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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN KILLARNEY SPORTS & LEISURE CENTRE, KILLARNEY ON WEDNESDAY, 08 JULY 2020

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I LÁR IONAD SPÓIRT IS FÓILLÍOCHTA CHILL ÁIRNE AR AN CHÉADAON, 08 IÚIL 2020

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

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

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

In attendance/i láthair

Ms. A. McAllen	Killarney MD Manager
Mr. J. Ahern	SEE Killarney MD
Mr. P. Corkery	Meetings Administrator
Ms. E. O'Donoghue	MD Officer
Mr. O. O'Shea	Press & Communications Officer
Mr. C. Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. T. Brosnan	AO Housing
Ms. M. Galvin	A/ASO Corporate Support

The meeting commenced at 12.00pm.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin took the Chair.

At the outset, Mr. P. Corkery briefed the Members on the protocols to be adhered for the meeting during Covid-19.

The Cathaoirleach asked for the co-operation of the Members to adhere to the 2 hour time restriction as per the guidelines.

20.07.08.01 (a) Cathaoirleach's Address

The Cathaoirleach updated the Members on the following matters:

- Update on Killarney Playground - the expected completion date is 20th July
- Safe Destination Badges - 4,000 hospitality staff have completed this training

- Independence Day in Killarney - the American Flag was raised on 4th July to honour and respect the importance of the day

(b) Confirmation of the Minutes

- (a) On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Gleeson, Seconded by Cllr. D.Grady, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney to consider and approve allocations from the 2020 Community Support Fund held on 28th February 2020 be confirmed.
- (b) On the Proposal of Cllr. N. Kelleher, Seconded by Cllr. D.Grady, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 4th March 2020 be confirmed.
- (c) On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Moloney, Seconded by Cllr. D.Grady, it was agreed that the Minutes of Meeting to consider and adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the Killarney Municipal District held on 15th May 2020 be confirmed.
- (d) On the Proposal of Cllr. B. Cronin, Seconded by Cllr. N. Kelleher, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 11th June 2020 be confirmed.

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

(a) Nomination for Killarney Municipal District representative on Corporate Policy Group

Mr. P. Corkery, Meetings Administrator advised the Members that there is a requirement that each Municipal District would have a representative on the Corporate Policy Group. He stated that Cllr. N. Kelleher, as Cathaoirleach of Full Council represented Killarney Municipal District for the past year. His term as Cathaoirleach has now ended and this position needs to be filled.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Proposed that Cllr. N. Kelleher would remain on in the position.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Proposal.

Mr. Corkery declared that Cllr. N. Kelleher would remain on in his position as the Killarney Municipal District representative on the Corporate Policy Group.

**20.07.08.02 (a) To note report from Economic and Community
Development Directorate**

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. M. Scannell, Director
Economic and Community Development Directorate which was circulated:

Economic and Community Development Report

KILLARNEY Municipal District

DATE 8th July 2020

Director of Service: Michael Scannell

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

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

Covid Response Actions

Restart Grant

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

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

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

No. of Applications Received	1575
No. of Applications Processed	845
No. of Applications Approved	714
No. of Applications Paid	466

The value of the applications paid to date 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 €2,500 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.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Urban Regeneration Development Fund

The Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) is a flagship element of Project Ireland 2040. Under the stewardship of the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government, the Fund was established to support more compact and sustainable development, through the regeneration and rejuvenation of Ireland's five cities and other large towns, in line with the objectives of the National Planning Framework (NPF) and National Development Plan (NDP). This will enable a greater proportion of residential and mixed-use development to be delivered within the existing built-up footprints of our cities and towns and to ensure that more parts of our urban areas can become attractive and vibrant places in which people choose to live and work, as well as to invest and to visit.

The Urban Regeneration Development Fund Call 2 closed on the 29th May 2020. The primary focus of the second call was on supporting integrated urban developments that enhance the urban area in question, so that it becomes an attractive and vibrant place in which people choose to live and work, as well as to invest and to visit. Kerry County Council submitted an application for Killarney.

Killarney Project Proposal 'To Create a world class urban environment linked with the world class Killarney National Park and Lakes'

Kerry County Council submitted the project proposal 'Create a world class urban environment linked with the world class Killarney National Park and Lakes to the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund Call 2 for Proposals. The long-term vision for Killarney is to mirror the National Park with an exceptional urban experience that sets Killarney apart as a world class tourism destination. This in turn will cement Killarney's status as a significant regional

tourism driver attracting national and international; visitors, investment, talent, and enterprise.

This URDF submission seeks to boost Killarney as a regional economic driver through strengthen public realm, creating a sense of place, a connected town offering multi travel mobility, accessibility and safety, aligning town and community, creating economic opportunities by being able to re-position areas commercially and integrating the town into the Killarney National Park. This will create additionality and significant transformation to the town centre of Killarney by leveraging the visitor potential of the National Park.

The investment sought across the five themes relate to improvements, in the public infrastructure, linkages and connectiveness, multi-modal travel options, enhancing the authenticity of the Killarney offer, placemaking and improving the overall quality of life opportunities for the resident population, in addition to making Killarney a vibrant and attractive town with an improved sense of place and enhanced liveability a more attractive location to invest, reside and visit. This vision is supported by the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES) for the Southern Region through the primary objective for Killarney

RPO 18 - To sustainably strengthen the role of Killarney as a strategically located urban centre of significant in a sub-regional context, a centre of excellence in tourism, recreation and amenity sectors, and to promote its role as leader in these sectors and strengthen its multi-sectoral dynamic as a key settlement in the Kerry Hub Knowledge Triangle and on the Atlantic Economic Corridor and to support infrastructure investment and regeneration of opportunity sites including Áras Phádraig and to seek investment in infrastructure that provides for both resident population and extensive influx of visitors. Build on inherent, culture and tourism accessible to regional airport, port, rail and strategic road network assets.

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 comprises of six fun themed activities. The weekly activities 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 **Week 6** cycle 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

Six-week low level trail walk suitable to all fitness levels led 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 two free 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) are running the programmes. 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 structures in the Municipal District have been allocated grant funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme:

Flesk Castle, Dromhumper, Killarney	€4,121
KDYS, Fairhill, Killarney	<u>€3,531</u>
Total	€7,652

STRATEGIC SITES

Áras Phádraig

Kerry County Council has appointed Reddy A+U architects to prepare a Development Control Plan for the Áras Phádraig site and adjoining car park. A number of options are being considered for the development of the site. An economic and financial Cost Benefit Analysis is being carried out on each of these options in accordance with the requirements of the Public Spending Code.

Sara Lee

The Expression of Interest process for the Sara Lee site is underway. At this stage, Kerry County Council has engaged the services of a Commercial & Property services company to facilitate the process to select a preferred proposal for the site based on the Expression of interests received.

In referring to the Directorate Report, Cllr. N. Kelleher discussed the Restart Grant and enquired that if an applicant had a query would their application go to the end of the queue when they re-apply.

Ms. A. McAllen replied that if it was a live application, it would not go to the end of the queue. She confirmed that applications were being processed as quickly as possible. In response to a further query from Cllr. Kelleher, Ms. McAllen confirmed that should the Council require further funding to operate this scheme, then the Council would re-apply for same.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would consider the development of a scheme jointly with homeowners in towns and villages in order to encourage the cleaning of roofs/gutters and the painting of chimneys. Such work would, on completion, greatly enhance the overall appearance of our conurbations.

Reply: A project of this type may qualify as part of a Town & Village grant application for towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000. The Municipal District Officer will liaise with relevant community groups in the Municipal District.

Cllr. M. Gleeson read the following to the Members:

"Over the past twenty or so years wonderful attention has been given to improving the facades of homes and business premises. This work has had a transformative effect and has resulted in our towns and villages scoring very well in the national Tidy Towns and Villages competitions. It would further greatly enhance those special places if property owners could be encouraged and assisted to have roofs cleaned and chimneys painted. We should adopt as our Motto: "Look Up and be a Star."

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the current status of the Taking in Charge applications for Birchill and Killarney Thatch Cottages, Aghadoe, Killarney?

Reply: Kerry County Council are processing these Taking in Charge applications in accordance with our Taking in Charge of Estates Policy and the Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water for Taking Estates in Charge. The Taking in Charge application for Birchill was received in late 2019 and the one for Killarney Thatch Cottages was only received very recently. Both developments contain Developer Provided Infrastructure and will not be approved for taking in charge by Irish Water under the terms of the current Memorandum of Understanding. A separate funding application has been submitted to the Department under a Pilot DPI initiative with a view to having these estates connected to the public sewerage network. If successful, this would resolve the impediment to advancing the Taking in Charge of these estates.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated the reply was disappointing and noted that the Memorandum of Understanding was becoming an obstacle. In referring to the separate funding application that has been submitted, the Cathaoirleach requested an update in relation to this.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

3. Cllr. N. O'Callaghan: That the Council will actively look at their landbank or talk to the NPWS in relation to erecting an outdoor basketball court. As other than in housing estates where they have gone to rack and ruin, there is no place provided by the Council.

Reply: The Municipal District Officer will engage with any club or group who wish to explore the potential of developing outdoor recreation facilities in the town.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated that the lockdown proved that young people need to be kept fit and love to play outdoors. He asked the Council to look at the old courts in Ardshanavooly and Pinewood to see if something could be done.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and asked the Council to explore its landbank.

Cllr. M. Moloney advised that Pinewood Residents' Association have applied to South Kerry Development Partnership for a basketball court and it was good to see a Residents' Association active on this front.

4. Cllr. M. Moloney: What is the update with the provision of CCTV cameras for Ballyspillane Estate.

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

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

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

The date for the delivery of the schemes in question is dependent on confirmation of funding from the Department. Following receipt of confirmation of funding, an assessment can be made of the time scale for the procurement of the CCTV systems in accordance with normal procurement regulations and the completion of any associated statutory requirements associated with delivery of the schemes.

Contact will be made with the Department for an update in relation to the applications submitted.

Cllr. M. Moloney stated that CCTV would eliminate many of the issues in the estate. Residents are terrified due to anti-social behaviour. CCTV would assist in identifying the culprits.

5. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what is the update regarding CCTV for Ballyspillane Estate?

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

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Contact will be made with the Department for an update in relation to the applications submitted.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the only way to prevent anti-social behaviour was by providing CCTV. The elderly residents are feeling increasingly vulnerable and road bowling is still taking place. All Members have been contacted on numerous occasions on this issue.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that the road bowling needs to cease. The people in Ballyspillane are tormented from its continuance. He asked that the local Ballyspillane Fora be re-convened as soon as possible.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and stated it was critically important for people's safety and crime prevention that CCTV be provided as a method of detection. He asked that high quality CCTV be installed which is very important in identifying the culprits and bringing them to justice.

6. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can we get an update on the Lewis Road Masterplan.

Reply: Kerry County Council has appointed Reddy A+U architects to prepare a Development Control Plan for the Áras Phádraig site and adjoining car park. A number of options are being considered for the development of the site. An economic and financial Cost Benefit Analysis is being carried out on each of these options in accordance with the requirements of the Public Spending Code.

In response to a query from Cllr. N. Kelleher, Ms. A. McAllen advised that a report would be available to the Members at the end of September.

Cllr. M. Moloney asked when would the Members be made aware of the proposals for the site.

Ms. McAllen replied that Mr. D. Doyle, SE was developing the proposals and it would come before the Members. Ms. McAllen advised that this was still a live process and an update would be provided at the next MD meeting.

7. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the update on the tenders for the Pretty Polly site.

Reply: The Expression of Interest process for the Sara Lee site is underway. At this stage, Kerry County Council has engaged the services of a Commercial & Property services company to facilitate the process to select a preferred proposal for the site based on the Expression of Interests received.

In response to a query from Cllr. N. Kelleher, Ms. A. McAllen advised that the process is live and was pursued during the Pandemic. An update will be provided to the Members at the next Municipal District meeting.

Cllr. M. Moloney recalled that some of the land was to be used for the community of Killarney.

Ms. McAllen replied that a condition of sale of that land to the Town Council was that land would be of benefit to the Town of Killarney. It is a very broad caveat but it does embrace community and economic development for the benefit of the people of Killarney. Ms. McAllen agreed to obtain a copy of the caveat for the Members.

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

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. J. Breen, Director of Sustainable Communities / Quality of Life which was circulated:

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

Killarney Municipal District

DATE: July 8th 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
False Alarms Number		
Malicious	4	1
Good Intent	64	62
Total	68	63
Total Number of Incidents	525	475
Total Number of Mobilisations	629	534

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- 1 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:

- 2 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.
- 3 The Building Control Section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of May 2020 a total of 40 No. Disability Access Certificate applications had been received representing a 23% decrease on the same period last year. A total of 58 Fire Safety Certificate applications were received, which is a 12% decrease on the same period last year.

Building Control Statistics.

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

Library Services

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

- **Re-opening of library services**

As outlined in the Government's Roadmap for re-opening society, Public Libraries across the country continue to restore services to the public in a step-by-step manner in line with public health guidance. All Kerry branch libraries now offer some level of service, ranging from a 'Contact & Collect' model to a 'Browse & Lending' model. The Mobile Libraries and the Local History service are not due to return for some time yet.

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.

KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme Status Summary at 1st July 2020

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

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

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

In Wastewater, priority is given to towns (agglomerations) to which ECJ Rulings apply, and to meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licenses.

IRISH WATER CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

The following information has been provided by Irish Water.

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

<u>CIP WASTE-WATER PROJECTS, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</u>	
Project	Status
Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme - proposed	Value circa €2.7M ; Land and Wayleave negotiations are ongoing. IW currently finalising CPO Docs. for publication; Tender for Contractor in 2021; Construction in 2022.
Killarney Drainage Area Plan	Arup Consulting Engineers have been appointed for the preparation of this Drainage Area Plan (DAP) and the Tralee, Listowel and Ballylongford DAPs. The preparation of the Killarney DAP is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2020.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL WORKS

This is a rolling programme of water mains' **Network Improvements** and **Rationalisation** of existing water treatment plants.

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
CRWSS Gullaun to Shrone Cross	Lay 4,780M of 250MM main to facilitate the connection of the CRWSS to Shrone and Barraduff WSSs and thus enable the elimination of the Shrone and Barraduff sources.	€1,000,000	Complete
CRWSS Shrone Cross to Shrone School	Lay 100M of 160MM main and of 3500M of 200MM/160MM in two-pipe trench and provide in-line pump station to facilitate the connection of the CRWSS to Shrone and Barraduff WSSs.	€1,400,000	Complete
Shrone WSS Shrone Cross to Reservoir	Lay 1050M of 160MM mains to allow closure of Shrone source and WTP	€210,000	Complete
Barraduff WSS Shrone Reservoir to Barraduff Reservoir	Lay 4800M of 150MM main to allow closure of Barraduff source and WTP	€800,000	Complete
MKRWSS Crohane to Barleymount	Replace 1.6Km of 225MM AC mains with uPVC 200MM pipe	€290,000	Underway
Approximate Total of APPROVED works on hand		€80,000	

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The administration and development of the Group Scheme sector continues to be a function of the Local Authorities under the guidance and supervision of the Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government. Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement. The national Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021 was published by the DoHP&LG in October.

Takeover of Group Schemes

Responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes has transferred to Irish Water since its inception, and KCC is no longer able to take over Group schemes. Irish Water has developed a protocol to govern the Takeover of Group Schemes.

Work on the €1.1M project to connect the existing Inch-Foildaun Group Water Scheme to the Central Regional WSS at Glenflesk, by the extension of the watermain from that village, and the replacement of the 'internal' mains network of

the GWSS commenced in February. The contractor has resumed work following the COVID-19 'lockdown'.

It is planned to pursue the Take-Over by Irish Water of the Group Scheme when the works are completed later this year.

This Group Scheme is currently served by its own upland stream source and the only treatment applied is disinfection by chlorination.

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

FIND and FIX PROGRAMME

The Find and Fix Programme is a specially funded, countywide, capital project which was set up to search for leaks in the public water pipes and repair them. The project involves the deployment of three new Kerry County Council van crews comprising one 'Find' van crew and two 'Fix' van crews. There is also the deployment of one van crew from Coffey Northumbrian Limited, the Irish Water appointed contractor whose 'Find' van crew is helping in building a repository of potential leak locations for follow-on investigation and repair by the Fix van crews. Tralee has been the initial focus area of the Programme in Kerry. Following extensive works since 2018 the daily outflow from the Farmer's Bridge reservoir which serves the greater Tralee area has dropped by 5,800M³ (33%). Following works in Tralee, Dingle and Castleisland, the Council's WSS Find and Fix crews are currently involved in works in the greater Knockaninane area.

FIRST FIX PROGRAMME

Under this project, Irish Water, having electronically read the domestic meters, has written to each householder whose domestic meter is recording excessively high flow, to offer the free service of the appointed contractor, Coffey Northumbrian Ltd, to investigate the cause. The Contractor has also been 'knocking on doors' of houses, the meters for which indicate possible leaks. This is a nation-wide project.

Cllr. N. Kelleher complimented the Council on the works carried out on the connection of the CRWSS at Shrone.

Mr. C. Mangan confirmed that €2m had been spent on this scheme and over last 2 years.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan referred to the trench works carried out by Irish Water at Shrone.

In response, Mr. Mangan stated that finance is available for road restoration and to this end, Irish Water are working closely with the local engineer. He hoped the work would be completed by year end.

In response to a query from Cllr. M. Moloney regarding Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme, Mr. C. Mangan stated that Irish Water are finalising the CPO documentation but did not have any further information.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae said she hoped Irish Water would fulfil their commitment to the people of Kilcummin.

Mr. Mangan advised that work was ongoing at Foildaun and it is hoped this will be completed by the Autumn. The Group Scheme will be connected to the public mains.

Mr. Mangan referred to the Group Scheme at Dromadeesert which was meant to be completed last year. The finance for this scheme is available and work will commence shortly. The residents have been provided with a temporary connection.

20.07.08.04 (a) To note update report from the Housing Directorate

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Director of Housing & Corporate Services which was circulated:

HOUSING DIRECTORATE REPORT

KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

29th JUNE 2020

Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue

Housing Report – KILLARNEY

Municipal District.

4 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	1,331
Net Need for Killarney MD (excluding transfers)	777
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	147
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	149

Breakdown by Bed No.

1-Bed	605
2-Bed	363
3-Bed	304
4-Bed	54
5-Bed	5
Total	1,331

5 Void Management

Municipal District breakdown	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	1
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	3
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	3
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	0
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	1
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	8

6 Social Housing Options

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	11	520
RAS	7	159
Leasing	3	136
HAP	63	267
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	84	1,082

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>
Rock Rd, Killarney	10	4no. 1Bed Apt. 6no. 2Bed Apt	Jun 2020	Jul 2021

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>
AHB- Rathmore Social Action Group, Rathmore	4	4no. 2Bed	Jan 2019	Jul 2020
AHB- Cluid, Armagh House, Killarney	6	6no. 1Bed Apt	Oct 2019	Feb 2021
Áit Manach Rathmore	20	8no. 2Bed 12no. 3Bed	Dec 2019	Apr 2021
AHB-Cluid Dereen, Killarney	61	39no. 3Bed 22no. 2Bed	Dec 2018	Nov 2020

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2020, 373 requests for repairs have been received for the Killarney Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2020, 44 grants have been allocated in the Killarney Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

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

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council commenced the process of seeking to determine the level of interest among urban property owners in making the upstairs portion of their property available to or through the Council for town centre living through medium to long-term leasing?

Reply: Kerry County Council has undertaken a public advertising campaign on the various letting / leasing schemes the Council operates to encourage property owners to consider making any vacant property available to Kerry County Council as part of the Social Housing Programme. This commenced in early 2020 and some engagement with property owners has happened as a result of the campaign. The Housing Department will continue to pro-actively promote the schemes where there is a known social housing need.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked that the schemes be re-advertised again as 4 months have passed since people were initially contacted (due to Covid).

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and suggested that the Council publish a FAQ booklet and leave it in suitable premises.

2. Cllr. M. Moloney: Following the allocation of the apartments at Coill na Darach, Rock Road, that members be now advised of exactly how many local authority units are now vacant, the number of bedrooms in each vacant unit and also be advised of the location of such vacant units.

Reply: The Director's report gives the detail of the Kerry County Council units that are vacant in the MD.

The Coill na Darach, Rock Road development is a Clúid property to which Kerry County Council has nominated 59 households for tenancies. There have been 55 acceptances and 4 refusals. The refused properties will shortly be offered to applicants on the waiting list in accordance with Kerry County Council's Scheme of Letting Priorities.

Some of these new tenancies have been slower than usual to be occupied due to restrictions over the lock down period.

Cllr. M. Moloney wished to congratulate Clúid on the beautiful apartments they provided at Coill na Darach.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and stated that what Clúid have done for Killarney Town and people on the waiting list should be recognised and praised.

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

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Operations, Health & Safety which was circulated as follows:

**Roads, Transportation & Marine
Directorate Report**

Killarney Municipal District

DATE: 8th July, 2020

Actg. Director of Service: John Kennelly

1. Road / Transportation

National Primary/ National Secondary

Measures	Project	Update
Major Schemes	N22 Farranfore to Killarney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding of €500k allocated by TII to progress this scheme in 2020 • Jacobs Engineering Ireland Ltd. have been appointed as Technical Consultants in March 2020 to resume the Planning and Design of this scheme and progress same up to completion of the statutory process. • They are familiarising themselves with the previous scheme documentation and are aiming to obtain Statutory Consent for the scheme by the end of 2024.
Minor Schemes Pavement Overlay	N72 Stagmount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological Resolution is currently underway and due to be complete in August. • Tenders for this Main Contract are due in by July 10th and it is hoped to award the contract in August.
	N72 Barraduff West Pavement Overlay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project complete.
	N72 Forge Cross to Rathmore Pavement Strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 1: Project complete. • Phase 2: Draft design complete and reviewed by KCC. Comments arising were discussed and agreed and are being incorporated into the final design and developing contract documents. It is anticipated that approval to publish the tender will be sought shortly.
Junction Improvements	N22 Lewis Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RE Judicial Review: A Statement of Opposition has been prepared and is being lodged with the High Court shortly • Alternative underpass locations are being examined. Consultations have commenced with the HSE regarding use of their lands.
	N22 Ballycasheen and Coolcaslough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TII have requested that the two junctions be assessed as a single project and that a detailed microsimulation traffic analysis be undertaken on a number of potential solutions. • Kerry NRO has recently procured microsimulation software and has commenced the modelling process based on draft layout options and 2018 traffic surveys.
HD 15 Schemes	N22 Madam's Hill to Cleeny (Aghadoe Junction)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junction Options have been developed and are currently being examined using recently acquired Microsimulation Software
	N72 Golden Nugget to Gap Cross Cycle way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TII returned comments on the submitted feasibility report seeking the consideration of further enhancement options. Preliminary design of the additional options will commence

		and a further revised Feasibility Report will be submitted to TII in Q4 2020.
	N22 Rusheen and N22 Brennan's Glen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor has commenced the County Kerry Call Off-2 Safety Barrier Contract; this contract comprises locations across the county. N22 Rusheen and N22 Brennan's Glen are scheduled in the works programme and will be completed in Q3 2020.
	N22 Poulgorm Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor has been appointed and is due to mobilise shortly.
	N71 Muckcross Road	<p>Draft Feasibility Report finalised and it is anticipated that approval in principle of the report will be received shortly.</p> <p>Schematic options for Kenmare Place are developing.</p> <p>Part 8 process to commence in Q3 2020</p>
	N72 Gortroe/ Ballydowney to Fossa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Consultant have been appointed to undertake Environmental surveys including bat, mammal and habitat assessments. Surveys are underway. Surveys will inform Options Assessment in Q3 2020. The preferred improvement option is scheduled to be identified and screened for AA and EIA by Q4 2020

Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme

Road No.	Road Description	Allocation	Status
L-3018	Kilcummin Village	€189,726	Gone to Tender
L-3018	Kilcummin Road	€210,000	Drainage Works Underway
R-876	Rock Road, Killarney Town	€150,813	Planned for 2020 Programme
L-11314	Killarney Laneway (Northern Section of Church Lane)	€12,500	Planned for 2020 Programme
L - 11308	Killarney Laneway - South Well Lane	€40,000	Planned for 2020 Programme
R-876	Main Street	€106,389	Preparing Design
L-3905	Ross Road	€70,000	Awaiting Departmental Approval
L-7055	Rathmore TD - Rathbeg.	€84,000	Awaiting 2 nd S.D.
L-7052	Kilquane - Lisnagrove.	€80,000	Completed
R-876	College Street, Killarney	€59,500	Resurfaced
R-563	Fossa - Milltown Rd	€171,500	Overlay Commenced on 2 nd July
L-2019	Ballyhar Road	€132,000	Planned for 2020 Programme
No Number	Brooklawn	€27,945	Planned for 2020 Programme

L-11016	Ballytrasna	€29,760	Completed
L-3009	Lawlors Cross - Finnegans Cross	€171,500	Proposed to end of July
L7011	Coolick - Rossaneen	€78,481	Drainage Completed

Restoration Maintenance Programme

Road No.	Road Description	Allocation	Status
L-11016	Ballytrasna	€22,500	Completed
L7058	Clydagh	€46,800	Planned for 2020 Programme
L-11083	Clash Road	€31,500	Drainage Completed
L-11018	North of Aglish Cemetery to the Junction with Ballinlane Road	€21,375	Completed
L-11067	Tullig	€30,375	Drainage Completed
L-7046	N72 to Shrone Beg Cross	€91,788	Completed

Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Programme

Road No.	Road Description	Allocation	Status
L-7052	Kilquane - Lisnagrave.	€44,550	Completed
L-11068	Teernaboul Lower Rd	€42,750	Drainage Completed
L-7000	Old Dr McDonnells Rd Shinnagh	€18,000	Planned for 2020 Programme
L-3012	Annaghilymore Cross vis Lisbabe	€62,789	Completed
L-3014	Shrone School - Doocarrigbeg Cross	€20,250	Planned for 2020 Programme

Community Involvement Schemes

Road No.	Road Description	Allocation	Status
L-11149	Knockysheehan	€118,218.00	Deferred
L-11164	Shronebeg, Rathmore	€10,625.00	Completed

Local Improvement Schemes

Project	Status
Muckcross\Gortcullane Road	Planned for 2020 Programme
Rathcrommane, Ballyhar	Planned for 2020 Programme
Parkavone Aghadoe Road	Planned for 2020 Programme
	Planned for 2020 Programme

Drainage Programme

Road Number	Road Description	Allocation	Status
L-3018	Kilcummin Road	€15,400	Underway
No Number	Gortahoosh	€6,400	
L-11016	Ballytrasna	€2,400	Completed
L7058	Clydagh	€5,200	
L-11083	Clash Road	€3,500	Completed
L-11018	North of AGLISH Cemetery to the Junction with Ballinlane Road	€1,900	Completed
L-7046	N72 to Shrone Beg Cross	€6,800	Completed
L-7052	Kilquane - Lisnagrave.	€3,300	Completed
L-11067	Tullig	€3,000	Completed
L-11068	Teernaboul Lower Rd	€3,800	Completed
L-7000	Old Dr McDonnells Rd Shinnagh	€1,600	
L-3012	Annaghilymore Cross vis Lisbabe	€3,600	Completed
L-8003	Rockfield Townland	€5,000	
L-11008	Rockfield Middle Townland	€3,400	
L-7054	Shrone Cross via Rathbeg Townland	€4,600	
L-7055	Rathbeg Sth Cross to Awnaskirtaun Cross	€5,000	
L-7056	Rathbeg West Cross	€4,400	
L-11088	Knockinane East	€3,800	
L-11161	Behenagh Townland	€3,300	
L-7046	Bounard Cross	€7,461	

Killarney Town - Other Road and Public Area Works

Project	Status
Lissyviggeen Roundabout Enhancement	Completed

Town and Village Renewal

Project	Allocation €	Status
Kilcummin Village	€125,000	Preliminary Design Phase

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructural Scheme

Project	Allocation €	Status
Kenmare Road (Parking Areas\Lay By's)	€160,000	Planned for 2020 Programme
Old Kenmare Road into Torc Carpark – Enhancement Project	€200,000	Planned for 2020 Programme

Ongoing Works

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

2. Works Update – Traffic Management Killarney Town

Table 1: Short Term

Location	Measure	Term	Status
Main Street	Restrict the setting down to the south of the loading bay at the west of the side of Main Street	Short	Closed
Plunkett Street	Plunkett Street's two-lane approach should be reduced to provide a single lane approach in the short term. Complementary measures should be provided to restrict set-down to the south of the loading bay to the west side of Main Street. This could be in the form of a kerbed 'build-out'. These measures should be provided in the short term with a medium-term objective to pedestrianise Plunkett Street.	Short	Complete
Plunkett Street	That the option of removing the bollards from the proposed scheme should be considered. The proposed bollards would reduce the capacity of the footways along Plunkett Street, and could result in pedestrians stepping on the carriageway particularly during peak times putting them at risk of vehicular impact.	Short	Closed
High Street	Kerry County Council proposes to upgrade High Street's existing alignment. It is recommended that the proposed works at High Street should be progressed subject to detailed design in the short term. The provision of an enhanced crossing facility for disabled and visually impaired users should be considered.	Short	Forming Part of a Public Realm Plan
High Street junction	The proposed High Street, St Ann's Road, Rock Road Improvement Scheme, recommended that the scheme would be carried out in the short term,	Short	Complete
Signage	Direction signage located at the intersection of Main Street/ High Street and New Street that is potentially misleading to drivers should be amended in the short term. It currently directs people southbound toward Main Street, contrary to the one-way northbound traffic flow. This is presented to drivers approaching the junction from New Street.	Short	Complete
Traffic Management Schemes	New Road One-Way Eastbound	Short	Complete

Table 2: Medium Term

Location	Measure	Term	Status
Plunkett Street	Introduction of pedestrianisation in tandem with carriageway reductions and footway enhancements.	Medium	Complete
Main Street	Investigate feasibility of further traffic restrictions along Main Street, with possible extensions to the pedestrianisation periods. These would need to be assessed in terms of traffic impact in conjunction with other town centre improvements, such as the completion of the Bohereen na Gowan Inner Relief Road and traffic improvements around the Hahah/Mission Road intersection as part of upgrades to Muckcross Road.	Medium	To be considered as part of the Public Realm Plan
High Street junction	It is recommended that High Street would be the minor approach in the medium term, should the Inner Relief Road be implemented.	Medium	To be reviewed as part of Boithirín na Gabhann development
Hahah	Review the existing layout of the Haha, as part of the wider scheme to upgrade pedestrian/cycle access along the Muckcross Road. The review should take account of all users of this public space and should have regard for wider traffic implications along Main Street, Mission Road, Kenmare Place, East Avenue and Muckcross Road.	Medium	Part of the Muckcross Road Safety Scheme
Port Road/New Road Junction	The existing pedestrian crossing facility across New Road at this junction is wide, with a narrow waiting area. This waiting area is of limited width to facilitate a person pushing a pram, or a wheelchair. It is recommended that the width should be enhanced to a minimum width of 2.0 metres, with reduced corner radii provided.	Medium	Complete
Cathedral Place /Port Road Junction	Delays and queuing would be likely to be reduced, locally, as a result of implementing a two-lane approach to the junction. The existing Cathedral Place approach is wide. However, the flare length is short and consequently does not provide for two-lane queuing. It is likely to be geometrically feasible to amend the approach to provide enhanced queuing lanes.	Medium	Closed
Boithirín na Gabhann/New Street Junction	There are no existing pedestrian facilities along the west side of Boithirín na Gabhann, and the crossing facility across New Street at this junction is substandard. It is recommended that facilities in this junction and area should be upgraded. A complete junction upgrade would be required, should the proposed Inner Relief Road be constructed. It is recommended that a signal-controlled junction with pedestrian crossing facilities should be provided to facilitate the increased demand.	Medium	Being considered as part of the Design
Muckcross Road	The existing alignment of Muckcross Road, and the signal-controlled junctions at Muckcross Road / Ross Road and Muckcross Road / Woodlawn Road were assessed.	Medium	Complete

Muckross Road	The existing alignment of Muckross Road, and the signal-controlled junctions at Muckross Road / Ross Road and Muckross Road / Woodlawn Road were assessed.	Medium	Complete
Muckross Road	Review, in conjunction with the TII. The existing layout of the N71 Muckross Road, as a primary access route to the town centre and its National Park. Develop proposals for enhanced pedestrian and cycle lane facilities to link up with existing cycle tracks and potentially form a link of the wider Lough Leane Loop. Existing junction layouts and available road width along critical "pinch points" of the Muckross Road will also need to be considered as part of any design proposal. The design should also have regard to wider town centre traffic flows through the Hahah and intersecting routes, potential for improvements in public transport, bike parking facilities and the wider interaction between vehicular traffic and non-motorised users of the road.	Medium	Design Substantially Completed, Awaiting Approval from TII
N72 Killorglin Road	Review, in conjunction with the TII, the existing layout of the N72 Killorglin Road as a key leg of the Ring of Kerry route and primary access to the Gap of Dunloe. Develop proposals for enhanced pedestrian and cycle lane facilities to link with existing cycle tracks and potentially form a link of the wider Lough Leane Loop. Maximise the potential from existing facilities, such as the public car park adjacent to golf course, existing offline cycle track through the National Park.	Medium	In the Design Process.
Signage	It is recommended that non-essential signage within the road reservation, including footways, should be removed. This would improve road safety and access, both for drivers and vulnerable users	Medium	Regulations under Section 254 of the Planning & Development Act to be reviewed in 2020
Signage	It is recommended that signage, directing visitors to the town centre should be provided. Advance information signage information for drivers should provide guidance to parking areas which would reduce distance, without travelling through the town centre.	Medium	To be procured in 2020
Inner Link Road	Boithirín na Gabhann - The proposed Inner Relief Road (IRR) linking High Street and New Street via Boithirín na Gabhann would significantly reduce peak hour traffic flows on High Street and New Road. This is recommended, subject to satisfactory junction's design including High Street, St. Ann's Road and Boithirín na Gabhann.	Medium	Tender Documents were published in December 2019
Traffic Management Schemes	Main Street Pedestrianisation	Medium	To be considered as Part of the Public Realm Plan
Traffic Management Schemes	Plunkett Street Pedestrianisation	Medium	Complete
Traffic Management Schemes	N22 Killarney Bypass/Upper Lewis Road Banned Right Turn	Medium	Received Part 8 planning approval

Table 3: Long Term – All long-term projects are subject to funding

Location	Measure	Term	Status
Main Street	Improved pedestrian facilities would improve access to the town from the nearby parking areas. The recommended layout would include the provision of bus set-down area and bus shelter, bicycle parking and motorbike parking.	Long	To be considered as part of a Public Realm Plan
High Street/ Monsignor O’Flaherty Road Junction	Recommended the access from St. Ann’s Road would be removed.	Long	To be considered as part of the Boithirín na Gabhann Project
High Street/ Monsignor O’Flaherty Road Junction	Recommended that High Street would be the minor approach in the medium term, should the Inner Relief Road be implemented.	Long	To be considered as part of the Boithirín na Gabhann Project
East Avenue/ Park Road Roundabout Junction	Located in the town centre, is not pedestrian friendly, with limited facilities for vulnerable users. It is recommended that the junction should be upgraded, with enhanced pedestrian facilities, to improve the provision for vulnerable users. Uncontrolled crossings should be provided at the recommended upgraded roundabout.	Long	Junction to be reviewed.
Lewis Road/ College Street Roundabout Junction	Located in the town centre, is not pedestrian friendly, with limited facilities for vulnerable users. There are wide crossings, and the splitter island on the east side was observed to be used as a delivery setdown for large vehicles. It is recommended that the junction should be upgraded, with enhanced pedestrian facilities, to improve the provision for vulnerable users. Uncontrolled crossings	Long	Junction to be reviewed.
Muckross Road	A mode shift from car-based transport to walking, cycling or public transport could reduce traffic volumes, queuing and delays for inbound and outbound traffic at Muckross Road.	Long	A safety scheme is being developed at this location
Inner Link Road	Gaelscoil Road - The proposed Gaelscoil Road (Deerpark/N22 Killarney Bypass Link) would reduce peak hour traffic flows locally on Park Road and the Killarney Bypass Road, in the vicinity of Park Road Roundabout. This is recommended.	Long	To be considered after the construction of the Lewis Road Junction

3. Other Operational Matters

3.1 Public Lighting

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

*No. of faults reported since last meeting: **70***

*No. of faults repaired within 12 working days: **65***

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

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

Job Ticket ID	Defect Description	Unit Number	Postal Street Name	Date Reported	Reason
11638	Lamp out	2996	Bowers Lane Killarney	12/11/2019	ESB works required
16245	Lamp out	8537	Currow Village	28/05/2020	ESB works required
16239	Lamp out	8536	Currow Village	28/05/2020	ESB works required
16218	Knockdown	16542	Arlington Heights Killarney	26/05/2020	Column Knockdown
16212	Knockdown	16547	Arlington Heights Killarney	26/05/2020	Column Knockdown

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3.2 Hedgecutting

Killarney MD Hedge Cutting Summary.									
No of Observations by Months			No. of Observations Investigated	Additional Inspections by Roads Officer	No. of Landowners contacted in person by Roads Officer.	No of Properties with Issues	No. of Hedge Cutting Advisory Notice Issued	No. of Hedges cut following Advisory notice	No. of Hedges not cut following Advisory notice
	Reps	Public		KCC					
September	8	7	15	34	20	47	47	43	0
October	3	8	11	0	14	21	7	4	0
November	1	1	2	0	2	2	7	15	6
December	2	1	3	6	5	23	31	15	8
January	1	3	4	5	12	7	7	9	4
February	1	3	2	6	2	4	5	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	6	2	14	1	7	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	27	65	52	62	104	104	86	18

4. Capital Infrastructure

Lough Leane Project

- Fossa Way/Golden Nugget to Gap Cross – KCC completing the revised design for Safety Scheme incorporating 2-way cycleway. Following TII approval KCC to proceed to Part 8 for the works in Q4 2020.
- The first section of this project is completion of the statutory planning process for section from the proposed Tomies Carpark to Dinish Island. Kerry County Council are currently finalising the consultants brief for the route selection and preparation of planning documentation for this section. This is expected to go to tender in Q4 2020.
- Entrance to Tomies wood - NPWS are expecting that construction of the new access road and car park will begin in 2020.

John Kennelly

A/Director of Services

Cllr. M. Gleeson Proposed a Vote of Sympathy to Mr. Gerry Riordan, Roads, Transportation & Marine Department on the recent passing of his uncle, Mr Patrick Riordan.

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

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would seek to eliminate the torment of ongoing ponding (flooding) at the junction of the N22 and the road towards Gortahoosh Bridge. This situation has persisted for many years.

Reply: Kerry County Council has carried out an assessment at this location. It is hoped to have an update before the end of the month.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked the water be removed from the road as it has caused accidents and is unsightly.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated this could be rectified without much difficulty.

Mr. J. Ahern stated that this refers to 2 locations. Firstly, at junction of Gortahoosh and the N22, it is proposed to carry out drainage works as part of normal National Maintenance Drainage Works and that is to be carried out as soon as possible. The second location is on the Gortahoosh Road L7067 on the southern side of bridge. A survey has been completed and a design is underway with a view to resolve the issue. However, given the levels at the location this could prove to be difficult.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would renew and replant the ground at the Abbey Cross junction, Muckcross. This work has in recent years greatly enhanced a prime tourist location.

Reply: Killarney Municipal District has previously planted wildflowers at this location. While in the initial year they proved to be successful, in the following years, the local plant life has taken over and dominates the planting. Therefore the Killarney MD are not proposing to continue with this form of planting. However, as part of the development of our Killarney Bio-diversity Plan, we will look at more suitable planting at this location. Also given that this location is at a junction of a National Secondary Road, Kerry County Council will be ensuring that a line of sight is maintained.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the area has gone wild and ragged and asked that it be reviewed again as it is on a prime tourist route.

Cllr N. Kelleher asked when will the Members get sight of the Biodiversity Plan.

Cllr. M. Moloney referred to the picnic area on the Tralee Road and asked if the grass could be cut. She suggested leaving a section of grass around the edges for bio-diversity purposes.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin agreed with Cllr. Moloney's suggestion and noted that more people were eating out with their families and this picnic area was unsightly in its current state. There was no place available there for children to run around.

Mr. J. Ahern agreed to revert to Members at the September meeting.

3. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has "further consultation with adjoining landowners" (as per reply of 4th March) taken place in relation to the Upper Lissivigeen / Coolcoslough and Ballycasheen junctions with the N22 and if they have, are the design proposals being finalised?

Reply: The opportunity to undertake consultation with adjoining landowners was limited by the Covid-19 restrictions. TII have sought that the capacity issues at Ballycasheen and Coolcashlagh junctions should be addressed together. This analysis by the KNRO is currently underway and due to be completed by the end of July.

Cllr. M. Gleeson noted that this was the worst time to undertake traffic counts as this was not a normal year. He asked that this would not be used as a criteria.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and stated that these are 2 of the 4 lethal junctions on the N22 that the MD deals with on a daily basis. He said it would be disingenuous to count traffic there this year.

Cllr. M. Moloney stated that there is another development along Woodlawn Road and this will cause chaos at the junction on the Cork Road. This is an urgent matter now.

4. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has there been any progress towards acquiring the land necessary to allow for the development of the much needed footpath cum cycleway from Páirc Chuimín to Kilcummin Village?

Reply: In regard to the land located North of the road between Páirc Chuimín to Kilcummin Village, Kerry County Council have been unsuccessful in acquiring the land by agreement from the landowner. Kerry County Council are working to progress the provision of a footpath by agreement between this estate and the village.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked that the Council approach the landowner on the other side and progress the matter. He stated that Conditions of Planning need to be adhered to.

Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that if the conditions were not achievable, there was not much point including them. Where a developer is not the owner of the land in question, there is no point including it as a condition.

Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that people should give a true reflection of lands that are or are not in their ownership when submitting planning applications.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Is there any clarity as to when the committed flood prevention measures along the River Flesk will be completed? Residents are wondering and waiting.

Reply: The OPW CFRAM Project has developed a proposed scheme for Killarney which involves Fluvial Flood Defences comprising of walls and embankments along with flood resilience of some properties. These works have been submitted to the OPW for funding and Kerry County Council will pursue funding for this project.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that when a barricade is erected on one side of the river, it will very likely create flooding somewhere else on the other side. He hoped the works would not indirectly create other problems.

6. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will the protective barriers I previously requested be erected at the Kilkneeden junction off the N22 at Brennan's Glen?

Reply: The appointed Contractor has commenced the County Kerry Safety Barrier Contract. The safety barrier on N22 Brennan's Glen is scheduled in the Works Programme and will be completed in Q3 2020.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the reply.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that the contractor was in place.

7. Cllr. B. Cronin: On the N22 at the right hand turning into Mr Price, can the lane for through traffic be properly defined with proper footpath protection?

Reply: This matter can be examined and addressed as part of a proposed pavement project scheduled for 2021 at this location.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that pedestrians were open for injury at this location. There is a need for clear definition on left hand side and protection for walkers.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

8. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can an advance warning sign be provided indicating the upcoming pedestrian crossing for Ardshanavooly, on the approach from Killarney town?

Reply: Advance Warning Signage will be provided at the Pedestrian Crossing for Ardshanavooly on the Park Road, Killarney.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the reply.

9. Cllr. B. Cronin: As part of the road improvement project, can the roadside ditch be straightened for improved safety at Inchycullane, Kilcummin?

Reply: Kerry County Council are examining this particular location and are in discussion with the landowner to acquire a section of roadside ditch by agreement. Kerry County Council are also preparing a cost estimate. However it is not possible to fund this proposed work from the Restoration Improvement Grant and alternative funding will have to be obtained. Ideally these proposed works should be carried out as part of Road Improvement Project.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin asked that the curves on the roadside after Foran's Garage be remedied as part of the proposed works. The Cathaoirleach referred to the trees on the right hand side when exiting and stated that they obscured vision and asked if they could be dealt with now as it is an opportune time due to the road being closed.

Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan noted that good discussions had taken place with the landowner on right hand side from Inchycullane and the Councillor indicated that he would contribute to any proposed works from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund (CSMDOF).

Cllr. M. Moloney also agreed to contribute funds towards this work.

Mr. J. Ahern advised that the GSS has spoken to the landowner and he is in agreement with the Council to remove the ditch. He advised that these works could not be charged into the Road Restoration Grant but agreed to investigate alternative funding sources.

Together with Cllr. N. O'Callaghan; Cathaoirleach Cronin, Cllr. M. Moloney, Cllr. D. Grady and Cllr. M. Healy-Rae agreed to provide funding from their CSMDOF.

10. Cllr. N. O'Callaghan: That the Council would deal with severe ponding on the bend after The Castlerosse Hotel in Fossa.

Reply: This issue has been examined as part of a N72 Flood Study. The solution at this location entails the introduction of a new culvert under the N72 combined with a kerb and drainage channel. An application for funding will be made to TII to have these works carried out.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated that this area is particularly bad when there are heavy rain showers and pose a danger, especially when deer are present on the road.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

11. Cllr. N. O'Callaghan: That the Council will actively enforce and highlight that there is no cycling on the footpaths.

Reply: On foot of previous Notices of Motion, Kerry County Council has liaised with An Garda Síochána in relation to enforcement matters. We will follow up this matter again with An Garda Síochána.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated that the Bye-Laws need to be enforced as this is causing a danger to pedestrians.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Motion No. 20 at this stage.

20. Cllr. D. Grady: That we, Killarney Municipal District, would put down on all footpaths in Killarney 'No Cycling' signs where cycling is not permitted as people have got injured.

Reply: As above.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that more "no cycling" signage was needed on footpaths. He said the situation was becoming serious.

Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Motion. She stated she had previously asked for signage but it was not provided.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin said this was difficult to enforce and people must have respect for everyone using footpaths. Cyclists cannot be heard and they must recognise this. He agreed that additional signage was needed.

Ms. A. McAllen advised that An Garda Síochána had been quite active in this area prior to Covid and agreed to liaise with them with a view to ascertaining the most suitable places to provide signage. She agreed that signage will be provided where appropriate.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that it should be a pre-requisite that bicycle hire shops provide a bell on each bicycle.

12. Cllr. N. O'Callaghan: That a bollard is needed to stop cars going over the traffic island and doing u-turns at the Friary Roundabout.

Reply: Kerry County Council will examine this issue and location and revert back to the member.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan said the area in question was across from the KDYS and there are a number of cars that turn there and change their mind and drive over the island. This practice must stop.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

Mr. J. Ahern agreed to review the area with the Councillor.

13. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would advise if any decision has been reached following my proposal that the car parks would be free for a number of hours each morning to encourage shoppers to come back to the town centre for their shopping. I now move a motion that parking would be free from 9.00am to 11.00am in all the car parks in Killarney Town.

Reply: It is proposed that Rock Road Car Park will be free from 9am - 12pm in July & August to facilitate shoppers coming into town. Lewis Road Car Park offers a 2 hour rate for 60 cent and is €3 for all-day parking. Given this car park is very convenient to the town centre, these rates are very reasonable. Car parking income forms a critical source of income for Kerry County Council and is a Budgetary matter.

Cllr. M. Moloney said she was not satisfied with the reply. She stated Rock Road Car Park was too far a distance from town for the elderly, people with pushchairs and people with shopping. She asked that a costing be prepared. She said the town centre was in crisis and said that the Council need to get people in there. Rates will not be paid as the businesses will be gone. Cllr. M. Moloney Proposed 2 hours free parking in Glebe Car Park every morning.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Proposal.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Notice of Motion No. 26 at this stage.

26. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can Kerry County Council provide free parking in Rock Road Car Park?

Reply: As above.

Cllr. N. Kelleher said that this related to interim measures and was about accessibility and emergency measures due to Covid. Any proposal that is agreed will benefit the town and businesses in town. He stated that the Local Authority had been exceptionally good in trying to assist businesses as evidenced with the Restart Grant and rates deferral and this would be an additional offering. He asked that a number of free days parking per week would be provided in Rock Road or agree to Cllr. Moloney's proposal.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae supported both proposals which, in her opinion, had gone some way but not far enough. She said that business owners have claimed that parking nearby or parking outside their doors has been removed and they fear that people are being driven out of town. She asked that the Council make it more convenient and attractive for people to come into town.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan agreed with the previous statements and stated that people want to park in the middle of the town and want to shop. He suggested approaching a landowner with a view to renting an area he has at the top of High Street and that the Council provide a ticketless machine there. He said something had to be done.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the proposal was a budgetary matter. She advised that the budget gap was significant and that the reduction of income from car parking impacted on this gap. Ms. McAllen stated that there was adequate parking in the town and noted that there was always a demand for town centre parking. She noted that the Glebe and Lower Beech Road Car Parks were very popular areas to park and were being used all day. She said she would favour turning over those spaces more frequently in the more popular car parks to benefit businesses. People staying longer in town could use Rock Road and the top of High Street. She said that if the Members were asking her to provide free parking all day for 2 - 3 days per week instead of 3 hours, then she would review this option. Ms. McAllen stated that it was not possible to give free parking in the town centre.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that when anyone proposes anything "free" then people must also look at the knock-on effect and consequences. He stated he would like to see a breakdown and the implications of the proposal, and how it would affect the Council's overall budget. He noted that Rock Road Car Park was totally underutilised and it should be free for people who work in the town. If Rock Road was advertised as free, then people would use it.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that making the town centre car parks free would be ridiculous and would be detrimental to the businesses. People would come into town and park there all day long. A quick turnover is needed. Cllr. Gleeson said he was totally supportive of having Rock Road free of charge.

Cllr. M. Moloney stated that she did not want to wait until September for a costing.

Ms. A. McAllen advised the Members that the Council had to purchase the land in Rock Road and this was the reason why there is a charge for parking there. Ms. McAllen concluded by confirming that she would prepare a financial analysis and revert to the Members.

14. Cllr. M. Moloney: I once again ask that Kerry County Council provide a footpath along the right hand side of the entrance to Bruach na hAbhann and all the Local Authority Estates using that entrance before a serious accident occurs to pedestrians.

Reply: There are two parcels of land on the southern side of the entrance road into Bruach na hAbannn from the N22. It is expected that both of these parcels will be developed in the future and as with any development associated with this type of

land, the provision of a footpath will be a condition of planning. Kerry County Council has had a meeting with one of the landowners in regards to future development of their land and expect to progress this matter.

Cllr. M. Moloney said this was a very dangerous location and safety measures are immediately required for pedestrians. She said the Council should not wait for the planning application and asked that something be done before a serious accident happens.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and asked if a development levy was in place for the housing development and that money from same would be put towards the work. Cllr. Healy-Rae also referred to a pole in the centre of the footpath which was a hazard.

In response to a query from Cllr. N. Kelleher, Mr. J. Ahern advised that there were 2 landowners and that the Council had met with one since the Motion had been previously submitted. He advised that the landowner was amenable to the provision of a footpath. Mr. Ahern stated that he was due to meet with the landowner in March but this did not happen due to Covid but he said that the matter was now being progressed. Mr. Ahern advised that the pole would form part of the plans for this location.

15. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council update members with regard to works at the Aghadoe junction at Madam's Hill, Cleeney.

Reply: A number of junction options have been developed and are currently being examined by the NRDO. This analysis has been sought by the TII to inform the selection of the most appropriate junction improvement at this location having regard to safety and capacity requirements.

Cllr. M. Moloney asked that the members would have sight of these proposals.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and asked that Mr. P. Curry would outline the plans for the area when he attends the September meeting.

16. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to examine the pathway to Killaha Graveyard, Glenflesk with a view to improving its surface.

Reply: The Killarney MD, in conjunction with the Burial Ground Section of Kerry County Council, will examine the pathway in order to determine the amount of works to be carried out and associated estimated costs.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae said that the pathway was in a low grade state and asked if chipping could be provided. She agreed to allocate funds from her Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund towards this.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and stated that work carried out there was not adequate.

17. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to examine the lights in Woodford Manor Estate. They are very dim and can they be considered for an upgrade?

Reply: There are 6 No. public lighting units within Woodford Manor. Of these, 5 have already been upgraded / replaced with new LED lanterns under routine maintenance. The remaining light will be replaced as part of the Countywide energy efficiency project.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked if there was an issue with light quality in the new LED lights.

Mr. J. Ahern agreed to revert to the Public Lighting Section on this matter and confirmed that all existing lights will be replaced with LED lights and defective lights will be replaced immediately.

18. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the TII what is the update regarding the proposed pedestrian crossing for Fossa National School? Has the TII completed the feasibility of this proposal as part of the overall project?

Reply: At the request of the TII, Kerry County Council has submitted Feasibility Reports for the Nugget to Gap Cross Cycleway. The TII has requested a further enhanced option for the entire project which is being developed.

A school warden crossing is included in the proposals and Kerry County Council will consult with the school prior to final design to determine if they still intend to take part in the Junior School Warden Programme. A revised report will be submitted to TII at the end of the summer.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that a deputation from the school had attended an MD meeting. When the children return to school, they will face the same dangers they had to endure the last number of years. Cllr. Healy-Rae was of the understanding that the parents were not supportive of the Junior School Warden Programme and said she would be cautious about including that as an option to the TII.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and said that a pedestrian crossing was imperative for the area.

Mr. J. Ahern stated that the original direction received by Kerry County Council in regard to the design of the cycleway was to construct cycleways from the Nugget to Gap Cross, which would join up with the current cycle lane within the village. He stated that on reviewing this Design and Feasibility Study, the TII decided to enhance the original proposal and to upgrade the existing Southern Cycleway within the village to the same standard as the new proposed cycleways. This revised Design and Feasibility study is being prepared. Once the TII give approval, it will come back to Members for consideration as Part of Part 8 statutory process.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked if this included footpaths on right hand side. He noted there was an issue with cars exiting an estate onto the road and an issue with people overtaking. He further added that motorists were coming out of the speed limit zone and increasing their speed.

Mr. Ahern replied that the provision of a footpath on the Northern side of the N72 as you leave the village heading toward Killorglin will be included in Design and Statutory Process, however the TII have indicated that this section of work would not be funded as part of this Scheme.

19. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what is the update regarding the requested speed ramps adjacent to Flesk Grove entrance, Ballycasheen Road?

Reply: This issue has been previously raised and as a result, Kerry County Council has recently carried out a Speed Survey, which despite the provision of Driver Feedback Sign near this location, the survey indicates that there is an issue with speeding at this location. As a result, the Killarney MD Office will engage with the various stakeholders to determine the most appropriate measures to address this issue.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that the residents want speed ramps provided adjacent to the entrance to the estate. She stated that the Driver Feedback sign had not addressed the issue of speed as drivers had a "straight run" on that road which posed a danger to pedestrians.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that he had allocated €3,300 from his CSMDOF towards provision of a Driver Feedback sign and was disappointed to learn that it has not benefited the straight section of the road. He noted the Council had been reluctant at the time to put speed ramps in place.

Mr. J. Ahern agreed that speeding through the estate was an issue and agreed that he would discuss the matter with relevant stakeholders and An Garda Síochána. He advised that he had previously discussed this with them and the Gardaí had caught a lot of motorists breaking the speed limit. He stated that the Council was trying to reduce the amount of physical infrastructure but this measure would be a last resort.

Cathaoirleach Cronin stated that there was holiday accommodation on the opposite side of road and this matter should also be discussed with them.

Mr. Ahern said he would make enquiries regarding the development levies and stated that a Low Cost Safety Improvement Scheme would be an option here.

20. Cllr. D. Grady: Moved in conjunction with Motion No. 11.

21. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District would return Plunkett Street, to non-pedestrianisation, when the Covid19 Virus is gone or when social distancing is reduced from 2m to 1m.

Reply: Plunkett Street has been pedestrianised as part of the Town Centre Mobility Plan to provide safe streets on a 24-hour basis. As advised previously to members, this Plan will be revisited at the end of August.

Cllr. D. Grady called on the Council to re-open Plunkett Street again once the Pandemic has ended. He stated that many businesses would like to see the street open again.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Motion. He stated that while he is not anti-pedestrianisation, he was anti the fact that there is no plan in place.

In response to a query from Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that the 2 disability parking bays outside the pharmacy had been removed and they had been re-located to the Glebe Car Park. He confirmed that this was done in consultation with Killarney Access Group.

In response to a query from Cllr. M. Moloney in relation to Sewells Pharmacy, Ms. E. O'Donoghue confirmed that a 15 minute bay had been provided across the road at top of New Street and 2 additional 15 minute bays were provided around the corner.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that a decision had previously been made by this Local Authority to pedestrianise Plunkett Street from 7pm - 7am and enquired if this was still the case. He asked if a Notice of Motion could reverse that decision.

The Cathaoirleach stated that people had asked him the previous Saturday why was Plunkett Street open as there were throngs of people on both sides of the street going out onto the road in front of cars. The Mobility Plan is now in place which includes pedestrianising Plunkett Street for 24 hours with agreement to review this at end of August. He advised that the emergency aspect of pedestrianisation had commenced that morning and legal legislation had previously been passed by the Local Authority regarding pedestrianisation of Plunkett Street in non-emergency times from 7pm - 7am. He stated that the Notice of Motion was ambiguous and asked Cllr. Grady to withdraw it until Covid has passed.

Cllr. D. Grady agreed to amend the Motion.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated this was a legal process and Cllr. Grady had brought this Notice of Motion before the Members as this was the first step in that process.

Cathaoirleach Cronin said it must go through a statutory process as was done previously.

Ms. A. McAllen referred to social distancing and advised that she had confirmed to the Members at the time the Mobility Plan was noted that in the event that the Government would reduce the 2m requirement to 1m, then pedestrianisation would have to remain in place on Plunkett Street as the building line would still necessitate this in order to be a safe street.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that any change to this pedestrianisation at the current time would be seen as reckless by the general public.

This was Seconded by Cllr. M. Gleeson.

Mr. P. Corkery noted that **Cllr. D. Grady** had proposed to overturn the temporary closure of roads. **Mr. Corkery** advised that due to the uncertainty of Covid, removing pedestrianisation is not an option at this time.

Cllr. D. Grady agreed to defer the Motion until September and agreed to liaise with **Mr. Corkery** in relation to what is required.

22. Cllr. D. Grady: That Killarney Municipal District would overlay Main Street with hot tarmac. The paving that is there at present is not fit for purpose. This is costing us a lot of money with years.

Reply: It is intended to carry out works to Main Street later in the year. Kerry County Council will update members once a design and plan is in place.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the road was not fit for purpose and is costing the Local Authority money. He asked that tarmac would replace the existing surface.

23. Cllr. D. Grady: That Killarney Municipal District would arrange topping / trimming of trees in front of Ardshanavooly as they are dangerously overgrown.

Reply: Kerry County Council, in conjunction with a tree surgeon, will examine the trees at this location in order to determine their status. This examination will determine the best course of action to be carried out by the Council.

Cllr. D. Grady noted the reply.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

24. Cllr. D. Grady: That an update would be provided in relation to the appointment of a grass cutting contractor. Grass cutting which is being carried out at present is not satisfactory, due to the incorrect equipment being used.

Reply: Kerry County Council appointed a Contractor on the 26th June to carry out grass cutting within Killarney Town. The contractor began grass cutting on the 27th June.

Cllr. D. Grady noted the reply and stated that some places had not been cut. This was needed to allow children to play football.

25. Cllr. N. Kelleher: When will the Old Kenmare Road be surfaced under the LIS Scheme?

Reply: The ESB have appointed a Contractor to lay an ESB duct and cabling along this private road. It is expected that these works will be completed by mid-September. On the completion of these works, Kerry County Council in consultation with the NPWS, will be in a position to carry out the proposed drainage and resurfacing works. All works will be completed by the end of November 2020.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Notice of Motion 9 (Other Directorates at this stage).

9. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can Kerry County Council liaise with the NPWS regarding repairs needed in roads in our Park?

Reply: Kerry County Council is in ongoing contact with the NPWS.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted that more people were walking than ever before. He asked if the Council would give the NPWS tar to fill the potholes.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

26. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Moved in conjunction with Motion No. 13.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That we call on the TII to formulate a multi-annual programme of strengthening and underpinning the Lake side wall from Torc Waterfall to the entrance to Dinis.

Reply: Kerry County Council in collaboration with Consultants appointed by TII have had inspections carried out of the lakeside wall on this section of road. Further inspections to sections of the wall towards Molls Gap have also been undertaken. Two areas have been recently repaired. Further areas have been identified for intervention works later in the year.

Cllr. M. Gleeson read the following to the Members:

"The Torc to Dinis road on the N.71 is within our magnificent National Park as well as being a section of the Killarney to Kenmare and Killarney to Sneem Ring Of Kerry Road. It is therefore of vital importance to the economy of a vast area.

Two years or so ago part of this road collapsed and seriously inconvenienced many locals and visitors. We must endeavour to ensure that the necessary work is done to ensure that there is not a repeat of that collapse.

There is also an urgent need for a Walkway cum Cycleway on the lakeside of this section of road. I am aware that an eminent engineer has investigated the matter and has stated that the lack of the pathway is: A serious Infrastructural deficit and is the missing link in the Muckross Lake Loop Walk/Cycle. We urgently need the TII/Government to give urgent priority to the road and the pathway."

Cllr. N. Kelleher agreed with Cllr. Gleeson's remarks and stated that he did not want to see the road closed again which would hinder the tourism industry.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: To call on the Trustees of Muckross House to ensure that Muckross Traditional Farm is maintained into the future and that this Municipal District give its backing to support this crucial link with our agricultural heritage.

Reply: This is a matter for resolution by the Members.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin noted that progress had been made on this in the last couple of days. Muckross Traditional Farm is hugely important from a tourism and historic viewpoint and offers a snapshot of life as it was. It is important that we as a Local Authority assist in any way we can and advertise this facility. It is critical to maintain this employment.

Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.

3. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request clarification from Iarnród Éireann as to why new lights erected at the Stagmount Crossing are covered and not working.

Reply: This is a matter for resolution by the Members.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked that the Council would make contact with Iarnród Éireann in this regard.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

4. Cllr. B. Cronin: Has any progress been made following my previous proposal requesting the provision of warning signs regarding ticks and Lyme's Disease at the public entrances to the National Park?

Reply: As previously discussed with members, information signage in relation to Lyme's Disease is in place at our public playground in Killarney. The Municipal District will review appropriate locations in its ownership for further signage to be erected.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin confirmed that what he was requesting was that the Council would erect information signage on the public side of entrances to the National Park advising the public what to look out for. The Cathaoirleach agreed to provide funding from his Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund if necessary.

In response to a query from Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, Ms. E. O'Donoghue confirmed that wording for the signage had been received from the HSE.

5. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: That we the members of Killarney Municipal District write to the Minister for Finance requesting that the Wage Subsidy Scheme be extended to include seasonal workers. This is of critical importance to the people living in our area.

Reply: This is a matter for resolution by the Members.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that many people in the Killarney area were seasonal workers.

Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.

6. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what is happening with St. Finan's lands? Can Kerry County Council provide details on what plans are there to protect and restore the original buildings?

Reply: As Members are aware, the Council had engagement with the HSE in relation to its land holdings in Killarney including the St Finan's campus and other lands.

Presently, future plans for the St Finan's campus are a matter for the HSE.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked the Council to make contact with the HSE and forward their response to the Members. She stated that this land offered an opportunity that would not present itself again if sold.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the Council should write to the Minister for Education and request that the lands could be utilised as a distance learning education centre in conjunction with Institute of Technology Tralee & Cork Institute of Technology and that the attached lands could be developed for student accommodation.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated that the lands could be used for social housing for young couples who want to work from Killarney.

7. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask the Management of Killarney Municipal District to consider that meetings between Management of the Municipal District and the Chamber of Commerce should include the Elected Members or at the very least, the Elected Members should be provided with minutes of such meetings.

Reply: The Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District Chairs these meetings. The Municipal District Manager provides an update to members at the next Municipal District meeting.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that she recognised all the work undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce in the Killarney area but stated that the Municipal District Members are circumvented from discussion and involvement. As an Elected Member, she has no information of the initiatives involving the Chamber and stated that there is a lack of communication from management. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that all candidates were invited into the Chamber of Commerce in 2014 to discuss matters with the Chamber but for the last Local Elections, only one Member was invited. Members must be included in the Chamber of Commerce meetings and not just the Cathaoirleach, and at the very least, receive a copy of the Minutes.

Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that he was the current Vice President of the Killarney Chamber of Commerce and said there was no conflict of interest taking up that position. He said everyone was working together for the betterment of the town. He stated that the position of Mayor chairing the meeting was initiated when he was the sitting Cathaoirleach and has continued with subsequent Cathaoirligh. There are other committees that Councillors meet with that the Chair is not in.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that he attended two meetings with the Chamber. He stated that any Councillor should be able to attend any group that wants to meet the Council.

Cllr. D. Grady agreed with the comments of Cllr. Healy-Rae and Cllr. Gleeson. He stated that the Mayor must get respect and it is not happening.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan noted that the Chair was the most important person in the town. He said that both groups need to meet and move forward together.

Ms. A. McAllen said that this issue was raised a number of years ago and the Cathaoirleach has since been invited to the Chamber meetings. Typically, the Chamber meetings are timed after the Municipal District meetings and the majority of concerns are reflected by Elected Members during Council meetings and by Notices of Motion. Ms. McAllen acknowledged that everyone wants the best result for Killarney and advised that she had given a commitment that an update on these meetings would be provided to the Members but due to Covid, no meetings have been held by the Chamber in recent months.

The Cathaoirleach stated that the Members want an input, as they should have, and he asked if Ms. McAllen would clarify if this was possible.

Ms. McAllen confirmed that Members could attend if they wished.

8. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District would write to the appropriate Minister requesting to urgently improve the waiting time it takes an ambulance to respond in the Kerry area. I will be supplying facts.

Reply: This is a matter for resolution by the Members.

Cllr. D. Grady read the following to the Members:

"One hour delay with 27 ambulance calls in the first quarter of 2020 in Kerry.

Information released by the National Ambulance Service during the first quarter of this year regarding ambulance turn out times.

27 calls resulted in those in need waiting over one hour, these figures are frightening. The National Ambulance service also stated clearly Covid 19 didn't have any great impact on these figures. Of the 27 calls only 1 was delayed due to Covid 19; in fact ambulance calls were down as a result of the pandemic with reduced activity on our roads and no bar trade.

Kerry had the 3rd slowest ambulance turnout times in 2019 after Wexford and Cork. Dublin has the best ambulance response times despite having the largest population with calls there responded to by the National Ambulance Service and 11 additional ambulances from Dublin Fire Brigade.

In September 2018 there was a proposal made to the relevant Minister at that time, Eoghan Murphy by the Fire Service Oversight and Implementation Group and the National Directorate for Fire Service. An agreement has been reached

pending the HSE. That the existing retained fire service structure would be utilised to provide significant additional emergency first response care to those in need. Kerry as a rural county would greatly benefit from this as distance to patient being the biggest delay factor. There are only 6 ambulance bases in Kerry. Our Fire Service has 10 stations throughout the County all with trained personnel defibrillators and other life-saving equipment.

90% of patients die from an out of hospital cardiac arrest.

This service would significantly improve response times and patient outcomes across the County.

I request that Kerry County Council would write to the relevant Ministers and the HSE seeking when will this service be implemented."

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

9. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No 25 (Roads Directorate).

(b) Correspondence

1.	Letter dated 24 th February 2020 received from Mr Mark Byrne, TII regarding provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing at Mission Road
2.	Letter dated 26 th February 2020 received from Ms Niamh Redmond, Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government regarding proposal to restrict the right to make submissions in respect of a planning application to those who reside within 10 kilometres of the location of the site of a proposed development
3.	Letter dated 20 th March 2020 from Ms Josepha Madigan TD, Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht in reply to our correspondence dated 10 th March regarding request to meet with a deputation from Killarney MD and the National Park's Deer Management Plan

Cllr. M. Gleeson referred to the letter from the TII regarding provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing at Mission Road and said he was under the impression following a meeting the previous year that this would be in place for this year's tourist season. He asked why this was not the case.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin said the letter was disgraceful.

Mr. J. Ahern stated that the response given to a previous Motion was that the TII were waiting for works to be completed at the Hahah and Muckcross Road and they would consider the proposed crossing following the completion of these works. He agreed to revert to the TII on the matter.

(c) It was agreed that the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting would be held on Thursday, 10th September 2020 in Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre.

(d) Any Other Business

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan referred to Kilcummin Road and noted that Woodline was going to be busier because of closure of road. He asked Mr. Ahern to look at this in relation to diverted traffic. Mr. Ahern agreed that this would be reviewed. Cllr. O'Callaghan referred to the sign outside Spa GAA and said that it needs to be provided immediately. Mr. Ahern agreed to review this. Cllr. O'Callaghan referred to O'Sullivan's Place and Mr. Ahern stated that submissions have been received and he will be preparing a report for management and it will be brought before the Members at the September meeting together with the proposal for Mission Road. Cllr. O'Callaghan raised concern regarding pedestrian movement on Beech Road, particularly in relation to health and safety of children. He stated that the cones were not sufficient and Mr. Ahern agreed to review the matter.

In relation to a query in relation to the Mobility Plan for High Street from Cllr. N. Kelleher, Mr. J. Ahern stated that he had met with representatives of High Street the previous week and took on board their suggestions. In order to facilitate as many people in the street, the loading bay outside Dealz will return but after 12pm that area of the footpath will be pedestrianised. He said that works would start later that night.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin said that he thought that Mr. Ahern would revert to the representatives of High Street regarding the changes made.

Cllr. N. Kelleher stated that a number of matters were agreed at meeting with the stakeholders and he queried what they were.

Mr. Ahern replied that at the time of the meeting, the Council were able to accommodate 5 of 6 issues raised while one was under review.

Ms. A. McAllen confirmed that the changes had only been finalised the previous day and the MD office would now proceed to make these changes immediately.

Ms. E. O'Donoghue confirmed that the revised plan would issue to the Members.

Cllr. M. Moloney asked for an update in relation to Finnegan's Cross.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated the plan should incorporate all 4 corners of the Cross.

Following a query from Cathaoirleach Cronin, Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that Countess Road and O'Sullivan's Place would come before the members as Section 38s at the September MD meeting.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan referred to vehicles coming down New Street turning left into Beech Road. This is a blind spot and something needs to be done to

rectify this. There is nothing to stop a child running out and is an accident waiting to happen.

Mr. J. Ahern agreed to look at alternative measures and confirmed that the bollards were a temporary measure. He did, however, state that the control of children on a footpath were the responsibility of their parents.

Cllr. M. Gleeson referred to a green space that may be available on Monsignor O'Flaherty Road and could possibly be used to park 15 cars.

Cathaoirleach Cronin asked Management to make contact with traders' representatives in Prince's Street, Cork to get overview of how they are operating.

The Meeting concluded at 2.45pm.

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