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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 THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I LÁR IONAD SPÓIRT IS FÓILLÍOCHTA CHILL ÁIRNE AR DÉARDAOIN, 10 MEÁN FÓMHAIR 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. P. Curry	A/SE Kerry National Roads Office
Mr. F. Guerineau	EE Kerry National Roads Office
Mr. C. Joy	AE Kerry National Roads Office
Mr. G. O'Brien	A/SEO Environmental Services, Planning Enforcement and Housing Estates Unit
Mr. O. O'Shea	Press & Communications Officer
Mr. C. Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. C. O'Leary	EE Water Services
Ms. B. O'Riordan	AO Housing
Ms. M. Galvin	A/ASO Corporate Support

The meeting commenced at 10.00am.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin took the Chair.

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

Cathaoirleach Cronin asked for the co-operation of the Members to adhere to the 2 hour time restriction as per the guidelines. He advised that he would conclude the meeting at that stage.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Proposed a Vote of Sympathy to Mr. David Doyle, Senior Engineer on the recent passing of his father, Mr Denis Doyle and also to the family of the late Mr. Sean Hurley, Radio Kerry presenter.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Proposal.

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

20.09.10.01 (a) Cathaoirleach's Address

The Cathaoirleach briefed the Members on the following matters:

- Update on meeting with An Garda Síochána
- Reopening of the playground
- Tomies
 - Contractor is on site and works have begun
- Successful in grant funding for Active Travel measures:
 - Flesk Cycleway €450,000
 - Rock Road (including wall along by Garda Station) €210,000
 - Design for interconnected cycleways to the town €150,000
 - Bike Stands €20,000

Cathaoirleach Cronin welcomed the funding announcements, for the development and design of cycleways. There were significant increases in numbers over the summer months and this needs to be harnessed by providing the infrastructure.

- Successful in grant funding for Climate Change measures:
 - Gortahoosh Killarney €30,000
 - Flynn's Forge Killarney €5,000
- Community College ceramic tile art piece has been installed in Chapel Lane.
This was a Tidy Towns project and it symbolises nature and Killarney's heritage with the window of Muckross Abbey included in the design

In referring to the meeting held with An Garda Síochána, Cllr. M. Moloney enquired if the Killarney Town Bye-Laws were discussed with reference to the consumption of intoxicating substances. She stated that the Bye-Laws that were previously circulated to the Members had not been signed or dated.

Cllr. D. Grady, Cllr. N. O'Callaghan and Cllr. M. Healy-Rae supported Cllr. Moloney's comments.

Mr. P. Corkery agreed to investigate the matter and to issue signed copies of the Bye-Laws to the Members.

Mr. P. Corkery advised the Members that Kerry County Council had received a Solicitor's letter on behalf of Cllr. D. Grady which related to the process by which the Safe Streets Programme was introduced. Mr. Corkery read the contents of the letter to the Members.

Ms. A. McAllen read the following report to the Members:

"Killarney MD Manager's Report on the "Safe Streets and Safe Destination Programme"

I presented a report to you on the Town Centre Mobility Plan for Killarney, Barraduff, Kilcummin and Rathmore on the 11th June 2020. The Plan was prepared having regard to the Government Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business, published on the 1st May 2020, and the public health advice at the time.

The Mobility Plan was a suite of temporary measures implemented in our major towns across the county, in response to the emergency situation due to risks associated with the Covid-19 virus on society, and the urgency to prepare for the safe reopening of businesses.

The Government's Roadmap and the challenges in providing adequate social distancing measures on footpaths, particularly with narrow urban streets, was initially outlined by me, at our Webex meeting of the 13th May 2020 and at the MD meeting on the 20th May 2020. The draft Plan was presented to you at the MD Webex meeting of the 3rd June, at which members provided input on its development, prior to engaging in public consultation. Following public consultation and engagement with businesses, the Plan was revised having regard to observations received, particularly on parking provisions, and presented to you at the MD meeting of the 11th June.

Given the urgency in implementing the Plan, it was acknowledged that the impact of the measures proposed would be monitored, and a commitment was given for a further review after the summer, which would have regard to any changes in the rollout of the Government's roadmap and public health advice. It was also agreed that the Plan would be reviewed if Public Health advised reduced the social distancing requirements from 2m to 1m.

The Government Roadmap set out a 5 stage plan for the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions from the 18th May 2020, to provide for the reopening of sectors of society and businesses. This included for the easing of travel restrictions and re-opening of small retail outlets from the 8th June 2020, the re-opening of restaurants and cafes from the 29th June 2020, with high street retail operators reopening from the 20th July 2020. The final phase of the Plan was scheduled for delivery from the 10th August 2020.

The Mobility Plans across the county were developed to support businesses in reopening, and to restore confidence with the general public in having a safer environment in which to visit & shop in our towns, whilst allowing for adherence with public health guidance, particularly on social distancing requirements.

The Plans involved extensive messaging to promote awareness of public health requirements on social distancing and queue management, widening of footpaths for the safety of pedestrians and shoppers, a review of parking provisions, particularly in the context of supporting Killarney as an Age Friendly town, and in limited situations, for the closure of streets, primarily to facilitate social distancing requirements in accordance with current public health advice. These measures were critical to support the shortened tourism season in the county, and to allow the tourism sector target stay vacations with the continuing restrictions on international travel.

Prior to and in implementing the measures, the Council also consulted with the business sector and promoted the plans on local and social media. The temporary closing of Plunkett Street and a section of Kenmare Place, between the 8th July and the 2nd September 2020 were also subject to statutory consultation under the provisions of Section 75 of the Roads Act 1993.

Unfortunately, since early August there has been weekly increases in confirmed Covid-19 cases, with the number of positive Covid-19 cases now at levels last recorded in May, and concerns raised nationally with the number of community transmissions. The Government announcement on the 18th August, of its decision to re-impose restrictions in a number of counties, emphasised the serious concerns by Government on the spread of the virus and the potential impact on society and business. The impact of re-imposing restrictions can have a very significant impact and serious consequences for society and the local economy.

The final phase of the Government Roadmap, which was scheduled for implementation on the 10th August 2020, has been deferred, and the Government is currently drafting a new long term plan for living with the Covid-19 virus. The lifting of restrictions under the Government Roadmap was conditional on the medical advice from the NPHET that it was right to do so, with restrictions being re-imposed, if there was a risk to public health and the ability of the health services to respond.

The public health advice remains for persons to maintain a 2 metre social distance from others, with additional requirements now imposed for restaurants/cafes and for vulnerable persons.

A preliminary review of the necessity for the road closures on Plunkett Street and Kenmare Place was carried out in August. This preliminary review had regard to the following: -

- The significant increase in pedestrian footfall in tourist towns in Kerry, in particular in Killarney. The level of footfall experienced was significantly higher than was originally envisaged when the plan was developed in June.*
- Cognizance that with the delays in restarting the tourism season and continuing restrictions on foreign travel there is potential for the tourism season to extend at least until the end of October.*
- In Killarney, Christmas shopping during December has traditionally seen a relatively high level of footfall.*
- Challenges with the reopening of schools in early September, with restrictions on school bus capacity potentially resulting in increased pedestrian movements.*

Having carefully considered these matters and the current public health advice from the Department of Health, with increasing numbers of confirmed Covid-19 cases and with concerns over the level of community transmission, the requirement to provide for safe social distancing will remain for some considerable time.

Accordingly, it was considered necessary to extend the current road closures in Killarney until after Christmas, to provide a safe environment.

The extension of the road closure was subject to further public consultation in accordance with the statutory provisions of Section 75 of the Roads Act, 1993 and further consultation with An Garda Síochána. Two submissions were received and the following is a summary of the observations received

- Submission No 1 – lack of taxi spaces in Killarney and concerns with persons allegedly slipping off the new paths*
- Submission No 2 - Impact of road closure of Plunkett Street on traffic flow in the town, removal of street parking and impact of closure on College Street.*

An Garda Síochána also made an observation and asked that the Council review measures to facilitate emergency services. The Council is liaising with the Ambulance Service and An Garda Síochána on this matter.

Having considered these submissions, the road closures for Plunkett Street and Kenmare Place have now been extended until the 6th January 2021.

With the numbers visiting the county exceeding initial expectations over the past 2 months, the feedback locally on the measures put in place in our towns has been positive with the impact of stay vacationers providing some relief to the tourism sector.

All other measures currently in place are being considered as part of a county wide review of the Mobility Plans, which will have regard to the current public health advice and the Government's long term plan for living with Covid-19, which is expected to be published shortly. The outcome of this review will be subject to further public consultation and presented to you for consideration.

**Ms. Angela McAllen
Killarney MD Manager"**

In referencing the letter from Cllr. D. Grady's Solicitor, Cathaoirleach B. Cronin enquired if Kerry County Council were within their statutory powers (regarding legal Act quoted).

Ms. A. McAllen replied that she had set out in her Manager's Report the statutory plans and advised that in relation to the letter, she was not in a position to comment further.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he had mentioned at the previous 3 meetings that he did not think it was legal to close Plunkett Street. He stated that Elected Members had no input into the Mobility Plan and were only shown some of the plans.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that she was disappointed that the Mobility Plan was not an item on the Agenda. She was aware of the time constraints on this meeting and enquired if the Members could have another meeting to discuss this matter further.

Cllr. N. Kelleher agreed that a special meeting should be held following the review in September of the Mobility Plan.

Cllr. M. Moloney supported Cllr. Healy-Rae's request for a special meeting.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated there were two issues overlapping as follows: (1) the measures were adopted in the interest of health and wellbeing to visitors and residents and (2) the long-term plan for the town. He said that Killarney responded very well to the advice received at national level. He said he would welcome a further meeting to discuss the implementation of the measures. Cllr. Gleeson supported the Council in relation to measures taken in the town and the low incident rate of the disease in Kerry was reflective of the approach taken.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated that he had more power as a Councillor when he was a Member of Killarney Town Council and it was his view that Councillors are not being respected at present. He said that the Members had been locked out of County Buildings. In relation to the Mobility Plan being extended to

January, Cllr. O'Callaghan said that he did not have an issue with this but the Members were only advised of this via email on Friday evening and this was not acceptable. The decision to extend the date should initially have come before the Members.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated he had Chaired 2 meetings as Leas-Chathaoirleach on behalf of Cllr. M. Gleeson (who was then Cathaoirleach and unable to attend) and 1 meeting as elected Cathaoirleach where the Safe Streets Plan came before the Members. Regarding those 3 meetings, the Cathaoirleach said it was incorrect of speakers to say Members did not make changes. At those meetings, members asked for alterations and changes outside premises which were implemented. The Council also met with representatives of High Street and applied many of the changes they requested. He said that the country was in the middle of a Pandemic and public health and safety were the Number 1 priority. This town had been very fortunate because of the massive influx of national tourism. Cases are climbing in Dublin rapidly. Cathaoirleach Cronin welcomed the Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce report which gave 100% support to the Safe Streets Plan.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that she had set out in her report the number of meetings that were convened in relation to the Safe Streets Plan and confirmed that these measures will be reviewed in the coming months with the business community and following this, it is planned to hold a special meeting with the members to review the plan.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Notice of Motion No. 28 at this stage.

28. Cllr. D. Grady: That we re-open Plunkett Street to motor traffic by the 30th September being cognisant of social distancing requirements. Street furniture needs to be appropriately managed. Businesses are being affected in College Street and Plunkett Street.

Reply: A preliminary review of the necessity for the road closures on Plunkett Street and Kenmare Place was carried out in August, which is addressed in the Managers Report.

The initial proposal in the Killarney Town Centre Mobility Plan was to implement this temporary road closure from the 8th July to the 2nd September 2020. The closure of Plunkett Street was required to facilitate social distancing requirements for pedestrians, given the constraints with the existing width of the street and public health requirements on social distancing.

A preliminary review of the necessity for the temporary road closures on Plunkett Street and Kenmare Place was carried out in August. This preliminary review had regard to:

- The significant increase in pedestrian footfall in Killarney, with the level of footfall experienced being significantly higher than was originally envisaged when the plan was developed in June.

- Cognisance that with the delays in restarting the tourism season and continuing restrictions on foreign travel, there is potential for the tourism season to extend at least until the end of October.
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- Challenges with the reopening of schools in early September, with restrictions on school bus capacity potentially resulting in increased pedestrian movements.

Unfortunately, since early August, there has been weekly increases in confirmed Covid-19 cases, with the number of positive Covid-19 cases now at levels last recorded in May, and concerns raised nationally by the Department of Health with the number of community transmissions. The Government announcement on the 18th August, of its decision to re-impose restrictions in a number of counties, emphasised the serious concerns by Government on the spread of the virus and the potential impact on society and business. The impact of re-imposing restrictions can have a very significant impact and serious consequences for the local economy.

The public health advice remains for persons to maintain a 2 metre social distance from others, with additional requirements now imposed for restaurants/cafes and for vulnerable persons.

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The extension of the temporary road closure was subject to further public consultation in accordance with the statutory provisions of Section 75 of the Roads Act, 1993. Two submissions were received and the following is a summary of the observations made

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An Garda Síochána also made an observation and asked that the Council review measures to facilitate emergency services. The Council is liaising with the Ambulance Service and An Garda Síochána on this matter.

Having considered these submissions, and regard to current public health advice, the temporary closure of Plunkett Street and Kenmare Place to vehicular traffic has now been extended until the 6th January 2021.

The provision of street furniture is subject to licencing and this is being monitored by the Council.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that most of the footpaths were taken over with street furniture which are causing bottlenecks. He further stated that traders in College Street and Plunkett Street were losing business. He proposed that Plunkett Street be re-opened to traffic during business hours with immediate effect.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated that if he was to Second the Motion he would first request that Cllr. Grady would amend the wording of the Motion as follows:

"That we re-open Plunkett Street to motor traffic when the Street Plan expires, taking public health guidelines into account."

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded Cllr. O'Callaghan's request for an amendment to the Motion.

Cllr. Grady stated that he would not amend his Motion.

Mr. P. Corkery, Meetings Administrator advised that as no Secunder had been received for Cllr. Grady's original Notice of Motion, the Motion had fallen.

Killarney MD National Road Network Update

Mr. P. Curry briefed the Members on current activity on projects to the National Network and the County.

Major Schemes

- **N22 Ballyvourney to Macroom**
- **Farranfore - Killarney Project - Mr. Curry advised that Phase 1 of the project had been completed and the route option phase was commencing. The team will assess how best to link the N71 at Muckcross onto Castlelough and Lissivigeen. It is hoped that the new preferred route will be selected by end of 2021 and developed into a design in 2022 with the Statutory Consent application made to An Bord Pleanála in late 2023. This will be a 10 year project if everything goes to plan**
- **N21 Abbeyfeale By-pass**
- **N21 Newcastle West By-pass**
- **N21 Adare By-pass**

Minor Scheme

- **The N72 Stagmount Bends contract will be awarded in September.**

Junction / Safety Improvements

- **Lewis Road - under Judicial Review. Looking at options for location of underpass which will be progressed while Judicial Review is ongoing.**
- **Aghadoe - Madam's Hill - Provision of roundabout and traffic lights being considered**
- **N22 Ballycasheen & Coolcaslagh - difficult to accommodate a roundabout at Coolcaslagh. Microsimulation required to determine preferred layouts**

- **N22 Glenflesk Traffic Calming Scheme - Mr. C. Joy is working on this project**
- **N22 Poulgorm Bridge - restore sight lines and reconfigure. Safety barrier commencing shortly. New wall built on East side of junction. Contractor due to commence 21st September**

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin queried the following matters:

- **Ballydowney - Fossa - welcome deer signage**
- **Lewis Road Junction - how close to Bridgefield Estate will the re-located underpass be?**
- **Madam's Hill - traffic lights will stop everything on the National Primary route in an already busy area. A roundabout would keep traffic moving.**

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Notice of Motion No. 33 at this stage.

33. Cllr. N. Kelleher: That an inspection be requested on the trees on the N72 at Ballydowney.

Reply: These trees are located within private property which is also a designated SAC. Kerry County Council will write to the property owner and raise the concerns of the Member. As the trees are adjacent to a National Road, Kerry County Council will also raise this issue with the TII Safety Officer.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked that the MD Enforcement Officer would liaise with NRDO in relation to the Gortroe - Ballydowney Scheme. There is an issue with a number of trees that may fall.

Cllr. Kelleher then referred to the Glenflesk Traffic Calming Scheme and said it was important that the Council liaise with the Church and the shop in Glenflesk.

Cllr. M. Moloney thanked Mr. Curry for his report and asked if a copy of same could be forwarded to the Members.

Mr. Curry agreed to this.

Cllr. M. Moloney moved Notice of Motion No. 12 at this stage.

12. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would introduce a left only turn from Lewis Road on to the By-pass and from the Kilcummin Road on to the By-pass until such time as TII come to an agreement and carry out proper safety works at these junctions.

Reply: The development of Safety Proposals at Lewis Road junction and Kilcummin Road junction were approved with modification by the Killarney MD in 2019. Arising from an application for a Judicial Review sought by a landowner, a Stay of Implementation has been ordered by the High Court. When this Judicial Review is complete the development of these proposals will resume.

Cllr. M. Moloney asked that a left turn only onto the By-Pass would be implemented on a temporary measure. She further added that exiting from Kilcummin Road onto the By-Pass was an accident waiting to happen.

Cllr M. Gleeson moved Notice of Motion No's 1 and 5 at this stage.

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council in conjunction with the TII would provide a footpath on the N.71 from the back gate across from Muckross Park Hotel as far as the main entrance to the National Park and Muckross House and Traditional Farms.

Reply: The feasibility of providing a footpath / shared surface will be examined as part of an upcoming pavement improvement project at this location. The demand to use the facility and the availability of the necessary width will be assessed before consulting with the TII on the proposal.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that there was a very large number of pedestrians walking here and a footpath would be a great addition.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would provide an update on the progress made by Council and TII towards ensuring maximum possible safety at the Woodlawn/Ballycasheen and the Coolcoslough/Upper Lissivigeen junctions with the N.22. The dangers associated with these two junctions have been the subject of Notices of Motion for many years and it's time that safety is prioritised.

Reply: Topographical Surveys, Pavement Condition and Material Surveys along with Preliminary Archaeological Assessments have all been completed in 2020. Junction options at both locations have also been developed. TII have requested that as part of their Junction Analysis Requirements, traffic conditions at both junctions should be analysed using a software package which can simulate the flow patterns experienced at peak periods. This process which will be complete by Q4 2020 will inform the selection of the most appropriate junction forms at both locations.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said that motorists are often waiting up to 5 minutes to exit onto the N22. He asked that meetings with the relevant landowners be progressed.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

In referring to the following Notices of Motion, Mr. P. Corkery advised Members that a Garda investigation was ongoing and cautioned Members to keep their comments general.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin moved NoM No. 6 at this stage.

6. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request the TII to immediately relocate the pedestrian crossings further away from the Cleeny Roundabout. It is lethal dangerous to have uncontrolled pedestrian crossings at the point where high volumes of traffic are exiting a roundabout on a National route.

Reply: The Council will undertake a review of the uncontrolled crossings at the roundabout, which have been in place for over 20 years. The location is the subject of a Garda Investigation arising from a recent accident and the outcome of this investigation may inform the review. The Council is also examining the provision of a

grade separate crossing at Lewis Road junction, which will provide enhanced safety access to the town centre.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that placing pedestrian crossings where vehicles exit at a number of roundabouts in Killarney is lethally dangerous for both pedestrians and motorists. He asked that the TII consider other options for pedestrian crossings adjacent to roundabouts.

Cllr. M. Moloney moved NoM No. 11 at this stage.

11. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would make contact with the TII and request that pedestrian crossings at the roundabout at Curtin's Cross and the roundabout at Cleeny be immediately removed and relocated in a safer location. Unfortunately it will come too late as a life has been lost but no further loss of life must happen due to the location of these crossings.

Reply: The Council will undertake a review of these crossings. One of these locations is the subject of a Garda Investigation arising from a recent accident and the outcome of this investigation may inform the review. The Council is also examining the provision of a grade separate crossing at Lewis Road junction, which will provide enhanced safety access to the town centre.

Cllr. M. Moloney agreed with the Cathaoirleach's comments and asked that the TII would also examine the Park Road roundabout. Cllr. Moloney referred to the Cleeny roundabout and advised that the orange flashing pedestrian crossing lights had stopped working and asked that they be examined as soon as possible.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. D. Grady moved NoM No. 25 at this stage.

25. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney MD would write to the TII requesting that all pedestrian crossings at roundabouts be moved 40 metres away from roundabouts.

Reply: The technical design standards for road elements on the National Network, including pedestrian crossings, are continuously being reviewed by TII, and the design of new works on the road network has full regard to these guidelines. The Council can request the TII to consider this motion in a review of pedestrian crossings.

Cllr. B. Cronin agreed with the comments expressed by Cathaoirleach Cronin and Cllr. Moloney and said this was a very dangerous situation.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Proposed a Vote of Sympathy to the Downey family on the passing of Joanne Downey.

This was Seconded by Cathaoirleach B. Cronin.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin moved NoM No. 9 at this stage.

9. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the position with the upgrade of the Fossa road as there is an urgent need for pedestrian crossings, footpaths and traffic calming.

Reply: Kerry County Council has submitted a Feasibility Report for N72 Golden Nugget to Gap Cross Cycleway. The TII are seeking the consideration of further enhancement options. Preliminary design of the additional options is ongoing and a further revised Feasibility Report will be submitted to TII by the end of September 2020. Subject to TII approval, Kerry County Council to proceed to Part 8 for the works in Quarter 4 2020.

In response to a query from Cathaoirleach B. Cronin, Mr. P. Curry advised that he was hopeful that the Council would proceed to Part 8 for the works in Q4 2020.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked if the option of providing an over-pass on the By-Pass had been considered and asked that an underpass would not be provided in a housing estate.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved NoM 3 at this stage (Economic & Community Development)

3. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask the Planning Section of Kerry County Council, what progress has been made with the development of a Masterplan for the Deerpark area in Killarney? Submissions regarding zoning, while the Local Area Plan and Town Plan were being formulated, were not dealt with on the basis that a Masterplan was necessary first.

Reply: The development of a Masterplan for Deerpark is currently on the work programme of the Planning Policy Unit. This will be progressed once Local Area Plans are complete.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae said she was surprised by the response. She stated that this process commenced 3 years ago and people who made submissions to the LAP at that time were told they would be considered when the Masterplan was being dealt with. Some people are not able to get planning permission on their lands and they are tired of being told for the past 20 years that the by-pass road will be built there and still nothing has happened.

Mr. P. Curry replied that this is a matter for the Planning Department and not the TII but stated that he did not think that the new road would be taking the Masterplan into consideration. The new scheme is likely to be far outside that location.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved NoM 21 at this stage.

21. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the TII what is the update regarding the safety scheme for Glenflesk Village inclusive of speed indicator signs, improved pedestrian crossing and other necessary works.

Reply: In consultation with TII, preliminary concept options have been developed for the N22 Glenflesk Traffic Calming Scheme. The options being considered allow for increased road safety and enhanced pedestrian facilities in Glenflesk Village. These

include the provision of VMS speed signage, carriageway adjustment, installation of footpaths and pedestrian crossings, provision for buses, enhanced R570 junction definition and increased sightlines. Consultation with Killarney MD and local business / landowners will commence in Q4 2020. The Statutory process will subsequently be progressed.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the progress being made and asked when would a design be available to view.

Cllr. Healy-Rae referred to the Poulgorm Bridge Junction Improvement and stated that she hoped the safety barrier would be reinstated first.

In referring to the N72 and proposed works near Fossa National School, Cllr. Healy-Rae advised that the school and parents of Fossa School were not in favour of participating in the Junior Warden Scheme and Cllr. Healy-Rae advised that it would be best to remove this option from any proposed plans.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved NoM 29 at this stage.

29. Cllr. N. Kelleher: When will the works begin on the development of the new stretch of road at Stagmount Bends?

Reply: Tenders have been received for the Main Contract for these works. A Contractor will be appointed in September 2020 and the works will be completed in 2021.

Cllr. N. Kelleher commended the work of the KNRO and welcomed the progression of this project.

In responding to previous queries, Mr. P. Curry advised that a number of alternatives were being assessed in relation to the By-Pass underpass and he confirmed he was aware of the concerns of the residents of Bridgefield estate.

In response to a query from Cllr. D. Grady, Mr. Curry stated that a modified eastern option was being considered which was not in Bridgefield.

In relation to the Lewis Road junction and the left-in, left-out option, Mr. Curry advised this would be investigated by the KNRO. If implemented, it would be on a trial basis and would not have statutory consent and would require the use of plastic bollards.

20.09.10.01 (b) Confirmation of the Minutes

- (a) On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Gleeson, Seconded by Cllr. B. Cronin, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Members of Killarney Municipal District held on 26th June 2020 be confirmed.**
- (b) On the Proposal of Cllr. N. Kelleher, Seconded by Cllr. M. Gleeson, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 8th July 2020 be confirmed.**

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

(a) Dedication of roundabout at Dalton's Avenue / Marian Terrace adjacent to Fitzgerald Stadium in memory of the late Mr Weeshie Fogarty

Cllr. D. Grady Proposed that this roundabout would be dedicated to the late Mr Weeshie Fogarty. Mr. Fogarty played football, was a referee and broadcaster. He said Mr. Fogarty was dearly missed and it would be a fitting tribute to dedicate this roundabout to him.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Proposal. He said Weeshie Fogarty was a very close friend of his and they had won footballing medals together. He was deeply committed to sport and to Kerry and was a distinguished sports broadcaster with Radio Kerry.

On the Proposal of Cllr. D. Grady, Seconded by Cllr. M. Gleeson, it was unanimously agreed to dedicate the roundabout at Dalton's Avenue / Marian Terrace adjacent to Fitzgerald Stadium in memory of the late Mr Weeshie Fogarty.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked that where a relationship with a Residents' Association exists and the Local Authority is dealing with matters relating to an estate, that a discussion would be held with the Residents' Association in advance of the matter coming before a public meeting.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan supported Cllr. Kelleher's request.

(b) To consider the report, following public consultation, on the introduction of traffic calming measures at the junction of St. Anne's Road and O'Sullivan's Place, Killarney, pursuant to Section 38 (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by the Public Transportation Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46)

Mr. J. Ahern read the following report to the Members:

Dáta/Date: **19th August 2020**

Chuig/To: **Cathaoirleach Brendan Cronin and each Member of the Killarney Municipal District
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Chill Áirne**

Ábhar/Subject: **Section 38 Proposal
Traffic Calming Measures for O'Sullivan's Place, Killarney**

Kerry County Council proposes to carry out traffic calming measures at the junction of St. Anne's Road (R-876) and O'Sullivan's Place (L-7217), Killarney.

The proposal includes the following:

- Providing "No Entry" from St. Ann's Road into O'Sullivan Place
- Reducing the width of the road to 3.5 metres
- Increasing the width of the footpaths
- Provision of information signage
- Provision of road markings

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- <http://www.kerrycoco.ie/home3/roadsmain/projects-schemes/>
- <http://www.kerrycoco.ie/public-consultations/> (Have your Say)

There was a public consultation folder in the main Roads Office and the Killarney Municipal District Office, and the attached drawing of the proposed works were put on display. Killarney Municipal District staff also consulted with representatives of the O'Sullivan's Place Residents Committee. The closing date for receipt of observations or representations was 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 27th March 2020.

Two observations / representations were received which are outlined in the attached report.

I am recommending the adoption of this scheme in accordance with Section 38(4) of the Road Traffic Act, 1994.

Is mise le meas,

Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí, Director of Services
Roinn na mBóithre, Iompair & Mara
Roads, Transportation & Marine Department

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Section 38 Report

Proposal to carry out Traffic Calming Measures at the Junction of St. Anne's Road and O'Sullivan's Place, Killarney.

Issues Raised By Persons Who Made Observations / Representations Within The Prescribed Period And Director's Response And Recommendations To Same

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- Providing "No Entry" from St. Ann's Road into O'Sullivan Place
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- Provision of road markings

Persons or bodies who responded within the prescribed period:-

Observations / Representations Raised relating specifically to this Section 38 process

Carmel Fitzgerald

Summary of Comments:

1. That the residents of Fitzgerald's Terrace on the left of the entrance of O'Sullivan's Place be allowed to enter from St. Anne's Road and park at the back of their house from heretofore.
2. That the one-way signage be placed at the entrance to O'Sullivan's Place.

Response:

1. This proposal would lead to unsafe turning movements at the junction of O'Sullivan's Place and the rear of Fitzgerald's Terrace. It would also lead to traffic reversing from O'Sullivan's Place back into St. Anne's Road. The proposal would lead traffic using the rear of Fitzgerald Terrace as means of avoiding Lewis Road during periods of heavy traffic. The residents of the Fitzgerald Terrace will still have access to the rear of their properties from Lewis Road either via O'Sullivan's Place or the laneway at the rear of Fitzgerald's Terrace. There are also currently 6 parking spaces and a set down area in front of Fitzgerald's Terrace to allow for parking.
2. This proposal would lead to unsafe turning movements at the junction of O'Sullivan's Place and the rear of Fitzgerald's Terrace. It would also lead to traffic reversing from O'Sullivan's Place back into St. Anne's Road. The proposal would lead

	<p>traffic using the rear of Fitzgerald Terrace as means of avoiding Lewis Road during periods of heavy traffic.</p> <p>Recommendation: No further action recommended</p>
<p>Aidan Healy & Olive Sheehan</p>	<p><u>Summary of Comments:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That any changes made in O'Sullivan's Place has a direct impact on all the surrounding residential areas i.e Upper/Lower Sunny Hill, O Connells Tce and Mangerton View 2. That previous changes (Provision of Bollards) made in O'Sullivan's Place had enforced the residents of Mangerton View to use Lewis Road, which was already overloaded with traffic sometimes bumper to bumper on both sides. These previous changes severely restricted access of emergency vehicles to Mangerton View should they be required. 3. This proposal would increase the flow of traffic significantly by forcing cars to take short cuts up Hillards Lane from High Street through to Lewis Road, to avoid the St. Annes Rd/Lewis Rd. 4. The council, instead of introducing more piecemeal measures, should go back to the drawing board and come up with an overall plan for the residential area as a whole, in consultation with residents of the area as a whole. 5. That the public car park between O'Sullivan Place and Upper Sunny Hill, which initially had access/egress from 3 directions, with the shortage of parking in Killarney to reduce this to one (Access only from Lewis Road and exit only through O'Sullivan Place). 6. Issues specially Relating to Mangerton View <p><u>Response:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is expected that these proposals will reduce the volume of traffic using these residential areas as a short cut in order to avoid Lewis Road. The residents of Upper/Lower Sunny Hill, O'Connells Terrace and Mangerton View will still have access to their properties as normal via Lewis Road. 2. The previous provision of bollards at the Rear of Upper Sunny Hill and O'Sullivan's Place were carried out as part of a Section 38 Process which was approved by the members of Killarney Town Council on the 14th January 2008. All statutory bodies

	<p>providing emergency services were consulted as part of this process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Kerry County Council do not believe that this observation will materialise, however we will monitor the location. 4. In recommending this proposal Kerry County Council considered the overall movement of traffic in this general location. 5. The public carpark at O'Sullivan's Place will still have one access route (From Lewis Road) and two exit routes (onto Lewis Road & St. Anne's Road via O'Sullivan's Place, which is considered sufficient given that it is a relatively a small carpark. 6. This submission is not in relation to the works put on public display. <p><u>Recommendation:</u> No further action recommended</p>
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Cllr. M. Healy-Rae queried if the one-way system would be adhered to and was concerned that some motorists will continue to enter via St. Anne's Road into O'Sullivan's Place.

Mr. J. Ahern stated that motorists who do not comply will be breaking the rules of the road. An Garda Síochána will be monitoring the location during the early stages of the new layout. He advised that when the junction is constructed, the road will be narrowed so it will not allow for 2 car movements. He advised that the Council will provide signage and lining at the location.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the residents have been looking for a solution for this for 20 years and Proposed that the traffic calming measures be approved.

Cllr. N. Kelleher noted that some Members had met with a number of residents from O'Sullivan's Place who had requested that this proposal would deal with problems of traffic at O'Sullivan's Place. He was not sure that the proposed measures would accomplish this. He asked for confirmation from the MD Manager and MD Engineer that further options would be considered if these measures were not successful.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that only some Members met the residents and it was relayed that these traffic calming measures were what they had requested. The Cathaoirleach asked if this could be altered if not successful.

Mr. Ahern confirmed that at a meeting held with the Residents' Association in O'Sullivan's Place, the Council had proposed that this would be a trial and the residents had asked that it would be a permanent measure. He suggested that the Council could trial temporary measures for 3 months and provide

temporary bollards, road markings and signage. Mr. Ahern advised that the Section 38 before the Members would need to be adopted as a permanent measure.

In response to a query from Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, Mr. P. Corkery advised that if the Section 38 was passed today, it would be 6 months before it could be altered.

Cllr. Kelleher stated that he would vote to adopt the measures on a permanent basis, however, in the event that Members put down a Notice of Motion to reverse or reconsider the Section 38, he asked that the Executive would deal with that Motion. Cllr. Kelleher Seconded the Proposal.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan supported Cllr. Kelleher's comments.

Mr. Corkery requested the Members to vote on what was before them and advised that Mr. Ahern will liaise with the residents if issues need to be resolved.

Ms. A. McAllen stated that the Section 38 proposal was for permanent works and had to be treated as such. If this is adopted today, works will commence. However, as with any Notice of Motion, if it requests the Council to review particular issues, the Engineer will work with the Members and the people on the ground to review the issue.

On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Gleeson, Seconded by Cllr. N. Kelleher, it was agreed to approve the report, following public consultation, on the introduction of traffic calming measures at the junction of St. Anne's Road and O'Sullivan's Place, Killarney, pursuant to Section 38 (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by the Public Transportation Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46).

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For: Cllr. M. Gleeson, Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, Cllr. N. Kelleher, Cllr. M. Moloney, Cllr. N. O'Callaghan (5)

Against: Cllr. B. Cronin, Cllr. D. Grady, (2)

Mr. P. Corkery declared the proposal carried.

- (c) To consider the report, following public consultation, on the introduction of traffic calming measures at Countess Road, Killarney, pursuant to Section 38 (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by the Public Transportation Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46)

Mr. J. Ahern read the following report to the Members:

Dáta/Date: 19th August 2020

Chuig/To: Cathaoirleach Brendan Cronin and each Member of the Killarney Municipal District
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Chill Áirne

Ábhar/Subject: Section 38 Proposal for Traffic Calming Measures for Countess Road, Killarney, Co. Kerry

Kerry County Council proposes to carry out the following Traffic Calming Measures on the Countess Road (L-3904)

Part A - Traffic Calming Measures – To the Western side of the junction of Countess Road & Countess Grove (Photo No 1)



Photo No.1

The proposed works will also consist

- Provision of Raised Table
- Provision of Pedestrian Crossing
- Provision of Associated Signage and Road Markings
- Provision of a New Footpath
- Provision of Additional Drainage

Part B - Traffic Calming Measures – Upgrading the Existing Pedestrian Crossing to the Western side of the junction of Countess Road & Rookery Road (Photo No.2)



Photo No.2

The proposed works will also consist

- Upgrading and Extending the Raised Table
- Relining of the Road Markings
- Realignment of the existing Footpath
- Provision of Additional Drainage

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There was a public consultation folder in the main Roads Office and the Killarney Municipal District Office, and the enclosed drawing of the proposed works were put on display. Killarney Municipal District Staff also consulted with representatives of the Countess Road Residents Committee. The closing date for receipt of observations or representations was 5.00 p.m. Friday, 27th March 2020.

One observations / representations were received which is outlined in the attached report.

I am recommending the adoption of this scheme in accordance with Section 38(4) of the Road Traffic Act, 1994.

Is mise le meas,

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Section 38 Report Proposal to provide Traffic Calming Measures (Provision of Raised Table, Pedestrian Crossing, Associated Signage, Road Markings, New Footpath, Additional Drainage and the Upgrading & Extending the Raised Table) for **Countess Road, Killarney,**

Issues Raised By Persons Who Made Observations / Representations Within The Prescribed Period And Director's Response And Recommendations To Same

Persons or bodies who responded within the prescribed period:-	Observations / Representations Raised relating specifically to this Section 38 process
<p>Ms Grace O'Neill</p>	<p><u>Summary of Comments:</u> That Kerry County Council would confirm the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How far exactly the crossing will be extended • That there will be an extension of 3.4 meters east and west from the current center of the crossing • That the current center will remain the center of the extended crossing i.e. that the crossing position will not be altered • What is the current length (east/west) of the Pedestrian Crossing <p><u>Response:</u> In relation to the Crossing located at the Western side of the Junction of Rookery Road & Countess Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The width of the existing Tabletop (Ramp & Table) is 4.3m, the width of the proposed Tabletop (Ramp & Table Plateau) will be will 6.8m, therefore the overall structure will increase in width by 2.5m. • There will be an extension of 1.25m east and west from the current center of the crossing. • Yes, the current center of the crossing will remain the center of the extended crossing i.e. that the crossing position will not be altered • The current length (east/west) of the Pedestrian Crossing is 2.4m, the width of the existing Tabletop (Ramp & Table Plateau) is 4.3m <p><u>Recommendation:</u> No further action recommended</p>

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the report and Proposed the approval of same.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Proposal.

On the Proposal of Cllr. B. Cronin, Seconded by Cllr. N. Kelleher, it was agreed to approve the report, following public consultation, on the introduction of traffic calming measures at Countess Road, Killarney, pursuant to Section 38 (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by the Public Transportation Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46)

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For: Cllr. B. Cronin, Cllr. M. Gleeson, Cllr. D. Grady Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, Cllr. N. Kelleher, Cllr. M. Moloney, Cllr. N. O'Callaghan (7)

Against: None (0)

Mr. P. Corkery declared the proposal carried.

20.09.10.02 (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 10th September 2020

Director of Service: Michael Scannell

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

There continues to be strong demand for support from the Local Enterprise Office from businesses trading through current restrictions.

Covid Response Actions

Business Continuity Voucher Scheme

The Business Continuity Voucher scheme allowed businesses with up to 50 employees to access consultancy supports worth up to €2,500. All 275 applications have been processed. Support sought was typically in the area of financial planning and cashflow management, remote working advice, supply chain and HR advice. Consultancy with the businesses is ongoing.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme

The lockdown emphasised the importance of having an online presence for smaller firms. Demand for the Trading Online Voucher Scheme is strong in recent months. June, July, August saw the LEO run 5 informational webinars with 502 participants. A further webinar is scheduled for 1st September with 93 participants registered (maximum capacity is 100). Kerry LEO has received an updated allocation of 300 vouchers (original allocation was 44 for the year). The scheme is due to revert to its original 50% funding capacity at the end of September (increased to 90% in recent months as a direct response to COVID).

305 completed applications have been received in 2020.

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. 34 applications have been processed through the LEO in the year to date.

Mentoring

Mentoring services continue particularly in the areas of health and safety, financial planning and online marketing. 65 individuals have availed of specific COVID 1-hour mentoring sessions. Current volumes of individual mentoring applications stand at 153.

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. Number of participants engaged in training webinars from 16th March to 19th August is 1,418. Training courses for September are already booked up.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Restart Grant and Restart Plus Grant

This scheme has been underway over the past number of months. The Restart Plus Scheme was launched on the 10th August with the cessation of the Restart Scheme. Over 1,900 applications have been processed under the Restart Grant Scheme.

The Restart Plus Scheme has been launched and applications are presently being assessed and processed. Eligibility criteria under Restart Plus have been widened. Over 1,500 application have been received as of 27/08/20. Processing has now commenced.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Kerry Tourism Day

Kerry County Council in association with the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation proposed Thursday 30th July 2020 as 'Kerry Tourism Day'. This initiative aimed to strengthen the referral economy amongst residents and communities by offering a countywide 'open house' of selected visitor attractions and tourist experiences. A number of tourism attractions and activity and experience providers participated in the initiative which encouraged locals to explore Kerry and is part of the 'Explore the Kingdom and its Greatness' marketing campaign.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2020

The Department of Rural & Community Development in partnership with Fáilte Ireland recently launched the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2020. The objective of the Scheme is to provide funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure and for the necessary repair, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in countryside areas across Ireland. The Scheme invests in the physical infrastructure that underpins sporting and recreational activities based on the use of the resources of the countryside which will contribute to healthy active lifestyles while building on the economic and tourism potential of the area and benefitting both local communities and tourist visitors alike. The 2020 Scheme will in particular, support recreational infrastructure that not only provides an outlet for the communities in which they are situated but that also delivers added value from a tourism perspective, positioning rural areas to respond to the post-Covid 19 economic environment. An indicative budget of €10 million is available Country-wide for successful projects. Funding is provided under three different categories of projects (Measures) based on the size of the investment requirement with a limited number of applications under each Measure to be submitted by Local Authorities and Local Development Companies (Measure 1 only). An element of own-resource match funding is required for all projects. Closing date for applications for Measure 1 (projects up to €20,000) is 30th September 2020 and closing date for Measure 2 (projects up to €200,000) and Measure 3 (projects up to €500,000) is 30th November 2020.

Killarney Gateway/Visitor Experience Development Plan

Fáilte Ireland continues to work closely with Kerry County Council to establish and develop Killarney as a Gateway to the Wild Atlantic Way. A Wild Atlantic Way Gateway is an urban area (town/city) adjacent to the Wild Atlantic Way route who have a significant opportunity to leverage visitors already coming to the Wild Atlantic

Way. A Stakeholder Steering Group has been established by Fáilte Ireland and a meeting was convened by Fáilte Ireland recently to discuss the DRAFT Killarney Gateway/Visitor Experience Development Plan which outlines recommendations and actions for local industry and builds on a collective vision. It is a five-year development framework designed to achieve a more integrated visitor experience connecting the town with its natural environment, supported by an expansion and diversification of Killarney's core visitor and cultural offering.

The implementation of the Plan is based on stakeholder commitment to project delivery with key stakeholders taking ownership or partnering on the delivery of the key tasks to progress the actions contained in the Plan. Fáilte Ireland will be facilitating a consultation workshop with the Elected Members of the Killarney Municipal District in the coming weeks to present the DRAFT Killarney Gateway/Visitor Experience Development Plan.

COMMUNITY

LEADER Programme

In total 359 projects in Kerry with a monetary value of €7,411,912 has been approved for funding under the LEADER 2014-2020 programme to date.

LCDC

Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

In light of the current circumstances surrounding Covid 19, the DRCD outlined that the 2020 SICAP Mid-Year Review process is replaced by a Mid-Year Check, which is desk based and requires less reporting than processes completed in the past. Reports from each of the Programme Implementers for the 3 Kerry lots along with the SICAP Mid-Year Performance check findings will be brought to the LCDC for approval at their meeting scheduled to take place via conference call on 7th September 2020.

Regarding reprioritising SICAP work consequent on COVID, a Local Response Plan for the 3 Kerry Lots has been prepared. All of the plans demonstrate responsiveness to the COVID crisis and the prevailing local need. They also show flexibility in how the Programme Implementers propose to carry out their support work in light of restrictions.

Community Enhancement Programme 2020 – Round 1 Funding

The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP), which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, has provided €62,534 for projects in Kerry in 2020.

In Kerry it was agreed that the funding under this Programme be targeted at Covid-19 related capital expenditure as well as supporting Age Friendly initiatives under Kerry's Age Friendly Programme.

A total of 93 applications were received. The range of proposed projects includes COVID 19 Capital Related Expenditure, Hand Hygiene and Safety Measures at public amenities and Accessibility projects.

Decisions will issue to applicants in early September.

Community Enhancement Programme 2020 – Round 2 Funding for Community Centres & Community Facilities

The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) Round 2, which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, has provided an additional €155,358 for projects in Kerry in 2020.

The new fund seeks to stimulate local economies by providing capital grants towards the improvement and upkeep of community centres, and community buildings.

A portion of this fund will be ring-fenced to provide small capital grants of €1,000 or less. This is aimed at assisting small grassroots community projects to get off the ground. The programme can also fund or partially fund larger scale capital projects to address disadvantage.

The closing date for receipt of applications is **Monday, 21st September 2020**.

Healthy Ireland Update

Healthy Kerry Plan (2020-2026)

The Healthy Kerry Plan is currently being reviewed and finalised by the Healthy Kerry committee. The vision of this plan is that everyone in the county can enjoy physical and mental health and wellbeing to their full potential, where wellbeing is valued and supported at every level of society and is everyone's responsibility.

Three strategy pillars are proposed in the draft Healthy Kerry Plan which have the potential to positively impact on the health and wellbeing of people in Kerry:

1. Healthy communities
2. Workplace wellness
3. Policy frameworks

The draft plan, once finalised, will be presented to full Council for adoption.

Kerry Age Friendly

The daily newsletter compiled by Age Friendly Ireland was distributed locally to the Community Advisory Group, the Kerry Older People's Council and to the list of Age Friendly Contacts, over the past number of months. Since the beginning of August, the newsletter is produced once a week.

Kerry County Council has assigned a Housing Technical Specialist to the Age Friendly Programme. The role involves providing technical advice to local authority staff and members and private sector developers who have an interest in providing age-friendly housing and also to approved Housing Bodies who have an interest in providing housing for older people, Individuals from the public who may need advice on right sizing or adapting their own dwellings with age friendly universal design principles.

A national survey on older people's attitude to rightsizing (appropriate size housing) has recently been completed and Kerry contributed to this through AF Contacts and the Older Person's Council.

Nationally, Age Friendly Ireland is developing a website and each Local Authority's Age Friendly Programme is contributing to its development. Training has been provided.

The Kerry Age Friendly Programme in partnership with the Kerry PPN successfully applied for funding under the Community Foundation for Ireland: Older Person's

Fund. €5,500 has been allocated. The grant is to cover the set-up of an Older People's Forum. This will act as a consultative community structure, providing an opportunity for older people to voice their opinions and needs and to input formally into policy making. The development of the Forum will allow for a more representative Older People's Council which will be elected from the Forum membership. This membership will be drawn from older people's networks/groups and from groups that provide services to older people.

Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership

Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership Covid-19 Club Small Grant Scheme

Covid 19 Club Small Grant Scheme is designed and intended to support return to sporting activities only, such as Covid 19 related costs associated with reopening sports clubs e.g. hand sanitiser, soap, face masks, screens, dispensers, signage etc. Sports clubs in Kerry can now apply online for COVID-19 Club Small Grants of up to €1,500 through the Kerry Recreation and Sports Partnership.

The deadline for applications is **Tuesday, 1st September 2020**.

Accessible Orienteering

5 week 'Accessible Orienteering' Programme: 29th August - 17th October 2020

Partners: Kerry Orienteers, Kingdom Wheelblasters, Tralee Bay Wetlands, Cappanalea NOETC

As part of this programme aimed at children with physical disabilities, training will be provided in advance for the Kerry Orienteers Club & Kingdom Wheelblaster's Adult Volunteers on how to adapt and make orienteering accessible for all. This will be delivered by Cappanalea NOETC. An 'Eco Experience' will also be delivered by Tralee Bay Wetlands. This will educate and inform participants of the local flora and fauna that they will be exposed to throughout the rest of the programme.

4 orienteering sessions will follow in the weeks after and they will visit locations such as Killarney National Park and Ballyseedy.

The programme will finish with a Family Orienteering Event on the 17th of October in line with Covid 19 restrictions at the time.

Sport Inclusion & Disability Awareness Webinar

KRSP in collaboration with Cork Sports Partnership co-hosted free online workshops to up-skill coaches and volunteers on how to include people with disabilities in their sport or activities. This was the first time any partnerships joined forces for such an initiative, and it has been very well received, with both dates being fully booked with participants. Dates of workshops so far are Wednesday 15th of July 2020 and Wednesday 26th of August 2020

Kerry's Explore Our Waterways - Women on the Water

It is aimed to introduce women to water/paddle sport activities, i.e. kayaking, through "Kerry's Explore our Waterways - Women on the Water" initiative. A pathway is created to introduce women to the outdoors and to promote our abundance of waterways for sport and recreational purposes. An element of fun and social engagement will be implemented into the programme and should participants choose there is a progression pathway created into the club.

The programme will run for 5 weeks every Friday evening from 7-9pm, beginning on Friday 28th of August. There will be 12 participants taking part on the course (course is fully booked) and the course is targeted at women aged 18+ to improve the participation of women in sport. The programme is planned to finish with a club event

the during European Week of Sport on Sunday the 27th of September, but this will depend on guidelines with regards Covid-19 restrictions.

Kerry PPN

The Kerry PPN Community Wellbeing Vision Statements

The Kerry PPN (Public Participation Network) is a collective of all the community, voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups in County Kerry of which there are now over 780 registered groups. **The Department of Rural and Community Development**, charged each PPN with developing a “Wellbeing Statement” at both Municipal District and County / city level.

A series of consultations were held at the beginning of 2020 and facilitated under the six pillars of the wellbeing vision illustrated on the next page:



The Kerry PPN is now at the next stage of development in the drafting of the Kerry PPN Wellbeing Vision Statements for County Kerry. This will then be circulated for feedback & amendment.

Kerry PPN Proactive initiative in response to Covid-19

In response to COVID-19, the Kerry PPN engaged a sign language interpreter to ensure all information was accessible to everyone and consulted through the various media outlets. This service is being provided on a voluntary capacity.

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

Tenders bid proposals for Sara Lee were received. Kerry County Council is engaging with the bidders and this process is ongoing.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request the leader of the Green Party, Minister Eamon Ryan to provide the required funding to construct the Lough Lein Loop walking and cycling route which would provide critically important recreation and tourism infrastructure and would be the equivalent of a greenway for Killarney.

Reply: The Council is currently working with the NPWS and Fáilte Ireland to progress a section of this route to planning. Once this has been obtained, Kerry County Council will be in a position to seek funding for its construction under future calls for grant aided projects.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin said that further to confirmation that O'Sullivan's Cascade is to progress, this Loop walk would be a huge asset to Killarney. He asked that it be brought to fruition.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: Are the 18 roadside houses west of Barleymount Cross towards Coolroe Cross included in the new broadband rollout work which will be taking place shortly.

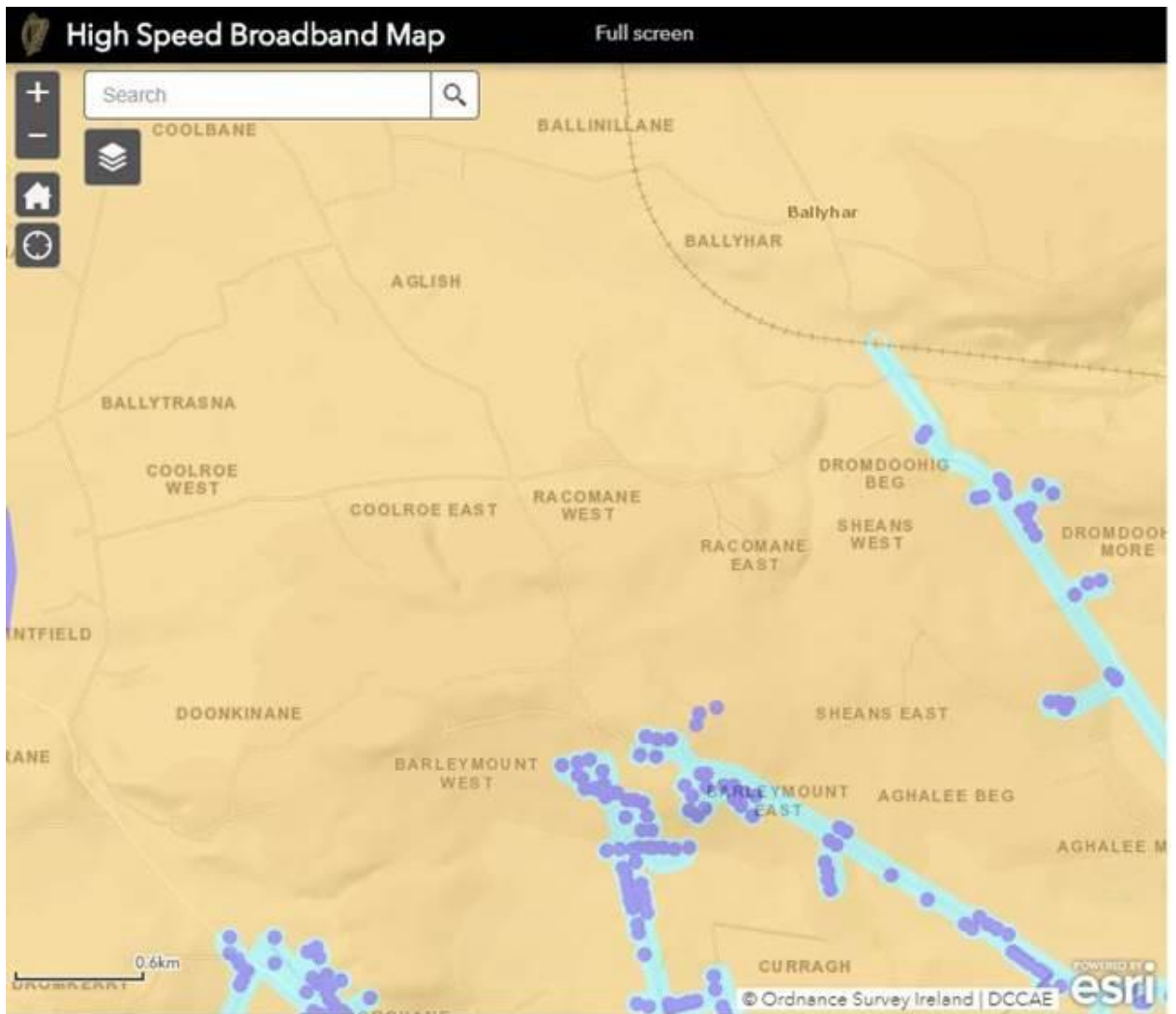
Reply: Individual owners can check their properties using their Eircode as to whether they can receive Fibre based broadband.

It appears that there is no broadband fibre service for these properties under the OpenEir Rural Fibre programme.

Based on the National Broadband Plan map copied below, properties in these townlands must wait for National Broadband Ireland to provide a service under the NBP (so called Amber areas).

We understand that survey work has already been undertaken in some Killarney MD rural areas by NBI.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin asked that the Broadband Officer would contact him in relation to this matter.



3. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: Moved in conjunction with Mr. P. Curry's presentation on road projects in the County.

20.09.10.03 (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: September 10th 2020

Director of Service: John Breen

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Gerard O'Brien SEO

Smokey Coal Ban Killarney

The DCCAE has recently adopted regulations which introduce a new smoky coal ban (Low-Smoke Zone) for Killarney. The ban applies from the 1st September to the marketing, sale, distribution and use of bituminous coals in the Killarney town area and its environs and will operate on a similar basis to the one currently in place for Tralee. The relevant information will be uploaded to the KCC website, but will also be on the agenda for discussion at the September Killarney Municipal District meeting. Enforcement and monitoring of the ban is a matter for KCC.

Environmental Services Activity Report 2020

Civic Amenity Site Transactions

Period July 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	8206	14%	50434	86%	58640

Recycling – Accumulative Sales for All Stations

2020 Eco sense bags sales = **17905**

Accumulative Waste and Recycling Tonnage for All Stations

Year	Weighbridge Waste Tonnage (Incl Tkt Weight)	Recycling Tonnage for Eco Sense Bags
2020	2492.80	296.30

Dogs Statistics January 2020

Number of Dog Licences Issued	8026
Number of Dogs Fines issued	29
Number of dogs Rehomed	73

Environmental Enforcement	
Period: January 2020 – July 2020	
Litter	2020
No. Litter Complaints	650
No. Fines Issued	59
No. Fines Paid To-date	21
No. Court Prosecutions	5
Total Amount Awarded	€0
Air - No. Complaints Investigated	50
Air - No. Court Prosecutions	0
Air - Total Amount Awarded	€0.00
Waste - No. Complaints Investigated	217
Waste - No. Court Prosecutions	4
Waste -Total Amount Awarded	€875
Water - No. Complaints Investigated	96
Water - No. Court Prosecutions	1
Water - Total Amount Awarded	€0

**Fire Services and Building Control Section
Monthly Report for July 2020**

- **Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:**
- There were 703 mobilisations up to the end of July 2020 compared to 886 mobilisations for the same period in 2019. This represents a 20.6% decrease in mobilisations.
- Gorse fires at 170 were *down* from 240 for the same period last year. This represents a 29.1% decrease.
- Chimney fires were at 46 which is down from 51 for the same period last year. This represents a 9.8% decrease.
- Road Traffic Collisions were at 58 which is down from 82 for the same period last year. This represents approximately 29.3% decrease.

	2019	2020
	Jan- July	Jan- July
<i>FIRE OPERATIONS - DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fires Number</i>		
<i>Chimney Fires</i>	51	46
<i>Gorse Fires</i>	240	170
<i>Other Fires</i>	128	114
<i>Total</i>	419	330
<i>Special Services Number</i>		
<i>Entrapment</i>	13	6
<i>Gas/Chemicals</i>	6	0
<i>Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire</i>	2	0
<i>Hazardous Substances non Transit</i>	1	7
<i>Machinery</i>	1	1
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	65	71
<i>Other rescue</i>	28	46
<i>Rescue/Removal of persons from water</i>	5	9
<i>Road traffic accident</i>	82	58
<i>Water pumping/flooding</i>	8	7
<i>Total</i>	211	205
<i>False Alarms Number</i>		
<i>Malicious</i>	8	1
<i>Good Intent</i>	94	85

Total	102	86
Total Number of Incidents	732	621
Total Number of Mobilisations	886	703

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 July 2020 was 249 valid Commencement Notices, which is a 12.9% 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 July 2020 a total of 54 No. Disability Access Certificate applications had been received representing a 34.9% decrease on the same period last year. A total of 78 Fire Safety Certificate applications were received, which is a 28.4% decrease on the same period last year.

Building Control Statistics.

<i>BUILDING CONTROL - DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received</i>	109	78
<i>Disability Access Certificate Applications Received</i>	83	54
<i>Commencement Notices Received</i>	286	249

Library Services

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

Library service:

- **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 a 'Browse & Borrow' lending model.

Provision of additional services will be considered in line with national policy over the coming weeks.

Strong usage of the free library online resources has continued. These include online newspapers and magazines, e-learning courses, e-books and e-audio and online comics for the teenagers accessible via the library website www.kerrylibrary.ie

There were 300,817 usages of these services during the period January – July, a 328% increase on the same period in 2019.

After an initial surge, normal day to day usage of libraries has slowed down with the public not returning to normal library usage in the same numbers. The no. of books issued in July 2020

was 21,621, compared to 49,250 in July 2019 – a 56% decrease. It is expected that these figures will increase when schools return. The high level of visitor usage of Ballybunion & Dingle libraries is noted.

- **Summer Stars programme 2020**

The 2020 Summer Stars reading programme for children was delivered online for 2020 with the Kerry programme running from 1 July – 31 August. Together with normal book lending, children also had the option to access free downloadable e-books and e-audio books, participate in weekly competitions, online quizzes and a national short story competition. Summer reading tips and recommended books for children were also available. Details at www.kerrylibrary.ie or at www.summerstars.ie Summer Stars is part of the national Right to Read programme.

There are currently 167 registered for the Summer Stars in Kerry. While registrations are continuing to grow each day, the figure is lower than previous years, 1,462 children completed the programme in Summer 2019. This is again a reflection of a slow- down in the return to normal library usage by families. In the absence of library events this year, the Summer Stars activities programme continues to be delivered online through the Kerry Library website and social media pages with weekly story time & competitions. To date there have been 3,104 views for Kerry Summer Stars videos posted online. The library website has had 2,506 unique visits since the beginning of the Summer Stars programme.

KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme Status Summary at 1st September 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) **2020-2024** 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	Consulting Engineer Arup has been appointed for the preparation of this Drainage Area Plan , and the Tralee, Listowel and Ballylongford DAPs. The actual survey of the Killarney network has been completed and the DAP is due for completion by August 2021.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL WORKS

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

<u>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</u>			
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 2019.

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 **€1.2M 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 resumed work in July following the COVID-19 'lockdown'.

It is planned to pursue the **Take-Over by Irish Water** of the Group Scheme after 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.

Work has been completed on the replacement of all the watermains on the **DROMADEESIRT GROUP SCHEME** (Kilcummin) and the connection of the Scheme to the public Central Regional Water Supply Scheme and thus discontinuing the use of the private well source. It is planned to pursue the **Take-Over by Irish Water** in the coming months. The 50 years old Scheme, which had 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 in 2018 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 3 van crews from Coffey Northumbrian Limited, the Irish Water appointed contractor whose 'Find' van crews are helping in building a repository of potential leak locations for follow-on investigation and repair by the Fix van crews.

Tralee Town was the initial focus area of the 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%).**

Work, some at night, on this county-wide project has also been undertaken in Dingle, Listowel, Castleisland and more recently in the greater Knockaninane Killarney 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.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would provide an update on the water quality in the Folly Stream, lakeside of the Demesne Treatment Plant and further clarify if the treatment plant is functioning to its fullest tertiary treatment capacity.

Reply: The Folly Stream (downstream from the waste water treatment plant) is among a number of locations on / at the Lower Lake which are monitored at least 12 times annually for total phosphates, orthophosphate, ammonia and chlorophyll by Kerry County Council.

The results of sampling to-date in 2020 are satisfactory and indicate no decrease in standards from previous years.

The WWTP, at which no incidents or exceedances have occurred, is in full compliance with its EPA Waste Water Discharge license.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the results of the sampling in relation to the Folly Stream. He stated it was important that the Demesne Treatment Plant was working well during Covid as it can pass into the sewers. This plant needs to operate to its maximum capacity.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would ask Uisce Éireann if it is progressing the development of a second water reservoir at Sheheree, Muckcross in order to ensure adequate and secure water supply to the entire catchment area at all times and in all weather.

Reply: The existing reservoir at Sheheree, Killarney has a capacity of 30,000M3 and provides storage of more than 18 hours for the scheme. Irish Water currently has no plans to develop a second reservoir on the site.

Cllr. M. Gleeson said this was vitally important to the tourist area in general. It is important that the highest standard of water quality and capacity be maintained.

Mr. C. Mangan replied that there is 18 hours' storage for the whole Scheme, including Castleisland and Tralee, etc at Sheheree, which firstly serves Killarney. Accordingly, this is more than sufficient for Killarney. There is a priority list for 10 new reservoirs in the County, for which planning applications will be prepared over the next year or so. A second reservoir for Killarney is not on the list.

3. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would advise the extent of the water pipes network that needs replacing in the Killarney Municipal District given the fact that every week, Kerry County Council in conjunction with Irish Water are announcing breakages all over the Municipal District.

Reply: Pipe replacement works of value €10M at Ballyspillane, Lewis Road, D'Alton's Avenue, Marian Park, O'Kelly's Villas, Woodlawn Rd. and Ross Road, Killarney and at Ballaugh, Coolcaslagh, Tooreencahill, Rathmore, Barraduff and Knockanes form part of a recent submission for funding by Kerry County Council to Irish Water.

Recently there have also been issues with the management of water pressures in the pipes and the Council's Water Services staff are currently working on these matters.

Cllr. M. Moloney enquired when would this submission be forwarded to Irish Water for funding and what would happen if funding was not forthcoming.

Mr. C. Mangan confirmed that the submission was made in June 2020 on a priority basis. If and when funding is received, it will be for specific locations. Ballymallis is also included on that priority list.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Proposed to move his remaining Notices of Motion at this stage as follows:

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Proposal.

Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate

30. Cllr. N. Kelleher: When will works begin on the Rathmore Town Plan?

Reply: Kerry County Council expect to receive the Final Design and Tender Documents from the appointed Design Consultant by mid-September. These will be reviewed by Kerry County Council and forwarded to the TII for approval by the end of September. Subject to TII approval, Kerry County Council would then be in a position to begin the process of procuring a contractor in October, with the view of appointing them by the end of 2020.

31. Cllr. N. Kelleher: When will the road at Gortnagane be resurfaced?

Reply: A Water Scheme has recently been completed on this road and permanent restoration to the trench has been carried out. However, sections of the (L-3014) road are in a poor condition. Killarney MD is working with Irish Water to carry out additional road improvement works which will be carried out by the end of the 2020 Road Programme.

32. Cllr. N. Kelleher: That the Killarney MD Office carry out an awareness campaign regarding hedgecutting in the Municipal District.

Reply: Kerry County Council will run a County-Wide Hedgecutting Public Awareness campaign this September via local and social media.

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

6. Cllr. N. Kelleher: We write to the NPWS to follow the lead of other National Parks regarding tick awareness.

Reply: Kerry County Council will write to the NPWS to follow the lead of other National Parks regarding tick awareness.

Conclusion of Meeting

Ms. A. McAllen referred to **Mr. P. Corkery's** comments at the start of the meeting in relation to the NPHEP Protocol for meetings and in particular, to the 2 hour time restriction. She advised that any item not dealt with during the meeting would be added to the next meeting.

Mr. P. Corkery advised that the Council were limited by the venue as it is a working sports centre and was in use following this meeting and therefore, it was not possible to extend the meeting.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae accepted the guidelines but added that the Agenda was too full to deal with during the 2 hour limit. She did not accept waiting for 2 months to discuss the outstanding items and Proposed that a meeting would be convened for a week's time to deal with same.

Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Proposal.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin said that Members must keep to the Agenda. He noted that 45 minutes had been spent at the outset discussing the Safe Streets Plan.

In referring to the Agenda, **Ms. McAllen** stated that **Mr. P. Curry** attended the meeting at the request of the Members. She advised that she would review the option of holding a special meeting to discuss any future presentations. This would be dependent on finding a suitable venue. She referred the matter to Corporate Services and will await their advice.

Mr. P. Corkery agreed to examine this, however, he would have to take account of public health guidelines. He agreed to revert to the Cathaoirleach.

The Meeting concluded at 12.09pm.

P. Corkery

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SEO Corporate Services

Cllr. B. Cronin
Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD