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**MINUTES OF THE RESUMED MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN KILLARNEY SPORTS & LEISURE CENTRE, KILLARNEY ON WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2020**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE AR ARATHLÓ A THIONÓLADH I LÁR IONAD SPÓIRT IS FÓILLÍOCHTA CHILL ÁIRNE AR AN CHÉADAON, 30 MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2020**

**PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin  
Cllr. M. Gleeson  
Cllr. D. Grady**

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

**Apologies**

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae**

**In attendance/i láthair**

<b>Ms. A. McAllen</b>	<b>Killarney MD Manager</b>
<b>Mr. C. O'Connor</b>	<b>Director of Corporate Services</b>
<b>Mr. J. Ahern</b>	<b>SEE Killarney MD</b>
<b>Mr. G. O'Brien</b>	<b>A/SEO Environmental Services, Planning Enforcement and Housing Estates Unit</b>
<b>Ms. B. O'Riordan</b>	<b>AO Housing</b>
<b>Ms. M. Galvin</b>	<b>A/ASO Corporate Support</b>

**The meeting commenced at 11.30am.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin took the Chair.**

**At the outset, Mr. C. O'Connor briefed the Members on the protocols to be adhered to for the meeting due to Covid-19.**

**Cathaoirleach Cronin advised that the purpose of the meeting was to deal with items not dealt with at the Killarney Municipal District Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

**Cathaoirleach Cronin noted that Cllr. M. Healy-Rae had sent her apologies and she requested that her Notices of Motion be moved.**

**This was Proposed by Cllr. D. Grady and Seconded by Cathaoirleach. B. Cronin.**

## **Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate Report - *continued* from MD Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Mr. G. O'Brien, A/SEO read the following report to the Members on Killarney Low Smoke Zone 2020:**

### **Killarney Low Smoke Zone 2020**

#### **1. Background**

A ban on the marketing, sale and distribution of bituminous coal (ordinary smoky coal with a high sulphur dioxide content) came into force in the Killarney area on the 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020. The ban was introduced by the Department of Communications, Climate Action & the Environment as part of their expansion of the ban nationally to urban areas with populations in excess of 10,000. It should be noted that a similar ban has been in place in the Tralee area for a number of years.

The primary purpose of the ban is to protect public health through a reduction in air-polluting substances, such as fine particulates, generated from the burning of domestic solid fuels.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> September, fuel merchants, shops, garages, forecourts etc. are prohibited from marketing, selling and/or distributing banned fuels within the designated specified area, referred to as the Killarney Low Smoke Zone. A map of the zone in question is attached for information.

#### **2. Prohibited Activities Covered by the Ban**

- A prohibition on the marketing, sale and distribution of specified fuels (bituminous coal or other solid fuel having a sulphur content greater than 2% by weight on a dry ash-free basis) within the Low Smoke Zone (**Note : the following fuels may be sold and distributed within the specified area – “smokeless” coal products, peat and untreated timber**);
- A prohibition on the burning of specified fuels within the zone (ie. bituminous coal may not be burned in private dwellings within the Killarney Low Smoke Zone.)
- Bags of smokeless fuels which are marketed, sold or distributed within the zone must be sealed and must display the following notice (along with the name and address of the person who packed the bag and the relevant “Swift 7” logo) printed on the bag :  
**“APPROVED FUEL – Contents comply with the Air Pollution Act Regulations”**

- Solid fuel suppliers who are based within the zone may store specified fuels within the zone and may transport such fuels through the specified area subject to certain requirements.
- Where the unit of sale for such bituminous coal is a bag, the bag must be sealed and the product in question must have been bagged by a bagging operator who is registered with the EPA.

### **3. Monitoring & Enforcement**

Kerry County Council is the monitoring and enforcing authority for the regulations in question, including for both the Killarney and Tralee Low Smoke Zone. There are a number of enforcement options available to deal with breaches of the legislation, including the issuing of Fixed-Penalty-Notices (penalty fees range for €250 to €1,000 depending on the breach in question) and, ultimately, prosecution through the courts.

There will obviously be a “bedding-in” period with any new regulation such as this and it is anticipated that the initial focus will be on providing information and advice to suppliers and householders as required.

### **4. Conclusion**

As advised, the Killarney Low Smoke Zone came into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, with the overall aim of protecting air quality in the Killarney area. Details of the zone are available through the Kerry County Council and DCCAE websites and, in this regard it should be noted that the DCCAE website includes an interactive online map which allows householders check whether they are located within the zone based on their Eircode  
<https://dcenr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=feee728a0ee1427d9a3973a090a9f292>)

**Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the report and said that he had sought this ban for many years. The reduction in emissions from burning smoky coal will greatly assist people's health and those who have breathing disorders. Cllr. Gleeson enquired if the Council had an air monitoring station.**

**Cllr. N. O'Callaghan said he had been calling for this ban for many years and was glad to see its introduction. He noted that its enforcement was very important and also to ensure that people will not try and sell smoky coal in the area.**

**Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the report and noted that it would improve the lives of people.**

**Cllr. M. Moloney welcomed the ban and queried if people would still be allowed to burn turf.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed Mr. O'Brien's report but noted that monitoring of same was very important to its success.**

**Mr. G. O'Brien advised that the Council's role is to monitor and enforce the marketing, sale and distribution of bituminous coal. The EPA is responsible for the air quality aspect. Currently there is no air monitoring station in Killarney and the provision of a unit in Killarney has been raised with the EPA. Mr. O'Brien confirmed there was no issue with burning turf, smokeless coal, peat or untreated timber within the "no smoke zone". He advised Members that if they had any issues with the implementation of the ban, to bring them to his attention.**

**20.10.30.04 (a) To note update report from the Housing Directorate**

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

**HOUSING DIRECTORATE REPORT**

**KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT**

**26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue**

## Housing Report – KILLARNEY

### Municipal District.

#### 1 Housing Applications

	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	1,343
Net Need for Killarney MD (excluding transfers)	776
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	208
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	184

Breakdown by Bed No.

1-Bed	607
2-Bed	367
3-Bed	305
4-Bed	58
5-Bed	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,343</b>

#### 2 Void Management

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

#### 3 Social Housing Options

<b>Social Housing Options in MD</b>	<b>New tenancies since the start of the year</b>	<b>Current No of tenancies</b>
LA Housing	12	519
RAS	8	160
Leasing	3	129
HAP	82	280
<b><u>Total no of Tenancies</u></b>	<b>105</b>	<b>1,088</b>

#### **4 Housing Construction Programme**

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

<b>Location</b>	<b>No of dwellings</b>	<b>Type of dwellings</b>	<b>Estimated start date</b>	<b>Estimated completion date</b>
Rock Rd, Killarney	10	4no. 1Bed Apt. 6no. 2Bed Apt	August 2020	Sept 2021

##### **Schemes/ S.R. dwellings under construction in Municipal District**

<b>Location</b>	<b>No of dwellings</b>	<b>Type of dwellings</b>	<b>Start date</b>	<b>Estimated completion date</b>
AHB- Rathmore Social Action Group, Rathmore	4	4no. 2Bed	Jan 2019	Completed 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2020
AHB- Cluid, Armagh House, Killarney	6	6no. 1Bed Apt	Oct 2019	Feb 2021
Áit Manach Rathmore	20	8no. 2Bed 12no. 3Bed	Dec 2019	Apr 2021
AHB-Cluid Dereen, Killarney	61	39no. 3Bed 22no. 2Bed	Dec 2018	Sept 2020

#### **5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020, 498 requests for repairs have been received for the Killarney Municipal District.

#### **6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020, 58 grants have been allocated in the Killarney Municipal District.

#### **7 Bedroom Extensions**

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

## **(b) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would clarify whether or not it has finalised the acquisition of 5.77 acres of former Saint Finan's land for the purpose of housing development.

**Reply:** As Members will be aware, progress had been made in acquiring this plot of land by Kerry County Council. The completion of the necessary formalities were interrupted by the public health restrictions associated with Corvid 19.

The Members will be advised when matters have concluded.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson noted the reply and asked that this progress.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.**

**2. Cllr. B. Cronin:** As the boundary fence between Doirin Alainn estate and the new Clúid housing development has been undermined, I am requesting that a new secure fence be erected.

**Reply:** The boundary fence at this location has been examined by Kerry County Council's Housing Department. The Housing Department will liaise with Clúid to address any issues.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated this fence was secure prior to any development works that had taken place and asked that it be made secure.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.**

**Ms. B. O'Riordan advised that the steel frames on the fence were stable but was aware that some timber panels had deteriorated over the years. No damage was caused to the fences due to the construction of the new development. She advised that the Council were discussing the matter with Cluid and hoped the matter could be resolved.**

**3. Cllr. M. Moloney:** As the bulk of housing being provided for applicants on the social housing list in Killarney Town is now being provided by Clúid and fully funded by the Department which gives Kerry County Council to right to nominate for these houses, why can't Kerry County Council make an application for this funding to provide Local Authority Housing.

**Reply:** The delivery of social housing is facilitated through various schemes and different funding models. Approved Housing Bodies have always been key partners in the delivery of social housing. There are specific funding programmes available to the AHB sector and specific models in place to secure delivery by the AHBs under construction, turnkey, acquisition and leasing programmes.

With increased activity on social housing delivery in recent years, delivery has increased across all delivery models. While traditionally there would have been low enough level activity by AHB in Kerry, the current programmes have seen increased activities with all the main AHBs now active in the County.

Many of the delivery models are better suited to the AHB approaches and many developers opt to pursue projects through those models rather than the County Council programmes. For turkey projects in particular, it is entirely a matter for the developer to choose which route to pursue and given the construct of the models, it is most often the case that they opt to work with AHBs on projects.

Ultimately, therefore, it is not a case of competition between delivery models – all projects must go through a governance process requiring KCC sign-off on support for the project. In addition, all occupiers of units provided must be qualified housing applicants with KCC. The AHB sector are partners with KCC on the delivery of social housing with a very strong working relationship, maximizing delivery and ensuring effective project delivery across the County.

All projects, be they KCC direct delivery or AHB provided, are positively contributing to addressing the current waiting lists and providing high quality social housing across the County.

The 2 most recent larger project in Killarney (Oakwood and Derreen) were projects where the AHB were best placed to deliver the projects under the options available. This was pursued with the full backing and support of the Council and indeed with considerable assistance as required. The availability of funding was not a consideration – these projects given their nature and the preference of the developer / vendor simply could not have been delivered solely by KCC.

In general, there is no constraint on the availability of Capital Funding for direct construction or turnkey project by KCC (subject of course to the well-established governance arrangements for large public sector projects). However local factors clearly play an important part (availability of land, market pricing, normal development activity). The Council is committed to pursue all options for the delivery of social housing unit in Kerry.

The details of the current programme is outlined in the Department report on today's agenda.

**Cllr. M. Moloney said she wanted Kerry County Council to build more houses. She welcomed the Clúid apartments but advised that tenancies were not given to people if they owned pets.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.**

**Ms. B. O'Riordan advised that where the Council owns land, it does, if possible, assume responsibility for projects.**

**4. Cllr. M. Moloney:** That Kerry County Council would renew efforts to provide an adequate house to provide accommodation for a family who have a child with a severe disability (details with Directorate). Several houses have been identified by the applicants but unfortunately are not being viewed by the Council to ascertain their suitability for the child's needs going forward.

**Reply:** This is a complex case and normally the Council would not comment in any details on individual cases. However, it is important to stress that the Council is committed to providing a solution in this case within the normal approaches and



within the approval requirements of the Department. The Council has to date viewed and assessed thirteen properties. The majority (twelve) have been deemed unsuitable given the specific needs of the case (due to various reasons e.g. access issues, structural issues, right of way issues and internal layouts).

As Members are aware the property market in Killarney town is extremely challenging and given that the family have indicated that any solution must be provided within the town, it has severely limited options available. The Council continues to pursue options that might be available and are in close contact with the family on progress.

**Cllr. M. Moloney stated that these applicants are working with the Council to find suitable accommodation. She said there needs to be improved liaison between the applicants and the Council. She asked if the Council had a Housing Disability Steering Group.**

**Ms. B. O'Riordan advised that the Council did not normally comment on specific cases. She stated that the Council had looked at multiple properties for these applicants and that the Property Manager is continually in contact with estate agents in the Killarney Town area. It is difficult to find suitable properties that can be adapted to suit the requirements of this particular applicant as set out in the OT Reports. Ms. O'Riordan advised that the Council had a Disability Steering Group and agreed to forward details of the representatives to Cllr. Moloney.**

**Cllr. Moloney asked that in future the Council would include adapted houses for wheelchair users when applying for planning for their own housing schemes.**

**5. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Can Kerry County Council provide details as to (a) what extent housing inspections are taking place with regard to general maintenance requests and grant applicants for disability, mobility and adaptation schemes (b) how much maintenance money is available to the Killarney MD area and how many houses are currently in Kerry County Council's stock for the Killarney MD area?

**Reply:** Housing inspections for general maintenance requests and grant applications have recommenced.

However, Members are reminded that there continues to be overriding Public Health considerations and we remain within a Pandemic. While activity levels are returning, we are not and will not for the foreseeable future be operating under a 'business as normal model'. We are obliged to take all reasonably practicable steps in law to protect our own staff from the risks associated with Covid 19. In addition, we are obliged to ensure we do not inadvertently contribute to the spread of the virus through entering persons homes – given in particular that many of our clients may themselves be vulnerable.

In particular, given recent increases in the cases locally and nationally, this is an area under continuous review and the approaches will continue to be assessed against public health guidelines and safe operating procedures.

**Cllr. D. Grady moved Notice of Motion No. 5 on behalf of Cllr. Healy-Rae.**

**6. Cllr. D. Grady:** A review needs to be carried out in relation to housing repairs. Vulnerable tenants are being turned down for housing repairs to Local Authority houses. As Kerry County Council is the landlord, I believe these complaints from tenants should be referred to the PRTB.

**Reply:** As Members are aware, the 2020 maintenance programme has been severely interrupted and curtailed due to Covid 19 and the restrictions on activity levels from public health guidelines. During the height of the crisis we continued to provide emergency maintenance services only.

Housing inspections for general maintenance requests and grant applications have recommenced.

However, Members are reminded that there continues to be overriding Public Health considerations and we remain within a Pandemic. While activity levels are returning, we are not and will not for the foreseeable future be operating under a 'business as normal model'. We are obliged to take all reasonably practicable steps in law to protect our own staff from the risks associated with Covid 19. In addition, we are obliged to ensure we do not inadvertently contribute to the spread of the virus through entering persons homes – given in particular that many of our tenants may themselves be vulnerable.

In particular, given recent increases in the cases locally and nationally, this is an area under continuous review and the approaches will continue to be assessed against public health guidelines and safe operating procedures.

Members will also be aware that Kerry County Council is responsible for some but not all maintenance requests, where the request is deemed to be the tenant's responsibility. Local Authority tenancies are not required to be registered with the Residential Tenancies Board.

This is an area which will remain quite challenging going forward and given the overall financial position of the Council, will be particularly challenging in the context of budget 2021.

**Cllr. D. Grady stated that Clúid should abide by the tenancy laws of the Residential Tenancies Board. He was aware of people with disabilities who required housing renovations. He stated the Council was not realistic about repairing houses that are coming from Clúid.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and said he was disappointed with the position the Council have taken up to now.**

**Ms. B. O'Riordan advised that the Tenancy Handbook sets out the repairs that are the responsibility of Kerry County Council and the tenant. She stated that only urgent repairs were carried out as a result of Covid and the Council are in the process of catching up with outstanding cases.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin stated that Clúid has been exceptionally good to Killarney and has been responsible for housing hundreds of people in quality accommodation who were on the housing waiting list.**

**Cllr. Grady stated that he was not criticising Clúid but was referring to the manner the repairs are being dealt with.**

**Ms. O'Riordan stated that under the current regulations, Local Authority houses are not required to be registered with the Residential Tenancy Board whereas Approved Housing Bodies (AHB) and private landlords are required to be registered with them.**

**Cllr. Kelleher referred to AHBs and stated that Councillors were not being notified when houses are offered to people and he said that the Members must be acknowledged. He referred to the housing development in Barraduff and said he was disappointed with the Council's policy not to consider all 2B applicants from Barraduff for houses in Barraduff. He said there are people who have one child and want to have more children but the policy does not allow people on the 2B list to be allocated 3B houses which is not fair when they are from Barraduff.**

**Ms. O'Riordan advised that the Housing Department were currently reviewing the assessment of applicants for these houses.**

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

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

**Roads, Transportation & Marine  
Directorate Report**

**Killarney Municipal District**

**DATE: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**Director of Service: Charlie O'Sullivan**

## 1. Road / Transportation

### National Primary/ National Secondary

Measures	Project	Update
<b>Major Schemes</b>	N22 Farranfore to Killarney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding of €500k allocated by TII to progress this scheme in 2020</li> <li>Jacobs Engineering Ireland Ltd. have been appointed as Technical Consultants in March 2020 to resume the Planning and Design of this scheme and progress same up to completion of the statutory process.</li> <li>Phase 1 – Concept &amp; Feasibility Stage is now complete and work on Phase 2 – Options Selection is to commence shortly.</li> <li>It is envisaged to obtain Statutory Consent for the scheme by the end of 2024.</li> </ul>
<b>Minor Schemes</b>	N72 Stagmount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Archaeological Resolution siteworks have been completed.</li> <li>Tenders for the Main Contract have been received and are being assessed. The Contractor will be appointed in September 2020</li> </ul>
<b>Pavement Overlay</b>	N72 Forge Cross to Rathmore Pavement Strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase 1: Project complete.</li> <li>Phase 2: Tender Documents received by KCC. TII approval to be sought to publish the tender.</li> </ul>
<b>Junction Improvements</b>	N22 Lewis Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RE Judicial Review: Ongoing</li> <li>Alternative underpass locations have been identified and are being appraised, before Public consultation will take place in Q4 2020.</li> </ul>
	N22 Ballycasheen and Coolcaslough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TII have requested that the two junctions be assessed as a single project and that a detailed microsimulation traffic analysis be undertaken on a number of potential solutions.</li> <li>Microsimulation analysis is underway on potential junction options and will be complete in Q4 2020</li> </ul>
<b>HD 15 Schemes</b>	N22 Madam's Hill to Cleeny (Aghadoe Junction)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junction Options have been developed and have been examined using Microsimulation Software in consultation with the TII.</li> <li>Cleeney Roundabout is now being added to the model to examine its impact on the Aghadoe Junction potential solutions before selecting the preferred junction type in Q4 2020.</li> </ul>
	N72 Golden Nugget to Gap Cross Cycle way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TII returned comments on the submitted feasibility report seeking the consideration of further enhancement options. Preliminary design of the additional options is ongoing and a further revised Feasibility Report will be submitted to TII by the end of September 2020.</li> </ul>
	N22 Rusheen and N22 Brennan's Glen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractor has commenced the County Kerry Call Off-2 Safety Barrier Contract; this contract</li> </ul>

		comprises locations across the county. N22 Rusheen and N22 Brennan's Glen are scheduled in the works programme and will be completed in Q3 2020.
	N22 Poulgorm Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Contractor has been appointed and is due to commence the works this month</li> </ul>
	N71 Muckcross Road	Draft Feasibility Report finalised, and it is anticipated that approval in principle of the report will be received shortly. Schematic options for Kenmare Place are developing. Part 8 process to commence in Q4 2020
	N72 Ballydowney to Gortroe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Consultants have completed, bat, mammal and habitat assessments/surveys in the roadside wooded areas.</li> <li>These Surveys will inform the Options Assessment in Q3 2020. The preferred improvement option is scheduled to be identified and screened for AA and EIA by Q4 2020.</li> </ul>

**Regional and Local Roads**  
**Restoration Improvement Programme**

Road No.	Road Description	Allocation	Status
L-3018	Kilcummin Village	€183,726	Gone to Tender
L-3018	Kilcummin Road	€210,000	Substantially complete
R-876	Rock Road, Killarney Town	€150,813	Planned for 2020 Programme
L-11314	Killarney Laneway (Northern Section of Church Lane)	€12,500	Planned for 2020 Programme
L - 11308	Killarney Laneway - South Well Lane	€40,000	Commenced
R-876	Main Street	€106,389	At Tender Stage
L-3905	Ross Road	€70,000	Awaiting Departmental Approval
L-7055	Rathmore TD - Rathbeg.	€84,000	Completed
L-7052	Kilquane - Lisnagrove.	€80,000	Completed
R-876	College Street, Killarney	€59,500	Completed
R-563	Fossa - Milltown Rd	€171,500	Completed
L-2019	Ballyhar Road	€132,000	Planned for 2020 Programme
No Number	Brooklawn	€27,945	Planned for 2020 Programme
L-11016	Ballytrasna	€29,760	Completed
L-3009	Lawlors Cross - Finnegans Cross	€171,500	Proposed for end of September
L7011	Coolick - Rossaneen	€78,481	Commenced

**Restoration Maintenance Programme**

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

**Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Programme**

Road No.	Road Description	Allocation	Status
L-7052	Kilquane - Lisnagrave.	€44,550	Completed
L-11068	Teernaboul Lower Rd	€42,750	Drainage Completed
L-7000	Old Dr McDonnells Rd Shinnagh	€18,000	Completed
L-3012	Annaghilymore Cross vis Lisbabe	€62,789	Completed
L-3014	Shrone School - Doocarrigbeg Cross	€20,250	Awaiting 2nd Surface Dressing

**Community Involvement Schemes**

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

**Local Improvement Schemes**

<i>Project</i>	<i>Status</i>
Muckcross\Gortullane Road	Planned for 2020 Programme
Rathcommane, Ballyhar	Planned for 2020 Programme
Parkavone Aghadoe Road	Drainage complete

**Drainage Programme**

Road Number	Road Description	Allocation	Status
L-3018	Kilcummin Road	€15,400	Completed
No Number	Gortahoosh	€6,400	Not started
L-11016	Ballytrasna	€2,400	Completed
L7058	Clydagh	€5,200	Not Started
L-11083	Clash Road	€3,500	Completed
L-11018	North of Aglish Cemetery to the Junction with Ballinlane Road	€1,900	Completed
L-7046	N72 to Shrone Beg Cross	€6,800	Completed
L-7052	Kilquane - Lisnagrave.	€3,300	Completed
L-11067	Tullig	€3,000	Completed
L-11068	Teernaboul Lower Rd	€3,800	Completed
L-7000	Old Dr McDonnell's Rd Shinnagh	€1,600	Completed
L-3012	Annaghilymore Cross vis Lisbabe	€3,600	Completed
L-8003	Rockfield Townland	€5,000	Not Started
L-11008	Rockfield Middle Townland	€3,400	Not Started
L-7054	Shrone Cross via Rathbeg Townland	€4,600	Completed
L-7055	Rathbeg Sth Cross to Aunaskirtaun Cross	€5,000	Not Started
L-7056	Rathbeg West Cross	€4,400	Not Started
L-11088	Knockinane East	€3,800	Not Started
L-11161	Behenagh Townland	€3,300	Not Started
L-7046	Bounard Cross	€7,461	Not Started

#### Town and Village Renewal

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

#### Outdoor Recreation Infrastructural Scheme

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

### Killarney Town - Other Road and Public Area Works

Project	Status
Lissyviggeen Roundabout Enhancement	Completed
Upgrade of Playground at Knockreer, inclusive and accessible equipment	Completed 17/07/2020

### National Transport Authority Mobility Funding

Project	Allocation €	Status
Social Distancing Measures – Widening footpaths, bollards, planters etc	€172,500	Ongoing

### Climate Change Adaptation Allocations

Project	Allocation €	Status
L-7050, Gortnaoosh, Killarney (Mitigate Flooding)	€30,000	Planned for 2020 Programme
L-3025 Flynns Forge, Preventative Works to Prevent Flooding	€5,000	Planned for 2020 Programme

### Active Travel Measure Allocations

Project	Allocation €	Status
R876 Rock Road – Improvement and Widening of Pedestrian Facilities at Rock Road	€210,000	Planned for 2020 Programme
Flesk Cycleway – Connecting Muckcross Road to Ross Road	€450,000	Planned for 2020 Programme
Killarney Town – Design of an interconnecting Network of Cycleways within Killarney Town	€150,000	Planned for 2020 Programme
Killarney Town – Provision of Cycle Parking Facilities within the Town	€20,000	Planned for 2020 Programme

### Ongoing Works

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



## 2. Works Update – Traffic Management Killarney Town

**Table 1: Short Term**

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

**Table 2: Medium Term**

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

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

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

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

### 3. Other Operational Matters

#### 3.1 Public Lighting

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

*No. of faults reported since last meeting: 77*

*No. of faults repaired within 12 working days: 68*

*No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 3*

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

Job Ticket ID	Defect Description	Unit Number	Postal Street Name	Date Reported	Reason
16218	Knockdown	16542	Arlington Heights Killarney	26/05/2020	Column Knockdown
16212	Knockdown	16547	Arlington Heights Killarney	26/05/2020	Column Knockdown
17627	Lamp out	2930	Cathedral Grounds Killarney	06/08/2020	Under investigation

This report was generated on 28/08/2020

#### 3.2 Hedgecutting

No of Observations by Months	No. of Observations Investigated		Additional Inspections by Roads Officer	No. of Landowners contacted in person by Roads Officer.	No of Properties with Issues	No. of Hedge Cutting Advisory Notice Issued	No. of Hedges cut following Advisory notice	No. of Hedges not cut following Advisory notice	
	Reps	Public							
			KCC						
September	8	7	15	34	20	47	47	43	
October	3	8	11		14	21	7	4	
November	1	1	2		2	2	7	15	6
December	2	1	3	6	5	23	31	15	8
January	1	3	4	5	12	7	7	9	4
February	1	3	2	6	2	4	5		
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	6	2	14	1	7	0	0	0	0
July	7	2	9	10	5	3	0	0	0
August	3	2	5	8	2	2	1	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>18</b>

### 4. Capital Infrastructure

## Lough Leane Project

- Fossa Way/Golden Nugget to Gap Cross – Kerry County Council are completing the revised design for Safety Scheme incorporating 2-way cycleway. Following TII approval KCC to proceed to Part 8 for the works in Quarter 4 2020.
- The first section of this project is completion of the statutory planning process for the section from the proposed Tomies Carpark to Dinish Island. Kerry County Council have finalised the consultants brief for the route selection and preparation of planning documentation for this section. This is expected to go to tender in Q3 2020.
- Entrance to Tomies wood - NPWS have confirmed that it is their intention to commence the development of the access road and car park in the coming months.

**Charlie O'Sullivan**

**Director of Services**

### **(b) Notices of Motion**

**2. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the Council would discuss with the NPWS the possibility of providing adequate and safe parking close to the very beautiful Blue Pool Walk on the L.3016-0 at Lower Killeghy/Cloghereen.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will liaise with the NPWS to investigate the feasibility of enhancing the parking at this location.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the Blue Pool Walk was recently cleaned up by Meitheal to make it more accessible to all people and used in particular by older people. It is important to have safe parking nearby.**

**Mr. J. Ahern replied that he recently had a meeting with the NPWS at which he made proposals to them. The NPWS are to review and revert on the matter.**

**3. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** That the lettering on the remembrance stone plaques on Mission Road would be renewed. These plaques celebrate the lives of many who served abroad and it is only proper that the names would be legible by all and very particularly by the relatives of those commemorated.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will renew the Remembrance Stone Plaques located on the Mission Road.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that this road was named to honour clerical and lay people from Killarney who served in different parts of the world. He stated that some of these people were still alive and this needed to be rectified.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.**

**4. Cllr. M. Gleeson:** As al fresco dining, hopefully licenced, is becoming the new norm in Killarney, does the Council believe that my proposal of 2013, to the then Town Council that giant outdoor umbrellas should be erected, is worthy of being brought to fruition?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has applied for funding under the Urban Regeneration Development Fund for upgrading of the Town Centre. As part of this, a detailed design will be undertaken of the Town Centre streets. The provision of street coverings is included in the Tourism Strategy. Street coverings will be considered as part of the detailed design proposals.

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that to provide alfresco dining for people under a shade would be an image that would do wonders for Killarney and it could become the alfresco dining capital of Ireland. He hoped the Council could examine this. It would be the responsibility of Kerry County Council and not the businesses.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.**

**7. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To again request Kerry County Council to construct a footpath to connect Whitebridge Manor to the Ballycasheen junction. Currently pedestrians must step off the footpath beside the estate and walk on the highly dangerous public road. The Council must take responsibility and provide a footpath for public safety.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will engage with landowners in relation to land requirements to complete footpath at this location.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin advised that the footpath finishes beside a wall and a ditch and pedestrians have to step off the footpath onto the public road. He stated this was a health and safety issue and asked what was the position in relation to engagement with the landowners.**

**Mr. J. Ahern replied that two parcels of land were required. He confirmed that he had engaged with one landowner last year who was agreeable in principle.**

**Cathaoirleach Cronin Proposed that this matter be sorted as a matter of urgency and requested that a report be brought to the next MD meeting.**

**Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Proposal.**

**8. Cllr. B. Cronin:** Can the Roads Department resurface the Lewis Road from the roundabout with St Anne's Road towards the By-pass.

**Reply:** A section of the R-876 Lewis Road has been included for funding to the value of €133,600 in the Multi-Annual Roads Programme 2019 - 2021 for 2021. Kerry County Council have recently granted permission to the HSE to construct a Community Hospital. The access to this large scale development is onto the section of road as identified in the motion. Kerry County Council are currently liaising with the HSE regarding the development of the Community Hospital as this will impact on the resurfacing of this section of road.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin asked the Council to review the section of the road that could be upgraded and to liaise with the HSE.**

**10. Cllr. B. Cronin:** To ask that the roadside boundary fence at the end of the Ballydribeen road, which was knocked recently during construction works, be reinstated.

**Reply:** Irish Water are currently working at this location. The fence will be reinstated by the contractor once works complete.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin welcomed the reply.**

**Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that the fence would be reinstated in next 5 - 6 weeks.**

**13. Cllr. M. Moloney:** That Kerry County Council would carry out a clean-up job on the footpaths from Ballydowney to Lackabane. They are in a terrible condition with weeds growing over them off the roadway and footpaths covered with leaves and debris.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has completed the clean-up of the footpaths from Ballydowney to Lackabane.

**Cllr. M. Moloney welcomed the response.**

**14. Cllr. M. Moloney:** That Kerry County Council would put parking restrictions at the entrance to The Demesne, especially near the gates, as the road narrows as you enter and if cars are too near the gates, it prohibits emergency vehicles getting through in the event of an accident in the Demesne.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will liaise with the NPWS in relation to the Kingsbridge entrance to the Demesne.

**Cllr. M. Moloney asked that the Members be informed of the response from the NPWS.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.**

**15. Cllr. M. Moloney:** That Kerry County Council would carry out repair work to the road at Knockataggle Beg, Kilcummin where the road is once again subsiding. The drain needs to be piped and covered over properly to ensure the safety of all drivers, cyclists and pedestrians using this very busy road.

**Reply:** These works will be completed by year end 2020.

**Cllr. M. Moloney stated that she would prefer if the Council provided large cement pipes but said she would agree with the Council if they considered it the correct approach.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and said that from investigations on the matter, it appears that drainage works that took place had a detrimental effect on the road as it is boggy. He asked if it was going to be piped.**



**Mr. J. Ahern stated that it was proposed to pipe it but that a retaining wall of 70 - 80m in length would be built with stone.**

**16. Cllr. N. O'Callaghan:** That KMD would at the earliest convenience put speed limit electric monitors at Spa GAA grounds as passed by this Council over a year ago.

**Reply:** A second speed survey has been carried out at this location and the results are currently being reviewed. An update will be provided next week.

**Cllr. N. O'Callaghan noted the reply.**

**17. Cllr. N. O'Callaghan:** That any bollard put in place to stop traffic on a long-term basis using a street would be an automated one so as the emergency services can gain access in times of emergency.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will examine the provision of electronic bollards and are seeking to identify an appropriate funding stream.

**Cllr. N. O'Callaghan said that it would be important to provide an automated gate where streets are pedestrianised.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and said there was no requirement for staff to open and close a gate if it was automated. Barriers need to be modernised to enable access for emergency vehicles.**

**18. Cllr. N. O'Callaghan:** That the KMD, taking into account bio-diversity, would review the grass cutting in areas of Killarney. At present there are estates being cut on the outside areas of grass and this doesn't allow young people to play sports as they have always done on those grass areas.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has prepared a Draft Biodiversity Plan which is proposed to bring before the members at the next Killarney MD Meeting scheduled for November. The plan will take account of feedback from the general public.

**Cllr. N. O'Callaghan said there are areas that can be left for biodiversity purposes and places where young people need to be able to play games such as basketball and football. He referred to Ardshavanooley where the outside of the green area has been cut but the middle is like hay. He said the Council should choose more appropriate areas for biodiversity.**

**Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Motion. She welcomed that the Council had cut the grass at the picnic area at the entrance to the town. This has enabled children to run around when stopping for a break.**

**19. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council to address the serious concerns that residents of Ballydribbeen have regarding the entrance to their estates, namely, the lack of a proper pedestrian crossing, connecting footpath and the position of a public light at the entrance that is blocking sight distance.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are arranging meeting with the first of the two landowners with a view to acquiring a strip of land in order to provide a connecting footpath between the N22 and road leading into Ballydribbeen. There is currently an ESB Network pole which is in the charge of the ESB (with a public light mounted on top) located at this junction. Kerry County Council are liaising with the ESB with a view to relocate this pole. Kerry County Council will revert to the members at the next meeting with a progress report.

**Cllr. D. Grady moved Notice of Motion No. 19 on behalf of Cllr. Healy-Rae.**

**20. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** In advance of school openings, what progress has been made between Kerry County Council, An Gardaí and schools in Killarney town centre with formulating a necessary plan to address safety concerns at school drop off and pick up times.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has been in ongoing contact with the School Principals and Bus Éireann. The Council is currently monitoring movements in the area on a daily basis. A meeting has been arranged with An Garda Síochána and the School Principals to examine measures that may need to be considered following the phased re-opening of schools.

**Cllr. D. Grady moved Notice of Motion No. 20 on behalf of Cllr. Healy-Rae.**

**22. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** Given the obvious benefits of clearing the Flesk River between Loo Bridge and Gortahoosch, what plans are there to clear the Laune and Gweestin Rivers?

**Reply:** Funding for the tree clearance on the Flesk River was received from the OPW, following a cost benefit analysis of the scheme and based on the history of flooding to a number of habitable properties. The flood study, of the River Flesk, identified that there would be a marginal benefit from the works undertaken, and further works were necessary to protect 3 properties from the risk of flooding under similar circumstances as witnessed in 2015 and 2016. The rainfall levels which caused the flooding in 2015 and 2016 have not been experienced since and therefore it is difficult to assess the full impact of the tree clearance works.

There is no record of flooding to properties from the River Laune and the River Gweestin, which would meet the criteria specified by the OPW for a funding application. The Council can review the matter if there are any records of flooding from the rivers to properties.

**Cllr. D. Grady moved Notice of Motion No. 22 on behalf of Cllr. Healy-Rae.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson noted that the County has not experienced any rain of sufficient intensity since the trimming was last done. He said it was too early to say if this has worked. He asked when cutting is done that the mulch is not**

**left on the riverbank because it roots in islands down the river and perpetuates the problem further up.**

**23. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** In order to preserve our road network and in light of recent storms/floods, all our gullies and drains need to be cleared out particularly in Rathmore, Kilcummin, Glenflesk and Faha areas immediately.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council carries out a drainage programme on an annual basis which would involve the opening of inlets, skirting of road, provision of pipework and the cleaning out of road gullies. These works are normally completed between November to March of each year and are carried out in order to maintain our road network. The programme is developed taking into account various factors such as type of road, previous flooding event, time since last drainage works, position on the Roads Programme.

**Cllr. D. Grady moved Notice of Motion No. 23 on behalf of Cllr. Healy-Rae.**

**24. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we Killarney MD would put up notices at uncontrolled crossings, informing the public that they do not have the right to just walk across, as this is at the discretion of the driver and cyclists to stop.

**Reply:** The provision of all road signage at pedestrian crossings is in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Road Traffic Acts and the Road Traffic (Signs) Regulations. The Traffic Signs Manual which is prepared under this legislation, provides details on signs which may be used, their layout and symbols, and the circumstances in which they may be moved. There is no provision for such signage informing pedestrians on the rules of the road, under this legislation. The education of pedestrians on the rules of the road, including in relation to the use of uncontrolled pedestrian crossings is delivered nationally by the Road Safety Authority, through national media campaigns. It may be more appropriate to contact the RSA and request that they further promote this message through the national safety campaigns and in our schools.

**Cllr. D. Grady stated he has witnessed pedestrians walking straight onto crossings without checking it is safe to do so.**

**Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that this was a very important Notice of Motion. He stated that pedestrians should stop and look as per the Safe Cross Code but they are failing to do so. He stated that he has also witnessed cyclists doing this. He said that a fatality will be imminent if this continues.**

**Cllr. N. O'Callaghan said that a letter should issue to the Road Safety Authority requesting that the Safe Cross Code be once again aired on the National airwaves.**

**Mr. J. Ahern said that all signage provided is in accordance with the Traffic Sign Manual and there is no signage for this purpose. He said this was an educational matter and was the responsibility of the Road Safety Authority. He said this was a National issue and said that Killarney should take a lead on this and request that every Local Authority do the same.**

**26. Cllr. D. Grady:** That Killarney MD would approach the owners of land on the left hand side exiting from Ballydribbeen, with a view to selling us 3 metres, in order to widen the entrance into these estates. I raised this issue approximately 8 years ago when planning was applied for the new houses that are being built at present.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are arranging a meeting with the first of the two landowners with a view to acquiring a strip of land in order to provide a connecting footpath between the N22 and road leading into Ballydribbeen. Kerry County Council will revert to the members at the next meeting with a progress report.

**Cllr. D. Grady noted the reply.**

**Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.**

**27. Cllr. D. Grady:** That we resurface the road at Hazelwood Drive as it is in a deplorable condition.

**Reply:** This road can be considered for the next 3 year multi-annual roads programme. Kerry County Council will continue to maintain the road.

**Cllr. D. Grady stated that parts of the road were in a bad condition.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.**

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

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

**Cllr. N. Kelleher requested that the Enforcement Officer would survey the trees with the relevant Safety Officer in the TII. He said people who travel that road are concerned. Cllr. Kelleher asked that the Council actively engage with Fáilte Ireland to assess the risks, especially in relation to high winds as several trees have fallen before.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and stated it was the responsibility of the Enforcement Officer to ensure the owner of the trees remove them. He said that a fatality occurred in that location as a result of a tree falling in a storm a number of years ago.**

**Mr. J. Ahern agreed to discuss with the Enforcement Officer and arrange a visual inspection of the trees and if there is a concern, it will be advised to the relevant landowner.**

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

### **(a) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. N. O'Callaghan:** That a quarterly report be brought to full KMD meetings as to the progress of motions passed by KMD.

**Reply:** There are a significant number of motions moved and passed at each Municipal District meeting and these are referred to the various Council Departments and Government Departments, where necessary, as per the terms of the motion. Actioning the motion is dependent on resources, the approved work programme and implementation of other works.

Members are notified of the progress of motions through the Directorate Management reports, Service Plan and various communications with Members during the year. In all cases, where a Councillor is looking for information and updates, they can contact the relevant section or liaise with the Corporate Services office to seek further information. Updated contact details for staff in the various sections of Kerry County Council were circulated to the Members last week, to take account of personnel changes.

**Cllr. N. O'Callaghan said that if an update report was brought before the Members, it would save the Members bringing similar Motions to meetings and would save time.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. C. O'Connor stated that many Motions were passed in each of the other 4 Municipal Districts. A significant amount of work and follow-up and liaison with Departments and outside Departments is involved in all 5 Municipal Districts. He stated that this would involve additional work and reports to be prepared and there would be difficulty in meeting that.**

**Ms. A. McAllen stated that in relation to Motions, Corporate Services Department writes to external agencies to request their response. Where appropriate, the Council builds Notices of Motion into work programmes. Longer term issues form part of a long-term Work Plan and updates on those are updated to Members through Directorate Reports. Ms. McAllen advised that she would work on a local level with Ms. E. O'Donoghue and Mr. J. Ahern to keep Members more frequently updated.**

**Cllr. O'Callaghan stated that new Notices of Motion were rarely brought in and the older ones need to be dealt with.**

**Cllr. N. Kelleher disagreed and stated that many new Notices of Motion were on the Agenda from time to time.**

**2. Cllr. N. O'Callaghan:** That all meetings of KMD Officials with outside bodies would have a written report on the itinerary of the next KMD meeting for Councillors to review.

**Reply:** Members are updated by way of Directorate Reports and Management Reports and briefings of significant issues that arise from meetings with outside bodies, for example, Fáilte Ireland Killarney VEDP Meetings, meetings with the Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce, meetings with the NPWS and Killarney Access Group.

**Cllr. N. O'Callaghan said he was representing a different body on a different committee which has huge relevance to the Killarney Gateway Project with Fáilte Ireland. He said he was a Councillor on that that body but has not seen a report on this presented to the Members. This project is worth €6m - €8m over the next 6 - 10 years and it is important that Councillors are aware of this.**

**Cllr. M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.**

**3. Cllr. N. O'Callaghan:** That Killarney MD in some way mark the extra ordinary work of the frontline services during this pandemic.

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

**Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated that people have put their lives on the line and needed to be acknowledged.**

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.**

**Mr. C. O'Connor advised that this could be considered at the next Corporate Policy Group meeting. He stated that there was a protocol approved for Council where a matter needs broader consideration.**

**4. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae:** To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made to address health and safety concerns in relation to the erection of signage highlighting concerns regarding Lyme's Disease.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are in the progress of erecting signage at suitable locations within the ownership of Kerry County Council.

**Cllr. D. Grady moved Notice of Motion No. 4 on behalf of Cllr. Healy-Rae.**

**5. Cllr. D. Grady:** That the written instructions as received from the Government or HSE by the local authority regarding the implementation of social distancing measures, which have been carried out in Killarney, would be provided. I have objected at 3 meetings as the Elected Members were not allowed to have an input into these works. We were shown a plan but had no input. This plan has subsequently been changed (for the worst) on several occasions.

**Reply:** The background to the implementation of the social distancing measures is set out in the Managers Report. The guiding principles for the measures implemented in Killarney were set out in the draft Mobility Plan presented to Council in June, which are based on the public health advice on the Department of Health's

website and in Government publications, in particular the Government “Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business”.

The requirements in relation to social distancing and all other measures to reduce the risk of contracting and spreading Covid-19, are available on the Department of Health website

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/cf9b0d-new-public-health-measures-effective-now-to-prevent-further-spread-o/>

The relevant extract from the public health website is attached.

The Department of Health provides regular updates on public health measures, which will be used to inform the review of the measures currently in place.

The requirement to maintain a 2m distance from other people is defined as a core concept in the Public Health framework approach to advising Government, in the “Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business”, published on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020. The roadmap is available on the Government website

<https://assets.gov.ie/73722/ffd17d70fbb64b498fd809dde548f411.pdf>

The relevant extract from this document is attached.

**Cathaoirleach B. Cronin referred to the Motion and stated that he disagreed with it. He said this matter has been repeated on numerous occasions. He asked that Cllr. D. Grady would propose the Notice of Motion and move on.**

**Cllr. D. Grady moved his Notice of Motion.**

#### **(b) Correspondence**

1.	Letter dated 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 from Mr Alan O'Connell, Estate Manager HSE South Estates Department regarding lands at St. Finan's, Killarney
2.	Letter dated 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 from Ms Pauline McDonagh, SEO, National Ambulance Service regarding the waiting times for ambulances in Kerry
3.	Email dated 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 from Mr Michael Ryan, Iarnród Éireann regarding the recently installed lights at Stagmount Railway level crossing

**It was agreed to note the correspondence.**

**(c) It was agreed that the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre.**

**Mr. C. O'Connor stated that protocol received from LGMA was brought to Full Council on how meetings might operate with a suggestion that if there are presentations or updates that they would be carried out via Microsoft Teams on the morning of a meeting. Following that, the physical meeting would take place at a later time that day. Meetings should be held for a maximum of 1**

hour 55 minutes to deal with items that require a statutory decision. Mr. O'Connor asked the Members if they would be agreeable to set timelines when various items would be dealt with and agree between Cathaoirleach and MD Manager before Agenda is set.

In response to a query from Cllr. N. Kelleher, Ms. A. McAllen agreed to schedule a date with Mr. P. Curry who will provide a more detailed presentation to Members.

Cathaoirleach B. Cronin confirmed that only Statutory items and Notices of Motion would be dealt with at MD Meetings.

Mr. O'Connor confirmed that access to Microsoft Teams meetings would also be provided to the Press.

#### **(d) Any Other Business**

**New Road:** Cllr. N. O'Callaghan asked that the Traffic Wardens would be extra vigilant on New Road as motorists are parking on footpaths that are being used by pedestrians and wheelchair users.

**Drop-off Points:** Cllr. M. Moloney referred to the drop-off points outside pharmacies which are being used as loading bays. She asked that the situation be monitored.

**Deputations:** Cllr. M. Moloney enquired if approval had been granted to allow a deputation from Ballydribeen Residents' Association to attend an MD Meeting.

Mr. C. O'Connor confirmed that a protocol for deputations could be facilitated subject to strict guidelines. Only 2 people will be permitted to attend the meeting with only one of these permitted to speak. They would also have to adhere to a strict timeline.

**Roads Programme:** Mr. J. Ahern read the following to the Members:

The Rock Road Safety Scheme received Part 8 Approval in September 2019; Kerry County Council are currently assessing the tenders with a view of appointing a Contractor in the coming days to carry out the following:

- Footpath Improvement Works
- Provision of Ducting to allow for the Undergrounding of the Overhead Networks

However, these works will not be completed prior to the drawdown of current Road Restoration Grant on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

The Kilcummin Safety and Village Enhancement Scheme is currently on Public Display as part of the Part 8 Statutory Process, given that this process will not be



completed by the mid November at the earliest, the Killarney M.D. will not be able to complete the works by the drawdown date 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Therefore, Kerry County Council wish to inform you that the Road Restoration Improvement Schemes for the following

- Rock Road, Killarney Town - €150,813.00
- Kilcummin Village - €183,726.00

will now be carried forward to 2021.

I have reviewed the 2021 & 2022 Restoration Improvement Programme and given the short lead-in period and work schedule, the next most suitable roads which can be carried out in its place are as follows:

- L-3905 Ross Road - €107,234
- L-11023 Curragh Fossa - €72,000
- L-7067 Gortahoosh - €106,250
- L-8001 Boolasallagh - €49,055

It is proposed carry out these works immediately. Please note the overall budget for L-8001 Boolasallagh - €105,750. The remaining €56,695 of work will be carried out in 2021.

**Mr. J. Ahern agreed to email the details to the Members.**

**The Meeting concluded at 12.52pm.**

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**Cllr. B. Cronin**  
**Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD**