenants were curtailed to reduce the risk to residents. Arrangements can be made subject to public health restrictions in place to assess the problem for the tenant and establish a resolution.

Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald noted the response.

3. **Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald:** Can the Council give an update on the Housing programme - construction and acquisition in the Municipal District Area?

REPLY: The MD has recently benefited from the allocation of a number of newly constructed building projects such as the AHB estate in Dingle and the newly tenanted Kerry County Council estates in Milltown. This has had a very positive effect on the 2-bed and 3-bed waiting lists particularly close to those areas. The Director's report gives an outline of the current projects being undertaken and a number of new developments are under consideration with Approved Housing Bodies.

The acquisition programme at the moment is primarily focused on the needs of special cases such as those households with a disability need. The purchase of properties for general allocation has been scaled back at this point in time.

The response was welcomed by Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald.

4. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** With the high amount of single applications for one-bedroom housing on the housing list long-term in the Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District we write to the Minister for Housing requesting that this issue be addressed immediately.

REPLY: This is a Matter for Resolution by the Members.

Correspondence to be issued to the Department of Housing and Local Government.

Mr. T. Brosnan, AO Housing, notified the Members that housing supply is the most pressing issue at the moment. The Council understands that one or two bedrooled units are the more preferred method for Tenants. Mr.

T. Brosnan stated that Lispole as a location would be problematic due to mobility issues if the Tenant has no access to their own transport or due to their family structures, whatever they may be.

Mr. T. Brosnan welcomed the proposed initiatives of the Government in tackling the Housing initiative.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae queried whether long term vacant dwellings such as rural cottages could be considered as units for Social Housing.

(c) Questions

1. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** What is the update on the reconstruction of the wall at the front of Cois hAbhainn in Brosna? I raised this at a previous meeting.

REPLY: The construction of the wall is on the approved programme of work and is due for completion in July. It will also involve some work on the pavement adjoining the wall.

Reply noted by Cllr. J. Healy-Rae.

2. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** Can the shed in Caislean Mór finally be moved? It is the source of Anti-Social behaviour, Kerry County Council have agreed to move it, the residents have stated where they want it moved to, so it simply be moved as a matter of urgency, I have raised this at prior meetings.

REPLY: A delay was experienced on this project as the residents wanted to reach agreement on the estate as to the new location for the shed. This has now been agreed by the residents and Kerry County Council engineers have included it in the programme of works. It will be completed in this quarter.

Reply noted by Cllr. J. Healy-Rae.

AO Housing Mr. T. Brosnan confirmed the shed would be removed by the end of September.

3. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council that both the Executive and Housing Department of the Council liaise with local communities in advance of sourcing further housing developments so that the appropriate services are in place to cater for an enlarged population.

REPLY: There is a consultative process in place for communities as part of the planning process for housing developments both private and public. This enables all stakeholders to make submissions for consideration prior to decisions being made regarding the provision of services and related infrastructure.

Cllr. M. O'Shea further added to his question in hoping that for future housing developments that there could be more analysis completed within an area in relation to the services available. The Councillor opined

that adequate services such as Education and Water need to be properly in place at a location before any new proposed structure is developed.

The Councillor hoped that such future developments would be planned for a location that actually has services that are available for individuals and families who move into an area.

5. Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate

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

MD Manager Mr. J. Breen updated the Members on the report as follows:

Update Report from the Director of Roads, Transportation & Marine

Date: 15th July 2020

Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District Meeting

1. Roads / Transportation

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

National Roads- Major Schemes

N22 Farranfore to Killarney- 2020 Allocation €500K

Technical Advisors (Jacobs Engineering Ireland Ltd.) were appointed in March 2020 to advance the scheme from Planning and Design Stage through to the Statutory Process over the next four to five years. The requirements of DPER and DTTAS in relation to project appraisal entail that the scheme be revisited from Feasibility Stage. Phase 1- Concept & Feasibility is ongoing and will progress to Phase 2 – Option Selection in Q4 2020.

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

N70 Milltown Bypass - 2019 Allocation - €200k

- The Route Selection Report has been completed. The Preferred Option will be displayed in Q3 2020. Work on the Preliminary Design

of the preferred Route Option will commence in Q3 2020 followed by the Statutory Planning Process in Q4 2020.

N86 Dingle to Annascaul & Gortbreagoge to Camp - 2020 Allocation- €1.4M

- Land acquisition is ongoing and approximately 80% complete.

N86 Ballynasare Lower to Annascaul and Doonore North to Ballygarret - 2020 Allocation- €1M:

- The Detailed Design and preparation of Tender Documents for this scheme will be complete in 2020.
Topographical Survey complete and Archaeological Investigation and Ground Investigations is ongoing.

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works – Road Widening and Re-alignment Construction

N86 Lispole to Ballynasare Lower & Ballygarret to Camp -2020 Allocation- €1M

- Snagging to be completed in coming weeks.
- Conciliation is ongoing. Final Account to be concluded in 2020.

N70 Kilderry Bends -2020 Allocation- € €350K

- Funding has been approved by TII to carry out rehabilitation along the old N70 road (L-7704) in 2020.

Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme

Road Number	Road Description	Est Cost €	Engineering Area	Work Status
R-576	Feales Bridge X - Brosna Village X	96200	Castleisl and	Strengthening complete
L-6526	Knockbrack East X - Meenleirim X	68379	Castleisl and	Strengthening complete
L-2015	Raemore X - Knocknagoshel West X	79200	Castleisl and	Skirting commenced
L-2026	Meenbannivane X - Knights Mountain X	60000	Castleisl and	Strengthening complete
L-2013	Gortatlea X - Clashatlea X	48600	Castleisl and	Skirting complete

L 1026	Broughane X - Fahaduff X	90000	Castleisl and	Skirting complete
R-577	Knockeenahone - Knocknaboul	423068	Castleisl and	Complete, awaiting Line Marking
L-3009	Scrahanfadda - Toornanaunagh	55000	Castleisl and	Skirting complete
L-7019	Knockrower West - Knockrower East	80000	Castleisl and	Skirting complete
L-3006	Canguilla X - Scartaglen Village	157250	Castleisl and	Not started
L-2017	Pound Road	66000	Castleisl and	Not Started
L-2033	Castleisland Cross - Rossaneen	64000	Castleisl and	Skirting complete
L 3020	Lisheen - Quarry X	120000	Castleisl and	Skirting complete
L7011	Coolick - Rossaneen	87500	Castleisl and	Skirting complete
R-559	Strand Street	€134,900	Dingle	Complete
L-8036	John Street	€70,962	Dingle	Complete
L-8061	Ballinclare X - Anascaul	€89,640	Dingle	Complete
L-8070	Golf Course Rd Dun na Oir	€60,750	Dingle	Complete
R-560	Stradbally Village-kilcummin	€136,500	Dingle	Works to commence week of 13 th July
R-5013	Stradbally X-Stradbally	€68,880	Dingle	Works to commence week of 13 th July
L-5015	Emlagh SouthX-Inch East X	€94,500	Dingle	Not started
L-8005	Laharn X- Farna X	€63,306	Dingle	Not started
L-12131	Ardinnane South X- L-8066	€66,415	Dingle	Not started
L-5002	An Clasach	€73,875	Dingle	Not started
R-559	Teeravane	€124,200	Dingle	Complete
R-560	An Chonair	€181,825	Dingle	Works to commence week of 13 th July
R-550	An Clochan	€51,975	Dingle	Works to commence week of 13 th July
L-8018	Forge Road Castlegregory	€47,025	Dingle	Works to commence week of 13 th July
L-12228	Callinafercy West	€66,000	Killorglin	Strengthening Complete

R-564	Longfield -Kilanare	€147,000	Killorglin	Skirting complete
L-12209	Rathbeg	€66,000	Killorglin	Skirting complete

Restoration Maintenance Programme

Road Number	Road Description	Est Cost €	Engineering Area	Work Status
L-2017	Lackabaun to Lackabaun	20250	Castleisland	Not Started
L-2026	Broughane - Knockariddera	14175	Castleisland	Skirting complete
L-2029	Knockauntee - Dooneen	21999	Castleisland	Patching commenced
L-2030	Patsy's Cross - Brosna	33750	Castleisland	Surface Dressing complete, awaiting lining
L-2032	Cordal East - Glountane	15750	Castleisland	Not Started
L-2050	Urrohogal - Glanbane	40500	Castleisland	Surface dressing complete, awaiting lining
L-6526	Kilmaniheen X - Knockbrack	45000	Castleisland	Skirting complete
L-6523	Knocknagoshel - Knocknagoshel West	15750	Castleisland	Surface dressing complete, awaiting lining
L-6533	Cordal - Kilmurry X	21600	Castleisland	Not yet commenced
L-10604	Ballybeg Cross - Kilquane (Arabela)	15750	Castleisland	Skirting complete
L-3002	Dickgroves Cross - Farranfore	67500	Castleisland	Works complete
L-3005	Kilsarcan East to Kilsarcan West	10800	Castleisland	Skirting complete
L-3008	Ballybeg Cross - Ballybeg	18000	Castleisland	Skirting complete
L-3009	Anablaha - Coopers Cross	22500	Castleisland	Skirting complete

L-7001	Inchinveema - Cloonlara	1800 0	Castleisland	Surface Dressing complete, awaiting lining
L-12144	Duagh - Gleanteenassig	€6,75 0	Dingle	Not yet commenced
L-8012	Garries - Tonakilly	€13,5 00	Dingle	Not yet commenced
L-5014	Maharees - Point Gap	€40,5 00	Dingle	Skirting complete
L-12186	Shanakeal	€16,2 00	Dingle	Skirting complete
R-561	Inch Road East of Bensons	€30,8 00	Dingle	Skirting complete
L-12189	Shanahill East	€14,1 75	Dingle	Skirting complete
R-559	Tiorabhainn	€33,0 00	Dingle	Complete
L-12045	Hurleys X- Kilcooly X	€21,3 75	Dingle	Complete
L-12049	Ard Na Carriage X- Muirioch School	€10,8 00	Dingle	Complete
R-559	Ballyferriter	€7,56 3	Dingle	Complete
R-559	Ventry	€32,7 25	Dingle	Not yet commenced
R-559	Baile Móir	€14,9 21	Dingle	Not yet commenced
L-8014	Léim Fhír Léith - Ballina X	€27,0 00	Dingle	Not yet commenced
R-559	Cill Fhíontain	€33,0 00	Dingle	Not yet commenced
L-6516	Short Mountain	€49,4 93	Dingle	Not yet commenced
L-8120	N86- Garraí	€40,5 00	Dingle	Not yet commenced
L-8004	Ballygamboon - Killeagh	€24,3 00	Killorglin	Not yet commenced
L-8009	Knockavota	€22,1 40	Killorglin	Not yet commenced
L-2019	Gortdromerillagh	€30,6 45	Killorglin	Not yet commenced
L-5017	Knockaneacoolteen	€34,2 00	Killorglin	Not yet commenced

Drainage Programme

Project	Allocation	Engineering Area	Status
Drainage Grant – Various	€163,989	Castleisland	70% Complete
Drainage Grant – Various	€125,715	Dingle	65% Complete

Community Involvement Schemes

Road Number	Road Description	Est Cost €	Engineering Area	Work Status
L-11058	Currowcitty & Beenateevoun	€66,080	Castleisland	Skirting commenced
L-2027	Cappawee Road	€6,750	Dingle	Not started
L-12082	Ballyristeen, Glin Two	€149,200	Dingle	Preparatory Works Commenced

Safety Improvement Works on Regional and Local Roads

Project	Allocation	Engineering Area	Status
R-561 Boolteens Village	€40,000	Dingle	Design Stage

Bridge Rehabilitation Works on Regional and Local Roads

Project	Allocation	Engineering Area	Status
R-550 Boherboy Bridge	€10,000	Dingle	Section 177AE application to An Board Pleanala

			seeking approval to undertake the works has commenced.
R-559 Cappateige	€65,000	Dingle	Design Complete, Tender Process for Main Contractor Complete, Tender Assessment ongoing. Contractor to be appointed in next two weeks

Specific Improvement Grants

<i>Description</i>	<i>Status</i>
Dingle Inner Relief Road - Phase 5	Kerry County Council have informed the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport that the Council intend to prepare a Preliminary Appraisal Report for the next Phase of the Dingle Inner Relief Road to make the link through to the R559.

Other Road and Public Area Works Programmes

Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS)

<i>Project</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Status</i>
Inch Boardwalk	25,000	Complete

All Areas

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works.

Drainage maintenance, footpath maintenance, pothole and patch repairs

2. OPW Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme

Ongoing Studies and Works:

The OPW has approved funding to carry out Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management (CFERM) Studies at Tralee Bay (Ballyheigue to Brandon Point) and Dingle Harbour East (Inch/Castlemaine/Cromane/Rossbeigh).

The Tralee Bay Study is underway by Malachy Walsh and Partners with Final Report expected end 2020.

The Dingle Harbour East (Castlemaine Harbour) has been commenced by RPS Consulting and this study will take approx. 12 months to complete (end 2020).

The above studies are required by the OPW ahead of any proposed extensive coastal and flood intervention works in these Coastal cell areas. The studies will identify any appropriate measures to alleviate flooding and/or erosion for which funding can then be sought.

3. Public lighting

Public Lighting Report regarding Maintenance

No. of faults reported since May 1st: 34

No. of faults repaired within 12 working days: 12

No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 2

Outstanding Repairs not completed within 12 working days –shown on table below

Job Ticket ID	Defect Description	Unit Number	Postal Street Name	Date Reported	Reason
13262	Lamp out	1553	Ballydavid	27/01/2020	Further ESB works Required

16278	Lamp out	8542	Currow	26/06/2020	ESB works required
16245	Lamp out	8537	Currow	28/05/2020	ESB works required
16239	Lamp out	8536	Currow	28/05/2020	ESB works required
16256	Lamp out	15935	An Cuilin, Dingle	04/06/2020	Access issues

John Kennelly

A/Director of Roads, Transportation & Marine

(b) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** That Kerry County Council place a pipe along the deep drain on the L-7012-0 as it approaches the L-3002. This road is narrow, on a steep incline and with little room for vehicles to pull in off the road to allow for passing traffic. Several vehicles have had to be removed from the drain/dyke by teleporters etc. in the recent past. The problem is getting worse as each winter deepens the drain/dyke.

REPLY: The drain at this location in Ranaleen will be investigated and any works required to address the issue would be suitable for funding through County Councillors Allocation.

Reply noted by Cllr. F. Fitzgerald.

2. **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** That Kerry County Council call on the TII to announce its plans for increased safety measures in relation to the N21 at Glounsharoon and at the turn to Meenleirim. There have been a number of fatalities along this stretch of road over the years. A delegation from Kerry County Council met with the TII earlier this year and it is now time that plans were announced for this dangerous stretch of road with a timeframe and costings for delivery of same.

REPLY: Since the delegation met with TII earlier this year, the existing junctions/ entrances on the N21 including Meenleirim junction and the Viewing Area at Glounsharoon have been examined. The traffic and safety implications of further developing this Viewing Area are being carefully considered.

A review is being carried out of other sections of the N21 as part of the TII funded HD17 Programme. The collision history along the N21 has been examined and intervention measures have been identified at a number of locations. These safety improvement works are being procured and will be undertaken in Q3/Q4 2020.

Welcoming the response, Cllr. F. Fitzgerald hoped this matter can stay on the Agenda, and the Members be updated on any response from the TII.

3. **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** In 2014 and 2016 Kerry County Council received €202,520 {€144,000 in 2014 and €58,520} for works for raising of retaining wall, culvert replacement at Tullig, storm water drainage pipe at Kilbannivane and

associated works. I am calling on Kerry County Council to review and examine these with a view to carrying out further works to reduce the risk of flooding in the area.

REPLY: In 2015 & 2016 Kerry County Council carried out works to a weir wall at Glounsharoon and constructed a Culvert at Tullig with funding received from the OPW under the Minor Works Flood Relief Scheme. Also, in early 2019 flap valves were installed at Kilbannivane Graveyard.

In 2016 a Preliminary Options Report was completed for Castleisland under the Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study (CFRAMS). In relation to further flood relief works, in 2017 Kerry County Council requested the CFRAMS consultants to remodel two measures (Defence wall/embankment at Community College and Filling a low point on Shanowen River) and look at the implications of carrying out these works in advance of the rest of the suite of measures proposed under the CFRAM study.

The Consultants deemed both measures to be not viable to be constructed in advance of the other measures as they would result in increased flood levels and flood damage elsewhere.

With regards to the CFRAMS the Castleisland Scheme has not yet been approved for progression to detailed design stage.

Noting the reply, Cllr. F. Fitzgerald stated that on a visit to the site in December 2019, the River was merely flowing slowly. The Councillor hoped the wall could be reviewed and improved considerably. Any serious rain will leave the area at the huge risk of serious flooding.

Cllr. C. Farrelly stated that the sight of upset families dealing with flooding where their loved ones are buried was extremely disappointing and he hoped that something could be done as soon as is possible.

Municipal District Engineer Ms. B. Mulryan stated that Roads Department will follow up with Burial Grounds in relation to creating gullies at Kilbannivane Graveyard.

4. **Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald:** What is the latest update on the N86 project?

REPLY: The detailed design and Tender Documents are advancing for the next N86 Contract which runs from Ballynasare Lower to Annascaul village with a further section between Doonore North and Ballygarret.

The Archaeological Investigations and Ground Investigations are underway. TII approval will be sought to publish the Tender Notice in Q3/Q4 2020.

Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald noted the update regarding the N86.

5. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** Due to the collapse of our fishing markets our fishermen have been severely impacted by Covid-19, all harbour fees on fishing boats

using Council Piers in the Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne MD should be waived for the year 2020, and a request be made to the Minister for Agriculture and Marine that harbour fees at Dingle Fishery Harbour Centre also be waived for the year 2020.

REPLY: The request to the Minister for Agriculture and Marine that harbour fees at Dingle Fishery Harbour Centre be waived for the year 2020 is a Matter for Resolution by the Members.

Correspondence to be issued to the Minister for Agriculture and Marine.

Cllr. B. Fitzgerald stated that it is a matter of extreme urgency that assistance be provided for the fishermen of Dingle.

6. **Cllr C. Farrelly:** That the Kerry County Council Enforcement Officer for our Municipal District would get the trees that are hanging over the road in Glounthane, Cordal cut.

REPLY: This location at Glounthaune is being investigated by the MD Enforcement Officer.

Response noted by Cllr. C. Farrelly.

7. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask that Kerry County Council and TII immediately sort out the flooding issue on the N70 at Tinahalla, Killorglin for **[Details with Directorate]**

REPLY: This matter will be investigated to establish the extent and cause of any flooding at this location.

Cllr. M. O'Shea noted the response and hoped a resolution would be found for the residents and road users.

8. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council and TII what is the updated position with the proposed footpath between Tinahalla and Steelroe, Killorglin.

REPLY: This section has been identified as one of a number of priority sections for upgrade however it has yet to receive a formal TII allocation. The upgrade of this section of the N70 to current standards will make provision for pedestrians and cyclists.

It will entail further public consultation, optimisation of the design to cater for the additional width required. It will need to be environmentally screened to establish the correct statutory consent process and the land acquisition strategy will need to be finalised. It is hoped that this scheme will be progressed and completed in the next three to four years.

MD Engineer Ms. B. Mulryan notified Cllr. M. O'Shea and the Members that Mr. Paul Curry, SEE is in negotiations with the Residents. Cllr. M.O'Shea

felt that a cycleway and walkway would be a perfect solution for the residents of the area.

(c) Questions

1. **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** Can a Warning 'Children at Play' sign be erected upon entering the L-10597-0 at Reamore in Kielduff. This Cul-de-Sac has a large number of houses with young children in the vicinity and a warning sign would do much to alleviate the danger.

REPLY: Unfortunately, the 'Children at Play' sign is not an approved warning sign as per the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport 'Traffic Signs Manual' therefore the sign cannot be erected.

Cllr. F. Fitzgerald noted the reply.

2. **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** Can the L-2023-0 have the dangerous dips on it at the northern end repaired? This road, whilst in the Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne MD is maintained by the Tralee MD Road Engineers. The road is in poor condition but if the dips in it were repaired it would make it passable for the near future.

REPLY: There is extensive works required on the northern section of the L-2023 in order to remove the dips. There is no funding currently available to carry out this work however the roadway can be considered for inclusion in the next Restoration Improvement Programme when one is called for by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. Meanwhile, the roadway will be maintained as far as funds allow.

Cllr. F. Fitzgerald welcomed the reply and hoped that the road condition would be improved as soon as possible.

3. **Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council pursue the idea of developing a car park on the new Inner Relief Road at the rear of Main Street in Dingle?

REPLY: Kerry County Council will investigate the development of a carpark at new Inner Relief Road at the rear of Main Street in Dingle.

Reply noted by Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald.

4. **Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald:** Can the Council liaise with the TII to get "Cattle Crossing Signs" erected to facilitate a dairy farmer in Annascaul getting his cows across the road?

REPLY: The Cattle Crossing Signs will be erected at this location in Q3 2020.

Reply noted by Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald.

5. **Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald:** An gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Contae bóthar a Chuasa i bParóiste Mhúraigh ar an chlár oibre?

FREAGRA: Nil an bóthar seo ar an chlár oibre 2020 ach coinneá mé ar m'intinn maidir le chlár oibre 2021.

REPLY: This roadway in the Parish of Muríoch is not on the 2020 Restoration Maintenance Programme, however it can be considered for inclusion in the 2021 Restoration Maintenance Programme.

Reply noted by Cllr. S. Cosáí Fitzgerald.

6. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** Is there any update on the proposed footpath from Farranfore Village to the medical centre and what is the estimated cost of this project?

REPLY: The National Roads Office (NRO) are currently investigating options for the Junction of the Currow Road, Firies Road and the N22. This proposal is to include for providing the 40m final link to connect the footpath from the medical centre into the Village. The estimated cost to provide the footpath from the medical centre to village as it currently stands, without the final link to the N22 footpath is €106,491.

MD Engineer Ms. B. Mulryan informed the Members that the “missing link” of 40m to connect the footpath is not owned by Kerry County Council. The lands are being investigated for purchase and an update will be provided to the Members on this matter.

7. **Cllr. C. Farrelly:** What is the update on the flashing light at Castleview, Castleisland?

REPLY: The estimated cost of the installation of an electronic speed indicator sign at this location is €3,500, which is suitable for funding by means of County Councillors Allocations.

Cllr. C. Farrelly noted the response.

8. **Cllr. C. Farrelly:** What's the update on the meeting between the residents of Currans and the County Board of the GAA which the MD Engineer was to request?

REPLY: Kerry County Council will write to the County Board for an update the meeting.

Correspondence will be issued to the Kerry GAA County Board so as to request the update on the dialogue between Residents of Currans and County Board.

9. **Cllr. M. O'Shea:** Can Kerry County Council assist the residents of Ard na Gréine and Laurel Avenue with the purchase of a lawnmower for said estates?

REPLY: There is no funding available within the road's budget for the purchase of a lawnmower for Ard na Gréine and Laurel Avenue estates. However, it may be suitable for funding through the Community Support Fund.

Cllr. M. O'Shea welcomed the reply.

- 10. Cllr. M. O'Shea:** Can Kerry County Council contact the appropriate Electricity providers to upgrade the street lighting in both Laurel Avenue and Ard na Greine Estate Milltown and also that the Kerry County Council Roads Department would carry out an upgrade on the road markings in both estates?

REPLY: The public lighting within both Laurel Avenue and Ard na Gréine, will be upgraded as part of the National LED Upgrade Project currently being progressed by the national Road Management Office (RMO). In the interim if there is an issue with any individual light this will be replaced as part of routine maintenance.

The lighting within both estates will be examined in the next fortnight to assess the extent of works required.

Reply noted by Cllr. M. O'Shea.

- 11. Cllr. M. O'Shea:** Can Kerry County Council carry out repairs to the footbridge at Beach Road, Castlegregory that was recently damaged?

REPLY: The roadway on either side of this footbridge, nor the footbridge itself is not in the charge of Kerry County Council, therefore responsibility for its maintenance does not lie with the authority.

Cllr. M. O'Shea noted the reply and hoped this matter could be investigated through the NEKWD.

- 12. Cllr. M. O'Shea:** Can Kerry County Council carry out works on the Araglin road via Glentanassigh to create a tourist loop walk?

REPLY: Substantial work would be required on the Araglin Road via Glentanassigh in order to open it up as a tourist destination. This project can be considered for inclusion in an application for funding to the Department Rural & Community Development under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS).

MD Engineer Ms. B. Mulryan stated that Source Funding for the Tourist Loop Walk would be investigated.

- 6. Motions / Questions relevant to other Directorates or Issues not relevant to Kerry County Council Business**

(a) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. F. Fitzgerald:** To call on Ordnance Survey Ireland to review the GPS System in Ireland with a view to directing travellers and drivers in Kerry to safer routes when touring Kerry etc. Anecdotal evidence suggests that tourists and visitors to the county are being directed to 'faster routes' to destinations but that these are more dangerous and more risky routes for visitors.

REPLY: This is a Matter for Resolution by the Members.

Cllr. F. Fitzgerald welcomed that correspondence would be sent to Ordnance Survey and feels that Tourists are often sent the fastest way but on more dangerous a route to reach their destination.

Correspondence is to be issued to the Ordnance Survey Office from Kerry County Council.

2. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** To call on the Minister for Health and the Government to introduce rapid Covid-19 testing for all visitors coming to Ireland through our Airports and Ports and to give clarity around air travel, families in our county have been left financially devastated by the impact of Covid-19 as airlines will not refund them.

REPLY: This is a Matter for Resolution by the Members.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae expressed his belief that while the Interim Government are to be commended for their tackling the Pandemic, there has been a complete disregard for the numbers arriving at our airports. Such individuals are not quarantining. The Councillor believes that New Zealand are an example to all. It is his belief that rapid testing should be introduced at all airports. The Members have no issues with Tourists, on the contrary they are most welcome, but it is people's personal responsibility that the Members are appealing to.

Cllr. B. Fitzgerald commented that Gardaí need to have powers so that they can ensure proper social distancing. Cllr. F. Fitzgerald concurs that the Members are not anti-tourists, it is the standards. The Health of the Nation is at stake. Cllr. C. Farrelly welcomes the Motion and agrees that rapid testing is in dire need.

Correspondence to be issued to the Minister for Health regarding this Notice of Motion.

3. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would write to the Minister for Transport and the RSA seeking them to increase the capacity for the Theory Test and for Driving Tests in light of the backlog following the suspension of services during the Covid-19 pandemic.

REPLY: This is a Matter for Resolution by the Members.

Correspondence to be issued to the Minister for Transport and also the RSA from Kerry County Council.

4. **Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would introduce live streaming of all Full Council and Municipal District meetings.

REPLY: The matter of live streaming of Full council meetings is not a matter for consideration by the Municipal District.

The live streaming of Council meetings was considered previously by CPG where issues around defamation and potentially exposing the Body Corporate to challenge and members' privilege were considered and was included in the Cathaoirleach's report to the February 2015 Full Council meeting. It was proposed to further consider this request at the time by convening the members of the Corporate Policy Group and additional members as required to ensure cross party & independents representation.

As part of its remit, a wider group, which previously considered and inputted significantly into our adopted Protocol for Civic Honours Conferral, examined the experience of the limited number of local authorities which provide a livestreaming service in respect of their Council meetings and any other relevant matters and potential issues its introduction within Kerry County Council could cause. Members are reminded that there is no privilege attaching to the discussions at Council meetings or Municipal District meetings and accordingly concerns were raised that broadcasting live in this context and also in the context of the official record, in law, of any meeting being the minutes of the meeting may create difficulties.

The Council does broadcast some civic reception events, however as outlined above the broadcasting of council meetings requires careful consideration given the concerns expressed previously.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae felt that the organising of Meetings Streaming is the next step for the Local Authority in its goal to ensure transparency. MD Manager Mr. J. Breen stated that the matter is for review and the Members shall be updated accordingly.

5. **Cllr. B. Fitzgerald:** That Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne MD write to the Minister for Finance asking that seasonal businesses which were closed at the start of the year be treated the same as businesses that were open before Covid-19 and allow them use the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme as they are now being unfairly treated and not receiving State assistance to meet employee wages even though they are severely impacted in their ability to trade by Covid-19 restrictions.

REPLY: This is a Matter for Resolution by the Members.

Correspondence is to be issued to the Minister for Finance in relation to this matter.

(b) Any Other Business

- **It was agreed by the Members that the consideration of any Deputations during the current Covid-19 period would be deferred due to social distancing requirements at Meeting Venues.**
- **The Members expressed their best wishes and good thoughts to the family of Dr. Tony Holohan as his Wife Eimear battles serious illness. The Members wished to note on record his sterling work at updating the nation and advising the citizens throughout the Pandemic period.**
- **The MD Engineer was alerted to two dips on the road before the turn off to the West Kerry Recycling Centre and hoped that these could receive due attention.**
- **The Members raised the issue and commended Birds Amusements and Kerry County Council on their decision not to hold their funfair in 2020 in Killarney. In a similar vein, the Funfair in Dingle was discussed, which was currently operating. MD Manager Mr. J. Breen reminded the Members that this event takes place on lands under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Marine and it would not be appropriate for the Local Authority to liaise or raise the issue as it is a matter for the Department to consider.**
- **Members were briefed that the Green Street Car Park would be opened in two weeks.**

(c) To confirm date and venue for the following Ordinary Meeting of the Castleisland-Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District:

The Members agreed that the next Ordinary Meeting for the Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District would take place on Wednesday, September 16th at the Carnegie Building, Castleisland.

The Meeting ended at 12.05pm.

P. Corkery

Mr. P. Corkery
Meetings Administrator

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Corca Dhuibhne