

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE, LISTOWEL ON MONDAY, JULY 13th, 2020

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IONAD ACMHAINNÍ TEAGHLAIGH LIOS TUATHAIL AR DÉ LUAIN 13^ú IÚIL, 2020

PRESENT/ I LÁTHAIR
Councillors/Comhairleoirí

Cllr. T. Barry
Cllr. R. Beasley
Cllr. M. Kennelly
Cllr. J. Moloney
Cllr. A. Thornton
Cathaoirleach M. Foley

In attendance/i láthair

Mr. J. Kennelly	Listowel Municipal District Manager
Mr. A. Smith	Listowel Municipal District Officer
Mr. D. O'Mahony	Listowel Municipal District Engineer
Mr. E. Joy	Executive Engineer
Mr. T. Brosnan	AO Housing
Mr. G. O'Brien	AO Environment
Mr. C. Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. P. Corkery	Meetings Administrator
Mr. J. Downes	CO Corporate Support

The Meeting commenced at 10.15am.

Cathaoirleach M. Foley took the Chair.

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

1) (a) Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the following meetings:

- (1)** On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. R. Beasley** SECONDED by **Cllr. T. Barry** it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on 25th June 2020 be confirmed.
- (2)** On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. T. Barry** SECONDED by **Cllr. A. Thornton** it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of

Listowel held on 12th June 2020 to consider and adopt the Listowel Municipal District LAP & the Safe Streets & Safe Destination Mobility Plans be confirmed.

(3) On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. J. Moloney** SECONDED by **Cllr. T. Barry** it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on 14th May 2020 to consider and adopt the MD Roadworks Plan for the Listowel Municipal District be confirmed.

(4) On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. A. Thornton** SECONDED by **Cllr. J. Moloney** it was agreed that the Minutes Ordinary Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on 09th March 2020 be confirmed.

(5) On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. R. Beasley** SECONDED by **Cllr. T. Barry** it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel to consider and adopt the Community Support Fund Allocations for the Municipal District of Listowel for 2020 held on 28th February 2020 be confirmed.

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

- (1) To consider the Chief Executive's Report on the Public Consultation in compliance with Part XI of the Planning & Development Acts 2000-2020 as set down in Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulation, 2001 – 2020 for the R556 Ballinclogher to Rathscannel Road Improvement Project.

Municipal District Manager Mr. J. Kennelly read through the Chief Executive's report for the behalf of the Members, reminding them that the original Public Consultation Process was extended owing to the Coronavirus Pandemic: -

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHIARRAI

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL



R-556 Baile an Chloichir – Ráth Scannail

R-556 Ballinclogher - Rathscannel

Moltaí agus Tuairisc Príomhfheidhmeannach Comhairle Contae Chiarraí ar an gComhairliúchán Phoiblí a ullmhaíodh de bhun Alt 179 (3) den Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 – 2020 agus Cuid 8 de na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2001 - 2020.

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Dáta/Date: 29/06/2020

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 LOCATION, NATURE & EXTENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:-

LOCATION:- R556 Ballinclogher to Rathscannel, Co. Kerry

TOWNLANDS:- Ballinclogher, Ballyhenry, Derryvrin, Ballysheen,
Liscullane, Aghacoora, Gortadrislig and Rathscannel

The proposed works will comprise the realignment of approximately 2.2 km of single carriageway on the R-556. The main features of this proposal are:

- The construction of a 7m wide carriageway and associated verges and side slopes
- Drainage works and the replacement of 3 culverts
- And all associated ancillary and accommodation works

Kerry County Council will also complete restoration improvement works on the adjoining L-6081 and L-10101 local roads.

1.2 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A Public Notice was advertised in the Kerry's Eye on Thursday, 19th March 2020.

Site Notices were erected along the routes and these were inspected regularly.

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

- Kerry County Council, Listowel Municipal District, Áras an Phiarsaigh, Charles Street, Listowel
- Kerry County Council, Roads, Transportation and Marine, Room 115, County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee
- Kerry County Council Website www.kerrycoco.ie

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with proper planning and sustainable development of the area were invited before 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 1st May 2020. This period was extended under Section 251 (A) of the Planning and Development Act as amended on three occasions, firstly until 5.00 p.m. on Monday, 25th May 2020, subsequently until 5.00 pm Friday, 12th June 2020 and finally until 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 26th June 2020. At each time extension new site notices were erected outlining extended

submission periods. This information was also updated on Kerry County Council's website.

1.3 RELEVANT DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES / OBJECTIVES / STRATEGIES

Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021:

It is an aim of the County Development Plan “to achieve a sustainable, efficient and integrated transport system, high quality connectivity and ease of movement within and to County Kerry by enhancing the existing strategic transportation infrastructure, in terms of the road, rail and public transport network, together with cycleway and pedestrian facilities”.

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



The R556 forms part of this Strategic Transportation Network in the county and the proposed project is compliant with the following stated objectives:

- RD2 Facilitate the improvement of the quality of life of all citizens of the County by providing good quality environment, energy, communication and transportation infrastructure.
- RD3 Provide for balanced and sustainable growth throughout the County by promoting the strengthening of rural communities and to provide the infrastructure to facilitate job creation and to cater for the needs of industry.
- RD5 Facilitate the sustainable provision of the necessary infrastructure at appropriate locations, required to promote the sustainable economic and social development of the County.
- RD-17 Protect the capacity and safety of the national road and strategically important regional road network in the County and ensure compliance with the Spatial Planning and National Roads Planning Guidelines (January 2012) and the NRA Traffic & Transport Assessment Guidelines (2007).

- RD21 Sustainably strengthen and improve the road network including links, by-passes and relief roads with priority given to those serving the Hub and Regional/ District Towns and interconnection between such settlements
- RD23 Continue the ongoing sustainable upgrading, strengthening and improvement works on regional & local and tertiary roads in accordance with the objectives of this Plan.
- RD24 Sustainably upgrade and improve the major tourist routes within the County (as shown on Map 7.1).

Kerry County Council Tourism strategy 2016-2022.

The proposed project is compliant with the following stated objectives:

- Improving road access to the County and within the County.
- Improving public transport connections between major towns and coastal villages.

Kerry Local Economic & Community Plan 2016-2021.

The proposed project is compliant with the following stated objectives:

- 1.11 – Connectivity – Maximise connectivity of the County through investing in sustainable communication and transport infrastructure in appropriate locations.
 - 1.11.1 - Ensure the sustainable development and maintenance of a good road infrastructure within the county and good radial access into the county.
 - 1.11.1.2 - Develop plans for new and improved roadways in the county including inner relief roads, by-passes and other strategically important transport links.

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

1. Irish Water

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

Submission No. 1: Irish Water

Summary of Issues:

- Irish Water notes the proposed development is located within close proximity to existing Irish Water infrastructure, i.e. 100 mm water mains.

- Therefore, Irish Water respectfully requests Further Information as follows;
- The applicant is required to engage with IW's diversions section to assess feasibility and ensure appropriate access and protection of the assets to be put in place. Separation distances must comply in accordance with IW Standard Codes and Practices. Evidence of that engagement is to be submitted as a response to Further Information to the Planning Authority.
- Note that any change to existing road or footpath levels may involve a change to the depth of cover over existing pipelines, which could have an impact on the protection to the existing IW networks. IW should be consulted at detailed design stage, and all design shall be carried out in compliance with Irish Water Standards codes and practices
- All existing infrastructure (i.e. meterboxes, valves, manholes, etc) shall be identified and marked before work commences to prevent them being covered over by the works. All IW infrastructure (i.e. meterboxes, valves, and manholes, etc) shall be reinstated in accordance with IW Standards.

Manager's Response:

- Kerry County Council has begun the process of liaising with Irish Water in relation to their request for information and is currently preparing a diversion application for 1500m of the existing water main, which is located within proposed excavations.
- All existing Irish Water infrastructure will be reinstated and new infrastructure installed to IW Standards, codes and practices.

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

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

5. RECOMMENDATIONS/AMENDMENTS

Having considered the proposed development regarding Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2020, the proposal is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the County.

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

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

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

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



John Kennelly
Municipal District Manager, Listowel MD

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An Roinn Pleanála

Comhairle Contae Chiarraí,
Áras an Chontae,
Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí.



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Planning Authority's *Determination Statement* on the Appropriate Assessment (AA) Screening of the R556 Rathscannell to Ballinclogher Cross Proposed Road Reconstruction Scheme and the associated restoration improvement pavement overlay of two side roads (L6801 and L10101).

Screening Determination Statement

It is noted that the Appropriate Assessment Screening Report dated 9th of March 2020 has been carried out giving full consideration to the plans and particulars of the proposed scheme and associated works, to European sites located in the vicinity and to all of the matters referred to in S177 (U) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

The proposed R556 scheme and improvement works were screened for possible significant effects on European sites in view of the conservation objectives of these sites, alone or in combination with any other plans or projects. No significant effects were identified. An Appropriate Assessment/Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is not required.

It is considered that the report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the R556 scheme on European sites. The assessment as reported is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council. Measures intended to avoid or reduce negative effects on the European sites have not been relied upon in reaching this determination.

Reason for the Determination:

- The location of the scheme and associated works outside and away from European sites,
- The nature and scale of the scheme. The works will predominately occur in close proximity to the existing R556 road infrastructure. Lands to be affected are not identified as supporting annexed habitats, species or being functionally linked to birds of special conservation interest,
- The R556 already crosses three waterbodies. They are historically modified, canalised systems and all are already culverted by the R556,
- These three water-crossings to be replaced will be pre-cast box culverts and there will be no requirement to mix cementitious material on site; no refuelling of plant or machinery within the footprint of the development is proposed,
- Overall the risk of release of sediments to watercourses at the three proposed water crossings during the construction phase, is deemed low due to the nature of the works proposed at the crossings and the ecological nature of the three existing culverted and modified watercourses. No significant effects

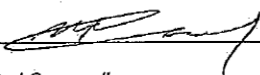


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were identified on annexed habitat or species for which the SAC is designated,

- Site compounds for the scheme are located in areas where no watercourses occur and where there is no hydrological connectivity to the SAC, and
- The lack of in-combination effects arising from the proposed scheme and other proposed or permitted development in the vicinity.

Signed



Date 10/3/2020

Michael Scannell,
Director of Services / Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí,
Economic & Community Development /
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Planning Authority's Determination Statement on the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening of the R556 Rathscannell to Ballinclogher Cross Proposed Road Reconstruction Scheme and the associated restoration improvement pavement overlay of two side roads (L6801 and L10101).

EIA Screening Determination Statement

It is noted that the EIA Screening Report dated 9th of March 2020 has been carried out giving full consideration to the plans and particulars of the proposed scheme and associated works and to the EIA Directive (85/337/EEC) codified by Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU and specifically to the EU (Roads Act 1993) (EIA)(Amendment) Regulations 2019.

Following the EIA screening it has been determined that the proposed R556 Rathscannell to Ballinclogher Cross proposed road reconstruction and associated overlay improvement works would not be likely to have a significant effect on the environment. The scheme should not be subject to an EIA and/or the preparation of an EIAR.

It is considered that the report contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects on the environment from the R556 scheme and associated works. The assessment as reported is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council.

Reason for the Determination:

- The environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected were not deemed sensitive to the nature, scale or location of the proposed scheme,
- The works will predominately occur in close proximity to the existing R556 road infrastructure and within lands of low environmental sensitivity,
- The scheme as proposed is not complex or technically difficult, it relates to the reconstruction of an existing road predominately within the footprint of existing road infrastructure including three existing culverted water crossings,
- The impacts/effects identified specifically related to management of waste material and local traffic movements. These impacts were considered to be relatively minor in nature and to not pose a significant adverse effect on the environment, and



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- Following adherence to TII guidelines particularly in relation to the management of traffic and waste arising from the scheme and adherence to IFI requirements for the crossing of watercourses will minimise and reduce the identified potential impacts of the scheme on the local environment.

Signed



Date 10/3/2020

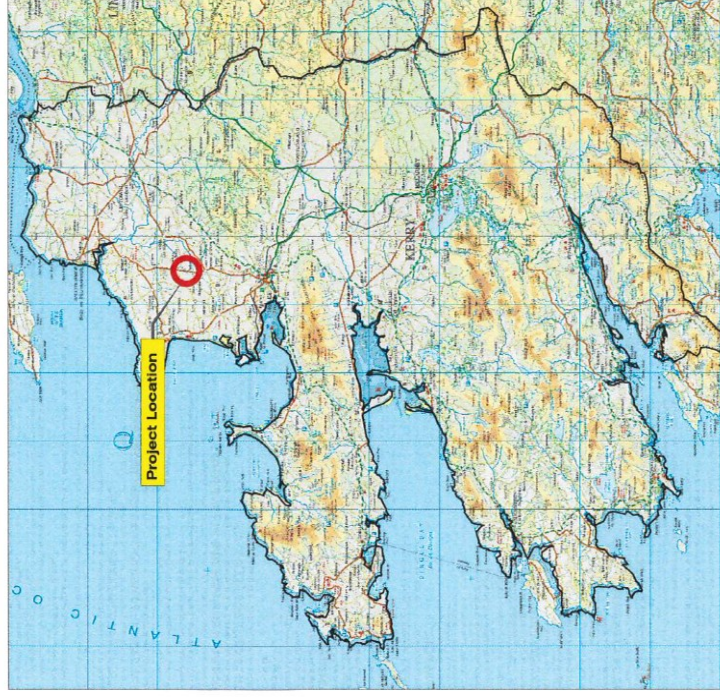
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Part 8 - Drawings

(19th March to 12th June 2020)

Kerry County Council Roads, Transportation & Marine R556 Ballinclogher to Rathscannel



Part 8 Planning Drawings

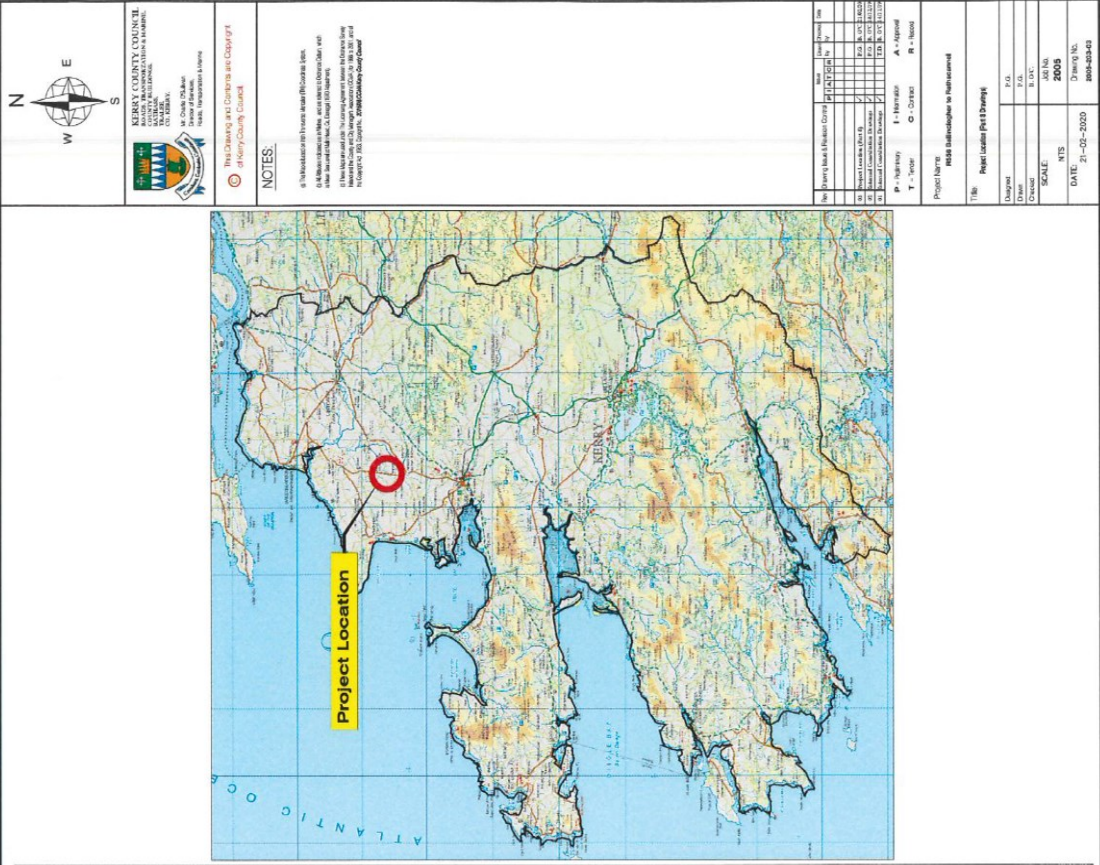
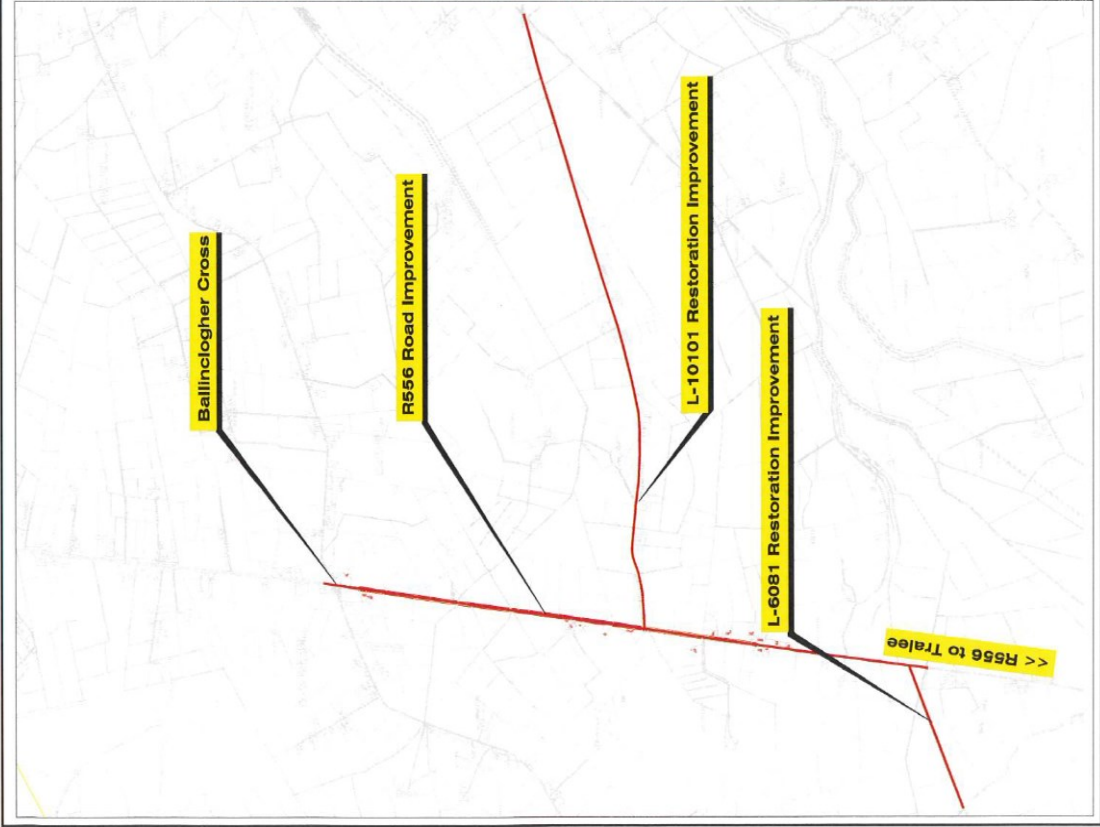
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Cllr. A. Thornton expressed her relief that there is a plan for adoption by the Members. She stated that the road had been closed for so long, and it was such a badly needed artery for the wider North Kerry road network. It was a very unfortunate delay. In her belief it was lucky there were no fatalities on the stretch of road. The Councillor reiterated her gratitude towards TD Mr Brendan Griffin for his support of the Motion and the co-operation he showed in putting a Deputation together to lobby former Minister for Transport Mr. Shane Ross.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed the progress. The state of the road inconvenienced many people for very long. The Councillor believed that the recession of 2008 delayed funding for this vital road. The Councillor acknowledged the work of Kerry County Council Engineers, in particular Mr. Eamon Scanlon and Mr. Mike McEnery. Cllr. T. Barry welcomed the news and thanked the Engineers for their efforts over the past years for their unwavering support.

Cllr. M. Kennelly acknowledged the work of the MD Engineers and welcomed the Part VIII Process. It is hoped that the work can begin on the Rathscannel Road as soon as is possible. Cathaoirleach Mr. M. Foley thanked Mr. Brendan Griffin, TD for his efforts in helping secure the necessary funding.

Cllr. J. Moloney acknowledged the cross-party agreement that allowed the Members to secure funding for the Dale Road project. He also acknowledged the role of the MD Engineers in their proposals for improving the perilous state of the R556. The Councillor believed this to be excellent news for the whole North Kerry Region.

2. Economic & Community Development Directorate

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

It was agreed to note the Report from Economic and Community Development.

**Economic and Community Development
Report**

LISTOWEL Municipal District

DATE: 13th 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	1,575
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 LCDC 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 LCDC 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

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:

House in Ballyduff	€2,941
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Planning Policy

The Material Alterations to the DRAFT Listowel MD LAP and Variation No. 3 of the Listowel Town Development Plan are, at present, on public display. A report on the submissions / observations received will be completed shortly and submitted to the elected members for consideration at a meeting of the MD and Full Council.

After the report was read to the Members, Cllr. J. Moloney queried the level of Community Support Fund and associated Grants. He felt that it was unfair that any monies that were promised pre-lockdown were withdrawn, especially when the LPT increase was voted through by the Members for the very purpose of the CSF. Cllr. T. Barry echoed the sentiments of Cllr. J. Moloney. Cllr. R. Beasley supported the Councillors and felt it was most unfair on Groups to not receive their funding support.

Both Cllr. A. Thornton and the Cathaoirleach M. Foley agreed with the sentiments of their fellow Councillors and felt it was only fair that they would have an explanation from Community in relation to the matter.

Municipal District Manager Mr. J. Kennelly advised the Members that he would seek clarification on Community Support Fund

(b) Notices of Motion

None

(c) Questions

- 1. Cllr. T. Barry:** Will Kerry County Council please work together with the Gardai to ensure that the proposed roll out of the "See Something, Say Something Campaign" in Listowel Town will commence as soon as possible?

REPLY: The MDO has made contact with the Gardai and they are awaiting a revised roll out date of the "*See Something, Say Something Campaign*" in Listowel.

Welcoming the reply, Cllr. T. Barry expressed his hope that the campaign would be rolled out for Listowel Town at the earliest opportunity.

3. Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate

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

The report was noted by the Members as follows:

Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Report

Listowel Municipal District

DATE: July 13th, 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	6822
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
<i>Total Number of Mobilisations</i>	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

<i>BUILDING CONTROL-</i>	<i>May 2019</i>	<i>May 2020</i>
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

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

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Status Summary at 30th June 2020

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

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

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

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

IRISH WATER MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE

The following information has been provided by Irish Water.

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

<u>WASTE-WATER PROJECTS IN THE LISTOWEL M.D.</u>	
Project	Status
Listowel and Ballylongford DRAINAGE AREA PLANS	Consulting Engineer Ove Arup Ltd has been appointed for the preparation of these Drainage Area Plans , and the Tralee and Killarney DAPs. The preparation of the Ballylongford and the Listowel Plans are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2020.
Ballylongford WW Scheme	New waste water treatment plant completed 2016; Drainage Area Plan being done in conjunction with Plans for Tralee, Killarney and Listowel; Connections Work Contract, value circa €120K - Tendering Docs, prepared by KCC, under review with IW; KCC submission for €245K funding for Well St and Quay St Sewers also with IW; Outcome of DAP will affect these projects.
Lixnaw WWTP	Work by Contractor underway since Sep. – completion in Autumn 2020

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

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

<u>COUNTYWIDE CAPITAL PROJECT</u>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Water Treatment Plants works	Disinfection Upgrades at WTPs	€1.25M	Ongoing; 20No. WTPs complete; 29No. including Ballyheigue WSS, yet to be done

The list of **current** projects in the Listowel Municipal District is outlined in the following table:

<u>LISTOWEL M.D. - CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME</u>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
NKRWSS: Dromin Listowel Water Treatment Plant	Remodelling of building	€700,000	Planning Permission granted 2017; Site Investigation completed Oct 19; Funding not currently available

Church Street watermains

The €50K replacement of 200M of this main, in conjunction with imminent roadworks, was a the priority item of a €4M prioritised submission by the Council to Irish Water for funding in March 2020. Irish water have advised that the 2020 mains rehab budget has already been fully allocated and the water-main in Upper Church Street is not on Irish Water's priority planned works for 2020.

NEW RESERVOIRS PROGRAMME

The provision of ten new reservoirs throughout the county, to improve security of water supply, is planned. **Tarbert** is included and it is intended that a Planning application for a new reservoir beside the existing in Tieraclea will be lodged in 2020. The combination of both reservoirs will ensure 24-hour storage for this area.

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.

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 now developed a **protocol to facilitate its Takeover of Group Schemes.**

Substantial funding has been included in the **Programme for Upgrade Prior To Takeover Works** (mains' replacement) at **Clanmaurice** and **Lyreacrompane GWSSs**. Investigation works are currently underway with a view to carrying out extensive pipe replacement works in the network served by Trisk reservoir (Clanmaurice GWSS) on Kerryhead.

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.

Tralee Town has been the initial focus area of the Find and Fix Programme in Kerry.

The 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 deployment of one van crew from Coffey Northumbrian Limited, the Irish Water appointed contractor whose '**Find**' van crew is helping in building a repository of potential leak locations for follow-on investigation and repair by the **Fix** van crews.

Following extensive works in Tralee, Dingle and Castleisland, **the Council's WSs crews have also been involved in works, some at night, in Listowel Town.**

Noting the report, Cllr. A. Thornton expressed her indignation that the issues at Church Street, Listowel are not regarded or deemed as a “priority” for Irish Water. The Councillor opined that a delegation needs to be sent to Irish Water at the earliest opportunity for an explanation.

MD Manager Mr J. Kennelly notified the Members that Director of Water Services Mr. J. Breen hoped that Irish Water would attend a Clinic at the next Municipal Meeting in September. Irish Water have refused, stating that resources are not available for such a Meeting at the present time.

Cllr. J. Moloney echoed the sentiments of Cllr. A. Thornton and stated his own dissatisfaction with the whole situation. In his belief, Irish Water have treated the people of Listowel with contempt and dismissiveness. The Councillor agreed that a Delegation be sent to Minister Darragh O’Brien, Minister for Water. Cllr. M. Kennelly echoed the sentiments of the Members and believes that huge capital investment is needed throughout the entire North Kerry Region. The whole town is affected by shortages when Church Street is affected.

Cathaoirleach M. Foley reiterated that the entire North Kerry area needs a Local Support Representative that can deliver communication better and provide feedback on concerns and provide fair and proper support to the local people.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. T. Barry:** That Kerry County Council will address the ongoing issue of dumping at the Bog Road, Dirha West, Listowel.

REPLY: This road is patrolled regularly by the litter warden for the area. The Warden reports that littering/dumping has not been a problem there of late with just small bags of waste being found from time to time. When a bag is found it is removed and disposed of and where evidence is found, a litter fine is issued.

Welcoming the reply, Cllr. T. Barry hoped that signs could be erected at the location to try and dissuade those culpable from dumping in this area.

2. **Cllr. T. Barry:** That in the event of any future breaks in the water supply that the public will get a more up to date progress report as repairs are been carried out. For example, as to when supply will be restored.

REPLY: When an unplanned interruption to the water supply occurs, the Council’s Water Services Department places a Notice, which includes the estimated time of restoration of the service, with Radio Kerry. Details are also supplied to Irish Water. If the repair time is significantly longer than expected due to unforeseen circumstances, the Notice is updated.

Noting the reply, Cllr. T. Barry stated that the Members ideally would like to see a text service support put in place through Irish Water as a solution so as to notify customers when the service is disrupted.

3. **Cllr. T. Barry:** That Kerry County Council will address the ongoing issue of the dumping of domestic rubbish and of shopping trolleys in the laneway at the rear of O’Connell’s Avenue, Listowel.

REPLY: Kerry County Council are very aware of the ongoing issues at this location and both the Litter Warden and Municipal District Enforcement Officer will continue to monitor the area and deal with any incidences of illegal dumping that arise. The issue of abandoned trolleys in the area is ongoing and further discussions are required with a local supermarket.

Municipal District Officer Mr. A. Smith notified the Members and Executive that there have been discussions in the past with the local supermarkets in the town. Not all of the chains will collect the trolleys when they are collated from the estates and left in a common area. Some comply, others do not. The MD Officer accepted that it is very frustrating for the residents of the estates in the town to see such dumping occurring close to their homes.

Cllr. M. Kennelly also queried whether cameras could be put in place within the estates to deal with the issues of dumping and anti-social behaviour. In response to the query, Mr. G. O'Brien AO Environment stated that the Litter Warden gives due attention at all times to the areas that are visited. Furthermore Mr. G. O'Brien added that an Audit was conducted by the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner whose results deemed that use of CCTV Cameras are not permitted within these estates.

Cllr. A. Thornton queried whether drones could be used to combat illegal dumping. Cllr. M. Kennelly stated that the big issue with enforcement is Data Protection. The Councillor queried whether the Council can install cameras at known "littering hotspots". Gardaí do not want to do same. Cllr. R. Beasley expressed his support for the sentiments and believes that the lack of cameras and lack of enforcement is the issue at hand here.

4. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** When can we expect to see the return of the small Sewage Scheme for the likes of Asdee, Ballyduff and the smaller villages in the Municipal District?

REPLY: There is no existing waste-water scheme in Asdee and the construction of a new scheme for Asdee is not included in the current national **Irish Water Capital Investment Plan**. Irish Water has indicated that it is prioritizing investment in improving existing the wastewater collection and treatment facilities, in order to achieve compliance with regulatory and legal requirements.

Ballyduff Sewerage Scheme is not included in the current Irish Water Capital Investment Plan. Irish Water has written that the Ballyduff Wastewater Treatment Plant has been assessed and included in its funding submission to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) but, because of the capital investment required and current prioritisation, it is not possible to give a schedule for future upgrade works.

Reply was noted by Cllr. R. Beasley.

5. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** That Kerry County Council make every effort to return the Blue Flag for the North Beach, Ballybunion for 2021. This will involve removing the surface water that is coming off the land and flowing onto the beach adjacent to the Gleann Road.

REPLY: There is every reason to expect that Ballybunion North will recover its excellent water quality and Blue Flag status for 2021. The Blue Flag was lost this year on the basis of water quality which is assessed based on a 4-year cycle using a statistical method based on 95 percentiles. It must be stressed that the water quality at the beach is still regarded as good status and thus suitable for swimming. However, losing excellent status means that it has not been awarded Blue Flag status by the International Blue Flag Jury this year.

Ballybunion North is impacted by a very large catchment area which is impacted from various potential sources along the Shannon and Feale/Cashen catchments. All of these potential impacts are exacerbated after heavy rainfall. The summer of 2019, particularly the latter part, had above average rainfall.

Kerry County Council previously undertook extensive investigations of the surface water and foul sewer network in the vicinity of the North Beach. As a result of these investigations, a section of foul sewer was re-laid, and a weir was installed in the storm sewer line in an effort to divert excess water flowing directly to the beach. Diversion of surface water from the land referred to here would require provision of an alternative discharge route and discharge location. We will liaise with the MD Office and Irish Water to investigate what options might be available in that regard.

Noting the reply, Cllr. R. Beasley stated that the issue with wastewater is a huge issue, and testimony to precisely why the Blue Flag status was lost at the North Beach. It is a huge health and safety issue here; it is really shocking that the issue is ongoing.

In response, AO Environment Mr G. O'Brien stated that the huge catchment of water flowing into the North Beach is what is causing the issue. SEE Water Services Mr. C. Mangan replied that storm water simply cannot be turned into a sewer. The task for Water Services is to find out where the original point of pollution is coming from.

- 6. Cllr. A. Thornton:** Request to all Members, our Taoiseach and COMREG to support my call to all mobile phone and broadband service providers to open a local representative line to all local county councillors as exists with Irish Water.

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

Cllr. A. Thornton expressed her frustration with the delays and difficulties of older people trying to get in touch with their service providers throughout the pandemic. Poor service and dropping broadband coverage are synonymous with several areas of the Municipal District and older residents have a lot of difficulty trying to order prescriptions, do their online shopping and receive phone calls amongst other issues. Getting assistance from the support desk is also an issue, with people experiencing long waiting times on support lines.

In addition, the poor service is hindering individuals who now require to work from home owing to the Covid-19 pandemic. Cllr. M. Foley and Cllr. M. Kennelly both supported the motion.

Correspondence will be issued to both COMREG and An Taoiseach in order to raise the concerns of the Listowel MD Members.

7. **Cllr. A. Thornton:** What is the update from Irish Water and the Council regarding investment in pipe replacement in Listowel and Moyvane?

REPLY: When contacted specifically on this issue earlier this year, Irish Water wrote that the water-main in Upper Church Street is not among its planned priority works for 2020.

The €130K replacement of 550M of these old and deficient 250MM and 150MM diameter mains, also in The Square / Bridge St., in conjunction with imminent roadworks, was among the first items of a €4M prioritised submission by the Council to IW in March and again in June 2020.

The €240K replacement of 1600M of the old and deficient 100MM diameter water main at **Ahavoher, Moyvane**, also in conjunction with imminent roadworks, was included (No.18) in the €4M prioritised submission by the Council to IW in March and again in June 2020. No funding has been made available.

Response noted by Cllr. A. Thornton.

8. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council ensure the current bye laws relating to No Dogs Allowed in our Cemeteries be fully enforced.

REPLY: The Dog Wardens will arrange to increase their patrols in burial grounds where this problem exists.

Welcoming the reply, Cllr. M. Kennelly stated that this issue is increasing and exacerbated with the amount of people at home during the pandemic and going out to walk their pets. Animals are openly running loose in graveyards soiling the grave areas and leading to anxiety and upset for families. The Councillor wished to know of the penalty for such flouting of the laws. AO Environment Mr. G. O'Brien notified the Councillor that the bye laws in existence will prosecute and individual but there is no fine for same.

9. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council formally request the attendance of Irish Water Management to our Listowel Municipal Meeting on the 13th July and Explain why the Listowel area is not a priority for immediate Investment.

REPLY: Following the Listowel MD Meeting in March, Kerry County Council wrote on 11/3/20 to Irish Water to ask for a meeting on this issue. Irish Water replied that it does not have the resources available to attend Council or Municipal District meetings at this time. Following the recent MD briefing in June, a further letter issued to Irish water requesting a meeting with the Listowel MD members.

The Director of the Water Services Department has again written this week to invite Irish Water to hold a specific Listowel Municipal District Clinic meeting on the 13th July 2020.

The Members explained that are extremely unhappy with responses to date from Irish Water and feel that the Municipal District Members should lobby Irish Water for a commitment to meet the Members at a future Municipal District Meeting. Cllr. J. Moloney stated that he would seek a deputation to

speak with Minister Darragh O'Brien in relation to the continuing issues occurring with Irish Water.

(c) Questions

1. **Cllr. T. Barry:** Can Kerry County Council please put in place a plan to deal with the issue of littering at the River Feale area of Listowel Town.

REPLY: We are aware of some littering along the river at the moment. Because of Covid 19 restrictions over the last number of months the clean ups usually carried out by the Rural Social Scheme, TUS, CE schemes and Kerry County Council staff in Listowel did not take place and have only recently resumed. It is hoped that once the normal clean up routines bed down again the problem will be resolved. Anti-litter signage is in place in the area and the litter warden will carry out additional patrols and monitoring of the area to deter the public from littering.

Response noted by Cllr. T. Barry, and the Councillor welcomed the work that is being undertaken to tackle the littering problem at the location.

2. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** When can we expect to see the wall being repaired at Ratoo Church, Ballyduff?

REPLY: Kerry County Council currently does not have the funding available to rebuild the 15-metre section of this 3.5-metre-high wall that has collapsed. We will arrange to have the stone tidied up and for a temporary fence to be erected in the interim.

Response noted by Cllr. R. Beasley.

3. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council immediately revisit our current bye laws in our public open spaces regarding Dogs unmuzzled and off their Leashes.

REPLY: It is not considered necessary to amend the Byelaws in our open spaces regarding dogs as the Control of Dogs Act 1986 provides sufficient enforcement powers to deal with unmuzzled dogs and requires owners to keep their dogs under effectual control at all times.

AO Environment Mr. G. O'Brien further updated the Members that recently the Dog Wardens carried out 4 inspections at Listowel Town Park and spoke to a total of 15 dog owners. All had scooper bags and were compliant with the bye laws in terms of their leashes. He further reiterated that that the Wardens are fulfilling their duties but are not out on a 24-hour basis, and any offences are carried out during non-policed hours.

Cllr. M. Kennelly replied that it is his belief that a Public Awareness Campaign would work wonders in improving compliance with the laws.

4. Cllr. J. Moloney: What is the update on the Ballyduff Sewage Scheme?

REPLY: Ballyduff Sewerage Scheme is not included in the current Irish Water Capital Investment Plan. Irish Water has written that the Ballyduff Wastewater Treatment Plant has been assessed and included in its funding submission to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) but, because of the capital investment required and current prioritisation, it is not possible to give a schedule for future upgrade works.

Response noted by Cllr. J Moloney.

4. Housing Directorate

(a) To note update report from Housing Directorate.

The report was noted as read by the Members:

HOUSING DIRECTORATE REPORT

LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Date: 3rd JULY 2020

Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue

Housing Report – LISTOWEL

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	759
Net Need for Listowel MD (excluding transfers)	447
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	79

Breakdown by Bed No.

1-Bed	381
2-Bed	195
3-Bed	134
4-Bed	47
5-Bed	2
Total	759

- **Void Management**

Municipal District breakdown	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	4
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	7
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	10
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	0
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	3
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	24

- **Social Housing Options**

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	27	941
RAS	2	107
Leasing	7	49
HAP	43	207

4 Housing Construction 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>
Woodview Place, Tarbert	22	4no. 3 bed 8no. 2 bed 10no. 1 bed	Dec 2020	Feb 2022
Marconi (South) Ballybunion	14	6no. 3 bed 4no. 2 bed 4no. 1 bed	Jul 2021	Jul 2022
Rusheen, Ballylongford	7	2no. 3 bed 2no. 2 bed 3no. 1 bed	Jul 2021	Jul 2022

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>
Glénach (Marconi) Ballybunion	20	10 no. 2 bed 10no. 3 bed	Dec 2019	Feb 2021
Baile An Gharraí, Lixnaw, Final Phase	10	8no. 3 bed 2no. 2 bed	Feb 2020	Mar 2021

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2020, 352 requests for repairs have been received for the Listowel Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2020, 84 grants have been allocated in the Listowel Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

Since 1st January, 2020, no bedroom extension has been allocated in the Listowel Municipal District.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** That Kerry County Council carry out the necessary repairs at the Marconi Housing Estate, Ballybunion. A survey was carried out in 2017 & 2018 and this showed that locks and hinges on the doors were affected by salty air. This also applies to houses in the Doon area.

REPLY: The tenant of a Local Authority house is responsible all external doors, locks and handles. This applies irrespective of the age of the property; it is a condition of the tenancy agreement and is outlined in the Tenant's handbook.

Reply noted by Cllr. R. Beasley. With reference to the Directorate Report, Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed the news of the upcoming builds for Ballybunion.

(c) Questions

1. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council give an update on the issues relating to the Benmore Estate in Ballyduff?

REPLY: Kerry County Council's Tenancy Management Team continue to work with the residents and community organisations in relation to Benmore Estate. Some of the activities have been restricted during the recent lockdown. A number of completed capital programs by Kerry County Council have been well received in the estate. The upgrade of the footpath, the enhanced parking area and kerbing improvement have all been completed.

There have been some reports of inappropriate behaviour in parts of the estate. The Tenancy Management Team of Kerry County Council will continue to work with the other stakeholders in the estate to resolve any issues that may arise.

Cllr. M. Kennelly welcomed the reply from the Housing Department and the update on the situation in Benmore Estate.

5. Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate

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

The Roads, Transportation & Marine Report was noted by the Members.

Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate Report

Listowel Municipal District

Date: 13th July 2020

Director of Service: Charlie O'Sullivan

1 Roads, Transportation and Marine

1.1 National Roads

N69 Listowel Bypass (Major Scheme)

The Contract Documents for Main Construction Contract have been drafted and are ready for publication. TII approval is required in advance of tender publication for the business case documentation. Work is nearing completion on this documentation which will be submitted to TII and DPER to obtain the required approval. It is expected that the contract will be tendered in late 2020, with a potential start date of Spring 2021.

The advance site clearance works were suspended due to Covid -19 restrictions and the tree clearance and remaining fencing will be completed under ecological supervision later this year.

The land acquisition process is continuing with ongoing consultation on land acquisition and accommodation works.

N69 Listowel Main Street to Kerry Foods (Pavement Schemes)

Survey work to enable the design has been carried out. Design work and consultation with Irish Water, Gas Networks and ESB is ongoing along with preparation of the Pavement Asset Repair and Renewal report for submission to TII for approval.

N69 Upper Church Street, Listowel (Pavement Schemes)

Survey work to enable the design has been carried out. Design work and consultation with Irish Water, Gas Networks and ESB is ongoing along with preparation of the Pavement Asset Repair and Renewal report for submission to TII for approval.

A feasibility report for the HD15 Safety Works element this scheme has been submitted to the TII safety section in January 2020 and March 2020. Comments received have been incorporated and the revised report will be resubmitted to TII in July. A Part 8 process will be required for these works and the preparation of the Part 8 documents has commenced with a view to publication of Part 8 in Q3 2020.

1.2 Listowel Municipal District 2020 Roadworks Programme

The Listowel Municipal District 2020 Roadworks Programme was ratified at a Special Meeting of the members of the Municipal District of Listowel on Thursday 14th May 2020. The 2020 Roads Programme works are progressing since the return to work on 18th May 2020 following COVID 19 Government restrictions.

1.3 Restoration Improvement Programme 2020

The Listowel Municipal District 2020 Restoration Improvement Programme is progressing with approximately 35% complete to date.

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Progress
R-551	Ballyheigue - Ardfert	900	
L-1011	Ballyconry - Dromurrin	1,500	
R-556	Dillons Cross - Dromcunnig Cross	410	Complete
L-1028	Crotta GAA- Kilflynn	710	
L-1033	Ballyheigue - Dromtoor	620	Complete
L-6014	Tullamore, Ballybunion	570	Complete
L-1401	Greenville	270	
L-1028	Six Crosses- Irremore	1,950	Complete
L-6326	Woodview	330	
R-552	Listowel - Ballylongford	3,100	
L-1018	Dromin - Clounmacon	2,400	Complete
L-1021	Moyvane - Tarmons	3,160	
L-1021	Moyvane - Ahavoher	2,000	
L-6113	Dirha Cottages	550	Complete
Total	Restoration Improvement Programme	18,470	

1.4 Restoration Maintenance Programme 2020

The Listowel Municipal District 2020 Restoration Maintenance Programme is progressing with approximately 22% complete to date.

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	
L-10101	Derryvrin	5,300	
L-6081	Rathscannell Cross- Ballysheen Cross	800	
R-551	Ballyconry - Bend past Mulvihills	1,000	
L-1000	Bromore West- Kilconley School	1,300	
L-1032	Slievawaddra (Barrons)- Ardagh Cross	500	
L-6014	Tullamore - Lahesheragh	1,300	Complete
L-10017	Urlee	1,400	Complete
L-6013	Leansaghane -Derra Cross	1,740	
L-6046	Dromartin Upper- Ardagh Cross	1,500	Complete
L-6044	Dromartin Cross - Dromartin South Cross	950	
R-551	Craughdarrig West Cross- Derra Cross	450	
L-6057	Ahabeg Cross- Ahabeg Middle Cross	700	
L-10442	Ahabeg West, Lixnaw (Retro CIS)	622	
R-551	Ballylongford - Ahanagran	1,700	
Total	Restoration Maintenance Programme	19,262	

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	
L-1020	N-69- Ahavoher	3,200	
L-1016	Kilbaha	2,000	
L-1008	Coolkeragh West Cross- Coolard School	670	Complete
L-6033	Guineys Cross -Wooden Bridge	1,660	Complete
L-1011	Dromurrin School - Ballyouneen	1,700	
R-557	Finuge - Coolnaleen Cross	1,335	
Total	Supplementary Maintenance Programme	10,565	
Total	Restoration Maintenance Programme	29,827	

1.5 Drainage Programme 2020

The Listowel Municipal District 2020 Drainage Programme has commenced. The primary focus of resources at present is the Restoration Improvement and Maintenance Programmes as these operations are weather dependent.

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)
L-6076-0	Kilflynn National School - Crotta Cross (Green Road)	1500
L-6507-49	Laccamore North - Kilflynn	2000
L-6075-38	Leampreaghane - Knocknakilly	2300
L-10538-0	Glanballyma	1200
L-1031-50	Ballincrossig - Sleeveen Cross	3500
L-10087-0	Sheepwalk, Ballyduff	1700
L-6039-0	Ardcullen West Cross- Lacca Cross	1600
L-6038-30	Ardcullen West cross - The Cashen	2000
L-6041-10	Knocknacree Cross - WaterTower, Ballyduff	2500
L-10432-0	Castleshannon North Cross	1000
L-1032-79	Meenoghane Cross - Castleshannon Cross	4000
L-6085-15	Ballylongane Cross - Dreenagh (Maulin)	2000
L-6087-0	Ballylongane Upeer - Dromatoor Upper	2000
L-1033-88	Tiduff - Ballylongane	2000
L-1030-24	Kilmoley Church - Bawnmore Cross	1500
L-10450-0	Bawnmore, Kilmoley	2100
L-10449	Togherbane, Kilmoley	2300
L-10005-0	Glanawilliam, Asdee	1200
L-2002-64	Abbeydorney Village - Ballylahive Cross	500
L-1029-48	Ballinclogher Cross - Lixnaw	4300
L-6014-0	Rahavannig Cross - Lahesheragh North	1500

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)
L-1002-21	Barrack Cross - Killeheny (Ballyeagh Rd)	1600
L-1004-62	Craughdarrig Cross- Larha	2000
L-6053	Lacka West	4,300
L-6053	Pipers Hill	2,400
L-6029	Gale Burial Ground - Coolard	2,300
L-10022	Coolard	1,210
L-6005	Shanbally - Cork Line	4,000
L-6050	Finuge - Dromclough	1,300
L-10028	Ahanagran Lower	600
L-10034	Dooncaha	1,350
L-10035	Dooncaha	560
L-10036	Dooncaha	700
L-10037	Dooncaha	850
L-10114	Slievecahill	3,200
L-6052	Ballyduhig	3,100
L-10116	Ballyduhig	732
L-10043	Glenalappa	1,410
L-10265	Bunaghara	1,420
L-6022	Steeple Road	4,200
L-10256	Tarmons	482
L-6023	Bauragroogeen	3,200
L-10023	Knockeanagh	1,300
L-6071	Mountcoal	4,000
L-6031	Cloonprohus	1,350
L-6032	Meen	1,100
L-6034	Coolatoosane- Burntwood	2,250
L-10027	Ballymackessy	1,100
TOTAL	DRAINAGE PROGRAMME	94,714

1.6 Community Involvement Schemes (CIS)

Four Community Involvement Schemes have been confirmed in Listowel Municipal District for 2020. These works will be carried out in tandem with the roads programme over the coming months.

Road Number	MD	Road Name and/or Townland	Length (m)
L-10437	Listowel	Farran, Causeway	1006
L-10440	Listowel	Cleandaries, Causeway	607
L-10463	Listowel	Ballinruddery, Listowel	790
L-10490	Listowel	Kilmoyley South	230

1.7 Local Improvement Schemes (LIS)

The 2020 Local Improvement Schemes List has been confirmed and there are no schemes for Listowel Municipal District.

1.8 Maintenance Works

Maintenance works are ongoing throughout the network. As a result of restrictions on operations due to COVID 19 there was a backlog of locations for repair which is being worked through. Patching, skirting and drainage works are being undertaken across the entire network and we are endeavouring to deal with all complaints lodged as quickly as possible.

1.9 Specific Improvement Grants

R556 – Ballinclogher to Rathscannel

The Part VIII is before the MD elected members for consideration at the MD meeting on July 13th.

The Part VIII planning application for the R556 was advertised on 19th March. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, the period of public consultation was extended until Friday 26th June. One submission was received on the project through the public consultation from Irish Water.

Separately, an application for a Section 50 drainage notice has been lodged with the OPW to allow for the replacement of three culverts along the road. Once approval has been received from the OPW it is intended to replace the three culverts.

Consultation has taken place with the service providers (ESB, Eir and IW) in relation to the service diversions required to facilitate the works and work will begin on these elements of the project once planning approval is in place.

Landowner engagement is also under way to finalise the purchase of the lands required to complete the project

L-1010

An issue in relation to the presence of energised electrical infrastructure in the ground impacting on the realigned road proposal has been resolved with EirGrid. Preparatory design works and safety management planning are ongoing to facilitate a commencement to the road construction.

KCC would be ready to commence works on the new road alignment in Q3 2020 subject to the completion of ongoing EirGrid works.

1.10 EirGrid Project

ESB contractors are progressing works in relation to the cable pulling and jointing. To facilitate these works a full road closure is in place between Knockanure football pitch and Knockanure church from Monday the 6th until Friday the 24th of July. This is a full 24 hour road closure with no through traffic allowed. Diversion routes will be in place via the Athea-Listowel Road, N69 and Kyleagurteen Road. Local access

only will be permitted up to the road closure locations from Bambury's Cross and the Ahavoher Graveyard.

This phase of the cable pulling, and jointing work is planned to be substantially complete in August and the Roads Restoration Improvement works are planned to take place before the end of September subject to appropriate weather conditions.

1.11 Bridge Rehabilitation Works

R552 Clieveragh, Listowel

Design and contract documents have been prepared. IW approval has been requested and is waited for the service diversion required in advance of publishing the Tender. KCC liaising with IW to progress this proposal.

R554 Moybella North Bridge

Design of replacement structure ongoing. Part 8 process to commence in late Q3 2020.

L1023 Kilmorna Bridge

Traffic reduced to one lane following a bridge inspection. Consultants appointed to carry out a detailed structural assessment to specify the repairs required.

2 PUBLIC LIGHTING & HEDGE CUTTING UPDATE

2.1 Public lighting

No. of faults reported since last meeting: 68

No. of faults repaired within 12 working days: 65

No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 1

This report was generated on **3rd July 2020** for the interim period from 1st May 2020

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

<i>Job Ticket ID</i>	<i>Defect Description</i>	<i>Unit Number</i>	<i>Postal Street Name</i>	<i>Date Reported</i>	<i>Reason</i>
15078	Lamp out	5994	Strand Road, Ballyheigue	02/05/2020	Cable Fault
16241	Lamp out	16664	Galvins Cross, Lixnaw	03/06/2020	ESB works required

2.2 Hedgecutting Status update

Status Report on Hedgecutting in Listowel Municipal District

	March	April	May	June	TOTAL
Number of hedgecutting complaints received since 1 st March 2020 from Councillors & Others with breakdown by month	10	0	6	13	29

Breakdown of Complaints	Cllr	3	Other (Public, KCC, Deputies)	26
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Number of these complaints investigated.	29	2 on hold
Number of these complaints identified for follow up action	6	

Number Of Hedges Cut By Land Owner by asking them Prior to Any Notice	21
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Number of Hedgecutting Notices Issued	Advisory	8
	Formal	8

Number of Hedges cut by landowner / occupier following issuing of notice	Advisory	2
	Formal	3

Number of hedges cut by Council where landowner / occupier failed to comply with notice	0
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Number of Invoices Issued where hedge cut by Council and value of same	0
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Number of cases referred to law agents for legal action, where invoices not paid.	0
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3 Capital Infrastructure Unit

3.1 Great Southern Trail Extension to Listowel

Construction works commenced in March 2020 on the Listowel to Limerick County Bounds Greenway. The site was closed for a period of 2 months due to the COVID 19 restrictions. It is anticipated that works will be complete at the end of Q4 2021. 20% of site clearance works is complete and 15% of a crushed stone capping layer has been laid to date on the project.

3.2 North Kerry Greenway Listowel to Tralee

The initial stage of preparation for the planning process for the Listowel to Tralee line Greenway is the public consultation process and consultation with the landowners adjoining the line. Due to the restrictions on public and face to face meetings over the last number of months, it has not been possible to progress these meetings. The Capital Infrastructure are developing a protocol on how this consultation can proceed having regard to Government guidelines and it is intended that consultation with landowners will recommence within the coming weeks.

4 MARINE

4.1 Coastal Protection L-1033 Cliff Road, Ballyheigue

Following consultation with the OPW a revised Coastal Erosion Application for the Cliff Road, Ballyheigue was submitted in May 2020 for which a funding offer was received on 30th June 2020.

The funding will cover 90% of the costs, will enable us to carry out a detailed topographic and bathymetric survey, along with detailed design/construction of a 30m length of rock revetment to stabilise the cliff adjacent to the L-1033 Cliff Road, Ballyheigue.

4.2 Flood Protection – Clieveragh Flood Relief Scheme

The Clieveragh Flood Relief Scheme has been estimated at over €800,000. As there is a significant shortfall in the level of funding available from the OPW for the overall scheme, the Council sought to have the culvert element funded from the roads grant as it is part of the road network. Funding of €150,000 was secured in 2020 and it is proposed to go to tender for this element of the scheme. Due to work restrictions imposed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, some delays have been experienced in securing approval from other agencies on service diversions and statutory requirements to allow for the completion of the tender documentation. The Council will be in a position to go to tender when these consents are received. Requirements in relation to controlling the risk of the spread of Covid-19 will also have to be incorporated into the tender documentation.

A Minor Works Application for the remaining substantial element (over €700,000) of the Clieveragh Scheme (Impoundment area, overflow channel etc.) has been made to the OPW and we await the outcome of this application.

5 KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL SAFE AND WELCOMING STREETS MOBILITY PLAN

In moving to Phase 3 of the government's roadmap for reopening society and businesses on Monday 29th June 2020, Listowel MD staff are continuing with the implementation of temporary measures as set out in Kerry County Council's 'Safe and welcoming streets COVID-19 Town Centre Mobility Plan'.

The following is brief summary of progress of the implementation works:

Listowel Town:

- The temporary blocking off of parking spaces, to be used as pedestrian refuge/passing bays, took place on Saturday 27th June 2020 with the installation of bollards on Church Street, William Street and The Square;
- The installation of a temporary boardwalk took place on Friday 26th June 2020 in one of the parking spaces identified to be used as a pedestrian refuge/passing bay, on Church Street near Allo's Restaurant;
- Temporary road markings indicating the 15 minute 'set down' and age friendly parking' are approximately 80% complete and will be completed by the end of this week Friday 3rd July 2020. Temporary 'set down' and 'age friendly' signs have been installed;
- Supplementary social distancing stencilling in yellow will has been installed;
- 'Safe Destination Kerry' signage in the form of banner/flag signs and aluminium signs will be installed by Friday 10th July 2020.

Ballybunion, Ballyheigue, Ballylongford and Tarbert:

- Supplementary social distancing stencilling in yellow has been installed;
- 'Safe Destination Kerry' signage in the form of banner/flag signs and aluminium signs to be installed by Friday 10th July 2020.

The plan and the temporary measures implemented will be reviewed in line with government and health and safety guidance at each phase of the government's roadmap and as announcements are provided.

Notwithstanding this, in the event there is no change to government guidance, there is also a commitment that the temporary measures being implemented will be reviewed in the Autumn through a formal process under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act.

It is also worthy of note, the mobility plan is in line with national guidance in the form of the 'Interim Advice Note - Covid 19 Pandemic Response' which is an update to the 'Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS)' issued by the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (DTTAS).

Charlie O'Sullivan

Director of Services

Members welcomed the update on the R556 Planning Process. The MD Manager notified the Members that the public consultation period was extended owing to Covid-19; application for Section 50 consent has been made to replace the three culverts; consultation taking place with service providers in relation to the service diversions and there is engagement with landowner relating to the purchase of the lands required.

In relation to updates on the Listowel Greenway, Members were reminded that the Pandemic has resulted in consultation process being deferred. Capital Infrastructure are developing protocols as to how consultations can proceed in the coming weeks.

In relation to the *Public Realm Plan for Listowel*, MD Officer Mr. A. Smith notified the Members that the 2019 submission was made through the Heritage Council, similar to the previous submission from 2016.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. T. Barry:** That the Members get an update as to when the lights will be installed at the approach to the Writings and the Cahirdown Woods estates in Listowel.

REPLY: The Public Lighting section confirmed these planned works were postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The works have been rescheduled and carried out by August.

Response noted by Cllr. T. Barry.

2. **Cllr. T. Barry:** That Kerry County Council will carry out repairs to the road surface at Glenballyna Waterfall bridge the L10538.

REPLY: This road will be added to the repairs list for minor repairs.

Response noted by Cllr. T. Barry.

3. **Cllr. T. Barry:** That Kerry County Council carry out repairs on the L1026 road to Lyreacompane where some sections are starting to deteriorate at the grass margins.

REPLY: This road will be added to the repairs list for minor repairs.

Response noted by Cllr. T. Barry.

4. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** That Kerry County Council carry out the necessary works at Cinema Lane, Ballybunion which was in great condition after Councillors Allocation many years ago but then a sewage pipe collapsed. This pipe was eventually repaired but the road was never repaired. This laneway is used by a lot of elderly people when going to do their shopping and collecting pensions.

REPLY: Water Services carried out repair works to the sewer line at this location. Road reinstatement costs have been requested from Water Services/Irish Water to fund the necessary road reinstatement works which will be carried out on receipt of funding.

Response welcomed by Cllr. R. Beasley.

5. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** That the necessary improvements be carried out on the road from Corridans Cross along the road known as Coolkeragh Road towards the R552, which will need to be dug out as it is built on bog, similar to the Dale Road.

REPLY: Further to clarification received from Councillor Beasley this section of road is on the R-552 Ballylongford – Listowel road. This road and location are on the Restoration Improvement Programme for 2020 at a cost of €322,000. These works are planned to be carried out by September.

Response welcomed by Cllr. R. Beasley.

6. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** That the water lodging adjacent to Killheanna Graveyard Ballybunion be directed into the drain on the opposite side of the road which should have been done when Councillor Allocation money was used to carry out improvements.

REPLY: Works will be carried out to address the drainage issue at this location.

Response welcomed by Cllr. R. Beasley.

7. **Cllr. A. Thornton:** That Kerry County Council update on the progress on the R556 and the planning process.

REPLY: The Part VIII planning application for the R556 was advertised on 19th March. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, the period of public consultation was extended until Friday 26th June. In this regard a report is before the members today under Item 1(b)1 of the agenda.

Separately, an application for Section 50 consent has been submitted to the OPW to allow for the replacement of three culverts along the road. On receipt of the OPW Section 50 consent it is planned to replace the three culverts in advance of the main road works construction.

Consultation is ongoing with the service providers (ESB, Eir and IW) in relation to the service diversions required to facilitate the works. Work will commence on these elements of the project once planning approval is in place.

Landowner engagement is also under way to finalise the purchase of the lands required to complete the project.

Response was welcomed by Cllr. A. Thornton.

MD Engineer Mr. D. O'Mahony informed the Members that these works would start as soon as possible.

8. **Cllr. A. Thornton:** That Kerry County Council update on plans for the North Kerry Greenway connector line to Tralee.

REPLY: The initial stage of preparation for the planning process for the Listowel to Tralee line Greenway is the public consultation process and consultation with the landowners adjoining the line. Due to the restrictions on public and face to face meetings over the last number of months, it has not been possible to progress these meetings. The Capital Infrastructure are developing a protocol on how this consultation can proceed having regard to Government guidelines and it is intended that consultation with landowners will recommence within the coming weeks.

Response welcomed by Cllr. A. Thornton.

9. **Cllr. A. Thornton:** What is the result of the agreed review of the Street Plan for Listowel?

REPLY: In moving to Phase 3 of the Government's roadmap for reopening society and businesses on Monday 29th June 2020, public health and government guidance did not announce changes to social distancing requirements. Listowel MD staff proceeded with the implementation of temporary measures as set out in Kerry County Council's 'Safe and welcoming streets COVID-19 Town Centre Mobility Plan' for Listowel MD with all measures installed by 10th July 2020.

The Mobility Plan aligns with national guidance in the form of the 'Interim Advice Note - Covid 19 Pandemic Response' which is an update to the 'Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS)' issued by the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport (DTTAS).

Temporary measures implemented will be reviewed in line with the next phase of the government's roadmap for reopening society and businesses and announcement scheduled for 20th July 2020.

Notwithstanding this, in the event there is no change to Government guidance, there is a commitment that the temporary measures implemented will be reviewed in the Autumn through a formal process under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act.

Cathaoirleach M. Foley stated that in his belief the “buildouts” did not work in Listowel Town. Furthermore, **Cllr. J. Moloney** felt that the plans were too similar across each MD. A similar “One Size Fits All” approach for every major town in the County clearly does not work in his opinion. The MD Manager reminded the Members that there will be a review of the measures in the Autumn of 2020 through the Road Traffic Act under Section 38.

10. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council give a complete detail and costings on the immediate reconstruction of the roads network in the Moyvane Area. The people of Moyvane deserve better.

REPLY: The following is a summary of recent and planned investment in the road network in the Moyvane area through the roads programme:

- Local Road L-1020 Ahavoher - N69, €214,500, (2019 Restoration Improvement works completed);
- Local Road L-1021 Moyvane – Tarmons, €300,000, (2020 Restoration Improvement works programmed);
- Local Road L-1021 Moyvane – Ahavoher, €200,000, (2020 Restoration Improvement works programmed);
- Local Road L-1020 N69 – Ahavoher, €79,200 (2020 Restoration Maintenance works programmed);
- Local Road L-1016 Kilbaha Road, €45,000. (2020 Restoration Maintenance works programmed).

Response noted by Cllr. M. Kennelly, who welcomed the updated on the road network in the Moyvane area.

11. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council explain why maintenance works for the Gortnamish road which was brought by Notice of Motion and approved in December 2018 has never been completed. This is now impassable for cars.

REPLY: Repair works were noted in the reply to notice of motion 14 of the January 2019 Listowel MD meeting which were carried out as part of ordinary road maintenance.

This road did not form part of the adopted 2019 Roads Programme or does not form part of the adopted 2020 Roads Programme.

The L – 10107 Gortnamish road is a local tertiary road with very low traffic volumes. This road will require significant investment and it is not possible to be funded through Council’s own resources in 2020.

Response noted by Cllr. M. Kennelly.

12. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** Has Kerry County Council completed the proposed Roads survey as passed at Operations SPC on the unsuitability of our Roads for Motorists, Cyclists and Walkers as another Cyclist this week had a dangerous

accident and required Medical Attention while cycling on our roads in North Kerry.

REPLY: The Listowel MD Pavement Surface Condition Index (PSCI) survey was completed earlier this year for the entire road network.

Response noted by Cllr. M. Kennelly.

13. **Cllr. J. Moloney:** That Kerry County Council begin the review of the Casual Trading bye laws in Listowel.

REPLY: Kerry County Council proposes to carry out a review for the proposed up-dating and variation of the Casual Trading Byelaws for the Town to accommodate and regulate emergent trading behaviours and patterns.

Response noted by Cllr. J. Moloney.

14. **Cllr. M. Foley:** That Kerry County Council carry out urgent repairs on the junction in Ballylongford Village.

REPLY: This location on the Regional Roads R551 and R552 is on the **Draft** Restoration Improvement Programme for 2022, subject to adoption. In the interim it will be added to the repairs list for minor repairs.

15. **Cllr. M. Foley:** That Kerry County Council would reinstate the sign for Lislaughlin Abbey at the entrance to the Abbey.

REPLY: A replacement sign will be installed at the previous location.

Replies noted by Cllr. M. Foley.

16. **Cllr. M. Foley:** That Kerry County Council would provide more parking spaces for the residents in Cluainin Estate on the John B Keane Road, Listowel.

REPLY: Confirmation from the residents/stakeholders will be necessary to ensure that they are satisfied with a section of green amenity area being allocated for parking. This may be suitable for CCA funding.

Reply welcomed by Cllr. M. Foley.

17. **Cllr. M. Foley:** That Kerry County Council would review the road markings which are currently in place on the R552-0 from Gortnacoca bridge to the Junction of Ballyline/Graffa. The visibility of oncoming traffic on this stretch of road is very poor.

REPLY: This location has been examined and the continuous white line from Gortnacoco will be extended towards Ballyline/Graffa to prevent overtaking.

Reply welcomed by Cllr. M. Foley.

(c) Questions

1. **Cllr. T. Barry:** How often are the public street bins being emptied in our towns and villages and public parks.?

REPLY: In Listowel Town the bins are emptied daily, in Ballybunion and Ballyheigue towns the bins are emptied daily in the summer months. The bins in the remaining towns and villages are emptied weekly.

Reply noted by Cllr. T. Barry.

2. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** When can the necessary bins be provided at Beale and Littor Beaches?

REPLY: It is not planned to provide Bins at Beale and Littor beach as they attract domestic rubbish. 'No Dumping' signage is in place.

Reply noted by Cllr. R. Beasley.

3. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** What is the update on Causeway Churchyard?

REPLY: The carpark at the Church Graveyard in Causeway is not on the planned programme of works. It may be suitable for CCA allocation.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed the reply.

4. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** When can we expect to see the vandalised wall at Ballyeigh Car Park be repaired?

REPLY: Ballybunion Tidy Towns have prepared an application for funding through CLÁR to enhance this area which includes the location of the wall and repairs.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed the reply.

5. **Cllr. T. Barry:** Would it be possible to provide some form of access onto both sides of the old pier in Tarbert from the water? This is a very popular area for swimming during the summer period and currently steps are only in place at one side.

REPLY: The Piers and Harbours section confirmed this request will require closer examination in terms of what is presently available and the proposed costs of adding additional facilities in light of current restrictions.

Cllr. T. Barry noted the reply. Listowel MD Engineer Mr. D. O'Mahony shall discuss the issue at the Old Pier at Tarbert with SE Mr. G. Riordan.

6. **Cllr. A. Thornton:** Can the Council assess the safety of the roundabout at Kenny Heights?

REPLY: The N69 pavement improvement scheme from Cahirdown Roundabout to Upper Church Street will tie-in to the roundabout. A road safety audit will be carried out for this scheme.

Cllr. A. Thornton welcomed the reply.

7. **Cllr. A. Thornton:** What is the update on the footpath from the Cloisters Abbeydorney to the village of Abbeydorney?

REPLY: Kerry County Council are endeavouring to progress the matter and are awaiting documentation to be furnished by the property owners' solicitors.

Cllr. A. Thornton noted the reply.

8. **Cllr. A. Thornton:** Will Kerry County Council facilitate a meeting with the residents of The Meadows, The Paddocks and take reasonable action to resolve issues of access from Bridge Road, Listowel.

REPLY: Kerry County Council are amenable to a meeting subject to compliance with COVID regulations.

Cllr. A. Thornton noted the reply.

9. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council immediately carry out roads maintenance on the Power line road from the N69 to the Tullamore Junction and include on the future Roads improvement Programme.

REPLY: This road will be added to the repairs list for minor repairs.

Reply welcomed by Cllr. M. Kennelly.

10. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council immediately carry out roads maintenance on the Lenamore road from the Ballylongford road to the Wooden Bridge and include on the future Road improvements programme.

REPLY: This road will be added to the repairs list for minor repairs.

Reply welcomed by Cllr. M. Kennelly.

11. **Cllr. J. Moloney:** Can the lag in the road at Gortane Cross, Ballyheigue be fixed?

REPLY: This location has been visited and the defect not immediately apparent. We are willing to meet the Councillor onsite to identify and investigate the issue.

Reply welcomed by Cllr. J. Moloney.

12. **Cllr. J. Moloney:** Are the Council responsible for the trees at the rear of Bruach na Gaille, Moyvane - if so, can they be topped?

REPLY: This area of ground is not in Kerry County Council charge and the Trees are the responsibility of the Landowners.

Cllr. J. Moloney welcomed the response.

13. **Cllr. M. Foley:** That Kerry County Council would repair the timber barrier at the L1000-82/L6004-0 junction at Craughdarrig, Asdee.

REPLY: This location is on private land and the fencing is the responsibility of the landowner.

Response noted by Cllr. M. Foley.

14. **Cllr. M. Foley:** Can urgent repairs be carried out on the L6037 road at Dirha West Listowel?

REPLY: This road will be added to the repairs list for minor repairs.

Response noted by Cllr. M. Foley.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

None

(b) Correspondence

1.	E-mail Correspondence from Irish Water in relation to the replacement of the water mains at Upper Church Street, Listowel, received on 24 th March 2020.
2.	Letter from DTTAS regarding funding for Roads in Listowel Municipal District – from January 2020 Meeting

(c) Agree Dates for the Following Meetings:

(1) To approve the following dates for the Meeting of Listowel Municipal District:

The next Ordinary Meeting for the Members of Listowel Municipal District will take place on Monday, 14th September.

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

(e) Any other Business/Aon Gnó Eile

Cllr. M. Kennelly and all of the Listowel MD Members stated they wished to extend their deepest condolences and sympathy to the family of former Member of Listowel Town Council Mr. Tim O'Leary on the loss of his beloved wife Teresa (Tess).

This concluded the Meeting at 12.15pm.

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Meetings Administrator

Cllr. M. Foley
Cathaoirleach of Listowel
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