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**MIONTUAIRISCÍ AN CRUINNITHE DE COMHAIRLE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ AR
ARATHLÓ A THIONÓLADH I gCLUB GAA NA MÍSTÉALLAIGH, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN
CHÉADAON, 23 MÉAN FOMHAIR 2020**

**MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED ORDINARY MEETING OF KERRY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD IN JOHN MITCHELS GAA CLUB, TRALEE, ON WEDNESDAY,
23 SEPTEMBER 2020**

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR
Councillors/Comhairleoirí

Tom Barry	Robert Beasley	Michael Cahill
Patrick Connor-Scarteen	Brendan Cronin	Charlie Farrelly
Deirdre Ferris	Breandán Fitzgerald	Michael Foley
Michael Gleeson	Donal Grady	Jackie Healy-Rae
Niall Kelleher	Michael Kennelly	Dan McCarthy
Jimmy Moloney	Marie Moloney	Norma Moriarty
Niall O'Callaghan	Michael O'Shea	Mikey Sheehy
Aoife Thornton	Johnnie Wall	

IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR

Ms. M. Murrell, Chief Executive	Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Dir. Rds, Trspn & Marine
Mr. M. Scannell, Dir. Job Cr/Sust. ED	Mr. J. Breen, Director Water Services
Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Director Housing	Ms. A. McAllen, Head of Finance
Mr. C. O'Connor, Director Corp. Servs.	Mr. P. Corkery, Meetings Admin'r.
Mr. O. O'Shea, Press Officer	Ms. D. Griffin, SO Corporate
Ms. O. O'Shea, CO Corporate	

The meeting commenced at 11.50 a.m.

Cllr. Patrick Connor Scarteen, Cathaoirleach, took the Chair.

Protocols/Induction

Mr. C. O'Connor, Director of Service, referred Elected Members to the Protocols for Kerry County Council meetings held in John Mitchel's GAA Club, Tralee, during COVID-19 which had been circulated. The protocols are based on national guidelines and public health guidance. He gave an overview of the protocols, highlighting the symptoms of COVID-19, hand hygiene and social distancing procedures and the time limit for meetings.

21.09.2020.01 Cathaoirleach's Reports on CPG meeting

The Cathaoirleach's report on the CPG meeting held on 22 September 2020, which had been circulated, was noted by the Members.

It was unanimously agreed that on the day of the monthly Council meeting the following arrangements will apply:

Presentations to Members/Business not requiring formal decision/Non-Statutory Business

- This business would be conducted via MS Teams from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on the meeting day.
- Access to be provided to members of the press via MS Teams.

Statutory Business requiring formal decisions and Notices of Motion

- Physical meeting to take place in the designated venue to allow for adequate social distancing
- Meeting to be held from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- This will allow for statutory business requiring decision of the Council to be conducted and would also cater for Notices of Motion.

Emergency Motion

Cllr. Jackie Healy-Rae PROPOSED:

That the Elected Members of Kerry County Council would call on the Government to oppose any future bill that would see a ban on hare coursing in Ireland.

Cllr. Jackie Healy-Rae called for Kerry County Council to strongly oppose this Bill. Hare coursing has a strong tradition across rural Ireland and we should cherish it and be proud of it.

Cllr. Aoife Thornton SECONDED this motion.

21.09.2020.02 Notices of Motion

1. Solar Panels and Water Harvesting as Conditions of Planning

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Michael Gleeson PROPOSED:

That a Grant of Planning for all future major developments in Kerry e.g. larger schools, hotels, factories, civic offices, etc., would have as conditions of planning the inclusion of Solar Panels and Water Harvesting in the development of each project.

The following reply issued:

It is not permissible to specify the energy source, heating or water source for a building as part of a planning decision. However, it is an objective under Kerry County Council Climate Adaptation Strategy under Land Use and Development to Integrate climate action considerations into land use planning policy. As part of this objective it is an action to:

....acknowledge and integrate climate change as a critical consideration, guiding principle and/or strategic objective, and tailor planning policies to reduce the vulnerability of County Kerry to the impacts of Climate Change, for example by

- Promoting energy efficiency in buildings and climate resilient materials and finishes
- Supporting water conservation measures.

Planning Policy including the Development Management Guidelines contained in the current County Development Plan are at present being reviewed in the context of the review of the Development Plan. As part of this process cognisance will be taken of Kerry County Council's Climate Adaptation Strategy.

Cllr. Michael Gleeson said the recent High Court ruling on successive Governments' failures at counteracting Climate Change demonstrates quite clearly that there is a

lack of political will at national level to confront the greatest challenge facing all of humanity. The only hope of meaningful progress is for each of us as individuals and this Council as our local Planning Authority to take decisive action. Many of us in our own little ways are doing our best to do what is right. So are some schools and community buildings. We, as Council, the Executive Authority for Kerry, should show real leadership through our own actions and through planning decisions and attached conditions. Leadership must be given at local level otherwise there will be none. Let's give that leadership now and future generations will thank us. He asked that this motion be forwarded to Government with a request that these powers be given to Local Government.

Cathaoirleach Patrick Connor-Scarteen **SECONDED** this motion.

2. Planning for One-Off Housing on National Routes

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Mike Kennelly PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council immediately contact Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to amend their current policy guidelines in relation to planning applications for one-off housing on a family farm by a family member on our National routes.

Mr. P. Corkery said this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. Mike Kennelly said this Transport Infrastructure Ireland policy is affecting a family that have been refused permission to build a house on their land off the N69 in Listowel. Transport Infrastructure Ireland will not allow another exit off an existing road onto the N69 saying it would increase traffic on the main road. This family now have to lease a house in the area, which isn't practical when trying to farm the land.

Cllr. Michael Foley **SECONDED** this motion.

3. Coco's Law

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Michael Cahill PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council call on the Dáil and Seanad Éireann to progress, finalise and introduce legislation known as 'Coco's Law' that is intended to crack down on online bullying and harassment. "The Harassment and Harmful Communications Bill" is also known as Coco's Law after Nicole 'Coco' Fox, who died by suicide following online abuse and bullying. While the bill had reached the third stage in the process of becoming legislation, it did not become law before the last Dáil and Seanad were dissolved.

Mr. P. Corkery said this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. Michael Cahill said online bullying is an issue and there is no law in place regarding this matter. He called for the introduction of 'Coco's Law' as soon as possible.

Cllr. Michael Gleeson **SECONDED** this motion.

4. Patient Safety Bill

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Aoife Thornton PROPOSED:

To call on members of Kerry County Council to support my call for the immediate enactment of the Patient Safety Bill.

Mr. P. Corkery said this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. Aoife Thornton said the Patient Safety Bill was approved by Government in December 2019 and she was now calling for its enactment. This Bill provides for disclosure to the patient/family members of information known to the health service.

Cllr. Brendan Cronin **SECONDED** this motion.

5. Renewal of Driving Licences

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Norma Moriarty PROPOSED:

That we write to the Minister for Transport to amend the measures around renewing Driving Licences and the accepted documentation for same. Currently to be able to renew online or by post, a PSC has to be held and a copy submitted. I ask that we amend this to include a passport. Issues around this have come to the fore during the current pandemic.

Mr. P. Corkery said this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cathaoirleach Patrick Connor Scarteen **SECONDED** this motion.

6. Town Centre Mobility Plan Costs

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Jackie Healy-Rae PROPOSED:

How much has the Town Centre Mobility Plans cost Kerry County Council to date. How much of this was funded by Kerry County Council's own resources and how much was drawn down in grants. Can a breakdown of the cost be given per Municipal District and a breakdown given on what the money was spent on, listing all materials and their quantities i.e. bollards, machinery, labour costs, and anything else. Can this be given per MD also. Please include any funding paid to outside contractors for the purpose of the Town Centre Mobility Plan.

The following reply issued:

The Town Centre Mobility Plans for Kerry were implemented as emergency measures in response to the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic and have taken account of the need to maintain social distancing and other controls while businesses reopened in towns across the county. The designs of mobility plans, as implemented in Kerry, were acknowledged in the DMURS Interim Advice Note – Covid-19 Pandemic Response issued by the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport. The Mobility Plans will be kept under review and it may be necessary to expand or extend these plans as society continues to deal with the pandemic over the coming months.

The NTA has provided grant assistance to Kerry County Council in implementing these mobility plans which covers the full cost of expenditure incurred to date and the expenditure outlined below has been fully recouped by Kerry County Council.

A total of €238,324 has been expended throughout the county on mobility plans to date, broken down per Municipal District as follows:

MOBILITY FUNDING 2020 - EXPENDITURE TO DATE

	Killarney MD	Kenmare MD	Castleisland/ Corca Dhuibhne MD	Listowel MD	Tralee MD	Total spent to date
Labour Costs (KCC)	€60,109.10	€4,202.21	€8,599.65	€5,897.32	€10,306.75	
Minor Contracts	€32,497.67		€2,464.65	€4,465.09	€1,462.14	
Plant Hire	€8,210.04	€524.37	€881.25	€339.97	€127.92	
Materials	€47,820.82	€17,212.87	€9,228.84	€12,865.66	€8,783.55	
Misc.	€841.12	€321.31	€586.50	€105.65	€469.65	
TOTAL	€149,478.75	€22,260.76	€21,760.89	€23,673.69	€21,150.01	€238,324.10

Cllr. Jackie Healy-Rae queried the level of expenditure in Killarney Municipal District versus other Municipal Districts, and why the changes in Killarney are so permanent versus any other part of the county. Elected Members were told these works were temporary measures across the county. Works are still awaited in Castleisland. In Dingle parking spaces were taken out and bollards were put along the street to provide extra space for pedestrians. A similar approach was used in Rock Street, Tralee, and no physical paving was installed.

Cllr. Donal Grady **SECONDED** this motion.

Mr. C. O’Sullivan, Director of Service, said the Town Mobility Plans were brought before Council and Municipal Districts in May with re-opening of businesses and society in accordance with the Government plan. Details of the measures required and what was needed to be put in place were outlined. There was also consultation with businesses. The primary concern was the safety of pedestrians and the width of footpaths was an issue. In Tralee there are existing wide pedestrian areas. Killarney did not have such areas and that is the reason why there was higher expenditure there. Footfall was also a factor. These works are temporary measures which were put in place to maintain social distancing for pedestrians using the towns. It was envisaged there would be an increase in the economy with staycations; the number of visitors exceeded expectations. The footpath infrastructure was not adequate in Killarney for the volume of visitors in the town.

The Chief Executive said she is satisfied that these works were necessary and worthwhile given the high footfall experienced in Killarney over the Summer months.

8. Location of Japanese Knotweed

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Charlie Farrelly PROPOSED:

Have all contractors who are on hire for hedge cutting for this season been updated on the whereabouts of Japanese Knotweed along our roads in Kerry.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council maintains a register of known locations of Japanese Knotweed and other Invasive Plant Species at each Municipal District. This information is provided to hedge cutting contractors. If members are aware of any locations of new outcrops of these plant species, then they should alert the relevant Municipal District /Area Office who will add the location to the Register.

The Department of Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht, in conjunction with TII and the CCMA has issued an Advisory Note to those engaged in road-side hedge cutting

to avoid infestations of Japanese Knotweed and to report the location to the local area office.

In addition, Kerry County Council will shortly be issuing a public notice in relation to hedge cutting. This notice will raise awareness with Landowners of the issues around Japanese Knotweed and that it should not be cut. It will also advise landowners to report any outcrops of Japanese Knotweed to the local MD/Area Office.

Cllr. Charlie Farrelly referred to hedgecutting undertaken on behalf of Kerry County Council by an out of county contractor where Japanese Knotweed on the roadside at Ballymacelligott was cut, along with signs advising of the presence of Japanese Knotweed.

Cllr. Michael Gleeson SECONDED this motion.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Service, said the appointment of hedgecutting contractors for the national road network is managed by the National Road Design Office, taken from a Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) framework. Kerry County Council has its own framework for hedgecutting contractors for local and regional roads. It has been confirmed that the location referred to did not have Japanese Knotweed. All hedgecutting contractors are informed of the location of Japanese Knotweed and signage is in place at these locations. Landowners are also advised regarding the management of Japanese Knotweed.

9. Social Housing Provision

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Johnnie Wall PROPOSED:

Notwithstanding the valuable work undertaken by charitable and co-operative organisations in the field, I propose that Kerry County Council be the primary provider of Social Housing in our towns going forward. To which end, we should ensure that each of our towns have a number of 'shovel ready' Social Housing sites commensurate with satisfying the dire need of those on our Housing Lists, without our seemingly undue reliance on the Private Rental Sector to fulfil this need.

The following reply issued:

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 turnkey 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 Kerry County Council sign off on support for the project. In addition, all occupiers of units provided must be qualified Housing applicants with Kerry County Council. The AHB sector are partners with Kerry County Council 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 Kerry County Council direct delivery or AHB provided, are positively contributing to addressing the current waiting lists and providing high quality Social Housing across the County.

In general, there is no constraint on the availability of Capital Funding for direct construction or turnkey projects by Kerry County Council (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 units in Kerry.

The following programmes are included in this National plan and are being delivered by Kerry County Council and Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) across the entire County.

- New Build
- Turnkey Projects
- Part V
- Leasing
- Acquisitions

The Kerry Housing market is a complex environment with significant pressure from demands in the Tourism area, short term lettings and an environment where little new Housing supply is coming on the market. The demand for existing units is high particularly in the private rented market and this is having a significant impact on both rental level and on availability. This also impacts on the potential delivery of Part V units. Against this background we are operating in a very challenging environment.

Full details of the construction programme are provided to members at each MD Meeting.

As well as the current programme underway, on site and about to go on site, in addition, there are a number of other potential projects under consideration at this time. Once projects move through the planning stages, they move to construction immediately.

Kerry County Council Housing Construction 2020 to 2022 - Updated 08 September 2020

	Number of units	Actual Programme date for Commencement of Construction	Actual Programme date for Completion of Construction	Delivery 2020	Delivery 2021	Delivery 2022
TRALEE						
An Carrigin, Balloonagh	28	May-19	Dec-20	28		
Áit Ardeaglais, Farranwilliam, Ardfert	22	Sep-19	Mar-21		22	
Cluain na Géise, Ballyrickard	21	Aug-20	Oct-21		21	
Cruaghoint, (Croogorts), Tralee	30	Sep-20	Jan-22			30
Cluain Láir, Lohercannon	61	Sep-20	Apr-22			61
Rahoonane - New Site	8	Mar-21	Apr-22			8
TOTALS TRALEE MD	170		Total:	28	43	99
KILLARNEY						
Áit Manach, Rathmore	20	Dec-19	Apr-21		20	
Carraig Bheag, Rock Road	10	Sep-20	Oct-21		10	
TOTALS KILLARNEY MD	30			0	30	0
LISTOWEL						
Glénach, (Marconi) Ballybunion	20	Dec-19	Feb-21		20	
Baile An Gharraí, Phase 5, Lixnaw	10	Feb-20	Mar-21		10	
Woodview Place, Tarbert	22	Feb-21	May-22			22
Marconi (South) Ballybunion	14	Jul-21	Jul-22			14
Rusheen, Ballylongford	7	Jul-21	Jul-22			7
TOTALS LISTOWEL MD	73			0	30	43
KENMARE						
Ardbheama, Ph.5, Kenmare Ph 5	14	Mar-21	Jun-22			14
TOTALS KENMARE MD	14			0	0	14
SINGLE RURAL DWELLINGS						
Single Rurals	8			2	2	4
TOTALS SRD COUNTYWIDE	8			2	2	4
				Delivery 2020	Delivery 2021	Delivery 2022
TOTAL PROGRAMME	295			30	105	160

Cllr. Johnnie Wall said he would refer this matter to the Housing SPC.

Cathaoirleach Patrick Connor Scarteen SECONDED this motion.

10. CCTV for Killarney

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Brendan Cronin PROPOSED:

In light of the numerous and repeated requests, I am seeking immediate clarification on the delay in providing vital CCTV for Killarney, it is a matter of urgency that town centre CCTV is prioritised and provided for Killarney town which can be live monitored in Killarney Garda Station.

The following reply issued:

An application for funding under the Community CCTV Scheme was submitted to the Department of Justice and Equality, in respect of three areas in Killarney – Killarney Town Centre, Killarney Outer Scheme and Ballyspillane Estate. A final decision in relation to the funding request has not as yet been received from the Department. The Community Scheme provides for CCTV monitoring of the approved area with the information then available for review or use by An Garda Síochána if a formal request for such CCTV footage is received from the Gardaí.

The Community schemes do not provide for “live monitoring” of the CCTV at Killarney Garda Station. Kerry County Council will have responsibility as the Data Controller in respect of these schemes with access to CCTV footage made available to members of An Garda Síochána following receipt of a formal request for same. This is in accordance with Data Protection Commission guidelines.

The Act does provide separately for Garda CCTV schemes which could provide live monitoring. These would be operated directly by An Garda Síochána who would have access to the footage in accordance with their own statutory requirements. The provision for such schemes would be a matter for An Garda Síochána subject to their own statutory requirements being met.

It is proposed to meet with Garda Management for the Killarney District to discuss this matter further.

Cllr. Brendan Cronin said he is seeking clarification regarding CCTV, particularly for the benefit of the Gardaí. He acknowledged the community schemes and their remit. It is a necessity that CCTV be provided in the Killarney town centre, with live monitoring with the Garda Station. He asked that the proposal to meet with Garda management regarding this matter be followed up and that funding be sought from the Minister for Justice. He complimented the works done in Killarney, which are recognised in particular by the business community and Chamber of Commerce who support the Safe Streets campaign. The statistics prove it was the right thing to do these works.

Cllr. Niall Kelleher SECONDED this motion.

11. Cutting of Overgrown Roadside Hedges

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Patrick Connor-Scarteen PROPOSED:

Please outline Kerry County Council's policy in relation to the cutting of overgrown roadside hedges. Which roads are to be cut.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council will shortly be issuing a media campaign to advise owners of land adjacent to public roads of their obligations to keep roadside hedges cut in such a manner that does not pose a hazard to road users.

Any locations where roadside hedges are deemed to pose a hazard to road users will be followed up by our Municipal District Enforcement Officers who will arrange with the landowner to have these hedgerows cut back and will follow up with the necessary legal notices, if required.

If members are aware of any locations where roadside hedgerows may pose a risk to road users, they are advised to contact the relevant Municipal District Enforcement Officer who will investigate and if necessary, follow up with the relevant landowners to cut the hedges.

A report on the level of inspections and enforcement is provided in the Director's report to the members at the MD meetings

Cllr. Michael O'Shea SECONDED this motion.

12. Funding for Sports Organisations

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Fionnán Fitzgerald PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council call on the three main field sports organisations - the FAI, the GAA and the IRFU who have received funding of up to €40m to ensure that clubs within their organisations receive benefit in lieu of lost income

Mr. P. Corkery said this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. Mike Kennelly SECONDED this motion.

13. Register of Electors

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Marie Moloney PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council would give an update on the investigation into the alleged abuse of the Register of Electors in the 2019 Local Elections and what measures have Kerry County Council put in place to stop any further abuse of the Register of Electors.

The following reply issued:

As previously advised to the Elected Members by An Garda Commissioner– this matter is under investigation by GSOC.

Kerry County Council will continue to operate the Register of Electors in accordance with our statutory requirements.

Cathaoirleach Patrick Connor-Scarteen asked Cllr. Marie Moloney to speak only on a policy issue as this matter is before GSOC.

Cllr. Marie Moloney asked what Kerry County Council propose to do to stop the abuse of the Register of Electors. A policy was in place previously that no Elected Member could bring in a bulk of forms. She asked if this will be re-introduced.

Mr. C. O'Connor, Director of Service, said the Council has a strict process in place to deal with applications for inclusion on the supplement to the Register of Electors. The process for making an application for inclusion on the supplement to the Register of Electors is clearly set out on the application form and accompanying notes. To be included in the supplement, you must be:

- (a) 18 years of age;
 - (b) ordinarily resident at the address at which you wish to be registered;
- and

- (c) not already registered as an elector – except in the case of a change of address or a change in voter status having acquired Irish citizenship.

A separate form must be completed and signed by each person applying for inclusion in the supplement. The form must be sent or delivered by the applicant directly to the Registration Authority. The form includes a Declaration/Certificate of Identity. The declaration must be signed in the presence of a member of An Garda Síochána from your local station. If the Garda is satisfied as to your identity he/she will sign, date and stamp Section II of the form. If you are unable to utilise this arrangement then the form may be witnessed at the offices of the Registration Authority. In such instance you must state in writing why the form could not be completed at the Garda Station. If you are unable to utilise either of the above arrangements due to physical illness or physical disability there is a process for certification by a Registered Medical Practitioner. The applications as received are date stamped and dealt with by the Registration Authority and added to the supplement or rejected, in which case there is an appeal process to the County Registrar. There is a very tight timeline available to the Registration Authority to deal with applications, as such applications can be received up to the 14th day before the Election, and the supplement is required to be published as soon as possible after that date. 3,016 applications were received in relation to the last General Election, with 2,716 being approved.

Additional arrangements were put in place for the recent General Election, with staff available on the Saturday at Áras an Chontae to give advice to persons in relation to the submission of applications for inclusion on the supplement to the register of electors and this worked well.

Cllr. Niall O’Callaghan SECONDED this motion.

**14. Restart of Cancer Screening and Diagnostic Services
Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Mikey Sheehy PROPOSED:**

That this Council, as a matter of urgency, write to the Minister for Health to clarify the exact roadmap and timeframe for the full restart of cancer screening and diagnostic services within the HSE.

Mr. P. Corkery said this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. Mikey Sheehy said cancer screening and diagnostic services have been impacted by COVID-19. Breast check, cervical check and bowel check services have all been severely impacted. At present breast check services have not been re-instated; cervical check and bowel check services are running at 50%. Diagnostic services are not yet running at 100% and not expected to be for 4-6 months. Confirmation has been received that private hospitals will be used to address certain waiting lists. It is hoped private hospitals will also be used for diagnostic services over the next few months. Cancer is still with us; every year 43,000 cases are diagnosed in Ireland and it is expected this will double by 2045.

Cllr. Niall O’Callaghan SECONDED this motion.

**15. Electric Car Charging Points
Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Robert Beasley PROPOSED:**

That Kerry County Council will highlight Electric Car Charging Points so that people with Petrol/Diesel Cars will not park in these parking slots.

The following reply issued:

Parking Bays adjacent to Electric Car Charging Points are usually delineated with a green colour and/or denoted with “e-car” or “e” text to advise motorists that they are reserved for electric vehicles only.

Cllr. Michael Gleeson SECONDED this motion.

16. Broadband Services within the Economic Triangle of Kerry

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Michael O’Shea PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council carry out a study of the inadequate broadband services in centres within the economic triangle of Kerry with a view to setting up and funding Digital Hub Hot Desking Services.

The following reply issued:

As per the report attached from our Broadband officer, the towns and villages in the Hub and Knowledge Triangle are very well served by Broadband communications. High-Speed Broadband services as defined in the National Broadband plan are available in the vast majority of premises in the Triangle.

Gigabit connectivity is widely available and a number of Digital Hubs – both privately operated as well as Community hubs are operating to provide hotdesks, office space, collaborative technology and remote working options. Our Economic Development Unit, Atlantic Economic Corridor officer and our Head of Digital continue to promote hubs in the County and opportunities for employment and relocation which have become manifest during COVID-19.

Kerry is a stunning county to live and work in – with a quality of life that few locations can match. Our Hubs and the various groupings established by the Chief Executive, our Director of Economic & Community Development and our Business Leaders networks are very much collectively promoting this message.

Our main towns can offer genuine world-class connectivity to businesses. While there are no BCP’s (Broadband Connection Points – funded community hubs under the National Broadband Plan) within the Triangle, which reflects the general availability of fibre in towns and villages, a BCP will be commissioned shortly in Kielduff outside of Tralee – probably the first of 9 such hubs in the County to provide Community Digital services, such as Broadband facilities for remote work, blended education and online learning.

In the county as a whole, just under 30% of premises will require the National Broadband Plan to deliver the High-Speed Broadband services to their premises. However, the number of properties in the NBP intervention area in the triangle is probably lower than 5%.

Our Broadband Officer continues to work with the two Government Departments DRCD and DCCAIE on advancing the National Broadband Plan and related initiatives.

Fibre Speed Broadband Services in the settlements in the Kerry Hub and Knowledge Triangle

Report prepared by Brian Looney, Head of Digital and Broadband Officer

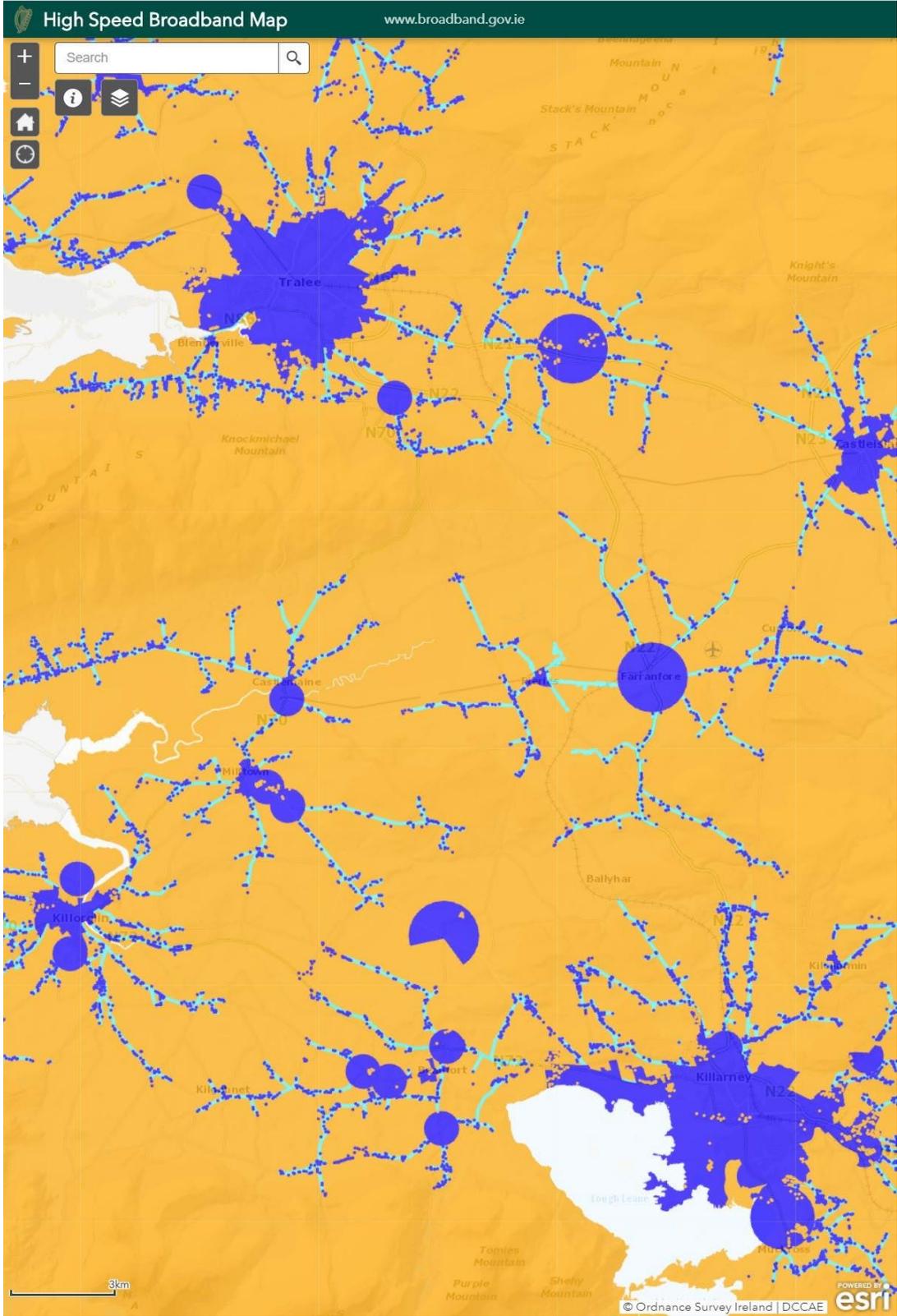


Figure 1: National Broadband map

From the National Broadband map above, all of the main towns and villages in the Kerry Hub and Knowledge Triangle have access to Fibre speed broadband. The OpenEir Rural Fibre Broadband scheme delivered between 2018 and 2020 has also extended fibre services to many homes, farms and business in the County, with extensive Gigabit connectivity widely available.

The national broadband plan aims to bring these levels of service to all homes and business premises.

Latest figures for the County as a whole would indicate that 70% of premises can obtain High Speed Broadband services. The percentage of premises with high speed services within the triangle would be significantly higher – probably above 95% - given the investments made in larger towns in particular.

Infrastructure Providers:

There are a number of companies with significant broadband infrastructure in the Triangle. Combined with our national networks, this brings world-class connectivity to the towns and villages.

- OpenEir have the largest fibre network in the county
- SIRO – the infrastructure collaboration between Vodafone and ESB Networks has substantial gigabit fibre networks in the towns of Tralee and Killarney as well as in Castleisland.
- eNet operate the fibre MAN's in Killarney, Killorglin and Tralee
- N.B.I. are starting to build their National Broadband Plan network – survey work commenced outside of Tralee in May and outside of Killarney in July.
- Imagine have a wireless LTE service operating in the area



Figure 2: Imagine LTE services from Knockmoyle / Mish in the Triangle

- Other local operators which both own infrastructure and resell network services such Kerry Broadband, Ivertec, Permanet, etc. have infrastructural assets.

Assessment of main towns (using OpenEir)

In the Open Eir maps that follow, shaded Green areas represent live service coverage in a town or village, properties passed by the Rural Fibre network are indicated with a Green House. Fibre Cabinets which service a number of properties are also marked.

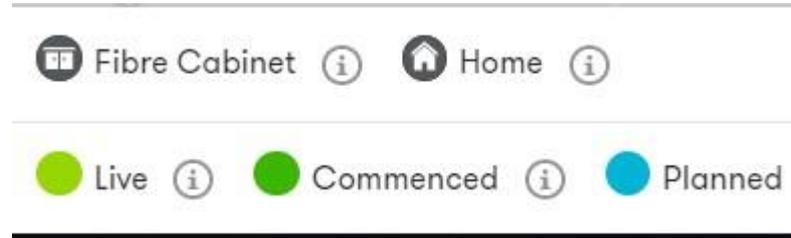


Figure 3: OpenEir map legend

Milltown / Castlemaine

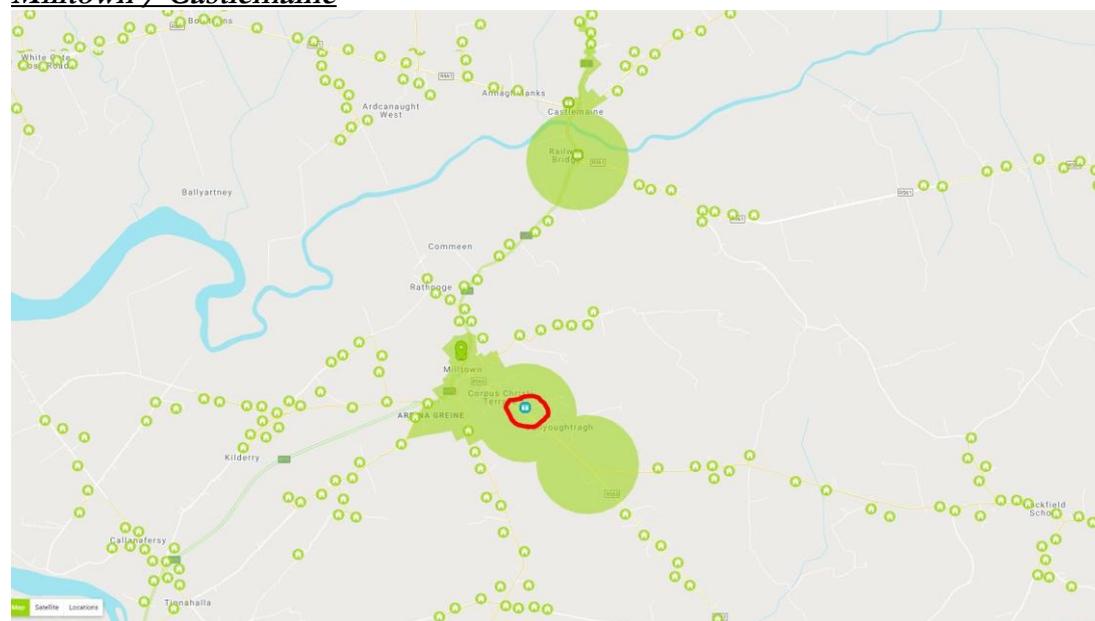


Figure 4: Milltown / Castlemaine area

There is extensive fibre coverage in the rural and town areas.

A significant population in Milltown can only currently get slower DSL class services, pending the completion of an upgrade by Eir of the Cabinet MIK1_005 (Coloured blue in the map above).

We have requested an update from OpenEir for this work.

Killorglin

Both the town and the surrounding rural areas have a very high percentage of fibre speed coverage.

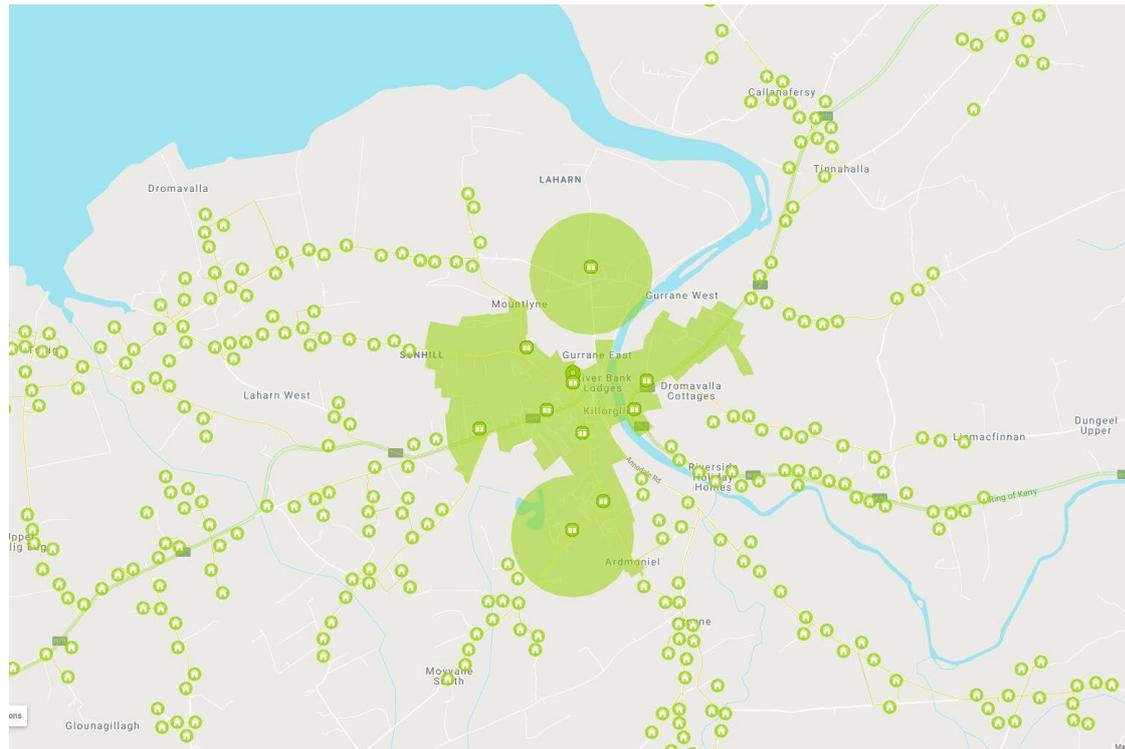


Figure 5: Killorglin Area

Killarney

Both the town and the surrounding rural areas and villages have a very high percentage of fibre speed coverage. (Note that the map is zoomed out to an extent that the properties passed are not shown – but the yellow fibre routes give a good indication where services extend.) Killarney also has an eNet MAN in the town centre and a large SIRO network.



Figure 6: Killarney Area

Firies & Farranfore

The OpenEir rural fibre project has brought about significantly improved speeds in these areas. Services are also available from wireless network operators.

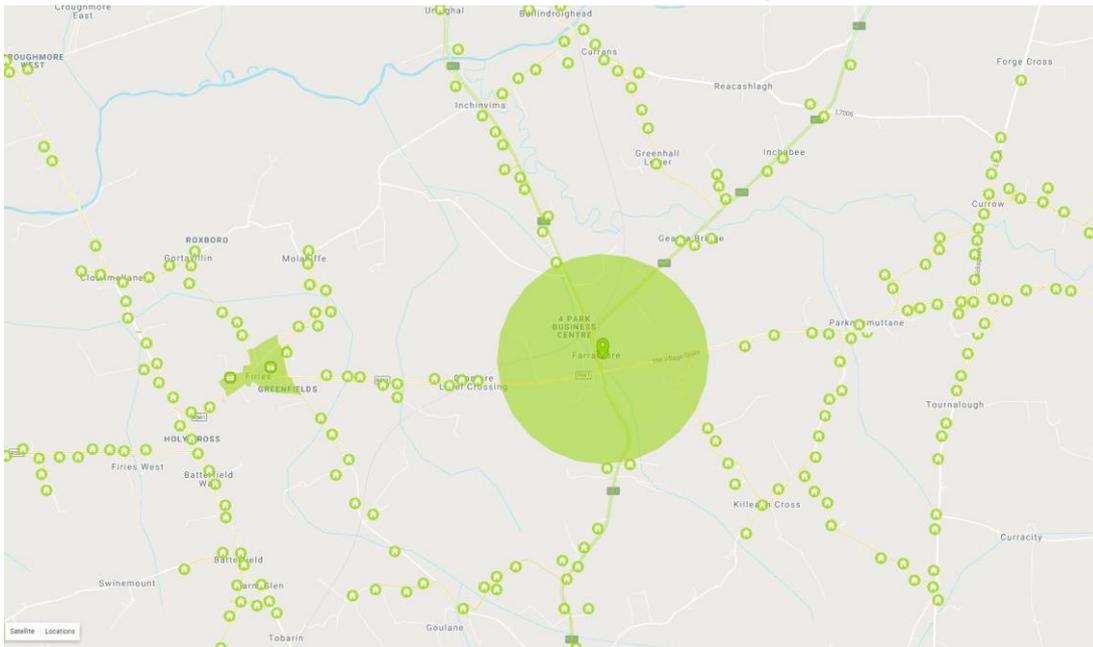


Figure 7: Firies and Farranfore areas

Tralee

Both the town and the surrounding rural areas and villages have a very high percentage of fibre speed coverage. Tralee also has an eNet MAN in the town centre and a large SIRO network.

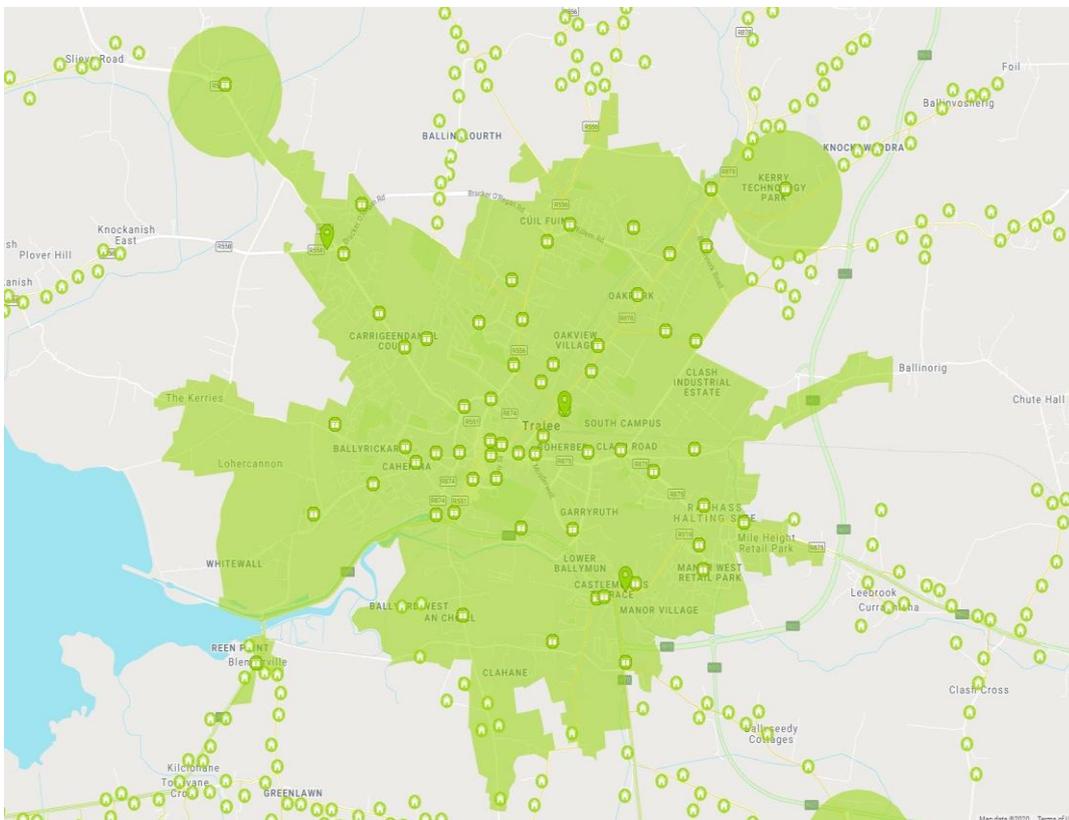


Figure 8: Tralee Area

Cllr. Michael O'Shea said many people working from home in the Milltown area continue to experience problems with broadband services. He called for Kerry County Council to provide a hot desk service in Milltown.

Cllr. Norma Moriarty SECONDED this motion.

**17. Business Restart Grant and Business Restart Grant Plus
Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Breandán Fitzgerald PROPOSED:**

How many businesses in Kerry have applied for the Business Restart Grant and Business Restart Grant Plus and what is the total value allocated to date and can we conduct an information and promotion campaign to inform all rateable businesses that have yet to apply of the grants available to them.

The following reply issued:

As of the 17th September, a total of 3,524 valid applications have been received across the Restart Grants. These include the initial Restart, Restart Top Up and Restart Plus.

Restart Grant: A total of 1,548 applications have been approved with payments amounting to €6,247,607.

Restart Top Up: An additional 1,544 applications have been received, 761 applications have been processed with funding approval and payments amounting to €4,455,244.

New Restart Plus Application: A further 543 applications have been received amounting to €2,709,042.

The total payments issued by Kerry County Council amounts to €10,702,851. Work continues on informing businesses of the schemes through direct contacts and online promotion.

Cllr. Breandán Fitzgerald complimented the Local Enterprise Office on the payment of €10.7m in grants and assisting 3,524 businesses. He welcomed the continuing campaign to inform businesses of schemes available.

Cllr. Norma Moriarty SECONDED this motion.

**18. Councillors who work in the Public Sector
Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Michael Gleeson PROPOSED:**

That Councillors e.g. teachers, nurses, doctors etc. who work in the Public Sector would be permitted fifteen days leave to attend Council meetings and that a fully paid [By Government] substitute/locum would be afforded for them on those fifteen days. The present situation is grossly unfair on the Councillors and on their colleagues in their workplace.

Mr. P. Corkery said this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. Michael Gleeson said for democracy to serve well and to be worthy of that name, it must be accessible to all as both voters and as candidates for election. There are a number of professions, some outlined in the Motion where active membership of a Local Authority is extremely difficult because of the careers they pursue. It is extremely inconvenient and not a little embarrassing for a teacher to serve as a Councillor because their not being in school can be a great inconvenience to their school colleagues and of course an educational loss to the children. This is even more so now

at this time of COVID as classes can no longer be doubled to facilitate the absentee. The only hope is for fair and reasonable substitute cover to be afforded on a given number of days. He said he can speak with some authority on this Motion as for a number of years he experienced great difficulty in attending all scheduled meetings. He said he frequently had to rush to Tralee after school in order to attend for at least the Motions part of the meeting. He called on Elected Members for their support for this motion and called on Government to respond positively.

Cllr. Norma Moriarty **SECONDED** this motion and said after being elected to Kerry County Council she found it difficult to continue working as a teacher and chose to take a career break from teaching.

Cllr. Brendan Cronin opposed this motion. He said in the current climate it would be a financial cost and burden. Anyone who stands for election is fully aware of the job requirements, the payment and what goes with it. The financial cost and burden would be significant, requiring a substitute teacher for €230 per day, i.e. €3,450 per eligible Councillor per year based on the 15 days proposed. If the proposal goes through it creates a clear discrimination against the self-employed, private sector, farmer, i.e. they would have to pay for their own replacement, but if an Elected Member is a public sector employee they will get special treatment. He rejected the proposal and called for a vote.

Cllr. Marie Moloney **SECONDED** Cllr. Cronin's opposition of this motion. She said this proposal would drive a divide between public and private sectors.

Mr. P. Corkery, Meetings Administrator, said a vote would now be taken on the following:

"On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. Michael Gleeson, **SECONDED** by Cllr. Norma Moriarty, that Councillors e.g. teachers, nurses, doctors, etc., who work in the Public Sector would be permitted fifteen days leave to attend Council meetings and that a fully paid [By Government] substitute/locum would be afforded for them on those fifteen days. The present situation is grossly unfair on the Councillors and on their colleagues in their workplace."

The result of the vote was as follows:

For: Cllrs. Michael Cahill, Charlie Farrelly, Michael Gleeson, Jackie Healy-Rae, Niall Kelleher, Norma Moriarty **(6)**

Against: Cllrs. Brendan Cronin, Deirdre Ferris, Breandán Fitzgerald, Michael Foley, Marie Moloney, Niall O'Callaghan, Mikey Sheehy, Aoife Thornton, Cathaoirleach Patrick Connor-Scarteen **(9)**

Not Voting: Cllr. Michael O'Shea **(1)**

Absent: Cllrs. Tom Barry, Robert Beasley, Jim Finucane, Fionnán Fitzgerald, Seamus Fitzgerald, John Francis Flynn, Cathal Foley, Donal Grady, Johnny Healy-Rae, Maura Healy-Rae, Mike Kennelly, Sam Locke, Dan McCarthy, Jimmy Moloney, Terry O'Brien, Bobby O'Connell, Johnnie Wall **(17)**

Mr. P. Corkery, Meetings Administrator, declared the resolution **DEFEATED**.

19. Public Conveniences and Beach Car Parks

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Michael Cahill PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council take into consideration the major impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic by putting a 'programme of works' in place as a matter of priority that includes the provision of additional public toilets, the upgrade of existing toilets, the provision of additional caretakers/permanent caretakers, including the development of additional car parks at our popular beaches and visitor attractions.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council recently made an application for funding under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund to upgrade all public conveniences located along the Wild Atlantic Way. Unfortunately, this funding application was not successful. A revised application for funding is now being prepared for improving the visitor experience to many of our beaches, particularly those linked with a village or town. This would include improved linkages between the town and the beach, enhanced public realm facilities and improvements to existing infrastructure including public conveniences and car parks.

Cllr. Michael Cahill said our beaches play a significant part in attracting people to our county and play a major part in our economy. With that, however, can come problems such as illegal camping, littering and parking issues. Public toilets at beaches should be open all year round and should be cleaned regularly throughout the day, not just twice per day. Over the Summer, for example, there has been issues with the toilets at Rossbeigh and with access for emergency vehicles to Derrynane beach. We must be better prepared in the future and beaches where we have a Caretaker, should have the Caretaker in place all year round.

Cllr. Breandán Fitzgerald SECONDED this motion.

20. Community Support Fund

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Charlie Farrelly PROPOSED:

I am requesting Kerry County Council to make available to all Councillors, a list of groups that have received letters of offer for the Community Support Fund and also how much have the County Council committed to pay out to the groups and organisations who have been successful following the evaluation of this funding.

The following reply issued:

The Community Support Fund allocations were prepared prior to COVID-19 and the impact of the pandemic has had significant impact across a number of areas. The Council are continuing to support community groups and have issued letters to Tidy Towns and associated community groups.

Funding of events are not being supported at this time, unless legitimate expenditure was incurred prior to COVID-19. The submissions from Chamber Alliances are being reassessed in relation to the significant demands being made on the Council to support marketing and other economic initiatives.

A list of the projects for which letters have issued will be made available to the relevant MD members.

Cathaoirleach Patrick Connor Scarteen SECONDED this motion.

21. Roadside Hedges

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Johnnie Wall PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council would trim back the hedges on the sides of the rural roads. The overgrown branches and briars are highly dangerous to buses and lorries that

use these roads. Also, as we are getting more regular wind storms, could Kerry County Council deal with this matter urgently before the Winter sets in.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council will shortly be issuing a media campaign to advise owners of land adjacent to public roads of their obligations to keep roadside hedges cut in such a manner that does not pose a hazard to road users.

Any locations where roadside hedges are deemed to pose a hazard to road users will be followed up by our Municipal District Enforcement Officers who will arrange with the landowner to have these hedgerows cut back and will follow up with the necessary legal notices, if required.

If members are aware of any locations where roadside hedgerows may pose a risk to road users, they are advised to contact the relevant Municipal District Enforcement Officer who will investigate and if necessary, follow up with the relevant landowners to cut the hedges.

Cathaoirleach Patrick Connor Scarteen SECONDED this motion.

22. Community Development Projects

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Brendan Cronin PROPOSED:

That this Council request that financial grant aid be made available to assist any Voluntary/Community organisations who are required to carry out costly archaeological excavations and reports when they are developing, improving or expanding facilities which will benefit their local communities.

The following reply issued:

There are various grants supporting community development projects, and such grants may support the overall planning and preparation of these projects including archaeological excavations and reports. In the preparation of grant applications and in considering the overall scale of these projects, community groups should be mindful of these additional costs and include same in the applications.

Cllr. Brendan Cronin said supports should be given, and allowances made, to these groups. Many times, these issues do not arise until work on the project has started.

Cllr. Deirdre Ferris SECONDED this motion.

23. Tourism Campaign

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Patrick Connor-Scarteen PROPOSED:

Please outline what plans have Kerry County Council Tourism Unit working in conjunction with other agencies have to boost tourism in the Winter months.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council has and is working closely with Fáilte Ireland and the Kerry Tourism Industry Federation (KTIF) and a number of agencies to maximise all opportunities for domestic tourism in light of the loss of overseas visitors due to Covid-19. Kerry County Council has co-funded a targeted marketing campaign with KTIF for the summer period which included staycation vouchers, marketing and promotional videos, social media campaigns, development of the www.discoverkerry.com website, as well as Kerry Tourism Day promotion – all of which were very successful in attracting visitors to the county, extending visitors stay, dispersing visitors throughout the county and increasing visitor spend. We are currently engaged in a campaign specifically targeting the winter months

including activity focused and outdoor events. These will be promoted through social media channels including Facebook, Instagram, bloggers, the Discover Kerry website including Google adverts and local and national press features and trade-sponsored competitions. We are also working with Fáilte Ireland to maximise the benefits of the Government's new Stay and Spend Tax Credit scheme to the Kerry hotels and hospitality sector. Our Safe Destination programme has been recognised as a market leader and has given our visitors, staff and communities, confidence and security during these challenging times.

Cllr. Aoife Thornton SECONDED this motion.

24. Graveyard Caretakers

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Fionnán Fitzgerald PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council review the conditions and terms under which Graveyard Caretakers work in graveyards in the County. Currently Graveyard Caretakers are compensated for 10 hours work per week but evidence suggests it is much more than this in reality.

The following reply issued:

The management of staff arrangements is a matter for the Council executive.

Cathaoirleach Patrick Connor Scarteen SECONDED this motion.

25. Sterilising Centre for Medical Appliances

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Marie Moloney PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council would contact the Minister for Health and request him to set up a central sterilising centre in Ireland for medical appliances such as crutches, walking aids and wheelchairs etc. This would avoid waste in the HSE and create much needed employment.

Mr. P. Corkery said this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. Marie Moloney said if the HSE are not agreeable to this suggestion, a programme like "Bikes for Africa" should be set up.

Cathaoirleach Patrick Connor Scarteen SECONDED this motion.

Cllr. Deirdre Ferris said such medical appliances are collected by Dr. Leahy collects and he sends them to Belarus.

26. Mobile Connectivity and Service Provision in Kerry

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Norma Moriarty PROPOSED:

That we ask as a matter of urgency, the Operations Managers of all of the main mobile phone companies and Eircom to a meeting as soon as possible to give a full and accurate account of the state of connectivity and service provision in the County, along with plans for the repair and upgrading of infrastructure.

Mr. P. Corkery said this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. Norma Moriarty said all phone companies who are supposed to be serving citizens of this county must come before us regarding repeated issues with networks. People are moving providers and still not getting a service. The service providers

are not dealing with the issues that are reported. There is a clear need for upgrading of infrastructure. This matter must be pursued urgently.

Cllr. Mikey Sheehy **SECONDED** this motion.

The Chief Executive said Mr. B. Looney, Head of Digital and Broadband Officer, is pursuing this matter with the service providers.

27. Local Improvement Scheme

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Jackie Healy-Rae PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council provide an update on progress being made on the Local Improvement Scheme list.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council issued a prioritised list of LIS applications in February 2020, based on all valid applications received. The Department of Rural and Community Development allocated €667,000 for Local Improvement Schemes in 2020. This has enabled 7 schemes (including 1 community scheme) to be advanced in 2020.

Updates on progress on the roadworks programme are provided in the Director's report to the members at the MD meetings.

These schemes are incorporated into the overall 2020 Roads Programme and will be delivered as part of that Programme this year. The delivery of the Roads Programme in 2020 has been particularly challenging, given that 7 weeks of the programme were lost due to the Lockdown and since that time, staff have been working under new restrictions to deal with the pandemic (e.g. around social distancing). The adverse weather experienced in July and August has also impacted on the delivery of the Programme.

Cllr. Jackie Healy-Rae said Kerry County Council has a substantial list of roads that require work. With only seven roads being funded in 2020, more intervention is required from central Government to fund this scheme. He complimented the Local Authority on its delivery of the scheme within the funding and said he hopes this scheme will be retained and funded.

Cathaoirleach Patrick Connor Scarteen **SECONDED** this motion.

28. COVID-19 Testing Centre at Kerry Airport

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Mikey Sheehy PROPOSED:

That this Council, as a matter of urgency, engage with Kerry Airport and the HSE to develop a rapid COVID-19 testing centre at Kerry Airport. The Airport at Farranfore is a key economic driver for Kerry and the safe return to its normal business operations is vital for Kerry.

Mr. P. Corkery said this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. Mikey Sheehy said during this pandemic Kerry Airport has facilitated emergencies when required. The loss of the Berlin flight will have a negative impact on the airport. As a county we are reliant on Foreign Direct Investment and tourism. As stakeholders, Kerry County Council, the HSE and Kerry Airport must engage on this matter to ensure the future of the airport.

Cllr. Marie Moloney **SECONDED** this motion.

29. Inter-Agency Group for Development of the County

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Michael O'Shea PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council set up an inter-agency group including representatives from all state service providers to deal with the rapid growth and lack of services in areas where population growth has surpassed services.

The following reply issued:

The Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021 is currently under review and the Kerry Local Economic and Community Plan 2016-2021 will be up for review in the coming months and as part of these processes Kerry County Council will engage with all relevant agencies regarding infrastructure and service requirements and the challenges and priorities for the County over the coming years. These engagements will particularly focus on areas that have significant infrastructural or service provision challenges.

Cllr. Michael O'Shea said services in Milltown are at their maximum capacity. Services in Milltown must be reviewed as soon as possible and could be used as a pilot programme within the county. Assistance from state funding is required to support Milltown and to counteract the primary care and service problems being faced in the area.

Cllr. Mikey Sheehy SECONDED this motion.

30. Investment in Facilities at Beaches

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. Breandán Fitzgerald PROPOSED:

With the numbers of visitors to staycation in Kerry this Summer, the facilities on our beaches were shown to be completely inadequate. I call on Kerry County Council to make an application/request to the Department of Environment or/and Fáilte Ireland for proper investment in toilets/showers/car parks for our beaches within the County.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council recently made an application for funding under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund to upgrade all public conveniences located along the Wild Atlantic Way. Unfortunately, this funding application was not successful. A revised application for funding is now being prepared for improving the visitor experience to many of our beaches, particularly those linked with a village or town. This would include improved linkages between the town and the beach, enhanced public realm facilities and improvements to existing infrastructure including public conveniences and car parks.

Cllr. Breandán Fitzgerald said it is expected that 2021 will be similar with regard to staycations. There is great potential for development at our beaches which are well used, for example, a promenade at Inch. Development of our beaches is vital to ensuring access to our beaches and maintaining tourism revenue within the county.

Cllr. Michael O'Shea SECONDED this motion.

21.09.2020.03 Correspondence – Conferences and Seminars

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. Niall O'Callaghan, SECONDED by Cllr. Michael Cahill, it was agreed to authorise the attendance of Cathaoirleach Patrick Connor-Scarreen and Cllrs. Mikey Sheehy, Niall O'Callaghan, Breandán Fitzgerald, Michael O'Shea, Marie Moloney, Charlie Farrelly, Jackie Healy-Rae and Michael Cahill at the Celtic

Conferences conference on the theme ‘The Fair Deal Scheme – What’s the deal with Nursing Home Care?’ to be held in Clonakilty, Cork, from 16-18 October 2020.

21.09.2020.04 Correspondence General

It was agreed to note the following items of correspondence which were circulated:

Date	From	Description
29/04/2020	Minister for Justice and Equality	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to prisoner day release.
21/07/2020	Minister for Justice and Equality	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to See Something Say Something Campaign.
27/07/2020	Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to the management and maintenance of local authority housing stock.
28/07/2020	Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to membership of the Tourism Recovery Taskforce.
28/07/2020	Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to fees charged by Booking.com.
4/08/2020	Minister for Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to deer management.
7/08/2020	Minister for Employment Affairs & Social Protection	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to citizens being notified to apply for State pension prior to their 66th birthday.
11/08/2020	Cork Kerry Community Healthcare	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to the reinstatement of Ophthalmology services.
12/08/2020	Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to domestic waste water treatment systems.
13/08/2020	Minister for Employment Affairs & Social Protection	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to Debenhams workers.
14/08/2020	Minister for Media, Tourism, Art, Culture, Sports & the Gaeltacht	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to the Business Adaptation Grant.
21/08/2020	Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to the rollout of Broadband in Kerry.
21/08/2020	Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to illegal dumping.
24/08/2020	Minister for Health	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to Chemotherapy Day Unit at University Hospital Kerry.
28/08/2020	Minister for Health	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to public health advice regarding COVID-19.

Date	From	Description
14/09/2020	Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to the Sheep Welfare Scheme.
14/09/2020	Minister for Planning and Local Government	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council in relation to the national rates review.
14/07/2020	Limerick City & County Council	Resolution adopted in relation to requesting an urgent meeting with the Minister with responsibility for Planning to outline the Council's opposition to the National Planning Framework on Rural Housing Policy.
20/08/2020	Louth County Council	Resolution adopted in relation to the establishment of a special taskforce with the relevant stakeholders and the local community in light of the impact COVID-19 is having and will continue to have on peoples mental health and well being.
10/09/2020	Kildare County Council	Resolution adopted in relation Fees for family grave plots.
10/09/2020	Kildare County Council	Resolution adopted in relation to the Stillbirth Register and Stillbirth Certification.
14/09/2020	Sligo County Council	Resolution adopted in relation to the timescale and conditions of employment for Tús and Chief Executive participants.

Any Other Business

Mobile Service Providers

Cllr. Aoife Thornton said Mobile Service Providers are not dealing with customers. Many people are now working from home and third level institutions are providing online lectures. This is an issue in the county right now and it needs input from CommReg to deal with the complaints procedures of these service providers which are not time bound.

The Chief Executive said she would discuss this matter with Mr. B. Looney, Head of Digital and Broadband Officer, with a view to mapping the areas with difficulties.

Fenit Pier

Cllr. Deirdre Ferris said Fenit Lifeboat was delayed by four minutes in attending an incident because of parking on Fenit Pier. She called on Kerry County Council to engage with Fenit Lifeboat to put a better parking system in place, e.g. extending the double yellow lines the full length of the pier.

Skellig Star Hotel, Caherciveen

Cllr. Michael Cahill proposed that a letter issue to the Minister for Justice seeking clarification regarding the Department's proposed future use of the Skellig Star Hotel in Caherciveen.

Cathaoirleach Patrick Connor-Scarteen seconded this proposal.

The meeting concluded at 12.50 p.m.

Pádraig Corkery
Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council