

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LISTOWEL ON MONDAY 09th MARCH, 2020.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL A THIONÓLADH IN ÁRAS AN PHIARSAIGH, LIOS TUATHAIL, AR DÉ LUAIN, 09th MARTA, 2020.

PRESENT/ I LÁTHAIR
Councillors/Comhairleoirí

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

In attendance/i láthair

Ms. J. McCarthy	Meetings Administrator
Mr. A. Smith	Municipal District Officer
Mr. S. O'Sullivan	Senior Executive Engineer, CIU
Mr. J Sayers	Kerry NRDO Office
Ms. T. Smith	Kerry NRDO Office
Mr. S. O'Sullivan	Senior Engineer
Mr. E. Scanlan	Senior Executive Engineer
Mr. M. McEnery	Executive Engineer
Mr. E. Joy	Assistant Engineer
Mr. C Mangan	Senior Executive Engineer Water Services
Mr. T. Brosnan	Administrative Officer Housing
Mr. G. O'Brien	Administrative Officer Environmental Services
Mr. S. Kavanagh	Executive Architect, CIU
Mr. J. Downes	CO Corporate Support

The Meeting commenced at 10:08 am. Cathaoirleach J. Moloney took the Chair.

20.03.09 01. (a) Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the following meetings:

- (1) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. R. Beasley SECONDED by Cllr. T. Barry it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Listowel held on 13th January 2020 be confirmed.**

Emergency Motion – Cllr. A. Thornton

After the minutes of the meeting were confirmed, there was an Emergency Motion PROPOSED by **Cllr. A. Thornton** and SECONDED by **Cllr. M. Kennelly** relating to the clarification of the Clearance Works taking place at the Listowel Bypass Project. This Motion is on foot of concerns of locals in relation to the process of:

- (1) The clearance of Japanese Knotweed in the Clearance Works;
- (2) Procedures in the treatment of Birds' Nests in the Clearance Works.

In reply, **Ms. T. Smith**, Kerry NRDO informed Members & Executive that site clearance is ongoing by **Glas Civil Engineering**. Clearance is restricted throughout the month of March by statutory consent – there is no clearance allowed between 1st March and 31st August unless approved by active ecologists on a site. In addition, **Ms. T. Smith** informed the Chamber that there is an ecologist on site examining the sensitive areas of the site and the nesting areas. The clearance of Japanese Knotweed is subject to the provision section of commitments. **Ms. T. Smith** further outlined that for the last 2 years the removal of Japanese Knotweed is subject to the Invasive Species Contract, in compliance with the Guidelines of the TII.

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

- (1) To consider the Chief Executive's Report in accordance with Section 179 (3) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2018 for the construction of 22 no. Residential units, access road, services, parking, landscaping and all associated site works at lands adjacent to the existing suburban housing estate 'Woodview Place' on the outskirts of Tarbert, Co. Kerry.

MD Manager Ms. J. McCarthy relayed the Report to the Members as follows:



Comhairle Contae Chiarraí

Kerry County Council

Chief Executive's Report and Recommendation in accordance with Section 179 (3) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2018 for the construction of:

22no. Residential units, Access Road, Services, Parking, Landscaping and All Associated Site Works

at

Lands Adjacent to The Existing Suburban Housing Estate 'Woodview Place' on the outskirts of Tarbert, County Kerry

Date:

17th February 2020

*Prepared by:
Housing Capital,
Kerry County Council,
Princes Street,
Tralee,
Co. Kerry*

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Section 1. Introduction

1.1 Overview

The construction of a new residential development by a local authority is a class of development referred to as proposed development prescribed for in article 80(1) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

It is proposed to construct 22no. Residential units, access road, services, landscaping and associated site works in Tarbert, Co. Kerry.

The development will consist of 22no. housing units containing;

- 8no. 1-bedroom duplex units.
- 2no, single storey one-bedroom houses.
- 2no, single storey two-bedroom houses.
- 6no. two storey two-bedroom houses.
- 4no. two storey three-bedroom houses.

The waiting list for social housing in the Tarbert area is currently 28 approved applicants¹. This breaks down into:

- 14 no. applications for one bed dwellings.
- 6 no. applications for two beds dwellings.
- 4 no. applications for three bed dwellings.
- 4 no. applications for four bed dwellings.

This development will therefore meet the need of 22 applicants from the housing waiting list.

1.2 Site Location and Development Description

The proposed site is located within an existing suburban housing estate ‘Woodview Place’ on the outskirts of Tarbert village. Tarbert is located adjacent to the Shannon estuary on the border between the counties of Kerry and Limerick. Tarbert is 16km north of Listowel, 8km northeast of Ballylongford, and 6km west of Glin, Co. Limerick. The area outlined in blue on Map 1 is owned by Kerry county Council, and the site of the proposed development is outlined in red.

¹ SSHA 2019
Listowel MD Meeting

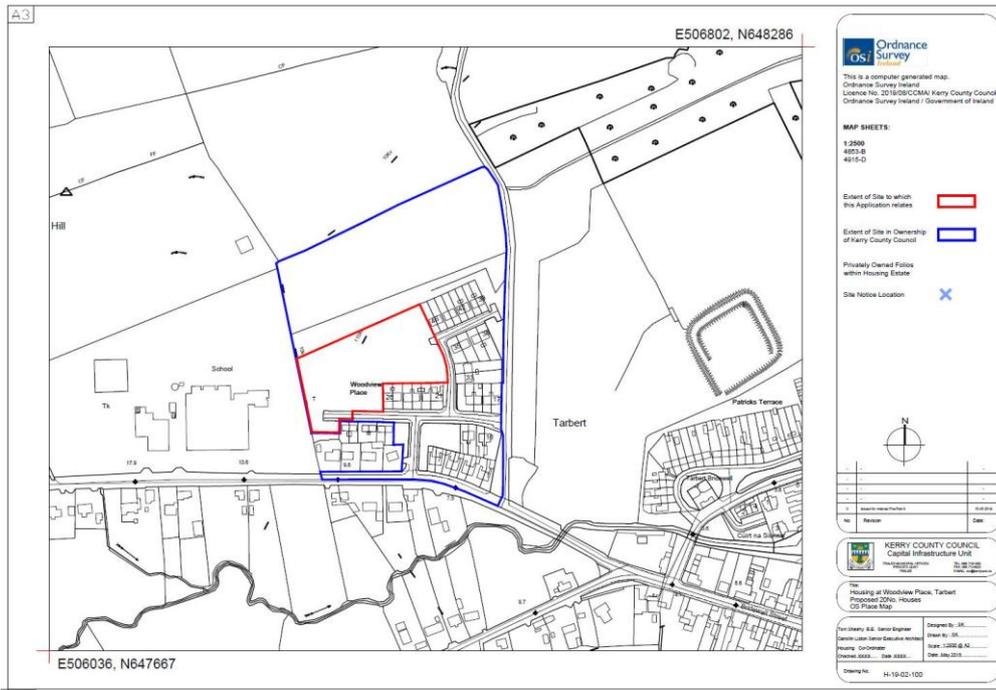


Figure 1: Site Location Map

The site is a greenfield site measuring approximately 1.12ha. Woodview Place is an existing established multi tenure suburban housing estate comprised 46no units. The existing housing estate entrance is off the L1010 local road along the southern boundary. The site slopes northwards at a relatively consistent grade, approx. (1:13). The remaining portion of the site to the north of the existing estate is greenfield. The site is bounded to the west by Tarbert Comprehensive Secondary School. A number of privately-owned detached dwellings are located along the opposite side of the local access road to the south. There is open green space to the east which is zoned as Passive Open Amenity Space and includes a local woodland walking trail.



Figure 2: Ariel View with Site Outlined in Red

1.3 Public Consultation

In accordance with S.179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2018 a Public Notice regarding the proposed works was advertised in the Kerry's Eye newspaper on Thursday 19th December 2019.

Site notices were erected on the proposed site and at the entrance the existing estate on Thursday 19th December 2019 and inspected regularly hereafter.

The Plans and Particulars for the development were on display from Thursday 19th December 2019 until Friday 24th January 2020 at the following location:

- Kerry County Council, Listowel Municipal District Office, Aras an Phiarsigh, Listowel, County Kerry
- Kerry County Council Website www.kerrycoco.ie

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with proper planning and sustainable development of the area were invited on or before 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 7th February 2020.

Figure 6: Site Notices pursuant to A.81(1)b of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001-2018.



Photographic Study



Photo 1: View westwards along local road L1010 towards existing housing estate entrance.



Photo 2: View eastwards along local road L1010 towards existing housing estate entrance.



Photo 3: View northwards at existing housing estate entrance from local road L1010.



Photo 4: View westward within estate along lower road. Existing single storey units along left and right hand side.



Photo 5: View north/west towards adjacent school at lower portion of Woodview Place.



Photo 6: View east at lower end of site looking towards existing houses within Woodview Place.



Photo 7: View west along rear (northern) boundary of existing single storey houses at lower portion of Woodview Place



Photo 8: View north within Woodview Place towards existing two storey houses along the upper portion of the site.



Photo 9: View southwards from upper portion of Woodview Place



Photo 10: View westward at upper portion of Woodview Place. Existing two storey houses.



Photo 11: View west along rear (northern) boundary of existing two storey houses at upper portion of Woodview Place



Photo 12: View southeast from the northwest corner of the remaining greenfield site. (ESB pylon now removed)

Section 2. Persons or bodies who made submissions or observations within the prescribed period

Table 1 lists the persons and statutory bodies who made submissions to Kerry County Council within the statutory time period:

Table 1: List of submissions received during the statutory time period.

SUBMISSION NO.	NAME
<u>Statutory Bodies</u>	
S-1	Maria O 'Dwyer, Irish Water, PO Box 6000, Dublin 1, Ireland
S-2	Brendan Dunne and John Moynihan, Health Service Executive, Liber House, Monavalley, Business Park, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
<u>Public Submissions</u>	

The key issues with respect to proper planning and sustainable development of the area, the response to the same and any further actions arising from the observations are set out hereafter:

Submission S-1 Maria O'Dwyer, Irish Water, PO Box 6000, Dublin 1, Ireland.

Submission/Observation

- In principal Irish Water has no objection to the proposal based on the plans and particulars in the application.
- This submission recommends that the applicant sign a connection agreement with Irish water prior to commencement of the development and adhere to standards and conditions set out in that agreement.
- Irish Water Infrastructure capacity requirements and proposed connection to the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure will be subject to the constraints of the Irish Water Capital Investment Programme.
- All development is carried out in compliance with Irish Water Standards codes and practice.

Chief Executives Response

- As standard practice and prior to commencement of development Kerry County Council intend to enter into a connection agreement with Irish Water and where possible adhere to the standards and conditions set out in the agreement.
- A 225mm storm pipe is proposed within the site and will connect to an existing storm sewer within the Woodview Place estate. Surface water will not enter into the existing foul system.

Chief Executives Recommendation

No amendments to the project that went on public display as a result of this submission.

Submission S-2 Brendan Dunne and John Moynihan, Health Service Executive, Liber House, Monavalley, Business Park, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

Submission/Observation

- This submission recommended that the proposed development comply with all legal limits and all necessary control measures using the best available technology are undertaken during the construction and operational stage of the development.
- It also recommends that measures are implemented to protect sensitive receptors in the area from construction impact such as dust, rodents, interruptions to services and access issues.
- A system should be put in place to deal with complaints during the construction of the development.

Chief Executives Response

- All necessary environmental management measures will be adhered to and will be implemented during construction and operational stage of the development (appendix d of this report).
- A construction management plan outlining all mitigation measures to protect sensitive receptor in the area from construction impacts will be prepared by the contractor post part 8 approval and prior to commencement of works on site.
- Kerry County Council will appoint a clerk of works / liaison person as a point of contact during the construction phase of the proposed project. The appointed person shall liaise between the local community, contractor and Kerry County Council.

Chief Executives Recommendation

No amendments to the project that went on public display as a result of this submission.

Section 3. Evaluate the proposed development with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3.1 Assessment

The proposed development to construct 22no. residential units, access road, parking, services, landscaping and associated site works at Woodview Place, Tarbert, is consistent with the following National, Regional and Local Plans:

- Project Ireland 2040: The National Planning Framework
- Project Ireland 2040: National Development Plan 2018-2027
- Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021
- Tarbert Local Area Plan 2013-2019

The layout and design of the proposed scheme is in accordance with the following DoEHLG guidance documents:

- Sustainable Residential Development in Urban Areas (Cities, Towns and Villages) Guidelines for Planning Authorities,
- Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets.

An Appropriate Assessment Screening report was prepared for the scheme. This assessment objectively concludes, on the basis of objective scientific information, that the proposed project individually or in combination with other plans or projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on a European or Natura 2000 Site, and accordingly it is considered that a Natura Impact Statement / Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required in this instance.

The preliminary EIA Screening report was prepared for the proposed scheme. This assessment concluded that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. The need for an environmental impact assessment can, therefore, be excluded at preliminary examination stage and a screening determination is not required.

Pursuant to Article 120(3)(ca) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2018 no written confirmation was issued by An Bord Pleanála to this local authority regarding a request for an EIA screening determination.

Licensed pre-development archaeological testing of the site at Woodview, Tarbert took place on 16th September 2019. Six test trenches were opened across the site to assess the sub-surface archaeological potential of the lands. Archaeology features were encountered along the northern portion of the site. Two deposits of burnt mound type material were recorded. Kerry County Council Archaeology Office have commissioned an archaeological excavation of these deposits under Licence number 19E0546.

The proposed development is for Social Housing and therefore is exempt from Kerry County Councils contribution scheme.

Having regard to the scale, layout and design of the scheme, the proposed development will not detract from the amenity of the area or the properties in the surrounding residential developments and is considered in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

3.2 Proposed Amendments

No proposed amendments to the development that went on public display.

3.3 Recommendation

Having regard to the nature, scale and location of the proposed development, it is considered that the residential development, consisting of 22units, roads, parking, landscaping, new connections to services and associated works at Woodview Place, Tarbert, is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. Consequently, it is recommended to proceed with the development as proposed

Signed:

Joan McCarthy
Listowel Municipal District Manager
Date:

Section 4. Appendix

- a) Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Determination Statement & Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination Statement**
- b) Suggested planning conditions**
- c) Environmental Management Measures**
- d) Scheme Drawings**

a) Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Determination Statement & Appropriate Assessment Screening Determination Statement

**Planning Authority Habitats Directive Assessment
Screening Determination Statement
For
A proposed 22 No. House and site development works project
Woodview Place, Tarbert, Co Kerry**

Stage I Appropriate Assessment Screening Statement

Kerry County Council as Competent Authority determines that the proposed works, individually, and in combination with other plans and projects are not likely to have a significant effect on a European site (Natura 2000 Site), and as such, a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment / Natura Impact Statement is not required.

It is considered that the AA Screening Report prepared by the Environmental Assessment Unit contains a fair and reasonable assessment of the likelihood of significant effects of the development on European sites. That assessment is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council.

Reasons for Determination

- The nature and scale of the works required to facilitate the construction of the project within relatively short timeframes are not complex.
- There will be no land take requirements from any nearby SACs or SPAs. The development site is located away from Natura 2000 sites and resources from same are not required.
- Significant water quality effects on Natura 2000 sites or other means of habitat degradation arising as a result of the proposal are not likely. The lack of hydrological linkage between the proposed site and any SACs or SPAs will prevent the possibility of any resultant reduction in water quality in nearby sites as a result of the construction or operation of the proposed development. Further, the town's wastewater treatment infrastructure is adequate to cater for the effluent likely to arise from the proposed development.
- No significant disturbance or displacement of qualifying interest species is likely. Noise levels will not be perceptible or of a level that could cause disturbance at nearby sites.
- No significant habitat or species fragmentation arising as a result of the proposal is likely.
- Significant cumulative/in-combination effects through interaction between the proposal and other plans, projects and activities are not likely.

Signed:


Michael Scannell

**Director of Services / Stiúthóir Seirbhísí, Economic & Community
Development / Forbairt Eacnamaíochta & Pobail**

Date:

27/1/2019

**Planning Authority Environmental Impact Assessment
Preliminary Screening Conclusion Statement
For**

**A proposed 22 No. House and site development works project
Woodview Place, Tarbert, Co Kerry**

**Environmental Impact Assessment Preliminary Screening Conclusion
Statement**

Kerry County Council concludes that this project is not one which requires EIA Screening or EIA. The Preliminary EIA Screening Examination prepared by the Environmental Assessment Unit contains a fair and reasonable assessment. That assessment is adopted as the assessment of Kerry County Council.

Reason for Conclusion

Having regard to nature of the development comprising an infill residential scheme and the location of the site on serviceable lands within the settlement boundary and distant from environmental designations, it is considered that there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development. The findings of the Archaeological report prepared for the site are also noted. The need for environmental impact assessment can, therefore, be excluded at preliminary examination stage and a screening determination is not required.

Signed:


Michael Scannell

**Director of Services / Stiúrthóir Seirbhísí, Economic & Community
Development / Forbairt Eacnamaíochta & Pobail**

Date:



b) Suggested Planning Conditions

FIRST SCHEDULE

Having regard to the location of the site within the development boundary of Tarbert, it is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions set out in the Second schedule, the proposed development would not seriously injure the amenities of the area or of property in the vicinity and would not therefore be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

SECOND SCHEDULE

1. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the plans and particulars dated 29.11.2019, except for any alterations or modifications specified in this decision.

Reason: To regulate and control the layout of the development.

2. The development shall be of design and construction in accordance with the plans and particulars dated 29.11.2019, except for any alterations or modifications specified in this decision.
 - (b) All external finishes shall be neutral in colour, tone and texture
 - (c) The use of white uPVC shall not be permitted on windows, doors, fascias, soffits and guttering.

Reason: To integrate the structure into the surrounding area.

3. The finished floor level shall be in accordance with detail dated 29.11.2019.

Reason: To integrate the structure into the surrounding area.

4. The development shall be connected to the public water supply and the public foul sewerage system to the satisfaction of Irish Water. No development shall commence until such time as the developer has obtained and signed a Connection Agreement with Irish Water for the provision of water and sewerage services necessary to enable the proposed development.
 - (b) The developer shall adhere to the standards and conditions set out in that agreement.

Reason: In the interest of public health.

5. All site works shall conform to the "Recommendation for Site Development Works for Housing Areas" published by the Department of Environment, 1998.

All existing and proposed service cables associated with the proposed development (such as electrical, telecommunication and public lighting cables) shall be run underground within the site. Ducting for broadband to be provided.

 - (b) Under no circumstances shall the applicant\developer cut or otherwise interfere with the public road for the purposes of connection to public services without a road opening license.
 - (c) Electricity lines on site shall be located in accordance with best practice.

Reason: To avoid a traffic hazard and protect public property.

6. Public Lighting shall be in accordance with ISO EN 13201 and shall be designed and certified by a competent lighting engineer.
 - Lamps shall be LED type.
 - All fittings shall be Irish WEEE compliant.
 - Lamp fittings to have min. I.P. 67 rating.
 - Lighting columns shall be steel columns to EN 40 standard.
 - All electrical installations shall comply with the National Rules for Electrical Installations "ETCI regulations" and shall be tested, verified and certified by RECI or ECSSA registered contractors.

As part of the 'As-Built' drawing submissions on completion of the development, the development shall show and certify compliance with the above. A separate drawing for the public lighting element shall be submitted, which shall clearly indicate the locations and numbering sequence of lights, the exact specification of lamps and columns (including wattage and columns heights) and locations of all mini-pillar and meters.

Reason: In the interests of orderly development.

7. The site shall be landscaped with suitable indigenous trees and shrubs or hedges. All landscaping and screening shall be carried out within the first growing season following occupation of the dwelling houses.

Reason: To provide adequate screening.

8. Notwithstanding the exemption development provision of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and any statutory provision replacing or amending them, no development falling within Class 1 of Schedule 2, Part 1 of those regulations shall take place within the curtilage of each house without a prior grant of permission.

Reason: In the interest of the amenity of the area.

9. Notwithstanding the exemption development provision of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 and any statutory provision replacing or amending them, no part of any dwelling unit on the site shall be used for the purpose of provision of overnight commercial guest accommodation without a prior grant of permission for such development.

Reason: In the interest of the amenity of the area.

10. The contractor shall institute appropriate measures to prevent material being deposited onto the access road in Woodview Place and the public road. No earth, soil or other material from this site shall be deposited onto the public road.

(b) The development is to comply with the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government, Circular PL 6/2014 dated 26th November 2014 with regard to the "control of Vehicle speeds", (i.e. Children at play and 30km/h signage).

(c) All site works shall be in accordance with the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government publication "Site Development Works for Housing Areas".

(d) Stop sign and appropriate thermoplastic road markings at the entrance to the development and all internal junctions are required in accordance with the Department of Transport Traffic Signs Manual.

(e) Details of all works on the public road shall be agreed in advance with the Roads, Transportation & Marine Department of the Listowel Municipal District Office, Kerry County Council.

(f) All road openings are subject to a license from Kerry County Council, Roads, Transportation & Marine Department and are subject to the usual fees and conditions.

Reason: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

11. All excavations and building works shall be carried out between the hours of 0800 and 1800 Monday to Friday inclusive, and between the hours of 0800 and 1300 on Saturdays only. No work shall be carried out on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

12. A construction and environmental management plan shall be prepared by the contractor and approved by Kerry

county Council prior to the commencement of development

Reason: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

13. A construction traffic management plan shall be prepared by the contractor and approved by Kerry county Council prior to the commencement of development

Reason: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

14. Good site management practices shall be employed by the developer during the site construction and development to prevent discharge of contaminated waters.

Reason: In order to protect the existing environment.

15. Prior to occupation of the residential dwellings, all site development works shall be substantially completed in accordance with the conditions attached to this decision.

Reason: In the interests of orderly development.

16. 5% of all car parking spaces provided shall be designated disabled car parking. Designated car parking spaces shall be reserved for people with disabilities. Their location shall be clearly marked on the ground. Revised drawings indicating the same shall be submitted to Kerry County Council prior to the commencement of development.

Reason: In the interest of proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

c) Environmental Management Measures

This document collates the environmental management measures identified for this project. All measures listed below shall be incorporated into the operational framework for the project.

Impact	ID	ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES	TIMING
Archaeological Protection	A1	Pre-development archaeological testing shall be carried out across the undisturbed area of the site prior to commencement of development.	Pre-Construction
Biodiversity	B1	A full investigation of the site shall be carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist to identify the presence of Japanese knotweed and any mitigation measures, if necessary.	Pre-Construction
Construction Management	C1	The construction / demolition works shall be managed in accordance with a Construction Management Plan, which shall be prepared and agreed prior to commencement of development. This plan shall provide details of intended construction practice for the development works, including hours of working, noise management measures and traffic management measures.	Design & Construction
Oil spill risk management	OS	<p>Re-fuelling will be restricted to allocated re-fuelling areas with oil spill containers / kits provided. Waste oils and fluids generated during the construction phase will be collected in leak-proof containers and removed from the site for proper disposal.</p> <p>All spills from fuels or hydraulic fluids will be cleaned up immediately and any contaminated soil will be removed from the site and disposed of through a licensed contractor. Each machine driver will be equipped with and trained to use an oil spill kit. Any indication of an oil spill encountered during the works should be reported to the Project Engineer.</p>	Construction
Silt Management	SM1	<p>Stockpiles of construction materials to be stored away from any adjacent watercourses to the site so as to reduce the risk of material entering drains and the surface water system during rainfall events.</p> <p>Best management practices to prevent silt entering adjacent watercourses will be utilised, including straw bale and / or managed silt trap installations, as appropriate. Silt laden material will not be permitted to build up in any adjacent land drains / watercourses.</p> <p>Vegetation cover will be maintained where possible or regrown prior to the first winter season after commencement of construction, in order to provide a buffer to overland flow which may transport sediment from the site into watercourses.</p>	Construction
Waste	WM	Construction waste shall be managed in	Pre-

Management	<p>accordance with a construction waste and demolition management plan. This plan shall be prepared in accordance with the “Best Practice Guidelines on the Preparation of Waste Management Plans for Construction and Demolition Projects”, published by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in July 2006.</p> <p>The plan shall include details of waste to be generated during site clearance and construction phases, and details of the methods and locations to be employed for the prevention, minimisation, recovery and disposal of this inert material in accordance with the provision of the Waste Management Plan for the Region in which the site is situated.</p> <p>Contractor(s) will be responsible for the management and disposal of waste, including waste oils and fluids generated during the construction phase, in accordance with their individual Waste Management Plans. All hazardous wastes will be in sealed, labelled drums and stored in lockable chemical cabinets.</p>	Construction & Construction
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On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. M. Kennelly** and SECONDED by **Cllr. R. Beasley** that the construction of 22 no. Residential units, access road, services, parking, landscaping and all associated site works at lands adjacent to the existing suburban housing estate ‘Woodview Place’ on the outskirts of Tarbert, Co. Kerry be approved by the Members.

The Councillors welcomed the news for Tarbert and the local community.

20.03.09.02 Economic & Community Development Directorate

(a) It was agreed to note the following report from Economic and Community Development Directorate which was circulated:

**Economic and Community Development
Report**

LISTOWEL Municipal District

9th March 2020

Director of Service: Michael Scannell

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

Budgets

Enterprise Ireland is currently finalising budgets and agreed performance targets for 2020 with Kerry LEO as part of the Service Level Agreement. The office has six projects for consideration for the February Evaluation Meeting.

The TAME (Technical Assistance for Micro-Exporters) is a grant of up to €2,500 available to businesses who wish to exhibit at overseas trade fairs. Two businesses have been approved supports.

Interest in the Trading Online Voucher Scheme remains strong with a seminar in Killarney in January attended by 38 attendees. The office is scheduling another Trading Online Voucher Seminar for Tralee in March.

Training

Kerry Local Enterprise Office week runs from 2nd to 6th March. The office will be rolling out a number of free seminars and workshops. Bookings are being taken on our website. Two “Start Your Own Business programmes” are presently running and a further course is available for booking.

Demand for Digital Marketing and Social Media training around the county continues to be strong. The office also has a Brand Development Workshop running over two full days in March with bookings being taken on the website.

TOURISM

BALLYBUNION MASTER PLAN

Work is progressing on the development of a Master Plan for Ballybunion and consultation was held recently with tourism trade and development companies in the town. The plan will be a blueprint for the development of tourism in Ballybunion and will inform Failte Ireland’s upcoming North Kerry/West Limerick Visitor Experience Development Plan, as well as, the North Kerry/Listowel MD Local Area Plan.

LIMERICK/NORTH KERRY GREENWAY

An initial meeting took place in February in Listowel between representatives of Kerry County Council, Limerick City & County Council, NEWKD and West Limerick Resources. Areas of common ground were discussed and plans on how best to market and promote the Greenway, once completed were explored. Cooperation between both County Councils was established to deliver the Greenway, which will greatly enhance the region’s tourism product and offer both locals and visitors a safe off-road environment within which to enjoy the stunning landscapes in the area.

HOLIDAY WORLD SHOW BELFAST 2020

A Kerry stand, organised by Kerry County Council in conjunction with the Destination Kerry Tourism Forum and tourism trade in the county, took part in the Holiday World Show in Belfast from the 17th to the 19th January. With several thousand attendees, the show was a

great opportunity to showcase the county, including Listowel, Ballybunion and the North Kerry area, as Ireland's premier tourist destination.

HOLIDAY WORLD DUBLIN 2020

Kerry County Council in conjunction with the Destination Kerry Tourism Forum coordinated a large Kerry exhibition space at the Holiday World Show in Dublin's RDS which took place from the 24th to the 26th January. With over 50,000 attendees the event, which is Ireland's largest and best-attended annual exhibition, was an ideal opportunity for the tourism trade in the county to promote and market Kerry. Listowel & Ballybunion was well represented at the event and several tourism providers from the town provided special offers/promotions/prizes for visitors to the stand.

NEW MANCHESTER TO KERRY ROUTE - INDUSTRY WORKSHOP

Following the announcement of a new twice-weekly Manchester – Kerry route that will commence in March 2020, Kerry Airport in association with its tourism partners, Kerry County Council, Tourism Ireland, Failte Ireland and Ryanair hosted a series of Industry Workshops around the county recently. The Listowel workshop was well attended by the tourism industry in North Kerry and provided key information about the route, advice on how best to capitalise on the route and insightful information about the UK market.

COMMUNITY

Community Support Fund 2020

The Community Support Fund, (CSF) is now in its 6th year. The CSF is facilitated through the Local Property Tax, through the decision of the Elected Council. The Fund provides flexible financial support to community groups and local organisations to undertake proposed projects in 2020 - grants cannot be awarded retrospectively.

This year, a total of 348 applications have been received – 78 within the Listowel Municipal District and 21 Countywide applications. Special Municipal District Meetings were scheduled for Friday February 28th to consider the applications received and 59 projects were awarded funding in the Listowel Municipal District. Details of the grants awarded are on Kerry County Council's website.

Tidy Towns Update

A Composting Workshop was delivered by Donal O'Leary on Tuesday 25th February 2020 at Listowel Family Resource Centre. Despite dreadful weather conditions there was a good turnout comprising of both members of various North Kerry Tidy Town's groups as well as individuals. Donal stressed the importance of composting, detailing several different processes, as well as highlighting the need to reduce household food waste.

Ballyduff Local Policing Forum

Several preliminary meetings have been held to date in relation to forming a Local Policing Forum in Ballyduff. Local Policing FORA provide a mechanism through which the community, An Garda Síochána, the Local Authority and other stakeholders come together to improve communication, share appropriate information and identify issues of concern in relation to policing, anti-social behaviour, community safety and related estate management issues.

LPF members work together to find solutions to issues raised, report on progress and develop approaches to manage issues. The Local Policing Fora reports to the Joint Policing Committee at each meeting – normally via one of the Sub-Committees of the full JPC.

The LPF can advise the County Council, the Gardaí on how to best perform their functions having regard to the need to undertake actions to improve the safety and quality of life and to prevent crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour within the area.

Members are drawn from the Ballyduff Village Community and service provider stakeholders working in the area.

Membership should be drawn from:

- Community Representatives
In a village like Ballyduff, different estates / areas and community groupings should be represented including:
 - Benmore Estate Management Group
 - BUDS FRC
 - Better Ballyduff Group
 - Ballyduff Community Centre
 - Ballyduff Text Alert
- Representatives from Agencies
 - An Garda Síochana
 - Kerry County Council (Listowel MD and Housing)
 - Tusla / Family Resource Centre
 - Health Services Executive

Analogous to the role of Oireachtas members on the full JPC, any Councillor from Listowel Municipal District may attend Local Policing Forum meetings, raise matters and have access to documentation.

Terms of Reference have now been agreed for the Ballyduff LPF and it is proposed to hold the inaugural full meeting within the coming weeks.

Community Awards 2020

The objective of the Kerry Community Awards is to recognise work of the community and voluntary sector that has already been undertaken and/or continues to be undertaken to seek to improve the Social, Economic, Cultural and Environmental quality of life in our local communities, both urban and rural.

Application to the Kerry Community Awards is in recognition of good practice models of community projects already implemented. The 2020 Annual Recognition Awards Ceremony will be held on Thursday 7th May 2020. The top ten entries (Gold Winners) and next ten (Silver Winners) will receive a monetary prize and plaque. The Overall Winner will receive an overall monetary prize and Trophy.

On the recommendation of the 2019 Adjudicating Panel, the Community Awards Committee expanded the criteria for eligibility for an award in 2020 so that eligible groups may not have been a Gold Winner or Overall Winner in the previous 2 years. This is to allow for new groups to come through and progress.

The closing date for receipt of applications was 7th February 2020 and 53 applications have been received.

Update on Kerry PPN

Community Wellbeing Workshops were held in each MD during January/February. The workshops served as a consultative forum for the development of a Community Wellbeing Vision for County Kerry both at municipal District level and at County Level.

To date 749 community and voluntary groups have registered with the Kerry PPN – 181 in the Listowel MD.

Healthy Ireland Update

Healthy Ireland Fund Round 3 (1st July 2019 – 30th June 2021)

An addendum to the Healthy Ireland grant agreement was issued by Pobal on behalf of the Department of Health and provides funding of €246,050 under Round 3 of the Fund to fund the following:

1. Building Healthy Communities,
2. Grass Roots Workplace Wellbeing Initiatives,
3. Review of Health and Wellbeing Policy Frameworks,
4. Physical Activity – Older People and
5. Listowel Urban and Rural Social Prescribing for Health and Wellbeing

Funding has also been made available to fund:

- Community Mental Health Action – Rural Men’s Outreach Project,
- a CMHF Small Grants Scheme, Community Engagement activity and
- a Healthy Ireland Coordinator

Building Healthy Communities

The Healthy Communities initiative will be developed by drawing on information gathered through the Kerry PPN Community Wellbeing Vision workshops. Kerry PPN will generate a Community Wellbeing Vision per MD and countywide.

Kerry’s Play and Leisure Policy Update

Targeted stakeholder consultation workshops were held on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 to commence the development of Kerry’s Play and Leisure Policy. Dr Carol Barron, Chairperson of Súgradh and national children’s play researcher at Dublin City University, facilitated these workshops and provided a summary document based on feedback received. Further consultations will be held in the coming months with children and young people in a variety of settings to further develop Kerry’s Play and Leisure Policy.

Kerry Age Friendly Programme Update

Age Friendly Parking - Age Friendly Parking has been included as an element in the proposed Parking Strategy for the County. The consultation is at an early stage.

Older Peoples Council: As part of the development of the Older Peoples Council/Forum a Registration process was agreed at the Older People’s Council meeting. Subsequently, discussions took place with the PPN in relation to registration and possible linkages in work programmes. The Older People’s Council is due to meet again in March.

LEADER Programme

A meeting of the Kerry LCDC led Local Action Group (LAG) was held on the 11th February 2020.

A total of 7 projects supported by North East & West Kerry Development CLG (NEWKD) were presented for approval at the meeting. Following a detailed consideration of the information received, all 7 projects were approved for funding with a cumulative total of €91,870.79.

In total 310 projects in Kerry with a monetary value of €6,651,801.91 have been approved for funding under the LEADER 2014-2020 programme to date

Social Inclusion Community Activity Programme 2018 – 2022 (SICAP)

A meeting of the Kerry LCDC was also held on 11th February 2020 at which the Local Development Companies (who are the implementers of SICAP in Kerry, i.e. PIs) made a presentation to the LCDC in relation to their end of Year Reports for 2019 and Annual Plans for 2020.

SICAP End of Year Review:

The purpose of the End of Year Review is to capture and describe progress on the delivery of the programme in 2019. The following table gives a summary of the achievements in 2019:

Summary of SICAP Work Programme 2019:

Lot Name & Budget	Individuals Interventions KPI 1*	Community interventions KPI 2*
NEWKD Annual Budget: €1,058,725 Total administration Costs: €264,681 (25%) Total Action Costs: €794,044	691 (across 8 target groups)	62 (interventions across 6 support types)
SKDP Annual Budget: €514,807 Total Administration Costs: €128,701 (25%) Total Action Costs: €376,106	342 (across 8 target groups)	24 (interventions across 6 support types)
IRD Total Administration Costs: €14,017 (25%) Total Action costs: €42,050	56 (across 8 target groups)	9 (interventions across 6 support types)

KPI 1: Key Performance Indicator 1; KPI 2: Key Performance Indicator 2

The excellent progress that the PIs have made in 2019 in delivering SICAP is evidenced by the year end performance where the targets set against both KP1s were met in all cases and over-achieved in certain areas.

SICAP Annual Planning Process

The annual planning process was approved in principle by the LCDC at the February 2020 meeting. The annual plan covers a 12- month period and details the actions to be delivered by the PIs under both SICAP goals, including targets for service delivery, outcomes and costs. The 2020 budget reflects a 3% increase on the 2019 budget and the targets set under each of the Key performance Indicators remain the same.

Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership (KRSP) Update

A Sports Development Officer (SDO), Patrice Diggins & a Sports Inclusion Development Officer (SIDO) Gearoid Doherty have recently taken up positions within the Community Department to strengthen the team engaged in the delivery of the Sports Partnership Work Programme. The work programmes currently being developed include the following:

Sports Development Officer:

- Pickleball is a new and growing sport popular amongst the older adult populations. KRSP, in partnership with Listowel Community Centre and Killarney Leisure centre, are hosting a six - week pickleball programme in both venues with the aim of a blitz between the 2 on the last week. This is beginning Thursday the 20th of February 2020.
- Target areas and groups have been identified and tailored programmes are currently being developed to be implemented in cooperation with the Local Development Companies.
- Has been made with the National Governing Bodies for Rowing and Badminton in relation to rolling out school programmes and introducing Orienteering.
- Operation Transformation –the Kerry National Operation Transformation Event was a big success with walks were held at 2 locations – Tralee and Listowel on Saturday the 18th of January 2020. Both walks were a big success with a total of 890 participants taking part.
- In Listowel, there is a follow-up of a six-week fitness class every Wednesday night (8:00-8:45). All participants in the Listowel walk are eligible to avail of the classes, with 278 attending in total over the six weeks. The classes ran in tandem with the TV show on Wednesday nights and Ann Heffernan won the complimentary one-year membership of BASE Fitness.
- A boxing programme and Coach to 5Km programme is being organised in conjunction with NEWKD and the residents of Benmore Estate, Ballyduff.
- Tutors are being recruited to rollout programmes countywide on behalf of KRSP.

Sports Inclusion Development Officer:

In the two weeks since Gearóid has commenced employment as the Sports Inclusion Development Officer, Gearóid has liaised with relevant stakeholders in the area of sports inclusion, i.e. Killarney Leisure Centre, Listowel Community Centre, Nano Nagle Special School, Kerry Intervention Disability Services (KIDS), Cara (Sport Inclusion Ireland), IT Tralee, Kerry Sports Academy, Irish Surfing, Capanalea National Outdoor Education Centre, Kerry Orienteering, National Council for The Blind of Ireland (NCBI) etc.

The proposed programme of works to be initiated are summarised as follows:

- **Camp Abilities**
Date: 5-10th April (First week of Easter)
Venue: Capanalea National Outdoor Education Centre, Killorglin

Description: Support the delivery of numerous elements for this residential sport and recreation camp for 40 kids who are blind or visually impaired. Kids and volunteers travel from all over Ireland and beyond to be part of this fantastic national initiative here in Kerry.

More info on this website: <https://caracentre.ie/event/camp-abilities-ireland/2020-04-06/>

- **Fit For All Week**

Date: 4th - 10th May 2020

Description: Support and promote activities and sessions available within Leisure centres, gyms and leisure/fitness providers in Kerry. This is a National initiative coordinated by Cara (Sport Inclusion Ireland). Each Centre that participates receives an equipment bag with specialised equipment for adapting exercises and maximising potential usage for existing equipment and resources. All the centres and activities available will be promoted and highlighted both locally and nationally.

More info on this website: <https://caracentre.ie/event/fit-for-all/>

- **Irish Surfing Training Pilot**

Date: September (exact date to be confirmed)

Venue: Inch Beach

Description: Irish surfing to run a pilot training programme for surf instructors to upskill them to be able to run and assist Surf programmes for people with disabilities in Kerry. KRSP to link in with local disability services to send participants to avail of the surfing opportunity. The benefit of having this piloted in Kerry is that local surf instructors will be invited on to the training, thus building capacity to deliver inclusive surf sessions in Kerry. Also, there will be an opportunity for participants for Disability Services and group to participate and get surf lessons on the day.

- **Kerry Sports Ability**

Date: To be confirmed - in Quarter 3

Venue: Kerry Sports Academy, IT Tralee (TBC)

Description: The coordination of an event that showcases inclusive sports and physical activity opportunities for people with disabilities in Kerry. There will be information stands for people to get further information on the activity as well as key note speakers and showcases of some of the sports and activities available. This will then become an annual event and grow year on year.

- **Kerry Sports Ability Forum**

Date: Quarter 3

Description: The bringing together and formation of Key stakeholders for disability sport in Kerry so that they can guide, input and support future programmes and events for Sport and physical activity opportunities People with disabilities in Kerry. It would be proposed that this group would meet 4 times a year.

- **Sports Ability Booklet**

Date: Quarter 3

Description: The compilation of a booklet with information on activities and sports currently available for people with disabilities to take part in in Kerry. Within this booklet there will be a description of the activity, membership info, details of where and when it takes place, who it would suit or be accessible for, as well as a direct contact for that activity.

PLANNING POLICY

DRAFT Listowel Municipal District Local Area Plan and Variation to Listowel Town Development Plan.

The closing date for submissions / observations on the DRAFT Listowel Municipal District Local Area Plan and Variation to Listowel Town Development Plan was the 13th of December. The Chief Executives report summarising the submissions received including the Chief Executive recommendations will be prepared for consideration by the Listowel Municipal District shortly.

After the Members were briefed on the Directorate Report, **Listowel MD Officer Mr. A. Smith** reminded the Members of the Public Meeting that was taking place that evening at Nano Nagle School (Monday, 9th March) in relation to making Listowel an “Autism Friendly Town”. It is hoped that local businesses will espouse the project as there are only a small percentage of businesses that need to make slight changes to their businesses to get accreditations.

The MD Officer also briefed the Members on the “**See Something, Say Something**” project, which will operate through the 4 Garda Regional Communication Centres, with an overall cost of €75,000 for the project.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. M. Foley:** To ask Kerry County Council if they intend to acquire Moyvane Garda Station and if so for what purpose, as I understand Kerry County Council has expressed an interest in the property and are in discussions with the OPW.

REPLY: All State Property disposals are subject to the formal processes set in our in the Intra State Transfer protocols – essentially for a property such as Moyvane Garda Station – it must be offered to other state agencies in the first instance to assess their interest for their own function and duties. The properties are only made available for transfer on the basis of full market value. The property was offered to the Council and given our well-established needs for sites for Housing development was assessed as to its suitability for Housing purposes on all grounds including costs. Following this assessment, the Council will not be proceeding to acquire the property. The OPW have been informed of this decision very recently and indeed the Council has also had ongoing engagement with a local group about our intentions as well and they have also been informed of the decision.

Response welcomed by Cllr. M. Foley.

2. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** Kerry County Council last year applied for and received funding under the WIFI4EU initiative which allows free Wi-Fi to be provided in Listowel. When will we see this delivered?

REPLY: The design of the scheme is now completed, and the procurement process is to begin in the coming weeks with a view to completed installation by end of Q3 2020.

Cllr. M. Kennelly welcomed the initiative and queried whether it would be an ongoing expense. MD Manager Ms McCarthy replied that Kerry County Council are making a Capital Investment in this project and there will be an annual charge for the services.

(c) Questions

1. **Cllr. A. Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council undertake an Economic Strategy for the North Kerry Greenway?

REPLY: Investment in Activity-based Tourism including greenways has been recognised by Government as a priority over the duration of the National Development Plan lifespan. As members are aware, Kerry County Council has also prioritised greenway development for funding and investment. Other similar developments around the country such as the Great Western Greenway in Mayo and the Waterford Greenway have already demonstrated that any investment in such developments have helped to increase tourism activity and helped rural economies to diversify and increase economic potential for established and newly formed businesses.

It is an objective of Kerry County Council to promote and facilitate the sustainable development of rural tourism along the Greenway route, for example, the refurbishment of vernacular buildings, open farms or other tourist related facilities including holiday home accommodation provided these are not detrimental to the character, biodiversity, scenic value and rural amenity of the surrounding area and in particular, full protection of the natural environment. There is no doubt that the presence of the Greenway will provide a major activity attraction for tourists, both domestic and overseas. Kerry County Council staff have been in contact with both Mayo County Council and Waterford County Council staff in relation to their experience with the promotion of suitable business start-ups and expansions and the various programmes which will assist businesses to maximise the potential for economic development. Already, Kerry County Council Staff have been in discussion with business owners regarding the possibility of diversification and expansion of activity when the Greenway is open to visitors. Kerry County Council are also liaising with NEWKD and the Kerry LEO Personnel regarding same.

Noting the response, Cllr. A. Thornton was happy to see progress being made on the Greenway Project and queried as to what were the gaps in the services and can incentives be provided for local Tourism businesses to be involved in the project.

In reply, MD Manager Ms J. McCarthy opined that there is a lack of accommodation in the area but believes that the Local Area Plan will be an incentive for local communities to become involved with the project and build/invest in the area. The MD Manager further elaborated that the Project Team are working with Fáilte Ireland Personnel. Any barriers to development have been examined and analysed.

In her belief, the Project Team need to work with their respective colleagues on the Limerick Portion of the North Kerry Greenway in order to develop and market the Project in the coming months ahead.

20.03.09.03 Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Directorate

(a) It was agreed to note the following report from the Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Directorate which was circulated:

Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Report

Listowel Municipal District

DATE: March 9th, 2020

Director of Service: John Breen

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Gerard O'Brien SEO

1) Tidy Towns Seminar and County Clean Up Day

The annual Tidy Towns seminar will take place in the Ballygarry House Hotel on 10th March and will be preceded by the launch of the 2020 County Clean Up Day.

The Kerry County Clean Up day will take place on Saturday March 28th. Individuals and groups can register for the clean-up at www.kwd.ie. Now in its 9th year it continues to grow with over 6,000 volunteers taking part in last year's event. Local Community Groups, including Tidy Towns, Kerry GAA, Kerry IFA, Kerry ICMSA, Diocese of Kerry, Church of

Ireland and the Kerry Islamic Community will call on their members to join the clean-up and anti-litter initiative on the day as they did last year.

It is hoped that this year more businesses will get involved in promoting the day and encourage their staff and customers to get involved.

The organisation of Kerry County Clean Up is supported by a collaborative committee including KWD Recycling, Killarney Chambers of Commerce & Tourism and Kerry Co. Council.

Environmental Services Activity Report 2020

Civic Amenity Site Transactions

Period January 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	1319	16%	6905	84%	8224

Recycling – Accumulative Sales for All Stations

2020 Eco sense bags sales = **2397**

Accumulative Waste and Recycling Tonnage for All Stations

Year	Weighbridge Waste Tonnage (Incl Tkt Weight)	Recycling Tonnage for Eco Sense Bags
2020	372.56	49.20

Dogs Statistics January 2020

Number of Dogs Fines issued	3
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Number of dogs Rehomed	25
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Environmental Enforcement	
Period: January 2020	
Litter	2020
No. Litter Complaints	132
No. Fines Issued	11
No. Fines Paid To-date	3
No. Court Prosecutions	0
Total Amount Awarded	€0
Air - No. Complaints Investigated	1
Air - No. Court Prosecutions	0
Air - Total Amount Awarded	€0.00
Waste - No. Complaints Investigated	17
Waste - No. Court Prosecutions	1
Waste -Total Amount Awarded	€1650.00
Water - No. Complaints Investigated	12
Water - No. Court Prosecutions	0
Water - Total Amount Awarded	€0

Fire Services

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

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- There were **95** mobilisations in the month of January 2020 compared to **101** mobilisations for January 2019. This represents approximately 6% decrease in mobilisations.
- Gorse fires at 2 were down from 11 for the same period last year. This represents approximately 80% decrease.
- Chimney fires were at 10 which is down from 14 for the same period last year. This represents approximately 29% decrease.
- Road Traffic Collisions were at 17 which is up from 14 for the same period last year. This represents approximately 21% increase.

	2019	2020
	Jan	Jan
<i>FIRE OPERATIONS - DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fires Number</i>		
Chimney Fires	14	10
Gorse Fires	11	2
Other Fires	15	16
Total	40	28
<i>Special Services Number</i>		
Entrapment	2	1
Gas/Chemicals	0	0
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	0
Hazardous Substances non-Transit	0	1
Machinery	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	11
Other rescue	3	6
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	0	3
Road traffic accident	14	17
Water pumping/flooding	0	0
Total	31	39

False Alarms Number		
Malicious	2	0
Good Intent	12	15
Total	14	15
Total Number of Incidents	85	82
Total Number of Mobilisations	101	95

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers carried Inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and forwarded Fire Officers' recommendations to the relevant Courts during January 2020.
- Fire Officers continued with premises inspections in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of January 2020 was 43 **valid** Commencement Notices, (2 no. Invalid CN's also received)
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of January 2020, a total of 11 No. Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 15 Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received.

Building Control Statistics.

BUILDING CONTROL-	Jan 2019	Jan 2020
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	12	15
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	9	11
Commencement Notices Received	41	43

Library Services

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

• Libraries Open Day

Saturday, 29 February [the Leap Day 2020] was designated as an the **Open Day** for libraries nationally, when members of the public will be invited into libraries to view the services that are on offer. All Kerry Libraries are open from 10.00a.m. – 5.00p.m. each Saturday and staff will be on hand to meet and greet new or returning members on that day

with some events [see separate list] and induction tours taking place at each library. The main message is to welcome the public to come in, look and discover the wide range of services libraries offer.

This initiative is part of a libraries national promotion campaign which runs from January - March 2020 and which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The campaign, which is designed by the advertising and media agencies Ogilvy and GroupM, features radio advertising, cinemas, websites, social media, etc. The overall tagline is '**Take a Closer Look**'.

• **Library Statistics 2019**

The no. of items borrowed from Kerry libraries during **2019** was **501,488**. This was a **23%** increase on the 2018 figure. This figure relates to each individual loan. Nationally the methodology for counting the number of items borrowed has been changed, with book renewals no longer being counted.

The no. of individual **visits** to libraries increased by **8%** to **485,203**, while Kerry's libraries were **open** for a combined total of **20,403 hours** during 2019.

The growth of library e-services continues across libraries nationwide. The total no. of usages of the online sources by Kerry Library members during 2019 was **120,991**, a **22%** increase. All library members have access, either on library premises or remotely, to a wide range of e-books, e-magazines, e-audiobooks, e-newspapers, e-training courses and e-languages. All are available **free of charge** via the website www.kerrylibrary.ie Kerry Library also provides free access at libraries to the genealogical website www.findmypast.ie.

Across the Kerry library service, **52,099** free internet & WiFi sessions were availed of (a **7%** increase) during 2019.

• **Historian in Residence**

Historian in Residence, Tom Dillon, has taken up a 3-month contract position with Kerry County Council for the period 20 January until 10 April 2020. This contract position is funded under the Historian in Residence Grant Scheme 2019 as part of the Kerry County Council Decade of Centenaries programme.

The Historian is based at Kerry Library Headquarters, Tralee and is working under the direction of Kerry Library staff. As part of the Residency, the Historian will hold a number of engagement sessions with community and historical groups in each of the 5 Municipal Districts. The aim of these sessions will be to advise on the historical sources available to support the commemoration of events associated with the Decade of Centenaries throughout County Kerry:

Municipal District	Date	Venue	Time
Tralee	Friday, 20 March	Tralee Library	10.30am – 1.00p.m.
Killarney	Thursday, 26 March	Killarney Library	10.30am – 1.00p.m.
Castleisland & Corca Dhuibhne	Friday, 27 March	Castleisland Library	10.30am – 1.00p.m.
	Thursday, 2 April	Leabharlann Dhaingean Uí Chúis	11.00am – 1.30p.m.
Kenmare	Friday, 3 April	Kenmare Library	11.00am – 1.30p.m.
Listowel	Monday, 6 April	Listowel Library	10.00am – 1.00p.m.

Advance booking can be made by contacting historian@kerrycoco.ie

- **Kerry Library events programme**

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

Library	Events 	Time
Ballybunion	Guided Library Tours	11.00am & 3.00pm
Caherciveen	Parents & children Lego and arts activity Guided Library Tours	11-12.30pm 11.00am & 3.00pm
Castleisland	Guided Library Tours	11.00am & 3.00pm
An Daingean	Guided Library Tours	11.00am & 3.00pm
Kenmare	Children's Storytime sessions Guided Library Tour	11.00am & 3.00pm 12 noon
Killarney	Children's Storytime session 'Get Autism Active' workshop Guided Library Tours	10.30am 10.00am - 4.00pm 11.00am & 3.00pm
Killorglin	<i>Children's Storytime</i> : 'Breakfast & stories about Birds' for 3 - 6 years Craft Activity: 'Make a birds nest' Guided Library Tour 'Literature & Fine Art' - a talk on the mingling of these art forms with Alan Andrei	10.30am 11.00pm 12 noon 3.00 pm
Listowel	Storytime and crafts for young children Guided Library Tours	11.00am 11.00am & 3.00pm
Tralee	Guided Library Tours Storytime and crafts for children Demonstration of online resources	11.00 am & 3.00 pm 11.30am - 12.30pm. 3.30pm - 4.30pm

KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL WATER SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORT LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT Status Summary at 24th February 2020

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

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

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

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

IRISH WATER MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE

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

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

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

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

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

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

LISTOWEL M.D. - CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
NKRWSS: Dromin Listowel Water Treatment Plant	Remodelling of building	€700,000	Planning Permission granted 2017; Site Investigation completed Oct 19; Funding not currently available
NKRWSS: Quay St Ballylongford	Replacement 800M of 110mm Cast Iron with 150MM uPVC pipe	€ 50,000	Approved
	Total APPROVED works CURRENTLY to be done	€0.75M	

NEW RESERVOIRS PROGRAMME

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

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

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

Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.

The national **Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021** was published by the DoHP&LG in October. Substantial funding has been included for Upgrade Prior To Takeover Works (mains' replacement) at **Clanmaurice** and **Lyreacrompane GWSSs**.

Takeover of Group Schemes

Since 1 January 2014, responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes has transferred to Irish Water, **and KCC is no longer in a position take over Group schemes.**

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

Following on the replacement last Winter of 1.7Km of old and deficient water mains at **Dromartin, Causeway**, further similar **Upgrade Works Prior To Take-Over** are planned for later this year in **the area served by Trisk reservoir**, Kerryhead on the **Clanmaurice** Group Water Scheme.

FIND and FIX PROGRAMME

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

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

The was commenced in January 2018 and involves the deployment of **three new Kerry County Council van crews** comprising one 'Find' van crew and two 'Fix' van crews.

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

Following extensive works in Tralee, Dingle and Castleisland, **the Council's WSS crews are currently involved in works, some at night, in Listowel town.**

(b) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** Dog Foul continues to be one of the biggest problems on our streets. I ask that strict enforcement to be carried out in the Towns and Villages of North Kerry.

REPLY: Dog fouling is an ongoing issue and every effort is made to change the behaviour of those dog owners who do not take responsibility for cleaning up after their dogs. Our Litter and Dog Wardens carry out regular and ongoing patrols throughout the year. This will be complemented this year with the appointment of our new Municipal District Enforcement Officers. Enforcement in this area is particularly difficult as the dog must be caught in the act and the relevant owner of the dog must be identified. During 2019, 9 fines were issued across the County. This was up significantly on previous years. In addition to enforcement The Council will also be running an awareness campaign during the month of June. The campaign will include radio interviews, advertising campaign on social media and in the local press. The Council also continue to provide dog foul bags along walking routes, in towns and at our Blue Flag Beaches.

Noting the reply, Cllr. R. Beasley commented that he appreciated the work of Kerry County Council in stamping out the problem, but in his opinion the problem of Dog Fouling has become totally out of control in the towns and villages of North Kerry. He feels the message needs to be taught in Schools about the problem and the health issues that result from it. A truly appalling situation.

Mr G. O'Brien AO Environment echoed the sentiments of the Councillor and stressed that the awareness campaign will be launched in the middle of June 2020 to remind and educate the target market on the seriousness of the problem.

2. **Cllr. M. Foley:** That Kerry County Council would improve the façade of the wall at the New Cemetery in Ballylongford as this was recommended in the recent Tidy Towns competition report.

REPLY: Kerry County Council will review the matter and arrange to meet with the Tidy Towns Group in Ballylongford to look at ways to address this issue going forward.

Cllr. M. Foley appreciated the response.

- 3. Cllr. J. Moloney:** That we the Listowel MD seek an urgent meeting with senior staff in Irish Water regarding the replacing of the mains pipe on Upper Church Street being done in tandem with road works on the N69.

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

Letter is to be sent to Irish Water on behalf of the Members requesting a Meeting and an update on the replacement of the mains pipe on Upper Church Street, Listowel.

(c) Questions

- 1. Cllr. M. Foley:** Can Kerry County Council carry out urgent repairs on the ruin in Murhur Graveyard, Moyvane?

REPLY: This ruin is an archaeologically protected monument. Regrettably the Council has no funding available to carry out the works requested.

In response to the reply, AO Environment, Mr G. O'Brien updated the Members that there are 150 Burial Grounds in Kerry. Cllr. M. Foley noted the reply but regretted that there are no funds available.

- 2. Cllr. M. Foley:** Can Kerry County Council carry out an architectural survey on the church in Aghavallen Cemetery in Ballylongford?

REPLY: The Council do not have funding to carry out an architectural survey on this archaeologically protected monument. An archaeological survey has been completed on this monument.

Cllr. M. Foley noted the response.

- 3. Cllr. M. Kennelly:** Can Irish Water investigate issues facing a landowner? **[Details with Directorate]**

REPLY: This elevated property is served by a privately owned 500M long half-inch service pipe. Because the pressure in the public water main can be relatively low at this location due to its high elevation, it is recommended that the landowner should consider the installation, at his own cost, of a domestic storage tank and booster pump system at the edge of his property where his connection to the public main is located. The replacement of the half-inch service pipe with a 25MM or 50MM main would also improve the supply.

Cllr. M. Kennelly was disappointed with the reply but noted that the property was at a high elevation.

- 4. Cllr. A. Thornton:** Can a water connection be provided at Kilshenane Graveyard?

REPLY: The cost of connecting this graveyard to the public mains would be prohibitive. The Council hope to be in a position to install a water harvesting solution to provide water for those using the graveyard.

To facilitate the provision of a connection to the public water supply at Kilshenane cemetery, a 170M extension of 63MM diameter pipe to the existing network, at an estimated cost of €17,000 would be required.

The Environment section, which has responsibility for the Council's Burial Grounds, may consider placing a bulk tank in the cemetery.

Cllr. A. Thornton noted the reply.

20.03.09.04 Housing Directorate

(a) It was agreed to note the following report from the Housing Directorate which was circulated:

HOUSING DIRECTORATE REPORT

LISTOWEL MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

DATE: 21ST FEBRUARY 2020

Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue

Housing Report – LISTOWEL
Municipal District

- **Housing Applications**

	<u>No</u>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	766
Net Need for Listowel MD (excluding transfers)	
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	34
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	28

Breakdown by Bed No.

1-Bed	382
2-Bed	190
3-Bed	148
4-Bed	44
5-Bed	2
Total	766

- **Void Management**

<u>Municipal District breakdown</u>	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	5
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	6
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	7
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	0
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	7
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	25

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- **Social Housing Options**

<u>Social Housing Options in MD</u>	<u>New tenancies since the start of the year</u>	<u>Current No of tenancies</u>
LA Housing	10	935
RAS	1	108
Leasing	0	45
HAP	6	147
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	17	1,235

4 Housing Construction Programme

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Woodview Place, Tarbert	22	4no. 3 bed 8no. 2 bed 10no.1 bed	Oct 2020	Nov 2021
Marconi (South) Ballybunion	14	6no. 3 bed 4no. 2 bed 4no. 1 bed	Dec 2020	Dec 2021
Rusheen, Ballylongford	7	2no. 3 bed 2no. 2 bed 3no. 1 bed	Dec 2020	Dec 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>
Upper William Street, Listowel	7	7no. 2 bed	Dec 2018	Reached Practical Completion
Glénach (Marconi) Ballybunion	20	10 no. 2 bed 10no. 3 bed	Dec 2019	Dec 2020
Baile An Gharraí, Lixnaw, Final Phase	10	8no. 3 bed 2no. 2 bed	Feb 2020	Dec 2020

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2020, 136 requests for repairs have been received for the Listowel Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2020, 39 grants have been allocated in the Listowel Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

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

(b) Notices of Motion

- 1. Cllr. T. Barry:** That Kerry County Council will carry out repairs to the bathroom and kitchen to the home of **[Details with Directorate]**

REPLY: The repairs required in this property to the Bathroom are the tenant's responsibility. Repair works to the ceiling of the Kitchen will be carried out by Kerry County Council at the end of March 2020.

Noting the reply, Cllr. T. Barry accepted the position of Kerry County Council and praised the work of the Housing Department but felt that there is some confusion at times with tenants and their entitlements. He further added that in the main Tenants maintain their properties as best they can, and in his experience the Councillor found that Tenants know what they are responsible for.

AO Housing Mr T. Brosnan reminded members that under the HAP Scheme, a Local Authority has no responsibility for repairs. Under this scheme Local Authorities facilitate payment, that is all. Under a Leasing Scheme, the ultimate responsibility for repairs lies with the Tenant.

In a response to a query from Cllr. M. Kennelly, as to whether a Local Authority does inspections on its own stock, Mr. T. Brosnan replied that Kerry County Council has its own Tenancy Managers for the 4,000 properties that it owns. These Tenancy Managers are active on the ground in inspecting properties.

- 2. Cllr. M. Foley:** That Kerry County Council would make available the field near the Tintean in Ballybunion to LB Rovers Football Club for a playing pitch.

REPLY: Kerry County Council has a total of 2.38 acres located to the west of the Tintean theatre; this land is suitable for future housing development. On that basis the land is not available for permanent transfer to this club. The club has queried temporary or short-term use of the ground and this is under review.

Cllr. M. Foley noted the response, and he explained that LB Rovers cater from all ages from Children to Youths Level. The Football Club are currently using the School Field in Lisselton but this arrangement will no longer be viable due to a building extension taking place at the school. This Proposal was seconded by Cllr. M. Kennelly. The Members and Executive agreed that the new Listowel MD Manager would take this matter on board, when appointed.

(c) Questions

1. **Cllr. T. Barry:** Can Kerry County Council please carry out repairs to the range at the home of **[Details with Directorate]**.

REPLY: The range at this property has been inspected and it is in working order.

Response noted by Cllr. T. Barry.

2. **Cllr. T. Barry:** Will Kerry County Council please resolve the issue of dampness at the home of **[Details with Directorate]**.

REPLY: The property has been inspected; the issue of condensation in this property is the tenant's responsibility.

Response noted by Cllr. T. Barry.

20.03.09.05 Roads, Transportation & Marine Directorate

(a) It was agreed to note the following Report which was circulated:

Listowel Municipal District Meeting

Date: 9th March 2020

Report from the Director of Roads, Transportation & Marine

Director of Service: Charlie O'Sullivan

Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme 2019 & 2020

The Restoration Improvement programme for 2020 will be agreed with the Councillors at the upcoming District Works plan meeting. Already agreed for the RI programme are the following roads.

L-6113	Dirha Cottages- Drainage works commenced
L-1018	Dromin – Clounmacon – Drainage works commenced
L-6326	Woodview
L-1011	Ballyconry – Dromurrin
R-552	Listowel - Ballylongford
L-1021	Moyvane - Tarmons
L-1021	Ahavoher - Moyvane
L-1027	Six Crosses – Irremore
R551	Ardfert - Ballyheigue

The balance of the programme to be agreed will feature roads brought forward from the 2021 programme.

Restoration Maintenance Programme 2020

The Restoration Maintenance programme for 2020 will be agreed with the Councillors at the upcoming District Works plan meeting

Community Involvement Scheme 2020

We are still awaiting confirmation of the details in relation to the funding to be provided under this scheme in 2020. We completed 3 schemes in 2019 and would hope to be in a position to complete something similar in 2020.

Drainage Programme & Footpath Programme 2020.

Details on these programmes for 2020 will be agreed with the Councillors at the upcoming District Works plan meeting

Local Improvement Schemes 2019

The LIS priority listing has been published and the details have been provided to the Councillors. At the time of completing this report, the level of funding from Central Government has not been announced. Therefore, it is impossible to indicate how many schemes in the Listowel MD will be completed in 2020. Works on the LIS schemes will not commence in the MD until such time as the roads on the public network funded under the RI, RM and CIS schemes are completed.

Maintenance works

Maintenance works are ongoing throughout the network. The weather conditions in late January and February have proven to be very challenging. Patching, skirting and drainage works are being undertaken across the entire network and we are endeavouring to deal with all complaints lodged as quickly as possible.

N69 – Inner relief Road

Main Construction Contract – The Contract Documents have been drafted and are ready for publication; however, TII approval is required in advance of this. In this regard, and as outlined at the last meeting, work is continuing the business case documentation to obtain this approval.

Site Clearance – The site clearance is ongoing on site by Glas Civil Engineering Ltd, overseen by Jacobs and Kerry County Council. As these works are running into March, which is the restricted season for nesting birds, we are governed by the Schedule of Commitments produced as part of the statutory consent. The commitment relevant to hedge clearing is reproduced below for your information. To comply with this requirement, Glas Civil Engineering Ltd, who are carrying out the tree clearance contract, have been required to also provide the services of an ecologist to carry out the necessary checking prior to any clearance.

R556 – Rathscannel Road -At the time of preparation of this report, the final elements of the Planning application for the project were being compiled following engagement with the relevant statutory bodies. It is anticipated that the planning application for the project will be lodged shortly. This should allow for a Q2 start date for the works on site. In the meantime, detailed design work s being completed as is engagement with all the relevant landowners.

As indicated at the last MD meeting, the R556 at Rathscannel has now been closed to through traffic. We are working on the Ballysheen and Killahan roads to maintain and widen the roads to deal with the additional traffic on those roads.

EirGrid Project

The installation of the duct banks linking the ESB stations at Kilmorna and Killpaddock is substantially complete. A section adjacent to the Knockanure GAA pitch is the one section to be completed. This is scheduled for completion during the upcoming Easter school break as agreed with the local community.

Works are ongoing on the cable pulling and jointing and are progressing well. We will be agreeing a programme for these works

with EirGrid. This will inform our programme for the full and final reinstatement of the road network – particularly in the Moyvane area.

GNI – Gas to Listowel

This project is substantially complete. We are still awaiting confirmation from GNI in relation to one section of Gas main in the town as to whether they intend to proceed with the works or not.

L-1010 Ballylongford land Bank Access road

Works will commence shortly on phase one of these works covering a section from Tarbert out to the Junction with Piermont road the L-6020 local secondary road.

Status Report on Hedgecutting in Listowel Municipal District

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	TOTAL
Number of hedgecutting complaints received since 1 st October 2019 from Councillors & Others with breakdown by month	7	10	8	6	7	3	4	45

Breakdown of Complaints	Cllr	6	Other (Public, KCC, Deputies)	39
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Number of these complaints investigated.	45	
Number of these complaints identified for follow up action	44	1 on hold

Number of Hedgecutting Notices Issued	Advisory	126
	Formal	83

Number of Hedges cut by landowner / occupier following issuing of notice	Advisory	84
	Formal	45

Number of hedges cut by Council where landowner / occupier failed to comply with	10
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Number of Invoices Issued where hedge cut by Council and value of same	7
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Number of cases referred to law agents for legal action, where invoices not paid.	0
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Housing Operations

Update Report 9th March 2020

Works Report to the 17th December 2019.

Voids Works	<p>Completed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 bed two storey 11 Cloghers Lixnaw • 3 bed two storey 52 Ballygologue, Listowel • 1 bed Bungalow 08 Convent View Listowel • 1 bed Bungalow 15 Courthouse lawn Listowel • 2 Bed Bungalow 22 Woodgrove Moyvane • 1 bed Bungalow 95 Ballygologue Park Listowel • 2 bed Bungalow 24 Sráid Thaidhg Ballyheigue <p>Underway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 bed two storey 16 Páirc na Dtur Ballybunion 20% • 1 bed bungalow 42 Ballygologue Listowel 60% • 1 bed Bungalow 30 Sráid Thaidhg Ballyheigue 70% • 2 bed Bungalow 01 Feale Drive Listowel 80%
Works to Acquisitions	<p>Works underway at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04 Slí na Faiche, Lixnaw • 09 Slí na Faiche, Lixnaw • 36 Kilcarragh lawn, Lixnaw • 08 Liosarda, Listowel • 10 Sandhill Park, Ballybunion

Extensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension to 2 bed bungalow in Abbeydorney. Construction works ongoing. • Tender evaluation underway for extension to 3 bed two storey house in Listowel.
Planned Maintenance Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid fuel range replacement program ongoing. • Chimneys rebuilt on three properties.
Remediation works due to Oil Leaks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twelve properties have been impacted by oil leaks. Consultants have been engaged. Headquarters is dealing with the potential remediation works.
Stock Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-survey of properties missed in previous surveys to be ongoing as resources & staff available

**Capital Infrastructure Unit
Listowel Municipal District Meeting
Update Report
9th March 2020**

CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE UNIT

Great Southern Trail Extension to Listowel:

Part 8 planning permission for the project was approved and grant funding of €3.5m has been allocated towards the project. The sod-turn was carried out on the 29th November 2019. It is anticipated that it will take 18 months to complete works. Work has commenced on the drainage for the scheme and there is ongoing consultation with adjacent landowners in relation to the accommodation works required. Additional staff have been allocated to commence work on the project on 3rd March.

Capital Housing Unit

- 7 new dwellings Upper William Street, Listowel – Completed December 2019.
- 20 new houses Glénach, Ballybunion & 10 new houses in Baile An Gharraí, Lixnaw on site, progressing well, both schemes due for completion December 2020.
- 22 new dwellings at Woodview Place, Tarbert currently in Part 8 process.
- 14 new dwellings Marconi, Ballybunion and 7 new dwellings in Ballylongford: scheme designs advanced. Part 8 to commence in coming weeks.

**Listowel Municipal District Meeting
Public Lighting –
Update Report**

9th March 2020

*No. of faults reported since last meeting: **63***

*No. of faults repaired within 12 working days: **40***

*No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: **5***

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

This report was generated on **24/02/2020**

Job Ticket ID	Defect Description	Unit Number	Postal Street Name	Date Reported	Reason
11719	Lamp out	9362	Market St, Listowel	18/11/2019	Specialist materials required, awaiting delivery

Clieveragh Flood Relief Scheme

The replacement of the existing culvert on the R552 at Clieveragh is the most critical element of the works proposed as part of the Clieveragh Flood Relief Scheme. The design and procurement of this element is being progressed by the Road Design Office at present. The site investigations have been completed and our Designers (MWP) are engaging with the service providers to agree service diversions and finalise the design of the culvert. Once the design has been finalised, the culvert replacement element will be put out to tender and construction will follow subject to agreement with adjoining landowners, and compliance with any statutory bodies (i.e. OPW (Section 50), Fisheries(licence) etc.)

In response to the report, both **Cllr A. Thornton** and **Cllr. M. Kennelly** welcomed the work that has begun on the Great Southern Trail, and that there is now a dedicated team in place working on the project.

Cllr. A. Thornton stated her disappointment at the Clieveragh Flood Relief Scheme due to the length of time it takes to process and would welcome a meeting with the developers in relation to this project.

Cllr A. Thornton also expressed her satisfaction that the Dale Road project will be commencing, and happy to see confirmation of the works. Of massive concern is the stretch of the Works Maintenance Budget. She also expressed a wish that the Members could see what work is planned on the Roads List, and where each Team will be working.

Cllr. R. Beasley queried as to whether there is any plan for residents on Convent Street and Market Street Listowel, as their Gardens are being swept away. **SEE Mr. E. Scanlan** stated that Kerry County Council have no responsibility for the River Drainage. The OPW have responsibility for dredging and embankments for Rivers in Ireland. In addition, property Owners have responsibility for protecting their properties.

Cllr. T. Barry stated that he has one issue with the Roads Report, the drainage on roads. He did accept the inclement weather has had a huge effect on the road network.

Cllr. M. Kennelly was concerned about the overall maintenance of the road network, especially in the Kiltinan area and the recent works at Dromin. **Mr. E. Scanlan** stated that there was maintenance taken at the area in recent weeks. Furthermore, **Mr. E. Scanlan** outlined that the price of macadam has come down, but the poor weather can quickly destroy a repaired road. He outlined that the Roads Maintenance Team would need a month of settled conditions to carry out repairs on the Roads included in the Programme.

Cllr. J. Moloney hoped the Municipal District Works Plan will include allowances for the very worst roads in the District for repair.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** Can a footpath be erected from Sandhill Cottage to the Car Park at Ballyeagh, Ballybunion?

REPLY: The provision of the required footpath would be identified as desirable. It has been earmarked as part of the provision of a looped walk for the town. However, it should be noted that the funding is not in place for the purchase of the required lands and the construction of the pathway at this time.

Reply noted by Cllr. R. Beasley.

2. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** That the fencing at the Cliff Walk, Ballybunion would be addressed as a matter of urgency.

REPLY: The Cliff walk is monitored on an ongoing basis and any repairs required are carried out immediately. We have plans to replace a section of the existing fence as soon as possible.

Cllr. R. Beasley satisfied with response.

3. **Cllr. M. Foley:** That Kerry County Council would improve the traffic sightlines on the R551 at Lacey's Cross as one is traveling from Asdee Village turning right onto the L-1005-43.

REPLY: This request has been the subject of numerous notices of motion in the past. In order to improve sightlines at this location, it would be necessary to acquire land on the northern side of this junction. Several previous efforts by Kerry County Council to acquire this ground have proven unsuccessful. The Road Design Section has been requested to carry out a revised design on this junction to see if an alternative design could alleviate the difficulties at the junction.

Cllr. M. Foley welcomed the reply but reminded the Executive that this junction is very dangerous for traffic on both sides of the junction.

In response to the query, Mr. E. Scanlan stated that Kerry County Council tried to secure the lands but were unsuccessful in their attempt. It could be later in the year when there is progress.

4. **Cllr. T. Barry:** That Kerry County Council could confirm that funding has been received for the installation of the public lighting on the road to the Writings Housing Estate in Listowel.

REPLY: Kerry County Council has allocated funding for this project and works will commence in the coming weeks. Discussions are ongoing with our Public Lighting contractor regarding mobilisation to complete the works.

Response noted by Cllr. T. Barry.

5. **Cllr. T. Barry:** That Kerry County Council will put in place measures to deal with the issue of speeding at the entrance to the Bruach na Gaile and Woodview estates in Moyvane.

REPLY: Additional signage can be placed at this location to inform motorists of the speed limits.

Response noted by Cllr. T. Barry.

6. **Cllr. T. Barry:** That Kerry County Council will deal with the issue of water lodging on the road at Trien, Kilmorna, Eircode V31 WF57.

REPLY: This matter has been examined. Kerry County Council can carry out some drainage works at this location including installing a new section of pipe and some gullies along the road edge. The cost of carrying out this works would be €2,500. There are no available funds within the MD budget to complete the works at the moment, but it would be suitable for funding through a Councillors Allocation.

Response welcomed by Cllr. T. Barry.

7. **Cllr. T. Barry:** That Kerry County Council will carry out a safety review at the crossing of the roadway next to the KDYS Building at Upper Church Street, Listowel.

REPLY: Due to inadequate space available at the corner of the junction of Church Street and Library Road, the footpath is not continuous around this corner. It would be necessary to acquire additional land at Library Road to continue the footpath around this corner.

Cllr. T. Barry noted the reply.

8. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** That the four gullies starting at **[Details with Directorate]** and going east towards the Cashen which are overgrown and not functioning as gullies should be cleaned out as they are not carrying the flood water. This is causing severe flooding during times of heavy rain.

REPLY: We have investigated this matter and will complete the necessary works to alleviate the ponding.

Response noted by Cllr. R. Beasley.

9. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council explain why up to 200 metres of road in Scrahan, Duagh was never completed when original road works were being carried out there, what additional costs will be required to complete these works immediately on this section.

REPLY: In 2011, a restoration improvement grant of €88,000 was spent on this road. This grant amount didn't cover the full length of the road, so the works were carried out on the sections most in need of resurfacing at that time. At the time this did not include the section in question. The cost of completing the remaining section of this road would be €25,000.

Response noted by Cllr. M. Kennelly.

10. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council explain why road maintenance has not been carried out on the Littor, Glounawillian road in Asdee. Works were to be carried out here last September.

REPLY: Following clarification, the councillor is referring to the L10065 Glounawillian Road. This road has been added to the draft drainage program and there has been a CCA allocations to carry out repair works. We also intend to investigate the cause of the drainage issues and the Roads Enforcement officer will be following up with any landowners where necessary.

Glounawillian, like many other Local tertiary roads, can only be maintained once the primary network has been remediated. We will try to get to it as resources and progress on the maintenance of the primary network allows.

Cllr. M. Kennelly appreciated the reply; but stated the issue is crucial as the road is in a terrible state.

11. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council will finally give a start date for the completion of a footpath which was proposed and approved over 3 years ago of what is a health and safety necessity to the people of Dromin in Listowel. Works have been paid for through Councillor Allocations, when can these residents finally see works commence.

REPLY: As the Councillor is aware, the construction of the footpath in question is dependent on the availability of the lands required for the path. There are ongoing matters between the landowner and KCC that require closure before the landowner can be requested to make the lands required available. Closure on these matters is likely in the coming months. This will allow further progress on the provision of the footpath.

Response noted by Cllr. M. Kennelly.

12. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council immediately repair a section of road up Dirha on the Listowel to Ballybunion road. This section was reported last September and is a danger to road users. This section is also on a continuous white line are residents on this section insured to cross this line to enter their properties.

REPLY: Road repairs are scheduled for this location in Q2 2020. The Council will examine further the issue with the continuous white line and amend if required.

Cllr. M. Kennelly welcomed the response.

13. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** That Kerry County Council carry out road repairs at Shrone West, Listowel as a section is breaking away on one side.

REPLY: Kerry County Council will carry out road repairs at this location in the coming weeks.

Cllr. M. Kennelly welcomed the response.

14. **Cllr. M. Kennelly:** Can Kerry County Council explain why a maintenance restoration on the road between Coolkeragh and Coolard National School is in a very poor state since Works were completed late 2019 and what the costs associated with these works.

REPLY: A Restoration Maintenance scheme was carried out on the road in question in 2019. Unfortunately, due to the poor weather conditions there has been extensive stripping of the chips off the road. The road will need to be surface dressed again in suitable weather conditions to rectify the issue.

Cllr. M. Kennelly welcomed the response, Mr. E. Scanlan replied the matter of this road would be addressed as soon as the weather allows.

15. **Cllr. J. Moloney:** That Kerry County Council address the water pooling issue outside Station House Abbeydorney.

REPLY: There is localised ponding on the footpath at this location. There seems to be water flowing from the Station House, the Council will get the Listowel MD

Enforcement Officer to investigate and once this issue is resolved the Council will revisit the issue.

Cllr. J. Moloney welcomed the response.

16. **Cllr. J. Moloney:** That Kerry County Council update on why is the grass not being cut in Woodgrove, Moyvane?

REPLY: Kerry County Council is not responsible for and does not carry out any grass cutting in Woodgrove. The responsibility for cutting of grass in the estate rests with the residents in the estate. This is the position with the vast majority of estates in the Municipal District.

Response noted by Cllr. J. Moloney.

17. **Cllr. J. Moloney:** That Kerry County Council update on could speed limits signs be placed on the Trien Road, Kilmorna?

REPLY: As the Councillor will be aware, a comprehensive speed limit review was undertaken in 2019 concluding with the adoption of a new set of speed limit byelaws. The introduction of new speed limits or the alteration to speed limits adopted in 2019 will have to await the next review of the speed limits.

Cllr. J. Moloney welcomed the response and hoped that speed signs would be erected at either end of the road in the future.

18. **Cllr. A. Thornton:** Can Kerry County Council confirm if the planning application re: works on the R556 will be submitted soon?

REPLY: The Part VIII for this scheme will be advertised this week. In preparing the Part VIII, extensive site investigations were required on the underlying ground conditions, and consultation with other statutory agencies in relation to environmental matters, which are now complete. A dedicated construction team has been established to commence the construction of the scheme subject to securing planning consent.

Cllr. A. Thornton welcomed the response. It is a momentous occasion as the works will be finally done and there is confirmation of this. Mr E. Scanlan informed the Councillor that it is hoped that the work shall be completed by early 2021 subject to weather conditions.

19. **Cllr. A. Thornton:** That Kerry County Council would undertake a safety review of Finuge Cross.

REPLY: This location will be considered for submission for a Local Cost Accident Scheme which, if successful, would look at all aspects of the junction and put in place a design to remedy any deficiencies identified.

Cllr. A. Thornton noted the reply.

20. **Cllr. A. Thornton:** When will road works be undertaken at Ballyhennessy, Lixnaw as this road is in an appalling and dangerous condition?

REPLY: The road in question is a local secondary road (L-6075) and it is acknowledged that this road is in a poor condition. The road requires complete reconstruction. However, it is not on the current roads programme and as a result the funding required is not available. The Council intend to carry out works from our limited maintenance budget during the coming season to address the worst sections of the road. The Council would hope to carry out the works once the weather has improved sufficiently to allow for meaningful repairs.

Cllr. A. Thornton welcomed the response and happy that the worst section will be added to the repairs list for the MD.

(c) Questions

1. **Cllr. M. Foley:** Can Kerry County Council re-examine the parking layout at Upper William Street, Listowel, from NEWKD office to entrance to the Creamery?

REPLY: At present, there is angled parking at this location consisting of 16 regular parking spaces and 1 disabled space. The only other alternative is to change to parallel parking which would reduce the number of regular parking spaces to 8 along with 1 disabled space. There has not been an identified issue with the parking at this location, so it not proposed to change the arrangement in place with the consequent loss of 8 parking spaces.

Response noted by Cllr. M. Foley.

2. **Cllr. M. Foley:** Can Kerry County Council carry out urgent repairs on the L-1016-0, Kilbaha, Moyvane?

REPLY: This road will be added to the repair list and repairs will be carried out as soon as possible.

Response noted by Cllr. M. Foley.

3. **Cllr. M. Foley:** Can Kerry County Council carry out urgent repairs on the footpath at Lacka Cross, Ballyduff on the L1032-0 as it is subsiding into private property?

REPLY: The Council had initial discussions with the property owner on this matter and agreed a design to provide a solution to the issues here. However, the Council does not currently have an allocation for footpath works and due to limited resources, are not in a position to carry out the works at the moment. In the event that footpath monies become available it can be considered again.

Response noted by Cllr. M. Foley.

4. Cllr. T. Barry: Can the streetlight directly across from the market yard entrance in Market Street Listowel please be repaired?

REPLY: The existing lantern was damaged and detached in a recent storm. This lantern was a relatively new LED decorative lantern and before the Council install another replacement, the Council are undertaking an investigation into the reason for the failure of the lantern bracket. It is important to understand why the failure occurred in order to prevent a repeat occurrence. The manufacturers are confident the issue has been rectified. A new lantern fitting has been ordered and we are expecting delivery within the next two weeks.

Response noted by Cllr. T. Barry.

5. Cllr. T. Barry: Will Kerry County Council carry out repairs to the road surface at the L10065 Glounawillian Road, Asdee?

REPLY: Glounawillian, like many other Local Tertiary roads, can only be maintained once the primary network has been remediated. The road is on our list for maintenance and the Council would further comment that there is a Councillors allocation made for repairs on that road and the Council will try to get to it as resources and progress on the maintenance of the primary network allows. There are drainage issues along this road and the Kerry County Council Enforcement Officer will be investigating and following up with the relevant landowners.

Response noted by Cllr. T. Barry.

6. Cllr. R. Beasley: What is the up to date with the lags on the Listowel / Ballybunion road near Dirha? They are an ongoing problem.

REPLY: Road repairs are scheduled for this location in Q2 2020.

Cllr. R. Beasley happy with response.

7. Cllr. R. Beasley: Can Kerry County Council ensure that the carparking at the old Atlantic site in Ballybunion be re-opened for St. Patrick's weekend onwards.

REPLY: Kerry County Council will be in contact with the relevant landowner in the coming days to again secure the use of the lands in question for the provision of car parking for the upcoming season. Subject to agreement being reached on the lands the car park will be available for St. Patrick's weekend as requested.

Cllr. R. Beasley happy with response.

8. Cllr. R. Beasley: Can all sand that has been blown onto the promenades on the Men's & Ladies Beaches in Ballybunion be removed before the Easter Weekend.

REPLY: The Council plan to remove the excess sand from the promenades as has been done in previous seasons. As in previous seasons it is intended to carry out the clearance works required as late as possible to reduce the likelihood of sand getting washed back up in the current rough tides.

Cllr. R. Beasley happy with response.

9. Cllr. R. Beasley: Could all street cleaning in Ballybunion and Ballyheigue be carried out in advance of St. Patrick's Weekend in the interests of Tourism.

REPLY: Ballybunion is part of the schedule of works for both the sweeper and the refuse collection and Kerry County Council will ensure that the requested works are completed prior to the St. Patrick's Weekend.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed with response.

10. Cllr. M. Kennelly: Can Kerry County Council repair a section of footpath in Moyvane between the School and Church?

REPLY: The section of footpath in question would cost €3,500 to replace. There is no funding in place at present to carry out this work. It would be suitable for funding through a Councillors Allocation.

Cllr. M. Kennelly happy with response.

11. Cllr. M. Kennelly: Could Kerry County Council install public lightning in Ballyduff Village from the Post Office to Beyond Purcell's Bar and to improve conditions at Lacca Cross Ballyduff.

REPLY: Kerry County Council have investigated the lighting from the Post Office to beyond Purcell's bar. There is existing lighting at this location, a network of 70w Son lanterns mounted on ESB Network poles with approximately spacings of 35 to 40m. This is consistent with the remaining lighting within the village. This typical village lighting setup complies with design regulations and again is consistent with other villages of similar layout and/or age. On this basis and in the absence of a funding stream for any works it is not proposed to make any alterations to the lighting network.

Cllr. M. Kennelly happy with response.

12. Cllr. J. Moloney: Can yellow lines be placed on the Glin Road Moyvane when you leave Ashgrove?

REPLY: Subject to agreement with the property owners either side of the entrance, Kerry County Council can provide the lines as requested.

Response noted by Cllr. J. Moloney.

13. Cllr. J. Moloney: Can drainage works be done on Lyre Road, Lisselton?

REPLY: This road is part of the Draft Listowel MD Drainage works for 2020 that is due to be brought before the Councillors shortly.

Response noted by Cllr. J. Moloney.

14. Cllr. J. Moloney: Has funding been confirmed for the cycleway from Tim Kennelly roundabout to the Gurtenard entrance?

REPLY: Kerry County Council is engaging with TII to ensure that the opportunity to provide the requested cycleway is taken as part of the proposed overlay works on College Road. It is our intention to prepare a design and Part VIII drawings for the overlay scheme incorporating the safety scheme (cycleway). We would hope to tender the overlay and safety works as one package later in 2020 with the expectation that it will be funded by TII.

Response noted by Cllr. J. Moloney.

15. Cllr. A. Thornton: What is the update on the footpath into the Cloisters Housing Estate in Abbeydorney and what funding is available to ensure this work is undertaken as soon as possible?

REPLY: The legal transfer of this land is being processed at the moment. It is intended that the works will commence following the completion of this registration process.

Response noted by Cllr. A. Thornton.

16. Cllr. A. Thornton: Can the road at Cappagh, Kilflynn near [Details with Directorate] that was resurfaced be reassessed as the surface is slippery around the bridge area?

REPLY: A 200m length of this road was resurfaced while under the jurisdiction of the Tralee MD. It would be necessary to apply a surface dressing finish to this section which would improve the skid resistance of the section in question. This work will be undertaken later in 2020.

Response noted by Cllr. A. Thornton.

17. Cllr. A. Thornton: Can the Members agree that Kilflynn Village is in need of urgent attention in the next Roads Programme?

REPLY: This is a matter for consideration by the Members.

Mr. E. Scanlan stated that Kilflynn will be the given due attention in the next Roads Programme.

20.03.09.06 Any Other Business

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. **Cllr. R. Beasley:** That CCTV would be installed along the Doon Road, Ballybunion as there have been incidents where a number of cars have been damaged.

REPLY: The Department of Justice and Equality operate a grant aid scheme for the provision of Community Based Systems. Any such scheme must be operated in accordance with the Department's Community CCTV guidelines and the Code of Practice for Community Based CCTV Systems.

Account has also to be taken of the GDPR regulations and the Data Protection Act 2018 which set out very strict criteria in relation to the utilisation of CCTV or other technologies to monitor activity by any persons as this would come under the definition of personal information.

Community applications for such grant aid require the support of the Local Authority and An Garda Síochána, with approval of the Joint Policing Committee a requirement prior to the submission of a formal application to the Department.

The application must be from a local group and it is a requirement that a local Project Steering Committee is in place to manage the implementation of the scheme in the area concerned.

One of the initial requirements in relation to any such scheme would be the preparation by the local group of a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) for the scheme. This is an analysis of the reasons for the provision of a CCTV scheme for the area and takes account of issues such as: -

- Purpose of the CCTV Scheme.
- Who will have responsibility for the Scheme?
- What benefits will be gained from the CCTV System and who will benefit.
- Is it necessary to address a pressing need, such as public safety or crime prevention?
- Is it proportionate to the problem it is designed to deal with?
- Where will the CCTV images be recorded/stored etc; who has access to the footage; what controls are in place to provide access to the images; who will have responsibility etc.

Any such application will need the support of An Garda Síochána and will require details of levels and extent of crime statistics/anti-social behaviour in the specific area involved.

It is also a requirement that the Local Authority would act as Data Controller for the Scheme. Any proposed applications therefore would require consideration in relation to the scope of such a scheme and the on-going costs to the Council as Data Controller and the local community group associated with the management of the scheme including maintenance agreement, monitoring arrangements, costs associated with requests for copies of images etc.

MD Officer Mr. A. Smith briefed the Members on the reply and clarified the matter; Groups can apply for funding, and Kerry County Council will act as the Data Controller. Installing CCTV would be very expensive, with a cost of €25,000 on average, and the high cost is due to the installation of cabling and industrial CCTV. Furthermore, the Camera is the most expensive option. The MD Officer opined that a cheaper option would be a collaborative effort in that people could communicate with the Gardaí and complain about any social issues in a particular area.

2. **Cllr. M. Foley:** That Kerry County Council will commemorate the 100th year anniversary of the Listowel Mutiny on the 17th of June 2020.

REPLY: The Listowel Historical Society have organised a programme of events over the weekend of 19th to 21st June 2020 to commemorate the Listowel Mutiny. Descendants of some of those involved will be attending the event and this project has been supported by Kerry County Council through the Community Support Fund.

Cllr. M. Foley welcomed the response and was delighted that the brave men who laid down their arms for the benefit of Irish Independence. Cllr. R. Beasley supported the motion of commemorating the Listowel Mutiny descendants. He also felt that it is important we commemorate all Irish who fought for Independence 100 years ago.

(b) Correspondence

1.	Letter from Comreg in relation to the correspondence issued from Meeting of January 13 th relating to the location of each mast and type of services from each mast within the Listowel Area.
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(c) Agree Dates for the Following Meetings:

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

- 11th May

(2) To agree a date for a special meeting to consider and adopt the **Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the Listowel Municipal District, in accordance with the provisions under Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and guidelines issued by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014).**

The suggested date was March 30th, but unfortunately this Meeting has been deferred owing to COVID-19.

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

(e) Any other Business/Aon Gnó Eile

Cllr. J. Moloney advised that it would be to the benefit of the Members if Kerry County Council can update them on the Road Projects that are being undertaken and are planned to be upgraded in the Municipal District Area at a particular time.

The March meeting was the last Municipal District Meeting to be chaired by Ms Joan McCarthy MD Manager, who is retiring from Kerry County Council after a long and distinguished service.

Both Cllr. A. Thornton and Cllr. M. Foley thanked the MD Manager for doing above and beyond for her work for the Listowel MD Area. They extended their personal best wishes for her dedicated years of service and for showing professionalism on every occasion. Cllr. M. Kennelly wished to be associated with all the sentiments of the other Members. He thanked the MD Manager for 35 years of dedication to the Local Authority and for always doing her utmost for the people of North Kerry.

Cllr. R. Beasley expressed similar sentiments and thanked Ms. J. McCarthy for her service and hard work. Her dedication to promoting North Kerry on the tourism map knew no bounds and he personally thanked her for her approachability and courteous manner and was delighted that she can enjoy her time with her family. Cllr. T. Barry thanked the MD Manager for her hard work and dedication to North Kerry and wished her every happiness for the future.

Cathaoirleach Mr. J. Moloney commended the work of the MD Manager in promoting and supporting the people of the Listowel MD Area, her work in the Tidy Towns, Tourism, and the North Kerry Greenway projects. He wished her and her beloved family all the best for the future years.

Ms. J. McGrath stated that today was an emotional day, after 35 years working in the Local Authority. 23 years ago, she began work as Listowel Town Clerk. She felt it was the right time to retire, enjoy the beautiful County of Kerry and spend lots of time with

her family. It was a pleasure to work with Kerry County Council. She commended the commitment of the Councillors who work a 24-hour role for the betterment of the Community, and it is not an easy task to perform a civic duty to the high level expected. She commended the commitment, enthusiasm and spirit of the all of the Team working in the Listowel Municipal District, from the Engineers, the Municipal District Officer to the Administrative Staff. She praised the great sense of community spirit and involvement and thanked everyone who has contributed to the greater good of the Listowel Municipal District.

Ms McCarthy further opined that she is leaving the role in a very good place, with both the Inner Relief Road and the Greenway projects underway in the Listowel Area. To finish, she wished to personally acknowledge the hard work and dedication of SE Mr. E. Scanlan and MD Officer Mr. A. Smith over the years.

The Members agreed that the next Listowel MD Meeting will take place on **Monday 11th May at 10.00am.**

The Meeting concluded at 12:45pm.

Ms. J. McCarthy

Meetings Administrator

Cllr. J. Moloney

**Cathaoirleach of Listowel
Municipal District**